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Baba Vanga's 2025 Predictions: 'War In East Will Destroy West' Plus Alien Encounters

Baba Vanga's 2025 Predictions. Vangelia Pandeva Gushterova, also known as Baba Vanga, was a blind Bulgarian mystic who died in 1996 at the age of 85. Even after her death, people all across the world are still fascinated by her prophecies. Called the 'Nostradamus of the Balkans,' Baba Vanga claimed that she lost her sight at the age of twelve and then developed the gift of prophecy. One of her most prominent forecasts was the September 11, 2001, attack on the Twin Towers in New York.

Baba Vanga made several chilling predictions for 2025, many of which suggest death and destruction. Her 2025 prophecies, which continue to intrigue people, include warnings of catastrophic global events. These forecasts are concerning because they appear to predict global unrest that might affect the entire planet. Baba Vanga's predictions are a subject of constant interest and concern due to her capacity to predict such occurrences. Here are a few of the Nostradamus of the Balkans' extremely outrageous but believable prophecies.

The destruction of Europe
According to the Daily Star, the mystic predicted war and the absolute destruction of the West-oh joy. She said, "As soon as Syria falls, expect a great war between the West and the East. In the spring, a war in the East will begin, and there will be a Third World War. A war in the East that will destroy the West." And in another prediction, she claimed, "Syria will fall at the feet of the winner, but the winner will not be the one." It's hard to argue about this one, given it's clearly happening in front of our own eyes.

Alien contact
As per the news portal, Vanga warned: "Humanity will make contact with extraterrestrial life, possibly leading to a global crisis or apocalypse."

With the promise of Donald Trump releasing all files the United States Government holds on aliens when he gets into power, it's possible that this prediction is far more accurate than we'd like to believe. Telepathy is not far off

Baba Vanga predicted that humanity would develop telepathy by 2025, allowing for direct mind-to-mind communication. This advancement, she believed, would revolutionise human interaction. Elon Musk's brain chip has already been making waves with a form of telepathy where a person controls technology, but could he finally crack a human-to-human version?

Travis Timmerman, Missing US Citizen Found In Syria After Release From Prison

Aqaba, Jordan. The United States is working to get an American citizen found on Thursday in Syria out of the country and bring him home, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Jordan, where he held meetings to discuss the political transition of Syria. In media reports, the man was identified as Travis Timmerman.

"In terms of American citizen who was found just today, I can't give you any details on exactly what's going to happen, except to say that we're working to bring him home, to bring him out of Syria," Blinken told reporters in Aqaba. "But for privacy reasons, I can't share any more details about this," Blinken added. CBS News reported that Timmerman identified himself as an American from Missouri and that he was freed from a prison earlier in the week after Syrian rebel groups ousted the country's longtime president Bashar al-Assad over the weekend. Assad fled to Russia after a 13-year civil war and more than five decades of his family's autocratic rule, during which Syria ran one of the most oppressive police states in the Middle East.

Following his ouster, Syrians flocked to the infamous prisons where the Assad regime is estimated to have held tens of thousands of detainees. Blinken added that the efforts to locate Austin Tice, another US citizen who was abducted in Syria over a decade ago was still continuing. "No update on Austin Tice, except to say that every single day, we are working to find him and to bring him home, making sure that the word is out to everyone that this is a priority for the United States," Blinken said. Tice, a former US Marine and a freelance journalist, was 31 when he was kidnapped in August 2012 while reporting in Damascus. President Joe Biden said on Sunday the US government believes Tice is alive. He has tasked his team with doing whatever it takes to bring Tice home, according to people familiar with the directive.

We're not being told the truth': Mysterious drones in New Jersey fuel UFO theories

world. A few weeks ago residents of New Jersey spotted unidentified drones in the skies, some believing it was a UFO but the authorities still have no clue.

Rep. Jeff Van Drew, who along with R-N J suggested that unmanned aerial vehicles could be Iranian 'mothership,' contested this on Fox News that, "We aren't being told the truth. They are dealing with the American public like we're stupid."

Dismissing the case of the possibility of an Iranian "mothership" being responsible, White House spokesperson John Kirby said that the Coast Guard has confirmed that there is no evidence of any foreign-based involvement from coastal vessels.

In a presser, Kirby said, "We have no evidence at this time that the reported drone sightings pose a national security or a public safety threat or have a foreign nexus. The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI are investigating these sightings, and they're working closely with state and local law enforcement to provide resources, using numerous detection methods to better understand their origin."

US President-elect Trump invites China's Xi to his inauguration as he threatens big tariffs on Beijing

WEST PALM BEACH. US President-elect Donald Trump has invited Chinese President Xi Jinping to attend his inauguration next month — extending a diplomatic olive branch even as Trump threatens to levy massive tariffs on Chinese goods. Trump's incoming press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, confirmed on Thursday that Trump invited Xi, but said it was "to be determined" if the leader of the United States' most significant economic and military competitor would attend. "This is an example of President Trump creating an open dialogue with leaders of countries that are not just our allies, but our adversaries and our competitors too," Leavitt said in an appearance on Fox News' program "Fox & Friends." "We saw this in his first term. He got a lot of criticism for it, but it led to peace around this world. He is willing to talk to anyone and he will always put America's interest first." CBS News first reported the invitation to Xi. Asked at a Chinese Foreign Ministry briefing on Thursday about Trump's invitation, spokesperson Mao Ning responded: "I have nothing to share at present." Leavitt said that other foreign leaders have also been invited, but did not

provide any details. The move by Trump to invite a leader of an adversarial nation to the American moment that is Inauguration Day is unorthodox. But it also squares with his belief that foreign policy—much like a business negotiation—should be carried out with carrots and sticks to get the United States' opponents to operate closer to his administration's preferred terms. Jim Bendat, a historian and author of "Democracy's Big Day: The Inauguration of Our President," said he was not aware of a previous U.S. inauguration attended by a foreign head of state. "It's not necessarily a bad thing to invite foreign leaders to attend," Bendat said. "But it sure would make more sense to invite an ally before an adversary." Trump on Thursday during an appearance at the New York Stock Exchange, where he was ringing the opening bell to open the market, said he's been "thinking about inviting certain people to the inauguration" without referring to any specific individuals. "And some people said, 'Wow, that's a little risky, isn't it?'" Trump said. "And I said, 'Maybe it is. We'll see. We'll see what happens.' But we like to take little



chances." Meanwhile, a top aide to Hungarian President Viktor Orban, one of Trump's most vocal supporters on the world stage, said Thursday that Orban isn't slated to attend the inauguration. "There is no such plan, at least for the time being," said Gergely Gulyás, Orban's chief of staff. The nationalist Hungarian leader is embraced by Trump but has faced isolation in Europe as he's sought to undermine the European Union's support for Ukraine, and routinely blocked, delayed or watered down the bloc's efforts to provide weapons and funding and to sanction Moscow for its invasion. Orban recently met with Trump at Mar-a-Lago. Every country's chief of

mission to the United States will also be invited, according to a Trump Inaugural Committee official who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The invitation comes as Trump has vowed to enact massive tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China to get those countries to do more to reduce illegal immigration and the flow of illegal drugs such as fentanyl into the United States. He has said that, on his first day in office in January, he would impose 25% tariffs on all goods imported from Mexico and Canada and that China could be hit with even higher tariffs. China produces precursor chemicals used in the production of fentanyl, but Beijing has stepped up efforts over the last year to crack down on the export of the chemicals. "We've been talking and discussing with President Xi, some things, and others, other world leaders, and I think we're going to do very well all around," Trump said in a CNBC interview Thursday. Xi during a meeting with President Joe Biden last month in Beijing urged the United States not to start a trade war. "Make the wise choice," Xi cautioned.

Brazil's 2026 elections may be without Lula or Bolsonaro. Here's why

BRASILIA. Brazil's 2026 presidential election may offer a field of candidates featuring neither incumbent Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva nor far-right rival Jair Bolsonaro. That scenario -- possible, given Lula's state of health and a ban on Bolsonaro holding public office -- would present a novel situation and open the door to possible successors. Lula, 79, is currently in hospital, recovering from emergency surgery on Tuesday to relieve pressure from bleeding under his skull related to a bad fall he had in October.

Previously, Lula had treatment in 2011 for throat cancer, and last year a hip replacement operation. The health woes undermine the robust image that the raspy-voiced leftist icon has long projected, and which galvanized voters to have him as their president between 2003 and 2010, and again since 2023. In a CNN interview last month Lula declared himself willing to run again if no other viable left-wing candidate

emerged. "I hope it won't be necessary," he said. An ally, Uruguay's ex-president Jose Mujica, recently told AFP: "Lula's nearly 80 and he has no replacement. That is Brazil's misfortune."



Bolsonaro, 69, faces challenges of a legal nature to try to regain the presidency he lost to Lula in 2022 elections. The former army captain, who relishes being compared to his hero Donald Trump, has been barred from holding public office, or leaving Brazil, because of what police say was a failed 2022 coup plot against Lula.

FBI should have done more to collect intelligence before 2021 US Capitol riot, watchdog finds

WASHINGTON. The FBI should have done more to collect intelligence before the Capitol riot even though the bureau did prepare for the possibility of violence on Jan. 6, 2021, according to a watchdog report Thursday. It also said no undercover FBI employees were present that day and none of the bureau's informants was authorized to participate. The report from the Justice Department inspector general's office knocks down a fringe conspiracy theory advanced by some Republicans in Congress that the FBI played a role in instigating the events that day, when rioters determined to overturn Republican Donald Trump's 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden stormed the building in a violent clash with police. The review was released nearly four years after a dark chapter in history that shook the bedrock of American democracy. Though narrow in scope, the report aims to shed light on gnawing questions that have dominated public discourse, including whether major intelligence failures preceded the riot and whether anyone in the crowd was for some reason acting at the behest of the FBI. It's the latest major investigation about a day unlike any other in US history that has already yielded congressional inquiries and federal and state indictments. The watchdog found that 26 FBI informants were in Washington for election-related protests on Jan. 6, and though three entered either the building or a restricted area outside, none had been authorized to do so by the bureau or to break the law or encourage others to do so. The report also found that the FBI did take appropriate steps to prepare for the events of Jan. 6, but failed to scour its 56 field offices across the country for relevant intelligence. The watchdog's lengthy review was launched days after the riot, following revelations that a Jan. 5, 2021, bulletin prepared by the FBI's Norfolk, Virginia, field office that warned of the potential for "war" at the Capitol. The former head of the FBI's office in Washington has said that once he received that Jan. 5 warning, the information was quickly shared with other law enforcement agencies through a joint terrorism task force. But Capitol Police leaders have said they were unaware of that document at the time and have insisted that they had no specific or credible intelligence that any demonstration at the Capitol would result in a large-scale attack on the building. FBI Director Chris Wray, who announced this week his plans to resign at the end of President Joe Biden's term in January, has defended his agency's handling of the intelligence report. He told lawmakers in 2021 that the report was disseminated through the joint terrorism task force, discussed at a command post in Washington and posted on an internet portal available to other law enforcement agencies. "We did communicate that information in a timely fashion to the Capitol Police and (Metropolitan Police Department) in not one, not two, but three different ways," Wray said at the time.

"Confirm Our Readiness": Syrian Rebels Vow To Search For Missing US Journalist Austin Tice

Damascus, Syria. Syria's new leadership said Thursday it was searching for missing US journalist Austin Tice and had secured the release of another American it said had been held by the ousted government. In 2022, US President Joe Biden accused Syria of holding Tice, a freelance photojournalist detained near Damascus a decade earlier, and demanded that the government of Bashar al-Assad release him. The transitional government, which took the helm in Syria after Assad's ouster on Sunday, said that "the search for American citizen Austin Tice is ongoing". "We confirm our readiness to cooperate directly with the US administration to search for American citizens disappeared by the former Assad regime," the transitional government's department of political affairs added in a statement on Telegram. In recent day, Syrian residents and armed men have broken into government prisons, freeing inmates, some of whom have spent decades behind bars. The political department's statement said that another US citizen, Travis Timmerman, "has been released and



secured". Residents of the Al-Zyabiyeh neighbourhood of Damascus said they had found Timmerman wandering around without shoes. "The municipality guard Mousa Rifai found him, so we brought him to our house and fed him and he slept for about an hour," said Ziyad Nedda. "He was held in the Palestine Branch, he wouldn't stop saying it. I was held in the Palestine Branch in Damascus", he said. The "Palestine Branch", also known as Branch 235, was a prison operated by the Syrian intelligence

services under Assad. Release 'huge Christmas present' According to US media reports, 29-year-old Timmerman was last seen in Budapest, Hungary, in early June. His sister Pixie Rogers described his release as a "huge Christmas present" and said she "can't wait for that day" she is reunited with her brother. Timmerman's mother "is very, very ecstatic... overwhelmed, and just beyond super excited with this information that we got today," Rogers told the US network CBS. Tice was working for Agence France-Presse, McClatchy News, The Washington Post, CBS and other media outlets when he was detained at a checkpoint in Daraya, a suburb of Damascus, on August 14, 2012. Last week, the missing journalist's mother, Debra, told reporters her son is believed to be alive and is being "treated well," without providing further details. The rebel forces, led by the Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), appointed an interim prime minister on Tuesday to lead Syria until March. Assad fled the country over the weekend, ending a half-century of his family's iron-fisted rule.

More than 50 people, including children killed by latest Israeli airstrikes in Gaza

The latest deadly strike hit the urban Nuseirat refugee camp just hours after Joe Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, told reporters in Jerusalem that the ceasefire in Lebanon has helped clear the way for a potential deal to end the war in Gaza between Israel and Palestine.

refugee camp just hours after U.S. President Joe Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, told reporters in Jerusalem that the recent ceasefire in Lebanon has helped clear the way for a potential deal to end the war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas. The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the deadly strike in Nuseirat. Israel says it is trying to eliminate Hamas. The Israeli military says Hamas militants hide among Gaza's civilian population. The fighting has plunged Gaza into a severe humanitarian crisis, with experts warning of famine in some of the hardest-hit parts of the territory. Israel's offensive has killed over 44,800 Palestinians in Gaza, more than half of them women and children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not say how many were combatants. Two UN aid convoys violently attacked in Gaza, US food agency says



Two U.N. aid convoys were violently attacked in Gaza, making it virtually impossible for humanitarian agencies to operate without putting staff and civilians at risk, the U.N. food agency says. On Wednesday, a 70-truck convoy from Kerem Shalom was waiting for personnel to safeguard the food and other aid destined for central Gaza when there were reported attacks by Israeli forces in the nearby humanitarian zone, the U.N. World Food Program said Thursday. More than 50 people are now estimated to have died in the attacks, including civilians and local

security personnel who had been expected to ensure the convoy's safety, WFP said. The Rome-based agency said the convoy was forced to proceed from Kerem Shalom to central Gaza without any security arrangements, using the Philadelphia corridor, an Israeli-controlled route that had been recently approved and successfully utilized twice. On the way, WFP said, conflict and insecurity led to a loss of communications with the convoy for more than 12 hours. "Eventually, the trucks were found but all food and aid supplies were looted," the U.N. agency said. In a second incident, Israeli soldiers approached a WFP convoy moving out of the Kissufim crossing into central Gaza, fired warning shots, conducted extensive security checks, and temporarily detained drivers and staff, the agency said. "As the trucks were delayed, four out of the five trucks were lost to violent armed looting," WFP said.

Mahabodhi Temple on High Alert After Bomb Threat

by Rahul Kumar

Gaya: Following a bomb threat to the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya, security has been heightened and the area is on high alert. The threat, sent by Jharkhand gangster Prince Khan, prompted Gaya police and security agencies to intensify their efforts to safeguard the temple and its surroundings. The Mahabodhi Temple has seen increased security checks, with personnel closely monitoring everyone entering or exiting the temple. Devotees are undergoing thorough checks before being allowed access. The entire Bodhgaya area is also under heightened surveillance as police continue their investigation. The threat, which was received in the form of a letter, claims that Prince Khan plans to blow up the temple. Khan, who has been on the run since 2021, is wanted for



the murder of a land dealer. Despite the issuance of red and blue corner notices and a bounty of ₹30 lakh, Khan remains elusive. Investigations indicate that his mobile location was traced to Dubai, and Gaya police recently visited his residence in Wassey-pur, Dhanbad, but he was not found.

Senior Superintendent of Police Ashish Bharti and other officers, including City SP Prerna Kumar, are overseeing the investigation. Bharti mentioned that while the threat seems to stem from a mischievous element, the police are thoroughly investigating all leads. This is not the first time Ma-

habodhi Temple has been targeted; past terrorist plots in 2013 and 2019 aimed to disrupt peace but were thwarted by security forces. Authorities are determined to ensure the safety of the temple and its visitors. A case has been registered, and further actions are underway to apprehend those responsible for the threat.

RBI Receives Bomb Threat in Russian, Police Launch Investigation



Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received a bomb threat in Russian on Friday, marking the second such incident in less than a month. The threat was received via the central bank's official website, prompting immediate action by the authorities. The Mumbai Police have registered a case against an unidentified individual in connection with the threat. Investigations are currently underway to trace the origin of the message. The email, written in Russian, contained a threat to

blow up the bank. The police and other relevant agencies are taking the matter seriously and are working to ensure safety and security. This incident comes on the same day that several schools in Delhi also received bomb threats via email. Multiple agencies conducted thorough searches of the affected schools, but no suspicious items were found. Authorities are continuing their investigations into both the RBI and Delhi school threats.

Jan Arogya Kendra, CCL Organises Free Health Camp in Ranchi



Ranchi: Jan Arogya Kendra, CCL, organized a free health camp today in Kanke Nagdi Basti, Ranchi, offering medical check-ups for leprosy and other diseases. The camp provided free health services to 175 patients, with specialist doctors offering consultations and advice. The camp focused on screening for skin diseases, hemoglobin levels, blood sugar, hypertension, and other health conditions. CCL regularly conducts such health camps as part of its commitment to the well-being of its employees and local communities, alongside its core focus on coal production. The event saw significant contributions from CMS, CCL, Dr. Ratnesh Jain; CMO, CSR Incharge, Dr. Preeti Tigga; Dr. Anita Horo; Dr. Ambrish Kumar; Dr. Deepali Ramesh Samrit; Dr. Priyanka Jha; Dr. Shilpi Jha; Dr. Anshu, and the paramedical staff.

CSIR-NML Hosts Training on Metallurgical Processes for Srinath University Students



Jamshedpur: CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML) in Jamshedpur hosted one-day exposure training on Materials and Metallurgical processes for students and faculty members of Srinath University. The event aimed to promote scientific awareness among college students by providing them with firsthand experience of scientific research and innovation, as part of the CSIR-Integrated Skill Initiative programme. A total of 47 students (30 boys and 17 girls) from Srinath University, accompanied by 3 faculty members, attended the program. The day began with an inaugural session led by Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML. In his address, Dr. Chowdhury highlighted the contributions of CSIR over the past 82 years in driving technological advancements and pioneering research in various fields. The program featured visits to several research laboratories, including the AAC, Creep, Urban Ore Recycling, and the Workshop, where students gained valuable insights into cutting-edge scientific processes.

NIFT Launches Outreach Program in Dhanbad to Connect Students with Fashion Careers

by Ravi Phillips

Dhanbad: The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) held its first outreach program at New Town Hall, aimed at connecting students and teachers from four districts to the opportunities offered by NIFT. During the event, NIFT's Director General, Tanu Kashyap, highlighted the institution's role in empowering students and providing them with skill-based career opportunities. She announced that the submission deadline for the upcoming entrance exam is 6 January 2025, with the exam scheduled for 9 February. This year, the exam will be available in both English and Hindi, and around 5000 new students will be offered enrollment across various streams. Scholarships will also be available for meritorious students of all categories. Kashyap also noted NIFT's widespread presence with campuses in 19 cities, including Varanasi, Srinagar, and Mumbai. Deputy Commissioner Madhavi Mishra emphasized the institute's role in providing a platform for creative students, offering guidance and training in fashion technology. She encouraged students to explore the vast opportunities in fashion and textiles, urging them to absorb the insights shared during the outreach program. The event also featured insights from NIFT alumni and industry professionals, Mukesh Kumar and Doman Tudu, who shared their career experiences. The program was attended by NIFT Patna Director Colonel Rahul Sharma, Dr. Vijay Dua, Assistant Director Social Security Niaz Ahmed, District Education Officer Nishu Kumari, and a large number of students and teachers.

Kumar Amit Urges BSL Management to Address Issues of Footpath Shopkeepers, Workers, Youths



Bokaro: BJP State Working Committee member Kumar Amit met with Bokaro Steel Plant's Executive Director (Personnel and Administration), Rajan Prasad, to submit a memorandum addressing various public concerns. Amit highlighted issues affecting contract labourers, unemployed youth, footpath shopkeepers, and displaced individuals. Amit discussed several demands, including the implementation of the Centre's Street Vendor Act for footpath vendors, providing non-controversial land for a Transport Nagar in Bokaro, reserving Class IV posts for displaced and local youths, and offering apprenticeship training to local students similar to Rourkela Steel Plant. He also urged the management to provide affordable electricity and water to slum dwellers, ensure employment for sportspersons under the sports quota, and outsource health centres to private hospitals. Additionally, Amit requested the management not to harass footpath vendors in the guise of an anti-encroachment drive and to focus on resolving these issues. Executive Director Rajan Prasad assured Amit that these concerns would be taken seriously and positive initiatives would be considered. Besides others Chief General Manager Kundan Kumar and other BJP leaders, including Karan Gorai, Lalbabu, and Chandraprakash were present during the meeting.

Chinmaya Vidyalaya Hosts 48th Annual Sports Festival

Bokaro: The 48th Annual Sports Festival at Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro, was held with great enthusiasm, featuring 118 games to foster sportsmanship and commitment among students. A large crowd of parents gathered to cheer for the participants, who competed in various events such as races, javelin throw, discus throw, shot put, and tug of war. The event was graced by Chief Guest Kundan Kumar, CGM of Municipal Administration, SAIL, Bokaro, who ignited the torch and addressed the gathering. He emphasized the importance of sports in personality development and urged continuous promotion of physical activities to help India become a world leader in sports. Other notable attendees included Acharya Swamini Samyuktanand, President Biswaroop Mukhopadhyay, Principal Suraj Sharma, and principals of local schools. The program began with a Gita Paath, followed by a series of competitive events in which students, teachers, and parents actively participated.

Experts Caution Bird Flu Could Evolve Into the Next Pandemic

RNS: A recent study led by scientists at Scripps Research has raised concerns over a single mutation in the H5N1 "bird flu" virus that could enhance its ability to bind to human cells, potentially increasing the risk of human-to-human transmission. The research, published in Science on December 5, 2024, highlights the need for close monitoring of the H5N1 virus as it evolves. Although there have been no confirmed cases of H5N1 transmission between humans, the virus has infected humans through direct contact with infected animals, including birds and dairy cows. Public health officials have expressed concern that the virus could evolve to transmit more efficiently between humans, leading to a potential pandemic. The H5N1 virus typically infects animals through receptors containing sialic acid on their cell surfaces. These receptors are common in birds,



but the virus can evolve to recognize similar receptors to recognize similar receptors in humans. A single mutation in the hemagglutinin protein, responsible for the virus's attachment to cells, could shift its binding preference to human-type receptors, as seen in the study. The research team focused on the H5N1 2.3.4.4b strain, which was involved in the first human infection linked to a bovine H5N1 virus in the U.S. A key finding was

that a mutation in the hemagglutinin protein, known as Q226L, significantly improved the virus's ability to bind to human-type receptors. While the mutation raises alarms, the study does not suggest that the virus is currently capable of human-to-human transmission. Other genetic changes would likely be required for that to occur. Nonetheless, scientists stress the importance of continuing

to track such mutations as the virus evolves. Scripps Research experts emphasize that monitoring H5N1 and similar viruses will be crucial for early detection of any changes that could lead to increased transmissibility. Although there is no immediate cause for alarm, the research underscores the need for ongoing surveillance to stay ahead of potential public health risks.

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BIT Mesra Hosts International Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemical Engineering & Advanced Materials

Ranchi: The three-day International Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials (ET-CEAM-2024) officially commenced today at the Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra. The event, which runs until Sunday, brings together leading researchers, academics, industry professionals, and students to explore the latest developments in chemical engineering and advanced materials. The conference was inaugurated by Professor Akhil K. Sen, with BIT Mesra's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Indranil Manna, emphasizing the institution's commitment to advancing research excellence. In his speech, Prof. Manna highlighted BIT Mesra's ongoing efforts



to foster innovation in these critical fields. Keynote addresses featured Sandip Kumar Kar, Executive Director of RDCEM, SAIL, who shared his expert insights into India's iron and steel industry. Professor Vinay A. Juvekar, Emeritus Fellow at IIT Bombay, also took the stage to discuss emerging trends in chemical engineering. The conference covers a wide range of topics including renewable energy, waste valorization, microfluidics, and biotechnology. A special Poster Presenta-

tion Session was organized, allowing young researchers to showcase their innovative work and engage directly with experts in the field. ETCEAM-2024 is supported by prominent sponsors, including the Department of Science and Technology (DST) SERB, THERMO Scientific, and ITC Savasti. The conference provides an invaluable platform for budding researchers to connect with industry leaders, reinforcing BIT Mesra's role as a hub for global research and innovation.

Delaying Religious Site Disputes Must End, They Need to Be Resolved



by Ajay Kumar

The Supreme Court's three-judge bench has sparked a new debate among legal experts and intellectuals by issuing an order to not file any new cases related to religious site disputes and to refrain from passing any final orders in ongoing religious matters in lower courts. The question being raised is how the judiciary can deny or prevent someone from their fundamental right to justice, particularly when delay in justice is also considered injustice. How can anyone be prevented from receiving justice in such cases? This order from the Supreme Court is likely to have the most impact in Ut-

tar Pradesh, as the majority of the religious site disputes are being heard in the courts of UP. Many Hindu religious sites were destroyed during the Mughal period, and mosques were built in their place. It should be noted that after the disputes arising from lawsuits filed in various courts of Uttar Pradesh and ongoing surveys of several religious sites, the Supreme Court issued this significant decision. In its ruling, the top court stated that no new case related to religious sites should be filed, and no orders or interim orders should be passed in pending cases. As a result, lower courts in UP may face restrictions on passing orders in such matters. The majority of religious site survey and lawsuit cases are currently ongoing in UP. If we talk about religious site disputes in UP, the first name that



comes to mind is the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi, where a survey was conducted in 2021 after a new petition was filed. Following the court's order, worship began in the temple located in the basement of the mosque in February 2024. Similarly, in the case of the Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura, a petition claiming the site to be the birthplace of Lord Krishna was filed in 2020. The Allahabad High Court ordered the appointment of a court commissioner for a survey last year, but the Supreme

Court stayed the order temporarily. The recent order for a survey of the Jama Masjid in Sambhal by a court commissioner led to violence. Senior advocate Vishnu Jain had stated in a related petition that the Jama Masjid was built by demolishing the Shri Harihar Temple. Additionally, in the case of the Atala Mosque in Jaunpur, a petition filed in October 2024 by the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board was opposed. A petition filed by Swaraj Vahini in 2024 claimed that the Atala Tem-

ple was demolished by Firoz Shah Tughlaq in 1408 to build a mosque. Similarly, in the case of the Dargah of Sheikh Salim Chishti in Fatehpur Sikri, a petition claims that the Kamakhya Devi Temple was demolished to create the Dargah. This matter is pending. The convener of the Hindu Mahasabha, Mukesh Patel, two years ago filed a petition seeking permission to worship at the Shamsi Mosque in Badaun, claiming it to be the Nilkanth Mahadev temple. The hearing for this case is still pending. The case regarding the Tila Wali Mosque in Lucknow, where it was claimed that Emperor Aurangzeb demolished the Lord Sheshnaag Mahadev Temple to build the mosque, is also pending in the Allahabad High Court. Similarly, there are disputes surrounding the Taj Mahal as well.

2001 Parliament Attack: PM Modi, Rahul Gandhi Pay Tributes To Fallen Jawans

The perpetrators belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)-- two Pakistan-raised terrorist organisations-- attacked the Parliament on December 13, 2001.



Attack. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi also paid the floral tributes. The tributes reminded everyone about the horrific terror attack on the Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001.

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several other top political leaders and ministers of the country on Friday reached the Parliament and paid their tributes to the fallen Jawans on the 23 years of the Parliament Attack.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha LoP Mallikarjun Kharge, Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Ministers JP Nadda, Kiren Rijiju and others paid tribute to the fallen jawans, at the Parliament, on the 23 years of the Parliament

(LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)-- two Pakistan-raised terrorist organisations-- attacked the Parliament on December 13, 2001, that led to the deaths of five Delhi Police personnel, two Parliament Security Service personnel, one CRPF Constable and a gardener and led to increased tensions between India and Pakistan, resulting in the 2001-2002 India-Pakistan standoff. A total of five terrorists, who infiltrated the Parliament in a car with Home Ministry and Parliament labels, were killed on December 13, 2001 attack. More than 100 people, including major politicians, were inside the parliament building at the time. The gunmen used a fake identity sticker on the car they drove and thus easily breached the security deployed around the parliamentary complex. The terrorists carried AK47 rifles, grenade launchers and pistols.

The gunmen drove their vehicle into the car of Indian Vice President Krishan Kant (who was in the building at the time), got out, and began shooting.

The Vice President's guards and security personnel shot back at the terrorists and then started closing the gates of the compound. Indian security agencies and the Delhi Police officials said that gunmen received instructions from Pakistan and the operation was carried out under the guidance of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency.

It may be recalled that it was on December 13, 2001, that Jagdish, Matbar, Kamlesh Kumari; Nanak Chand and Rampal, Assistant Sub-Inspectors, Delhi Police; Om Prakash, Bijender Singh and Ghanshyam, Head Constables in Delhi Police; and Deshraj, a gardener, CPWD, had sacrificed their lives while defending the Parliament against the terrorist attack. The perpetrators belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba

Union minister JP Nadda accuses Congress of trying to create 'anarchy'

The BJP chief's remarks came after the Rajya Sabha proceedings were disrupted amid sloganeering, following his sharp criticism of the Congress

NEW DELHI. BJP president JP Nadda on Thursday accused the Congress of trying to create "anarchy" as he condemned the charges levelled against Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar by opposition leaders. Speaking to reporters in Parliament complex, Nadda, who is also the leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, accused the Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and the Congress of not cooperating in functioning of the House. He said the Congress-led Opposition was insulting the dignity of the Chair.

The BJP chief's remarks came after the Rajya Sabha proceedings were disrupted amid sloganeering, following his sharp criticism of the Congress for questioning the Chairman's ruling and for the party's alleged connections with US hedge fund tycoon George Soros. Condemning the press conference held by opposition leaders on Thursday where they accused the Chairman of being partisan, Nadda said, "Kharge ji is a senior leader, he should know the ruling of the Chairman is final and unquestionable. Levelling such allegations outside the House is condemnable. We condemn it, and it is unfortunate." Nadda alleged that the Chairman had been called "cheerleader" in Congress's official handle. Sharpening his criticism of the Congress, he said,

"Kharge ji has been given enough opportunities to speak in the House, it is on-record that he refused... He was also invited to come to the Chairman's chamber, but he refused to go." Condemning the Congress for causing disruptions in the House, Nadda



alleged, "It is clear the Congress does not want to cooperate in the House. They do not believe in democratic and parliamentary systems, and they are trying to bring in anarchy," he alleged. Nadda charged that the Congress was trying to create a situation where working in Parliament becomes difficult. "It is ridiculous they are talking about parliamentary traditions," he said.

'Farmer's son' vs 'labourer's son': Mallikarjun Kharge, Jagdeep Dhankhar face-off

Parliament session: Uproar over the no-confidence motion against Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar continued to mar proceedings on Friday. The House was later adjourned.

New Delhi. The Rajya Sabha witnessed a fiery exchange of words between Jagdeep Dhankhar and Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge as uproar over the no-confidence motion against the House chairman continued to mar proceedings on Friday. The House was later adjourned for the day. Speaking on the no-trust motion, Dhankhar said he was the son of a farmer and wouldn't be cowed down by the opposition's move, accusing it of "insulting" the Constitution.

"I am a farmer's son, I will not show weakness. I will sacrifice my life for my country. You (opposition) have only one job 24 hours a day, why is a farmer's son sitting here? I have tolerated a lot... you have the right to bring a motion, but you are insulting the Constitution,"



Dhankhar said. Dhankhar was born into a family of farmers in 1951 in Kaithana village in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu. After the opposition's no-trust motion, the BJP has sought to frame it as an "insult" to the Jat community and to a "farmer's son from a humble background". Hitting back, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge accused the Rajya Sabha

chairman of insulting Congress leaders and encouraging BJP MPs to target the opposition. "You are encouraging the (BJP) members to speak against members of other parties... I am also a son of a labourer. I have faced more challenges than you... You are insulting our party leaders, you are insulting the Congress... We have not come here to listen to your praises, we have come here for discussion," Kharge said. Kharge, whose father worked at a mill, had risen from poverty to become the first non-Gandhi to head the Congress in 24 years. The slugfest comes amid Kharge launching an offensive against Dhankhar, accusing him of "partisanship" and suppressing the opposition's voice.

"Indian Constitution Is Not Sangh's Rulebook": Priyanka Gandhi Attacks BJP, RSS

Ms Gandhi Vadra was responding to Rajnath Singh's curtain-raiser for the Lok Sabha's (what will certainly be an explosive) two-day debate on the Constitution.

New Delhi. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra led the opposition's fightback - to a mixed soundtrack of cheers and jeers - Friday on Day 1 of the Lok Sabha's big debate, red-flagging a range of issues from the 2017 Unnao rape case and last month's communal violence in Sambhal, to sharp attacks on the BJP's 'plan' to rewrite the Constitution and the use of federal agencies to "censor" rival political leaders.

The Congress MP delivered her maiden speech - a sharp response to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's opening remarks - by referring to the Unnao rape and the Sambhal violence. "A few days ago, some people from the bereaved families of Sambhal came to meet us... there were two children among them - Adnan and Uzair. One was my son's age (Raihan Vadra is 24)



and the other was around 17. Their father was a tailor who had one dream... to see his sons educated."

"The police shot their father dead... Adnan told me he would grow up to be a doctor and realise his father's dream... a dream instilled in him by the Constitution of India," Ms Gandhi Vadra began. "Our Constitution is our 'suraksha kavach' (armour providing safety) ... it keeps citizens safe. But it is sad that in 10 years colleagues from the ruling side (referring to the BJP), who make tall claims, have made attempts to break down this 'kavach'," she said in a slow and deliberate speech.

"Work to break this 'kavach' has already begun," Ms Gandhi Vadra warned the Lower House, echoing warnings by Congress leaders, led by her brother Rahul Gandhi, and other opposition MPs- that the BJP, emboldened by a third consecutive term, will alter the Constitution at a basic level.

PM Modi, UAE Foreign Minister Discuss India-Middle East-Europe Corridor

During the talks on Thursday, PM Modi also conveyed his warm wishes for UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, according to the Ministry of External Affairs statement.

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on the implementation of the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEEC) as a 'historic initiative' to foster regional connectivity and prosperity during his meeting with United Arab Emirates Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

During the talks on Thursday, PM Modi also conveyed his warm wishes for UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, according to the Ministry of External Affairs statement. PM Modi expressed satisfaction at the frequent high-level visits and exchanges, including the visit of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to India in September 2024, which marked a generational continuity in bilateral relations.

The two leaders emphasized strengthening Comprehensive Strategic Partnership including in the areas of technology, energy, and people-to-people ties, as per the statement. UAE Foreign Minister Zayed Al Nahyan shared the UAE's perspective on the prevailing situation in West Asia and Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to support long-term peace, stability and security in the region. According to MEA, the Prime Minister thanked the leadership of the UAE for ensuring the welfare of the large and vibrant Indian community in the UAE. Later, taking to X, PM Modi said that both nations are committed to working towards peace, stability, and security in West Asia and the wider region.

"Happy to receive Deputy PM and Foreign Minister of the UAE, HH AB Zayed. India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is poised to achieve unprecedented heights. We are committed to working towards peace, stability, and security in West Asia and the wider region," PM Modi said. Notably, the UAE Deputy PM Nahyan arrived in New Delhi on Thursday to take part in the 4th Strategic Dialogue and the 15th India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting.

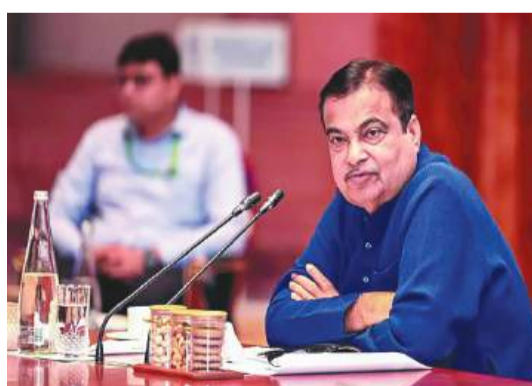


People must weigh immediate benefit vs long-term gain: Nitin Gadkari on freebies

Speaking at the Agenda AajTak event, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari reiterated his opposition to poll freebies, and stated that elections can be won on the plank of sustainable development.

New Delhi. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday cautioned voters about political parties offering freebies ahead of elections, urging them to weigh the lure of instant gratification against the benefits of long-term policies. Speaking at the Agenda AajTak event, Gadkari pointed out how election freebies have evolved into a powerful yet risky political tool. "People need to consider whether they want immediate benefit or long-term gain. Shortcuts cut you short," he said. The BJP heavyweight said elections can be won on the plank of sustainable development. The focus should be on making the nation economically strong and improving people's standard of living, instead of "sending them money orders", he stated.

"The problem is that when one party started distributing, everyone started doing it," Gadkari said. With political parties increasingly resorting to the freebie pitch to woo voters, people also started to have expectations and vote for the party which they see as offering the most, Gadkari noted. Known for his candid remarks, he



quipped, "I also feel like saying that if Kejriwal offers Rs 1,000 we will give Rs 1,500; if they say Rs 1,500, we will give 2,000. Whoever's stuff you are getting, take it. But vote after thinking."

He added, "People need to change their views first. If political parties realise that handouts are not winning them elections, they will follow suit," Gadkari said he stands firm in his convictions and is committed to serving all citizens, regardless of their political choice. "I will work for the one who votes for me, and I

Freebie culture has led to rising voter expectations, says Gadkari
Says focus should be on sustainable development over handouts
Advices voters advised to think beyond immediate benefits

will work for the one who doesn't vote for me as well," he said. Asked about slogans like 'batenge to katenge' and 'ek hai to safe hai' which defined the recent assembly elections, Gadkari distanced himself from the aggressive rhetoric and said he prefers to focus on development and long-term infrastructure projects while campaigning. "I did not do many of the things that people do during elections. I did not take digs, nor did I make accusations. Does a man die if he does not get elected? I will not do it," he asserted. Gadkari also discussed innovative public transport

solutions, sharing details about a pilot project in Nagpur featuring an 18-metre electric bus with flash charging that will have a hostess on board and ticket rates 30% cheaper than diesel buses. When asked why 44 per cent of national highway projects are delayed, the Minister cited land acquisition, environmental clearances, and contract issues as primary hurdles. He added, "When I took charge, over 400 projects worth Rs 3.85 lakh crore were stalled. We revived projects worth Rs 40,000 crore and saved banks from NPAs of Rs 3 lakh crore."

The troubled state of India-Bangladesh ties

MONDAY'S talks in Dhaka between India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and his Bangladeshi counterpart Mohammad Jashim Uddin had, as their background, the squally passage buffeting ties between the two countries since Sheikh Hasina's ouster as Bangladesh's Prime Minister on August 5. Going by reports, the talks may not have been a slugfest, but they left unresolved all contentious issues between Delhi and Dhaka, particularly that of the persecution of minorities in Bangladesh. While Misri flagged India's concern over it, Jashim Uddin said the reports were false and exaggerated and, in any case, it was Bangladesh's internal affair and India had no business to interfere.

Mutual expressions of goodwill and a resolve to carry the ties forward, doubtless, followed. Nevertheless, expectations of India-Bangladesh relations soaring amicably hereafter, are a chimera. Animosity towards India is a defining element of the interim government's ethos. Consider two incidents. In Agartala, Tripura, on December 2, supporters of the Hindu Sangharsh Samiti, protesting against the arrest of the Sommito Sanatan Jagaran Jot's spokesperson, Chinmoy Krishna Das, and atrocities on minorities in Bangladesh, attacked the premises of Bangladesh's Assistant High Commission, damaging property and burning Bangladesh's flag.

On that day itself, India suspended three police officers for failing to fend off the demonstrators and arrested seven of the latter. It has since bolstered security around the mission. Besides announcing the deployment of additional security details at Bangladesh's High Commission in New Delhi and other diplomatic missions in the country, India's Ministry of External Affairs deeply regretted the incident. It affirmed that "diplomatic and consular properties should not be targeted under any circumstances." Notwithstanding all this, Bangladesh's foreign ministry, in a strongly-worded statement issued on December 2 itself, reminded India that it was the host country's responsibility to "protect diplomatic missions from any form of intrusion or damage." It called upon India "to take immediate action" to thoroughly investigate the incident and "prevent any further acts of violence against the diplomatic missions of Bangladesh in India, including the safety and security of the diplomats and the non-diplomatic members of staff and members of their families." The statement further affirmed that the "accounts received" had "conclusively attested" that the protesters were allowed to enter the premises in "a pre-planned manner."

Among other steps, it summoned the Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Pranay Verma, to its foreign office and served him with a formal protest, suspended all visa and consular services at the Agartala Assistant High Commission, and recalled its acting Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata and the Assistant High Commissioner in Tripura, for consultations.

Bangladesh has reason to protest against what happened in Agartala and Kolkata. In the latter, demonstrators protesting against Chinmoy Krishna Das' arrest, set Bangladesh's national flag and Muhammad Yunus' effigy aflame on November 28, 2024. Dhaka's response, however, suggested an attempt to dramatise the incidents and stoke anti-India sentiments at home.

The second incident mentioned above occurred on August 5, 2024, when, in the aftermath of Sheikh Hasina's exit, a violent mob in Dhaka attacked and vandalised the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) — the hub of India's cultural activity in Bangladesh — setting some sections of it on fire.

With the security personnel fleeing, the mob ransacked the premises from the evening of August 5 to August 6, looting books — the library had 21,000 of them — computers and even stationery. With mobs ruling the streets, the High Commission gathered all its officials, staff and their families within its premises and contacted Bangladesh's army for protection. The latter sent troops, but made it clear that it would not fire on any mob.

Syrian crisis and risks for India

India must mobilise friendly Arab states to prevent a destructive dynamic taking hold

ANY political turmoil and violence in the Gulf and West Asia directly and significantly impact India's security interests. One, the welfare and safety of nine million Indians living and working in this swathe of territory on our western flank are a huge preoccupation. Two, this region is critical to India's energy security as it supplies a significant part of our oil and gas requirements. Three, of late, the Gulf countries have become major economic and commercial partners, with rising trade and investment flows. And, four, India has become much more deeply engaged with Israel, which is now a significant defence and technology partner and this adds a complex dimension to our West Asia policy. Both on Syria and Iran, Indian interests may be at odds with Israel. India has maintained a friendly relationship with the Assad (both Hafez and Bashar) regime in Damascus over the past six decades. Iran is the most proximate power to India in the Gulf region and lies on the western flank of Pakistan, a perennial adversary. It impinges directly on India's maritime security. It provides access to Central Asia through the Chabahar port and the "northern corridor" of rail and roads connecting Afghanistan and beyond. The longstanding and deep civilisational ties which bind India and Iran are important in themselves.

If, encouraged by the serious weakening of Iran by the decimation of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon and now the fall of Assad in Syria, Israel and the US launch an attack to cripple Iran's nuclear and oil facilities, as some are loudly advocating both in Tel Aviv and Washington, the entire western flank of India is likely to go up in flames. All vital interests of India listed above will be damaged severely and over the long term. The Arab states are also deeply worried about the risks of such a war. They may have been wary of Iran, but not to the extent of risking a regional war. On this critical issue, their interests should be closely aligned with India's. Should India be prepared to confront Israel and the US to safeguard its interests? Should it mobilise friendly Arab states to prevent a destructive and dangerous dynamic taking hold? It should. The events in Syria

leave several questions unanswered. Assad would have known that the fall of Aleppo would leave Damascus dangerously exposed. This was probably the most fiercely fought-over city when Assad began to regain the territory lost in the initial phase of the civil war post 2012. And yet, Aleppo fell to the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) militant group, led by Mohammad al-Jolani, after half-hearted resistance from the Syrian military. From Aleppo to Damascus, there were virtually no Syrian military forces to deter the advancing rebel army, which literally walked into Damascus unopposed. There was time for Assad and his family to take a flight out of

territory, supported by the US.

Turkey controls the adjacent area as a buffer and has reportedly backed the HTS and associated militant groups in carrying out the operations against the Assad regime. The HTS is proscribed as a terrorist organisation and the US has a bounty of \$10 million on head of its leader Jolani. Will that be pursued or quietly dropped? Was this a deal put together behind the scenes by the key stakeholders, including the US, Russia, Turkey and, perhaps, even Iran? With Hezbollah neutralised, the Iranians would have been reluctant to enter the fray themselves. The Turks may have seen a chance to expand their presence and influence in Syria not only to begin the repatriation of the large Syrian refugee population in Turkey, but also, most importantly, to keep a check on the activities of the Kurds who are considered a major security threat to Turkey.

This would suggest that the likelihood of Syria emerging as an independent, sovereign state with control over all the territories within its formal borders is minimal. It will continue to be the playground of proxies that it has been for several decades now, though the nature of play may be different. The HTS has criticised Iran, declaring that Syria would no longer be a playground for Iranian ambitions. But there have also been video clips of HTS fighters declaring their intent to advance into Gaza and to occupy Jerusalem. If the HTS leadership reverts to a pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel posture, Israel would not hesitate to use coercive military measures against it. Israel has already carried out air raids against suspected missile and chemical weapon storage sites within Syria. It is an irony of history that the only two secular and plural countries in the West Asian region — Iraq and Syria — were destabilised and subverted by the US and its allies. They proved to be an anachronism in the western strategy of sowing sectarian divisions and creating a so-called "Sunni crescent" to isolate Shia Iran after the Islamic revolution there in 1980. They may have been ruled by autocratic leaders, but their societies accommodated diverse ethnic and religious communities. A plural India shared a sense of affinity with them. One should learn a lesson from our western neighbourhood. Succumbing to sectarian impulses can unravel nations, even those that have long histories of embracing diversity.



Russia, while his Prime Minister stayed behind to announce that he would stay in office to help with the "transition" of power. Jolani announced that there would not be any reprisals against those who had worked in Assad's government and that only the intelligence agencies which had oppressed and tortured Syrian people would be brought to justice. These are reassuring words. The Iranians evacuated from Damascus in advance of the advancing rebels, making no attempt to fight along with Syrian soldiers. The Russians, too, kept a low profile and were assured that their naval base in Tartus on the Mediterranean coast and military facilities and personnel in the Latakia province would not be targeted.

There is no word about the 900 US military personnel who are based in the area controlled by the Syrian Kurds, who have maintained an autonomous swathe

Thawing the frost

India, Bangladesh seek common ground

THE meeting between the foreign secretaries of India and Bangladesh in Dhaka on Monday marks a cautious attempt to mend ties strained since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina's government. The political upheaval in Bangladesh and the ensuing asylum provided to Hasina by India cast a shadow over bilateral relations. This shift, compounded by rising tensions over minority harassment and diplomatic incidents, underscores the complexities of managing a relationship deeply rooted in shared history and mutual interests. The discussions in Dhaka focused on contentious issues, such as attacks on minorities, including Hindus, and the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges. While New Delhi raised concerns over the safety of minorities, Dhaka argued that these incidents stem from political, not religious, factors. Such narratives reveal the challenges of bridging divergent perspectives, particularly when public sentiment and political optics are



involved. Interim leader Muhammad Yunus' administration has emphasised the need for a pragmatic relationship with India, balancing dignity with

cooperation. His call to "forget transient matters" highlights the urgency to de-escalate tensions and prioritise long-term goals, such as trade and border management. India's insistence on protecting minority rights, coupled with Bangladesh's call for equity, underscores the need for nuanced diplomacy that respects each nation's sensitivities.

India, with its strategic commitment to a stable South Asia, must tread carefully. Overplaying its hand in domestic Bangladeshi politics risks alienating the current regime, potentially eroding trust. Meanwhile, Dhaka must recognise that India's concerns about minority safety and political stability are not merely rhetorical but reflect broader regional stability imperatives. This diplomatic reset is a crucial opportunity. By focusing on shared interests and maintaining open communication, the two neighbours can ensure that their relationship remains resilient amid political turbulence.

Loneliness and lack of self-worth can also be killing

A majority of those who ask for medically assisted suicide do not mention pain as the reason for their choice as often as they do loneliness and neglect.

LONELINESS and a feeling of neglect can lead to a loss of dignity. This is not physical pain, but can also drive those who are incurably sick to opt for a quick, early death. This option does not exist in most countries, but the British Parliament recently allowed the terminally ill the right to medically assisted suicide. The focus was more on physical pain, not as much on mental trauma.

No description of bodily agony, the sheer torture, that many terminally ill patients go through can capture their actual misery. This aspect was covered in depth and profundity in the many passionate accounts by several British MPs. Emotional as they were, the aspect of loneliness and neglect did not receive adequate notice in the emotionally charged debate. Undoubtedly, to witness somebody enduring such physical pain is impossibly wrenching. British Parliamentarians conveyed that grim sentiment very effectively. In this context it is interesting to note that a majority of those who asked for medically assisted suicide, did not mention pain as the reason for their choice as often as they did loneliness and neglect.

For this kind of psychological anguish there is no medical relief. That maybe why it did not receive as much attention in the British Parliament. For physical pain there are morphine tablets and fentanyl patches. When these are administered by palliative care specialists, they can vastly improve the quality of life for the terminally ill and bring about a peaceful closure. Oregon was the first state in the US where medically assisted suicide was

allowed. There have been a few surveys of those who have taken the lethal dose, under medical supervision, and their results are interesting. In one such study, of 367 patients, inadequate pain control was mentioned by 34.3 per cent, but loss of dignity was the reason why as many as 63.8 per cent wanted to die. There are several attendant factors that together contribute to the loss of dignity and they don't directly refer to pain. In the 2022 Oregon survey 89% most frequently reported end of life concern was the "decreasing ability to participate in activities that made life enjoyable." In the US, pain has not been the leading motivation for people to seek medically aided death.

The freedom to die is the ultimate democratic right, so said the majority in the British House of Commons late last month. In this case, those for and against, voted across party lines, according to their conscience. Though medically assisted suicide for terminally ill patients has now been accepted by Parliamentarians in the UK, there are still hurdles before it becomes a law. The supporters of the Bill emphasised the horrific pain that some terminally ill patients, particularly those with cancer, have to go through in their final stages. First-hand accounts of caring after loved ones suffering such misery were what swung the majority to vote for the Bill. The debates were heart wrenching and there were hardly any absentees, or empty benches, in the House.

Those opposing the right to die argued primarily that this was a slippery slope which would make the

marginal even more vulnerable. Older people, with little ability to actively intervene, and the socially deprived, could easily be persuaded by relatives and interested parties to opt for assisted suicide. The tipping factor, in such cases, could be medical expenses. Though there have been several surveys of what terminally ill patients really want, the full picture, somehow, did not quite get the coverage it deserved in the British Parliament. It is also true that



matters like loneliness, inability to enjoy pleasures of life, loss of control over bodily functions, do not convey the pathos of the terminally ill as vividly as unbearable pain does. Pain is the main reason why Canada, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain and Austria have already

allowed medically assisted suicide for the terminally ill. USA, the richest country in the world, ranks a low 43rd out of 81 countries, in the quality of care given to end of life patients. Poor countries fall behind, but not all rich nations are that caring either. This support for end of life medically assisted suicide has societal connotations too. Britain was on top in the various surveys conducted on services to the terminally ill, but funding cuts to its public health sector, over years, made it difficult for it to retain its premier position. This may be why, after rejecting assisted suicide for long, the UK's lawmakers finally passed it.

Loss of dignity does not really concern medical professionals. According to Erik Finklestein, Director of the well-known, Lien Centre of Palliative Care, a doctor's focus is too much on trying to keep people alive and not enough on helping people die gracefully. Needless tests and futile clinical procedures, add to a patient's physical and financial stress, all to no avail.

In urban settings today, loneliness is not uncommon for circumstances have changed. Ties with family and friends are not as intense, and cannot be. If medically assisted suicide is ever legalized in India, the stress again will be on pain and, of course, expenses, especially for cancer patients. But the neglect that the terminally ill often experience, can be devastating too.

बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खण्डा थैके बेङ्गले यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु

प्राय २८ घण्टा पर, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबं बाड़खण्डा थैके बेङ्गले यात्रा समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु हयैछे। गत सक्ता १८टा पर बेङ्गल सरकारर आदेशे बाड़खण्डा-बेङ्गल मथन सीमास्ये पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश निषिद्ध करी हयैछिल। एर फले रात थैके दुपूर पर्यंत प्राय २० किमी दीर्घ यानजट सृष्टि हय। चालकदर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS बेङ्गल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खण्डा सीमास्ये थैके बेङ्गले प्रवेश करी समस्त यानवाहन बन्द करी हय। एर फले, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेते बाध्य हय एबं अवशेषे भारी यानवाहनर प्रवेश आवार स्वाभाविक हय।

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एमजेन ने नवीन गुल्लापल्ली को एमजेन इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) के पद पर नियुक्त किया है। वह भारत में एमजेन इंडिया की हैदराबाद स्थित टेक्नोलॉजी एंड इनोवेशन साइट का नेतृत्व करेंगे। गुल्लापल्ली के पास फार्मास्यूटिकल्स, फार्मेशन और टेक्नोलॉजी इंडस्ट्री में ग्लोबल ऑपरेशंस को नेतृत्व प्रदान करने तथा अन्य संबंधित दायित्वों का लंबा अनुभव है। भारत में एमजेन के राष्ट्रीय कार्यकारी सोम चट्टोपाध्याय ने कहा, हम एमजेन में नवीन गुल्लापल्ली का स्वागत करते हुए प्रसन्नता का अनुभव कर रहे हैं। चट्टोपाध्याय ने कहा कि इनोवेशन में तेजी लाने और दुनिया भर में बुजुर्ग

हो रही आबादी की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए बायोटेक तथा टेक्नोलॉजी का मेल कराने के हमारे



वैश्विक दृष्टिकोण के मद्देनजर एमजेन इंडिया की भूमिका काफी महत्वपूर्ण है। चट्टोपाध्याय ने कहा कि नवीन गुल्लापल्ली के पास कार्य का लंबा अनुभव और नेतृत्व क्षमता है, जिसके बलवृत्ते वह हमारी इस नई

साइट को सफलता के रास्ते पर आगे ले जाएंगे। उन्होंने कहा, भारत में उपलब्ध प्रतिभाशाली पेशेवर एमजेन

के लिए अपनी कार्यप्रणालियों में विश्व-स्तरीय उत्कृष्टता लाने के साथ-साथ ऑपरेशन, इनोवेशन और टेक्नोलॉजी के स्तर पर बदलाव लाने के अवसरों को प्रदान करते हैं। एमजेन ने अगस्त 2024 में

हैदराबाद में अपनी टेक्नोलॉजी एंड इनोवेशन साइट का ऐलान किया था, जो कि डिजिटल तथा नवाचार के स्तर पर इसके प्रयासों में तेजी लाने की दृष्टि से काफी अहम है। इन प्रयासों के चलते अधिकाधिक मरीजों तक सेवाएं पहुंचाने के एमजेन के इरादों को और मजबूती मिलेगी। एडवॉस टेक्नोलॉजी सॉल्यूशंस और डिजिटल क्षमताओं का निर्माण करने तथा उनमें विस्तार करने की नीति पर जोर देते हुए एमजेन इंडिया समूचे उद्यम के लिए दक्षताओं को बढ़ावा देकर एआई, डेटा साइंस और लाइफ साइंस जैसे क्षेत्रों को समर्थन देगी। उल्लेखनीय है कि एमजेन से पहले नवीन गुल्लापल्ली नोवार्टिस के हैदराबाद स्थित ग्लोबल सेंटर के विकास में प्रमुख भूमिका निभा चुके हैं।

पंकज चौधरी से मिले भूटान के वित्त मंत्री, कई अहम मुद्दों पर हुई बातचीत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भूटान के वित्त मंत्री ल्योनपो लेके दोरजी ने केंद्रीय वित्त राज्य मंत्री पंकज चौधरी से नई दिल्ली स्थित वित्त मंत्रालय नार्थ ब्लॉक में मुलाकात की। इस मुलाकात के दौरान दोनों नेताओं ने कई अहम मुद्दों पर चर्चा की। केंद्रीय वित्त राज्य मंत्री पंकज चौधरी ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी एक बयान में बताया कि भूटान के वित्त मंत्री ल्योनपो लेके दोरजी के साथ मुलाकात हुई। पंकज चौधरी ने कहा कि इस दौरान एक सार्थक द्विपक्षीय बातचीत हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारी चर्चा ने भारत और भूटान के बीच मजबूत बंधन को मजबूत

किया। पंकज चौधरी ने आगे कहा कि एशिया में दो करीबी दोस्त आपसी विकास और विकास के लिए मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने



लिखा है कि हम अपने संबंधों को मजबूत करने और सहयोग के नए रास्ते तलाशने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं, जो अंततः एशिया के उज्ज्वल भविष्य में योगदान देगा।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों का फंडा कर्ज सितंबर में घटकर 3.12 फीसदी पर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सरकार के उठाए विभिन्न उपायों के कारण सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (पीएसबी) की सकल गैर-निष्पादित आस्तियां (एनपीए) सितंबर के अंत में घटकर एक दशक के निचले स्तर 3.12 फीसदी पर आ गईं हैं। मार्च, 2018 में सरकारी बैंकों का सकल एनपीए 14.58 फीसदी थी। पिछले तीन साल में पीएसबी ने कुल 61,964 करोड़ रुपये का लाभार्थी दिया है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने कहा कि 2015 के बाद से केंद्र सरकार ने सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (पीएसबी) के समक्ष चुनौतियों के समाधान के लिए चार 'आर' की रणनीति अपनाई। सरकार के चार 'आर' यानी समस्या की पहचान (रिकॉग्निशन), पूंजी डालना (रिफिल्टरिंग), समाधान (रिजोल्यूशन) और सुधार (रिफॉर्म) जैसे उपायों से एनपीए में कमी आई है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक आंकड़ों के मुताबिक पीएसबी में पूंजी पर्याप्तता अनुपात 3.93 फीसदी सुधारक सितंबर, 2024 में 15.43 फीसदी पर पहुंच गया, जो मार्च, 2015 में 11.45 फीसदी था। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र

के बैंकों ने वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 के दौरान 1.41 लाख करोड़ रुपये का सर्वाधिक शुद्ध लाभ अर्जित किया, जो वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 में 1.05 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 की पहली छमाही में यह आंकड़ा 0.86 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा



है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने कहा कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक वित्तीय समावेश बढ़ाने के लिए देश के हर कोने तक अपनी पहुंच बढ़ा रहे हैं। उनका पूंजी आधार मजबूत हुआ है और उनकी संपत्ति गुणवत्ता बेहतर हुई है। अब वे पूंजी के लिए सरकार पर निर्भर रहने के बजाय बाजार से पूंजी जुटाने में सक्षम हैं। देश में वित्तीय समावेश को मजबूत करने के लिए 54 करोड़ जन-धन खाते और विभिन्न प्रमुख वित्तीय

योजनाओं जिसमें पीएम-मुद्रा, स्टैंड-अप इंडिया, पीएम-स्वनिधि, पीएम विश्वकर्मा के तहत 52 करोड़ से अधिक बिना किसी गारंटी के कर्ज स्वीकृत किए गए हैं। मंत्रालय ने बताया कि मुद्रा योजना के तहत 68 फीसदी लाभार्थी महिलाएं हैं और पीएम-

स्वनिधि योजना के तहत, 44 फीसदी लाभार्थी महिलाएं हैं। वित्त मंत्रालय के मुताबिक बैंक शाखाओं की संख्या सितंबर, 2024 में 1,60,501 हो गई, जो मार्च, 2014 में 1,17,990 थी। इन 1,60,501 शाखाओं में से 1,00,686 शाखाएं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों और कस्बों में हैं। अनुसूचित जातिजनिक बैंकों का सकल कर्ज मार्च, 2024 में उल्लेखनीय रूप से बढ़कर 175 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया है।

खुदरा महंगाई दर नवंबर महीने में घटकर 5.48 फीसदी पर आई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (सीपीआई) पर आधारित खुदरा महंगाई दर नवंबर में घटकर 5.48 फीसदी पर आ गई है। पिछले महीने अक्टूबर में खुदरा महंगाई दर उछलकर 14 महीनों के उच्चतम स्तर 6.21 फीसदी पर पहुंच गई थी। ऐसा सञ्चियों की कीमतों में नरमी और खाद्य तेल की कीमतों में स्थिरता के कारण हुआ है। सांख्यिकी एवं कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय ने जारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार नवंबर में खाद्य वस्तुओं की महंगाई घटकर 9.04 फीसदी रही, जो पिछले महीने अक्टूबर में 10.87 फीसदी रही थी। नवंबर, 2024 में सञ्चियों, दालों चीनी एवं मिष्ठान, फलों, अंडे, दूध, मसालों, परिवहन एवं संचार और व्यक्तिगत देखभाल संबंधी

उत्पादों की महंगाई दर में उल्लेखनीय गिरावट आई है। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) की मासिक नीति समिति ने पिछले हफ्ते अपनी समीक्षा

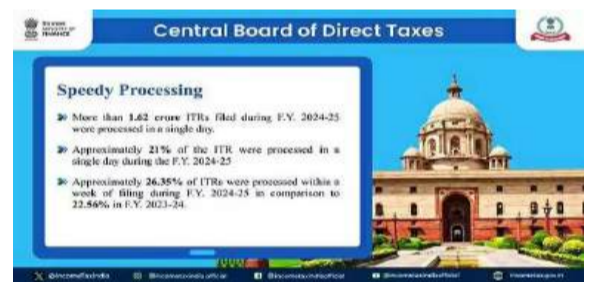


में चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए मुद्रास्फीति के अनुमान को बढ़ाकर 4.8 फीसदी कर दिया था। एनएसओ के जारी महंगाई बास्केट में करीब 50 फीसदी योगदान खाने-पीने की चीजों का होता है, जो समग्र उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (सीपीआई) पर आधारित महंगाई बास्केट का लगभग आधा हिस्सा बनाती है।

वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में कर रिफंड 46.31 फीसदी बढ़कर 3.08 लाख करोड़ होगा: वित्त मंत्रालय

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्रालय ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए कर रिफंड जारी करने में सुधार की घोषणा की। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि चालू वित्त वर्ष में एक अप्रैल से 27 नवंबर के बीच 3.08 लाख करोड़ रुपये के रिफंड जारी किए गए हैं, जो वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 46.31 फीसदी की वृद्धि है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने एक्स पोस्ट पर बताया कि कर में उल्लेखनीय सुधार हुआ है। आयकर रिटर्न पोर्टल ने एक सेकंड में 900 से ज्यादा फाइलिंग और एक दिन में करीब 70 लाख आयकर रिटर्न (आईटीआर) संभाले। इस साल आकलन वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए एक ही दिन में 1.62 करोड़ से ज्यादा आईटीआर प्रोसेस किए

गए। मंत्रालय ने इस वित्त वर्ष की प्रमुख पहलों को साझा करते हुए बताया कि एक दिन में सबसे अधिक



आईटीआर दाखिल किए गए हैं। 31 जुलाई, 2024 को 69.93 लाख आयकर रिटर्न दाखिल किए गए। वहीं, 22 नवंबर, 2024 तक 8.50 करोड़ आईटीआर दाखिल किए गए, जो पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी अवधि के लिए दाखिल आयकर

रिटर्न से 7.32 फीसदी अधिक है। पिछले साल की इसी अवधि में 1 अप्रैल, 2023 से 30 नवंबर,

2023 के बीच कुल 2.03 लाख करोड़ रुपये का रिफंड जारी किया गया था, जो इस साल प्रक्रिया में तेजी लाने के लिए मंत्रालय के ठोस प्रयासों को दर्शाता है। इस उपलब्धि को हासिल करने में केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड ने अहम भूमिका निभाई

है। वित्त मंत्रालय के मुताबिक पिछले साल झूठे 2.0 प्लेटफॉर्म की शुरुआत और सख्तता रिफंड में तेजी लाने की प्रक्रिया एक गैम-चेंजर रही है। झूठे 2.0 का उपयोग करके 3 करोड़ से अधिक रिफंड जमा किए गए, जिसमें केवल 0.002 फीसदी की प्रभावशाली कम त्रुटि दर थी। जैसे-जैसे वर्ष 2024 समाप्त हो रहा है रिफंड में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि से व्यक्तिगत करदाताओं और व्यवसायों को समान रूप से राहत मिलने की उम्मीद है। इससे समग्र आर्थिक गतिविधि और अनुपालन में योगदान मिलेगा। इसके साथ ही झूठे 2.0 के सफल कार्यान्वयन के साथ, सरकार का लक्ष्य आने वाले वर्षों में अपने प्रदर्शन को बनाए रखना और उसमें सुधार करना है।

भारत, यूरोपीय संघ पारस्परिक रूप से लाभकारी एफटीए का लक्ष्य बना रहे हैं : गोयल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और यूरोपीय संघ (ईयू) एक संतुलित, महत्वाकांक्षी, व्यापक और पारस्परिक रूप से लाभकारी मुक्त व्यापार समझौते (एफटीए) का लक्ष्य रखते हैं। भारत और ईयू के बीच प्रस्तावित एफटीए बातचीत को एक-दूसरे की संवेदनशीलताओं को समझते हुए व्यावसायिक रूप से सार्थक सौदे तक पहुंचाने के लिए राजनीतिक दिशा की भी आवश्यकता है। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने वाणिज्य मंत्री के केंद्रीय मंत्री पीयूष गोयल और यूरोपीय आयोग के प्रतिनिधिमंडल के बीच नई दिल्ली में बातचीत के दौरान इस समझौते पर चर्चा हुई। इस दौरान गोयल ने कहा कि दोनों पक्षों का लक्ष्य एक

संतुलित, महत्वाकांक्षी, व्यापक तथा पारस्परिक रूप से लाभकारी एफटीए है। भारत और यूरोपीय संघ के बीच दूसरे की संवेदनशीलता को समझते हुए व्यावसायिक रूप से सार्थक समझौते पर पहुंचने के लिए

राजनीतिक निर्देशों की जरूरत है। वाणिज्य मंत्री ने बैठक के दौरान कहा कि अगले कुछ वर्षों में भारतीय इकोनॉमी के दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनने की दिशा में वार्षिक 7 से 8 फीसदी की दर से वृद्धि होने की आशा है। वित्त वर्ष से होने

वाली कई गुणा वृद्धि भारत के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद को 2047 तक 35 ट्रिलियन डॉलर (35 लाख करोड़ यूएस डॉलर) की उपलब्धि तक पहुंचाने में सहायता करेगी। इस बातचीत में भारत-यूरोपीय संघ व्यापार और प्रौद्योगिकी परिषद में प्रतिनिधि चर्चा करने का अवसर भी मिला। अमेरिका के अलावा भारत एकमात्र ऐसा देश है जिसके साथ यूरोपीय संघ की ऐसी व्यवस्था है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक गोयल ने यूरोपीय आयोग के प्रतिनिधिमंडल, ऑस्ट्रिया, बेलजियम, बुल्गारिया, चेक गणराज्य, एस्टोनिया, इटली, आयरलैंड, लातविया, लिथुआनिया, माल्टा, पोलैंड, पुर्तगाल, रोमानिया, स्लोवाक गणराज्य, स्पेन और स्वीडन के राजदूतों के साथ चर्चा किया।

रूपे से अधिक की कमी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद घट कर 458.07 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थायी) हो गया। जबकि पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी बुधवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 460.46 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 2.39 लाख करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,105 शेयरों

देश का औद्योगिक उत्पादन अक्टूबर महीने में 3.5 फीसदी बढ़ा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। देश के औद्योगिक उत्पादन अक्टूबर महीने में 3.5 फीसदी बढ़ा है। इससे पिछले महीने सितंबर में औद्योगिक उत्पादन की वृद्धि दर 3.1 फीसदी की दर से बढ़ा था। इसका मुख्य कारण खनन, बिजली और विनिर्माण क्षेत्रों का खराब प्रदर्शन रहा है। सांख्यिकी एवं कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय ने बताया कि विनिर्माण क्षेत्र का उत्पादन अक्टूबर, 2024 में 4.1 फीसदी बढ़ा है, जबकि पिछले साल की इसी महीने में इसमें 10.6 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज हुई थी। अक्टूबर, 2024 में खनन उत्पादन में 0.9 फीसदी और बिजली उत्पादन में दो फीसदी की वृद्धि हुई है। राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय के

मुताबिक अप्रैल-अक्टूबर की अवधि में आईआईपी में चार फीसदी की वृद्धि हुई है, जबकि पिछले वित्त वर्ष

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हूए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से 16 शेयर हरे निशान में और 34 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 49,38 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 81,476.76 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक 154.83 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 81,680.97 अंक तक पहुंच गया, लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में बिकवाली शुरू हो जाने के कारण इस सूचकांक

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गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ शेयर बाजार, सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी लुढ़के

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लाल निशान में गोला लगा दिया। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.29 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.38 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान आईटी और टेक इंडेक्स के अलावा सभी सेक्टरल इंडेक्स गिरावट के साथ लाल निशान में बंद हुए। एफएमसीजी, बैंकिंग और ऑटोमोबाइल सेक्टर के शेयरों में आज जमकर बिकवाली होती रही। इसके साथ ही कैपिटल गुड्स, ऑयल एंड गैस, पब्लिक सेक्टर

एंटप्राइज, मेटल, हेल्थ केयर और कंज्यूमर ड्यूरोबल इंडेक्स भी गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी आज लगातार देखावत बना रहा, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.62 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 1.07 प्रतिशत घट कर आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज शेयर बाजार में आई कमजोरी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों को संपत्ति में 2 लाख करोड़

में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,491 शेयर बढ़ के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 2,508 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा और 106 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई के साथ 2,504 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 757 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 1,747 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 11 शेयर बढ़ के साथ और 19 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद

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क्ले मॉडलिंग से बनाए अपना करियर



अगर आपको कलाकृतियां बनाने में दिलचस्पी है, आपकी सोच रचनाधर्मी है तो आपके लिए क्ले आर्ट के क्षेत्र में भी रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध हैं। कागज, लकड़ी और मिट्टी से बनी कलाकृतियों को अब घर में डेकोरेशन के रूप सजाया जाने लगा है।

मिट्टी और क्ले की मदद से अपनी रचनात्मकता का इस्तेमाल कर अगर आप घर बैठे ही बहुत कुछ नया बना डाल देते हैं तो अपने इस शौक को आप बतौर करियर की ओर मोड़ सकते हैं। कुछ समय पहले तक क्ले को महज बच्चों के खिलौनों के रूप में देखा जाता था लेकिन अब इसमें करियर की अपार संभावनाएं जुड़ गई हैं। क्ले मॉडलिंग की कला दिल से निकली हुई कला है। अगर आपका मन इसमें रमा हुआ है और मिट्टी से खेलना आपका शौक है तो आप इसमें बहुत आगे बढ़ सकते हैं।

आजकल विभिन्न प्रदर्शनियों से लेकर कला-संस्कृति से जुड़े बड़े आयोजनों में यह कला बखूबी इस्तेमाल की जाती है। एक बार आपका क्ले में हाथ साफ हो गया फिर आप सेरेमिक से लेकर नई-नई चीजों पर भी आसानी से काम कर सकते हैं। यही नहीं अगर आप एनिमेशन का कोई कोर्स करना चाहते हैं और आपकी क्ले मॉडलिंग पर अच्छी पकड़ है तो निश्चित तौर पर आप एनिमेशन में भी मास्टर हो सकते हैं।

मूलरूप से क्ले मॉडलिंग फाइन आर्ट्स का ही एक विषय है। यून तो आपमें हुनर और इस कला को सीखने की ललक है तो आप खुद-ब-खुद ही इसमें पारंगत हो जाएंगे।

इसके अंतर्गत क्ले मॉडलिंग का विषय खुद में बहुत रोचक है। इसी के साथ आप चाहें तो इसमें बैचलर और फिर मास्टर डिग्री भी ले सकते हैं।

■ अगर बैचलर्स नहीं करना चाहते तो शौकिया

तौर पर हॉबी क्लासेस भी ले सकते हैं या फिर कोई शॉर्ट टर्म कोर्स भी कर सकते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त इंडिया हैबिटेड सेंटर, लोधी रोड और गुडगाँव के एपिसेंटर में भी मार्च और अप्रैल के माह में क्ले मॉडलिंग पर कार्यशालाओं का भी आयोजन किया जाता रहता है।

क्या है जरूरी

■ अगर आप क्ले मॉडलिंग में स्नातक करना चाहते हैं तो इसमें प्रवेश के लिए 12वीं में आपके 55 प्रतिशत अंक होने चाहिए। जैसे हर कॉलेज का अपना अलग-अलग क्राइटेरिया होता है। इसके अतिरिक्त बैचलर के बाद आप फाइन आर्ट्स में ही मास्टर भी कर सकते हैं।

■ इन सबके अलावा आप चाहें तो किसी प्रतिष्ठित इंस्टीट्यूट 3 और 6 महीने में शॉर्ट टर्म कोर्स भी कर सकते हैं।

■ जब तक आप खुद तसल्ली न कर लें कि जो आपने बनाया है वह सही है तब तक उसे बनाते रहने का प्रयास आपमें हो। ये सभी गुण क्ले मॉडलिंग के लिए बेहद जरूरी हैं। अगर से सभी गुण आपमें हैं तो आप इसे बतौर करियर चुन सकते हैं।

■ क्ले मॉडलिंग को बतौर करियर चुनने के बाद आप किसी स्कूल में आर्ट टीचर बन सकते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त अपनी खुद की प्रदर्शनी लगा सकते हैं। आजकल किसी भी इवेंट में भी क्ले मॉडलिंग का प्रयोग होता है ताकि उस स्थान को आकर्षक बनाया जा सके। इससे इतर मेट्रो स्टेशन की सजावट और कॉमनवेलथ गेम्स में स्टैंडियम की सजावट से लेकर खेल गॉव को सजाने में भी क्ले मॉडलिंग का खूब इस्तेमाल हुआ।

■ इस क्षेत्र में आप शुरुआती दौर में 15 से 20 हजार तक आसानी से कमा सकते हैं। उसके बाद यदि आपने इस क्षेत्र में मास्टर किया है तो आपकी कार्यकुशलता के अनुसार आपका वेतन बढ़ता चला जाता है।



रत्नों का बाजार भारत के कुल निर्यात का पांचवां हिस्सा है। इस बड़े बाजार से भारत को अच्छी खासी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त होती है इसलिए इस क्षेत्र से जुड़े लोगों के लिए ट्रेनिंग के साथ ही तकनीकी ज्ञान होना ज़रूरी है। इसके अलावा लोगों में पहले से ज्यादा रत्नों को धारण करने का चलन बढ़ा है। कई लोग ग्रहों को शांत करने, ग्रहों को अपने पक्ष में करने, व्यक्तिगत जीवन में आ रही बाधाओं से निपटने के लिए रत्न

धारण करते हैं तो कुछ इसे आभूषण के तौर पर धारण करते हैं। रत्नों की खासियत के बारे में व्यापक जानकारी जैमोलॉजी के जरिए मिलती है। इसे हम यून भी कह सकते हैं कि जैमोलॉजी के तहत रत्नों का अध्ययन किया जाता है।

गौरव रत्नलब है कि रत्नों को विलासिता, शान-शौकत की निशानी मानी जाती रही है। रत्नों को बादशाहत से जोड़कर भी देखा जाता रहा है, राजा-महाराज और बादशाह रत्नजडित आभूषण, मुकुट आदि धारण करते थे। पारंपरिक तौर पर रत्न जडित गहने बनाने का काम लोग पीढ़ियों से करते आ रहे हैं। केवल सुनार ही नहीं, उनके कारीगर भी यह काम सीखते और सिखाते आ रहे हैं। लेकिन आज इसके लिए पारिवारिक पृष्ठभूमि जरूरी नहीं है। इस काम के लिए आज ढेरों प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खुल गए हैं जो डिजाइन, निर्माण और बनावट की गहरी जानकारी देते हैं। इसके अलावा रत्नों की जांच परख के लिए अब तो अत्याधुनिक मशीनें भी आ गई हैं। फैशन और एसेसरीज के बढ़ते मार्केट ने जैमोलॉजी को क्षेत्र को बहुत विस्तार दिया है। हमारे देश में जयपुर तथा सूरत दुनिया के सबसे बड़े रत्न कटिंग सेंटर हैं। यहां लेटेस्ट डिजाइन और ट्रेंड्स के रत्न तैयार होते हैं। भारतीय जैम एंड ज्वेलरी इंडस्ट्री तेजी के साथ उभरकर आई है। भारत में रत्न कटिंग करने वालों और कारीगरों को पूरी दुनिया में बहुत इज्जत से देखा जाता है।

वैश्विक जैम एंड ज्वेलरी मार्केट को बढ़ाने में भारतीयों का बड़ा योगदान रहा है। ब्रांडेड ज्वेलरी ने करियर के नए मौके सामने ला दिए हैं। ज्वेलरी निर्यात में भारत दुनिया के 70 फीसदी हिस्से का दावेदार है। पारंपरिक भारतीय रत्न जडित आभूषणों की अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में बहुत मांग है। एक आंकलन के अनुसार भारत में कीमत के हिसाब से 60 फीसदी, वैल्यूम के हिसाब से 82 फीसदी और कट के हिसाब से 95 फीसदी हीरों की प्रोसेसिंग की जाती है। इसे देखते हुए कहा जा सकता है कि जैमोलॉजी के क्षेत्र में बेहतर कैरियर उपलब्ध है।

जैमोलॉजिस्ट्स के काम में रत्न की जांच, छंटाई और सही श्रेणी में बांटने का काम प्रमुखता से होता है। ये लोग रत्न निर्माताओं और डिजाइनर्स को उपरोक्त बातों की जानकारी प्रदान करते हैं। किसी व्यक्ति पर होने

वाले रत्नों के असर के बारे में भी इनकी जानकारी अहम होती है। जैमोलॉजिस्ट्स में सूक्ष्म अवलोकन करने, गहराई से जांच करने और शुद्धता की प्रामाणिकता सिद्ध करने की क्षमता होनी चाहिए। इस विषय में पढ़ाई करने के लिए उच्चतम तकनीकी जानकारी के अलावा कटिंग, छोटने, कीमत और पहचान की जानकारी जरूरी है।

ज्वेलरी डिजाइनिंग के अलावा जैम कटिंग, जड़ाऊ जेवर बनाने, सुधारने तथा रत्न जडित घड़ियां, वस्त्र एवं एसेसरीज भी बनाई जाती है। इसके अलावा खुद डिजाइन तैयार करके बड़े ज्वेलर्स और कंपनियों को डिजाइन देने का काम भी बहुत मुनाफे का सौदा है। आभूषणों का बाजार बहुत बड़ा और बेहद प्रतियोगी है इसलिए काम शुरू करने से पहले सेल्स का अनुभव, मार्केटिंग की जानकारी तथा बिजनेस मैनेजमेंट के गुर सीखने जरूरी हैं। आज धोखाधड़ी के दौर में सिंथेटिक रत्न भी धड़ल्ले से ग्राहकों को बेचे जा रहे हैं इसलिए सही रत्न की पहचान के लिए सिर्फ भरोसा ही नहीं, साइंटिफिक तरीकों की जानकारी भी जैमोलॉजिस्ट्स को होनी जरूरी है। जैमोलॉजी कोर्स में दाखिले के लिए न्यूनतम शैक्षणिक योग्यता बारहवीं उत्तीर्ण है। इसके साथ ही अंग्रेजी पर अच्छी पकड़ होनी जरूरी है क्योंकि आपको देशी ही नहीं, विदेशी ग्राहकों और कंपनियों से भी तालमेल बैठाना होता है।

यदि आप घर से अपना काम शुरू करना चाहते हैं तो दो से तीन लाख रूपए का निवेश करना होगा लेकिन यह भी है कि ऑटोफिशियल ज्वेलरी के कारोबार में 100 फीसदी का मार्जिन भी मौजूद है।

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कार्यक्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए एकाग्रता जरूरी

अक्सर काम करते वक्त ध्यान भटक जाता है। इससे कई लोग इस समस्या से परेशान हैं। लगातार काम करने के दौरान अथवा ज्यादा काम होने पर ध्यान भंग होने की स्थिति बन जाती है। मनोवैज्ञानिक और चिकित्सक भी बताते हैं कि जिनमें एकाग्रता की कमी होती है वे बहुत चिंतित, उदास, चिड़चिड़े और सहमे से रहते हैं। कुछ तो अपराध भावना या हीनभावना के शिकार भी हो जाते हैं। ऐसे लोगों में आत्मविश्वास की कमी, असुरक्षा की भावना, कूटा, गुस्सा, चिड़चिड़ापन तथा घबराहट बढ़ जाती है। ध्यान भटकने से अक्सर गलतियां होने की संभावना रहती है। ऐसे कुछ उपाय हैं जिन्हें आप अपनाकर एकाग्रता बढ़ा सकते हैं।

- एकाग्रता बढ़ाने के लिए मेडिटेशन और योग करें, इससे ध्यान केंद्रित करने की क्षमता बढ़ती है।
- एकाग्रता बढ़ाने के लिए किसी केंद्र बिंदु पर जितनी देर हो सके, ध्यान केंद्रित करें। धीरे-धीरे ध्यान केंद्रित करने का समय बढ़ाएं।
- अपने कार्यों को टाले नहीं बल्कि योजनाबद्ध तरीके से और समय पर करें, इससे काम का अतिरिक्त बोझ भी नहीं पड़ेगा।
- उद्देश्यों में कामयाब न होने पर भी नकारात्मक विचार मन में न लाए बल्कि कमियों को तलाशें और नई ऊर्जा के साथ लक्ष्य पाने में जुटे रहें।
- सफलता प्राप्त होने पर स्वयं को सकारात्मक सोच से भरें, जिससे काम करने का उत्साह बना रहे।
- अपनी काबलियत और कमजोरियों को पहचानने की कोशिश करें। समय-समय पर आत्म अवलोकन करें।
- एकाग्रता से काम करने के लिए माहौल को शांतिपूर्ण बनाए रखें।
- काम पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने के लिए खुद को नियंत्रित रखें ताकि आपका ध्यान केवल अपने निरधारित काम के अलावा और कहीं नहीं जाए।
- यदि काम करते समय ध्यान टूटने देखने या किसी मनोरंजन के साधन की ओर जाए तो पहले उसे पूरा करें, फिर काम करें। इससे ध्यान भटकना नहीं और आपको संतुष्टि भी मिलेगी।



एसिस्टेंट ग्रेड परीक्षा में संभावनाएं

केंद्र सरकार से जुड़े विभिन्न मंत्रालयों, विभागों, स्वायत्तशासी संस्थाओं तथा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में हर साल एसिस्टेंट ग्रेड के पदों पर काफी बड़ी संख्या में युवाओं की भर्तियां की जाती हैं। इसी प्रकार की नियुक्तियां अर्ध सैन्य बलों और पुलिस संगठनों में भी होती हैं। यह संख्या प्रति वर्ष हजारों में होती है लेकिन यह निश्चित नहीं होती है। इसकी चयन प्रक्रिया में 20 से 25 वर्ष तक के ग्रेजुएट युवा शामिल हो सकते हैं।

प्रमुख रूप से स्टाफ सिलेक्शन कमीशन या कर्मचारी चयन आयोग द्वारा इस प्रकार की चयन परीक्षा का आयोजन केंद्र सरकार के अधिकांश मंत्रालयों और विभागों के लिए उपयुक्त प्रत्याशियों के चयन के लिए किया जाता है पर कई संस्थाएं और निकाय स्वयं भी ऐसी परीक्षाएं संचालित करते हैं।

कर्मचारी चयन आयोग द्वारा प्रति वर्ष एसिस्टेंट ग्रेड एनजाम का संचालन किया जाता है। इसके जरिए रेल्वे बोर्ड सेक्रेटेरिएट सर्विस, सेंट्रल सेक्रेटेरिएट सर्विस, आर्म्ड फोर्सिस हेड क्वार्टर तथा भारत सरकार के अन्य विभागों में चयनित प्रत्याशियों को नियुक्त किया जाता है। परीक्षा के दो चरण होते हैं। पहले चरण में आबजेक्टिव टाइप के प्रश्नों पर आधारित तीन घंटे की परीक्षा होती है इसमें चार विषयों की परीक्षा ली जाती है।

विषय- रीजनिंग एबिलिटी, जनरल अवेयरनेस अर्थमेटिक और लैंग्वेज (हिंदी या अंग्रेजी)। इनके 75-75 प्रश्न होते हैं। कुल 300 अंकों के ये सभी प्रश्न पत्र होते हैं। इसमें सफल उम्मीदवारों को ही मेन एनजाम है शामिल होने की अनुमति मिल पाती है। प्रत्येक विषय के लिए अलग से टेस्ट पेपर दिया जाता है। प्रश्न अंग्रेजी और हिंदी दोनों ही भाषाओं में होते हैं। लैंग्वेज प्रश्न पत्र सिर्फ पास करने की जरूरत होती है। इसके अंक मॉरिट बनाते समय जोड़े नहीं किए जाते हैं। बहुविकल्पीय प्रश्न होते हैं जिनमें से एक उत्तर पर निशान लगाना होता है।

रीजनिंग एबिलिटी के प्रश्न पत्र में सामान्य ज्ञान पर आधारित प्रश्न होते हैं। इसके लिए प्रैक्टिस गाइड्स, कंपीटिशन पर आधारित पत्रिकाओं तथा नेट पर उपलब्ध सामग्री का लाभ उठाया जा सकता है। जनरल अवेयरनेस के खंड में इतिहास, भूगोल, राष्ट्रीय-अंतरराष्ट्रीय मामलों, भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था तथा सामान्य विज्ञान पर प्रश्न पूछे जाते हैं। अर्थमेटिक्स के पेपर में बुनियादी गणित से संबंधित प्रश्नों पर ज्यादा जोर होता है। प्रमुख भागों में अंकगणित, नंबर्स, स्टैटिस्टिक्स, ग्राफ तथा टाइम-डिस्टेंस आदि का नाम लिया जा सकता है। इस खंड में अपेक्षित सफलता पाने के लिए प्रैक्टिस ही एकमात्र विकल्प है।

मुख्य परीक्षा

इसमें प्रतिभागियों की भाषा ज्ञान के अतिरिक्त स्वयं को व्यक्त कर पाने की क्षमता की भी जांच की जाती है। उत्तर विस्तृत तरीके से लिखने की बाध्यता होती है। इसी प्रकार का टेस्ट अंकगणित का होता है जिसमें एसिस्टेंट के कार्यों के अनुस्यू गणितीय कैलकुलेशन कर पाने की क्षमता को परखा जाता है। इसमें भाषा और गणित पर आधारित

दो प्रश्न पत्र होते हैं। इस परीक्षा में 200 अंकों का अंग्रेजी और 100 अंकों का गणित आधारित प्रश्न पत्र होता है।

■ भाषा - इसमें 50 अंकों का जनरल अंग्रेजी का एक खंड होता है जबकि शेष 150 अंकों के खंड में कम्प्यूटेशन एवं लेखन कौशल पर आधारित प्रश्न शामिल किए जाते हैं।

■ अंकगणित - कुल सौ अंकों के इस दो घंटे की अवधि के प्रश्न पत्र में भी एलिमेंटरी गणित और सामान्य इस्तेमाल में आने वाले गणितीय अवधारणाओं से जुड़े प्रश्न पूछे जाते हैं।

ऐसे करें तैयारी

■ अंग्रेजी या हिंदी भाषा की तैयारी के लिए व्याकरण की तैयारी के अलावा रोजाना लिखने की आदत भी डालें।

■ जनरल अवेयरनेस के लिए अखबारों और करंट अफेयर्स पर आधारित पत्रिकाओं को पढ़ने से काफी लाभ मिलता है।

■ लॉजिकल रीजनिंग के लिए सैंपल टेस्ट पेपर्स जितने कर सकें उतना ही फायदा पेपर्स के समय मिलेगा।

■ गणित में आठवीं से दसवीं तक की एनसीईआरटी की किताबों का अभ्यास करने से काफी बुनियादी जानकारी मिल जाएगी।

■ शब्दों के अर्थ के साथ उनके इस्तेमाल का ज्ञान भी होना चाहिए।

■ कैलकुलेशंस के शार्टकट फार्मूलों को याद करके जाए, इससे समय की काफी बचत होगी।

■ कम समय में अधिक प्रश्नों को करने की बाध्यता को देखते हुए अपने टाइम मैनेजमेंट को दुस्त रखें।

NEWS BOX

Viswanathan Anand shares throwback photo of Gukesh: The boy who would be King

New Delhi. Five-time World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand continued to celebrate D Gukesh's historic world championship triumph. On Friday, the legendary chess player took to social media to share an old photograph of himself with a young D. Gukesh. On December 12, Gukesh defeated Ding Liren in a thrilling decisive final game in the Championship match to claim the prestigious title, becoming only the second Indian to do so after Anand. Anand, who met Gukesh as a child, fondly referred to him as the "boy who would be king" in his post, recognising the immense talent the young chess prodigy displayed even then. Gukesh shattered a 38-year-old record held by Russian legend Garry Kasparov, who became World Champion at 22 in 1985. At just 18, Gukesh has now etched his name into chess history.

Gukesh is one of the students in the first batch of the WestBridge Anand Chess Academy, founded by Anand. The WACA has been supporting young chess talents with exposure to the best minds in the sport. The match against Ding was a closely contested affair, with both players tied at 6.5 points heading into the final game. The deciding Game 14 showcased Gukesh's strategic brilliance and composure under pressure. Ding, playing with the white pieces, seemed poised for a draw until a costly mistake on the 53rd move sealed his fate. Gukesh's



consistent pressure, aided by a pawn advantage, forced an uncharacteristic error from the defending champion, marking a dramatic end to the contest.

Following the victory, an emotional Gukesh was seen shedding tears of joy. In a moment, reflecting his humility and sportsmanship, the young champion rearranged the chess pieces on the board and applauded Ding for the intense battle they had shared. Anand's acknowledgment of Gukesh's achievement as a heralding moment for a new generation of chess stars resonates deeply within the Indian chess community. This historic win positions Gukesh as a global ambassador for the sport, inspiring aspiring players across the world. With this triumph, Gukesh has not only secured his place in the annals of chess history but has also ensured that India continues to be a significant force on the global chess stage.

Hojlund gets Manchester United over Viktoria Plzen, Tottenham draw stalemate

New Delhi. An eventful evening of UEFA Europa League action saw Manchester United edge Viktoria Plzen 2-1, courtesy of a timely brace from Rasmus Hojlund. Trailing 1-0 at half-time, United turned the tide in the second half under Ruben Amorim's guidance, securing the Portuguese manager's third victory in six games. Hojlund's stellar performance rescued United, but questions lingered over Marcus Rashford's form as the Red Devils continue to seek consistency. Despite their struggles, the crucial three points bolster United's campaign in a highly competitive group stage. Elsewhere, Tottenham Hotspur, managed by Ange Postecoglou, were held to a 1-1 draw by Scottish Premiership heavyweights Rangers. The visitors initially took the lead in the first half, but Dejan Kulusevski equalized at the



75th-minute mark, salvaging a point for Spurs. Though Tottenham dominated possession, their inability to capitalize on opportunities underscored ongoing issues in finishing critical matches. Rangers, meanwhile, celebrated the result as a testament to their defensive resilience and counterattacking prowess. Serie A side Lazio secured a convincing 3-1 victory over Dutch giants AFC Ajax. The match saw veteran forward Pedro roll back the years with a clinical finish, helping his side maintain dominance throughout the encounter. Lazio's midfield control and attacking efficiency proved too much for Ajax, as Maurizio Sarri's team climbed higher in their group standings, demonstrating their intent to progress deep into the competition. Arguably the most thrilling encounter of the evening took place in Lyon, where Olympique Lyonnais edged Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt in a 3-2 nail-biter. Both teams displayed attacking intent and traded blows in a high-octane match, but Lyon's superior composure in key moments sealed the victory. The win was crucial for Lyon as they aim to reclaim European prominence, while Frankfurt rued missed chances in an otherwise valiant effort.

Cricket to Chess: Mental coach Paddy Upton a constant in India's sporting highs

Chess World Championship: D Gukesh gave a special mention to Paddy Upton, emphasising the significant role played by the mental conditioning coach in his road to glory. The former South African cricketer was also part of India's 2011 World Cup-winning team.

co-founder of the WestBridge-Anand Chess Academy (WACA). Although Gukesh had a team filled with chess greats, WACA recognised the need for a mental conditioning expert. That led them to approach Upton, whose illustrious CV made him an obvious choice. Soon after the historic victory, Gukesh revealed his team of seconds (professional players who assist others) and gave a special mention to Upton, emphasising the significant role the former South African cricketer played in his journey to glory.

Upton, a former first-class cricketer from South Africa, understood little about chess itself, but he worked on shaping Gukesh's mental fortitude. Also Read: How 'heartbroken fan' D Gukesh was fuelled by Anand's 2013 loss Gukesh needed to be at his mental best, especially amid chatter about Ding Liren's lean patch leading up to the World Championship. Some pundits even speculated that Ding might not show up to defend his crown. However, the Chinese Grandmaster surprised everyone with an exceptional performance in the opening game in Singapore, playing his best chess in two years. In the decisive Game 14, Ding was mere minutes away from forcing a tiebreaker in the Championship, but Gukesh's persistence, focus, and a critical blunder from Ding turned the game in his



favour on Thursday. "Paddy has been a huge, huge support for me in the last six months. Although he is not part of my chess team, he has been a very, very important person in this journey. One of the critical aspects we worked on was managing the uncertainty around my opponent's form and approach. Paddy doesn't understand chess deeply, but he understands sport and the psychology behind it," Gukesh remarked.

Upton and Gukesh held weekly sessions focused on fostering mental clarity and maintaining composure under pressure, essential traits for championship-level play. Upton's emphasis on simplicity became a cornerstone of their strategy. Gukesh's World Championship victory not only cements his place among the chess elite but also underscores the growing significance of mental conditioning in modern sports. As

Gukesh noted, "It's really cool that Paddy helped India win the 2011 World Cup. Thirteen years later, he has helped India win the Chess Championship." Speaking to Chess24, Upton reflected: "One of the biggest mistakes newcomers make at big events is thinking they need to do something special. The key is consistency—doing what you've been doing really well, one move at a time." This philosophy proved crucial in the gruelling World Championship matches, where Gukesh's ability to remain calm under pressure ultimately tipped the scales in his favour. Beyond mental preparation, Upton also introduced physical workouts to ensure Gukesh remained sharp and balanced. As Gukesh explained, "Not only the mental part, but he also planned workouts to keep me in shape physically. Our sessions were about having conversations, sharing thoughts, and receiving feedback. Paddy listened to my thoughts and gave me invaluable insights." WHEN UPTON MOULDED CRICKET AND HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Upton's journey with elite athletes highlights the universal applicability of mental conditioning. In cricket, he was part of Gary Kirsten's coaching team that masterminded India's 2011 World Cup triumph, a victory etched in the nation's collective memory. ss

Chennai to Singapore: Gukesh's triumph heralds a new golden age for Indian chess

World Chess Championship: D Gukesh's success at the highest level and the rise of a young crop of Indian Grandmasters make for exciting times for Indian Chess.



New Delhi. A flight from Chennai to Singapore takes four hours, give or take. But for Indian chess fans, the journey to redemption has taken 11 long years. Back in Chennai, 2013, the dreams of a billion were shattered when Viswanathan Anand succumbed to Magnus Carlsen, ending his illustrious six-year reign as one of the best chess players in the world. Now, 11 years later, in Singapore, Gukesh beat Ding Liren in one of the most spectacular games in the history of the World Chess Championships. The final moments of Thursday's game will forever be etched in the minds of a billion Indians. Gukesh, realising the ultimate blunder from Ding Liren, composed himself and kept his emotions under check. In these situations,

the chances of a blunder increase many times. Gukesh, with a pawn up and going into the King's endgame, concluded the moment was his. He made the move, walked around the room and tried to keep calm. He laughed in disbelief over the blunder. When Ding offered the handshake, the emotions just poured out. A billion Indians celebrated. The World Chess Championships had come back home after 11 years. When Gukesh won the World Chess Championships, somewhere Viswanathan Anand had a calm smile. His legacy has only been cemented by Gukesh's immortal feat. Gukesh is also part of the Westbridge Anand Chess Academy. Now, the academy has produced a world champion. When Anand won the World Chess Championships, the era was different.

There was dispute in FIDE. Many westerners felt that an Indian did not have the mentality to win a major world title. When Anand won the title in 2000, many put it down stating that FIDE was split and who is the best player disputed. But from 2007 till 2012, there was domination unlike any. In Gukesh's case, there was a question mark as to who will take over from Anand. Social media and technology had erupted exponentially in the decade following Anand's loss. Now, chess engines were becoming sophisticated. Social media was the x-factor in preparation. Overcoming all of that at the age of 18 is truly a monumental moment. Speaking exclusively to India Today, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "Gukesh's win will go a long way for Chess in India." The godfather of Indian Chess has never spoken truer words. CHESS ON THE HIGH IN INDIA AGAIN?

In India, there is appreciation for the sport if you keep on winning. Shooting would never have grown big in India had it not been for Abhinav Bindra's epoch-making gold medal in Beijing in 2008. Javelin would not have been the buzzword had Neeraj Chopra not secured the ultimate prize in Tokyo 2021.

AUS vs IND, 3rd Test Weather Prediction: Will rain play spoilsport at the Gabba

New Delhi. As Rohit Sharma-led India prepares to face Australia in the third Test of the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the iconic Gabba in Brisbane, starting on Saturday, December 14, the looming threat of rain could significantly impact the match. The series is currently tied at 1-1, with Australia bouncing back from their loss in the Perth Test with a commanding win in the pink-ball Test in Adelaide. Both teams are eager to take control, but weather conditions may play a crucial role in determining the outcome of this highly anticipated clash. India now return to the scene of their historic 2021 victory, where they became the first visiting team to win a Test at the Gabba in 33 years. This victory came despite significant challenges, as India was missing key players like Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, R. Ashwin, and Mohammed Shami. This time around, India is aiming for a similar result, with their World Test Championship Final hopes hanging by a thread, and a rain-threatened Brisbane Test could complicate their pursuit of a series win. Although Brisbane has enjoyed sunny conditions leading up to the Test, forecasts



indicate thunderstorms on December 14. Australia captain Pat Cummins addressed this during his pre-match conference, downplaying concerns but acknowledging the possibility of interruptions.

AUS vs IND 3rd Test: Weather Forecast According to AccuWeather, the temperature on December 14 in Brisbane is expected to hover around 27 degrees Celsius, with high humidity. Rainfall probability exceeds 60%, with thunderstorms likely during the morning session. The match, scheduled to begin at 10:50 AM local time (5:30 AM IST), could see interruptions affecting Day 1. As India prepares to battle a strong Australian side and unpredictable weather, the stakes for the Gabba Test are sky-high, and the hosts have already received a major boost with their star pacer Josh Hazlewood returning to the mix after missing the Adelaide Test with injury.

WI vs BAN: West Indies thump Bangladesh to clinch a memorable 3-0 ODI series win

New Delhi. West Indies capped off a dominant 3-0 ODI series victory over Bangladesh with a thrilling four-wicket win in the third ODI at Werner Park, St. Kitts, on December 12. Debutant Amir Jangoo's unbeaten 104 and Keacy Carty's remarkable 95 were the driving forces behind the hosts successfully chasing a challenging 322-run target, marking only the fourth time in West Indies history they've achieved a 300-plus ODI chase. Opting to bowl first, the West Indies' bowling unit, led by Alzarri Joseph and Roston Chase, restricted Bangladesh to 321. Joseph claimed two wickets, while Chase's consistent spin pegged back the visitors, who relied on a captain's knock from Mehidy Hasan Miraz in his 77,



alongside the likes of Mahmudullah's 84, and also a steady 73 from Soumya Sarkar. However, the total proved insufficient against a resurgent West Indies side. The chase began shakily for West Indies, with openers Brandon King and Alick Athanaze

falling cheaply. After being 86/4, Keacy Carty and Jangoo steadied the ship, forming a crucial 132-run partnership. Debutant Jangoo exhibited nerves of steel, anchoring the innings with precision and unleashing a flurry of boundaries to keep the required run rate in check. Carty, too, played a pivotal role, falling just five runs short of a second ODI century after a valiant 95. His dismissal at a critical juncture could have tilted the balance, but Jangoo's composed approach ensured the West Indies stayed on track. With lower-order contributions from skipper Shai Hope and Romario Shepherd, the hosts sealed the win in the penultimate over. Jangoo's century.

Pat Cummins warns India of another bouncer barrage, reveals Gabba pitch prediction

New Delhi. Australia captain Pat Cummins has warned India of another barrage of short-pitched deliveries in the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Brisbane. After finding success with the strategy of targeting Indian batters with bouncers, the star fast bowler suggested Australia might continue the approach at the iconic Gabba. Cummins faced criticism for an underwhelming performance in the series opener in Perth, where India secured a commanding 295-run victory. However, he rediscovered his rhythm through the use of bouncers, claiming a five-wicket haul in the second innings of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide. Cummins bent his back and targeted the Indian batters' helmets, bowling them out for 175 in their second innings. After Mitchell Starc swung his way to six wickets in the first innings, Cummins rattled the Indian line-up with his pace and bounce.

advertisement "Yes, potentially," Cummins said when asked if India could expect more bouncers in the third Test. The Australian captain was addressing the media at the Gabba on Friday -- the eve of the Brisbane battle. "It worked out in the Adelaide Test. It's always in the back of your mind as a bit of a Plan B, or if it's looking really uncomfortable and likely to take wickets, maybe it comes with Plan A for some of the batters." "It worked in Adelaide, so I'm sure we'll give it a shot at some point this Test," he added. India's lacklustre batting display in Adelaide helped Australia level the series at 1-1. While key players like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma succumbed to seam and swing, several batters fell victim to short-pitched deliveries.



Gabba pitch, noting that it might not be as lively as its reputation suggests. The Australian captain explained that recent sunny weather in Brisbane will have its effect on the way the pitch would behave in the coming days.

Gabba Test: Complete Guide "I looked at it yesterday -- it looked like a good wicket, like it has been the last few years,"

Cummins said. "A bit of sun baking it the last couple of days (means) I don't think it's as green and leafy as it was against South Africa," he added. Australia remained unbeaten at the Gabba for 33 years until India broke their streak in 2021. Earlier this year, Australia lost a pink-ball Test to the West Indies at the same venue. Interestingly, both defeats occurred in January, during the latter part of the Australian summer. Reflecting on the phenomenon of pre-Christmas Tests at the Gabba, Cummins said: "It's a bit more humid and hotter in January. Joshy Hazlewood always has some theories, saying Januarys are hotter and sweeter. Honestly, I can't remember much." Australia confirmed one change in their XI for the Gabba Test, bringing back fit-again Josh Hazlewood in place of Scott Boland.



Tamannaah Bhatia's

'Mocha Mousse' Look Gets A Thumbs Up From Orry



Tamannaah Bhatia, celebrated for her exceptional acting prowess, is basking in the success of her latest film, *Sikandar Ka Muqaddar*. Her fans adore her for her daring fashion choices, and she never fails to surprise them with her unique looks. The actress is now in Dubai for Salman Khan's *Dabangg Reloaded Tour*, and her recent look has certainly turned heads. Not only did it raise the temperature, but also came with a stunning request for Pantone, showcasing her bold and innovative fashion sense. On Instagram, Tamannaah Bhatia shared a series of photos featuring her latest look: a stunning Animal-printed gown from the renowned brand Zimmermann. The voluminous piece, with its sweetheart neckline and delicate noodle straps adorned with diamond embellishments, exuded sheer elegance. The corset bodice of the dress added a touch of sophistication to her overall look. Tamannaah's stylist Shaleena Nathani teamed her dress with pump heels in a shade one-tone dark. Her make-up artist Elton Fernandez, chose a sheen makeup to add an oomph factor to her radiant style. A striking eye makeup, including a blend of glittery and smokey eyeshadow with thin strokes of kohl in the lid and waterline alongside glossy lips and blushed and highlighted cheeks, made her look perfect. Side-parted, messy and open tresses wrapped her look. Sharing the photos shot inside her hotel with a breathtaking backdrop behind her, she wrote in the caption, "Okay Pantone, can do Mocha Mousse, but let's make it animal print." This intriguing request to Pantone adds another layer of excitement to its choice of colour for 2025. Pantone, best known for its proprietary colour order system, has revealed Mocha Mousse as the colour of 2025. This unique request from Tamannaah has sparked a new conversation about the future of fashion and colour trends. Sharing a post announcing the same on Instagram, they wrote that the warming, rich brown hue, Mocha Mousse transports our senses into the pleasure and deliciousness of chocolate blended with coffee. Many celebs including Orry and Wamiqa Gabbi were impressed with Tamannaah's look as they dropped their reactions on the comment box. On the work front, Tamannaah Bhatia played the role of Kamini Singh in *Sikandar Ka Muqaddar*, co-starring Jimmy Shergill and Avinash Tiwary.

Amid Chiranjeevi-Allu Arjun Feud Rumours, Photo Megastar Feeding Pushpa 2 Laddoos



Megastar Chiranjeevi and Telugu superstar Allu Arjun have been rumoured to be in a feud this year. For the unversed, earlier this year, it was claimed that Chiranjeevi and family were upset with the Pushpa 2 actor after he supported a YSRCP candidate in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Elections this year. Chiranjeevi and Allu Arjun did not address the claims yet. Amid this, an old photo of the duo is doing the rounds online. On Monday, a photo went viral in which Chiranjeevi was feeding Allu Arjun with a piece of laddoo. The superstars were exchanging sweets following the success of Pushpa 2. The film released last Thursday and has emerged as a blockbuster. It turns out, the photo was clicked when Allu Arjun was declared the Best Actor by the National Awards committee last year. During the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Elections, Allu Arjun publicly extended his support to a YSRCP candidate despite his family connections with Pawan Kalyan, who was also contesting this year. For the unversed, Chiranjeevi's son Ram Charan and Allu Arjun are cousins. Eventually, Pawan Kalyan won and even emerged as the Deputy CM of the state. Allu Arjun had congratulated him but has not addressed rumours of his tiff with Chiranjeevi. Meanwhile, Niharika Konidela, a member of the family, addressed the rumours in August this year. In an interview, she said, "I don't know the reason behind whatever my father posted. But, they have their own reasons to whatever [they want]. It doesn't mean we can comment on it because they did something. We didn't actually talk too much about it. We didn't speak about it at home because everyone has their own reasons. Politically, religiously, spiritually, everyone has a choice to do what they want." Niharika added, "For me, it's always family first, and I can only speak for myself." Meanwhile, Allu Arjun is currently enjoying the success of Pushpa 2.

'Huge Admirer': Huma Qureshi Is All Praise For Jared Leto As They Meet At Grand Prix



Huma Qureshi is over the moon as she recently bagged the Filmfare OTT Critics' Best Actress Award for her role in *Maharani Season 3*. Fans and critics praised the actress for her stint in the show. Now, as congratulatory posts continue to shower her, the actress recently attended the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2024. The F1 event, which took place on Sunday, December 8, saw a flurry of celebrities watching the thrilling finale of this season's championship in Abu Dhabi. During the racing event, Huma Qureshi crossed paths with actor Jared Leto. She took to Instagram and shared a picture of their meeting with her fans and followers. In the pic, the Maharani actress can be seen clad in a V-necked long dress. The beige and black outfit comes with an overcoat to enhance its charm. Jared Leto, on the other hand, went for an all-black look that featured a sheer black T-shirt teamed with black jeans. Dropping the image, she captioned, "So wonderful meeting the super talented @jaredleto at the Grand Prix yesterday... I am a huge admirer of his work, and meeting him was so lovely." Other than Huma Qureshi and Jared Leto, celebrities such as Tim Cook, Steve Harvey, Shradha Kapoor, Disha Patani, Esther Yu, Terry Crews, Burak Ozcivit, Dwayne Bravo, Brooklyn Beckham & Nicola Peltz Beckham, Jake Paul, Evander Holyfield, Dom Howard and Matt Bellamy were present at the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2024. The event is held over 58 laps of the 5.281 km Yas Marina Circuit on Yas Island, featuring renowned racers like Lando Norris, Oscar Piastri and Carlos Sainz. This year, Huma Qureshi earned applause for her role in *Maharani 3* and *Mithya: The Darker Chapter*. Her upcoming projects include Geetu Mohandas's directorial *Toxic*. Starring South star Yash, Kiara Advani, Anil Kapoor, Tara Sutaria and Shruti Haasan in pivotal roles, the film is scheduled to release in theatres in 2025. It is rumoured that Huma will be playing the antagonist in the film. Apart from this, she has the courtroom drama film *Jolly LLB 3*, co-starring Akshay Kumar and Arshad Warsi in lead roles. She also has an investigative drama, *Bayaan* and director Vipul Goyal's *Gulaabi* in her kitty.

Aaliyah Kashyap's

Unique Bridal Mehendi Showcases Her Love For Pets; Shane Gregoire Flaunts Her Name

Anurag Kashyap's daughter Aaliyah Kashyap will get married to Shane Gregoire in a few days, and their pre-wedding festivities are currently underway. After a fun-filled Haldi ceremony, looks the like couple is enjoying their Mehendi ceremony today. We came across a few pictures in which Aaliyah Kashyap and Shane Gregoire were seen flaunting the henna on their hands. Meanwhile, Aaliyah's bestie Khushi Kapoor also adorned her hand with minimal yet beautiful henna

her hands. In another picture, Shane is also seen posing behind his ladylove. He opted for minimal mehendi, with Aaliyah's name within a heart on one of his palms. Meanwhile, a tiny cat and dog were drawn on the other palm. He also flaunted the henna on his palms. Aaliyah and Shane were seen twinning in pastel blue outfits. Aaliyah looked radiant in a sleeveless ethnic suit, while Shane donned a powder blue kurta pajama.

That's not all! Khushi Kapoor also shared a picture on her Instagram story that shows her flaunting the minimal mehendi she applied for Aaliyah and Shane's wedding festivities. Check out the picture below!

Meanwhile, Aaliyah and Shane's haldi ceremony took place yesterday in Mumbai, and it was attended by Khushi, Imtiaz Ali, his daughter Ida Ali, among many others. Pictures from the Haldi ceremony soon took over social media. One picture shows Anurag Kashyap hugging Shane, while Shane and Aaliyah were seen sharing a passionate kiss during the festivities. As per reports, Shane and Aaliyah will get married on December 11, at Bombay Club, Mahalakshmi Race Course in Mumbai. They have been dating

for over four years now. Shane and Aaliyah got engaged in May last year, post which they threw an engagement bash for their loved ones in August 2023.



design. Aaliyah Kashyap's bridal mehendi design is quite unique, and showcases her love for her pets! The pictures that have surfaced on Instagram show her flaunting the henna design, that include a dog at the centre on one hand, and a cat on the other palm. One of the pictures shows Aaliyah getting mehendi applied on

