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#### US President-elect Trump says India charges a lot of tariff, threatens to impose reciprocal tax

WASHINGTON. US President-elect Donald Trump has reiterated his intention to impose reciprocal tariffs in retaliation for the 'high tariff' imposed by New Delhi on the import of certain American products.

Reciprocal. If they tax us, we tax them the same amount. They tax us. We tax them. And they tax us. Almost in all cases, they're taxing us, and we haven't been taxing them,"Trump told reporters on Monday.

He made the remarks while responding to a question on a potential trade agreement with China. Trump said India and Brazil were among countries that impose high tariffs on certain US products.

The word reciprocal is important. if India charges us 100 per cent, do we charge them nothing for the same? You know, they send in a bicycle and we send them a bicycle. They charge us 100 and 200. India charges a lot. Brazil charges a lot. If they want to charge us, that's fine, but we're going to charge them the same thing," Trump said at a news conference at Mar-a-Lago.Responding to a question, his Commerce Secretary pick Howard Lutnick said reciprocity is something that is going to be a key topic for the Trump administration.

How you treat us is how you should expect to be treated," he said.

#### The legal cases rankling Spain PM Pedro Sanchez

MADRID. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez is grappling with a series of legal probes involving his inner circle, including his wife, brother and former transport minister, that have tainted his leftist government. While the 52-year-old and his Socialist party have dismissed the cases as baseless and part of a right-wing "smear campaign", the judicial onslaught has given his opponents fresh ammunition to attack him.Here is a look at the legal cases facing one of Europe's longest-serving leaders

#### Wife

- Sanchez's wife, Begona Gomez, has been under investigation since April for alleged corruption and influence peddling related to her time working at Madrid's Complutense University following complaints from two groups with far-right ties -Manos Limpias" (Clean Hands) and "Hazte Oir" (Make Your Voice Heard).
- She is also suspected of illegally appropriating software financed by private companies and initially intended for the universityThe 49-year-old was questioned by a judge in July and is scheduled to testify again on Wednesday at a Madrid court looking into the affair.
- During an appearance before the conservativecontrolled Madrid regional parliament in November, Gomez dismissed the corruption allegations as politically motivated.

#### Ex-minister

Sanchez's former transport minister Jose Luis Abalos, who used to be a member of his inner circle, is under investigation for allegedly having taken kickbacks for contracts to buy masks and other medical supplies in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. According to a court document consulted by AFP, Abalos may have received "financial compensation" for his services in the form of a house in the southern city of Cadiz offered by the company that received the contracts.

# Biden admin makes it easier for US companies to hire foreign workers with H-1B visas

**WASHINGTON**. The outgoing Biden administration has relaxed rules for H-1B visas that will make it easier for American companies to hire foreign workers with special skills and facilitate a smoother transition from F-1 student visas to H-1B visas, a move that is likely to benefit thousands of Indian tech professionals.

The most sought-after H-1B visa is a nonimmigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.The rule, announced by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on Tuesday, aims to provide greater flexibility to employers and workers by modernising the definition and criteria for special positions and nonprofit and governmental research organisations that are exempt from the annual statutory limit on H-1B visas. The changes will help US employers hire as per their business needs and remain competitive in the global marketplace, an official release

said.President-elect Donald Trump will take charge as the next president of the US after his swearing-in ceremony on January 20.According to the DHS, the rule also extends certain flexibilities for students on an F-1 visa seeking to change their status to H-1B to avoid disruptions in lawful status and employment authorisation for students holding F-1 visas.It also will allow US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process applications more quickly for most individuals who had previously been approved for an H1-B visa.It will also allow H1-B visa holders with a controlling interest in the petitioning organisation to be eligible for H-1B status subject to reasonable conditions.

The latest move by the outgoing Biden administration builds on its previous efforts to ensure that the labour needs of American businesses are met to reduce undue burden on employers while adhering to all U.S.worker protections under the law. "American businesses rely on the H-1B visa programme for the recruitment of highly-



skilled talent, benefiting communities across the country,"said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas."These improvements to the programme provide employers with greater flexibility to hire global talent, boost our economic competitiveness, and allow highly skilled workers to continue to advance American innovation,"he said."The H-1B programme was created by Congress in 1990, and there's no question it needed to be modernised to support our nation's growing economy,"said USCIS Director Ur M.Jaddou.The changes made in the final rule will ensure that

U.S.employers can hire highly skilled workers they need to grow and innovate while enhancing the integrity of the programme, he said. The DHS said the rule also strengthens the programme's integrity by codifying USCIS' authority to conduct inspections and impose penalties for failure to comply; requiring that the employer must establish that it has a bona fide position in a speciality occupation available for the worker as of the requested start date. It clarifies that the Labor Condition Application must support and properly correspond with the H-1B petition; and requires that the petitioner have a legal presence and be subject to legal processes in the courts of the United States. In order to implement the rule, a new edition of Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, will be required for all petitions beginning January 17, 2025, which is the rule's effective date.In order to implement the rule, a new edition of Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, will be required for all petitions beginning January 17, 2025, which is the rule's effective date.

# At least 25 killed, dozens missing after overcrowded boat capsizes in Congo

KINSHASA. An overcrowded boat capsized on a river in central Congo on Tuesday, killing at least 25 people, including children, and leaving dozens missing, officials and local residents said.The vessel was believed to have more than 100 passengers on board after leaving from the town of Inongo, northeast of the capital of Kinshasa. It capsized a few hundred meters (yards) into the journey along the Fimi River, the latest such tragedy to strike Congo.

A search was underway for the missing hours later on Tuesday as concerns rose that the death toll could be far higher.

There was overloading at roof level and, as far as the lifeless human bodies are concerned, at least 25 have been recovered so far," said David Kalemba, Inongo's river commissioner. The capsized boat was also loaded with goods, according to Alex Mbumba, a resident of the area. "Among the dead are children, but it's difficult to give an exact death toll at the moment as ... the boat had a lot of passengers," said Mbumba.Tuesday's wreck was the fourth this year in the Maï-Ndombe province, a region surrounded by rivers and where many rely on river transportation.Congolese officials have often warned against overloading



and vowed to punish those violating safety measures for water transportation. However, in remote areas where most passengers come from, many are unable to afford public transport for the few available roads At least 78 people drowned in October

when an overloaded boat sank in the country's east while 80 lost their lives in a similar accident near Kinshasa in June. The latest accident prompted calls for the government to equip the

'The government must act to improve safety on the waters of our province (because) navigation conditions are dangerous," said Mbumba.The capsizing of overloaded boats is also becoming increasingly frequent in this central African nation as more people are abandoning the few available roads for wooden vessels crumbling under the weight of passengers and their goods because of security reasons

The roads are often caught up in the deadly clashes between Congolese security forces and rebels that sometimes block major access routes. Hundreds have already been killed or declared missing in such accidents so far this year.

#### Pacific nation of Vanuatu WELLINGTON. At least 14 people are dead and hundreds more are injured after a magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck off Vanuatu on Tuesday, causing

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widespread damage across the South Pacific island nation. Rescuers worked through the night trying to reach some people yelling under the rubble.

The Red Cross reported the toll early Wednesday, citing government sources. Widespread damage to communications and other infrastructure has impeded the release of official reports. Phone service remained down.The earthquake occurred just before 1 PM at a depth of 57 kilometers (35 miles) and was centred 30 kilometers west of Port Vila, the largest city in Vanuatu, a group of 80 islands home to about 330,000 people. A tsunami warning was called off less than two hours after the quake, which was followed by large aftershocks.More than 200 people have been injured, said Katie Greenwood, Fiji-based head of the Red Cross in the Pacific, in a post on X. Vanuatu's main hospital has been damaged and the water supply has been compromised, she added. The UN humanitarian office said access to the airport and sea port were "severely limited due to road damage," which could affect efforts to deliver aid.Residents were urged to stay away from coastlines for at least 24 hours, and until tsunami and earthquake monitoring systems were operational again. Some people are trapped

Social media videos showed rescue efforts through the night for people trapped in buildings, including a

province with flotation devices

The same company also allegedly paid the rent for a Madrid flat occupied by a woman "linked" to the former minister.

#### Israel's borders have shifted throughout its history, action in Syria may reshape them again

- JERUSALEM. Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, entered Syrian territory Tuesday and said Israeli troops would remain in the area indefinitely, blurring the border with its northern neighbor.Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has never had fully recognized borders. Throughout its history, the frontiers with its Arab neighbors have shifted as a result of wars, annexations, ceasefires and peace agreements.Now, the downfall of Syrian President Bashar Assad has created a situation that could once again reshape Israel's borders.
- As Assad was toppled early this month, Israel quickly moved into the Syrian side of a 50-year-old demilitarized buffer zone. Netanyahu described the move as defensive and temporary, and said it was aimed at making sure that none of the groups jostling for power inside Syria threatened Israel
- But in Tuesday's visit to the Syrian side of the buffer zone, Netanyahu made clear that Israel plans on staying for some time. Speaking on the windswept summit of Mount Hermon overlooking Syria, he said Israel would remain "until another arrangement is found that will ensure Israel's security."Here is a closer look at the evolution of Israel's borders over the years.

#### Israel's establishment

In 1947, the United Nations approved a plan to partition what was then British-controlled Mandatory Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. The contested city of Jerusalem was to be administered by the U.N.This plan, however, was never implemented. Israel declared independence in May 1948, and neighboring Arab countries declared war. That war ended with Israel in control of some 77% of the territory – with Jordan controlling the West Bank and east Jerusalem, and Egypt in control of the Gaza Strip.1967 Mideast warDuring the six days of fighting of the 1967 Mideast war, Israel captured the West Bank and east Jerusalem from Jordan, Gaza and the Sinai peninsula from Egypt, and the Golan Heights from Svria.Initially celebrated by Israel, the lightning victory set the stage for decades of conflict that continue to reverberate today.Israel quickly annexed east Jerusalem - home to the city's most sensitive Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites as well as its Palestinian population.

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# identities keep tensions alive in post-war Sri Lanka

State-backed changes to demographics and cultural

MULLAITIVU/ JAFFNA. In the For generations, families from the village Tamil-majority northern province of Sri Lanka, as a road turns uphill towards Old Chemmalai, near the scenic Nayaru Lagoon in Mullaitivu district, there stands a statue of Lord Buddha. The nation's Department of Archaeology now recognises this place as an ancient Buddhist site of significance. Adjacent to the statue stands the small Neeraviyadi Pillaiyar Kovil. Local Tamil-speaking Hindus say they have worshipped the Hindu deity here for generations. In recent years, this location has become a site of contested identities; the latest report of the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), titled 'The Intersectional Trends of Land Conflicts in Sri Lanka,' terms this a sign of increasing "Sinhala-Buddhisisation" in the northern and eastern provinces, where large numbers of Sri Lankan Tamils and Muslims reside.Raja Chinnathambi, secretary of the Neeraviyadi Pillaiyar Kovil and resident of Chemmalai, claims the identity of the place has been altered since the final Eelam War when people of his village had to flee.

had access to land in Old Chemmalai. he says. This changed once the war ended in 2009. The Sri Lankan army has since set up a camp there, rendering a large part of that land inaccessible.

A board erected by the DoA at the contested religious site now prohibits many activities, including land clearing, logging, and cultivation.

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worship here. The changes in demography and cultural identity in many places, with the support of state agencies such as the DoA, are a major cause of ethnic tension, especially in the eastern province.Construction of new Buddhist temples in Kuchchaveli in the eastern district of Trincomalee and of a Buddhist place of worship in Kuruthurmalai in the northern district of Mullaitivu, which was traditionally used by Tamil-speaking Hindus to worship Athi Shivan Iyanar, are some of the widely-discussed instances of this phenomenon.Pointing out how the DoA focuses primarily on the discovery of "ancient" Buddhist sites, Mahendran Thiruvarangan, an academic from the University of Jaffna and member of the Jaffna People's Forum for Coexistence, says these decisions of these institutions are all made at Colombo."Maybe there is a history to a particular site. But they (the State agencies) don't want to think about how these sites undergo changes over a prolonged period of time, that they are fluid and there are overlapping identities.

three-story structure that collapsed onto its lower floors.Amanda Laithwaite said her husband was among rescuers searching for eight people they could hear yelling inside, but their progress was slow.

Three people were pulled alive from rubble overnight, her husband, Michael Thompson, wrote on Facebook. In one video he shared, a dust-covered woman lay on a gurney. Army personnel and civilians worked with tools and shovels, Thompson said.

The country does not have capacity to cope with a mass casualty event, Vanuatu-based journalist Dan McGarry told The Associated Press. He had visited Vila Central Hospital, where video shared by the Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation showed crowds outside.

Doctors were working "as fast as they could" at a triage center outside the emergency ward, he said.

Embassies are damagedA building housing a number of diplomatic missions in Port Vila --- including those of the United States, Britain, France and New Zealand was significantly damaged. The U.S. Embassv's Facebook page said all staff were safe, but the building was closed until further notice. The office opened in July as part of a push by the U.S. to expand its Pacific presence to counter China's influence in the region. New Zealand's foreign ministry said officials have

accounted for all but two of its embassy staff. Australia's foreign ministry said its workers were safe.

# NSA Doval holds talks with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on peace at borders, restoring ties

BEIJING. India and China's Special Representatives for the border mechanism, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met here on Wednesday to discuss a range of issues, including management of peace and tranquillity along LAC and restoration of bilateral ties frozen for over four years due to the military standoff in eastern Ladakh. Doval, who is heading the Indian delegation,

arrived here on Tuesday to take part in the 23rd round of the Special Representatives' talks being held after a gap of five years.

The last meeting was held in 2019 in Delhi. The talks began at 10 am China time.

The two officials were expected to discuss a range of issues to rebuild the bilateral ties following the October 21 agreement of disengagement and patrolling in eastern Ladakh between the two countries.

On Tuesday, China expressed optimism about the talks saying that it is ready to work with India to implement the commitments based on the common

understandings reached between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping during their meeting at Kazan in Russia on the sidelines of the BRICS summit on October 24. China is prepared to settle differences with sincerity, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a media briefing here when asked about the Special Representatives (SR) talks. China is ready to work with India to implement the important common understandings between the leaders of China and India, respect each

other's core interests and major concerns, strengthen mutual trust through dialogue and communication, properly settle differences with sincerity and good faith, and bring bilateral relations back to the track of stable and healthy development as soon as possible, he said.

The two SRs will discuss the management of peace and tranquillity in the border areas and explore a fair, reasonable, and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary

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question, as agreed upon during the meeting of the two leaders in Kazan, the External Affairs Ministry said on Monday. After the Modi-Xi meeting, which was their first after five years, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart met on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Brazil followed by a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on China-India Border Affairs (WMCC). The military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in

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eastern Ladakh began in May 2020 and was followed by a deadly clash at the Galwan Valley in June of that year resulting in a severe strain in ties between the two neighbours.Barring trade, relations between the two countries virtually came to a standstill. The face-off effectively ended following the completion of the disengagement process from the last two friction points of Demchok and Depsang under an agreement finalised on October 21. The SRs' meeting is

regarded as significant as it is the first structured engagement between the two countries to restore relations. Constituted in 2003 to comprehensively address the vexed dispute of the India-China border spanning 3,488 km, the SRs mechanism over the years met 22 times. While success eluded it in resolving the boundary dispute, officials on both sides regard it as a very promising, useful and handy tool in addressing the recurring tensions between the two countries

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# Russia Develops Cancer Vaccine, Set for Free Distribution in 2025

RNS: The Russian Health Ministry has unveiled a breakthrough cancer vaccine that will be distributed free of charge to patients starting in early 2025. The vaccine, designed to treat cancer patients, will not be used as a preventive measure for the general population but aims to target existing tumors and potentially reduce the risk of metastases.

Andrey Kaprin, General Director of the Radiology Medical Research Center, revealed the news in an interview on Radio Rossiya. He confirmed that Russia has developed its own mRNA vaccine against cancer, and it will be made available to patients free of charge. The development of this vaccine comes after President Vladimir Putin hinted earlier this year that



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types of cancer the vaccine

reduce metastasis.

Russia was on the verge of creating cancer vaccines and next-generation immu-

nomodulatory drugs. will target or its overall ef-While the vaccine's name has not been disclosed, it fectiveness are still unclear, is expected to be personthe development represents alized for individual paa major step forward in tients, a feature that aligns cancer treatment. Therawith similar advancements peutic cancer vaccines in cancer treatments seen work by training the imglobally. Reports suggest mune system to recognize that pre-clinical trials have and attack tumor cells, shown promising results, with some using modified with the vaccine demonviruses to trigger a strong strating the potential to immune response. These

vaccines could play a crucial role in slowing tumor growth, preventing recurrences, or even eliminating early-stage cancers. This announcement fol-

lows similar efforts around the world to create personalized cancer vaccines. For example, in 2023, the U.K. government partnered with a German biotechnology company to develop individualized cancer treatments, while major pharmaceutical companies like Moderna and Merck & Co. have been collaborating on vaccines for skin cancer. The rollout of Russia's cancer vaccine is slated for early 2025, marking a potential breakthrough in oncology. However, more information on its specifics, such as the types of cancer it will address, remains to be seen.

Witchcraft After Husband's Death Gumla: In a shocking incident in Gumla, Jharkhand, a woman was brutally beaten and accused of witchcraft following her husband's death. The victim claims that her in-laws and villagers were preparing to strip her naked and bury her alive, but timely intervention by the Kolebira police saved her. She is currently receiving treatment at Gumla Sadar Hospital. The woman has filed a case

against her in-laws and 18 unidentified individuals. The police are actively investigating the matter. The incident began when Sandeep Lohara, a resident of Kolebira, drowned while bathing in Vrinda Nayaktoli. Sandeep had been living with his inlaws for several years. After his death, when his wife brought his body to her in-laws' house, she was accused of being a witch

and beaten in front of the entire village. Her in-laws allegedly attempted to kill her, but the Kolebira police intervened just in time. Kolebira police station incharge Surendra Kumar Singh confirmed that the victim's father has submitted a written application. A case has been registered, and the police are coordinating with authorities in Simdega, where the incident occurred, to further the investigation.

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Jharkhand Woman Beaten, Accused of "Chinmaya Vidyalaya's AI-Powered Project Wins



Bokaro: Chinmaya Vidyalaya in Bokaro hosted a special prayer meeting today to honor students Avyan Narayan Kashyap, Keshav Agarwal, and Nehal Sharma for their exceptional achievement at the divisional level of the National Fair 2024, organized by the Hazaribagh District Sports Department. The trio secured first place with their innovative project, which utilizes Artificial Intelligence to assist Indian farmers.

The project is designed to help farmers by detecting animals and birds approaching fields and driving them away without causing harm. It also features a soil quality sensor, offering valuable insights for better crop management. The project's potential to support sustainable farming practices was highlighted during the meeting.

During the event, Principal Suraj Sharma congratulated the students, praising their creativity and dedication. "This project demonstrates the real-world impact of blending technology with agriculture, and we are proud to support such talent," he said. He also emphasized the school's commitment to nurturing both academic excellence and practical innovations.

The students' achievement has earned them a spot in the state-level competition. They were also lauded by Residential Acharya Swamini Samyuktanand Saraswati, School Management Chairman Vishwarup Mukhopadhyay, Secretary Mahesh Tripathi, and Vice Principal Narmendra Kumar, who wished them continued success in their future endeavors.

The project, guided by teachers Shubham Kumar Gupta and Shreya Gupta, has not only brought recognition to the students but also showcased Chinmaya Vidyalaya's dedication to fostering creativity and innovation among its students.

#### **BJP Launches Membership Drive** in Loyabad, Dhanbad



#### by Ashok Kumar

Loyabad: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched its organizational membership campaign at Ekda's community hall. The event was graced by the newly elected MLA of Bagmara, Shatrughan Mahato as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahato emphasized the crucial role of party workers, describing them as the backbone of the BJP. He highlighted the party's national president's commitment to expanding the BJP organization and bringing its policies closer to the public. "The goal is to enroll as many members as possible," Mahato stated, stressing the importance of the ongoing membership drive, which began short-

# **IIT-ISM Launches Six-Day FDP on Crystal Growth & Semiconductor Technologies**



Dhanbad: IIT-ISM launched a six-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Tuesday, focusing on "Crystal Growth, Semiconductor Processing, and Manufacturing Technologies." The program, held at the Faculty Development Centre, aims to enhance educators' knowledge and teaching efficiency in these critical technological fields.

The FDP commenced with an expert lecture by Prof. J Kumar from Anna University, Chennai, who shared insights on "Crystal Growth Techniques II: Epitaxial Growth." This was followed by Prof. RR Sumathi, Deputy Head of the Department at Leibniz-Institut für Kristallzüchtung, Germany, who presented on "Crystal Growth Techniques I: Bulk Growth Methods.'

On the second day, Dr. Pratap Kumar Das, Principal Member of Technical Staff at AMD Bangalore, conducted a session on Semiconductor Technology, shedding light on semiconductor manufacturing, advanced water processing, and fabrication technologies.

Professor R Thangavel, Associate Professor at IIT-ISM and the coordinator of the program, highlighted the significance of the initiative. "The FDP is designed to equip participating educators with essential skills, enhancing their teaching capabilities," he stated.

The program promises to provide valuable insights and hands-on experience, helping participants stay updated with the latest advancements in these evolving fields.



International Conference on Advances in Materials &

Ranchi: The Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) Mesra hosted the inaugural session of the first International Conference on Advances in Materials and Chemical Sciences (AMCS-24) on Wednesday.

Organized in collaboration with the Materials Research Society of India, the global conference brings together leading researchers, innovators, and industry experts to discuss the latest developments in the fields of materials and chemical sciences. Dr. Sumit Mishra, Head of the Chemistry Department at BIT Mesra and Convener of AMCS-24, officially opened the conference, encouraging participants to actively engage and collaborate. "The exchange of knowledge and ideas is vital in addressing current challenges and shaping a sustainable future," Dr. Mishra said during his opening remarks.

Professor Indranil Manna, Vice Chancellor of BIT Mesra, highlighted the institute's commitment to fostering innovation and research. "AMCS-24 provides a unique platform for global researchers and innovators to come together and contribute to solving some of the most pressing challenges in science and technology," he stated.

The Chief Guest of the event, Prof. Susanta Banerjee, Institute Chair Professor at IIT Kharagpur, underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in scientific progress. "Scientific innovation thrives at the intersection of disciplines. Collaboration is essential to tackle complex global issues such as energy

sustainability and the development of advanced healthcare materials," he emphasized. The conference features an impressive roster of speakers from around the world, including the UK, Germany, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, and Bangladesh. Topics covered at the event include Advanced Polymers, Advanced Glass and Ceramics, Energy and Functional Materials, Emerging and Hybrid Materials, and Materials in Interdisciplinary Domains.

#### **CSIR-NML** Celebrates 75 Years with Exhibition in Jamshedpur

#### **"Development Lies in Cultivating a Strong** Mind, Not Just Resources": Dr. Aparajita

Ranchi: A seminar on 'Vigrah of Indian Philosophy: Rahim' was held at Government Teacher Training College in collaboration with Sai Nath University and YBN University. The seminar, part of the 'vikshitbharat@2047' initiative, was inaugurated by Principal Anuradha Singh and featured key speakers, including Prof. Dr. Triveni Nath Sahu and Prof. Dr. Jung Bahadur Pandey.

The seminar was presided over by Dr. Aparajita Jha, former Principal cum Dean of Education Faculty of Government Teacher Training College Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Ranchi University Ranchi and Nilamber Pitambar University Medininagar. Speaking on the occasion Dr Jha said that we will develop not by resources but by mind.

The seminar, coinciding with the birthday of Abdul Rahim Khankhana, focused on his contributions to Indian unity and culture. Dr. Suresh Prasad Singh was named International President of Rahim Jayanti celebrations.

lamshedpur: To commemorate its 75 years of excellence in scientific research, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (CSIR-NML) organized a special exhibition at its Agrico Colony premises in Jamshedpur. The event, inaugurated by NML Director Dr. Sandeep Ghosh Chowdhury on Tuesday, showcased the lab's significant journey and contributions to the scientific community. On Wednesday, a group of 36 students and 4 faculty members from NML



Kerala Public School visited the exhibition. The visit aimed to enrich students' understanding of scientific advancements and foster curiosity about research and innovation.

The exhibition featured interactive displays, expert interactions, and insightful sessions on technological developments and pioneering works in various scientific fields. Faculty members ex-

pressed their appreciation for the experience, noting how the visit enhanced the students' knowledge and inspired them.

The organizers of the exhibition welcomed the visiting group and stressed the importance of encouraging young minds to engage with the world of science. The students and faculty left with a deeper understanding of CSIR-NML's groundbreaking work and its impact on technological progress.

ly after the conclusion of the Jharkhand assembly elections. He urged all party leaders and workers to actively participate in this initiative.

The program commenced with the official appointment of Dinesh Rawani as Mandal President, a move that was warmly received by the party leadership. Rawani was honored with a bouquet by Bagmara MLA Shatrughan Mahato, who expressed confidence in his ability to serve diligently and uphold the party's ideology, along with the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The event was attended by several prominent BJP leaders, including Mahuda Mandal President Shekhar Singh, Mahesh Paswan, Dheeraj Rawani, Golu Chauhan, Jitendra Chauhan, Bajrangi Das, Mintu Paswan, Ranjay Chauhan, Shiva Das, Dinesh Paswan, Geeta Singh, Indu Devi, Gudiya Devi, Rita Devi, and hundreds of BJP workers. The gathering underscored the party's commitment to strengthening its grassroots presence and expanding its membership base.

# BJP's New Plan for UCC, to be Implemented through State Assemblies, Not Parliament



#### Ajay Kumar I Lucknow

The BJP has always advocated for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the country, and this issue has been part of the party's agenda since the time of the Janata Sangh. Since the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power, the party has consistently emphasized this issue. The BJP included issues like the Ram Mandir, the abrogation of Article 370, and the Uniform Civil Code in its political agenda. The dream of Ram Mandir has been realized, Article 370 has been revoked, and now the only task left is to implement the Uniform Civil Code, which is seen as an important challenge for both the BJP and the Modi government.

The Supreme Court cleared

of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, and the Modi government abrogated Article 370 through Parliament. Additionally, steps were taken in Parliament towards "One Nation, One Election." Now, the BJP has devised a new strategy regarding the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code. The party is working on advancing this issue through state assemblies rather than Parliament. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had hinted at this during his statement in the Rajya Sabha While discussing the Con-

the way for the construction Law, and Congress started politics of appeasement. Amit Shah also mentioned that the Supreme Court has repeatedly suggested the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code, but Congress has always delayed it. He gave the example of Uttarakhand, where the BJP government implemented the UCC, and said that the same model would be followed in other BJP-ruled states. The Uniform Civil Code means that there should be a single law for all citizens

in the country. Its objective is to apply the same law for marriage, divorce, property stitution in the Rajya Sabha, division, and other impor-Amit Shah clarified the imtant issues for every citizen. portance of the Uniform Currently, under Muslim Civil Code. He said that Personal Law, members of Article 44 of our Constituthe Muslim community retion talks about the Unisolve their family matters, form Civil Code, but it has but with the implementation not yet been implemented of the Uniform Civil Code, in the country. He blamed there will be a uniform law the Congress for this, stating for all communities. The BJP that India's first Prime Minisraised this issue during the ter Jawaharlal Nehru had imtime of Janata Sangh, and plemented Muslim Personal the party believes that it is

necessary for ensuring the secularism and equality of the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also expressed his views on this issue several times. During a discussion on the Constitution, he spoke about the constitutional importance of a secular civil code and hinted that the government is working towards implementing the Uniform Civil Code. On Independence Day, he also stated from the Red Fort that laws dividing the country on the basis of religion should be abolished. According to him, the country needs a secular civil code, and there is no place for outdated laws in modern society.

In this context, Amit Shah talked about implementing the Uniform Civil Code in other BJP-ruled states based on the model of Uttarakhand. He clarified that the BJP will move forward with the implementation of the UCC through state assemblies in BJP-ruled states.

Under this strategy, the BJP has already implemented the UCC in Uttarakhand, and now it plans to implement it in other BJP-ruled states. During the assembly elections, the BJP had promised to implement the UCC in Uttarakhand, and after forming the government, Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami fulfilled this promise. A five-member committee was formed in Uttarakhand, which made recommendations for the UCC, and based on those recommendations, the Uniform Civil Code was implemented in the state. After Uttarakhand, the BJP government in Assam is also preparing to implement the Uniform Civil Code. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma recently made this announcement. States like Rajasthan and Gujarat are also in favor of implementing the UCC, and steps are being taken in this direction under their plans. In

these states, the BJP could

succeed in implementing

the UCC in its ruled areas thereby presenting a model of implementing the Uniform Civil Code across a significant part of the country. This strategy is important for the BJP because it allows the party to implement the UCC not only in its ruled states but also exert political pressure on opposition parties. The BJP has governments in states like UP, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Odisha, Tripura, Manipur, Maharashtra, and Arunachal Pradesh. Goa already has the UCC in place, and Uttarakhand has also implemented it. If the BJP succeeds in implementing the Uniform Civil Code in these states, it could set an example for the entire country.

However, there are some challenges in this process. Many NDA allies, such as JD(U) and TDP, do not support the BJP on this issue. Additionally, the BJP would need a two-thirds major-

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ity in Parliament to pass the UCC bill, which currently seems difficult. Due to the political necessity of Muslim votes, JD(U) and TDP cannot support the BJP on this issue. Therefore, the BJP has decided to take the route of state assemblies rather than Parliament to pave the way for implementing the UCC in the states. Through this strategy, the

BJP will attempt to implement the UCC in its ruled states first, and then pressure will be exerted to implement it in other states. This could be a significant political achievement for the BJP as it could help the party realize its agenda of secularism and equality. Moreover, the BJP could involve its allied parties in this issue to gain political advantage.

The BJP governments will have the opportunity to set an example by implementing the Uniform Civil Code in their states. If it is successfully implemented in these states, it will signal an effec-

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tive change at the national level, and the BJP could then motivate other states to follow suit. Thus, the issue of the Uniform Civil Code is not only an important political agenda for the BJP but could also be a crucial step towards secularism and equality in the country.

If the process is successful in BJP-ruled states, pressure could mount on opposition parties, especially those concerned about the Muslim vote bank. The BJP could present its ruled states as a model, proving that the Uniform Civil Code is in the interest of all communities and helps bring about equality in society. This could force its allied and opposition parties to support the issue, opening the path to implement it at the national level. In this way, the BJP could take effective steps to implement the Uniform Civil Code in the country, ultimately helping move the nation towards a more equal and secular so-

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# 'Ambedkar Ji Did Not Allow...': Kharge's Scathing **Reply To Shah's Parliament Speech, Demands Apology**

New Delhi. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge slammed Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his recent speech in Parliament, calling his remarks "far from the truth." Kharge accused Shah of using the platform solely to praise Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also alleged that the BJP was attempting to divert public attention.Reacting to the introduction of the 'One Nation, One Election' bill in

the Lok Sabha, he stated that both its advantages and drawbacks need to be debated.

"When the bill comes up for discussion then we will talk about its advantages and drawbacks. It has to be discussed after meeting with everyone. Everyone has opted together for the introduction, we will speak about it in Parliament," IANS quoted Kharge as saying. Kharge's remarks came after the home minister's parliamentary address on Tuesday over the 75 years of Constitution, during which Shah lashed out at the Congress party of appeasement politics. He slammed the Congress for In a post on 'X', Kharge accused Amit Shah of making constitutional amendments to



empower 'one family' while the Bharatiya Janata Party made amendments to empower citizens. Shah said Congress amended the Constitution 77 times in its 55 years of rule whereas the BJP made 22 changes in 16 vears

#### BJP, Congress Spar Over Ambedkar

Reacting to Amit Shah's speech, the Congress party accused Home Minister of displaying a deep 'hatred' for B.R. Ambedkar in his remarks during a Rajya Sabha debate on the Constitution. The party demanded an apology from Shah, blaming the BJP and RSS leaders for their negative stance toward Ambedkar.

insulting BR Ambedkar. Kharge stated,

"The insult of Babasaheb by the home minister has once again proven that the BJP-RSS were against the tricolour, their forefathers opposed the Ashok Chakra, and the people of the Sangh Parivar wanted to implement Manusmriti instead of the Constitution of India from the very first day." "Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar Ji did not allow this to happen, that is why there is so much hatred towards him," he added.

The ministers of the Modi government should understand carefully that for crores of people like me, Babasaheb Ambedkar is no

less than God... He is and will always be the messiah of Dalits, tribals, backward classes, minorities and the poor," Kharge's post in Hindi read.Amit Shah had claimed that the Congress party is hiding its true sentiments about Dr. BR Ambedkar. "It has become a fashion to say Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar'. If they had taken God's name so many times, they would have got a place in heaven," Shah said, taking a swipe at the opposition. He claimed Ambedkar had to resign from the first Cabinet because he disagreed with the Congress-led government's policies, including Article

# Bengaluru BJP MLAs seek Rs 50 crore development fund from Karnataka government

A day after first-time BJP MLAs sought Rs 100 crore each for their constituencies, BJP legislators from Bengaluru wrote to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar asking for a special grant of Rs 50 crore.

Bengaluru. Bengaluru BJP MLAs followed the suit of first-time assembly representatives and appealed to the Karnataka government for a special grant of Rs 50 crore. The BJP MLAs from Bengaluru wrote a formal letter,



addressed to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, and highlighted the urgent need to repair major roads and address connectivity issues in the district. Shivakumar is also the cabinet minister for Bengaluru Development and Town Planning, and the Bengaluru Urban District Incharge. According to the letter, signed by 15 BJP MLAs including Ashwath Narayan and R Ashok, there

was an urgent need to improve the connectivity infrastructure in the Silicon Valley of the East, as they are struggling to keep up with international standards. In the letter, the legislators emphasised that

Bengaluru's reputation as a global IT hub took a hit because of the inadequate infrastructure. They stated that this lack of basic amenities was causing the city to lose its ability to attract investments. The MLAs warned that the lack of proper infrastructure is compelling industries to consider relocating to neighbouring states. The letter by BJP MLAs of Bengaluru came a day after first-time BJP MLAs in the state wrote to the Chief Minister seeking Rs 100 crore each for development of their constituencies.

While petitioning for the grant, the MLAs said they needed the funds to resolve issues of abrasion caused by rains, agricultural damage, as well as infrastructure repairs, including hospitals, schools, roads, and electricity.

According to them, they required Rs 50 crore each for the two consecutive fiscal years to kickstart essential development projects in their areas.

# Madhya Pradesh Ladli Behna Scheme Has Seen No **New Beneficiaries For 16 Months: Minister**

Madhya **Pradesh** government's flagship Ladli Behna scheme was seen as having played a key role in the **BJP** remaining in power in the state.

**New Delhi.** No fresh registrations have been accepted under the Madhya Pradesh government's flagship Ladli Behna scheme, which was seen as having played a key role in the BJP remaining in power in the state, since August 20, 2023 - two months before the state elections - a minister informed the Assembly today. The minister's statement comes at a time when government functionaries have been asserting that the state will increase the amount given to eligible women from the economically poor sections under the scheme from ? 1,250 per month to ? 3,000 - as promised after its introduction last year. She informed the Assembly that the amount is not being changed as of now. On Tuesday, which was the



second day of the winter session, Congress MLA Mahesh Parmar raised four key questions regarding the scheme.

He asked when the government intended to restart registrations for women who missed out during its launch and those who are newly

eligible; whether it plans to increase the amount to ? 3,000 in the ? 22,400-crore supplementary budget tabled on Tuesday; whether the eligibility age would be reduced from the current 21 to 18; and if the upper age limit would be extended beyond 60 years.

#### Response

Answering Mr Parmar's questions, Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria said the government has no plans to initiate fresh registrations under the scheme as of now. She said there was no proposal to raise the monthly assistance from ? 1,250 to ? 3,000 in the supplementary budget and no change in the eligibility age was being considered.

# Nitin Gadkari, 19 BJP MPs skip One Nation **One Poll session, may get notice: Sources**

NEW DELHI.A total of 20 BJP MPs, including senior leaders like Nitin Gadkari, Giriraj Singh, and Jyotiraditya Scindia are set to face the music for their absence in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday during the introduction of the One Nation, One Election Bill, as per sources. The party had issued a three-line whip mandating all MPs to be present in the House for the session. However, the absence of these lawmakers has raised eyebrows, prompting the BJP to reportedly prepare notices to hold them accountable for defying party orders. The Bill, central to the government's push for simultaneous elections across the country, was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal amidst heated exchanges. The opposition criticised the move as "dictatorial" and an attack on India's federal structure. Despite the backlash, the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill passed its introductory phase with 269 votes in favour and 198 against after a 90-

minute debate and a division of votes.

Meghwal, addressing concerns raised during the debate, assured the House that the legislation would not interfere with the autonomy or powers of



the states.Additionally, the Union Territories Amendment Bill

#### November surging to an alltime high, Rahul Gandhi blamed it on the government's prioritisation of <u>'crony businesses' over 'play-</u> fair businesses'.

With India's trade deficit in

New Delhi. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, blamed the government's prioritisation of "crony businesses" over "playfair businesses" for the trade deficit in November surging to an all-time high. Gandhi, who has repeatedly used the 'crony capitalism' pitch to claim a nexus between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a few selected businesses, claimed it had led to weakening of the manufacturing sector and depreciating currency."What happens when a



When government prioritises...: Rahul Gandhi as trade deficit hits all-time high

government prioritises crony businesses over play-fair businesses? Result: Weakened manufacturing sector, depreciating currency, record high trade deficits, high interest rates, falling consumption and soaring inflation," the Raebareli MP tweeted.

According to Commerce Ministry data, India's trade deficit widened to a record \$37.84 billion in November, driven primarily by surging gold dollar.

The data showed that the trade deficit, the difference between imports and exports, during the April-November period widened to \$202.42 billion.

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rupee slipping to a new low against the US

#### **RAHUL GANDHI UPSANTE AGAINST BJP**

The attack comes at a time when the Congress has intensified its pitch against the BJP following the US indictment of businessman Gautam Adani. Adani and seven others have been indicted by US prosecutors for allegedly offering Rs 2,029 crore in bribes to Indian

government officials to secure "lucrative solar energy supply contracts".

Last month, in an opinion piece for a newspaper, Gandhi alleged that a "new breed of monopolists" were controlling the country's governing institutions and regulators. He said that these "match-fixing" monopoly groups have amassed colossal wealth, resulting in the decimation of lakhs of small businesses.

aimed at aligning elections in Delhi, Puducherry, and Jammu and Kashmir with Lok Sabha polls, was also introduced.Meghwal dismissed opposition claims that the Bill violated the basic structure doctrine, asserting that the legislation adhered to constitutional principles.While the introduction of the Constitution amendment Bill requires a simple majority, its passage will require the government to garner a two-thirds majority in the House. The Opposition, however, came down heavily on the Centre, claiming that the Bills failed to secure a majority. Congress leader Manickam Tagore said that the government failed to cobble up 307 votes out of the total 461 that it needs to secure a two-thirds majority.Shashi Tharoor echoed a similar sentiment, saying that the government shouldn't be too persistent about implementing the Bill.As of today, the BJP-led NDA holds 293 MPs in its ranks, while the Congress-led INDIA coalition has 234. Even with full attendance, the NDA lacks the numbers required to pass bills amending the Constitution, a point emphasised by Congress leaders. To secure the necessary two-thirds majority, the BJP will need backing from unaffiliated parties, assuming all MPs are present and voting.

# Free healthcare for 60 and above: Arvind Kelriwal's second big poll promise

Announcing the 'Sanjeevani' scheme, Arvind Kejriwal said that any resident of Delhi, above 60 years, will get free healthcare services under the scheme. The entire expenses of treatment will be born by the Delhi government, Kejriwal said.

New Delhi. Aam Aadmi Party supremo and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday announced the 'Sanjeevani' scheme to provide free healthcare for senior citizens in Delhi.According to Kejriwal, the 'Sanjeevani' scheme will be launched after the AAP party returns to power in Delhi next year. Under the new scheme, senior citizens in Delhi can avail free health care services from any private or public hospital in the national capital. The 'Sanjeevani' scheme will apply to all above the age of 60 and will not have restrictions based on income. Speaking at the launch of the scheme, Kejriwal said that AAP workers



would reach people's doorstep in two to three days to register senior citizens for the scheme."Today, for the people of Delhi, I am going to announce the 'Sanjeevani scheme'. Under this, all people above the age of 60 will get free healthcare. We will introduce and pass the scheme after the polls. Whether they

(senior citizens) want to get treated at a public hospital or private hospital, the entire treatment will be free of cost. There will be no BPL, APL, TPL or RPL. There will not be any upper limit. The Delhi government will bear the expenses of the full treatment," the AAP supremo said at an event at the party headquarters.

'The registration will start in two to three days. But, you

don't have to go anywhere to register. AAP volunteers will come to your home for registration and give you a health card," he added. The 'Sanjeevani' scheme came days after Kejriwal announced the launch of the Mukhya Mantri AAP and its leaders have ramped up Mahila Samman Yojna to give monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 to

🖛 Arvind Kejriwal announces 'Sanjeevani' scheme for senior citizens in Delhi -Elderly people to get free health services from any private or public hospital under new scheme **AAP** targets third term, focusing on women, elderly voters ahead of polls

women in the city and promised to raise it to Rs 2,100 after the On December 16, during a padayatra elections.AAP is seeking a third consecutive full term in Delhi, following its landslide victory in 2020, where it won 62 out of 70 seats. The upcoming elections will serve as a test of the party's governance model.

their outreach to women and elderly voters ahead of the February 2025 Assembly elections. in the Badarpur constituency, Kejriwal claimed a survey showed that as many as 60 per cent of women in Delhi are set to vote for AAP."There must be some shortcoming in my penance that 40 per cent of women are not voting for me. This time, 100 per cent of women must vote for the Aam Aadmi Party," Kejriwal said.

# Sri Lanka's once-Marxist president on 1st India trip

Unlike Nepalese PM Oli, who was not invited by India and visited China instead, Sri Lankan President Aruna Kumara Dissanayake, popularly called AKD and once a Marxist, has chosen to come to India first (December 15 to 17) before going to China next month. Which country – India or China – will a newly elected leader in India's neighbourhood visit first has become a competitive affair. That it would be India first was determined by geography; Delhi's emergency assistance of \$4 billion when others, including China, turned away during Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis since its independence; and Foreign Minister Jaishankar being the first to invite him.Conflicted by having to choose, Colombo is calling both visits as economic investment-related, though these will be largely exploratory and about getting to know one another's interests and concerns. India is receiving a largely unknown leader from a fringe party, not the traditional United National Party (UNP) and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP).

- AKD is the leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna/National People's Power (JVP/NPP): the JVP having spearheaded two insurrections, hath of which Delbit La IC is in the formation both of which Delhi helped Colombo to defeat.
- The JVP, representing Sinhala nationalism, was opposed to the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord, Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) and 13A devolution to Tamils. The triumph of AKD and NPP came in the aftermath of the people's uprising following the sovereign default of June 2021, in which the fiercely loyal to the Rajapaksa's Sri Lankan Army did not intervene to keep the clan in power.
- Not many Lankans had heard of AKD, but most knew about JVP. Still, AKD and the NPP won historic victories in presidential and parliamentary elections in September and November, ending the rule of the two parties and five families.
- For the first time, a Tamil party did not win its stronghold, Jaffna. Instead, it was the NPP, which lost only Batticaloa among the country's 25 districts. The NPP, which had just three seats, catapulted to 159 members in a 225-seat parliament. The small new cabinet includes two upcountry Tamils, none from the north and no Muslims. Only two have been ministers earlier. Lacking experience, the government will rely heavily on the bureaucracy.AKD has promised to root out corruption and review the existing contracts (including Adani's), release land occupied by the army, address concerns of the minorities, including reconciliation and issues with the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and maintain neutrality between India and China.Till recently, government ministers would say that for security, government ministers would say that for security, Sri Lanka would look to India and for economy, rely on China. This was turned on its head during the economic meltdown. After the fourth tranche of the \$2.9-billion
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan, AKD decided not to renegotiate with the IMF to reduce hardships faced by the people. Following a debt restructuring agreement, the budget will be presented on February 17, 2025.Bringing the economy back on track is AKD's biggest challenge. Another challenge is to replace the 1978 constitution with a new one, which most executive presidents had pledged to do, but wavered.
- A prominent visitor to Colombo was US Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu, who promised "unwavering support for the government's anti-corruption drive" and help recover funds taken from the country. The Verite Research think tank is conducting a study on detecting corruption in procurement processes which will come in handy. During the people's uprising, "corruption at the

# **Revival of India's North Korean mission reflects strategic shift**

#### Developments in the Korean peninsula are of greater strategic importance to India today than they were four years ago.

INDIA has decided to resume normal functioning of its embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea. The embassy was closed on July 2, 2021, when Ambassador Atul Malhari Gotsurve and the entire Indian staff at the mission packed up and left for New Delhi via Russia.Like most things related to North Korea, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) never formally announced that it had shut its embassy there. However, without any Indian staff, let alone diplomats, no work was being done in the world's most reclusive consular outpost. The MEA never named a replacement for Gotsurve in Pyongyang and he was sent, 14 months ago, as Ambassador to Mongolia.A technical

team and quasi-diplomatic personnel have reached Pyongyang and they are in the process of making the mission functional after a protracted period of disuse for almost three-and-a-half years, inter-agency sources in the government told me in New Delhi. Their first job is to extensively debug the building and clear it of security and spying hazards. North Korea is notorious for its dodgy intelligence methods against foreigners and bad faith in dealings with legations it has agreed to host. It may be months before an ambassador heads the mission, given Pyongyang's notorious and opaque bureaucracy and delays in making even minor decisions on foreign policy, such as agreeing to receive a new envoy.

Meanwhile, South Korea has embarked on a journey of engaging India along a road which has not been traversed by any country since the Soviet Union in the mid-1950s. This year, in a bold departure from common practice worldwide, South Korea celebrated its National Day in the sprawling Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Its embassy in India invited a few thousand Indians, mostly young people, to join in the mass celebration. Last year, it began its experiment of taking the message of the most important day on the South Korean diplomatic calendar to the multitudes of Delhi. The mission walked away from routine cocktail receptions in chandeliered halls, like most embassies in India do on their national days. Instead, thousands of young Delhiites swayed in the open to K-pop (Korean pop music) and other instruments of modern youth culture in Seoul, Busan, Incheon and other big cities.Reaching out to the Indian masses

was first tried in a bilateral engagement by Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin in 1955 in Kolkata (then Calcutta). A smaller version of that Soviet outreach was tried in Ahmedabad in 2020 when the Indian diplomacy invited into Quad, the four-nation, amorphous group tried to sweep then US President Donald Trump off his feet with crowds he could never muster in his own country. The attempt was a non-starter because Trump was defeated in his bid for re-election later that year. But similar efforts by India and the Soviet Union yielded rich dividends. Indo-Soviet relations were consolidated with popular endorsement.South



Korea is trying to replicate the Indo-Soviet successes, which flourished for several decades. Seoul has realised that the folkloric tale of Ayodhya's Princess Suriratna travelling to Korea to marry King Kim Suro in 48 AD has captured the imagination of the Indian people. It now wants to cement India-South Korea relations through the people-to-people route. South Korea is looking at relations with India in the very long term. Like Singapore, with its policy of developing a second arm of its economy through emerging markets like India, a strategy the island nation has implemented since 1991. Seoul is ready to try unconventional methods to achieve this objective and hopes that the results will match its efforts. After rapid strides in the last two decades, economic relations between India and South Korea have hit a plateau. This is partly because the South Korean economy has slowed down. Repeated political turmoil - the most serious was a failed attempt by President Yoon Suk

Yeol to impose martial law and his subsequent impeachment - has impacted the country's macroeconomic activities, which depend heavily on government support.

of Australia, India, Japan and the US. Where highlevel visits took place frequently and with much fanfare, they are now irregular. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not visited Seoul since early 2019. The last visit to New Delhi by South Korea's President was a year before Modi's trip. Foreign ministers from both countries have met more often,

but the frequency of their exchanges has lacked the regularity and dynamism of, say, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's engagement with his counterpart from the UAE or Singapore.India decided, in principle, to reopen its valuable Pyongyang listening outpost in February. South Block, seat of the MEA, has been in touch with Germany and the UK, which had already sent teams to North Korea around that time to consider the resumption of their diplomatic activity, which had been interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, Indian diplomats have compared notes with their compeers in Sweden and Poland, which were the first to reopen their embassies in Pyongyang.New Delhi's initiative gained urgency in November after Trump won the US presidential election. In his first presidential term, Trump had said about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that "we fell in love". They

met three times, which was without precedent. It is likely that Trump would revive his summit diplomacy with Kim when he returns to the White House. Even if those summits do not yield concrete results, Trump relishes the worldwide media attention it gives him. It was partly diversionary when he was President. It deflected criticism from real problems in the US.Developments in the Korean peninsula are of greater strategic importance to India today than they were four years ago. North Korea is a more emboldened military factor in East Asia now than it ever has been. New Delhi would want to ensure that Pyongyang's new and bigger arsenal of hypersonic and short-range weapons does not have any place in Pakistan's offensive military thinking.India also wants to calibrate North Korea's stepped-up ties with Russia against its own overall security paradigm. A listening post in Pyongyang with a competent ambassador would be a significant strategic asset for South Block.



THE shocking murder of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson in the US, reportedly motivated by grievances over denied claims, has ignited a global debate about health insurance systems. While the US struggles with its own healthcare challenges, India faces a similarly disheartening reality. As per a recent survey, 43 per cent of policyholders in India reported difficulties in claim processing, ranging from rejections due to "pre-existing conditions" to opaque exclusions hidden in fine print. India's health insurance sector, touted as a safety net, often traps patients in a web of delays and financial burdens. Claims are sometimes processed so sluggishly

Hidden costs, denied claims a bane

**Fix health insurance** 



unsustainable financial burden rather than a source of relief. The lessons from the US are clear: distrust between stakeholders-insurers, healthcare providers and patients leads to systemic failures. India must urgently address this mistrust by strengthening transparency and accountability within the insurance sector. Models like managed care, which integrate healthcare delivery with insurance, can reduce costs and improve patient outcomes.

The Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India must enforce stricter transparency norms, ensure grievance redress mechanisms and penalise unscrupulous practices. Strengthening public systems like Ayushman Bharat can complement these measures by reducing dependence on private insurers. The growing disenchantment with health insurance calls for meaningful reforms. India cannot afford a system that prioritises profit over patient welfare.

very top" was at the heart of the ouster of former President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa.In India's neighbourhood now, there is a third player: the US. No longer does Washington say India is in the lead, we will follow. Instead, it says it also has its own interests.Sri Lanka sits astride key sea trade routes in the Indian Ocean, with the dominant Hambantota Port with China on a 99-year lease. that hospital discharges are delayed, forcing families to bear additional costs. Ambiguous contracts filled with technical jargon only worsen the plight of policyholders, many of whom are left financially and emotionally drained. Adding to the problem, insurance premiums have seen staggering hikes — over 50 per cent for one in five policyholders last year — making coverage unaffordable

for many middle-class families. This trend undermines public trust and risks turning health insurance into an

# **INDIA** bloc totters as Congress faces isolation



#### Alliances are stitched on the basis of strengths of the allies, not their weaknesses. The Congress is often weak in a direct fight with the BJP.

THE 2024 Lok Sabha election results initially suggested that the INDIA bloc could serve as a stable and effective opposition to challenge the Narendra Modi government till 2029. However, this coalition is already tottering. The yearend is seeing the bloc heading for a premature demise. The outcomes of the Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls seem to have convinced a number of INDIA members, including the Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar), Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray), Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal that the Rahul Gandhi-Mallikarjun Kharge-led Congress is good for nothing.As a seemingly well-thought-out strategy, AAP came out first, announcing 'zero space' for the grand old party in the Delhi Assembly elections. The remarks of Lalu Yadav and his son Tejashwi make it clear that they do not want the Congress in their mahagathbandhan for the 2025 Assembly polls in Bihar. The year 2026 has Assembly polls lined up in Kerala, Assam, West Bengal, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, while the 2027 calendar has elections in Goa, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. A cursory look at the political situation shows that the Congress faces the uphill task of wresting Assam from the BJP and Kerala from the LDF and retaining Himachal. In the rest of the states, it is either politically irrelevant or leans heavily on allies, like the DMK in Tamil Nadu and the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh.

This explains why there is a churn within INDIA. Alliance politics in India is guided by certain principles and compulsions that are missing from the INDIA story as of now.Firstly, alliances are stitched on the basis of the strengths of the partners, not their weaknesses. The Congress is often weak and vulnerable when it fights against the BJP in a direct electoral battle. Arvind Kejriwal has, therefore, turned stern, even though the Congress has hinted at accepting even a single-digit figure for seat-sharing in the Delhi Assembly polls. In



Kejriwal's assessment, the Congress is a liability as far as Delhi is concerned as the minority vote is set to switch from the Congress to the AAP. The Congress is now staring at the prospect of drawing a blank in the national capital for a record third time. The 'Kejriwal formula' to drive the Congress out of the state-level alliance is emboldening the likes of Tejashwi Yadav, Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, Sharad Pawar and Uddhav Thackeray.Unfortunately, for the Congress, the opportunity to prove its mettle would only come during the Assam and Kerala Assembly polls of 2026. Rahul Gandhi has issued a directive to senior party leaders and colleagues not to respond to bloc leaders' comments or remarks. This is a weak and feeble attempt to let the alliance continue. The issue of the bloc's leadership is

constantly raised by several regional parties within the alliance. In fact, except for the Congress, virtually everyone in the alliance parivar has recommended or supported Mamata as its head. She has even gone to the extent of 'accepting' the responsibility. But the Congress' studied silence is blocking this move's progress. The Congress, perhaps, understands that INDIA partners want a 'co-equal' status within the bloc. Once again, the history of alliance politics in the country says something different. Alliances have worked and prospered whenever there has been a dominant partner and several minor players. For example, the UDF and LDF alliances in Kerala led by the Congress and the CPM, respectively, or the success of the NDA under the BJP. The Janata Party experiment of 1977, the National

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Front (1989) and the United Front (1996) were a disaster simply because they were based on the 'co-equal' recipe. The Congress, even in terms of diminishing returns, fancies itself as the first among equals due to the virtue of having 100-odd seats in the Lok Sabha.Interestingly, the leadership of an alliance was seldom sought in the past. Morarji Desai became the Prime Minister not because he was the best or a contender but for a reason — to keep Charan Singh in check. NT Rama Rao became the National Front convener in 1988-89 because he was not a contender for the post that saw Devi Lal's nomination; later, the coveted post was offered to VP Singh. During the days of HD Deve Gowda and Inder Kumar Gujral, TDP leader and Andhra Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu acted as convener and kingmaker of a short-lived United Front. In the Vajpayee era of unstable alliance politics, George Fernandes was chosen as the NDA convener. Rama Rao, Naidu or Fernandes were never heard hankering for a post that was offered to them. Ditto for Desai, Devi Lal, Gowda and Gujral. The Congress would want Mamata to know this. The stalwart who can communicate it all is Sharad Pawar. But after the November 23 Maharashtra verdict, Pawar is a king without a kingdom, bitter and lonely. He is looking for a scapegoat for his party's horrible performance in Maharashtra. And, the Congress fits the bill. While Pawar looks for a humiliating merger with nephew Ajit Pawar-led NCP, he is plotting with Mamata and Kejriwal to pin the blame on the Congress. The Congress is missing an effective manager like Ahmed Patel to launch a counter-offensive or a cogent strategy. The three Gandhis and Kharge may look powerful, but deep inside, they are vulnerable and incapable of reaching out to mavericks like Mamata, Kejriwal, Lalu and Pawar.Lastly, it must be remembered that the birth of alliances is announced with a lot of pomp and show, but their death goes unnoticed.

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### कैरारो इंडिया का आईपीओ 20 दिसंबर को खुलेगा, प्राइस बैंड 668-704 रुपये प्रति शेयर

30 दिसंबर को सूचीबद्ध होंगे। कैरारो इंडिया के मुताबिक 10 रुपये प्रति शेयर अंकित मूल्य वाले इस आईपीओ में निवेशेक न्यूनतम 21



इक्विटी शेयरों और उसके बाद 21 इक्विटी शेयरों के गुणकों में बोली लगा सकते हैं। आईपीओ से प्राप्त पुरी धन राशि कंपनी के बजाय सीधे कैरारो इंटरनेशनल एस ई को ही मिलेगी।

# दूसरी तिमाही की जीडीपी वृद्धि में कमी अस्थायी झटका, अर्थव्यवरन्था में बेहतर ग्रोथ देखने को मिलेगीः सीतारमण

आगे बढ़ा रही है, ताकि अर्थव्यवस्था 2024-25 की अप्रैल-जून तिमाही में इसके गुणक प्रभाव को फैलाया जा सके।सीतारमण ने कहा कि दूसरी



2024-25 के लिए अनुदान की अनुपूरक मांगों पर अपने जवाब में तिमाही भारत और दुनिया की कहा कि दूसरी तिमाही में वृद्धि की अधिकांश अन्य अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के लिए चुनौतीपुर्ण रही है। पिछले तीन प्रवृत्ति एक अस्थायी झटका है और वर्षों में देश की जीडीपी वृद्धि अंगली तिमाहियों में अर्थव्यवस्था में बेहतर वृद्धि देखने को मिलेगी। औसतन 8.3 फीसदी रही है। सीतारमण ने कहा कि सरकार वैश्विक मानकों के हिसाब से यह पुंजीगत व्यय के जरिए विकास को एक बेहतरीन संख्या है। वित्त वर्ष

से कम 5.4 फीसदी की जीडीपी वृद्धि दर एक ''अस्थायी झटका'' है, लैंकिन आने वाली तिमाहियों में अर्थव्यवस्था में अच्छी वृद्धि देखने को मिलेगी।सीतारमण ने कहा कि भारत दुनिया में सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती प्रमुख अर्थव्यवस्था बना हुआ है। उन्होंने कहा कि एनडीए शासन में इस पर बेहतर नियंत्रण है, जबकि यूपीए के

कि प्रथम अनुपुरक मांग राशि पिछले वित्त वर्ष की तुलना में काफी कम है, जो बजट निर्माण के बजट अनुमान में अधिक सटीकता दर्शाती है। लोकसभा ने चर्चा के बाद करीब 87,762 करोड़ रुपये के सकल अतिरिक्त व्यय के लिए अनुदानों की अनुपुरक मांगों के

में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था 6.7 फीसदी और जुलाई-सितंबर अवधि में 5.4 फीसदी की दर से बढ़ी है। सीतारमण ने कहा कि दूसरी तिमाही में उम्मीद

शासन में यह दोहरे अंक को छू गई थी। विनिर्माण क्षेत्र में कोई सामान्य मंदी नहीं है, आधे विनिर्माण क्षेत्र मजबूत वृद्धि के संकेत दे रहे हैं। अप्रैल से

#### पहले बैच के सरकार के प्रस्ताव को बोली लगा सकेंगे। कंपनी की योजना पारित कर दिया, जिसमें 44,123 इसके जरिए 1,250 करोड़ रुपये करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध नकद व्यय जुटाने की है। कैरारो इंडिया लिमिटेड शामिल है। के शेयर बीएसई और एनएसई पर आय फाइनेंस लिमिटेड ने आईपीओ के लिए देश में 15 दिसंबर तक चीनी का उत्पादन १७ फीसदी घटकर ६१.३९ लाख टन सेबी के समक्ष डीआरएचपी दाखिल किया

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मुंबई/नई दिल्ली। ऑटो पार्ट

निर्माता कंपनी कैरारो इंडिया लिमिटेड

का आरंभिक सार्वजनिक निर्गम

(आईपीओ) निवेशकों के लिए 20

दिसंबर को खुलेगा। कंपनी ने इसके

लिए मूल्य का दायरा (प्राइस बैंड)

668-704 रुपये प्रति शेयर तय

किया है। कंपनी ने एक बयान में

बताया कि कैरारो इंडिया लिमिटेड का

आईपीओ सब्सक्रिप्शन के लिए 20

दिसंबर को खुलेगा और 24 दिसंबर

को बंद होगा। इस शेयर के लिए बड़े

(एंकर) निवेशक 19 दिसंबर को

अक?टूबर 2024-25 के दौरान खुदरा

महंगाई 4.8 फीसदी रही, यह कोरोना

महामारी के बाद सबसे कम है। वित्त

मंत्री ने कहा कि बेरोजगारी दर वित्त

वर्ष 2017-18 में 6 फीसदी से

घटकर अब 3.2 फीसदी हो गई है।

वित्त मंत्री ने इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला

नई दिल्ली। गुरुग्राम स्थित एमएसएमई ऋणदाता कंपनी आय फाइनेंस लिमिटेड ने आरंभिक सार्वजनिक पेशकश ( आईपीओ ) के लिए पूंजी बाजार नियामक भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड (सेबी) के पास अपना डाफ्ट रेड हेरिंग प्रॉस्पेक्टस (डीआरएचपी) दाखिल किया है। कंपनी की योजना इस आईपीओ के माध्यम से 1,450 करोड़ रुपये जुटाने की है।

सेबी के समक्ष जमा दस्तावेज के अनुसार गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी आय फाइनेंस लिमिटेड ने 1,450 करोड़ रुपये के आईपीओ के लिए अपना डीआरएचपी दाखिल किया है। कंपनी के 02 रुपये प्रति इक्विटी शेयर के अंकित मूल्य वाले प्ररू?तावित इस आईपीओ में 885 करोड़ रुपये तक का नया इश्यू और कॉर्पोरेट और व्यक्तिगत विक्रय शेयरधारकों द्वारा 565 करोड़ रुपये तक की बिक्री . पेशकश (ओएफएस) शामिल है। ओएफएस में भाग लेने वालों में

मख?य रूप से एलजीटी कैपिटल. कैंपिटलजी एलपी, ए91 इमर्जिंग फंड आई एलएलपी और अल्फा वेव वेंचर्स जैसे प्रमुख निवेशक शामिल

फीसदी और प्रावधान कवरेज अनुपात (पीसीआर) 72 फीसदी है, जो अपने क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ में से एक है। उल्लेखनीय है कि गुरुग्राम स्थित



आय फाइनेंस लिमिटेड एक गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी है। यह कंपनी पूरे भारत में सूक्ष्म-स्तरीय सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यमों (एमएसएमई) को ऋण प्रदान करने पर केंद्रित है। यह कंपनी इस क्षेत्र में देश की बढ़ती हुई ऋण मांग का लाभ उठाने के लिए

जहां वार्षिक सूचना विवरण में लेन-देन

के बारे में दी गई जानकारी और

आईटीआर की सूचना के बीच अंतर है।

सीबीडीटी ने कहाँ कि इस अभियान का

उद्देश्य उन करदाताओं को इसके बारे में

याद दिलाना और उनका मार्गदर्शन करना

है। इससे वे वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 के

लिए संशोधित आईटीआर दाखिल कर

सकेंगे, जिसकी अंतिम तिथि 31

दिसंबर, 2024 है। वित्त वर्ष 2021-22

हैं। कंपनी ने वित्त वर्ष 2023 में 43.9 करोड़ रुपये से वित्त वर्ष 2024 में कर पश्चात लाभ (पीएटी) में 291.5 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज करते हुए 171.7 करोड रुपये की वृद्धि दर्ज की है। आया फाइनेंस का शुद्ध गैर-निष्पादित

वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए एआईएस लेन-देन उनके एआईएस में रिपोर्ट के जरिए सूचनात्मक संदेश भेजे गए हैं,

परिसंपत्ति (एनपीए) अनुपात 0.9

लेकर आयकर विभाग ने चलाया अभियान

में रिपोर्ट की गई आय और लेन-देन किए गए हैं, लेकिन उन्होंने संबंधित

निगाह है, बल्कि कई देशों ने इसे सीआईआई-ईवाई रिपोर्ट का दूसरा

संस्करण भी लॉन्च किया। ये व्यापक

रिपोर्ट भारत के गतिशील ऊर्जा

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ऊर्जा राजधानी : प्रल्हाद जोशी

से शुरू हुई, जबकि एक अन्य प्रमख

#### से घटकर 16.78 लाख टन रहा। वहीं, कर्नाटक में चीनी का उत्पादन राज्य महाराष्ट्र में चीनी मिलें पिछले साल की तुलना में 15-20 दिन देरी 17.56 लाख टन से घटकर 13.85 से चालू हुईं। हालांकि, इन प्रमुख राज्यों में देरी से पेराई शुरू होने के बावजूद चालू मिलों की संख्या और संबंधित पेराई दर में तेजी से वृद्धि हो रही है। आईटीआर और एआईएस में अंतर को

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नई दिल्ली। आयकर विभाग ने

आयकर रिटर्न (आईटीआर) और

वार्षिक सूचना विवरण (एआईएस)

में अंतर के बारे में सूचित करने के

लिए अभियान चलाया है। आईटीआर

और एआईएस में अंतर को लेकर

टैक्सपेयर्स और रिटर्न दाखिल नहीं

करने वालों को एसएमएस और ई-

मेल भेजा जा रहा है।आयकर विभाग

ये एसएमएस और ई-मेल उन मामलों

#### लाख टन रह गया है। उद्योग निकाय इस्मा ने कहा कि ''इस साल चीनी का इथेनॉल के निर्माण में इस्तेमाल पिछले साल के 21.5 लाख टन के मुकाबले करीब 40 लाख टन ज्यादा

में चीनी का उत्पादन 22.11 लाख रहने का अनुमान है।

# की स्टॉक मार्केट में जोरदार एंटी

যানবাহনের প্রবেশ শুরু প্রায় ২৪ ঘন্টা পর, বেঙ্গল সরকার পিছু হটেছে এবং ঝাড়খণ্ড থেকে বেঙ্গলে যাওয়া সমস্ত পণ্যবাহী मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने लोकसभा যানবাহনের প্রবেশ শুরু হয়েছে। গত সন্ধ্যা ৭টার में कहा कि चाल वित्त वर्ष की दूसरी পর বেঙ্গল সরকারের আদেশে ঝাড়খণ্ড–বেঙ্গল মথন সীমান্তে পণ্যবাহী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ নিষিদ্ধ করা तिमाही (जुलाई-सितंबर) में देश की

বেঙ্গলে

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शामिल नहीं है।

एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली। देश में चालू चीनी

विपणन सत्र 2024-25 में 15

दिसंबर 2024 तक 61.39 लाख

टन चीनी का उत्पादन हुआ है। पिछले

चीनी विपणन सत्र में इसी अवधि

तक 74.05 लाख टन चीनी का

उत्पादन हुआ था। इस तरह चीनी के

उत्पादन में अब तक 17 फीसदी की

गिरावट दर्ज हुई है। हालांकि, उत्पादन के आंकडों में चीनी का इथेनॉल

निर्माण के लिए उपयोग की मात्रा

भारतीय चीनी मिल संघ (इस्मा) ने

जारी एक बयान में बताया कि

महाराष्ट्र में चीनी के उत्पादन में आई

गिरावट के कारण अक्टूबर में शुरू

हुए चालू विपणन सत्र 2024-25 में

15 दिसंबर 2024 तक चीनी का

उत्पादन 17 फीसदी घटकर 61.39

लाख टन रहा है। इस्मा के मुताबिक

इस साल चालू कारखानों की संख्या

477 है, जबकि पिछले साल इसी

तारीख को 496 चीनी मिलें चालू

थीं। इस्मा के जारी आंकड़ों के

चीनी उद्योग के प्रमुख निकाय

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त

হয়েছিল। এর ফলে রাত থেকে দুপুর পর্যন্ত প্রায় ২০ কিমি দীর্ঘ যানজট সৃষ্টি হয়। চালকদের সমস্যার কথা বিবেচনা করে, MASS বেঙ্গল সরকারকে চাপ দেয় ঝাড়খণ্ড সীমান্ত থেকে বেঙ্গলে প্রবেশ করা সমস্ত যানবাহন বন্ধ করার জন্য। এর ফলে, বেঙ্গল সরকার পিছু হটতে বাধ্য হয় এবং অবশেষে ভারী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ আবার স্বাভাবিক হয়।

বেঙ্গল সরকারের এই অনুমতির পর, ট্রাক চালকরা স্বস্তির নিঃশ্বাস ফেলেন। প্রাক্তন নিরসা বিধায়ক অরূপ চ্যাটার্জি ঝাড়খণ্ডের মুখ্যমন্ত্রী হেমন্ড সোরেনের এই উদ্যোগের প্রশৎসা করেন। তিনি বলেন, মুখ্যমন্ত্রী হেমন্ত সোরেন এই বিষয়ে ক্রমাগত গুরুত্ব দিয়েছেন। বেঙ্গল সরকারের সাথে ইতিবাচক আলোচনা করার পর বেঙ্গল সরকার নিষেধাজ্ঞা তুলে নেয়। এর পর, সারিতে দাঁড়িয়ে থাকা সমস্ত পণ্যবাহী যানবাহন ধীরে ধীরে বেঙ্গলে প্রবেশ করতে শুরু করেছে। NH-এ দীর্ঘ যানজট এখন সীমিত হচ্ছে এবং যানজটও ভাঙতে শুরু করেছে।

भोजपुरी

#### देश क बरक्कत

- श्याम कुंवर भारती (राजभर)

सीमा पर सटला त कटला बाबू तोहके खबरदार करके बा। मिट जाई नाम आतंक भारत से नारा असरदार करे के बा ।

चुन चुन के मारेले जवान सेना के मांद आतंकी घुस घुस के । शेर ए हिन्द के दहाड़ से देश के दुश्मन के दु चार करके बा।

राजनीत ना ई दलदल ह जे भी आइल ऊ कीचड़ से सनाइल । कुर्सी खातिर मिलावे हाथ बैरी से उनके शर्मसार करके बा।

जब देश रही त सब कुछ रही आबाद रही देश से बड़ा कुछ ना। चाहे कुछ भी करे केहू बचावै खातिर देश पहरेदार बने के बा।

भ्रष्टाचार औरी बेइमानी दीमक बा चाट जाला बरक्कत के। मिटा के सब बुराई देश से हर गांव शहर खुशबूदार करे के बा।

# मुताबिक 15 दिसंबर तक उत्तर प्रदेश टॉस द कॉइन और जंगल कैंप्स इंडिया

363.05 रुपये के अपर सर्किट लेवल नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर पर पहुंच गए। इस तरह कंपनी के बाजार में एसएमई सेगमेंट की दो आईपीओ निवेशकों का पैसा पहले दिन कंपनियों ने लिस्टिंग के जरिए ही लगभग दोगुना हो गया है। टॉस द कारोबार की शुरुआत की। दोनों कॉइन का 9.17 करोड़ रुपये का कंपनियों के शेयरों की लिस्टिंग 90 आईपीओ 10 से 12 दिसंबर के बीच प्रतिशत प्रीमियम के साथ हुई। इनमें सब्सक्रिप्शन के लिए खुला था। इस से टॉस द कॉइन के शेयर खरीददारी आईपीओ को निवेशकों की ओर से के सपोर्ट से अपर सर्किट लेवल पर जबरदस्त रिस्पॉन्स मिलने के कारण ये पहुंच गए। जंगल कैंप्स इंडिया के ओवरऑल 1.025.76 गना सब्सक्राइब शेयर मुनाफा वसुली शुरू हो जाने के हुआ था?। इसमें क्वालिफाइड कारण गिरावट का शिकार होकर लोअर इंस्टीटयुशनल बायर्स (क्युआईबी) के सर्किट पर पहुंच गए। मार्केटिंग लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन में 147.69 गुना

टन से बढ़कर 23.04 लाख टन पर इस्मा ने कहा कि इस साल पहुंच गया है। हालांकि, महाराष्ट्र में कर्नाटक में चीनी मिलें पिछले साल चींनी का उत्पादन 24.45 लाख टन की तलना में करीब 7-12 दिन देरी

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For Advertisments call us	साफट पर पहुंच गए। नाफाटन कंसल्टिंग फर्म टॉस द कॉइन के शेयर	सब्सक्रिप्शन आया था। इसी तरह नॉन	में भेज रहा है, जहां वित्त वर्ष			से संबंधित मामलों के लिए करदाता 31
	की आज बीएसई के एसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म	इंस्टीट्यूशनल इन्वेस्टर्स (एनआईआई)	2023-24 (11(19(194) 2021-			मार्च, 2025 की समय-सीमा तक अद्यतन
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mail4daily@gmail.com	345.80 रुपये के स्तर पर लिस्ट हुए।	थां। आईपीओं के तहत 10 रुपये	मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में कहा कि		अभियान के तहत उन मामलों में	
	लिस्टिंग के तुरंत बाद खरीदारी के सपोर्ट	फेस वैल्यू वाले 5.04 लाख नए	केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड (सीबीडीटी)	किया गया है, जिनकी कर योग्य	करदाताओं और आयकर रिटर्न जमा नहीं	उच्च मूल्य वाली विदेशी आय या
	से टॉस द कॉइन के शेयर उछल कर		ने वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 और वित?त	इनकम या महत्वपूर्ण उच्च-मूल्य	करने वालों को एसएमएस और ई-मेल	संपत्ति का खुलासा नहीं किया है।

# जेम के माध्यम से खरीद को बढ़ावा देने के लिए देहरादून में बूट कैंप आयोजित

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्केटप्लेस (जेम) ने खरीद को बढावा देने के लिए देहरादन के आईआरडीटी ऑडिटोरियम में एक दिवसीय विशेष प्रशिक्षण कार्यकम 'जीईएम विक्रेता संवाद 2024 उत्तराखंड' का आयोजन किया।वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में बताया कि गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्कटप्लेस जेम के समावेशिता के मुख्य आधार पर आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य उत्तराखंड के विक्रेताओं, उद्यमियों, एफपीओ आदि के सामने जेम पोर्टल को प्रभावी ढंग से उपयोग करने के दौरान आने वाली विभिन्न चुनौतियों की पहचान करना और उनका समाधान करना था। इस संवाद कार्यक्रम में 60 से ज्?यादा विकेताओं और सेवा प्रदाताओं की

उत्साहपूर्ण भागीदारी देखी गई। उपलब्धियों पर गहन चर्चा की गई मंत्रालय के मुताबिक इससे क्षेत्र के विक्रेताओं और सेवा प्रदाताओं के बीच जागरुकता बढाने तथा पोर्टल



को अपनाने में सहायता मिली। संवाद के दौरान हितधारकों को गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्केटप्लेस प्लेटफॉर्म की डिजिटल क्षमताओं, विशेषताओं और कार्यात्मकताओं की सूक्ष्म समझ प्रदान करने के लिए व्यापक प्रशिक्षण सत्र आयोजित किए गए। इसके अलावा विकेता यात्रा की प्रमख

का तरंत समाधान किया गया। वाणिज्य मंत्रालय ने कहा कि कार्यक्रम में त्वरित सहायता के लिए एक समर्पित गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्कटप्लेस हेल्पडेस्क की व्यवस्था की गई। गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्केटप्लेस इको-सिस्टम में नए विक्रेताओं और सेवा प्रदाताओं को शामिल करने के लिए पंजीकरण अभियान भी चलाया गया। वर्तमान में

उत्तराखंड के लगभग 20 हजार विक्रेता और सेवा प्रदाता गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्कटप्लेस पोर्टल पर पंजीकृत हैं। इनमें से 10,500 से अधिक एमएसई और 1900 से अधिक महिला-नेतृत्व वाले उद्यम डेढ़ लाख से अधिक सरकारी खरीदारों तक

अपनी पहुंच बढ़ाने के लिए गवर्नमेंट और सुचनात्मक प्रश्नोत्तर सत्रों के ई-मार्केटप्लेस का लाभ उठा रहे हैं। दौरान हितधारकों की कई समस्याओं 11 दिसंबर, 2024 तक उत्तराखंड स्थित विक्रेताओं द्वारा देशभर में सरकारी खरीदारों के लिए गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्केटप्लेस पर 8950 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के ऑर्डर पूरे किए गए हैं। इस हिस्से का करोब 50 फीसदी हिस्सा राज्य के एमएसई द्वारा दिया जाता है। राज्य में अपनी पहुंच बढाने और क्षमता निर्माण उपायों को बढाने पर केंद्रित इस संवाद कार्यक्रम का प्रस्ताव आउटरीच बढाने और क्षमता निर्माण उपायों को बढ़ाने के लिए रखा गया था। मुख्य खरीद अधिकारी (राज्य) एवी मुरलीधरन ने कहा कि इस तरह की पहल जागरुकता बढ़ाने और क्षेत्र के विक्रेताओं और सेवा प्रदाताओं की डिजिटल क्षमताओं को मजबत करने के लिए उपयोगी है।

एजेंमी नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री प्रहलाद जोशी ने कहा कि भारत न केवल ऊर्जा क्रांति का साक्षी बन रहा है, बल्कि दनिया की अक्षय ऊर्जा राजधानी भी बन रहा है। चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 की अप्रैल-नवंबर अवधि में भारत की नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा क्षमता सालाना आधार पर लगभग दोगुना होकर 15 गीगावाट हो गई है। यह 2030 तक 500 गीगावाट गैर-जीवाश्म क्षमता के लक्ष्य के प्रति भारत की प्रतिबद्धता को भी दर्शाता है।केंद्रीय ऊर्जा मंत्री ने नई दिल्ली में 5वें

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय नवीन एवं अपनाया भी है। उन्होंने भारत की पहल के तहत वैश्विक सहयोग के

भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (सीआईआई) अंतरराष्ट्रीय ऊर्जा सम्मेलन एवं प्रदर्शनी (आईईसीई) को संबोधित करते हुए कहा, भारत अक्षय ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में जो कुछ कर रहा है, उस पर न केवल दुनिया की

लिए एक औपचारिक व्यवस्था के परिदुश्य में मुल्यवान अंतर्दुष्टि प्रदान रूप में अंतरराष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन की करती है। इस वर्ष के सम्मेलन का भमिका पर प्रकाश डाला. जिस पर विषय ऊर्जा परिवर्तन पर वैश्विक 120 देश हस्ताक्षरकर्ता हैं। संवाद, विकसित हो रहे वैश्विक इस अवसर पर उन्होंने ऊर्जा ऊर्जा परिदृश्य के साथ पूरी तरह से

संक्रमण निवेश मॉनिटर पर मेल खाता है।

रदाताओं ज्लन वर्ष रीआर में आय या संपत्ति का खुलासा नहीं किया है। उद्योग प्रशिक्षण के लिए एआईसीटीई

# और सीआईआई ने की साझेदारी

नई दिल्ली। अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद (एआईसीटीई) और भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (सीआईआई) ने कौशल विकास पर 11वें सीआईआई वैश्विक शिखर सम्मेलन के दौरान एक समझौता ज्ञापन (एमओय) का आदान-प्रदान किया। इस सहयोग का उद्देश्य सभी एआईसीटीई अनुमोदित तकनीकी संस्थानों में वर्तमान और भविष्य में उद्योग जगत की जरूरतों पर केंद्रित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम शुरू करना है। इस दौरान कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय के सचिव एवं राष्ट्रीय व्यावसायिक शिक्षा और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एनसीवीईटी) के अध्यक्ष अतुल कुमार तिवारी, एआईसीटीई के अध्यक्ष प्रो. टी.जी. सीताराम, भारत में ऑस्ट्रेलिया के उप उच्चायुक्त निकोलस मैककैफ्रे, सीआईआई राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास और आजीविका समिति के अध्यक्ष, सीआईआई विमानन समिति, आकासा एयरलाइंस के सह-संस्थापक और बोर्ड सदस्य, होमेज के संस्थापक व निरंतर सेवा की केंद्रीय क्षमता टीम के अध्यक्ष आदित्य घोष समेत कई गण्यमान्य व्यक्ति मौजूद रहे। कार्यक्रम के दौरान प्रो. टी.जी. सीताराम ने भारत के विकास को गति देने के लिए कौशल विकास को एक महत्वपूर्ण स्तंभ बताते हुए कहा कि हम अपने अद्वितीय जनसांख्यिकीय परिस्थिति का लाभ उठाने के लिए एक परिवर्तनकारी यात्रा शुरू कर रहे हैं।

# चौतरफा बिकवाली से शेयर बाजार में कोहराम, बड़ी गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी

एजेंसी नर्ड दिल्ली। विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशकों की बिकवाली और हेवीवेट शेयरों में आई कमजोरी के कारण घरेलू शेयर बाजार आज बडी गिरावट का शिकार हो गया। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत भी कमजोरी के साथ हुई थी। बाजार खुलने के बाद कुछ देर तक खरीदारों ने लिवाली का जोर बनाने की कोशिश की लेकिन पहले 20 मिनट के कारोबार के बाद ही बिकवालों ने दबाव बढा दिया। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली की

वजह से शेयर बाजार बडी गिरावट का बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.65 शिकार हो गया। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 1.30 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 1.35 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ बंद हुए। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सभी सेक्टोरल इंडेक्स गिरावट के साथ लाल निशान में बंद हए। आज के कारोबार में सबसे अधिक गिरावट बैंकिंग, ऑटोमोबाइल, मेटल, ऑयल एंड गैस और एनर्जी सेक्टर में दर्ज की गई। ब्रॉडर मार्केट में भी आज लगातार बिकवाली बना रहा. जिसके कारण का दबाव

प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ बंद हआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.52 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज शेयर बाजार में आई कमजोरी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में करीब 5 लाख करोड रुपये की कमी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद घट कर 455.08 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थाई) हो गया। जबकि पिछले

कारोबारी दिन यानी सोमवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 460.06 लाख करोड रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 4.98 लाख करोड रुपये का नुकसान हो गया। आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,107 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,576 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 2,441 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 90 शेयर बिना किसी उतार-चढाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,521 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से

794 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 1.727 शेयर नकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल सभी 30 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से सिर्फ 1 शेयर हरे निशान में और 49 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 236.76 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 81.511.81 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही खरीदारौं के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक उछल कर

81,613.64 अंक तक पहुंचा, लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में चौतरफा बिकवाली शुरू हो गई। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली के कारण आज का कारोबार खत्म होने के थोडी देर पहले ये सुचकांक 1,136.37 अंक टूट कर 80,612.20 अंक तक गिर गया। हालांकि आखिरी 5 मिनट के कारोबार में हुई खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक निचले स्तर से करीब 70 अंक की रिकवरी करके 1,064.12 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 80,684.45 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स की तरह

एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज 83.45 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 24.584.80 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। बाजार खुलते ही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये सुचकांक उछल कर 24,624.10 अंक तक पहुंचने में सफल रहा, लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में बिकवाली का दबाव बन गया। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली के कारण ये सचकांक आज का कारोबार खत्म होने के थोड़ी देर पहले 364.80 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 24,303.45 अंक तक लुढक गया

### **The Researchers'**

सर्दियां आ गई हैं। लेकिन इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि तुम सिर्फ गर्म कपड़े लाद लो या फिर छुट्टियों के दौरान रजाई में दुबके रहो। इस मौसम में तुम कई ऐसे एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स का मजा ले सकते हो, जो सिर्फ इसी मौसम में संभव हैं।

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यह खास तरह का विंटर स्पोर्ट है, साथ ही फिजिकल फीचर्स और हवा की जिसमें स्की करने वाले लोगों को दिशा की जानकारी भी जरूर होनी हेलीकॉप्टर से एक पहाड़ की चोटी पर चाहिए। भारत हेली स्कीइंग की सुविधा पहुंचा दिया जाता है। इससे स्की करने प्रदान करने वाला पहला देश है। इस वाले स्कीइंग के जरिये ऊपर जाने की स्पोर्ट का सबसे ज्यादा मजा कश्मीर की मेहनत से बच जाते हैं। इसमें बहुत हिमालय रेंज में आता है। यहां कर सकते मनाली हिमाचल प्रदेश अनुभव और हिम्मत की जरूरत होती है, हो हेली स्कीइंग– हनुमान टिब्बा मनाली -

हिमाचल प्रदेश, औली उत्तराखंड, पिथौरागढ उत्तराखंड, रोहतांग पास मनाली हिमाचल प्रदेश, चंद्रखानी पास कुल्लू और मनाली हिमाचल प्रदेश, गुलमर्ग जम्मू एवं कश्मीर, देव टिब्बा

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यह विंटर स्पोर्ट काफी मशहूर है, क्योंकि भारत में मोटर रैलीज के लिए शानदार इलाके हैं। पहाडी इलाकों से शुरू होकर समुद्र तटों (सी बीच) तक। जो लोग डाइविंग और एडवेंचर पसंद करते हैं, उनके लिए यह

शानदार स्पोर्ट है। पहाड़ी इलाकों में ड्राइविंग करना काफी मुश्किल होता है, इसलिए ड्राइवर को काफी स्मार्ट होना पड़ता है। भारत में होने वाली कुछ मशहूर कार रैली हैं– हिमालयन कार रैली, विटेज कार रैली, द मॉनसून रैली, द चारमीनार चैलेंज रैली, कनार्टक 1000 रैली और रैली एंड्योरेंस आदि। डी '

### कैमल सफारी

यह जाडे का एक लोकप्रिय स्पोर्ट है। सबसे बढिया कैमल सफारी का मजा लेना है तो राजस्थान के थार रेगिस्तान में पहुंच जाओ। जोधपुर, जैसलमेर और बीकानेर में कैमल सफारी का बढिया मजा ले सकते हो। इन जगहों के अलावा रामगढ़, नवलगढ़ और चुरू आदि शहरों में भी इसका मजा लिया जा सकता है। सफारी टूर आयोजित करने वाले सफारी के दौरान पुराने जमाने के कारवां सफर की तरह का माहौल पैदा करने की कोशिश करते है, जिसमें सफारी के साथ-साथ

म्यूजिशियन भी चलते हैं। साथ ही वे बीच में कहीं–कहीं कैंप फायर का आयोजन भी करते हैं, ताकि टूरिस्ट कैमल सफारी को पूरा एंज्वॉय कर सकें।

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# **दुनिया के** अजब-गजब

सामान्यत- सांप को एक बेहद विषैला और खतरनाक जंतू माना जाता है. कई लोग तो सांप का नाम सूनते ही भय से घिर जाते हैं. लेकिन सभी सांप जहरीले नहीं होते, बल्कि कई बहुत सीधे और शांत भी होते हैं. मगर इनका आकार, रंग-रूप हमें भयभीत कर देता है. पुरानी मान्यता है कि सांप दुनिया के सबसे पहले और सबसे पुराने सरीसृप (रेपटाइल्स) हैं. वैसे अगर जहरीले सांपों का जिन्न किया जाँये, तो दुनिया में कुल चार तरह के जहरीले सांप होते हैं- पहला एलापिड्स, दूसरा वैपरिड्स, तीसरा कोलब्रिडस और चौथा हाइड्रोफाइडी.

एलापिड्स - इस परिवार के सांप दुनिया में उष्णकटिबंधीय इलाकों में पाये जाते हैं. इस परिवार में 231 जातियां होती हैं. कुछ एलापिडस के सदस्यों का नाम है– कोबरा, किंग कोबरा, करैत. ये सभी बेहद जहरीले होते हैं. दक्षिण और पूर्वी अफीका के पर्वतीय इलाकों में पाया जानेवाला ब्लैक माम्बा दुनिया का खतरनाक जहरीला सांप इसी परिवार का अंग है.

वैपरिड्स (वाइपर) - ये दुनिया भर में पाये जाते हैं सिवाय ऑस्ट्रेलिया और मेडागास्कर के. इनका मुंह अपेक्षाकृत थोड़ा बड़ा होता है, जिससे ये शिकार को आसानी से पकड़ लेते हैं. इस परिवार में चार जातियां होती हैं-आजेमिओपिनि, वाइपरनी, ऋोटेलिनी और काउसिनी.

कोलुब्रिड – इनकी खासियत है कि इनका पूरा शरीर स्केल्स से ढंका होता है. सामान्यतः इनमें जहर नहीं पाया जाता, लेकिन कुछ सांप इनमें ऐसे भी हैं, जिनके नुकीले दांत उनके मुंह के पीछे की तरफ होते हैं और वे नुकसानदायक होते हैं. ऐसे केवल अफीकन ही होते हैं. इस परिवार के सदस्यों में कुछ सांप रानी सांप, राजा सांप, ताज सांप, बैल सांप, चूहा सांप, मोजाबंध सांप, चिकना सांप, पानी सांप, दुधहिया सांप, पेड़ पर रहनेवाले सांप हैं. रानी सांप जहरीला नहीं होता. गहरे भूरे रंग का यह सांप 60 सेंटीमीटर से ज्यादा लंबा नहीं होता है.

हाइड्रोफाइडी - इन्हें समुद्री सांप भी कहते हैं. समुद्री सांप में कई तरह की <mark>प्रजातियां हो</mark>ती हैं. वे जमीन की तुलना

में पानी में ज्यादा रहते हैं. समुद्री सांप कोबरा समूह से होता है. ये दो मीटर तक लंबे होते हैं. इनके परिवार में 50 से ज्यादा प्रजातियां होती हैं. इनमें से अधिकतर जहरीली होती हैं. इनके ऊपरे जबडे में अपेक्षाकृत छोटे, नुकीले और थोड़े खोंखले दांत होते हैं. <mark>इनमें ल</mark>गभग 1.5 मिलीग्राम तक जहर होता है. समुद्री सांप थलीय सांप की अपेक्षा ज्यादा जहरीले होते हैं.

गिरगिट समय-समय पर अपना रंग बदलने के लिए जाना जाता है. पर आपने कभी सोचा है कि गिरगिट अपना रंग कैसे बदल लेता है? क्या गिरगिट के भीतर रंगों ' मंडार होता है, जो जरूरत के अनुसार उनका इस्तेमाल कर लेता है? दरअसल, इस प्राणी की त्वचा में एक विशेष गुण होता है

# हैंग ग्लाइडिंग

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# बैलनिंग

भारत में इसे एक फैंसी विंटर स्पोर्ट के रूप में देखा जाता है। हर साल नवंबर में पूरी दुनिया में बैलून फेस्टिवल का आयोजन किया जाता है और इसमें भाग लेने वाले सभी लोग इसे काफी एंज्वॉय करते हैं। दिल्ली के सफदरजंग एयरपोर्ट स्थित बैलून क्लब ऑफ इंडिया इस हवाई स्पोर्ट का हेडक्वार्टर है।

#### यहां कर सकते हो बैलूनिंग

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# रॉक क्लाइंबिंग

इस गेम में साहस की जरूरत होती है। इसमें ढेरों मुश्किलों का सामना करते हुए अपने लक्ष्य तक पहुंचना होता है और फिर वहां से उसी तरह वापस लौटना पड़ता है। कुछ लोगों में इस खेल को लेकर काफी पैशन होता है। इस खेल में कंसन्ट्रेशन, को–ऑर्डिनेशन और मजबूती का इम्तिहान होता है, साथ ही टेक्निक और स्किल की भी परीक्षा होती है। एक अनुभवी क्लाइंबर जानता है कि पहाड़ों को कभी हल्के में नहीं लिया जा सकता। रॉक क्लाइंबिंग के कुछ प्रसिद्ध सेंटर उत्तराखंड के गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में हिमालय रेंज में हैं। इसके अलावा पुणे, माउंट आबू के पास वेस्टर्न घाट और राजस्थान में सरिस्का इसके लिए काफी मशहूर है। दुर्घटना से बचने के लिए अपने साथ एक प्रोफेशनल क्लाइंबर रखना बहुत जरूरी है।

# गिरगिट का रंग बदलना 🔊

हम अकसर किसी से कहते हैं कि तुम भी गिरगिट की तरह रंग बदल रहे हो! जाहिर है ऐसा हम गिरगिट के स्वभाव को ध्यान में रख कर कहते हैं, जो समय-समय पर अपना रंग बदलने के लिए जाना जाता है. पर आपने कभी सोचा है कि गिरगिट अपना रंग कैसे बदल लेता है? क्या गिरगिट के भीतर रंगों का भंडार होता है, जो जरूरत के अनुसार उनका इस्तेमाल कर लेता है? दरअसल, इस प्राणी की त्वचा में एक विशेष गुण होता है.

वह गुण होता है उसकी विशेष प्रकार की कोशिकाएं यानी सेल क्रोमाटाफोरस में. ये सेल क्रोमाटाफोरस दिमाग द्वारा नियंत्रित होती हैं. किसी भी खतरे को भांप कर गिरगिट का दिमाग इन कोशिकाओं को संदेश भेजता है. कोशिकाएं इसी के अनुरूप फैलने या सिकुड़ने लगती हैं, तो ये सेल क्रोमाटॉफोरस अपना आकार बदल कर छोटी या बड़ी हो जाती हैं और पिगमेंट के कारण गिरगिट का रंग बदल जाता है. वह फौरन चारों तरफ के रंगों में घुल-मिल कर अपने शत्रुओं से अपनी रक्षा कर लेती है. शिकार को पकड़ने के लिएँ भी पत्तों या स्थानीय रंग को धारण कर लेती है. तापमान कम या ज्यादा होने पर भी इसका असर उसकी त्वचा पर दिखाई देने लगता है.

इसके शरीर से विशेष

प्रकार के हार्मोन के निकलने से कोशिकाएं उत्तेजित होने लगती हैं. गिरगिट की त्वचा में ऊपर से नीचे पीली, भूरी, काली और सफेद रंग के पिगमेंट से भरी कोशिकाएं होती हैं. इंटरमेडिन, एसीटिलकोलिन व एड्रीनेलिन नाम से हार्मोन

ही उन कोशिकाओं को उत्तेजित करने के लिए जिम्मेदार होते हैं. दिलचस्प बात है कि गिरगिट अकेलापन पसंद करते हैं. जब उसका शत्रु से सामना होता है, तो अपने पीले धारियों के साथ लाल रंग में बदल जाते हैं और जब वह बीमार होते हैं, तो उनका रंग पीला हो जाता है, क्योंकि अब उसमें रंग बदलने के लिए ऊर्जा बहुत कम बचती हैं.

मुख्य रूप से दो जातियां वर्णित हैं– ब्रूकेसिया ( 19 (यूरोपीय

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प्रजातियां) और कैमेलियो (70 प्रजातियां). इनमें से लगभग आधी प्रजातियां सिर्फ मेडागास्कर में पायी जाती है, अन्य अफ्रीका में सहारा के दक्षिण में. पश्चिमी एशिया में दो प्रजातियां पद्मायी जाती हैं, एक दक्षिण भारत और श्रीलंका में और दूसरी गिरिगट, कैमेलियो, कैमलियॉन) उत्तरी अफीका से लेकर स्पेन तक. दक्षिणी अधिकांश गिरिगट 17-25 सेमी लंबे होते हैं अधिकतम लंबाई 60 सेमी तक हो सकती है. कुछ में घुमावदार पूंछ भी पायी जाती है. इसकी बाहर ओर निकली हुई आंखें एक-दूसरे से भिन्न दिशा में घूम संकती हैं. दक्षिण अफीका की कुछ प्रजातियां अंडों के बजाय बच्चों को ही जन्म देती हैं.

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#### Rohit Sharma avoids Mohammed Shami question after Gabba draw: NCA should answer

**New Delhi** India captain Rohit Sharma humorously sidestepped questions about pacer Mohammed Shami's availability for the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy, stating that only the National Cricket Academy (NCA) could provide clarity on his fitness. Following India's hard-fought draw in the third Test against Australia at the Gabba, speculation intensified regarding potential changes in India's bowling attack for the series' remainder.Shami's name has been a constant topic amongst Indian cricket fans, who are eager to see the experienced bowler join forces with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. However, lingering concerns over Shami's recovery from an ankle surgery in November 2023 have left the Indian management cautious. Addressing the media post-match, Rohit emphasised that the NCA would need to certify Shami's readiness before any decision could be mede about bic inclusion decision could be made about his inclusion in the Test squad."I think it's high time somebody from NCA talked about him. That's our national cricket academy where



he is rehabing. Those guys are the ones who need to come up and give us some kind of update. But look, I understand he's playing a lot of cricket back home, but there have been some complaints about his knee as well. The last thing you want is the player coming here and then pulling out in the middle of the game. You know what happens when that kind of thing happens," Rohit said.

'There's no way we want to take that chance unless we are like, not a hundred percent, 200 hundred percent sure. We're not going to take any risk. But yeah, like I said in the last press conference, the door is onen. If these press conference, the door is open. If those guys at the NCA feel that he's okay to go and guys at the NCA feet that he sokay to go and recovered, and play, I will be happy to have him," he addedShami, currently at the NCA in Bengaluru, has declared himself available for the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy. This development has complicated the possibility of his joining the Indian Test squad in Australia anytime soon Australia anytime soon.

#### Shami since his return from injury

The veteran pacer has been out of international action since the ODI World Cup Final. Following surgery and an extensive rehabilitation program, Shami marked his competitive return in the Ranji Trophy after India's dismal 3-0 Test series whitewash against New Zealand. He also impressed in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, further fuelling calls for his inclusion in the ongoing Australia series.

#### Vinícius Júnior and Aitana Bonmati win FIFA best player of the year awards

DOHA. Real Madrid star Vinícius Júnior finally got his hands on a big global player award on Tuesday. Vinícius was named the men's player of the year at the FIFA's "The Best" awards, where Barcelona playmaker Aitana Bonmati continued to clean up in the prizes for women's soccer. The 24-year-old Vinícius was so disappointed to lose out to Manchester City midfielder Rodri for the Ballon d'Or in October that he and his Madrid team snubbed the ceremony in Paris in protest. This time Rodri ended up second to Vinícius by five points. The Brazil forward was at the FIFA ceremony to collect his award having travelled to Doha on Monday with Madrid for the Intercontinental Cup final against Pachuca."I don't even know where to begin," Vinícius said in Portuguese. "It was so far away that it seemed impossible to get here. I was a kid who only played

# There was not going to be an opportunity for Rana to start in our 11: Gujarat coach Klinger

Gujarat Giants coach shed light on some additions and some omissions ahead of the third season of Women's Premier League.

CHENNAI. Gujarat Giants, after finishing last in the back-to-back Women's Premier League points table, went into the miniauction looking to make a few important changes.In an exclusive interaction with TNIE, the Australian coach Michael Klinger explained the auction strategies, hopes for his players and future plans. Excerpt ...

On acquiring West Indies' Deandra Dottin

She was definitely our target in that first set for a few reasons. She's a match winner. She brings power to our batting lineup and she can bowl four quality overs for us, especially through the middle and death and she's such a versatile player and a match winner and she's been part of championship teams recently and, and that's what we were after. watched her closely recently in the WBBL.

She is someone who we're excited to have

with us. On retaining Sayali Satghare in the squad

With Sayali, I suppose it's unusual for a team to bring in a replacement last year. She didn't get a game for us, but we retained her. Her performance in domestic cricket has been fantastic. She bowls during difficult period, she bowls in the power play, she bowls at the death. She bats in the top six in domestic cricket. So we know she can give us some useful runs if required. We know she can add a value in the batting area as well. So we had a camp recently with our local players and she was outstanding there as well. With the ball and her execution when we tried to put a bit of extra pressure on and set scenarios was fantastic. We are really looking forward to On not picking former Giants captain Sneh having her in the squad and no doubt she'll win some matches for us this year.

#### On breaking bank for Simran Shaikh

Leading into the auction, we probably didn't think she would go that high but she was a player of interest for us in particular because of her power and the strike rate that she batted at in the recent Challenger Trophy. Her strike rate was over 200. That's very rare in women's cricket.We feel that we have a local batting group who can play a very similar way to probably a lot of the other batters that were available. So we were looking at someone different and someone



who could bring power to our squad and she was that player.She's had a taste of WPL in season one with UP. We're really excited to have her here and feel that she can win some matches for us with a style about it.

#### Rana

When we were strategising around the players we were looking to retain, there was a clear strategy to pick players who we thought would have the chance of starting in our 11. With us having Ashleigh Gardner as our main offspinner and then two good left unorthodox in Mannat Kashyap, Tanuja Kanwar and of course with Priya Mishra, there was just not going to be an opportunity for her to start in our 11. And Sneh just didn't quite fit that, but it was a really tough decision because she is a high quality player, I think when we made that decision, it was

just after she got 10 wickets in a Test match. She's not in the Indian white-ball squads either. She's a very good white ball player, I was pretty confident she would get picked up elsewhere and get an opportunity maybe to play elsewhere. It hasn't turned out that way for her. It was great to have her around the group.

#### On England's Danielle Gibson

think she's a high quality player. We were very lucky to get her at base price. Probably what helped us with that is she has been injured the last few weeks but she's back playing now.

hat probably helped not having other people bidding for her, but she adds a huge amount of versatility for us. She's a fantastic bowler combined in all phases and can bowl very well at the depth one of the best fielders in the women's game and a power hitter. On Prakashika Naik getting a nod

Prakashika Naik is another leg spinner who's probably been the best performing leg spinner in domestic game, especially the Challenger Trophy. We have Priya Mishra who's going great with India at the moment, but maybe on occasion when we decide to play two leg spinners if conditions suit. 'hey're gold dust in men's or women's cricket

if you get the right conditions and have two high-quality leg spinners in the team.

#### Virat Kohli reacts to R Ashwin retirement: When you told me, it made me emotional

# **R** Ashwin retires: Nothing but respect for him, says Australia's Nathan Lyon

New Delhi. Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon paid a rich tribute to R Ashwin after the Indian spin maestro announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket on Wednesday. Lyon said he had "nothing but respect" for Ashwin and hailed his skillset as "incredible."Speaking to reporters after the Brisbane Test, which ended in a draw, Ashwin revealed that Wednesday would be his last day representing India in all formats. Widely regarded as one of the greatest off-spinners in Indian cricket history, Ashwin served the national team with distinction. Across all formats, he played 106 Tests, 116 ODIs, and 65 T20Is, taking a remarkable 775 wickets."Nothing but respect (for Ashwin). Just the way Ash has conducted himself on and off the field for a number of years now, and his skill set is incredible. We've got different opinions on different things, there's no right or wrong. But to have those conversations with a bowler like Ashwin is amazing," Lyon said while speaking to Fox Cricket.Earlier in the day, the Indian spinner spent considerable time talking with Lyon. Lyon said the duo spoke about 'different variations, different tactics and

understanding what he's trying to do'. "We are both very different. So our conversation this morning was brilliant and I hope we



have more through the series and in the future as well," Lyon said.

Ashwin, who played in the Adelaide Test, had to make way for Ravindra Jadeja in the third match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India used three different spinners in the first three Tests of the series, with the team management opting for Washington Sundar in the opening Test in Perth.Asked about this, Lyon told the Australian broadcaster: "It's an interesting question. You've got someone sitting [on the bench] with 530-odd Test wickets and I'm walking to the ground, scratching my head, saying 'What are you doing?'. He's proven that he is one of the world's best spin bowlers to ever play the game." Ashwin's retirement comes in the middle of the India vs Australia Test series.

He played just one Test in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy. He was named in the playing XI for the second Test in Adelaide, which Australia won by ten wickets. In the match, Ashwin took just one wicket and recorded scores of 22 and 7. Ashwin has long served Indian cricket and is inarguably one of the greatest off-spinners the country has ever produced. He played 106 Tests, 116 ODIs, and 65 T20Is for India, taking 775 wickets across all

formats.In Tests, Ashwin has claimed his wickets at an impressive average of 24 and a strike rate of 50.7, including 37 fivewicket hauls. His achievements extend far beyond these figures. Ashwin retires as the seventh-highest wicket-taker in Test history and holds the distinction of being the highest wicket-taking off-spinner in the format. However, Nathan Lyon is expected to surpass this record in the future.Lyon said he expected Ashwin to play in Melbourne and Sydney. However, Ashwin called time on his career later in the day. "[It] more than surprises me (that Ashwin didn't play).

Former captain Virat Kohli said R Ashwin made him emotional when he told him about his decision to retire. In a heartwarming post on social media, Kohli paid tribute to the most successful Indian off-spinner, wishing him the best for his post-retirement career.

Virat Kohli highlighted R Ashwin's matchwinning contributions in Test cricket and said the off-spinner would be 'remembered as a legend of Indian cricket'. Ashwin retired from international cricket on Wednesday, minutes after the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy ended in a rain-affected draw."I have played with you for 14 years and when you told me today you're retiring, it made me a bit emotional and the flashbacks of all those years playing together came to me. I've enjoyed every bit of the journey with you ash, your skill and match-winning contributions to Indian cricket are second to none and you will



always and always be remembered as a legend of Indian cricket," Virat Kohli said in his post."Wish you nothing but the best in your life with your family and everything else that it unfolds for you. With massive respect and lots of love to you and your close ones. Thanks for everything buddy," he addedVirat Kohli and R Ashwin shared a warm embrace during a rain interruption in the dressing room at Gabba, Brisbane on Wednesday, December 18. Ashwin and Kohli were engaged in an intense chat on Day 5 of the third Test, leading to retirement rumours. Ashwin ensured the rumours did not stay long as he announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket right after the end of the third Test. Ashwin attended the press conference along with India captain Rohit Sharma to confirm his decision.R Ashwin's rose to the pinnacle of Test cricket came under Virat Kohli's captaincy. He picked up 293 wickets in 55 Tests, including 21 five-wicket hauls.

# Gabba Test: Convinced R Ashwin to stay for pink-ball Test, reveals Rohit Sharma



football barefoot on the streets of São Gonçalo, close to poverty and crime.

"Getting here is something very important to me. I'm doing it for many children who think that everything is impossible and who think they can't get here."Vinícius echoed those sentiments in an Instagram post, where he took a thinly-disguised dig at presumably the Ballon d'Or voters — journalists from the top 100 countries in the FIFA rankings."Today I am writing to that boy who saw so many idols lift this trophy... your time has come," he wrote. "Or rather, my time has come. The time to say ... yes, I am the best player in the world and I fought hard for it."They tried and still try to invalidate me, to diminish me. But they are not prepared. No one is going to tell me who I should fight for, how I should behave."Vinícius has been subjected to racist abuse in Spain and at one point earlier this year said he was "losing my desire to play" but added "I'll keep fighting."Bonmati won the award for best women's player of the year making it back-to-back prizes.

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New Delhi. India captain Rohit Sharma has revealed that he asked R Ashwin to stay on for the pinkball Test after the spinner announced his retirement from the game after the match in Gabba. Ashwin, who played the game in Adelaide, wasn't picked in the side for the matches in Perth and Brisbane.After a glorious career, Ashwin decided to announce during the post-match press conference that he has retired from international cricket completely. Speaking about the retiring

spinner, Rohit revealed that he came to know about Ashwin's decision when he had arrived in Perth. The India captain revealed that Ashwin understood the team's plans and the combinations they would be going with and hence decided to make the call after the match in Brisbane."I heard R Ashwin's



retirement when I came to Perth. I was not there for the first few days of the Test. This was in his mind since then. There are obviously a lot of things that went behind it. Ashwin, when he is in position, will be able to answer that. He understands the kind of combinations we are thinking. When we came here as well, we were not sure which spinner was going to play. We just wanted to assess and see what kind of conditions we get in front of us. But yeah, when I arrived in Perth, we had a chat and somehow convinced him to stay for the pink-ball Test match. It happened so that he felt 'if I am not needed right now in the series, then I am better off saying goodbye to the game.

Keeping Ashwin in mind, if this is what he thinks, we should allow him to think that way. We should all

standby his call. That is what I am thinking right now and that's the same mindset of Gautam Gambhir as well. It's important a player like him who has had great moments with the team is allowed to make such a call," said Rohit during the press conference.

Ashwin played an integral role in India's home series dominance during Virat Kohli's era as captain between 2014 and 2021.

Ashwin was named the ICC Cricketer of the Year and ICC Test Cricketer of the Year in 2016, becoming only the third Indian to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for his remarkable all-round performances that year.

# R Ashwin retires: Sunil Gavaskar criticises timing of spinner's unforeseen call

Sunil Gavaskar was critical of R Ashwin's decision to retire from all formats of the game midway through the Border-Gavaskar Trophy on Wednesday, December 18. Ashwin made the decision right after the Gabba Test ended in a draw.

New Delhi. Sunil Gavaskar has been critical of the timing of R Ashwin's retirement call, claiming that the spinner should have made the decision after the end of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Ashwin would make the shock call after the Gabba Test on Wednesday, December 18, after the match ended in a draw.

The rumours had started to come in on Wednesday morning when Ashwin was seen

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sharing a warm embrace with Virat Kohli in the dressing room as the game was halted by rain. Ashwin would then appear alongside Rohit Sharma in the post-match press conference and announce his decision to the reporters. Speaking to the broadcasters, Gavaskar said that the shock call had now left the Indian squad one man short. The Indian legend feels that Ashwin could have had a chance to make it to the side during the Sydney, where the pitch could have offered support to

spinners.He could have said, listen after the end of the series, I won't be available for selection for India. What it does is that, similarly when MS Dhoni retired at the end of the 3rd Test in 2014-15 series, it leaves



you one short. The selection committee has picked so many players for a tour with a purpose. If there are any injuries they can select from the reserve players to have in the team. So, Sydney is somewhere where there

is a lot of support on offer for spinners. So India could have played with 2 spinners. You never know. He could have been there for sure. I don't know how the pitch in Melbourne will be like."Normally, you tend to look at the end of the series. That's it. In the middle, it is not usual," said Gavaskar.When asked if Washington Sundar was ahead of Ashwin in the pecking order, Gavaskar said that could be the case. The Indian legend ended by hailing Ashwin as a fine

cricketer."Maybe Washington Sundar is ahead of him. Rohit said he is flying out tomorrow. So that's the end of Ashwin as an international cricketer. He has been one heck of a cricketer," said Gavaskar.

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# Reveals Why She Said Yes To Vicky Kaushal's Chhaava

Rashmika Mandanna, riding high on the success of Pushpa 2, is gearing up for her next big project, Chhaava, in which she stars alongside Vicky Kaushal. In a recent interview, Rashmika shared her initial reaction when she was offered the role. Rashmika, who is predominantly known for her work in South Indian cinema, admitted that she was initially taken aback when the filmmakers approached her to play a Maharashtrian queen.In conversation with Pinkvilla, Rashmika Mandanna revealed what she promptly said after hearing the script for Chhaava the first time. She recalled, "The first narration of Chhaava I heard, the film team were in touch with the managers and they called me into their office. They told me who it is about and that is something...Its huge. And for me in my head I am thinking I am from South, how can you think about me playing a Maharashtrian queen. Let me just ask you this basic question- Me! How? What is going on? But the second I heard the script for the first time in my life I didn't take a second to say yes."

didn't take a second to say yes." Rashmika Mandanna spoke fondly of her transformation for Chhaava, describing how surprised she was during her look test. Not only did she look the part of a Maharashtrian queen, but her facial features, body language, and overall style also seemed to align with the role in a way she hadn't anticipated. She remarked, "Suddenly, my features, my body language, and everything changed."In addition, the actress praised her costar, Vicky Kaushal, and director Laxman Utekar for their incredible contributions to the film. She gushed about Vicky's performance, saying, "He has killed it," and expressed admiration for Laxman Utekar's craft. She couldn't help but be in awe of their work, commenting, "My God, I can't. I'm all gushing all over like their craft like it's amazing."

# **Off Track**

Kajol Drops Throwback Pics From K3G Sets: 'They Just Don't Make Them Like They Used To'



aran Johar's Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham... is undoubtedly one of the classic films of all time. The movie, released on December 14, 2001, with an ensemble cast featuring Kajol, Shah Rukh Khan, Jaya Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan, Kareena Kapoor, Hrithik Roshan and others, has etched a special place in millions of hearts. Today, as the movie completed 23 years since its release, Kajol dropped some mesmerising photos from the sets of the musical romance drama, leaving her fans in complete nostalgia.

On Instagram, Kajol walked down memory lane and posted a couple of photos clicked while filming Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham... The first photo featured Big B with his wife, portrayed by Jaya Bachchan in the film, alongside their on-screen sons and their loved counterparts. All six of them were seemingly grooving to the beats of the song, Bole Chudiyan, sung by Jatin-Lalit, while the candid moment was captured. The following two photos showed Kajol cuddled up with SRK in romantic poses while looking gorgeous as ever in a red saree. The superstar, on the other hand, looked handsome in an all-black outfit.

Alongside it, Kajol revealed her honest opinions about cinema and penned in the caption, "Life, love and laughter. They just don't make them like they used to anymore. 23 years and some fabulous memories later...." And we simply can't deny it. Such movies are for a lifetime. She even hashtagged the post with words like "23 years of K3G", "K3G" and "memories". Within no time after Kajol made the post, her fans

Within no time after Kajol made the post, her fans were left in nostalgia. Social media users started rooting for a Kajol and SRK reunion onscreen under the banner of Karan Johar's Dharma Productions. One user commented, "A movie that never gets tired of watching," while another said, "Fav movie since childhood!!!!" A social media user wrote a meaningful note mentioning, "Absolutely... 23 years of this masterpiece K3G... @kajol You're too good there... Just watched it yesterday with the whole family... And coincidentally, you happened to be in Nagpur yesterday."

Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Spirit: Kareena, Saif And Mrunal Thakur May Join Prabhas in Cop Thriller



Vicky Kaushal, Rashmika Mandanna, and Akshaye Khanna, among others, feature in Chhaava, which tells the narrative of a brave historical figure, the Maratha king Sambhaji. The film was expected to compete with Pushpa 2 at the box office. However, the producers eventually moved the release date to February 14, 2024.

# Kangana Ranaut Critiques Bollywood, Praises South Films: 'They Are Obsessed With Abs, Bikes And Babes'

angana Ranaut has shared her views on the rising success of South Indian films compared to Bollywood at the box office. According to the actor, one of the main reasons behind this trend is that Hindi films have increasingly lost touch with reality.Speaking at Agenda Aaj Tak, Kangana was asked about the massive popularity of Allu Arjun's Pushpa franchise and how it compares to the current situation in Bollywood. She remarked, "Pehele toh mujhe nahi lagta ke Bollywood or Hindi cinema ne mainstream hone ka theka liya hua hai (I don't think Bollywood can be dubbed as mainstream). They are not mainstream by any standard. Our films should be defined as the Indian film industry, one industry in which every type of audience is addressed."

Kangana attributed the success of Pushpa 2 to the relatable character Allu Arjun portrays, a daily wage worker. She pointed out Bollywood's detachment from reality as a major issue. "People in Bollywood

live in a bubble. And that is one of the biggest reasons I have a problem with them. Kyunki yeh log bubble se nikalna nahi chahte han (They don't want to come out of the bubble). All they need is to go to the gym, take protein shakes, take injections. They don't have any connection with reality," she said. The actor further emphasized that such roles would rarely attract Bollywood stars. "Inko chaiyeh six pack abs, hot babe, beach, bike, item number bas bahut hai (They want six pack abs, hot babe, beaches, bike and item numbers. That's enough for them)... It is important to have a reality check," she concluded. Pushpa: The Rise became a pan-India phenomenon upon its release in 2021, grossing over ?136 crore in Telugu and ?106 crore in its Hindi-dubbed version, making



it Allu Arjun's highest-grossing film. Its songs and dialogues resonated with audiences across the Hindi-speaking regions.Now, the sequel, Pushpa 2: The Rule, continues Pushpa Raj's journey, showing his rise from a daily wage earner to the leader of a red sanders smuggling syndicate. Rashmika Mandanna reprises her role as Srivalli, Pushpa's wife, standing by him against his estranged family. Fahadh Faasil returns as police officer Bhanwar Singh Shekawat, still grappling with the humiliation he faced in the first film. The sequel ends with a setup for the next installment, Pushpa 3: The Rampage.

fter the massive success of Kabir Singh and Animal, Sandeep Reddy Vanga is gearing up for his next ambitious project in Hindi cinema. Earlier this year, Pinkvilla had reported that Vanga is set to begin shooting for the Prabhas-led Spirit in the first quarter of 2025, aiming for a 2026 release. The preproduction work for this high-octane cop thriller is currently underway, including casting, and Pinkvilla has learned that Sandeep Reddy Vanga and producer Bhushan Kumar are in talks with Mrunal Thakur for the female lead.According to a source close to the development, discussions are ongoing with Mrunal Thakur to play the female lead opposite Prabhas in Spirit. The source revealed, "Spirit is the most ambitious and awaited films of Indian Cinema, and the makers are going all out to have the best and most talented actors of world cinema on board the film. While Prabhas is locked to play the role of a cop, the conversations are in progress with Mrunal Thakur, Saif Ali Khan, and Kareena Kapoor with the latter two for the negative turn.'

The insider further shared that Spirit is set to redefine the cop-action genre in Indian cinema, promising a unique narrative. "It's a story like never before, in the template of a commercial Indian Film. There are good people and bad people in the tale, but with a lot of elements of grey that Vanga is known for. Every character has a purpose, and it's among the most ambitious films for Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The writing work and prep is going on in full swing, and the ones who have heard the narration inform that Vanga is going to reintroduce Prabhas like never before in Spirit," the source added. Bhushan Kumar is reportedly fully backing Vanga's vision for the project.

Additionally, fans can look forward to a unique dynamic between Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor, as the real-life couple will be playing a pair of antagonists in Spirit. The source added, "It's the first time that a real-life couple will be playing a negative role as a couple in a feature film. The two will also have a lot of action to do alongside Prabhas and other members. The paperwork for all the talents is yet to be done, as the discussions for monetary terms are underway."Produced by Bhushan Kumar and Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Spirit is set to hit the big screen in 2026. Once the project wraps, Vanga will shift his focus to his next venture, Animal Park with Ranbir Kapoor, scheduled to