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#### NEWS BOX

#### Man suspected of killing three people fatally shot by police near Chicago

BERWYN.A man suspected in the fatal shootings of three people in central Illinois was shot and killed by police after opening fire on them in suburban Chicago, authorities said Thursday.Officers in Berwyn responded to a report of a man with a gun around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. The man ran away and forced his way into a home where he fatally shot two dogs, police said. He then ran into a nearby yard where he refused police commands to stop. The man then shot at Berwyn officers and they returned fire, killing him. The man later was identified as John Lyons, 24, of Westchester, west of Chicago.

Police said he was suspected in the fatal shootings of three people at a home in Mahomet, about 120 miles (190 kilometers) southwest of Chicago. One of the victims, identified Thursday by Champaign County Coroner Laurie Brauer as Sara E. Mason, 26, died at the scene where the three were found about 9:40 p.m Wednesday. The other two, Janis Mason, 61, and Caleb Mason, 23, were both pronounced dead at a nearby hospital, WCIO-TV reported. A vigil was held for the victims at a local church Thursday evening.

#### UK Teen Drowns in Reservoir As Friends Mistook Waving For Joke

- World A teenager in the UK who did not know how to swim, drowned in a reservoir as his friends thought he was "joking" when he started waving for help, according to a report in The Telegraph. 16-year-old Tyrese Johnson was out with his friends on the last day of the school at Lodge Farm Reservoir, in Netherton, Dudley, in July, earlier this year when the incident took place. A friend said during the inquest hearing that he saw Mr Johnson waving but initially believed it to be a joke with others having a laugh as well. The situation, however, soon turned grim as Mr Johnson disappeared beneath the surface.
- As per the group of friends, they had been in the water for under three minutes when Mr Johnson started facing difficulty. The water had been shallow but then the ground below suddenly dropped off "like a cliff edge" into deep water, which led to Mr Johnson's drowning, the friends said at the Black Country coroners court.
- The friends desperately tried to pull him out but could not with one brave paddler diving under the surface for 40 minutes. Mr Johsnon's body was only recovered the following day around 11:30 am.
- I could see six or seven lads on the edge of the water three were in the water and it looked like they were having a laugh like lads do," James Birks, the paddler, told the court."Then the tone changed and I realised someone was struggling," added Mr Birks.Mr Birks said he heard people shouting "he's drowning" and haddled over he dived into the water drowning" and paddled over. he dived into the water to the point where Mr Johnson should have been, but the water was muddy."I wish I could have done more to help," Mr Birks added. Tribute from family

in a tribute released by the family, Mr Johnson's

## 'Decision to invade Ukraine should have been made earlier': Putin at annual news conference

MOSCOW. President Vladimir Putin boasted that his military operation in Ukraine has strengthened Russia and denied that the ouster of key ally Bashar Assad in Syria had hurt Moscow's prestige, as he took questions at his annual news conference and call-in show Thursday.

He used the tightly choreographed event, which lasted about 4 and a half hours, to reinforce his authority and demonstrate a sweeping command of everything from consumer prices to military hardware.

Sending troops into Ukraine in 2022 has boosted Russia's military and economic power, Putin said, adding that if he could do it over, "such a decision should have been made earlier" and Russia could have "prepared for it in advance and more thoroughly.""Russia has become much stronger over the past two or three years because it has become a truly sovereign country," he said. "We are standing firm in terms of economy, we are strengthening our defense potential and our military capability now is the strongest in the world."Putin, who has held power for

nearly a quarter-century and began another six-year term earlier this year, said the military was "advancing toward achieving our goals" in what he calls the special military operation in Ukraine.In response to a question about a new hypersonic ballistic missile that Russia used for the first time last month to strike Ukraine, Putin scoffed at claims by some Western experts that it could be intercepted by NATO's air defences.He mockingly challenged Ukraine's allies to a "high-tech duel," suggesting that Moscow could give advance notice of a strike on Kyiv with the Oreshnik missile and see if the West could protect the city."Let them select a target, possibly in Kyiv, put their air defense assets there and we shall strike it with the Oreshnik," he said with a dry smile. "Let's see what happens."

Speaking on a visit to Brussels, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy responded to Putin's comment by asking, "Do you think it's a sane person?"Putin calls general's killing a security 'blunder'Russia is making steady, if slow,



advances in Ukraine, but has also suffered embarrassing setbacks. On Tuesday, Lt. Gen Igor Kirillov was killed by a bomb planted outside his apartment building in Moscow — a brazen assassination claimed by Ukraine that brought the conflict once again to the streets of the Russian capital. Putin described Kirillov's killing as a "major

blunder" by Russia's security agencies, noting they should learn from it and improve their efficiency.Moscow's troops are also battling Ukrainian forces in the Russian region of Kursk, where they have launched an incursion. Asked when they

would drive the Ukrainians out, Putin said "we will certainly kick them out" but wouldn't say how long it would take.

In a flourish typical of the marathon news conferences, he asked members of the audience to unfurl a banner presented to him by marines fighting in Kursk as he spoke about Ukraine.Open to talks on Ukraine but reiterates Russia's demandsPutin said he was open to possible talks with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump,

who has pledged to negotiate a deal to end the conflict in Ukraine.

If we meet with Mr. Trump, we will have things to discuss," he said, without elaborating.Putin said Russia also is open for compromise in potential peace talks on Ukraine."Politics is the art of compromise," he said. "We have always said that we are ready for both talks and compromises." At the same time, Putin added that the talks should be based on "the situation on the ground" referring to some of the conditions he previously laid out.

## Russian Prez Putin Once Again Hails India's Growing Economy Under PM Modi

Moscow. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday once again acknowledged India's growing economic prowess while highlighting his government's continued efforts to keep the overall economic situation in the country normal and stable despite the long and ongoing conflict with Ukraine. "International financial and economic institutions have placed Russia first in Europe in terms of economic volume, purchasing power parity, and fourth in the world. Ahead are China, the United States, and India. We overtook Germany last year and have overtaken Japan this year. But this is not an indicator that we should fall asleep and calm down on. Of course not," said Putin while answering questions during his annual press conference in Moscow on Thursday. He mentioned that the Russian economy continues to develop despite external threats and attempts to influence it."Everything is developing, everything is actively moving forward. If the Eurozone has fallen asleep, then there are other centres of world

development, they are also moving forward. And in the Eurozone and in the States, the situation is also changing. We must maintain the momentum, change the quality of our



economy," Putin asserted.Earlier this month, the Russian President had lauded Prime Minister Modi's 'Indiafirst' policy and the 'Make in India' initiative while expressing Russia's willingness to establish manufacturing operations in India.ddressing the 15th VTB Russia Calling Investment Forum in Moscow, Putin had drawn parallels between Russia's import substitution programme and India's 'Make in India'

#### similar programme called 'Make in India'. We are also ready to set up our manufacturing operations in India. The Indian government, under the Prime Minister's leadership, has been creating stable conditions, driven by a policy of putting India first. We believe that investing in India is profitable," the Russian President said.In September, during his one-on-one meeting with National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval in Saint Petersburg, Putin had hailed India's rising global stature and the strength of its growing economy under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi."Our special privileged strategic gaining strength, which we are only happy about. We are also happy about India's success in building, strengthening its statehood, and developing the economy, which is happening under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi," the Russian

initiative.Prime Minister Modi has a

#### Eric Garcetti Calls For Lower Tariff, Fair And Equal Trade With India

World US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti highlighted the potential of the US-India partnership, emphasising the need to lower tariffs and to increase trade and make it more fair and equal.While addressing an event organised on Thursday by the US-India Business Council (USIBC), Garcetti said, "We need, together, to lower tariffs, not to see them go up. We need, together, to increase trade and to make it more fair and equal. We need to, together, make sure that there's training and talent that meets the needs of companies on both sides of the Indo-Pacific.'

He further said, "We have to protect our trademarks and our intellectual property, and we have to make sure that transportation and infrastructure exists, for India to reach its goals more quickly, that is in the American interest, and vice versa, in the Indian interest as well.



parents said their son had been afraid of water and never wanted to go to swimming lessons or go into the pool when on family holidays"

#### Early Signs Suggest Trump 2.0 Will Be Bringing The **Chaos Back**

- Washington. Donald Trump still has a month until he becomes US president but he has already displayed his unique capacity to sow confusion and steal headlines with remarks belittling Canada, intimidating the media and torpedoing a budget deal in Congress.
- We're going to see more chaos in Trump's second term than his first," said Todd Belt, political science professor at George Washington University. "I think what has happened this week is a good indication of what is to come."He added that a Supreme Court ruling that grants presidents sweeping immunity for official acts will give Trump "moopportunity to act on his worst impulses." "more of an
- The Republican has stolen the limelight from outgoing President Joe Biden, who has largely



disappeared from public view in his final weeks in office. On Monday, Trump gave his first news conference since winning the November 5 election, talking to journalists for more than an hour about various topics -- and savoring the attention. "Everyone wants to be my friend," he said when commenting on the visits of various billionaire tech CEOs and other leaders to his Florida residence, which he will leave on January 20 for the White House. He told reporters that he wanted to "straighten out" the press -- something his team has pursued through lawsuits that observers and rights groups worry are signs of escalating censorship tactics. While commenting on a wide gamut of issues, Trump has also shown that he has not changed in his predilection towards delivering vague, sometimes contradictory, messages. Take vaccines, for example. The Republican said that he is a "big believer" in the polio vaccine, but also sowed doubt over a widely debunked link between vaccination and autism. "There's something wrong. And we're going to try finding that," Trump said, noting a rise in autism cases in the United States that experts say is due to changes to diagnostic criteria, increased awareness and better screening.

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#### Symbol Showing Country's Power Gulf

**Pakistan's Pickup Trucks: A Status** 

Karachi, Pakistan.In Pakistan's largest city, cars inch forward in bumper-to-bumper traffic. But some seamlessly carve through the jam: SUVs flanked by Toyota Hilux pickup trucks.

The Hilux has become a symbol of power, affluence and intimidation in a society marked by significant class divisions."The vehicle carries an image that suggests anyone escorted by one must be an important figure," 40-yearold politician Usman Perhyar told AFP. 'It has everything -- showiness, added security and enough space for several people to sit in the open cargo bed."

On Karachi's chaotic roads, Hiluxes part the traffic - speeding up behind cars and flashing their lights demanding drivers move out of their way. The Hilux first became popular among feudal elites for its reliability in rural and mountain regions.But in recent years, the "Dala", as it is locally known, has soared in popularity as an escort vehicle among newly successful urban business owners.Guards with faces wrapped in scarves and armed with AK-47s can be packed into the back of the truck, its windows blacked out."It is a status

symbol. People have one or two pickups behind them," said Fahad Nazir, a car dealer based in Karachi.

Vehicle for politicsThe Hilux debuted in 1968, but the model that became popular in Pakistan was the mid-2000s Hilux Vigo.It was later upgraded and rebranded as the Revo, with prices ranging from 10 to 15 million rupees (approximately \$36,000 to \$54,000).Their prices have remained steady and they retain excellent resale value in a market traditionally dominated by their manufacturer, Toyota."Amongst whatever luxury items we have, this is the fastest-selling item," car seller Nazir told AFP.Dealers say there was a spike in rentals during February's national elections."I swear to God, you can't run an election without a Revo," said Sajjad Ali Soomro, a provincial parliamentarian from Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. In the eastern city of Gujrat, politician Ali Warraich -- from the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party -- finds it essential to travel with an escort of two of the trucks."It is a status symbol. People

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So let us renew our commitment to being more ambitious, to not settling for what is, and what is good, but reaching for what can be and what will be great."The US Ambassador further praised India's workforce, calling it as the "most extraordinary resources that humanity has on its planets.'

Garcetti said, "And to realise these ambitions, we must recommit ourselves to a mutual path of trust and transparencies so that people know what to expect. India's workforce, which numbers more than a billion people, is one of the most extraordinary resources that humanity has on its planet. They are builders, thinkers, innovators and entrepreneurs. The Indian dream is the flip side of what we used to call the American truth. In some ways you see it even more optimistically sometimes than our own country. And we can leave inspired when we work together about what's possible."Garcetti also called for merging "American scientific and financial acumen" with "India's grassroots ingenuity."The US and India can create ecosystems that tap into this human capital to merge American scientific strengths in research, our financial acumen and business strategy with Indians' jugaad finding a solution to everything, your deep talent pools, your grassroots ingenuity and your readiness to scale solutions on a massive level," Garcetti said.

## House rejects Trump-backed plan on government shutdown, leaving next steps uncertain

#### WASHINGTON. A day before a potential

Donald Trump's new plan Thursday to fund operations and suspend the debt ceiling, as Democrats and dozens of Republicans refused to accommodate his sudden demands.In a hastily convened evening vote punctuated by angry outbursts over the self-made crisis, the lawmakers failed to reach the two-thirds threshold needed for passage — but House Speaker Mike Johnson appeared determined to reassess, before Friday's midnight deadline.

We're going to regroup and we will come up with another solution, so stay tuned, Johnson said after the vote. The cobbledtogether plan didn't even get a majority, with the bill failing 174-235. The outcome proved a massive setback for Trump and his billionaire ally, Elon Musk, who rampaged against Johnson's bipartisan compromise, which Republicans and Democrats had reached earlier to prevent a Christmastime government shutdown.

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government shutdown, the House It provides a preview of the turbulence ahead resoundingly rejected President-elect when Trump returns to the White House with Republican control of the House and Senate. During his first term, Trump led Republicans into the longest government shutdown in history during the 2018 Christmas season, and interrupted the holidays in 2020 by tanking a bipartisan COVID-relief bill and forcing a do-over.

Hours earlier Thursday, Trump announced "SUCCESS in Washington!" in coming up with the new package which would keep government running for three more months, add \$100.4 billion in disaster assistance including for hurricane-hit states, and allow more borrowing through Jan. 30, 2027."Speaker Mike Johnson and the House have come to a very good Deal," Trump posted.But Republicans, who had spent 24 hours largely negotiating with themselves to cut out the extras conservatives opposed and come up with the new plan, ran into a wall of resistance from Democrats, who were in no hurry to

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appease demands from Trump — or Musk.House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries said Democrats were sticking with the original deal with Johnson and called the new one "laughable.""It's not a serious proposal," Jeffries said as he walked to Democrats' own closed-door caucus meeting. Inside, Democrats were chanting, "Hell, no!"All day, Johnson had been fighting to figure out how to meet Trump's almost impossible demands - and keep his own job — while federal offices are being told to prepare to shutter operations. The new proposal whittled the 1,500-page bill to 116 pages and dropped a number of add-ons — notably the first pay raise for lawmakers in more than a decade, which could have allowed as much as a 3.8% bump. That drew particular scorn as Musk turned his social media army against the bill.Trump said early Thursday that Johnson will "easily remain speaker" for the next Congress if he "acts decisively and tough" in coming up with a new plan to also raise the debt limit, a stunning request just

before the Christmas holidays that has put the beleaguered speaker in a bind.

And if not, the president-elect warned of trouble ahead for Johnson and Republicans in Congress."Anybody that supports a bill that doesn't take care of the Democrat quicksand known as the debt ceiling should be primaried and disposed of as quickly as possible," Trump told Fox News Digital.The tumultuous turn of events, coming as lawmakers were preparing to head home for the holidays, sparks a familiar reminder of what it's like in Trumprun Washington.Musk and Vice Presidentelect JD Vance tried to blame Democrats. though rank-and-file Republicans helped sink Trump's plan."They've asked for a shutdown," Vance said of Democrats. That's exactly what they're going to get."

For Johnson, who faces his own problems ahead of a Jan. 3 House vote to remain speaker, Trump's demands left him severely weakened, forced to abandon his word with Democrats and work into the night to broker the new approach.

#### LPG Tanker-Truck Accident on Jaipur-Ajmer Highway Claims 11 Lives, 37 Injured

Jaipur: A devastating LPG tanker-truck accident on the Jaipur-Ajmer highway early Friday morning has claimed the lives of 11 people, with at least 37 others injured, some critically.

The tragic incident unfolded around 5:30 AM in the Bhankrota area when an LPG tanker collided with another vehicle, sparking a massive fire. Eyewitnesses and CCTV footage revealed a horrifying scene as the flames spread rapidly, engulfing nearby properties and even a residential building. Thick smoke filled the streets, and multiple explosions followed, reportedly heard up to 10 kilometers away.

In a particularly grim development, a sleeper bus carrying 34 passengers was also caught in the blaze. Of the passengers aboard, 20 are confirmed to have perished in the fire. Fourteen



others, including the bus driver and conductor, are still missing. The intense heat from the explosion was so severe that even birds in the area were reportedly burned.

According to witnesses, the LPG tanker, which was traveling from Ajmer to Jaipur, was attempting a U-turn in front of the DPS school in Bhankrota when a truck from Jaipur collided with the gas tanker's nozzle. The impact caused a massive release of LPG

gas, spreading across a 200-meter radius, creating a gas chamber. Moments later, an enormous explosion rocked the area, setting nearby vehicles, including the bus and several other cars, ablaze.

The fire's severity was so intense that ambulances and fire department teams, who rushed to the scene, faced immense challenges in controlling the flames. At least 30 vehicles, including private cars and public transport,

were damaged by the fire. Local authorities confirmed that a crude oil pipeline located about 100 meters from the accident site remained unaffected and is safe. However, the fire and explosion left extensive damage in its wake. In response to the tragedy, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma visited the hospital where the injured are being treated. Expressing his condolences, he said on social media, "I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of lives in the gas tanker fire incident on the Jaipur-Ajmer National Highway." He assured the public that rescue operations are ongoing and that emergency services are on high alert.

The search for the missing passengers continues, as officials from the bus company work to locate them.

bills sent to JPC New Delhi: The central government's bills proposing simultaneous elections across 28 states and eight union territories were on Friday referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), according to media reports. The two bills were sent to the 39-member JPC just before the Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the resolution recommending the referral, which was passed by a voice vote despite

'One Nation, One Election'

loud protests from the Opposition. The protests were directed at Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his controversial remarks regarding BR Ambedkar, the Father of the Constitution. The "One Nation, One Election" (ONOE) bills, which include a proposed constitutional amendment, seek to synchronize the timing of

Lok Sabha and state assembly elections across India. The bills were approved by the Union Cabinet last week

and introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, sparking strong opposition from various parties. A total of 196 MPs opposed the introduction, while 269 members voted in favor.

Opposition parties, including those from the INDIA alliance such as Congress and AAP, argue that the pro-posal could disproportionately benefit the ruling party. However, several prominent NDA allies, including JD(U) and Chirag Paswan's party, have voiced their support for the initiative.

The bills follow recommendations from a high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind. The committee's 18,626-page report suggested a phased approach to implementing simultaneous elections, with the first phase focusing on aligning Lok Sabha and state assembly elections, followed by local body elections within 100 days of the national and state polls.



Jamshedpur: The 52nd Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Tournament (SSBMT) 2024, held at CSIR-NML Agrico Residential Campus from December 18-20, concluded with a grand valedictory function today.

Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML, and other dignitaries, including Dr. S Sivaprasad, Dr. Ranjit Ray, and Dr. Sanjay Agarwal, graced the event. Dr. Sivaprasad welcomed the participating and winning teams, while Dr. Chowdhury congratulated CSIR-NAL Bengaluru and IM-TECH Chandigarh for winning the volleyball match and CSIR-NAL Bengaluru and NPL New Delhi for triumphing in cricket.

The tournament featured teams from seven CSIR laboratories, including CSIR-IHB, CSIR-CSIO, CSIR-NAL, CSIR-IMTECH, CSIR-NPL, CSIR-CBRI, and CSIR-CIMAP. It aimed to promote sportsmanship and honor the legacy of Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar. The winners received trophies, and the event will culminate in the final competition at CSIR-IHBT, Palampur.

The closing ceremony also included a feedback session conducted by Sri Viplave Vishal, Administrative Officer of CSIR-NML, where players expressed their gratitude for the cultural events and hospitality. Dr. Sanjay Agarwal, Vice President of NML Staff Club, proposed the vote of thanks.

**Professor Nitin Puri Felicitated at NIELIT Ranchi, Highlights Digital Literacy** 



Ranchi: Professor (Dr) Nitin Puri, Executive Director of NIELIT (National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology), Jharkhand Bihar, under the Ministry of Information and Technology, Government of India, was honored with a shawl, canvas painting, and a plant during his visit to the NIELIT office in Ranchi.

The felicitation ceremony saw Dr. Om Prakash, Assistant Professor at Government Teachers Training College and Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, expressing pride in being a former student of NIELIT Ranchi. He also encouraged trainee teachers at the Government Teachers Training College to join NIELIT's programs to enhance their digital skills.

In his address, Professor Puri emphasized that NIELIT's initiatives would significantly benefit students across all colleges in Ranchi. He highlighted the institute's contribution to the Digital India Mission, stating that the center would soon help the nation achieve "Viksit Bharat by 2047" through its digital literacy programs, including courses on Artificial Intelligence, cybercrime prevention, and other essential fields. The event was also attended by Piyush Tripathi from NIEL-IT Patna, Janmejaya Shah from Ranchi, Bhim, Chairman of YBN University, Dr. Ram Ji Yadav, and former Principal Dr. Vasudev Prasad.

#### Doranda College Soon to Become Hub for



Ranchi: Doranda College is set to become a key center for digital literacy, with a new collaboration announced today between the college and NIELIT (National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology). The proposal, aimed at providing skill-based courses for students, was presented by Prof. (Dr) Nitin Puri, Executive Director of NIELIT Ranchi, Jharkhand, and Bihar, during a meeting with principals of various colleges in Ranchi.

Dr. Puri shared plans for a joint program and course part-nership with Doranda College, emphasizing that students will receive digital training and continued support after completing their courses. He also honored Dr. Rajkumar Sharma, Principal of Doranda College, with a memento, a shawl from NIELIT, and the institute's newsletter.

Dr. Sharma expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating that it would help Doranda College take significant strides toward enhancing digital literacy. He highlighted the importance of offering skill-based courses that equip students with employment-ready skills in today's digital

The event was attended by Piyush Tripathi from NIELIT Patna, Scientist D Janamejaya Shah from Ranchi, and Dr. Om Prakash from Government Teachers Training College.

#### BSL Launches Digital HR System "PRAKHAR"

Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant has introduced its first integrated Human Capital Management System (HR), "PRAKHAR," narking a significant step in digital transformation. The cloud based Oracle Fusion Human Capital Management System will automate and streamline all HR processes, enhancing employee experience, efficiency, and transparency. The system was inaugurated virtually by SAIL Chairman Shri Amarendu Prakash on 20th December.

#### **U.S. Official Warns Pakistan's Missile Development Could Threaten U.S. Security**

RNS: A senior U.S. official has expressed growing concern over Pakistan's advancements in long-range ballistic missile technology, warning that the country is developing systems with the potential to strike targets far beyond South Asia, including the United States.

Speaking at an event organized by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jon Finer, Deputy National Security Adviser, highlighted that Pakistan is steadily improving its missile capabilities. These advancements, he noted, include long-range ballistic systems and equipment capable of testing larger rocket motors. "If these trends continue, Pakistan will have the capability to strike targets well beyond South Asia, potentially reaching the United States," Finer cautioned. He emphasized that such developments raise seri-

ous questions about Pakistan's its missile program, indicating According to the different that the country has not admedia report, Finer pointed equately addressed global seout the small number of na-

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weapons and missile technology capable of reaching the U.S. homeland, suggesting that Pakistan's actions are increasingly seen as a potential threat remarked. to U.S. security. "It is hard for us to see Pakistan's actions as anything other than an emerg-

ing threat to the United States," The Deputy National Security Adviser also expressed concerns over Pakistan's lack of engagement with the international community regarding

for the Ministry, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, stated, "Pakistan's strategic capabilities are meant to defend its sovereignty and preserve peace and stability in South Asia." She further criticized the sanctions for exacerbating military imbalances in the region, calling them contrary to efforts for regional peace and security.

The tensions surrounding Pakistan's missile program reflect broader U.S. concerns about global nuclear and missile proliferation, as Washington continues to pressure Islamabad on its military capabilities.

#### DPS Bokaro's Tri Nayona receives 'Vishwaratna Samman'

tions possessing both nuclear curity worries. "Unfortunately, it is our sense that Pakistan has failed to take these concerns seriously and continues to advance these capabilities," Finer These comments come amid

the U.S. government's recent decision to impose sanctions on four Pakistani entities, including the state-run National Development Complex (NDC), which plays a key role in developing Pakistan's missile systems, including the

Shaheen series. In response, Pakistan's Foreign Ministry condemned the sanctions as "biased" and counterproductive. A spokesperson

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ments in dance. The recognition was presented as part of a competition organized by Worthy Wellness, a respected institution dedicated to promoting talent in fields such as music and the arts.

Tri Nayona emerged as the sole recipient of this honor



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among student participants from across Jharkhand, earn-

ing the award for her outstanding dance performance.

She was presented with a trophy, medal, certificate of merit, and a memento in recognition of her accomplishment.

Principal Dr. A.S. Gangwar congratulated Tri Nayona on her remarkable achievement, encouraging her to continue pursuing her passion with dedication and commitment. He emphasized that DPS Bokaro is committed to providing its students with ample opportunities and platforms to nurture and showcase their talents across various disciplines.

#### Hackers from North Korea stole \$1.3bn through crypto hacks in 2024

RNS: new study has shown that North Korean hackers accounted for more than half of the \$2.2bn cryptocurrencies stolen in 2024. Research firm Chainalysis claimed North Korea stole \$1.3bn of digital currencies.

Some of the thefts appear to be linked to North Korean hackers posing as remote IT workers to infiltrate crypto and other technology firms, the report was quoted as saying by BBC.

The news of theft of the digital currencies emerged at a time when price of cryptocurrencies more than doubled this year amid reports that US President-elect Donald Trump would be more friendly towards it.

Overall, the amount of cryptocurrency stolen by hackers in 2024 increased by 21% from last year but it was still below the levels recorded in 2021 and 2022, the report said as quoted by BBC. "Given that centralised exchanges manage substantial amounts of user funds, the impact of a private key compromise can be devastating", the study added.

#### Nurturing Future Leadership Program Concludes at IIT ISM **Dhanbad, Empowering Participants Across India**

Dhanbad: The Nurturing Future Leadership Program, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training (MMTTP), Programme successfully concluded today at the MMTT Centre, IIT ISM Dhanbad. The valedictory session, held at the i2h building of the institute, marked the culmination of a transformative journey for participants from various renowned institutions across the country.

The program aimed at fostering leadership skills and personal development among participants from institutions such as BHU Varanasi, EFLU Hyderabad, Central University of Kashmir, Central Sanskrit University, IIT (BHU) Varanasi, IIT Jodhpur, Kazi Nazrul University, Sidho-Kanho-



rat Technological University, Ahmedabad, among others.

Birsa University, and Gujaing Programme was key to the success of this initiative. The program featured a keynote address by Dr. Pankaj K.P. Shreyaskar,

Focused on the critical aspects of the National Edu-Deputy Director General cation Policy (NEP), the of MoSPI, Government of initiative highlighted lead-India, whose thought-proership development and the voking insights resonated enhancement of the capacwith the participants. Prof. Sagar Pal, Dean (R&D) at ity of faculty and higher education institutions (HEIs) IIT ISM Dhanbad, served for creative transformation. as the Guest of Honour and The Ministry of Education's emphasized the importance support through the Malaof leadership in academia, viya Mission Teacher Trainencouraging participants

to embrace their roles as change-makers.

Professor Mrinalini Pandey, Programme Director of the MMTT Centre, expressed her gratitude to all contributors and resource persons who supported the program. She also acknowledged the meticulous efforts of the organizing committee, whose hard work ensured the program's smooth execution and enriching experience for all attendees. Professor Pandey further noted that the participants' active engagement throughout the program demonstrated their commitment to leadership development. As the program concluded, she encouraged them to apply the lessons learned and the relationships built, inspiring innovation and leadership in their respective fields.

Bokaro: Kuldeep Mahato, a promising young archer from the Vedanta ESL Archery Academy, delivered an exceptional performance at the State Selection Trials held at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur on 14 December. The 10th-grade student from High School, Bijulia, hails from the village of Budhibinor in Siyaljori Panchayat and trains under the expert guidance of Head Coach Budeshwar Murmu. Kuldeep made a remarkable impact in his first-ever statelevel trials, scoring 697 out of 720 points and securing second place. His impressive performance earned him a spot on the Jharkhand state team for the upcoming 41st NTPC Sub-Junior National Championship, Archery scheduled to take place in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from January 3 to 10, 2025.

emy, established in 2020 by ESL Steel Limited as part of its ongoing commitment to community development and sports promotion, has been instrumental in shaping young talent like Kuldeep. The state-of-the-art academy, located within the Vedanta ESL plant in Siyaljori, provides aspiring archers from rural Bokaro with the resources and guidance they need to excel in the sport. Since its inception, the academy has achieved remarkable success, with its students se-

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Kuldeep from Vedanta ESL Archery Academy Shines at State Trials,

Secures Spot in National Archery Championship

in National, State, and District-level competitions. The academy has also hosted two major events, offering valuable exposure to its students while continually improving its medal count each year. Kuldeep's journey in archery began in September 2022 when he joined the Vedanta ESL Archery Academy. Since then, he has consistently performed well in competitions, earning several accolades and recognition for his skills. He also won four medals at the Vedanta Challenge Trophy, an inter-district archery tournament, further establishing himself as a rising star in the sport.

Kunal Daripa, Head of CSR at ESL Steel Limited, expressed pride in Kuldeep's success. "Kuldeep is a standout archer from our Vedanta ESL Archery Academy, and he has shown exceptional talent and potential with his remarkable performance at the State Selection Trials. Our vision at ESL Steel Limited is to empower young talent like Kuldeep by providing them with the resources and training they need to succeed."

He further added, "Kuldeep's achievement reflects our commitment to nurturing future champions through the Vedanta ESL Archery Academy. We aim to discover and develop more talent from Bokaro, showcasing the immense potential this region has to offer."

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## Devendra Fadnavis's big claim: 'Urban naxals' involved in Rahul Gandhi's yatra

Devendra Fadnavis said the 'urban naxals' held a meeting in Kathmandu in November, just ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly elections, to trigger unrest in the state.

Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has alleged that "urban naxal" outfits were involved in the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra, and they held a meeting in Nepal to hatch a conspiracy to destabilise BJP-led governments. Speaking in the Assembly, Fadnavis said the meeting was held in Kathmandu on November 15, just ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly elections, to trigger unrest in the financial capital.

Fadnavis said the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) had started a probe into the use of "terror funds" in the elections, asserting that there was "evidence of foreign interference".

"On November 15, a meeting was held in Kathmandu that was attended by some organisations which took part in the (Rahul Gandhi-led) Bharat Jodo Yatra and issues like opposing EVMs, and introduction of ballot papers in Maharashtra and BJPruled states were discussed," the Chief Minister told the Assembly.

Rahul Gandhi went on a cross-country foot march ahead of the Lok Sabha election to



Devendra Fadnavis says urban naxal outfits held meeting in Nepal ► Claims they planned to trigger unrest in Maharashtra ahead of polls ► Says there was evidence of foreign interference

in elections

garner support for the Congress. Fadnavis further

## Navy chief to visit Mumbai to assess situation after 14 deaths in boat crash

The Navy Chief will review the situation after an accident between <u>a naval</u> speedboat and a ferry in Mumbai which left at least 14 people dead and 99 others injured.

New Delhi. Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi will visit Mumbai today to review the situation after an accident between a naval speedboat and a ferry that left at least 14 people dead and 99 others injured.Admiral Tripathi will also be given a detailed briefing on the accident by the officials of the Western Naval Command, sources told . The Navy Chief will also visit the spot off the Mumbai coast where the accident took place. He will also meet the injured personnel admitted to the naval hospital at INHS Ashwini in Mumbai. He will also be given a detailed briefing on the accident.A Navy craft undergoing engine trials lost control and collided



off Karanja near Mumbai. Of the 113 persons on board both vessels, 13 died and 98, including two injured, were rescued. Two people are still missing. There were six people on board the Navy craft, two of whom survived. with the passenger ferry 'Neel Kamal' Earlier on Thursday, the Indian Navy

instituted a 'Board of Inquiry' to probe the incident. The Navy said Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts had continued through the night of December 18-19 in the vicinity of the accident.

claimed that 40 of the 180 outfits that

took part in Rahul Gandhi's yatra were

named as frontal organisations by former

Home Minister RR Patil during the Congress-NCP government. "On February 18, 2014, during the

Manmohan Singh government, the

Centre mentioned 72 frontal

organisations in the Lok Sabha, out of

which 7 were part of the Bharat Jodo

The Chief Minister said these organisations

campaigned for the Maha Vikas Aghadi

(MVA) in the Maharashtra Assembly

There was evidence of foreign interference

in Indian elections. The opposition is

allowing their shoulders to be used by

someone else," Fadnavis said.Fadnavis's

claim comes at a time when the

government presented the Maharashtra

Special Public Security Act, 2024, in the

Assembly to deal with "urban naxalism".

The legislation proposes steps to deal with

the "increasing presence of Naxalism in

Yatra," he further said.

polls.

urban centres".

Two people from the ferry are still reported to be missing and search and rescue (SAR) operations to this end are in progress by eight Navy craft and a naval helicopter augmented by a Coast Guard vessel. "A Board of Inquiry has been ordered into the accident to establish the facts of the case," the Navy said. A probe into the incident is also being conducted by the Mumbai police after a case was registered against the Navy craft driver at Colaba police station.

#### Arrested Karnataka BJP leader CT Ravi claims state police want to murder him

CT Ravi, the BJP MLC who was arrested for allegedly using a derogatory word against Karnataka minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, claimed there was a threat to his life from the Karnataka government, especially DK Shivakumar and Hebbalkar.

Karnataka. BJP Member of Karnataka Legislative Council CT Ravi, who was arrested on Thursday by Belagavi police, claimed there was a threat to his life from the Congress government. Ravi was taken into custody after an FIR (First Information Report) was registered against him, for allegedly using derogatory remarks against Congress leader and Karnataka cabinet minister Laxmi Hebbalkar in the Legislative Council earlier in the day.

He was first taken to Khanapur police station and later moved to Ram Durga station. The Karnataka BJP, on the other hand, claimed that Ravi was made to sit in a car and was taken around the city in the vehicle till this morning.

In a post on social media platform X, CT Ravi said the police were plotting



something against him. In the post he claimed that the Karnataka police took three hours to administer first aid to a man who sustained a head injury in police custody. He said that he had been sitting in a police vehicle and driven around for the past five to six hours.

"They are plotting something by parking their vehicles in a deserted area and talking on the phone. The police department and the Congress government are responsible for any trouble I face," he wrote in the post. In another tweet, posted at 4.45 am this morning, Ravi shared pictures of the head injury with a caption, "No one is safe in Karnataka". Karnataka BJP also shared a video on X, along with the post that stated that a former minister (Ravi) accused a sitting MLA, the Congress in Karnataka, and the state government of plotting to murder him.

#### Saw fire everywhere, broke bus windows to escape: Eyewitness on Jaipur inferno

Jaipur. Sunil had little idea that a normal journey to Jaipur from Rajsamand would turn tragic as he left home with his friend, who recently got selected as a junior accountant, on Friday. As their bus was crossing the Jaipur-Ajmer highway, a massive fire broke out near a petrol pump after a chemical-laden truck collided with an LPG tanker and several other vehicles. The inferno left six dead, and over 40 people battling serious burn injuries. Over 40 vehicles were also gutted in the incident in Rajasthan's Bhankrota area. Sunil, who had a close shave, said he was lucky to escape with just burn injuries to his hand. However, some of his fellow passengers on the bus were not so fortunate.

"We were on a bus that was coming from Rajsamand. I was going to



Jaipur with my friend to submit some documents after he got selected as junior accountant. Suddenly, a huge explosion occurred near our bus. We just saw fire everywhere. The bus also caught fire," Sunil said. The passengers soon found out that the main gate was jammed. "We had to break the

## \_DK Shivakumar says arrested Karnataka BJP leader's vulgar language 'not new'

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said BJP MLC CT Ravi's use of offensive language against Congress leaders was a

#### pattern of derogatory behavior. He accused Ravi of disrespecting leaders like Siddaramaiah and Rahul Gandhi in the past.

Karnataka. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar lashed out at BJP leader CT Ravi for his history of using derogatory language, calling it a "culture" Ravi had consistently displayed. Speaking to the media at the Circuit House in Belagavi on Friday, Shivakumar recalled several instances where Ravi had used offensive terms against Congress leaders, including referring to Siddaramaiah as "Sidramulla Khan."

"This is not new," Shivakumar said, referring to Ravi's repeated use of vulgar language. "We all know the kind of derogatory terms he has used in the past against Siddaramaiah and others. Is this the culture of Chikkamagaluru? Indian culture? Or BJP culture? I have never seen such low-level behaviour in Chikkamagaluru. He is the only one with such a despicable attitude," he remarked.

Shivakumar's comments came in response to a media question about Ravi's recent actions, which included calling Congress leader Rahul Gandhi a drug addict during an Assembly discussion about



the Union Home Minister's disrespect toward Dr Ambedkar. Ravi also allegedly used the word "prostitute" multiple times against Congress Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar when she defended her party's stance."Is it wrong for our ministers to defend our leaders, just as the BJP defends theirs? Does this justify using such language?" Shivakumar asked, pointing out that Ravi had used the offensive word 12 times. He challenged the media to report these facts and offered to

provide records of Ravi's past statements. Shivakumar also addressed concerns over the Speaker's handling of the issue. "The Speaker is a senior leader, and I respect him. However, his conduct in this matter was disappointing. He should have allowed a discussion and investigated what happened," he said. Shivakumar expressed disappointment that the Speaker had only summoned both sides to write statements instead of taking immediate action.

Regarding allegations of police misconduct, Shivakumar dismissed claims that the police had roamed around all night, stating, "I don't know what the police did. Allegations are made without basis." He added that while the police had been courteous, it was inappropriate for BJP leaders to hold meetings at the Khanapur police station. He stressed that the Congress would not interfere in police operations but insisted that Lakshmi Hebbalkar should not face issues in her constituency.

windows to come out. Around 8-10 people came out with us. However, several people got trapped inside the bus. Some suffered burn injuries and one also died," Sunil said.

Around 20 fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse the flames. The injured were taken to Jaipur's Sawai Man Singh Hospital for treatment. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma visited the Sawai Man Singh Hospital and directed the officials to ensure the best treatment for the injured. Visuals from the area showed massive flames engulfing the fuel station as fire tenders tried to extinguish the flames. A senior police officer in Bhankrota said it was very difficult to control the fire initially as fire brigade teams were not able to reach the burning vehicles.

## RSS chief jabs aspiring 'leaders of Hindus' over temple-mosque disputes

#### Mohan Bhagwat's remarks stressed India's unity in diversity, condemning divisive tactics. He called for an inclusive, harmonious model, urging the country to set an example of coexistence for

the world.

New Delhi. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on for stirring up "Ram-temple-like" disputes at various places across India. He said that India should be set as an example of inclusivity and harmony.Calling attention to India's pluralistic society, the RSS chief said that Christmas is observed in Swami

Ramakrishnan Mission, emphasising that "only we can do this because we are Hindus".

"We have been living in harmony for a long time. If we want to provide this harmony to the world, we need to create a model of it. After the construction of the Ram Mandir, some people think they can become leaders of Hindus by raking up similar issues in new places. This is not acceptable," he was quoted as saying by news agency.

He said that Ayodhya's Ram temple was built Recently, several demands for surveys of since it was a matter of faith for all Hindus, shunning any political motivation.

Without naming any sites, he said, "Every day a new matter (dispute) is being raked up. How can this be allowed? This cannot continue.

India needs to show that we can live together." Thursday took a jibe at aspiring Hindu leaders Speaking in Pune as a part of a lecture series on the "Vishwaguru Bharat" theme, the RSS Chief said that Indians should learn from previous mistakes and work towards making their Drawing two parallel examples from the Mughal



country a role model for the world.

mosques to uncover hidden temples have been brought before the courts, although Bhagwat did not specify any in his lecture. He also said that certain external groups have brought with them a firm resolve, seeking to restore their

former rule. "But now the country runs as per the Constitution. In this setup, people choose their representatives who run the government. The days of hegemony are gone," he said.

Empire, the RSS Chief said that though Mughal emperor Aurangzeb was identified by his unyielding adherence, however, his descendant Bahadur Shah Zafar in 1857 prohibited cow slaughter.

It was decided that Ram Mandir in Ayodhya should be given to Hindus, but the British sensed it and created a rift between the two communities. Since then, this sense of 'algavwad' (separatism) came into being. As a result, Pakistan came into existence," he said.

The RSS chief questioned the "language of dominance," saying, What is its purpose if everyone identifies themselves as Indians?

Who is a minority, and who is a majority? Everyone is equal here. The tradition of this nation is that all can follow their own forms of worship. The only requirement is to live in harmony and abide by rules and laws," he said.

▶ RSS chief criticises leaders for creating templemosque disputes ▶ Bhagwat calls for <u>India to be a</u> model of harmony ▶ Emphasises inclusivity in India's pluralistic society

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## Why taxing super-rich is an outmoded plan

INEQUALITY in this country is a highly visible phenomenon. In urban areas, luxury cars drive past the homeless, who live in shanties right next to shiny malls and high-rise condominiums. Even rural areas are divided into areas of privilege and scarcity. And the contrast between urbanised areas and rural hamlets is startling. There is equally a sharp divide between states in the north and those in the south. The western region, with the highly industrialised states of Maharashtra and Gujarat, is in a different league from West Bengal in the east, highlighting the regional imbalances in development. This does not take into account the rise of the youthful information technology industry in Bengaluru and Hyderabad, that has sparked the creation of what is now known as India's Silicon Valley. Even these cities have seen clashes stemming from inequality, as affluent IT professionals from around the globe are resented by local residents, who seek refuge in promoting regional identities through language and culture. Having said this, the reality is that the country is changing rapidly in multiple ways owing to the economic growth having trickled down to the masses, albeit in an uneven manner.So, when eminent French economist Thomas Piketty speaks of growing inequality in India, he is merely describing what we all know about this emerging economy. As co-director of the Paris-based World Inequality Lab, he has earlier also presented data showing that India is one of the most unequal countries in the world. His solution is that higher taxes must be levied on the super-rich. This is meant to garner resources needed to provide adequate public services for the entire population. The focus on taxing billionaires comes at a time when there has been a rapid proliferation of the super-wealthy. The latest UBS Billionaires Ambitions Report puts India third in the global list of billionaires, though it is far behind the US and China in terms of numbers. Family-owned businesses are said to comprise many on the list, but the emergence of the new-tech czars is another factor for the spurt in those at the top of the heap.

- Piketty's argument is that the imposition of a wealth tax on assets over Rs 10 crore and an inheritance tax of 33 per cent on property over this threshold will enable the exchequer to raise enough resources to improve public services like education and healthcare. He also points to the fact that China similarly imposed such a tax and it created greater equality in terms of the distribution of public goods. A significant flaw in this thesis is that it puts the spotlight on raising resources as a magic bullet to resolve the issue of poverty and inequality. The reality is that even with sufficient resources, it is not always possible to achieve the goals of sustainable development.
- It has been apathy rather than shortage of funds that has led to the neglect of public educational institutions ever since Independence. The staterun school system has been avoided by both the bureaucracy and political leadership for the education of their own children. In fact, the civil services even established a separate private school for their own offspring, highlighting the indifference towards building infrastructure and improving the teaching content of the state-run institutions. This is not the only infirmity in the proposal. Those who have become billionaires over the past decade are also wealth creators in terms of having made substantial investments in a growing economy. These entrepreneurs have made the best use of the deepening reforms, which have created an enabling environment in both the manufacturing and services sectors.
- In a globalised world, corporate leaders can easily shift capital to numerous international tax havens. Capital outflows could be an unwelcome result of raising taxes, which are already at the level of 43 per cent for the topmost income strata. The previous wealth tax was done away with in 2015 on the grounds that there were more administrative costs in implementing the levy

#### When misinformation is weaponised

#### This is part of the new cognitive warfare that aims to erode a country from within

THESE are very strange times. According to a sudden spate of polling activity, we are now told that we suffer from severe unhappiness, a disinformation deluge and the worst airlines in the world. Certainly, some of this is true. We do have some of the top-10 ranks in the world in terms of air pollution, but the deluge of negative polling is suspicious, especially when no one bothered to point out any of these in the pathetic 1970s when our cities were even dirtier and we had few airlines to speak of. It's curious that when we start reaching somewhere near the top of Meanwhile, that disinformation is affecting our the financial mountain, there are many hands pushing us back. Some of those sources are

interesting, and their methodologies even more so. The first is the puzzling polling. The World Happiness Report puts India below war-torn Mali and Liberia. This report uses data from a variety of sources, including Gallup, with a sample size of 2,000-3,000 for each country. India has a population of some 1.4 billion. Then there was an index that put an Indian airline — the third largest in the world — at almost the bottom, while an airline that is struggling to have even 50 more aircraft in a decade was the top gun.According to the World Air Quality Index, India accounts for some of the most polluted cities across the globe. That's fair enough, given that most of us are gasping for breath. But here's an interesting snippet. Air quality in Beijing was red-flagged by the US embassy in 2008, leading to a strong demand for action. China literally threw out polluting industries from the capital

and imposed strong environmental restrictions in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. That led directly to losses totalling 408.7 billion yuan (about 6.5 per cent of the regional GDP), with manufacturing dropping significantly. US action did allow the Chinese to breathe, but that's another story. The point is, public information matters. The trick is how to put it there. The Global Risks Report, made by the World Economic Forum, ranked India the highest in terms of misinformation and disinformation. Strangely, respondents put disinformation as the highest risk, at a time of the (then) upcoming elections, well above disasters, crime and climate change. But go carefully into some details. Those polled are 'global leaders'

across academia, etc. The data reflects what they think, and the most polled are from Europe (38 per cent), while 7 per cent are from South Asia. Interestingly, the report doesn't say that disinformation originates from India, but that it is rife in the country. The report nonetheless takes exception to new government rules, obliging all concerned to make 'reasonable efforts' to disable misinformation. That's a bit puzzling. Apparently, one is expected to just grin and bear it.

internal stability is a given, with fake videos most recently linked to the Sambhal mosque incident.



Others related to Bangladesh are damaging to foreign policy. Yes, there is a problem. The question is where it originates or is being tuned from.A research report by Drop Site is now public knowledge, exposing the workings of the OCCRP (Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project), which works with dozens of major newspapers to collaboratively publish major political scoops. Its single largest donor is the US State Department, but it also works with other governments. Funds for the OCCRP originally came from counter-narcotics departments, while a top intel officer negotiated its 'relationship' with the private sector. Such a complicated overlay of intel,

#### Addicts not demons

Prioritise rehabilitation in battle against drugs



government and private players did the Panama Papers leaks, targeting adversaries like Russian President Vladimir Putin and members of the Chinese elite, leading eventually to a massive purge in Beijing. Another was the Pandora Papers, which released 11.9 million documents that exposed offshore accounts of the rich and powerful, including India's Ambanis and a shifty Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Yet the biggest billionaires in the US remained untouched. In this period, US President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden, for instance, was spending some \$683,000 on women and \$189,000 on adult entertainment.

Far more secretive and pervasive is a huge Chinese disinformation campaign. New research points to the creation of shell companies, including in the UK, that then run blogs and websites using plagiarised news articles, fake pages and accounts. More seriously, news reports cite 'spamouflage', the world's largest known online disinformation operation run by China to harass US politicians and others — at times threatening its targets with violence — as part of a well-organised intimidation campaign targeting people in the US. Another report cited China's information operations to affect regional stability in South-East Asia and India, also using 'content farms' (content that is designed as clickbait) in Malaysia to spread disinformation.

The upshot of all this is that a barrage of polling, data and misinformation is

being used in what seems to be a new regime change methodology, which is faster and easier to run than easily exposed ground intelligence operations. This is only a part of new 'cognitive' warfare being fought that aims to erode a country from within, eroding its faith in itself and its leadership. As India rises, expect more of the same. The only way to counter it is to win the trust of your people, at all levels. It's actually easy. To be seen as clearly backing transparency and thereby rooting out corruption is something even the twittering public will appreciate and defend against all comers. In that case, all that polling data and leaks may actually end up doing some good.

> case, they are only the small fry. The big fish are the drug traders and traffickers who are part of a thriving international network. They have to be targeted incessantly by the law enforcement agencies. This is especially true for Punjab, which is bearing the brunt of cross-border narcotic smuggling. The state, which was rocked by a spate of drug overdose deaths earlier this year, is struggling to combat the menace.

The initiative to involve mothers and sisters of youngsters in the battle against drugs is praiseworthy. The emotional support of family members can prevent many juveniles from going astray. The recent murder of a Barnala sarpanch, who reportedly took a firm stand against drug dealers, shows that the noble path is fraught with dangerous consequences. However, such an incident should not deter people from holding firm. Nothing less than a mass movement can stem the rot.

than the actual revenue inflow.

The concept of taxing the rich and paying the poor was appealing at the time of Independence, when the majority of the populace was under the poverty line. A wealth tax was, thus, introduced in 1957. It did little to ameliorate the lot of the weakest sections of society.

the shadows. Otherwise, stigma and ostracisation will make them sink deeper into the mire.

INDIA aspires to be drug-free ('Nasha Mukt') by

2047. A lot of things must fall into place for the

nation to come anywhere near achieving that

lofty target. An attitudinal change, in particular,

can make a big difference on the ground. The

Supreme Court has rightly observed that

demonising victims of drug abuse is a wrong

approach — the focus should be on rehabilitating

them. Various stakeholders --- Central and state governments, civil society, families, educational

institutions — should pay heed to the suggestion

of holding frank discussions to tackle this

scourge. The drug users have to be brought out of

At stake is the nation's future as the youth are most vulnerable to the lure of substance abuse. Handling young addicts with sensitivity and compassion can make them see reason. In any



#### The right medicine for Pakistan's ailing economy



PAKISTAN'S long history of fiscal mismanagement has saddled the country with a crushing debt burden. Interest payments on the public debt consume a staggering 60 per cent of government revenue. And external-debt repayments coming due over the next five years amount to nearly \$70 billion, dwarfing the \$11 billion in foreign-exchange reserves held by the central bank.No wonder that some experts have started calling for a default and restructuring. Many others are still urging strict adherence to the threeyear austerity programme approved by the Banks would be unable to repay depositors, International Monetary Fund (IMF) in September to balance the books.Neither default nor austerity is likely to work, however, and both would inflict unnecessary pain.External debt restructuring is the new IMF austerity programme, which wrong medicine for Pakistan, because the problem is not the external interest burden but rather the volume of repayments falling due. Only 10 per cent of interest payments go to private creditors, given that almost all — more than 85 per cent — of Pakistan's external debt is owed to official creditors at concessional rates.So, even if the Pakistan government stopped paying interest to external private creditors altogether, this would barely make a dent in its overall bill. Around half of Pakistan's public-debt stock is owed to multilateral creditors such as the IMF and the World Bank, and thus cannot be restructured unless these institutions launch a new debt-relief scheme like the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative of the 1990s.

And with remaining obligations to bilateral creditors (mainly China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates) already being rolled over under the IMF programme, halting repayments would provide little benefit. It could entail high costs in terms of damage to diplomatic and trade relations and access to future Nor is any relief in sight on the spending side. The financing.Restructuring domestic debt, on the other

hand, could lower Pakistan's interest bill, but would cause severe economic pain.Nearly two-thirds of the government's domestic obligations are held by banks, where these securities comprise around 60 per cent of assets.Even a modest haircut of 10 per cent would wipe out the banking system's capital, though the impact would vary from institution to institution.

triggering financial turmoil and a sharp economic contraction.

new IMF austerity programme, which seeks to increase the tax-to-GDP ratio by three percentage points over three years?To be sure, addressing the country's chronic revenue shortfalls is of paramount importance. Only around 1 per cent of Pakistanis pay any income tax at all, and the government's revenue collection — at around 12 per cent of GDP—is among the world's lowest. The agriculture, retail and real-estate sectors, which constitute the bulk of the economy, are effectively outside the tax net. No

country can function like this.But the IMF programme aims to raise the tax-to-GDP ratio by two percentage points in the first year alone breakneck pace that is wildly unrealistic. Pakistan has never achieved an adjustment of this scale in a single year. Even if, by some miracle, the government did manage it, the negative effects on economic activity and poverty rates would be crippling.

government's non-interest spending relative to GDP



is to be held below its average level over the past decade. It was already among the lowest of the world's emerging economies and insufficient to meet basic development needs. Even if this austerity could be achieved, its social and political sustainability is far from assured.In short, restructuring is bad medicine, and the IMF programme is good medicine, albeit at a lethal dose. But there is a third way.

For starters, the Pakistan government must raise tax revenue by 1 per cent of the GDP annually over five

years by implementing aggressive structural reforms to broaden the tax net.Policymakers should channel half of the gains back into the economy through increased spending on education, healthcare, poverty eradication and climateresilient infrastructure.

During this reform process, bilateral and multilateral creditors should temporarily extend new loans to Pakistan, instead of just rolling over the debt coming due.Liquidity relief would boost economic growth by increasing public investment and crowding in private investment.To ensure that these funds are well spent, creditors must condition their lending on reform progress and be involved in selecting and implementing public investment projects.

Lastly, to facilitate coordination, the IMF should regularly publish data on actual and projected loan flows and interest paid to each major official creditor.

This information is currently not available. A creditor will be more likely to provide new concessional lending if it knows that other creditors are doing so as well.In its current form, the austerity programme will almost certainly fail, causing Pakistan's economic conditions to deteriorate further and delivering a reputational hit to the IMF.But if policymakers reduce the dose now, and creditors provide more liquidity by enhancing coordination, Pakistan is more likely to grow out of its debt problem.

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এবং ঝাড়খণ্ড থেকে বেঙ্গলে যাওয়া সমস্ত পণ্যবাহী

যানবাহনের প্রবেশ শুরু হয়েছে। গত সন্ধ্যা ৭টার

পর বেঙ্গল সরকারের আদেশে ঝাড়খণ্ড–বেঙ্গল মথন

সীমান্তে পণ্যবাহী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ নিষিদ্ধ করা

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

বেঙ্গল সরকারের এই অনুমতির পর, ট্রাক চালকরা

স্বস্তির নিঃশ্বাস ফেলেন। প্রাক্তন নিরসা বিধায়ক

অরূপ চ্যাটার্জি ঝাড়খণ্ডের মুখ্যমন্ত্রী হেমন্ড সোরেনের

এই উদ্যোগের প্রশংসা 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

भोजपुरी

देश क बरक्कत

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।

- श्याम कुंवर भारती (राजभर)

বেঙ্গলে

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नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय सड़क,

परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री नितिन

गडकरी ने चीनी उद्योग से

इथेनॉल-डीजल मिश्रण और हरित

हाइड्रोजन के उत्पादन में विविधता

लाने का आग्रह किया। नितिन

गडकरी ने निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी

सहित इथेनॉल और सीएनजी पंप

स्थापित करने की आवश्यकता पर

नई दिल्ली स्थित होटल ताज महल

में चीनी उद्योग के प्रमुख निकाय

भारतीय चीनी मिल संघ (इस्मा)

के दूसरे सालान आम बैठक को

वर्चुअल रूप से संबोधित करते हुए

यह बात कही। उन्?होंने अपने

केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने

#### टोस योजनाओं और निरंतर प्रतिबद्धता से डिजिटल शिक्षा का लक्ष्य संभव : रत्ना

#### एजेंसी

हाइड्रोजन और अन्य उप-उत्पादों के कारण हम उद्योग में उत्पादकता और लाभप्रदता बढा सकते हैं।इससे पहले भारतीय चीनी एवं जैव-ऊर्जा निर्माता संघ इस्?मा के अध्?यक्ष एम प्रभाकर राव ने केंद्रीय मंत्री का स्?वागत करते हुए चीनी उद्योग की उपलब्धियों के बारे में विस्तार से चर्चा की। इस अवसर पर खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक कि वर्ष 2023 में शिक्षा मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत के 10 लाख 22 हजार 386 सरकारी विद्यालयों में से केवल 24 प्रतिशत में ही डिजिटल पहुंच है। इनमें से 37.7 प्रतिशत विद्यालयों में

कंप्यूटर हैं लेकिन उनमें से भी सिर्फ 10 प्रतिशत कंप्युटर सही तरीके से काम कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने यह भी कहा, एडटेक से जुड़े कई ऐप बनाए गए हैं लेकिन ये सिर्फ कुछ बच्चों तक ही सीमित हैं। सरकारी स्कूलों में पढ़ने वाले अधिकांश बच्चों को इनका लाभ नहीं मिल पाता। इस आंकड़े से यह साफ है कि शहरी और ग्रामीण विद्यालयों में बडी खाई है। जहां शहरी निजी विद्यालयों ने डिजिटल तकनीक को अपनाने में तेजी दिखाई है वहीं ग्रामीण और अर्ध-शहरी सरकारी विद्यालय बुनियादी सुविधाओं की कमी से जुझ रहे हैं। यह असमानता शिक्षा को

सभी के लिए समान अधिकार के बजाय एक विशेषाधिकार बना रही है। फिर भी सकारात्मक बदलाव हो रहे हैं। वर्ष 2017-18 में सरकारी विद्यालयों में सिर्फ 5.5 प्रतिशत विद्यालयों में इंटरनेट था लेकिन आज यह प्रतिशत बढा है।

नयी दिल्ली। रीच टू टीच की मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकाराई (सीईओ) रत्ना विश्वनाथन ने आज कहा कि सिर्फ ठोस योजनाओं और निरंतर प्रतिबद्धता के जरिए ही भारत एक ऐसी शिक्षा प्रणाली बना सकता है, जिससे डिजिटल शिक्षा के लक्ष्य को हासिल करना संभव हो सकता है। सुश्री विश्वनाथन ने जारी बयान में डिजिटल शिक्षा की दिशा में भारत के सफर का जिक्र करते हुए सरकारी विद्यालयों में डिजिटल सुविधाओं की मौजूदा स्थिति और इस क्षेत्र में आगे बढने के रास्ते पर अपने विचार साझा किए। उन्होंने बताया

संबोधन में इथेनॉल और सीएनजी इंजन, इथेनॉल आधारित इंजन और इसके साथ ही इथेनॉल, सीएनजी,

जानता हूं कि चीनी बनाना कोई आकर्षक काम नहीं है, लेकिन

पंप स्थापित करने और निजी क्षेत्र के निवेश की वकालत की। भारतीय चीनी संघ की दूसरे

चीनी उद्योग इथेनॉल-डीजल और ग्रीन हाइड्रोजन

उत्पादन में लाए विविधता : गडकरी

ईंधन पर ट्रैक्टरों का निर्माण शुरू करने का आग्रह किया। मंत्री ने बाजार के अवसरों का विस्तार करने के लिए बांग्लादेश, भूटान, नेपाल और श्रीलंका जैसे पड़ोसी देशों को इथेनॉल निर्यात करने की संभावनाओं की जांच करने का सुझाव दिया। गडकरी ने कहा कि मैं

सब्सक्रिप्शन आया था। इसी तरह

बायोसीएनजी की अपार संभावनाएं हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि टाटा, मारुति सुजुकी और टोयोटा सहित पांच वाहन निर्माता कंपनियां बाजार में फ्लेक्स इंजन ईंधन कारें लॉन्च करने के लिए तैयार हैं। उन्होंने ट्रैक्टर निर्माताओं से वैकल्पिक

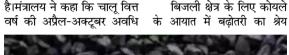
सालाना आम बैठक को वर्चुअल माध्यम से संबोधित करते हुए नितिन गडकरी ने कहा कि जीवाश्म ईंधन के विकल्प के रूप में फ्लेक्स

#### वितरण विभाग के सचिव संजीव चोपड़ा और इस्मा के उपाध्यक्ष गौतम गोयल तथा इंडस्ट्रीज से जुड़े अन्य वरिष्ठि अधिकारी उपस्थित रहे। उल्लेखनीय है कि भारतीय चीनी मिल संघ देश का एक प्रमुख चीनी संगठन है। यह भारत में सरकारी और निजी चीनी मिलों के बीच एक कडी है।

## अप्रैल-अक्टूबर में कोयला आधारित बिजली उत्पादन 3.87 फीसदी बढ़ाः कोयला मंत्रालय

नई दिल्ली। देश में चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के पहले सात महीनों अप्रैल-अक्टूबर में कोयला आधारित बिजली उत्पादन में पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तलना में 3.87 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी हुई है। यह वृद्धि आयात पर निर्भरता को कम करते हुए कोयला उत्पादन में आत्मनिर्भरता को बढ़ावा देने के चल रहे प्रयासों को रेखांकित करती है।

कोयला मंत्रालय की तरफ से बताया गया कि इस साल अप्रैल से अक्टूबर तक कोयला आधारित बिजली उत्पादन में पिछले वित?त वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 3.87 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज हुई है। इसी अवधि के दौरान ताप विद्युत संयंत्रों द्वारा मिश्रण के लिए आयात में 19.5 फीसदी की गिरावट दर्ज हुई है। यह गिरावट कोयला उत्पादन में आत्मनिर्भरता हासिल करने और आयात पर निर्भरता को कम करने की देश की प्रतिबद्धता पर जोर देती





के दौरान कोयले का आयात 3.1 फीसदी घटकर 14.93 करोड़ टन रह गया है, जो पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी अवधि में 15.41 करोड़ टन था। इसके अतिरिक्त, गैर-विनियमित क्षेत्र (बिजली के अलावा) में अप्रैल-अक्टबर के दौरान पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 8.8 फीसदी की गिरावट देखी गई।

आयातित कोयला आधारित विद्युत संयंत्रों (केवल आयातित कोयले का उपयोग करने के लिए डिजायन) द्वारा कोयले के आयात को दिया जाता है। इस अवधि के दौरान तीन करोड़ टन कोयले का आयात हुआ, जो पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की इसी अवधि के दौरान 2.17 करोड़ टन से 38.4 फीसदी अधिक है।

बिक्री की गई है। आज ही ट्रांसफॉर्मर बुशिंग्स का उत्पादन करने वाली कंपनी यश हाईवोल्टेज लिमिटेड के शेयरों ने भी बीएसई के एसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर जोरदार एंट्री की। आईपीओ के तहत कंपनी ने 146 रुपये के भाव पर शेयर जारी किए थे। आज बीएसई के एसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर कंपनी के शेयर 90 प्रतिशत प्रीमियम के साथ 277.40 रुपये के स्तर पर लिस्ट हुए। लिस्टिंग के बाद कंपनी के शेयरों में खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से और तेजी आई। थोड़ी ही देर में कंपनी के शेयर उछल कर 291.25 रुपये के अपर सर्किट लेवल पर पहुंच गए।

#### एअर इंडिया एयरलाइन ने ३४ प्रशिक्षक विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया

निदेशक सुनील भास्करन ने कहा कि एफटीओ से एअर इंडिया और देश के विमानन उद्योग दोनों के लिए योग्य



स्टॉक मार्केट में २ कंपनियों की जोरदार शुरूआत, यश हाईवोल्टेज ने निवेशकों को कराया दोगुना का मुनाफा

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दायरे में कारोबार करते रहे। दिनभर के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन में 80.64 गुना नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार के कारोबार के बाद इनवेंचरस नॉलेज सॉल्यूशंस के शेयर में आज दो कंपनियों ने शेयरों की लिस्टिंग के जरिए अपने कारोबार की

शुरुआत की। इस सप्ताह लगातार दंबाव के बीच कारोबार कर रहे घरेलू शेयर बाजार में लिस्ट होने वाली इन दोनों कंपनियां की शुरुआत शानदार रही. जिसके कारण आईपीओ निवेशकों को भी बढ़िया मुनाफा हुआ। हेल्थ केयर इंटरप्राइजेज को सर्विस मुहैया कराने वाली कंपनी इनवेंचरसँ नॉलेज सॉल्यूशंस के शेयरों की आज बीएसई और एनएसई पर जोरदार शुरुआत हुई।

आईपीओ के तहत कंपनी के शेयर तरह कंपनी के आईपीओ निवेशकों को पहले दिन ही 47.54 प्रतिशत का 1,329 रुपये के भाव पर जारी किए गए थे। आज बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज मुनाफा हो गया।इनवेंचरस नॉलेज पर कंपनी के शेयर 39.65 प्रतिशत सॉल्यूशंस का आईपीओ 12 से 16 प्रीमियम के साथ 1,856 रुपये के दिसंबर के बीच सब्सक्रिप्शन के स्तर पर लिस्ट हुए। इसी तरह नेशनल लिए खुला था। आईपीओ को स्टॉक एक्सचेंज पर कंपनी के शेयर निवेशकों की ओर से अच्छा रिस्पॉन्स 43 प्रतिशत प्रीमियम के साथ मिला था, जिसके कारण ये ओवरऑल 52.68 गुना सब्सक्राइब इसमें क्वालिफाइड हआ। इंस्टीट्यूशनल बायर्स (क्यूआईबी)

गंक्षी पायलटों को बनाने और भारत के विमानन पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को मजबूत करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं। एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि इसमें अमेरिका में पाइपर एयरक्राफ्ट से 31 सिंगल-इंजन विमान ऑस्ट्रिया स्थित डायमंड एयरक्राफ्ट से तीन ट्विन-इंजन विमानों की आपूर्ति के ऑर्डर शामिल हैं। एअर उम्मीद है।

## इंडिया की विमानन अकादमी के

पायलटों का एक आत्मनिर्भर

फ्लाइंग स्कूल के लिए 34 ट्रेनर पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र तैयार करने में मदद विमानों के ऑर्डर दिए हैं। हम मिलेगी। उल्लेखनीय है कि टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन कंपनी एअर इंडिया का विमान प्रशिक्षण संगठन (एफटीओ) महाराष्ट के अमरावती में बेलोरा हवाई अड्डे पर स्थापित किया जा रहा है। नियामकीय मंजूरी मिलने के बाद अगले साल की दूसरी छमाही तक इसके चालू होने की

नॉन इंस्टीट्यूशनल इन्वेस्टर्स (एनआईआई) के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन 1,960.85 के स्तर पर बंद हुए। इस 23.25 गुना सब्सक्राइब हुआ था?। वहीं, रिटेल इन्वेस्टर्स के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन में 14.55 गुना सब्सक्रिप्शन आया था। आईपीओं में 2,497.92 करोड रुपये के 1.88 करोड शेयरों की ऑफर फॉर सेल विंडो के जरिए

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#### एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली।घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार<sup>ं</sup>में आज सपाट<sup>ें</sup>स्तर पर कारोबार होता हुआ नजर आ रहा है। सोने की कीमत में बदलाव नहीं होने के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना आज भी 77,990 रुपये से लेकर 77,840 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना भी 71,500 रुपये से लेकर 71.350 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। चांदी के भाव में आज लगातार दूसरे दिन कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। इसलिए दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में इसकी कीमत आज भी 92.500 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर बनी हुई है।देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77.990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के

रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। वहीं देश की आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई



स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट सोने की 71,350 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 71,500 रिटेल कीमत 77,890 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 71,400 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम में 24 कैरेट सोना 77,840 रुपये दर्ज की गई है। इन प्रमुख शहरों के

कीमत पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह कोलकाता में भी 24 कैरेट सोना 77,840 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 71,350 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है।लखनऊ के सर्राफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77.990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 71,500 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। वहीं पटना में 24 कैरेट सोने की

1,900 रुपये के स्तर पर लिस्ट हुए। पूरे दिन कंपनी के शेयर 1,852.10 रुपये से लेकर 2,031 रुपये के नई दिल्ली। टाटा की अगुवाई वाली एअर इंडिया ने महाराष्ट्र स्थित

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#### केंद्र ने राम मोहन राव अमारा को एसबीआई का प्रबंध निदेशक किया नियुक्त

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (एसबीआई) के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) के पद पर राम मोहन राव अमारा को नियुक?त किया है। वह एसबीआई के चेयरमैन के रूप में सी एस शेट्टी की पदोन्नति के बाद खाली हुए स्थान को भरेंगे। देश के सबसे बड़े ऋणदाता बैंक एसबीआई ने शेयर बाजार को दी जानकारी में बताया कि वित्तीय सेवा संस्थान ब्यूरो (एफएसआईबी) ने इस साल सितंबर में इस पद के लिए राम मोहन राव अमारा के नाम की सिफारिश की थी। बैंक ने बताया कि अगस्त में सीएस शेट्टी के चेयरमैन का पद संभालने के बाद स्टेट बैंक में एमडी का एक पद खाली हो गया था।स्टेट बैंक के मुताबिक राम मोहन राव अमारा एमडी के तौर पर अपनी नियुक्ति तक देश के सबसे बड़े बैंक के उप-प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य जोखिम अधिकारी के पद पर कार्यरत थे। अमारा को तीन साल की अवधि के लिए बैंक में प्रबंध निदेशक के तौर पर नियुक्त किया गया है। इसके साथ ही एसबीआई को अपना चौथा एमडी मिल गया है। उल्लेखनीय है कि राम मोहन राव अमारा ने 1991 में स्टेट बैंक में प्रोबेशनरी ऑफिसर के तौर पर अपना करियर शुरू किया था। उन्होंने क्रेडिट, जोखिम, खुदरा और अंतरराष्ट्रीय बैंकिंग के क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञता हासिल की है। राव सिंगापुर और अमेरिका जैसे बाजारों में एसबीआई के लिए

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के बुनियादी ढांचे के परिदृश्य में लिए डांगोपोसी-जरोली परियोजना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान मिलने की उम्मीद है जिससे हर क्षेत्र में निर्बाध संपर्क



सुविधा सुनिश्चित होगी। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक रेल मंत्रालय की दो परियोजनाओं का विवरण इस प्रकार है। डांगोआपोसी-जारोली तीसरी और चौथी लाइनः झारखंड और ओडिशा में मौजूदा कॉरिडोर के समानांतर 85.88 किलोमीटर लंबी तीसरी और चौथी लाइन बनाने के

और उर्वरक जैसी थोक वस्तुओं की निर्बाध और कुशल ढुलाई सुनिश्चित होगी। यह परियोजना क्षमता बढाएगी, व्यापार दक्षता में सुधार करेगी और लौह अयस्क की तेजी से निकासी होगी जिससे पूर्वी और उत्तरी भारत में औद्योगिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान मिलेगा। बुढवल-गोंडा कचहरी चौथी लाइन : बुढ़वल-गोंडा कचहरी परियोजना में 55.75 किलोमीटर लंबी चौथी रेल लाइन शामिल है, जो मौजूदा दोहरी लाइनों और चल रही तीसरी लाइन के काम

स्थित यह परियोजना बाराबंकी लाई गई है। ये लाइनें खनिज समद्ध बहराइच और गोंडा जिलों में संपर्क क्योंझर क्षेत्र से औद्योगिक केंद्रों और सविधा को बढाएगी जिससे यात्रियों पारादीप बंदरगाह तक लौह अयस्क को आवाजाही और माल ढूलाई में के परिवहन में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका सुधार होगा। क्षमता में वृद्धि के साथ निभाएंगी, जिससे कोयला, जिप्सम येँ लाइन प्रमुख क्षेत्रों से पूर्वोत्तर तक कोयला, सीमेंट, उर्वरक और इस्पात सहित वस्तुओं की आवाजाही को सुव्यवस्थित करेगी जिससे रसद दक्षता और क्षेत्रीय संपर्क को बढ़ावा मिलेगा बाराबंकी-बहराइच परियोजना एनएच-927 कॉरिडोर के 101.54 किलोमीटर हिस्से को छह लेन वाली संरचनाओं के साथ 4-लेन में उन्नत करने पर केंद्रित है। यह बेहतर संपर्क सुविधा लखनऊ, श्रावस्ती एयरपोर्ट, एनएच-27 और भारत-नेपाल सीमा को जोडेगी जिससे उत्तर प्रदेश और उत्तर भारत में व्यापार में सुविधा होगी और यात्रा समय में कमी आएगी। को पुरक बनाती है। उत्तर प्रदेश में

एजेंसी पेशकश (ओएफएस) का संयोजन है। इस प्रस्ताव में पात्र कर्मचारियों द्वारा सदस्यता के लिए आरक्षण भी शामिल है। इसके अलावा कर्मचारी आरक्षण हिस्से में बोली लगाने वाले

मुंबई/नई दिल्ली। जयपुर स्थित गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी लक्ष्मी इंडिया फाइनेंस लिमिटेड ने आरंभिक सार्वजनिक पेशकश (आईपीओ) के लिए पूंजी बाजार नियामक भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड (सेबी) के समक्ष अपना ड्राफ्ट रेड हेरिंग प्रॉस्पेक्टस (डीआरएचपी) दाखिल किया है। सेबी के समक्ष जमा दस्तावेज के मुताबिक जयपुर स्थित एनबीएफसी कंपनी का प्रस्तावित 5 रुपये के अंकित मूल्य वाले इस आईपीओ में 1.04 करोड़ शेयरों के नए निर्गम और प्रमोटरों द्वारा 56.38 लाख शेयरों की बिक्री की

#### लोन और सामान्य कॉर्पोरेट उद्देश्यों गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और छत्तीसगढ के लिए अपनी भविष्य की पूंजी में 139 शाखाएं शामिल थीं। आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने तथा उल्लेखनीय है कि लक्ष्मी इंडिया अपने कैपिटल बेस बढाने के लिए फाइनेंस लिमिटेड एक गैर-जमा-करेगी। जून 2024 तक एनबीएफसी स्वीकृति एनबीएफसी कंपनी है, जो के पास 1,035.53 करोड़ रुपये की ग्राहकों को एमएसएमई ऋण, वाहन

प्रबंधनाधीन परिसंपत्ति (एयूएम) थी, जिसमें एमएसएमई और वाहन ऋण का योगदान क्रमशः 75.49 फीसदी पोर्टफोलियो प्रदान करता है।

## शेयर बाजार में लगातार चौथे दिन कमजोरी, बड़ी गिरावट का शिकार हुए सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी

#### एजेंसी

नर्ड दिल्ली। घरेल शेयर बाजार आज लगातार चौथे दिन बड़ी गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत भी जबरदस्त कमजोरी के साथ हुई थी। इसकी वजह से सेंसेक्स 80 हजार अंक और निफ्टी 24 हजार अंक से नीचे लुढ़क गए। हालांकि पहले आधे घंटे के कारोबार के बाद खरीदारों ने लिवाली का जोर बनाने की कोशिश की, जिससे कुछ देर के लिए शेयर बाजार की स्थिति सुधरती नजर आई, लेकिन पहले घंटे के कारोबार के बाद एक

#### बार फिर बिकवाली का दबाव बन गया। भी गिरावट के साथ लाल निशान में बंद इस बिकवाली की वजह से सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों सुचकांकों की कमजोरी बढती चली गई। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 1.20 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 1.02 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। आज दिनभर के कारोबार के दौरान रियल्टी, पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज, एफएमसीजी, आईटी, बैंकिंग और मेटल सेक्टर के शेयरों में जम कर बिकवाली होती रही। इसी तरह टेक, ऑयल एंड गैस, कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल, कैपिटल गुड्स और ऑटोमोबाइल इंडेक्स

हुए। दूसरी ओर हेल्थ केयर सेक्टर में आज खरीदारी होती रही। ब्रॉडर मार्केट में भी आज लगातार बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.30 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉल कैप इंडेक्स ने 0.28 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 ढाई लाख करोड रुपये से अधिक की कमी हो गई।

कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद घट कर 449.98 लाख करोड रुपये (अस्थाई) हो गया। जबकि पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी बुधवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 452.60 लाख करोड रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 2.62 लाख करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हो गया। आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,095 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,693 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि

बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट 2,299 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 103 शेयर बिना किसी उतार-चढाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,513 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 908 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान और 1,605 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शैयरों में से 3 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 27 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से 14 शेयर हरे निशान में और 36 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज

1,153.17 अंक टूट कर 79,029.03 अंक के स्तर पर खला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होने के बाद कुछ देर तक खरीदारों ने लिवाली का जोर बनाने की कोशिश की, जिसके कारण ये सूचकांक निचले स्तर से करीब 500 अंक उछल कर 79,516.17 अंक तक पहुंच गया, लेकिन इसके बाद बिकवाली का दबाव बनने की वजह से इस सूचकांक की कमजोरी दोबारा बढ़ती चली गई। पूरे दिन हुई खरीद-बिक्री के बाद सेंसेक्स 964.15 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 79,218.05 अंक के स्तर पर बंद

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केबिन क्रू की जिम्मेदारी

फ्लाइट में आने

वाले यात्रियों की

सुरक्षा का ध्यान

रखना, उनकी

जरूरतों को पूरा

नियम समझाना

होता है। बहुत से

लोग केबिन क्रू

बनना चाहते हैं

लेकिन उन्हें इस

बारे में जानकारी

नहीं होती है

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करना और

यात्रियों को

फ्लाइट के

बिन क्रू का मतलब होता है के केबिन के कर्मचारी। किसी भी फ्लाइट में जहाँ यात्री बैठते हैं, उसे केबिन कहते हैं । फ्लाइट में यात्रियों की सेवा और सुरक्षा के लिए जो टीम होती है, उसे केबिन क्रू कहते हैं । केबिन क्रू की जिम्मेदारी फ्लाइट में आने वाले यात्रियों की सुरक्षा का ध्यान रखना, उनकी जरूरतों को पूरा करना और यात्रियों को फ्लाइट के नियम समझाना होता है। बहुत से लोग केबिन क्रू बनना चाहते हैं लेकिन उन्हें इस बारे में जानकारी नहीं होती है कि केबिन क्रू कैसे बनें । आज के इस लेख में हम आपको केबिन क्रू बनने के लिए जरूरी योग्यता, प्रक्रिया और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी देंगे

#### योग्यता

उम्मीदवार को किसी मान्यता प्राप्त बोर्ड से बारहवीं कक्षा में साइंस, कॉमर्स या आर्ट्स किसी भी स्ट्रीम में पास होना चाहिए। या किसी मान्यता प्राप्त

यूनिवर्सिटी अगर आपने किसी भी सब्जेक्ट में स्नातक की हो तो आप केबिन क्रू की जॉब के लिए आवेदन कर सकते हैं ।

- आवेदक की ऊंचाई 157 से 170 सेंटीमीटर के बीच होनी चाहिए ।
- आवेदक की आयु 17 से 26 वर्ष के बीच होनी चाहिए।

#### जरूरी कौशल

- केबिन क्रू बनने के लिए अच्छी कम्युनिकेशन स्किल होनी चाहिए।
- केबिन क्रू बनने के लिए दूसरों के साथ अच्छी तरह से

दौरान बच्चे अपने पाटयक्रम में से ऐसी विभिन्न कक्षाओं मे दाखिला और भाग ले रहे हैं जो उनके कौशल को बढ़ाने के लिए उनके स्कूल द्वारा प्रदान नहीं किया जा रहा है। यह पैटर्न विभिन्न आयु समूहों में देखा गयाँ हैं जिसके कारण भारत में ऑनलाइन लर्निंग प्लेटफॉर्म की मांग बढ़ रही है।

कोरोना महामारी के

हल करने और जोड़ और घटाव को समझने में सक्षम होंगे ।

#### अबेकस सुपरमैथ्स

' सुपरमैथ्स' छात्रों को अबेकस टूल का उपयोग करने के लिए एक दोस्ताना और इंटरैक्टिव मंच प्रदान करता है। उनकी कक्षाएं आपको ऑनलाइन वर्कशीट पर काम करके मानसिक सिद्धांत अवधारणाओं को अभ्यास में लाने की अनुमति देती हैं । यह कोर्स दो ट्रैक में आता है, जूनियर और सीनियर । पहले ट्रैक में 11 स्तर होते हैं जबकि दूसरे वरिष्ठ ट्रैक में ८ स्तर होते हैं । प्रत्येक स्तर के अंत में एक ऑनलाइन परीक्षा आयोजित की जाती है जिसके बाद छात्र को अगले स्तर पर पदोन्नत किया जाता है । वे प्रशिक्षक के नेतृत्व में आवेदन आधारित वीडियो कक्षाओं के माध्यम से पढ़ाते हैं ।

#### अबेकस मास्टर

अबेकस मास्टर ने अबेकस को अधिक रोचक और मनोरंजक बनाने के लिए अनुटी विशेषताओं के साथ एक व्यापक शिक्षण मंच बनाया है। यह ई–लर्निंग प्लेटफॉर्म 5–12 वर्ष की आयु के बीच के छात्रों को अबेकस प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करता है । इसमें आठ स्तर शामिल होते हैं जो बुनियादी से लेकर उन्नत अबेकस गणनाओं तक सभी विषयों को कवर करते हैं । छात्र इस पाठ्यक्रम को अपनी गति के हिसाब से ले सकते हैं , हालाँकि, पोर्टल पूरी तरह से आश्वस्त होने के लिए प्रत्येक स्तर पर कम से कम दो महीने बिताने का सुझाव देता है । उनकी कक्षाएं एनिमेशन, अंजान वीडियो और प्रैक्टिस वर्कशीट की मदद से दी जाती हैं ।

#### रमार्ट किड अबेकस

रमार्ट किड की 'अबेकस प्रेंचाइजी' बच्चों के लिए अबेकस ऑनलाइन कक्षाएं संचालित करती है । ये कक्षाएं सप्ताह में एक बार 45 मिनट के लिए आयोजित की जाती हैं । समय में कोई पाबन्दी नहीं है और छात्र कई प्रकार के पाट्यक्रमों में से चुन सकते हैं । यह आठ स्तरीय पाट्यक्रम है जिसमें 5 बुनियादी और 3 अग्रिम स्तर हैं। पाट्यक्रम ४–१४ वर्ष आयु वर्ग के छात्रों के लिए डिजाइन किए गए हैं और ये पाट्यक्रम कौशल के विकास के साथ–साथ संपूर्ण मस्तिष्क विकास को बढ़ावा देते हैं ।

## बच्चों को घर बैठे खेल-खेल में सिखाएं गणित के गुण



कवर करते हैं । वे एकमात्र अबेकस कंपनी हैं जो दशमलव आधारित गणना प्रदान करती हैं ।

#### उडेमी

उदमी अबेकस कोर्स का उद्देश्य आपकी गणना, क्षमता, संख्या बोध और मानसिक अंकगणित को बेहतर बनाने में मदद करके मस्तिष्क का विकास करना है। यह पाठ्यक्रम मल्टीमीडिया और एनिमेशन के जरिये आपको सिखाएगा कि अबेकस पर सही और तेज बुनियादी गणित संचालन कैसे करें । इन अबेकस ऑन्लाइन कक्षाओं को शुरू करके बच्चे अबेकस पर संख्याएं रखने,

## छात्र नए–नए हुनर सीख रहे हैं।ऐसे में

गई है । माता–पिता अपने बच्चों को नए कौशल सिखाने के लिए ई–लर्निंग प्लेटफॉर्म का सहारा ले रहे हैं। ऐसे में अगर आप अपने बच्चे को गणित और सांख्यिकी गणना सिखाना चाहते हैं तो अबेकस ट्रेनिंग क्लास की मदद से

कोरोना महामारी के दौरान बच्चे अपने पाठ्यक्रम में से ऐसी विभिन्न कक्षाओं में दाखिला और भाग ले रहे हैं जो उनके कौशल को बढ़ाने के लिए उनके स्कूल द्वारा प्रदान नहीं किया जा रहा है । यह पैटर्न विभिन्न आयु समूहों में देखा गया है जिसके कारण भारत में ऑनलाइन लर्निंग प्लेटफॉर्म की मांग बढ़ रही है । माता–पिता अलग–अलग ई–लर्निंग प्लेटफॉर्म ढूंढ रहे हैं जिसके माध्यम से उनके बच्चों को रचनात्मक सीखने के माहौल में पाला जा सकता है । गणित और संख्या कुछ बच्चों के लिए स्वाभाविक रूप से आती है, लेकिन जब गणना की बात आती है तो स्कूल और कॉलेज के छात्रों का एक बड़ा हिस्सा कुछ हद तक संघर्ष करता है। अबेकस, जैसा कि हम सभी जानते हैं, सदियों से मौजूद है और इसे अंकगणितीय कौशल और संख्यात्मक प्रवाह को विकसित करने के लिए दुनिया भर में सबसे अच्छे उपकरणों में से एक माना जाता है । अबेकस टूल का उपयोग गणितीय कार्यों जैसे जोड़, घटाव, गुणा, वर्ग या घनमूल को करने के लिए किया जाता है। अबेकस का उपयोग दशमलव अंक, ऋणात्मक संख्या और बहुत कुछ गिनने के लिए भी किया जा सकता है । अपने गणना कौशल में सुधार के अलावा, अबेकस सीखने से बच्चे के समग्र विकास में मदद मिल सकती है । अबेकस सीखने के कुछ लाभ इस प्रकार हैं

- कैलकुलेशन की गति और सटीकता में सुधार करता है
- विश्लेषणात्मक कौशल और तार्किक रीजनिंग का निर्माण करता है
- गणित में रुचि पैदा करता है
- एकाग्रता और अवलोकन शक्ति को बढ़ाता है



मेमोरी में सुधार करता है आत्मविश्वास और आत्म-सम्मान बनाता है यहां भारत में पांच ऐसे प्लेटफार्मों के बारे में बताया गया है जो 100 प्रतिशत डिजिटल एबेकस प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करते हैं और युवाओं को भविष्य के रोल मॉडल बनने के लिए

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प्रेरित करते हैं ।

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अंबेकस शिक्षण मंच लॉन्च करने वाली दुनिया की पहली कंपनी है। उनके मंच में पूरी तरह कार्यात्मक वर्चुअल अबेकस है जो बच्चों के समग्र मानसिक विकास के लिए इंटरैक्टिव प्रशिक्षक के नेतृत्व वाली अबेकस शिक्षण पद्धति का उपयोग करता हैं । ये ऑनलाइन कक्षाएं चरण-दर–चरण अप्रोच प्रदान करती हैं जिसका उद्देश्य छात्रों को अबेकस को ध्यान में रखकर मार्गदर्शन करना और कैलकुलेटर की तुलना में तेजी से संख्या की गणना करनाँ है । शिक्षक प्रत्येक छात्र को गहन शिक्षण प्रदान करते हैं। वे जोड़, घटाव, गुणा, भाग, दशमलव जोड़, दशमलव घटाव, दशमलव गुणा और दशमलव भाग को



रोना वायरस महामारी के बाद कई छात्र काफी मानसिक तनाव महसूस कर रहे हैं । इस तनाव को दूर करने के लिए कई

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# वैकल्पिक चिकित्सा में

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काम कर सकते हैं । इसके अलावा मैग्नेटिक थेरेपिस्ट इंडिपेंडेंट प्रैक्टिस भी कर सकते हैं । इतना ही नहीं, वह उपचार के लिए मैग्नेटिक ज्वैलरी, ब्रेसलेट व अन्य उत्पादों को भी बेच सकते हैं । एक मैग्नेटिक थेरेपिस्ट की आय

## कॅरियर बनाना चाहते हैं तो चुनें मैग्नेटिक थेरेपी

एक मैग्नेटो चिकित्सक को मैग्नेटोमीटर के सही उपयोग के बारे में पता होना चाहिए, जो एक चुंबक के ध्रुवों को निर्धारित करता है । इसके अलावा आपको चुंबकीय चिकित्सा में इस्तेमाल होने वाले अन्य उपकरणों की भी सही जानकारी होनी चाहिए । मैग्नेटिक थेरेपी, जिसे मैग्नेट थेरेपी या मैग्नो थेरेपी भी कहा जाता है, वास्तव में एक वैकल्पिक चिकित्सा उपचार है, जिसमें विभिन्न रोगों के उपचार के लिए चुंबक का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है । यह एक बेहद सिंपल, इफेक्टिव, सुरक्षित व पूरी तरह से दर्दरहित प्राकृतिक उपचार हैं। चुंबकीय चिकित्सा को एक विज्ञान के साथ–साथ एक कला के रूप में माना जाता है, क्योंकि इसमें मानव के विभिन्न अंगो, रोगों को जानने के साथ–साथ व मैग्नेट के उचित उपयोग को जानना भी उतना ही जरूरी है । विज्ञान में, चुंबकीय चिकित्सा एक्यूपंक्चर के समान है । वहीं कला में, इसमें विभिन्न बीमारियों के इलाज के लिए शरीर के विभिन्न हिस्सों पर विभिन्न आकारों और शक्तियों के मैग्नेट का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। यह एक बेहद डिफरेंट चिकित्सा थेरेपी है। तो चलिए जानते हैं कि इस क्षेत्र में कैसे बनाएं कॅरियर-

एक मैग्नेटो चिकित्सक को मैग्नेटोमीटर के सही उपयोग के बारे में पता होना चाहिए, जो एक चंबक के ध्रुवों को निर्धारित करता है । इसके अलावा आपको चुंबकीय चिकित्सा में इस्तेमाल होने वाले अन्य उपकरणों की भी सही जानकारी होनी चाहिए । इसके अलावा उन्हें मानव शरीर व उसके महत्वपूर्ण अंगों की रचना व उसके विज्ञान के बारे में भी पता होना चाहिए ।

#### शैक्षणिक योग्यता

भारत में केवल कुछ ही संस्थान मैग्नेट थैरेपी पाठयक्रमों की पेशकश कर रहे हैं। मैग्नेट थेरेपी में सर्टिफकिट, डिग्री और डिप्लोमा पाठयक्रमों में प्रवेश के लिए न्यूनतम योग्यता 10 2 है और पीजी पाउँयक्रमों के लिए स्नातक होना आवेश्यक है । डिप्लोमा कोर्स की अवधि १ वर्ष की है और स्नातक और स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा कोर्स २ वर्ष का है । कुछ संस्थान शार्ट टर्म डिप्लोमा और मास्टर डिप्लोमा कोर्स भी करवाते हैं, जिनकी अवधि एक से तीन महीने की होती है । एक मैग्नेटिक थेरेपिस्ट प्राइवेट व पब्लिक हॉस्पिटल, नेचुरोपैथी हॉस्पिटल या वैकल्पिक उपचार चिकित्सा केन्द्रों में

असीमित है। उनकी आय उनके चिकित्सीय कौशल पर निर्भर करती है । सेल्फ इंपलायड मैग्नेटिक थेरेपिस्ट घंटे के हिसाब से चार्ज करते हैं । उनका एक सेशन करीबन 20 से 30 मिनट का होता है।

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क्वापोनिक्स दो शब्दों से मिलकर बना है। पहला एक्वाकल्चर जिसमें मछली पालन होता है और दूसरा हाइड्रोपोनिक जिसमें पानी पर खेती होती है। एक्वापोनिक्स में एक ही पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में मछलियाँ और पौधे एक साथ उगाए जा सकते हैं। इसमें परंपरागत खेती की तुलना में लगभग ९० प्रतिशत तक पानी की बचत होती है।

आज के समय में एग्रीटेक स्टार्टअप बहुत तेजी से विकसित हो रहा है । एक्वापोनिक्स दो शब्दों से मिलकर बना है । पहला एक्वाकल्चर जिसमें मछली पालन होता है और दूसरा हाइड्रोपोनिक जिसमें पानी पर खेती होती है। एक्वापोनिक्स में एक ही पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में मछलियाँ और पौधे एक साथ उगाए जा सकते हैं । इसमें परंपरागत खेती की तुलना में लगभग 90 प्रतिशत तक पानी की बचत होती है जबकि इसमें पौधे दोगुनी रफ्तार से बढ़ते हैं । एक्वापॉनिक्स में एक फिर्श टैंक में मछली पालन किया जाता है और दूसरी तरफ पानी पर हाइड्रोपोनिक खेती का सिस्टम बनाया जाता है। फिश टैंक में मछलियां फीड खाने के बाद करीब 70 फीसदी तक मल निकालती हैं जिसमें अमोनिया होता है । इसके बाद फिश टैंक से अमोनिया वाले पानी को हाइड्रोपोनिक खेती के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। जब ये

पानी पौधों की जड़ों तक पहुंचता है तो वहां मौजूद बैक्टीरिया इसे नाइट्रोजन में तोड़ देते हैं। यह पौधों के विकास के लिए बहत ही अहम होता है। इसके बाद पानी को फिर से प्यूरिफाई किया जाता है और दोबारा मछलियों के टैंक में डाला जाता है। इस तरह एक ही पानी बार– बार इस्तेमाल होता रहता है और पानी की बचत होती है ।

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बातचीत करने का ढंग होना चाहिए ।

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- मेडिकल टेस्ट क्लियर करने के बाद ग्रुप डिस्कशन होता
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## **SPORTS**

#### **NEWS BOX**

#### Australia selector explains 'very difficult decision' of dropping Nathan McSweeney

Australia's chid selector George Bailey has addressed the decision to replace Nathan McSweeney with 19-year-old Sam Konstas for the Boxing Day Test against India, explaining that the move was intended to bring a "point of difference" to the squad. Australia recently announced their 15-member team for the final two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, with Konstas coming in for Mcsweeny, who had only made his Test debut in this BGT series opener in Perth.McSweeney, who debuted in the ongoing series, was dropped after just three matches, a move that sparked mixed reactions amongst fans and former cricketers alike. However, Bailey emphasised that the decision was made to strengthen Australia's top-order batting, which has struggled against India's formidable pace attack, particularly Jasprit Bumrah, who has been in some recordbreaking form down under."We remain confident Nathan has the ability and temperament to succeed at Test level in the future...It was a difficult decision to leave him out," Bailey told cricket.com.au on Mcsweeny.



"It has clearly been a challenge at the top of the order for batters throughout the series, and we want to provide the option of a different line-up for the next two matches... Sam gets a call-up to the Test squad for the first time. His style of batting offers a point of difference and we look forward to watching his game develop further," he added.Australia's batting unit took a concerning shape in the second innings of the Brisbane Test, where the lineup faltered despite a stellar first-innings performance. Travis Head had smashed 152 off 160 balls, and Steve Smith added a solid 101, but their collapse in the latter innings raised questions about the consistency of their opening pair in Mcsweeny and Usman Khawaja. McSweeney, who was shifted to the opener's role despite being a middle-order batter in domestic cricket, struggled to adapt, scoring only 72 runs across six innings—a record low for an Australian opener in their first six innings in over five decades.Khawaja, the senior opener, has also faced challenges, averaging just 12 runs in the series with a top score of 21. However, the selectors chose to back Khawaja while dropping McSweeney, prioritising experience over youth.

#### R Ashwin retires: India's greatest match-winner deserved more respect

Ravichandran Ashwin, one of cricket's most decorated spinners, stunned the cricketing world with the announcement of his

## Australia drop Nathan McSweeney for Boxing Day Test, add teenage opener to squad

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Australia named a 15-man squad for the last two tests against India on Friday. In a bold call, the Australian

selectors dropped Nathan McSweeney and roped in 19-yearold Sam Konstas. Pacers Jhye Richardson and Sean Abbott also returned to the squad.

Melbourne. Australia dropped their latest Test debutant, Nathan McSweeney, after just the first three matches in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Australia announced a 15-member squad for the last two Tests of the series. The fourth Test, a Boxing Day blockbuster, starts December 26 in Melbourne. Teenager Sam Konstas has been added to the squad and he Khawaja at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.While the decision to drop 25-yearold Nathan McSweeney after just three Tests

has divided opinions, Australia have added the attacking Sam Konstas in a bid to inject some firepower at the top of the order. McSweeney, who made his debut in Perth, had a tough time dealing with Jasprit Bumrah in the first three games.

Meanwhile, Australia have also recalled express pacer Jhye Richardson to the squad for the first time in three years. Along with him, pacer Sean Abbott and Tasmania all-rounder Beau Webster have been added to the squad, which is 15 members in size.

AUSTRALIA SQUAD FOR LAST 2 TESTS OF BGT 2024-25

Pat Cummins (c), Travis Head (vc), Steve Smith (vc), Sean Abbott, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Sam Konstas, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Jhye Richardson, Mitchell Starc, Beau Webster. WHY WAS MCSWEENEY DROPPED?

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Konstas for some exciting performances in the ongoing season. Known for his aggressive approach, Konstas is expected to fill the void that David Warner left in the Australian Test team.

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## Who is Sam Konstas 19-year-old Australian opener set for Boxing Day Test debut

New Delhi Australia are set to hand teenage opener Sam Konstas his Test debut in the Boxing Day Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. After months of anticipation, Konstas has finally received his Test call-up for the final two matches of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. It promises to be a baptism by fire for the young New South Wales cricketer, but the Australian cricket community is quietly confident that Konstas will thrive under pressure.On Friday, December 20, Australia announced a 15man squad for the last two Tests against India. With the series level at 1-1 after Australia were denied victory at the Gabba, the selectors have made some pivotal changes to the squad. In a major decision, they have dropped 25-year-old Nathan McSweeney after just three Test matches. McSweeney, who struggled against the Jasprit Bumrah-led pace attack, scored only 72 runs across six innings—the lowest tally for an Australian Test opener in their first six knocks since 1974.

Usman Khawaja fared no better. The 38-yearold managed just 63 runs in six innings but retained his place due to the invaluable experience he offers.Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Full Coverage

Australia appear to have learned a hard lesson.



When McSweeney, primarily a middle-order batsman in domestic cricket, was added to the squad at the start of the series, doubts were raised about his ability to handle India's high-quality attack. McSweeney struggled to keep the scoreboard moving, and Khawaja's poor form exacerbated the fragility of Australia's top order. WHO IS SAM KONSTAS

By including Sam Konstas, Australia hope to inject aggressive intent at the top of the order. Konstas enters the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with an impressive record across formats.In December 2024, Konstas made

his debut for the Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash League. Opening alongside David Warner, he smashed a blistering 57 off 26 balls, marking the fastest half-century in Sydney Thunder's history. His innings included eight boundaries and two sixes, playing a key role in the team's victory over the Adelaide Strikers.

Konstas also featured for the Prime Minister's XI in a pink-ball warm-up match against India at Manuka Oval. He scored an outstanding 107 off 97 balls, including 14 fours and a six, against a formidable Indian bowling attack featuring Mohammed Siraj and Ravindra Jadeja. This performance further solidified his reputation as a rising star in Australian cricket.n October-November 2024, Konstas was selected for Australia A in their series against India A. In the second unofficial Test, he played a crucial role with an unbeaten 73 in the second innings, helping secure a victory for his team.

'LIKE CLARKE, WARNER AND SMITH' With 736 runs across formats this summer, Konstas has drawn widespread acclaim from cricketing legends and commentators. Former England captain Michael Vaughan had championed his inclusion in the Test squad, describing him as "fearless" and "unflappable."

New Delhi In India, where a layman is still getting accustomed to the concept of women's cricket, playing the sport for a female athlete comes with its fair share of challenges. For Akshita Maheshwari, Mumbai Indians' new recruit in the Women's Premier League, it wasn't any different. In Jaipur, the youngster was in a circle where cricket is still considered a male-dominated sport, but what was different was her family's support.

When she was in her teens, Akshita had to face rejections from academies that did not promote the women's game, but they did not stop her from pursuing her dreams passionately. Once she found her way, she kept taking mini strides, rising through age group cricket and, in 2024, landed her maiden WPL deal with the 2023 champions."I always used to play with my brothers in the terrace, but not that intensely as there were not many girls where my father bought a new house. I never liked staying at home, and preferred going out and playing. My father had to face questions in our colony about me playing



#### Bangladesh secure 1st-ever 3-0 T20I sweep vs West Indies after Jaker Ali special

retirement. The abruptness of his decision has left fans and experts alike grappling with the void his departure creates. For a player of his stature, the goodbye felt all too quiet, almost unworthy of a cricketer who has done so much for Indian cricket.

India's most successful off-spinner deserved a grand farewell. He merited the roar of a packed stadium, a guard of honour, and the chance to weave his magic one last time on the field. Instead, his announcement came in a room full of reporters at the end of the third Test in Brisbane. There were no rousing tributes or emotional speeches to a stadium filled with adoring fans. Ashwin's final words as an Indian cricketer were shared in



the dressing room, amidst scattered teammates, a low-key farewell to a highimpact career. The only solace is that Ashwin walked away on his terms. As skipper Rohit Sharma observed, the off-spinner saw the writing on the wall and decided there was no point in continuing if his services were no longer required. Still, one cannot help but wonder if the lack of a regular spot in the playing XI, despite his extraordinary record, weighed heavily on his decision.

#### ASHWIN DESERVED A BETTER FAREWELL

Ashwin's father, Ravichandran, alleged that his son faced humiliation, which may have influenced his decision to retire during India's ongoing tour of Australia. While he could not pinpoint a specific incident, it appears he was pointing fingers at how his son was repeatedly overlooked in overseas tours.World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev lamented the unceremonious nature of Ashwin's departure, stressing the importance of a respectful send-off for such a legendary all-rounder. "The next generation has to be better than us. If not, the world is not going ahead.

Kingstown. Bangladesh capped off a strong comeback on their Caribbean tour with a commanding 80-run win over West Indies in the third T20I at Arnos Vale, St. Vincent, on December 20. This victory secured a 3-0 series sweep, marking their first clean sweep in T20Is in nearly two years.Batting first, Bangladesh set a formidable total of 189/7, their highest T20I score in the West Indies. Jaker Ali played a starring role, smashing an unbeaten 72 off just 41 balls. The bowlers then delivered a clinical performance, bundling out the West Indies for 109, their lowest-ever T20I total against Bangladesh. **Jaker Ali Shines Bright** 

Jaker Ali continued his stellar form, anchoring the innings with six sixes and three fours. The match saw a dramatic moment when Jaker appeared to be run out after a mix-up with Shamim Hossain. However, the third umpire adjudged Shamim out instead, allowing Jaker to resume his innings. He



capitalised on the reprieve, smashing 20 runs off the 18th over and three sixes in the final over bowled by Alzarri Joseph, leading Bangladesh to a strong finish.Earlier, Parvez Hossain Emon provided a quick start, replacing the injured Soumya Sarkar. His 39 off 21 balls included two sixes and four boundaries, helping Bangladesh score 54 runs in the powerplay. Despite losing wickets in the middle overs, Jaker's

brilliance ensured a competitive total. ishad Hossain's Impactful Bowling Bangladesh's bowlers, led by Rishad Hossain, dominated the West Indies batting lineup. Taskin Ahmed set the tone by dismissing Brandon King early, while Mahedi Hasan continued his fine run by removing Nicholas Pooran for the third time in the series.Rishad Hossain was the standout performer with 3/20, executing a sharp run-out of Johnson Charles and dismissing Rovman Powell, Gudakesh Motie, and Alzarri Joseph. The hosts struggled to build partnerships, with Johnson Charles and Nicholas Pooran offering the only resistance. This sweep marked a significant turnaround for Bangladesh, coming after a 3-0 loss in the ODI series. The emphatic performances from Jaker Ali and Rishad Hossain signal promising prospects for the team as they build momentum for future challenges.

with boys every time," Akshita said in an exclusive interview with India Today.But he, my mother and brother supported me; they said, 'khelo, kya fark padta hain kaun kya bol raha hain, aapko jo accha lagta hain wo karo (play, it doesn't matter what people are saying, do what your heart says). Then I got to know that there are academies and I looked out for Neerja Modi Academy."But they said that they don't teach girls. It was five to six years ago. I went to the KL Saini Cricket Academy for running and I saw another girl training. I immediately called my father, after which I registered there, and it started from there," Akshita said.

#### The surreal moment

With only 19 slots to be filled in the miniauction, Akshita had to fight with 122 players who threw their hat in the ring. In the opening round and first accelerated round, her name did not pop up. But in the second accelerated round, the franchises shortlisted her, and it was MI, who roped her in at a base price of Rs 20 lakhs. Akshita was plying her trade with Rajasthan in the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy when MI picked her.

# Carabao Cup: Manchester United ousted by Tottenham in QF despite Amad Diallo-show

-Ruben Amorim endured his first major setback as Manchester United manager. with his side crashing out of the Carabao Cup after a thrilling 4-3 defeat to Tottenham Hotspur, despite a spirited effort for a late comeback driven by the likes of Amad Diallo and Joshua Zirkzee.

London. Ruben Amorim's time at Manchester United faced its first significant challenge as his team exited the Carabao Cup quarterfinals with a thrilling 4-3 defeat to Tottenham Hotspur on December 20. Despite a spirited comeback attempt, Ange Postecoglou's Spurs managed to hold their ground and secure a spot in the semi-finals.

Tottenham took control early in the game, with Dominic Solanke netting twice and Dejan Kulusevski adding a third to put the hosts ahead 3-0 by the 54th minute. However, two critical mistakes by Spurs' 36-year-old goalkeeper Fraser Forster dramatically shifted the momentum.Forster, filling in for the injured Guglielmo Vicario, initially made a stunning save to deny Joshua Žirkzee's header. But moments later, under pressure from Zirkzee, he attempted a poor pass intercepted by Bruno Fernandes. Fernandes set up Zirkzee for a simple finish, making it 3-1. The drama heightened seven minutes later when Forster mishandled another backpass, allowing Amad Diallo to slide in and deflect United's Late Surge Falls Short recently scored a decisive goal against Manchester City, came close to an equaliser with a long-range effort that rattled Forster



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his clearance into the net for 3-2. Diallo, who United ramped up their attacks in the final stages, driven by substitutes Alejandro Garnacho and Diallo. Jonny Evans added to the tension by heading in a goal during

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stoppage time to bring the score to 4-3. Despite the relentless pressure, Tottenham managed to secure the victory with Son Heung-min's clever goal directly from a corner, which caught United keeper Altay Bayindir off guard.

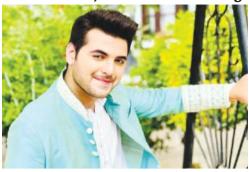
#### Rashford's Absence Raises Questions

The match was also marked by the absence of Marcus Rashford, who was left out of the squad following recent remarks about his future. Amorim's decision to exclude Rashford entirely, along with limiting Garnacho to a substitute role, has fueled speculation about the manager's approach to squad management. This defeat leaves Amorim

with the challenge of rallying his team amidst rising expectations and a demanding schedule. With questions looming over player management and on-field consistency.

## **Off Track**

Vihan Verma Accuses Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin Of Favouritism, Calls It 'Frustrating



V actor Vihan Verma became a household name after he starred in Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Mein. He used to play the role of Mohit in the show, which also featured Neil Bhatt, Ayesha Singh and Aishwarya Sharma in the lead. Months after quitting the show, Vihan has now opened up about facing discrimination on the sets of the popular show. On being asked if he was ever treated unfairly on the sets of GHKKPM, Vihan told us, "To be honest, I wouldn't say I was treated unfairly, but there were days when I felt certain situations could have been more in my favour if I were a senior actor. This is quite common. People always favour seniors over newcomers, and rightly so. However, there are times when you don't expect someone to favour another person solely based on their age and seniority."

The young actor further made a shocking statement and claimed that the lead actors of a show are often favoured. "There's always an extra inclination towards the lead pair. Because they're the faces of the show, they shoot more days and hours than the rest of the cast. I faced a similar situation when I was made to wait in my room because one of the leads had a prior commitment and had to leave early, so the team was trying to wrap up their work first. While this is practical, it can be frustrating when you have your own personal commitments," he said.

However, Vihan also clarified that such incidents did not take a toll on his mental health. "I'm very secure in my work. I don't compare my status to someone else's. Everyone has had their fair share of journeys, and we all deserve better days. So, no, this hasn't affected my mental health in any way. It would take someone to stoop very low to hurt me mentally," he shared.

The actor also recalled the time when he learned that his scenes were cut short. "I came across a rumour that some of my scenes were cut because of one of the leads. Honestly, at that point, I was heartbroken because I was new to the show, and it's challenging to establish yourself in a hit show where people have great dynamics. I didn't clarify with the actor at that time, but I did much later. If something like this happens, where an actor has the authority to cut someone's lines, I think the makers are to be blamed, not the actor.

Katrina Kaif Stuns In Ethnic Outfit, Spotted At Mumbai Airport As She Leaves For Shirdi



# **Turns 38: Interesting Facts About The 'Sufi Ki Sultana'**

Harshdeep

Aving been in the Indian music industry for over two decades now, playback singer Harshdeep Kaur has truly proven that a musician's shelf life is not contained to a limited period but has the potential to be etched in people's memories forever. With humble beginnings in 2003, it has been over 20 years since Harshdeep Kaur entered the industry, bringing her unique Sufi twist to the typical Bollywood songs. The singer celebrates her 38th birthday today, on Monday, December 16.As we celebrate the singer's special day, let's take a look at some of some interesting facts about her.

#### Harshdeep Kaur Birthday: Interesting Facts

- Harshdeep was born to a family of musicians and she was introduced to music at the very young age of six.
  While her father was a fine guitarist, she ended up learning Indian classical music from Tejpal Singh and Western classical from George Pullinkala.
- 2. Before making it into the music industry, Harsheep took part in the MTV Video Gaga Contestant at 16, later even winning the title. In 2008, she won the singing competition Junoon: Kuch Kar Dikhaane Ka, where she was declared the Sufi Ki Sultana.3. Harshdeep, who belongs to the Sikh community, is seen sporting a turban owing to religious reasons. While she would earlier perform with a dupatta on her

head, it was on her brother-in-law's advice that she switched to a turban.4. Not many know that Harshdeep played music narrators in Colors TV's Bani-Ishq Da Kalma, further also appearing in several seasons of Coke Studio in India.

5. In her celebrated musical career over the years, Harshdeep Kaur has proven her mettle as a recognised playback singer. From registering her voice with the serene Ik Onkar from Rang De Basanti to delivering some memorable tracks, she continued

molding and experimenting with her music.Some of her most popular songs include Dilbaro from Alia Bhatt's Raazi, Katiya Karun from Rockstar composed by AR Rahman, and Gud Naal Ishq Mitha from Sonam Kapoor's Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga.

## Urvashi Dholakia Shweta Tiwari Almost Reunited For A Show Before Viral Ad: 'This 16-year Gap...'

Trvashi Dholakia and Shweta Tiwari's latest advertisement for YouTube has gone viral in no time. It features the duo, reprising their characters of Komolika and Prerna from their popular television series, Kasautii Zindagii Kay. While their war of words remains intact, this time around they're seen speaking the Gen-Z lingo, adding an unexpected twist to their rivalry. At the same, Urvashi's Komolika is heard telling Prerna, "Catfights are a misogynistic trope designed to reinforce patriarchal norms."Reacting to the wave of nostalgia

netizens have been washed with, Urvashi exclusively tells News18 Showsha, "There are thousands of comments and I'm trying to read as many of them. But I'm so overwhelmed with all the positive responses. I think YouTube has hit the nail on the head. When they approached me and I read the script, I thought that it would either go completely wrong or completely right!"

So, how was it sharing screen space with Shweta after 16 long years?

"We almost ended up doing one show after Kausautii Zindagii Kay but things didn't work out at the last minute. And I believe this 16-year time gap is the reason why the campaign hit an altogether different note. It was exciting. When Shweta and I meet, it's not like we meet as Komolika and Prerna, but this time, it brings back memories. The set-up was very different and so was the lingo," she says.Urvashi acknowledges that youngsters on social media have still kept Kausautii Zindagii Kay relevant and adds, "Lots of Gen-Z crowd come up to me today and tell me how big fans their mothers and grandmothers are of me (laughs). It's very sweet. Not that we relate to it or understand it but the whole idea [of the campaign] was to reach out to the Gen-Z audience with that lingo. With the ad, we tried to create a connection between these two generations.

Both Shweta and I are

t h o r o u g h professionals and we knew that we were going to pull it off." Back in the day, reports often stated how Urvashi and Shweta's onscreen rivalry may have seeped into their personal equations too. But Urvashi laughs it off and

reiterates how they're still in touch. "At that point in time, I didn't read articles about myself. But aisa kuch bhi nahi hai (laughs). All I can say is that we both played our parts to the best of our ability. Today, we meet very rarely unless we manage to find a common time when we're free. But we do have a Kasautii group and we're still in touch through it," she shares.

atrina Kaif never fails to leave fans stunned with her stunning sartorial choices, and this time was no different. The Bollywood actress channeled desi vibes, and was spotted in a beautiful ethnic suit as she was spotted at the private airport in Mumbai this morning. Katrina is reportedly heading to Shirdi to offer prayers.A video shared by paparazzo Manay Manglani shows Katrina Kaif arriving at Kalina airport in Mumbai. She was seen getting out of the car, before quickly heading inside the airport. However, as the paparazzi called out her name, she politely smiled and waved at them. The actress looked radiant as ever in an ivory kurta paired with matching flared palazzos, and a sheer organza dupatta with a scalloped hem. She left her tresses open, and wore dark sunglasses. Check out the video below!

As soon as the video surfaced on social media, fans gushed over Katrina Kaif's beauty. They dropped several heart emojis to express their love for her.Katrina Kaif and her hubby Vicky Kaushal celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary on December 9. They went for a short trip to celebrate the special occasion, and only returned to Mumbai a few days ago. Their third wedding anniversary celebration was all about adventure, sightseeing, jungle and quality time with each other.Katrina Kaif shared several glimpses from their jungle adventure, giving fans a sneak-peek into their celebration. "48 hrs in the jungle," she wrote, while dropping photos from the getaway.

On the professional front, Katrina Kaif was last seen in Sriram Raghavan's mystery thriller film 'Merry Christmas' along with Vijay Sethupathi. The film was released in theatres on 12th January 2024. Katrina hasn't yet announced her next film.Fans had eagerly been waiting for updates on the film Jee Le Zaraa, starring Katrina, Alia Bhatt and Priyanka Chopra. While the film was announced in 2021, it faced several delays, with the dates of the actors becoming an issue. However, Zoya Akhtar and Farhan Akhtar have assured that the film has not been shelved and there is active effort being made to align everyone's schedules.

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