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Who Lost, Who Won After Selloff Linked To DeepSeek Slams Markets

World. The world's 500 richest people, led by Nvidia Corp. co-founder Jensen Huang, lost a combined \$108 billion on Monday as a tech-led selloff tied to Chinese AI developer DeepSeek sent major indices plunging. Billionaires whose fortunes are linked to artificial intelligence were the biggest losers: Huang saw his fortune fall \$20.1 billion, a 20% drop, while Oracle Corp. co-founder Larry Ellison's \$22.6 billion loss was larger in absolute terms, but represented just 12% of his fortune, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Dell Inc.'s Michael Dell lost \$13 billion, and Binance Holdings Ltd. co-founder Changpeng "CZ" Zhao shaved \$12.1 billion. Tech-sector titans as a group saw \$94 billion of wealth evaporate - roughly 85% of the Bloomberg index's total decline. The Nasdaq Composite Index fell 3.1%, and the S&P 500 dropped 1.5%.

Hangzhou-based DeepSeek has been developing AI models since 2023, but the company first came onto the radar of many Western investors this weekend as its free DeepSeek R1 chatbot app topped download charts worldwide. So many new users piled in that DeepSeek struggled to keep the app online, suffering outages and forcing it to restrict signups to users with Chinese phone numbers. DeepSeek's dark-horse entry into the AI race, which it says cost just \$5.6 million to develop, is a challenge to Silicon Valley's narrative that massive capital spending is essential to developing the strongest models. That delivered a serious blow to billionaires whose fortunes are tied to the Western AI supply chain that's been the equities market's biggest driver over the past two years.

Astronomers Discover How Massive Black Holes Create Their Own Meals

World. The universe's most massive black holes fuel themselves by cooling gas around them, astronomers have found. Using data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and the Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile, researchers have demonstrated how black hole outbursts trigger a self-sustaining feeding process. The study, published in Nature Astronomy and led by Valeria Olivares from the University of Santiago de Chile, examined seven galaxy clusters. At the centres of these clusters lie enormous black holes, weighing millions to billions of times the Sun's mass. These black holes feed on surrounding gas, releasing powerful jets that cool the gas and form filaments. The research found that outbursts from black holes cool hot gas, forming narrow filaments of warm gas visible as glowing threads. Turbulence in the gas plays a key role in this cooling process. Some of the warm gas flows back into the black hole, fuelling more outbursts and continuing the cycle.

One key discovery was that the brightness of hot gas is linked to the brightness of warm gas in the clusters' centres. When the hot gas shines brighter, the warm gas glows more intensely, confirming how black holes feed on surrounding gas.

Two galaxy clusters - Perseus and Centaurus - offer a striking visual of this phenomenon. Perseus Cluster: The hot gas appears bluish-purple with solid pink filaments, while surrounding galaxies shine brightly. Centaurus Cluster: The gas has a softer, diffused look, with filaments showing delicate, feathery textures.

Both clusters display central black holes surrounded by glowing filaments of gas, a visual representation of the self-sustaining feeding mechanism. The study noted similarities between the gas filaments in galaxy clusters and the tails of "jellyfish galaxies," where gas is stripped as galaxies move through their surroundings. This unexpected connection suggests a shared process across different cosmic phenomena.

The research brought together experts from Chile, the US, Australia, Canada, and Italy, leveraging advanced tools like the VLT's MUSE (Multi Unit Spectroscopic Explorer) instrument to create 3D views of the universe. NASA's Chandra programme, managed from Alabama, provided the X-ray data critical to this discovery.

'Will deport illegal immigrants': Indian-origin Ruby Dhalla after joining Canada PM race

World. Ruby Dhalla, a candidate for Liberal Party leadership and potential prime ministerial position in Canada, made a firm statement on Tuesday regarding her stance on illegal immigration, promising deportation if elected. On the social media platform X, Dhalla stated, "As Prime Minister, I will deport illegal immigrants and clamp down on human traffickers. That's my promise to you." Dhalla, an Indian-origin former MP, represented the now-defunct riding of Brampton-Springdale from 2004 to 2011. She officially entered the race to replace Justin Trudeau as the Liberal Party leader and potentially the next prime minister of Canada. In another post, Dhalla shared a video on X, where she said, "Thank you so much, thank you to God, I am so grateful to all of you. We are on the verge of creating history by electing the first woman of color as the leader of the Liberal Party and the next prime minister of Canada." Dhalla also added, "Phase 1 is over, we go on to phase 2 and engage with liberals all across the country, who have signed up as members of our party. I'm incredibly excited to be officially accepted as a candidate by the Liberal Party. My candidacy will engage an entirely.

US Immigration officers say 'the worst go first,' but now there's no 'free pass'

SILVER SPRING. A week into Donald Trump's second presidency and his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration, federal officers are operating with a new sense of mission, knowing that "nobody gets a free pass anymore." A dozen officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement gathered before dawn Monday in a Maryland parking lot, then fanned out to the Washington suburbs to find their targets: someone wanted in El Salvador for homicide, a person convicted of armed robbery, a migrant found guilty of possessing child sexual abuse material and another with drug and gun convictions. All were in the country illegally. "The worst go first," Matt Elliston, director of ICE's Baltimore field office, said of the agency's enforcement priorities. The Associated Press accompanied the officers, who offered a glimpse of how their work has changed under a White House intent on deporting large numbers of immigrants living in the US without permission. People considered public safety and national security threats are still the top priority, Elliston said. That is no different from the

Biden administration, but a big change has already taken hold: Under Trump, officers can now arrest people without legal status if they run across them while looking for migrants targeted for removal. Under Joe Biden, such "collateral arrests" were banned. "We're looking for those public safety, national security cases. The big difference being, nobody has a free pass anymore," Elliston said. The number of collateral arrests has fluctuated, he said. By the end of Monday across Maryland, ICE had arrested 13 people. Of those, nine were targets and the other four were people ICE came across during the course of the morning. Those "collaterals," one had an aggravated theft conviction. Another had already been deported once, and two others had final orders of removal. Changes to immigration enforcement under Trump

The administration highlighted the participation of other agencies in immigration operations over the weekend, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which



are part of the Justice Department. Emile Bove, the acting deputy attorney general, observed arrests Sunday in Chicago, a sign of the Justice Department's growing involvement. ICE's daily arrests, which averaged 311 in the year ending Sept. 30, stayed fairly steady in the first days after Trump took office, then spiked dramatically Sunday to 956 and Monday to 1,179. If sustained, those numbers would mark the highest daily average since ICE began keeping records. Trump also has lifted longtime guidelines that restricted ICE from operating at "sensitive locations" such as schools, churches or hospitals. That

decision has worried many migrants and advocates who fear children will be traumatized by seeing their parents arrested in the drop-off line at school or that migrants needing medical care won't go to the hospital for fear of arrest. Elliston pushed back on those fears, saying it's been exceedingly rare for ICE to enter one of those locations. In his 17 years on the job, he said he's gone into a school only once and that was to help stop an active shooter. He said the removal of other guidelines that had restricted ICE operations at courthouses makes a bigger difference in the agency's work. But getting rid of the sensitive locations policy does affect ICE in more subtle ways. For example, at one point Monday, the team stopped at a parking lot in hopes of catching a Venezuelan gang member who was believed to be working as a delivery driver at a nearby business. Across the street was a church, and one street over was an elementary school, which under the previous guidance would have made it off limits to park to do surveillance.

China Zoo Sells Tiger Urine As A Cure For Rheumatism, Sparks Backlash

World. A zoo in southwestern China's Sichuan province has raised safety concerns by selling tiger urine as a purported treatment for rheumatism. The Yaan Bifengxia Wildlife Zoo, a popular tourist attraction, is offering bottles of "medicinal tiger urine" from Siberian tigers for 50 yuan (Rs 596) each, South China Morning Post reported. The bottles, containing 250g of urine, claim to have a therapeutic effect on conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, sprains, and muscle pain.



The recommended application involves mixing the urine with white wine and applying it to the affected area with ginger slices. According to the zoo's instructions, the tiger urine can also be consumed orally, but users are advised to stop taking it if they experience any allergic reactions.

A staff member from the scenic area revealed to The Paper that the urine is collected from a basin after the tiger urinates, but it remains unclear whether the urine undergoes any disinfection process before being sold to customers. The staff member disclosed that sales of the tiger urine are modest, with no

more than two bottles sold per day. In 2014, the zoo allegedly awarded tiger urine as a prize to celebrity contestants on an outdoor reality show. Pharmacist from Hubei Provincial Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital has since come forward to debunk the medicinal claims surrounding tiger urine. The pharmacist, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that tiger urine has no basis in traditional Chinese medicine and lacks scientific evidence to support its purported health benefits. He expressed concerns that promoting unproven remedies like tiger urine not only misrepresents traditional Chinese medicine but also undermines tiger

conservation efforts. The pharmacist cautioned tourists against using unverified substances, warning that they may exacerbate health conditions rather than alleviate them.

A traditional Chinese medicine practitioner has raised further concerns about the zoo's sale of tiger urine, questioning their authority to sell medicinal products. The practitioner emphasised that all medicines must undergo rigorous approval by government regulators, casting doubt on the zoo's legitimacy in selling tiger urine as a medicinal product.

Despite these concerns, zoo staff maintained that they possess a valid business license to sell tiger urine, although it remains unclear whether this license specifically permits the sale of medicinal products. This unconventional remedy has sparked concerns among visitors and internet users. One user said, "I bought some for my dad out of curiosity, but have not seen any effect, so it is just sitting there."

No Immigration Raids At New Yorks Gurdwaras: Sikh Community Leaders

New York. Sikh community leaders have said that there have been no raids on Gurdwaras contradicting reports in some Indian media. Sukhjinder Singh Nijjar, who was at New York's Richmond Hill Gurdwara, a major Sikh centre, on Sunday said the prayer services were conducted reverently and there was no interference by anyone.

There were no raids or any law enforcement actions at other Gurdwaras in New York and New Jersey either, said Mr Nijjar who is with the Sikh Cultural Society representing the Coastal Northeast and was the chairman of its public and media committee. He attributed the misreporting to "some sort of misunderstanding and miscommunication" and "just basically word of mouth type of thing that" gets spread with no basis in fact.

Rajwant Singh, the chairman of the Sikh Council on Religion and Education, discounted the reports of the raids or visits to the temples by immigration or other agencies. The Sikh community in New York and New Jersey has good relations at "all levels of government representatives, including the Justice Department and the White House", he said. The community has "contributed immensely to the local life and has helped many people during COVID and the service continues" and that is appreciated, Mr Singh said. Mr Nijjar said that Gurdwaras have good relations with government agencies and his own temple, for example, holds regular meetings with officials who visit at the Gurdwara's invitation to discuss community matters. President Donald Trump's administration last week withdrew a policy against

immigration officers entering churches or schools to make arrests.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said, "Criminals will no longer be able to hide in America's schools and churches to avoid arrest". Although it mentioned only churches - which has been condemned by Christian organisations - other religions have also expressed concern over its broader ramifications. The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF), like many other religious and civil rights organisations, has condemned the policy change.

Expressing deep alarm over the change, SALDEF Executive Director Kiran Kaur Gill, said, "Targeting these spaces for enforcement actions threatens the sanctity of our faith and sends a chilling message to immigrant communities nationwide".

Trump fills his government with billionaires after running on working-class message

ATLANTA. US President Donald Trump's brash populism has always involved incongruence: the billionaire businessman-politician stirring the passions of millions who, regardless of the economy's trajectory, could never afford to live in his Manhattan skyscraper or visit his club in south Florida. His second White House is looking a lot like the inside of Mar-a-Lago, with extremely wealthy Americans taking key roles in his administration.

The world's richest man, Elon Musk, is overseeing a new Department of Government Efficiency. Billionaires or mega-millionaires are lined up to run the treasury, commerce, interior and education departments, NASA and the Small Business Administration, and fill key foreign posts. "He's bringing in folks who have had great success in the private sector," said Debbie Dooley, an early 2015 Trump supporter and onetime national organizer in the anti-establishment Tea Party movement. "If you need to have brain surgery, you want the proven brain surgeons." Others raise concerns about conflicts of interest at odds with Trump's

pledge to fight for "forgotten men and women" in a country where the median household net worth is about \$193,000 and median annual household income is about \$81,000.

"It's hard to conceive how the wealthiest set of Cabinet nominees and White House appointments in history will understand what average working people are going through," said former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who served under President Bill Clinton and has warned for decades about the nation's widening wealth and wage gaps. Countered Dooley: "Trump sets the agenda. If they won't enact his policies, then they will hear him say what we hear on 'The Apprentice' all the time: 'You're fired!'" Here is a closer look at some of Trump's picks, their net worth according to Forbes, and what the choices could mean:

Elon Musk
Musk (net worth estimated above \$400 billion) is chairing the new Department of Government Efficiency, which is a special commission charged with slashing federal spending. The extensive ties his businesses have to the government have raised



questions about Musk's potential conflicts in the role.

Linda McMahon
McMahon was picked to be Trump's secretary of education. She is the wife of Vince McMahon, who is worth at least \$3 billion. The former WWE wrestling executive will lead an agency that many conservatives have called for abolishing altogether. While that's a heavy lift politically, McMahon and Trump have endorsed an expansion of "school choice," programs that steer taxpayer money to private school tuition. She also could be in charge of implementing Trump's proposals

to withhold federal money from public schools - K-12 and higher education - that do not meet White House demands to modify or scrap diversity programs.

Doug Burgum
The North Dakota governor (estimated net worth \$1.1 billion) made his money as a software entrepreneur. Burgum impressed Trump during his own failed bid for the GOP's 2024 presidential nomination. As interior secretary, Burgum would be charged with implementing Trump's "Drill, baby, drill" promise - making it even easier for energy companies to tap fossil fuel resources, including from public lands.

Scott Bessent
Forbes has not yet identified Bessent as a billionaire, but the veteran hedge fund manager confirmed Monday as treasury secretary certainly is worth many hundreds of millions. At Treasury, he will play key roles in selling and implementing a number of Trump's signature policies: reinstating the 2017 tax cuts tilted to corporations and wealthy individuals, imposing tariffs on many imports and cutting taxes on overtime wages, Social Security benefits and .

ISRO Set to Mark 100th Launch with GSVL F-15 Carrying NVS-02 Satellite



Sriharikota: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to achieve a major milestone with its 100th launch on Wednesday, marking a significant moment in India's space exploration history. At 06:23 AM, the GSVL F-15 rocket will lift off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, carrying the NVS-02 navigation satellite into the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO). The NVS-02 satellite is part of

the second-generation Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) system. NavIC is India's regional navigation satellite system designed to deliver precise Position, Velocity, and Timing (PVT) services to users within India and up to 1,500 km beyond its borders. This launch will further enhance India's navigation capabilities. The GSVL-F15, which is equipped with an indigenous cryogenic stage, will be the

eight operational flight of the GSVL series. Tomorrow's mission also marks the 100th launch from ISRO's spaceport at Sriharikota, underscoring the country's growing presence in space technology. Dr. V. Narayanan, Chairman of ISRO, expressed his excitement for the upcoming milestone. Earlier in the day, the ISRO Chairman visited the Tirumala Temple to offer prayers for the success of the mission.

Union Ministers Inspect SAIL's Tasra Open Cast Project and Chasnala Washery

by Ravi Phillips

Sindri: Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy, along with Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupatiraju Srinivas Verma, visited SAIL's Tasra Open Cast Project and Chasnala Washery on Tuesday. SAIL Chairman Amarendu Prakash accompanied the ministers during the visit.

At the Tasra Project, they were welcomed by Deputy Commissioner Madhavi Mishra, Senior Superintendent of Police Hrideep P Janardhanan, and senior SAIL officials. SAIL General Manager Shivram Banerjee briefed the ministers on the progress of the Tasra Project, which has an annual capacity of 4 million tonnes and includes a washery. He highlighted that the project aims to boost local



economic activities and create employment opportunities. Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy emphasized that the project aligns with the government's vision for a self-reliant India, particularly by reducing the import of coking coal and saving foreign exchange. He also appreciated the women's self-employment initiatives under CSR, carried out jointly by SAIL and M/s KTML.

The ministers later visited the Chasnala Washery and reviewed its operations before paying homage at the Chasnala Shaheed Memorial to honor the workers who lost their lives in a mine accident. SAIL officials including Director-in-Charge of Bokaro Steel Plant B.K. Tiwari, Executive Director of Colliery Division S.K. Singh, and other key staff members were present during the visit.

IIT-ISM Dhanbad Team Triumphs at Pan-India IIT Hackathon with Breakthrough CO2 Solution



Dhanbad: A team of students from IIT-ISM Dhanbad clinched the first prize at the prestigious Pan-India IIT Hackathon, part of India Energy Week 2025. The announcement was made by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, at the startup event "Energizing India: Catalyzing Growth Through Startup Innovation" held at ONGC, New Delhi.

The winning team developed a patented process for the low-cost production of nitrogen-doped multilayer graphene nanopowder, designed for CO2 adsorption and conversion. This breakthrough utilizes bamboo powder to create eco-friendly graphene materials, offering a sustainable solution to combat carbon dioxide emissions. The team, consisting of Sayantika Thandar, Riya Jaiswal, Mohammad Faheem, and Md. Modassir Ashraf, was mentored by Professor Ejaz Ahmad and Dr. Afaq Ahmad Khan from the Department of Chemical Engineering at IIT-ISM. Their innovative graphene nanopowder, with its unique porous structure, holds significant potential for global energy and environmental applications.

The hackathon, focusing on Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS), as well as cost-effective renewable energy, saw participation from top IITs including IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Madras, and IIT Roorkee. As winners, the team will present their solution to the Hon'ble Minister at the India Energy Week 2025 in Delhi on February 14, 2025.

Professor Ejaz Ahmad praised the achievement, emphasizing the team's contribution to sustainable energy solutions. This win follows IIT-ISM Dhanbad's success in the 2024 Switch Energy Alliance Competition, where another team triumphed against participants from 31 countries.

India Energy Week 2025, scheduled for February 11-14, is a major event focused on innovation in the energy sector, providing a platform for groundbreaking solutions for a sustainable energy future.

Mithila Academy Public School Hosts Farewell Ceremony for 12th Class Students



by Arun Pathak

Bokaro: Mithila Academy Public School, Sector 4E, celebrated a heartfelt farewell for its 12th class students on the occasion of Republic Day. The event, held at the Vidyapati Auditorium of the school, featured vibrant cultural performances by the students, captivating the audience with their talent.

The ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests, including the Chief Guest, Avinash Kumar Jha, General Manager of SAIL and former General Secretary of Mithila Cultural Council, and Special Guest Rajendra Kumar, former General Secretary of the Council. Also present were School Secretary PK Jha Chandan, School Management Committee Member Arun Pathak, and Principal Ashok Kumar Pathak. These guests presented mementos to the students and offered words of encouragement for their future. In his address, Chief Guest Avinash Kumar Jha advised the students to approach their studies with dedication and perseverance. "If you pursue your goals with positive thinking, success will follow," he emphasized. Special Guest Rajendra Kumar reminded the students that the ceremony was not just a farewell, but a blessing for their future endeavors. He encouraged them to remain strong in the face of challenges and continue moving forward.

Principal Ashok Kumar Pathak wished the students a successful future, urging them to overcome any obstacles they may face in life. During the ceremony, Ashish Oraon and Poonam Kumari were selected as Mr and Miss Maps respectively for their outstanding achievements. The event ended on an optimistic note, as both students and faculty members shared their hopes for the bright futures of the graduating class.

DPS Bokaro Boy Aarush, Clinches Top Spot in CBSE Science Challenge in Jharkhand



Bokaro: Aarush Ranjan, a Class X student from DPS Bokaro, has brought immense pride to his school, city, and state by being named the winner of the CBSE Science Challenge 2024-25 in the Class X category for Jharkhand.

The CBSE Science Challenge is a prestigious competition that assesses students across multiple scientific fields, with a particular focus on Environmental Science and Sustainability. Aarush's hard work and exceptional scientific skills enabled him to rise above the competition and secure the top spot.

The challenge is renowned for its tough questions and thorough evaluation, covering a broad range of subjects including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. Aarush's achievement highlights his dedication and passion for science.

Dr. A.S. Gangwar, Principal of DPS Bokaro, expressed his pride in Aarush's success, saying, "Aarush Ranjan's achievement is a reflection of the dedication and teamwork at DPS Bokaro. We are incredibly proud of him, and his success will undoubtedly inspire others."

This latest success follows Aarush's recent first-place finish in Jharkhand in the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM), one of the country's most respected science competitions. He has also qualified for the national-level VVM exam scheduled for May 2025.

Additionally, Aarush has excelled in the Regional Mathematical Olympiad (RMO), further cementing his reputation for academic excellence.

Delegation Submits Memorandum Against Eagle Infra Pvt Ltd at Putki Colliery

by Ashok Kumar

Loyabad: A delegation led by Sundari Urav and Jalal Ansari, representing Nari Shakti Adhikar Manch, met AJSU Supremo Suprio to submit a memorandum protesting the actions of Eagle Infra Pvt Ltd at Putki Colliery, Area Seven. The company, contracted for coal excavation, is accused of bypassing rules by not acquiring land under the MDO model and failing to provide proper compensation. Local villagers and farmers have expressed anger over the issue. Jalal Ansari urged for justice, highlighting the discrimination faced by the community due to the company's actions.

BSL Launches Major Expansion, Adding 2,500 Direct and 10,000 Indirect Jobs

Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), a subsidiary of SAIL, is set to scale up its hot metal production capacity from 5.25 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 7.55 MTPA, as part of a major expansion plan. The Rs 20,000 crore brownfield projects will not only increase production but also create significant employment opportunities, generating 2,500 permanent jobs and an additional 10,000 indirect jobs in the region.

Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy unveiled the ambitious expansion plan, which includes the installation of a new 4,500 cubic metre blast furnace, advanced facilities like a thin slab casting and direct rolling plant, a calcining plant, and upgrades to existing coke oven and sinter plant capacities.

"This expansion demonstrates India's commitment to self-sufficiency in steel production and



aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 300 MTPA steel industry by 2030," Minister Kumaraswamy said. He also stressed that the investment in infrastructure and technology will strengthen the steel sector and significantly contribute to the nation's economic growth. As part of its sustainability initiatives, BSL is focusing on reducing its carbon footprint, aiming to cut carbon emissions from

2.67 tonnes per tonne of crude steel to below 2.2 tonnes by 2030. The plant is also advancing its renewable energy efforts, with plans for 30 MW of floating solar power, 20 MW of land-based solar power, and 100 MW of renewable energy sourced through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SECI. "These efforts will ensure that Bokaro Steel Plant optimizes energy consump-

tion while maximizing capacity utilization, paving the way for a sustainable future for India's steel industry," the minister added. Since its establishment in 1965, BSL has seen tremendous growth, with its initial capacity of 1.7 MTPA expanding to 5.25 MTPA over the years. The latest expansion is poised to further enhance its role in India's steel production sector.

SIP Abacus Chas Hosts Prize Distribution Ceremony for Young Winners

Bokaro: SIP Abacus Chas recently held a prize distribution ceremony to honor the achievements of young students. The event recognized 12 winners from the International Prodigy 2024 competition and 14 winners from the State Prodigy 2025 competition. In addition, several other children who showed exceptional performance were awarded trophies and gifts. The ceremony, held at Zika Happenings in Sec-



tor One, also featured the Centre Level Prodigy competition, where 150 students participated. All winners and participants

received trophies and medals for their efforts. The program was organized by Principal Mamta Singh, with Surinder

Saini, Area Head of SIP Abacus, gracing the event as the chief guest. The event was made possible with the support of the SIP Chas team, including Rajni Singh, Anushka Singh, Alka Kumari, Pushpa Rajak, and Vidya Kumari. Principal Rajni Padhi of RR Nriyashala & Art welcomed the guests with a beautiful performance of dance and music by her students, adding to the cultural richness of the ceremony.

Jharkhand DGP Issues Guidelines to Combat Fraudulent APK Apps in Cybercrime

Ranchi: Jharkhand's Director General of Police (DGP) Anurag Gupta has issued important advice to Superintendents of Police (SPs) on how to protect against fraudulent APK (Android Application Package) apps that are used in cybercrime. He also encouraged the SPs to share these tips with the public to help raise awareness about the issue. The DGP's guidelines were shared during a review meeting held at the State Police Headquarters, where discussions focused on security measures related to fake APK apps. APK files are used to distribute and install apps on Android devices, but cybercriminals often hide malware and viruses in these files,

making them look like legitimate applications. When users unknowingly download these apps, the criminals can steal personal information, access banking details, and even gain remote control of devices to carry out their crimes. During the meeting, the SP of Jamtara gave a presentation on strategies to combat cybercrime, explaining how these fraudulent apps operate. DGP urged SPs to share this information with the public and take action to protect users from these threats. To help people stay safe, DGP Gupta advised downloading apps only from trusted sources like official app stores, installing reliable antivirus software on devices, and

avoiding apps from unverified sources. He also recommended keeping systems updated regularly and being cautious when using public Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. People were advised to be cautious about suspicious calls, advertisements, or links and to turn off automatic downloads on their devices. Finally, the DGP encouraged everyone to participate in police-run awareness campaigns aimed at preventing cybercrime. These guidelines are part of ongoing efforts to protect residents from the increasing risks posed by cybercriminal activities related to fraudulent APK apps.

'One Nation, One Time'

India to Enhance Time Accuracy with NavIC-Linked Atomic Clocks, Boosting Efficiency and Security Across Critical Sectors

New Delhi: India is set to overhaul its timekeeping system, transitioning from GPS-based synchronization to a more precise method using the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) linked with atomic clocks. This shift, expected in the coming months, will ensure that Indian Standard Time (IST) is maintained with millisecond accuracy through a network managed by the National Physical Laboratory (NPL). The NPL, located in Faridabad, will receive reference time directly from NavIC satellites. This time will be distributed through optical fibre links to regional centres in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, and Guwahati. Each of these centres is equipped with atomic clocks to maintain ultra-accurate time. Once fully operational, devices such as smartphones and lap-



tops will rely on this unified time system rather than pulling data from various GPS-linked sources. This move is part of the government's plan to establish "one nation, one time," bringing greater consistency and precision to timekeeping across the country. The initiative was conceived af-

ter the Kargil War when India's reliance on foreign satellite data highlighted the need for an independent navigation system. The project has been under development for approximately seven years, and most of the technical groundwork has already been completed. Atomic clocks are now installed at four

regional centres, with a successful test of the NavIC link with NPL conducted a few months ago. Currently, work is underway to align the clocks across all centres with the Faridabad facility, with adjustments being made to account for any data transfer delays via optical fibre cables.

Atomic clocks, known for their unmatched precision, lose only one second every 100 million years, making them ideal for this project. Critical sectors like power grids, telecommunications, banking, defense, and transportation will greatly benefit from synchronized operations, improving efficiency and resilience against cyber threats. Additionally, new draft rules have been issued, making IST the official time reference for legal, administrative, commercial, and official purposes across the country. However, exceptions will apply to fields like astronomy, navigation, and scientific research, with prior government approval required. Penalties will be imposed for violations of these new rules, ensuring compliance with the updated time standard.

Trump says PM Modi may visit US next month after 'productive' phone call

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, in their "productive" phone call, sought a move towards "fair" trade ties and deeper bilateral cooperation, the White House said.



reporters aboard Air Force One on his way back to Joint Base Andrews from Florida. Trump made the remarks in response to a question on the phone call he had with PM Modi. "Everything came up (in a phone call with Modi)," he said when asked about what he discussed with the Prime Minister.

WHITE HOUSE ON TRUMP-PM MODI PHONE CALL

In a statement released by the White House, Trump and PM Modi discussed expanding and deepening cooperation. They also discussed a range of regional issues, including security in the Indo-Pacific, the Middle East and Europe, the readout said. "Today, President Donald J Trump held a productive call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. The two leaders discussed expanding and deepening

cooperation," it said.

"The President emphasised the importance of India increasing its procurement of American-made security equipment and moving toward a fair bilateral trading relationship," the White House said. "The leaders discussed plans for Prime Minister Modi to visit the White House, underscoring the strength of the friendship and strategic ties between our nations," according to the readout. Both PM Modi and Trump emphasised their commitment to advance the "US-India strategic partnership and the Indo-Pacific Quad partnership, with India hosting Quad Leaders for the first time later this year". PM Modi on Monday said he was delighted to speak with his 'friend' Trump and stressed both countries were committed to a mutually beneficial and trusted partnership. "We will work together for the welfare of our people and towards global peace, prosperity and security," he tweeted. According to sources, both leaders discussed bilateral relations between India and the US during their telephonic conversation. PM Modi had earlier spoken to Trump after he won the presidential election in November last year. During that conversation, Trump had praised the Prime Minister, describing him as a magnificent man and said that the whole world loved him.

New Delhi. US President Donald Trump has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit the White House for a meeting with him next month. He made the remarks after a "productive" phone call with the Prime Minister, wherein the two leaders sought a move towards having "fair" trade ties.

"I had a long talk with him this morning (Monday). He is going to be coming to the White House over the next month, probably February. We have a very good relationship with India," Trump told

Maharashtra leader AB Gaikwad represents India at US Presidential inauguration

MSRDC Vice Chairman: Maharashtra leader Anilkumar Gaikwad represented India at the US Presidential Inauguration, sharing insights on infrastructure, sustainability, and urban planning to shape Maharashtra's future-ready development aligned with global best practices.

Mumbai. Representing India on the global stage at the 60th US Presidential Inauguration in Washington, Anilkumar Baliram Gaikwad, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), engaged in high-level discussions with global leaders on smart urban planning, sustainable transportation, and infrastructure management.

He said, "The insights gained during the meet will shape Maharashtra's roadmap for sustainable and future-ready infrastructure, aligning with global best practices."



These dialogues displayed Maharashtra's advancements in connectivity and urban development, reinforcing its position as a leader in modern infrastructure.

Maharashtra leader Gaikwad was invited by Dr DD Mhaske, a senior US federal bureaucrat known for his work in strengthening Indo-US relations. Gaikwad participated in exclusive events such as the cabinet reception, candlelight dinner, the inaugural parade, and a starlight ball.

"Attending the inauguration and collaborating with global leaders was a transformative experience," Gaikwad said. "The insights gained will shape Maharashtra's roadmap for sustainable and future-ready infrastructure, aligning with global best practices." Under Gaikwad's leadership, MSRDC pioneered projects that enhanced connectivity and economic growth in Maharashtra. The historic event marked the swearing-in of the Trump-Vance administration and brought together global policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators to discuss pressing issues, including infrastructure and sustainability.

"I Am Baniya, Will Arrange Money For All Schemes": Arvind Kejriwal

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New Delhi. With less than 10 days to go for the Delhi polls, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal underlined his caste during public rallies on Monday, telling voters he is a "Baniya" and knows how to arrange money for welfare scheme he has promised. The former chief minister addressed public meetings at Palam, Matiala and Bijwasan. During his meetings, he talked about his party's governance model, Jat reservation and responded to questions and criticism about the welfare schemes including free electricity, water, education and healthcare.



"They ask where the money will come from. I am a Baniya. I know how to manage resources. You do not need to worry. I know the maths and I will arrange it (the money)," he told the 'Jan Sabha' in the Palam constituency. He contrasted his party's approach with that of the BJP. "The AAP is the party for common people, whereas the BJP is a

party for rich people," he claimed.

The AAP has fielded Joginder Solanki from Palam against the BJP's Kuldeep Solanki and Congress' Mange Ram Solanki.

Mr Kejriwal alleged the BJP intends to halt the AAP's welfare schemes if it comes to power. "The BJP has said it will close free facilities like

government schools, electricity, and bus rides. It is up to you to decide whether you want the AAP, which builds schools, or the BJP, which shuts them," he said.

Highlighting the AAP's governance model, Mr Kejriwal claimed the party provides direct benefits to the public worth Rs 25,000 per month for each household in Delhi, whereas the BJP writes off loans for its "rich friends" using public fund. Mr Kejriwal also addressed gatherings in Matiala and Bijwasan constituencies. In Matiala, where the AAP's Sumesh Shokeen is contesting, Mr Kejriwal reiterated his claims that the BJP will end free electricity and free bus rides for women. Delhi assembly elections are scheduled for February 5, with results to be announced on February 8. The AAP is seeking a third consecutive term, while the BJP hopes to regain power in Delhi after 25 years.

Delhi Water Supply Hit, Says Atishi After Alleging Haryana Poisoned Yamuna

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said this morning the water is no longer treatable and sought the Election Commission's intervention.

New Delhi. A day after accusing Haryana of mixing poison in the Yamuna river that supplies water to Delhi, the AAP government has doubled down on its charge and taken up the issue with the Election Commission. Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said this morning the water is no longer treatable and sought the poll body's intervention.



"Ammonia levels continue to be 6 times above normal in Yamuna waters, at the point it is entering Delhi from Haryana. Such levels are extremely toxic for the human body. This water cannot be treated and supplied to the people of Delhi. Otherwise, their lives will be at risk," said the Chief Minister.

700% above the treatable limit. This has curtailed the water supply in the city by 15-20%, she said, warning that high levels of ammonia in drinking water can lead to a public health crisis and cause kidney damage.

Haryana had denied the AAP's charges and threatened them with a defamation case. Atishi said in her letter that the water treatment plants belonging to the Delhi Jal Board can treat ammonia up to 1 ppm level but ammonia levels in the water coming from Haryana to Delhi are

The Chief Minister had alleged yesterday the BJP resorted to such a drastic step out of fear of losing the upcoming elections. "In Hinduism, there is no bigger sin than stopping water. The people of

Delhi will answer the BJP for this sin on February 5," she had said.

Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP chief, added the BJP wants to keep the people of Delhi thirsty for its "dirty politics", and nothing could be more disgusting than this. "The poison that is being mixed in water and sent cannot even be cleaned in the water treatment plant. For the safety of the people of Delhi, water supply has to be stopped in many areas," said the AAP boss who has promised to return as the Chief Minister if his party wins the February 5 elections.

Hitting back at the charges, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has demanded that Mr Kejriwal apologise or they will sue him. "For these blatantly false and disgusting statements, Kejriwal should immediately apologise to the people of Haryana and Delhi for this statement, otherwise, we will file a defamation suit against him," he told news agency.

Jaipur Police crackdown on illegal immigrants, detain 500 people

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Jaipur. Jaipur Police detained 500 people, including Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals, during a large-scale operation on Monday targeting illegal immigrants and active criminals. According to Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph, the campaign aimed to address criminal activities and identify people residing in the city illegally. Of those detained, 394 are reportedly Rohingya refugees, while the others include several Bangladeshi nationals.



Jaipur Police has launched a campaign to apprehend active criminals across all police station areas under the Commissionerate," Joseph said, adding that those detained will undergo questioning.

The issue of Bangladeshi entering India and residing in the country illegally has gained prominence after the police arrested Shariful Islam Shehzad Mohammad Rohilla Amin Fakir, a 30-year-old Bangladeshi national, for the knife attack on actor Saif Ali Khan in Mumbai.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra government has recently set up an SIT to probe the issuance of birth and death certificates on "delayed" applications amid complaints of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh living in parts of the state, an official said.

Revanth Reddy likens PM to invader Mahmud of Ghazni, BJP demands apology

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, addressing the 'Jai Babu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhaan' rally, alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was attempting to change the Constitution and repeal job reservations.

Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy sparked a row by likening Prime Minister Narendra Modi to medieval-era Turkish invader Mahmud of Ghazni at a rally organised by the Congress in Madhya Pradesh. Addressing the "Jai Babu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhaan" rally in Mhow, Reddy alleged that PM Modi was attempting to change the Constitution and repeal job reservations.

"We have read in history that Mahmud of Ghazni tried again and again to loot and conquer India. Similarly, today PM Modi is trying to change the Constitution and revoke reservations," the Telangana Chief Minister said.

The remark drew widespread condemnation from the BJP, with a host of leaders and ministers calling it "shameful".

"Highly condemnable! By comparing the most popular leader of not only India but the world, the respected Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Ji, with a foreign robber and invader, Mahmud Ghaznavi, Congress leader Revanth Reddy has shown his hateful mentality," tweeted Union



Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. Scindia demanded an apology from Reddy to the people of the country and the PM for his "disgusting" remarks. "I strongly condemn his statement. This statement is not only an insult to the Prime Minister, but also to the crores of poor, deprived people, women and tribal brothers of the country, for whom he (PM) is working day and night," Scindia further said.

Former BJP MLC from Telangana, Ramchander Rao, blamed Congress for meddling with the Constitution by imposing the Emergency,

suppressing the rights of citizens and curtailing press freedom.

"It is ironic that Revanth Reddy accused PM Modi of attempting to change the Constitution when it was, in fact, the Congress that meddled with the Constitution during its tenure. The Congress imposed Emergency, suppressed the rights of common citizens, and curtailed press freedom," he said. Saying that Revanth Reddy and his associates were akin to "Alibaba and the 40 thieves", Rao claimed that looting has been the hallmark of the Congress.

"Congress is looting the people in Karnataka and Telangana. The party is exploiting the states and the country for personal gain," he said. Amid a barrage of criticism from the BJP, Reddy took to X to turn the tables on the saffron party.

"The country is now comprised of two sets of forces - those who want to distort and destroy the Constitution, and those who are willing to stake their lives to protect the Constitution, our country, our values and the future of our

Revanth Reddy accuses the PM of attempting to change Constitution

Reddy compares the current situation to the freedom struggle

Scindia calls remarks shameful, demands apology from Reddy

people," Reddy tweeted.

Comparing the current situation to the freedom struggle, Reddy stated that the "Congress family" would struggle to save the Constitution, similar to how the grand old party struggled to free the country.

"It is our commitment to India that we believe in the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar and the Constitution. Jai Babu, Jai Bheem, Jai Samvidhan," the Congress leader concluded his X post.

In memory of our Amrita, the legend

Hungary and India have two common icons. First, someone who is noted in academic circles though somewhat little known outside: the scholar Korosi Csoma Sandor, better known as Csoma de Koros. His connection with the Himalaya was strong and intimate. He travelled and lived in Ladakh and was perhaps the first European to visit and write about Zaskar. In 1827, he moved to the secluded monastic village of Kanum, in today's district of Kinnaur, where he lived for more than three years. A tradition, though unverifiable, maintains that while going through the ancient manuscripts at Kanum, his hands would freeze in winter's bitter cold and often had to be prised open. Among his many accomplishments was the first Tibetan-English dictionary. The second person is someone many of us know about: Amrita Sher-Gil, whose Hungarian mother, Marie Antoinette Gottesmann, was an opera singer. The father was Umrao Singh Sher-Gil of Majitha — who apart from an aristocratic lineage, was one of the pioneers of photography in India, especially portraits.

We all like our little place in the sun. Even if this comes from an all-too distant and a rather wobbly hook to hang one's claim to fame. For the moment, it comes from the flimsy fact that the venerable Amrita Sher-Gil and I share the same date of birth, in late January. That priceless nugget was pointed out a couple of years back when the Liszt Institute of the Hungarian Embassy to India was holding a celebration of the artist's work. During the course of conversation with the institute's director, one learnt that they did not have access to an absolutely wonderful copy of the long-gone art magazine, The Usha. In undivided Punjab, this was published by the Panjab Literary League from Lahore. Brilliant, but short-lived, the magazine was edited by HL Prasher and DR Chaudhri. The issue of August 1942 was devoted to the remarkable Amrita Sher-Gil who, in her short life, was to impact the art of India and even overhaul some of it. As I have the treasure, one was only too happy to make a copy and send it to the institute, which I'm sure must have put it to better use than it loitering on my bookshelves. On December 5, 1942, Amrita passed away at the age of 28. Barely three days before this, she and one of the editors of The Usha, HL Prasher, had met. She was full of laughter and 'was talking merrily'. She discussed her forthcoming exhibition. Someone suggested that if she really wanted to enjoy the remarks made by visitors to her exhibitions, she should come in disguise and remain incognito. Amrita liked the idea, but the problem was: "What disguise should she choose?" Prasher, tongue in cheek, suggested that she should come dressed as a young Sikh, complete with a turban, moustache and a beard. A pair of spectacles could be thrown in for good measure. That did not happen.

Amrita's parents were in Shimla when a telegram arrived saying that their daughter was very ill. Umrao Singh and Antoinette rushed up to the Summer Hill post office, which was a bare couple of hundred yards from their house, and set up a trunk call to Lahore. At night, another telegram was delivered saying that Amrita had passed away. A heartbroken Umrao Singh Sher-Gil wrote on the death of his daughter: "During those 10 days (after Amrita's death), I often gazed on a watercolour miniature of the Kangra School which Amrita had left on the mantelpiece. It represented a young woman, walking gaily with head averted, oblivious of two deadly snakes lying right in the pathway in front of her. It seemed to me that it symbolised the last phase of her own life in coming to Lahore with buoyant hopes, not aware of death which lurked for her there." After completing the first draft of this piece, one put it aside and started looking for something more on The Usha. Instead, one ended up going down one of the Internet's wormholes to arrive at a crater on the planet Mercury. In 2016, the International Astronomical Union named it in honour of Amrita Sher-Gil. This piece of information led to a revision of what one had written and then, one could not but help continuing along a road that had found a bifurcation. Whenever I am in Delhi, among the few things one tries to do, is visit the National Museum of Modern Art.

Better to jaw-jaw than to war-war

THE GREAT GAME: The bigger message to everyone is that Naya America has no problems talking to anyone

IN the merry-go-round world of global politics, here's how the cookie is crumbling this week. US President Donald Trump has told Fox News that he spoke to Chinese President Xi Jinping last week, just before his inaugural, on "Tiktok, trade and Taiwan" and that the conversation was friendly. Now we know that Trump had invited Xi to his inaugural too, but Xi sent Vice-President Han Zheng instead. Moreover, Trump has since both called off his proposed ban on Tiktok as well as his campaign harrumph on imposing tariffs (as high as 60 per cent) on China. We also know that Indian officials in the embassy in Washington DC had requested the Trump transition team, on the eve of the inaugural, for an invite for Prime Minister Modi to attend. But Trump's men remonstrated, saying there was too much happening and not enough time — some such excuse. Instead, they gave External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar a front-row seat to all the goings-on that afternoon. (No one knows where Han Zheng sat.) The Americans, keenly aware that perception is half of any foreign policy success, also organised a Quad meeting the day after — it sent a message to the Chinese that you may be snapping at our heels, but hey, we have India, Australia and Japan in our pack.

The bigger message to everyone, especially India, is that Naya America has no problems talking to anyone — it's enough to look around you and notice how nations are changing friends faster than the flow of the Ganga at the Maha Kumbh. One month ago, Trump was threatening hell or high water with Xi — he is now purring like a Siamese cat. And earlier this week, a team from Pakistan's ISI establishment flew to Bangladesh, for the first time since 2009 — mere days after a Bangladeshi military delegation led by Lt Gen SM Kamrul Hassan, the Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division, flew to Islamabad. In the middle of this churning, the only bond that has remained steadfast is the one that both sides define as being "higher than the mountains, deeper than the seas and sweeter than honey" — the one between Pakistan and China. So dear Reader, as you watch the earth turn on its axis, watch also the shrivelling of old allegiances and the thrill that comes with building new ones. In Punjab, you cast off the old and the unwanted at Lohri, because at Makar Sankranti, when the month of Magh unveils itself, a new world awaits. See what Magh has heralded for

the world so far : New friendships between the US and Pakistan as well as an unusual intimacy between Pakistan and Bangladesh — they were part of one country, after all, once upon a time, until the world shifted in 1971 and a new nation was born. Now the world is shifting again. It's clear that the ISI is in charge of Bangladesh. Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has turned out to be a 'mukhauta' who has played his role as saviour to the hilt — it doesn't matter if and when he moves on, Pakistan has won the latest round in the great game unfolding once again in South Asia. India may be on the back foot in



Bangladesh — which is why it's a good thing it is standing by its old friend, Sheikh Hasina. And since the ISI is back in Dhaka, you can bet your last taka that the attempt to destabilise India's North-east will be the new game in town. Remember, dear Reader, that Manipur continues to burn, after almost two years, that Assam is sitting on a powder-keg, that Mizoram is so unsettled — that Bangladesh is next door. So as Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri flies to Beijing on Republic Day — and the symbolism on that one will wait to be explained another day — the fact remains that the recent Modi-Xi embrace in Kazan, Russia, no doubt brokered by Russian President Vladimir Putin, allowed both India and China to return a series of conversations on their long-standing territorial dispute.

That's a good thing. Much better to jaw-jaw than to war-war, especially if you consider the enormous military disparity between India and China. So while the agreement allows Indian troops to return to patrolling areas they could not since April 2020, it is still unclear where the buffer zones lie and whether both sides are returning to a pre-April 2020 position. Meanwhile, it's a good thing too that PM Modi is seeking an early meeting with Trump — he will understand the extent of the US-China tango that is currently unfolding, with Elon Musk in attendance as Chief Liaison Officer. Clearly both Trump and Musk want to rebalance the highly unequal trade that

is currently in China's favour, but they have no problem talking to the enemy. It's what Putin is also currently doing — circling, fencing, jousting with Trump. Let's talk, he's saying, what is it exactly that you want? Even as Putin rained destruction on his blood brothers in Ukraine these last two years, it is clear he has prepared for a conversation with Joe Biden's successor. The problem with New Delhi is that it allows emotion to come in the way of the games big nations play. Unlike Trump and Putin and Xi — who are always willing to negotiate with their enemies because the first rule of thumb in all politics is to keep your friends close and your enemies closer — PM Modi won't talk to

Pakistan for a number of reasons. Cross-border terrorism, anyone? But then again the news is that Delhi is unhappy with Nepal PM KP Oli because he dared to first travel to Beijing instead of coming to Delhi, and so an Oli visit to Delhi is being forever postponed. It's another matter that the prime benefactors of both Pakistan and Nepal are China — so the mystifying question, why is India punishing the peoples of these countries even if it doesn't agree with their governments?

Ever wondered what prevents this incredibly diverse, ancient nation that has always followed its own rhythms from achieving greatness? In this month of Magh, the answers beckon, you just have to know where to look for them.

Dog bite crisis

Punjab needs proactive steps, not band-aids

Punjab's stray dog crisis is spiralling out of control, with over two lakh dog bite cases reported in 2024. Ludhiana, Patiala and Mohali are leading the pack, with Mohali alone recording 16,047 cases. Yet, despite the alarming statistics and public outcry, Punjab is dragging its feet on providing financial compensation to victims, as mandated by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The tragic mauling of a nine-year-old boy in Nabha is a grim reminder of the growing menace. The problem is rooted in unregulated garbage dumps and sites like "hadda rodi", where animal remains are carelessly discarded, creating a haven for feral dogs. Urban eateries dumping bones and meat waste add fuel to the fire, making the problem even worse. The authorities appear more reactive than proactive. While the Nabha SDM has



ordered vaccinations and awaits reports, this piecemeal approach won't solve a crisis of this magnitude. Punjab needs a comprehensive action plan involving sterilisation

drives, waste management reforms and education campaigns. Without this, incidents like Nabha will only multiply.

Adding insult to injury, the state has failed to honour the high court's directive to compensate victims adequately — Rs 10,000 per tooth mark and Rs 20,000 for severe wounds. For victims, this lapse is a double blow: suffering both physical trauma and bureaucratic indifference. The State Rabies Control Programme offers free vaccines, but lax enforcement of vaccination schedules could worsen health outcomes. As rising numbers of canine fury point to a silent emergency of epidemic proportions, Punjab must act decisively. It must collaborate with municipal bodies, health authorities and animal welfare groups to make cities safer for people and animals alike.

Tackling dog bites needs proactive measures, not band-aids.

How our betis are faring, 10 years on

More attention needs to be paid to enforcing the legal age of marriage and incentivising births after 20 years.

As the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative becomes 10 years old, an evaluation of the programme leading to the ideal child sex ratio and promoting the empowerment and education of the girl child is fitting. According to the government press note issued on the 10th anniversary of the BBBP, the sex ratio at birth (SRB) has improved from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24. Also, the girls' enrolment in secondary education has improved from 75.5 per cent to 78 per cent during the same period. Additionally, women have been empowered through skilling, economic initiatives and widespread community engagement. While saluting these achievements, one must step beyond to understand how much women's lives have changed, for the better or worse. Comparisons need data and India relies on different surveys and data bases. They include the civil registration system, the sample registration system (annual) and the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS). The NFHS surveys (2015-16 and 2019-21) are the most reliable sources to compare and comment on wider issues as they provide a rich source of information. Because, after all the numbers are crunched and digested, ultimately, the true barometer of women's progress is their status in society. While measuring this, some things matter more than the others. One of the important determinants is her age at the time of marriage. This is because it is her health and her understanding of both childbearing and child-rearing that has an impact on generational health. The first questions that should stem from BBBP is whether the age of marriage of girls has gone up and whether teenage pregnancies have come down. This is because girls who marry young remain socially isolated and are denied the fruits of education. Despite the Prohibition of Child Marriage

Act (2006), the practice of child marriage remains widespread. Though the NFHS data reveals a decline in child marriages, their number remains high. Child marriages have reduced from 47 per cent (in 2005-06) to 26 per cent in 10 years and in the next five years, to around 23 per cent. Given the size of our country, 23 per cent is still unacceptably high.

While more girls may have been saved from being aborted, the benefits of poshan (nutrition) and padhai (education) would have eluded most girls who were married before 18. Because, among other factors, it is in the teenage years that anaemia is at its peak and has cascading effects on the patient's health.

The second important goal that BBBP has rightly focused on is curbing the practice of female foeticide. What is the status on that? The ideal child sex ratio, according to the WHO, is 950 girls to 1,000 boys. As per the latest NFHS-5 data, the ratio has gone up from 919 girls to 929 girls for every 1,000 boys born. This is good progress, but the data for many states remains far from satisfactory. According to figures released by the Government of Haryana, the sex ratio was recorded at 905 girls for 1,000 boys in the first 10 months of 2024. The districts of Gurugram (859), Rewari (868), Charkhi Dadri (873), Rohtak (880), Panipat (890) and Mahendragarh (896) were the worst performers, all recording a below-900 sex ratio. Despite economic progress, many Haryanvis still want sons. Exhortations alone will not change the overall picture of saving the girl child. A declining sex ratio means that female foetuses are being killed in the womb. Several other



states also have a child sex ratio less than 932, as per the NFHS-5. They include Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Punjab, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. Delhi and Chandigarh, too, have adverse sex ratios. It shows that education and wealth, if anything, exacerbate the demand for sex determination, underscoring the craving for sons. At the same time, there has been a perceptible improvement in states like Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal. They are hovering nearer the WHO ideal. It indicates how much of the progress rests with the state leadership. A right-thinking chief minister can do wonders by giving primacy to BBBP

and related health programmes.

It is a matter of comfort that the Health Ministry has extended the National Health Mission by five years. Started in 2005, the NHM has done more to improve the health indicators of women than any other programme. Among the achievements relevant in the context of women's status is the decline of India's fertility rate to below the replacement level. Though it is cause for fresh worry about what will happen to the states that are aging, the plus side is that except for the identified districts — mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar — the days of unwanted and repeated child births are over. It is a great blessing for women.

Side by side, institutional births, that is births under medical supervision, have increased phenomenally. An institutional birth benefits women hugely as it ensures that they undergo

antenatal check-ups and are sensitised and skilled in spacing out children, which also staves off unwanted pregnancies. As a result, maternal and infant mortality have reduced substantially. The increase in poorer households' access to clean drinking water, improved sanitation (toilets) and clean cooking fuel have also impacted women's lives for the better. Though they may not be directly related to BBBP, they give much reason for satisfaction. Taking the important indicators into account and without making BBBP a separate vertical silo, it is apparent that women's status has improved. The question is how much and in what respect.

वेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाढ़खण्डा थैके बेङ्गले यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु

प्राय २८ घंटा पर, वेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबं बाढ़खण्डा थैके बेङ्गले यांय़ा समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु हय्येछे। गत सक्या १८रा पर वेङ्गल सरकारेर आदेशे बाढ़खण्डा-बेङ्गल मथन सीमांत्ते पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश निश्चि करार हय्येछिल।

एर फले रात थैके दुपूर पर्यंत प्राय २० किमि दीर्घ यानजट्ट सृष्टि हय। चालकदेर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS वेङ्गल सरकारके चाप देय बाढ़खण्डा सीमांत्ते थैके बेङ्गले प्रवेश करार समस्त यानवाहन बद्ध करार ज्मन। एर फले, वेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेते बाध्य हय एबं अबशेषे भारी यानवाहनर प्रवेश आबार स्वाभाविक हय।

वेङ्गल सरकारेर एहि अनुमतिर पर, ट्का चालकरा शस्तिर निशुास फेलन। प्राञ्जन निरसा विधायक अरूप च्याटर्जि बाढ़खण्डा मुख्यामित्री हेमन्त सोरनेनर एहि उदयोगेर प्रशंसा करेन। त्नि बलेन, मुख्यामित्री हेमन्त सोरनेन एहि बिषयरे क्रमागत शुरु दियेछेन। वेङ्गल सरकारेर साथे इतिवाचक आलोचना करार पर वेङ्गल सरकार निशेवाञ्छा तुले नेय। एर पर, सारिते मंडिये थाका समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहन धीरे धीरे वेङ्गले प्रवेश करते शुरु करेछे। NH-१ दीर्घ यानजट्ट एखन सीमित हटेछे एबं यानजट्टो डाङ्तेत शुरु करेछे।

भोजपुरी कृषि लोक गीत (कहरवा धुन)

गेहुआ के दिनवा

-श्याम कुंवर भारती (राजभर)

धनवा कटाइल सईयां गेहुआ के दिनवा।

हाली घरे अईहा सईयां दवाई कइसे धनवा।

सास ससुर केवने जोरओ ना लागता।

लहुरा देवरवा हमरो बतियां ना मानता।

पडल पडल सड़ता धान खरीहनवा।

हाली घरे अईहा सईयां.....।

नवहर बदन हमरो कइसे खेतवा जोताई।

जाड़ा के महीनवा हमसे गेहु ना बोआई।

खेतिया ना होई पिया का खाइब अनवा।

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खुर्जा सुपर थर्मल पावर प्लांट (केएसटीपीपी) की पहली इकाई 25 जनवरी की मध्यरात्रि से बिजली उत्पादन करने को तैयार है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के लघु रत्न उद्यम टीएचडीसी इंडिया लिमिटेड ने 1320 मेगावाट के इस पावर प्लांट के वाणिज्यिक संचालन की घोषणा करके एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि हासिल की है। इस संयंत्र से उत्तर प्रदेश (64.7फीसदी), राजस्थान (21.3त), उत्तराखंड (3.9फीसदी) और गैर-आवृत्त क्षेत्रों (10.1फीसदी) को पक्के तौर पर बिजली की आपूर्ति शुरू की जाएगी। टीएचडीसीआईएल के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक आरके

विशनोई ने बताया कि केएसटीपीपी की 2x660 मेगावाट (1320 मेगावाट) की पहली इकाई



वाणिज्यिक संचालन के लिए 25 जनवरी की मध्यरात्रि से तैयार है। उन्होंने कहा कि टीएचडीसीआईएल का मुख्य व्यवसाय जलविद्युत का दोहन रहा है। ऐसे में यह ऐतिहासिक

उपलब्धि कंपनी की क्षमताओं का एक महत्वपूर्ण प्रदर्शन है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस इकाई के सफलतापूर्वक

चालू होने के साथ ही टीएचडीसीआईएल राष्ट्र के विकास को गति देने तथा इसके सतत ऊर्जा भविष्य में योगदान देने में और भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाने के लिए तैयार है। इस परियोजना की आधारशिला प्रधानमंत्री ने रखी थी। वर्तमान में ग्रिड के साथ समन्वय, पूर्ण लोड परीक्षण (660 मेगावाट) और पूर्ण लोड पर 72 घंटे के लिए ट्रायल पहले ही पूरा हो चुका है। वाणिज्यिक संचालन की तिथि की घोषणा (सीओडी) इसका एक अहम पड़ाव है। यह आधिकारिक तौर पर उस बिंदु को चिह्नित करता है, जब संयंत्र को व्यावसायिक रूप से चालू और ग्रिड को बिजली पैदा करने और आपूर्ति करने में सक्षम माना जाता है। इसके अनिवार्य रूप से वाणिज्यिक संचालन दर्शाता है कि यह संयंत्र सभी आवश्यक परीक्षणों और जांच में खास उतरा है और विद्युत प्रणाली में योगदान करने के लिए तैयार है।

जयंत चौधरी ने 100 उद्यमियों को सम्मानित किया, कुशल कार्यबल की मांग पर प्रकाश डाला

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केंद्रीय कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमिता राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) जयंत चौधरी ने 76वें गणतंत्र दिवस पर 100 उद्यमियों को सम्मानित किया। इसके साथ ही उन्होंने कुशल कार्यबल की वैश्विक मांग पर प्रकाश भी डाला। भारत सरकार की ओर से आम्त्रित इन उद्यमियों को गणतंत्र दिवस परेड में विशेष अतिथि के रूप में भी सम्मानित किया गया।

उत्थान उत्कृष्टता के प्रति हमारी प्रतिबद्धता का प्रमाण है। उन्होंने कहा



कि सतत विकास के साथ कुत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता जैसी उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियों और महिलाओं के नेतृत्व में विकास पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने के मुद्दे दावोस में हुई चर्चा के केंद्र में रहे। चौधरी ने कुशल प्रतिभाओं के स्रोत के रूप में भारत की प्रतिष्ठ बढ़ाने के लिए उपस्थित उद्यमियों की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा, इस राष्ट्रीय समारोह में 100 उद्यमियों

की भागीदारी कौशल के क्षेत्र में हमारी पहलों के प्रभाव को

रेखांकित करती है। इन कार्यक्रमों ने देश भर में लोगों को सशक्त बनाया है, दीर्घकालिक आजीविका का सृजन किया है और दूसरों को उद्यमशीलता की यात्रा के लिए प्रेरित किया है। उन्होंने राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, छत्तीसगढ़ और पूर्वोत्तर सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के इन उद्यमियों को कड़े परिश्रम पर भी प्रकाश डाला।

केनरा बैंक को तीसरी तिमाही में 4,104 करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा

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सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के केनरा बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 की तीसरी तिमाही के नतीजे का ऐलान कर दिया है। 31 दिसंबर को समाप्त अक्टूबर-दिसंबर तिमाही में बैंक का एकल शुद्ध लाभ 12.25 फीसदी बढ़कर 4,104 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की तीसरी तिमाही में बैंक का मुनाफा 3,656 करोड़ रुपये रहा था। इस दौरान उसकी कुल आय 11.7 फीसदी बढ़कर 36,114 करोड़ रुपये हो गई, जो पिछले वित्त वर्ष की

समान अवधि में 32,334 करोड़ रुपये थी। बैंक के मुताबिक केनरा बैंक की 31 दिसंबर, 2024 को समाप्त तीसरी तिमाही तक सकल



गैर-निष्पादित आस्ति (जीएनपीए) अनुपात 3.34 फीसदी रहा, जो 31 दिसंबर, 2023 तक 4.39 फीसदी था। इसके अलावा बैंक का शुद्ध गैर-निष्पादित आस्ति (एएनपीए) अनुपात दिसंबर, 2024 तक 0.89 फीसदी रहा है, जो दिसंबर, 2023 तक 1.32 फीसदी रहा था।

महंगाई से उपभोक्ता खर्च प्रभावित, खुदरा क्षेत्र कारोबार में पांच फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी

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आसमान खूती महंगाई से उपभोक्ताओं के खर्च करने की शक्ति प्रभावित होने के दबाव में बीते वर्ष दिसंबर में खुदरा क्षेत्र के कारोबार में पांच प्रतिशत की मामूली बढ़ोतरी हुई। खुदरा कारोबारियों के संगठन रिटेलर्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (आरएआई) की जारी 57वें खुदरा व्यापार सर्वेक्षण में कहा गया है कि दिसंबर 2024 (02 दिसंबर से 29 दिसंबर) के दौरान खुदरा क्षेत्र ने पांच प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की, जो पिछली साल की त्यौहारी अवधि (04 दिसंबर 2023 से 31 दिसंबर 2023) की तुलना में मामूली है। सर्वेक्षण ने खुदरा क्षेत्र के प्रमुख रूझनों को उजागर करते हुए क्षेत्रीय और श्रेणीगत प्रदर्शन की जानकारी दी।

आरएआई के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी कुमार राजगोपालन ने



कहा, 'दिसंबर में पांच वृद्धि दर्ज हुई, लेकिन मुद्रास्फीति और इएमआई जैसी वित्तीय बाधाओं ने वित्तीय खर्च को प्रभावित किया। शायद के

मौसम ने परिधान और आभूषण जैसे क्षेत्रों में थोड़ी बढ़त दी लेकिन समग्र

उपभोग सीमित रहा। श्री राजगोपालन ने बताया कि क्रिक सर्विस स्ट्रैटेज (ज्यूसआर) क्षेत्र ने रिकवरी के संकेत दिए हैं, जिससे इस क्षेत्र में उम्मीद जगी है।

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केंद्रीय बजट के मद्देनजर खुदरा उद्योग ऐसे उपायों की उम्मीद कर रहा है, जो मुद्रास्फीति से निपटने और उपभोक्ता विश्वास बढ़ाने में सहायक हों। सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार, खुदरा क्षेत्र के कारोबार में दक्षिण भारत ने छह प्रतिशत की सर्वाधिक वृद्धि दर्ज की जबकि पश्चिम और उत्तर भारत में पांच प्रतिशत और पूर्वी भारत में चार प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी हुई। इसी तरह श्रेणीगत प्रदर्शन के आधार पर ज्यूसआर ने 10 प्रतिशत की उच्चतम वृद्धि जबकि परिधान, खाद्य एवं किराना और खेल के सामान जैसे क्षेत्रों ने सात प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की। आरएआई के अनुसार, उपभोक्ता खर्च को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए संरचनात्मक सुधारों और नीतिगत समर्थन की आवश्यकता है।

एक परियोजना की शुरुआत की है। इसका उद्देश्य पूरे देश में पांच विधिक मापविज्ञान प्रयोगशालाओं से



आईएएसटी के प्रसार के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी और बुनियादी ढांचे का निर्माण करना है। उपभोक्ता मामले के विभाग के सचिव की अध्यक्षता में गठित इस समिति में एनपीएल, इसरो, आईआईटी कानपुर, एनआईसी, आईआईटी-इन्द, सेबी और रेलवे, दूरसंचार और वित्तीय सेवाओं जैसे प्रमुख सरकारी विभागों के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हैं। मसौदा विधिक माप विज्ञान (भारतीय मानक समय) नियम 15 जनवरी को सार्वजनिक

भारत-ओमान के व्यापार मंत्रियों ने एफटीए वार्ता को आगे बढ़ाने पर चर्चा की

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भारत और ओमान के व्यापार मंत्रियों ने दोनों देशों के बीच प्रस्तावित मुक्त व्यापार समझौते (एफटीए) की प्रगति की समीक्षा की और इस समझौते के लिए बातचीत को आगे बढ़ाने पर जोर दिया। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल और ओमान के वाणिज्य, उद्योग एवं निवेश प्रोत्साहन मंत्री कैस बिन मोहम्मद अल यूसुफ के बीच मस्कट में इस समझौते पर चर्चा हुई। गोयल ने एकस पोस्ट पर जारी एक बयान में कहा ओमान के वाणिज्य, उद्योग और निवेश संवर्धन मंत्री महामहिम कैस बिन मोहम्मद अल यूसुफ के साथ बिन मोहम्मद अल यूसुफ के साथ एक आकर्षक और उत्कृष्ट बैठक के साथ अपनी ओमान यात्रा की शुरुआत की। गोयल ने कहा कि हमारी बातचीत व्यापक आर्थिक

बागीदारी समझौते (सीईपीए) पर बातचीत को आगे बढ़ाने, व्यापार और निवेश संबंधों को मजबूत करने और हमारी द्विपक्षीय साझेदारी को

आईएएसटी के प्रसार के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी और बुनियादी ढांचे का निर्माण करना है।

बजट में सोने पर आयात शुल्क न बढ़ाया जाए, अन्यथा प्रभावित होगा उद्योग: वर्ल्ड गोल्ड काउंसिल

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सोने के वैश्विक बाजार की निगह रखने वाले संगठन वर्ल्ड गोल्ड काउंसिल (डब्ल्यूजीसी) ने आगामी बजट में सोने पर आयात शुल्क में किसी प्रकार की बढ़ोतरी न करने की सिफारिश की है और आगाह किया है कि शुल्क बढ़ने का उद्योग तथा अर्थव्यवस्था पर प्रतिकूल असर पड़ सकता है। डब्ल्यूजीसी के क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अधिशासी अधिकारी (सीईओ) सचिन जैन ने सोने पर शुल्क में पिछले कमी सकारात्मक प्रभाव उत्पन्न करने वाला फैसला बताते हुए कहा, 'आगामी बजट में आयात शुल्क में किसी भी वृद्धि का प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ सकता है, जिससे तस्करी में वृद्धि, घरेलू सोने की कीमतों में

वृद्धि और उद्योग को पीछे धकेलना पड़ सकता है।' उन्होंने एक बयान में कहा, 'स्वर्ण उद्योग भारत के सकल घरेलू



उत्पाद में 1.3 प्रतिशत का योगदान देता है और लगभग 20-30 लाख लोगों को रोजगार देता है। पिछले जुलाई में सोने पर आयात शुल्क कम

करने के सरकार के फैसले का स्वर्ण उद्योग पर काफी सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ा है। इसने अनौपचारिक रास्ते से सोने का आयात कम हुआ है, स्वर्ण आयात के आधिकारिक चैनलों में मजबूती आई है और सोने की घरेलू खरीद को प्रोत्साहित किया है। वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने बताया कि सोने पर करों में कमी से एक अधिक संगठित और पारदर्शी उद्योग का निर्माण हुआ है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप एक मजबूत स्वर्ण बाजार बना है। श्री जैन ने कहा, 'यह जरूरी है कि सरकारी निकायों, उद्योग के खिलाड़ियों और वित्तीय संस्थानों सहित हितधारक इस सकारात्मक गति को बनाए रखने के लिए सहयोग करें। एक तालमेलपूर्ण वातावरण को बढ़ावा देकर, हम यह सुनिश्चित कर सकते हैं कि स्वर्ण

उद्योग लगातार आगे बढ़ता रहे, नवाचार करता रहे और भारत के आर्थिक विकास और समृद्धि में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दे। पिछले दशक की तरह, हम प्रगतिशील, लोगों के अनुकूल और उद्योग सहायक नीति घोषणाओं की उम्मीद कर रहे हैं। वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने जुलाई, 2024 को पूर्ण बजट में सोने और चांदी की बढियों पर आयात शुल्क 15 प्रतिशत से घटा कर छह प्रतिशत कर दिया था। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार देश में दिसंबर 2024 में 4.7 अरब डॉलर मूल्य के सोने का आयात किया गया था। भारत सालाना लगभग 800 टन सोने का आयात करता है। बहुत सा सोना आभूषण बना कर पुनर्नियता के काम आता है।

सेबी प्रमुख बुच का कार्यकाल 28 फरवरी को खत्म होगा, केंद्र ने मांगे नए आवेदन

एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली।

केंद्र सरकार ने भारतीय प्रतिभूति एवं विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) के चेयरपर्सन पद के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित किए हैं। वित्त मंत्रालय के तहत आर्थिक मामलों के विभाग ने जारी विज्ञापन में आवेदन देने की अंतिम तारीख 17 फरवरी तय की है। मौजूदा सेबी प्रमुख माधवी पुरी बुच का कार्यकाल 28 फरवरी को समाप्त हो रहा है। मंत्रालय के अनुसार सेबी प्रमुख की नियुक्ति कार्यभार ग्रहण करने की तिथि से अधिकतम 5 वर्ष की अवधि या नियुक्त व्यक्ति की 65 वर्ष की आयु होने तक (जो भी पहले हो) के लिए की जाएगी। विज्ञापन में कहा गया है कि चेयरपर्सन को भारत सरकार के सचिव के बराबर वेतन मिलेगा, जो 5,62,500 रुपये प्रति महीना (मकान व कार के बिना) है। आर्थिक मामलों के विभाग ने सेबी के

अध्यक्ष पद के लिए कई अखबारों में विज्ञापन छपाया है। पूंजी बाजार नियामक सेबी की मौजूदा चेयरपर्सन माधवी पुरी बुच का तीन साल का कार्यकाल 28 फरवरी को पूरा हो रहा है। बुच ने 2 मार्च, 2022 को सेबी प्रमुख का पदभार संभाला था। बुच

सेबी की पहली महिला चेयरपर्सन के साथ-साथ निजी क्षेत्र से आने वाली पहली और सबसे कम उम्र की रही

पहली बार 23 हजार अंक के स्तर से नीचे आ गया है। आज कारोबार के दौरान आईटी, दूरसंचार, उपयोगिता, बिजली, टिकाऊ उपभोक्ता टिकाऊ सामान, तेल और गैस तथा स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्र के शेयरों में सबसे ज्यादा गिरावट आई है। दरअसल, अमेरिकी व्यापार नीति को लेकर अनिश्चितता के कारण निवेशकों की धारणा प्रभावित हुई। हालांकि, आईसीआईसीआई बैंक, हिंदुस्तान

इमामी लिमिटेड का शुद्ध मुनाफा आठ प्रतिशत बढ़ा

नयी दिल्ली।

प्रमुख एफएमसीजी कंपनी इमामी लिमिटेड का चालू वित्त वर्ष की तीसरी तिमाही में शुद्ध मुनाफा इसके पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान अवधि के मुकाबले आठ प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी लेकर 279 करोड़ रुपये पर पहुंच गया। कंपनी ने बताया नवंबर, 2024-25 की अक्टूबर-दिसंबर तिमाही में उसका शुद्ध मुनाफा आठ प्रतिशत बढ़कर 279 करोड़ रुपये पर पहुंच गया। हालांकि वर्ष में उसका राजस्व पांच प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी लेकर 1049 करोड़ रुपये हो गया। कंपनी ने बताया कि निदेशक मंडल ने वित्त वर्ष 2024 के लिए 400 प्रतिशत के दसरे अंतरिम लाभांश की घोषणा की है, जो चार रुपये प्रति शेयर के बराबर है। इससे पहले, दूसरी तिमाही में भी 400 प्रतिशत का पहला अंतरिम लाभांश (चार रुपये प्रति शेयर) घोषित किया गया था। इस घोषणा के साथ वित्त वर्ष 2024 में अब तक कुल लाभांश भुगतान 800 प्रतिशत तक पहुंच गया है, जो आठ रुपये प्रति शेयर के बराबर है। यह कंपनी की एक मजबूत और निरंतर लाभांश भुगतान नीति के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता और अपने शेयरधारकों को उच्च रिटर्न प्रदान करने की दिशा में उसकी प्राथमिकता को दर्शाता है। इमामी लिमिटेड के उपाध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक हर्ष वी. अग्रवाल ने कहा, 'हमें यह बताते हुए खुशी हो रही है कि वित्त वर्ष 2025 की तीसरी तिमाही के दौरान हमारे मुख्य घरेलू व्यवसाय में नौ प्रतिशत की प्रभावशाली वृद्धि हुई, जो वॉल्यूम में छह प्रतिशत की स्वस्थ वृद्धि से प्रेरित है।

लाल निशान पर बंद हुआ शेयर बाजार, सेंसेक्स 824 अंक लुढ़का

एजेंसी

मुंबई/नई दिल्ली।

कमजोर वैश्विक रख के बीच हफ्ते के पहले कारोबारी दिन शेयर बाजार गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ। बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बीएसई) का सेंसेक्स 824.29 यानी 1.08 फीसदी की गिरावट के साथ 75,366.17 के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) का निफ्टी भी 263.05 अंक यानी 1.14 फीसदी

की फिसलकर 22,829.15 के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के अंत में सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (आईटी) और पेट्रोलियम एवं गैस शेयरों में भारी बिकवाली के बीच प्रमुख शेयर सूचकांक बीएसई का सेंसेक्स 824.29 यानी 1.08 फीसदी की गिरावट के साथ 75,366.17 के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। जबकि 7 शेयरों में बढत देखने को मिली। दिन के कारोबार में सेंसेक्स 75,925.72 के ऊपरी

और 75,267.59 के निचले स्तर के बीच घूमता रहा। सेंसेक्स के शेयरों में एचसीएल टेक में सबसे ज्यादा 4.49 फीसदी की गिरावट आई। इसके अलावा जोमेटो, टेक महिंद्रा, पावरग्रिड, टाटा मोटर्स, इन्फोसिस, टाटा स्टील, एचडीएफसी बैंक, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज और भारतीय एयरटेल के शेयरों में भी उल्लेखनीय गिरावट आई। 50 शेयरों वाला एनएसई का निफ्टी भी छह जून, 2024 के बाद



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यूनिसेफ, एमएंडएम, एसबीआई और एलएंडटी के शेयर लाभ में रहे। उल्लेखनीय है कि इससे पिछले हफ्ते के अंतिम कारोबारी दिन 24 जनवरी को शेयर बाजार गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ था। सेंसेक्स 329 अंकों की गिरावट के साथ 76,190 के स्तर पर बंद हुआ था। निफ्टी भी 113 अंक फिसलकर 23,092 के स्तर पर बंद हुआ था।



समोसा

यह ट्रायंगल तो सारे बच्चों का प्यार है या यूँ कहें कि बड़ों के मुँह में भी इसको देखकर पानी आ जाता है। क्या तुम्हें पता है कि समोसा भारत की उपज नहीं है। प्राचीन काल में सेंट्रल एशिया के जिन रास्तों से व्यापार हुआ करता था वहाँ से होता हुआ यह भारत पहुँचा। दरअसल इस ट्रायंगल स्नेक्स को बनाना सबसे आसान होता है और रात को मुसाफिर जब रास्तों में हॉल्ट करते हुए आते थे तो समोसों को कैपफायर के आस-पास भी तैयार कर लिया करते थे।

आलू



सब्जियों का राजा माना जाने वाला आलू सज्जियों में बच्चों की पहली पसंद है। इसके बिना तो सब्जी या किसी स्नेक की कल्पना करना ही थोड़ा मुश्किल लगता है! लेकिन क्या तुम्हें पता है कि आलू मात्र चार सौ साल पहले ही हमारे देश में आया और यहाँ तक कि टमाटर का इस्तेमाल भी देश में पहली बार 19वीं शताब्दी में किया गया था।

क्रिकेट

इंग्लैंड में जन्मा यह खेल आज भारत में गली-गली का खेला जाता है। यहाँ तक



कुछ ऐसी चीजें जो हमारे जीवन में इस तरह से घुल-मिल गई हैं कि पता ही नहीं चलता कि उसका नाता भारत से नहीं है। कुछ ऐसी चीजें जो हमारे जीवन में इस तरह से घुल-मिल गई हैं कि पता ही नहीं चलता कि उसका नाता भारत से नहीं है। क्या तुम्हें पता है कि समोसे जैसी फैमस चीज जो तुम अक्सर खाया करते हो उसका ऑरिजिन भारत नहीं है। ऐसी ही कुछ और चीजें जो देश में कहीं और से आई लेकिन इस देश का हिस्सा बन गईं।

भारत ऑरिजिन की नहीं है, देश का हिस्सा बनी ये चीजें

कि आईसीसी की इनकम में भारत की कमाई की भागीदारी 70 से 80 प्रतिशत तक है। देश में क्रिकेट सबसे पॉपुलर खेलों में से एक है।

राजमा



पंजाबी डिशों की लिस्ट राजमा के बिना अधूरी मानी जाती है। बड़े चाव से राजमा, चावल खाने वालों को यह जानकर आश्चर्य होगा कि यह अपने देश में नहीं बल्कि कोलोनियल अमेरिका में पैदा हुआ है। किडनी बीन्स यानी राजमा को 8000 साल पहले एकेडियन किसानों ने लुसियाना में उपजाया था।

हैंड नीटिंग

सर्दियों के मौसम में अपने घरों में भी तुमने मम्मी या दादी, नानी को हाथों से बुनाई करते हुए देखा होगा। जो कई तरह के स्वेटर तुम्हारे लिए तैयार करती होगी।



तुम्हें लगता होगा कि यह परंपरा पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी देश में आगे बढ़ी होगी लेकिन ऐसा नहीं है, क्योंकि हाथों से बुनाई का काम अपने देश की कला नहीं बल्कि इजिप्ट से यहाँ आया था।

सिल्क

तुम्हारी मम्मी के पास भी सिल्क की साड़ियाँ जरूर होंगी? क्या तुम्हें पता है कि यह सिल्क हमारे देश की नहीं है, बल्कि कई सदियों पहले चीन के व्यापारी इसे यहाँ लाए थे। हमारे यहाँ मिलने वाले सिल्क वर्म वही पहले चाइनीज पेयथर थे जिनसे सिल्कवॉर्म की संख्या बढ़ाई गई।

पतंग

दो हजार साल पहले पतंगों को चीन में तैयार किया गया था। अब तो भारत में गाँव के बच्चों के खेल का यह हिस्सा बन गया है तो शहरों में व्रत-त्योहार के मौके पर लोग रंग-बिरंगी पतंगें उड़ाकर अपनी खुशी का इज़हार करते हैं।

चाय

सुबह की शुरुआत तुम्हारे घर में भी चाय की चुस्कियों के साथ होती होगी। लेकिन देश का मुख्य पेय चाय भी चीन से यहाँ पहुँचा है।



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जकल वॉटर कलर डेकोरेशन और डिजाइन में इस्तेमाल हो रहा है लेकिन हम इस वॉटरकलर को पतियां बनाने के लिए प्रयोग करेंगे। इससे तैयार पतियां एक बेहतरीन आर्ट वर्क की तरह नजर आती हैं।

किन चीजों की होगी जरूरत

- वॉटरकलर सेट
- विभिन्न प्रकार के वॉटर कलर ब्रश
- गार्डन से तोड़ी हुई अलग-अलग प्रकार की पतियां

बनाओ कलर पैलेट

सबसे पहले तो अपना एक कलर पैलेट तैयार करो और उसकी टेस्टिंग पेपर के अलग-अलग टुकड़ों पर करो। जब तक तुमको अपना पसंदीदा शेड ना मिल जाए तब तक पैलेट तैयार करते रहो ताकि जब तुम पतियों को उससे ड्रॉ करो तो वो बिल्कुल असली नजर आएँ।

कौन-कौन से कलर

परमानेंट सैप ग्रीन, ग्रीन ब्लू शेड, रॉ एंबर, ब्लू ग्रीन, बरन्ट सिएना। बाकी शेड अन्य कलर्स के मिक्सचर से तैयार किए जा सकते हैं। डूडलिंग करना तो हर किसी को भाता है लेकिन क्या कभी सीरियस पेंटिंग के बारे सोचा है। अरे तुम्हें पेंटर बनाने की बात नहीं कर रहे, यदि तुम्हें भी रंगों से प्यार है और कुछ न कुछ बनाने रहना तुम्हारी हॉबी है तो क्यों ना कुछ क्रिएटिव किया जाए। आओ मिलकर वॉटर कलर के जरिए लीविंग लीक्स को कागज पर उतारें, सोच में पड़ गए! चलो इसे करके देखते हैं।

इस तरह दो अपनी पतियों को आकार

- सबसे पहले लाइट रकेंच तैयार करो और फिर इसे भीगे ब्रश से अंदर की ओर भरों। इससे तुम्हें कलर

कागज पर उतारो पतियां

के फरस्ट लेयर को फेलाने में मदद मिलेगी। तुमने ग्रीन का जो शेड तैयार किया है उसका सबसे हल्का शेड प्रयोग करो।

- पहली लेयर के सूख जाने के बाद दूसरी लेयर बनाओ जो सबसे हल्के शेड की हो। अब डार्क शेड की दूसरी लेयर लगाओ और उसे फिर सूखने दो।
- पेपर को थोड़ा तिरछा कर दो और पेंट को पेंट की हुई पत्ती के टिप तक पहुँचने दो। इसके सूख जाने के बाद ग्रीन की एक और लेयर इस पर लगाओ।
- वॉटर कलर में यह चीज स्पष्ट नजर आती है इसमें जितने लेयर्स में कलर लगाए जाते हैं इमेज उतनी ही क्लियर नजर आने लगती है।
- अपने ब्रश को पानी में डुबाकर उसे पत्ती के ऊपर फिराओ। जब यह हल्का गीला रहे तो उसके ऊपर रॉ एंबर कलर का हल्का शेड पत्ती के लाइट साइड पर लगाओ।
- कलर जब हल्के गीले हों तो अपने ब्रश पर बरन्ट सिएना कलर को पत्ती के ऊपर टपकाओ। पुम देखोगे कि कलर्स एक-दूसरे पर चढ़े हुए नजर आएंगे।
- अब पत्ती के अलग-अलग हिस्से पर कलर टपकाओ।
- भीगे हुए पतले ब्रश से पत्ती पर वेन्स बनाओ और साथ ही पतियों की डिटेल्स उस पर ड्रॉ करो।
- ऐसा तुम कई पतियों के साथ कर सकते हो।



कैसे बनते हैं स्नोफ्लैक्स?

उन जगहों पर जहाँ चारों ओर बर्फ की चादर बिखी हो और हर तरफ सिर्फ एक ही रंग नजर आता हो...सफेद। इन्हें कहते हैं स्नोफ्लैक्स।

उन जगहों पर जहाँ चारों ओर बर्फ की चादर बिखी

हो और हर तरफ सिर्फ एक ही रंग नजर आता हो...सफेद। इन्हें कहते हैं स्नोफ्लैक्स। स्नोफ्लैक्स बनने की शुरुआत छोटे-छोटे इस्ट पार्टिकल्स या पॉलेन पार्टिकल्स के वॉटर वेपर के संपर्क में आने से होती है। ये वॉटर वेपर इन पार्टिकल्स के ऊपर इकट्ठी हो जाती हैं और जब ठंडे वातावरण में ये जमती हैं तो छोटे-छोटे आइस क्रिस्टल जैसे नजर आने लगते हैं। ये छोटे-छोटे क्रिस्टल सीइस की तरह होते हैं जिनसे स्नोफ्लैक्स का जन्म होता है। तुम्हें यह जानकर आश्चर्य होगा कि ये छोटे आइस क्रिस्टल नेचुरली अरेज होकर हेक्सगोनल यानी सिक्स साइडेड स्ट्रक्चर बना लेते हैं। इस तरह के सिक्स साइडेड आइस क्रिस्टल ही 'स्नोफ्लैक्स' कहलाते हैं। चूँकि स्नोफ्लैक्स के आस-पास की हवा से ये अधिक वजनदार होते हैं इसलिए कुछ समय में अपने-आप गिरना भी शुरू हो जाते हैं।

कुदरत की कारीगरी

स्नोफ्लैक्स बनने की शुरुआत छोटे-छोटे इस्ट पार्टिकल्स या पॉलेन पार्टिकल्स के वॉटर वेपर के संपर्क में आने से होती है। ये वॉटर वेपर इन पार्टिकल्स के ऊपर इकट्ठी हो जाती हैं और जब ठंडे वातावरण में ये जमती हैं तो छोटे-छोटे आइस क्रिस्टल जैसे नजर आने लगते हैं। ये छोटे-छोटे क्रिस्टल सीइस की तरह होते हैं जिनसे स्नोफ्लैक्स का जन्म होता है। तुम्हें यह जानकर आश्चर्य होगा कि ये छोटे आइस क्रिस्टल नेचुरली अरेज होकर हेक्सगोनल यानी सिक्स साइडेड स्ट्रक्चर बना लेते हैं। इस तरह के सिक्स साइडेड आइस क्रिस्टल ही 'स्नोफ्लैक्स' कहलाते हैं। चूँकि स्नोफ्लैक्स के आस-पास की हवा से ये अधिक वजनदार होते हैं इसलिए कुछ समय में अपने-आप गिरना भी शुरू हो जाते हैं।

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यूँ सारे स्नोफ्लैक्स हेक्सगोनल होते हैं लेकिन इनकी जियोमेट्री अलग-अलग होती है। डिफरेंट टेम्परेचर और ह्यूमिडिटी कंडीशन से होकर जब स्नोफ्लैक्स नीचे गिरते हैं तो उनके शेप भी डिफरेंट हो जाते हैं। किसी में नुकीले आरम्भ निकले रहते हैं तो किसी में बहुत ही चौड़े। स्नोफ्लैक्स का निर्माण पृथ्वी पर काफी ऊँचाई पर होता है इसलिए जमीन पर इसका स्नो के रूप में नीचे गिरना हर बार हो ऐसा नहीं है। यह तभी हो सकता है जब हवा का टेम्परेचर फ्रोजिंग से कम हो।

केक की टॉपिंग पर स्नोफ्लैक्स

स्नोफ्लैक्स के अलग-अलग मजेदार शेप्स के कारण कई पाटीज का इसे हिस्सा बनाया जा रहा है, वो भी केक को सजाने के लिए। अब तो स्नोफ्लैक्स के शेप को आर्टिफिशियल रूप से तैयार किया जाने लगा है। लोग अपनी पसंद के अनुसार डिफरेंट शेप वाले स्नोफ्लैक्स से भरि बोतल खरीदते हैं और केक को और भी मजेदार ढंग से प्रेजेंट करते हैं।

भिखारी

हंसकर चुप हो गया। शाम होने जा रही थी। भिखारी ने उसके पास का लेप गरम पानी से धो दिया। अब उसके पांव में एक भी कांटा नहीं था। इसके बाद भिखारी उसे गांव तक छोड़ने आया। भिखारी उठ गया और रोटी तथा सब्जी लेकर आया। कहा, दादा, इसे रात में खाना। मैं कल सुबह आऊंगा। भिखारी घर लौट आया। वह सोच रहा था कि मोहन कितना अच्छा लड़का है। मोहन दूसरे दिन उठा और एक किसान से बोला, यदि आपको मजदूर की जरूरत हो, तो मैं काम करने के लिए तैयार हूँ। किसान को एक मजदूर की जरूरत तो थी, मगर वह मोहन को एक शरारती बच्चे के रूप में जानता था। वह मोहन से बोला, तुम्हें शरारत से फुरसत मिलेगी, तभी तो काम करोगे। मुझसे आज काम लेकर देखो चाचा, तब पता चलेगा। ठीक है, चलो काम करो। किसान बोला। मोहन ने दिन भर मेहनत से काम किया। बदले हुए मोहन को देखकर किसान बहुत चकित था। उसने मोहन को तीन सेर चावल मजदूरी में दिए। मोहन चावल लेकर भिखारी की झोंपड़ी में जा पहुंचा। भिखारी खाना बनाने की तैयारी कर रहा था। उसने जब चावल देखे, तो बोला, मोहन बेटा! ये ले जाकर अपनी मां को दो। मेरा गुजारा तो भगवान चला ही रहा है। नहीं दादा! ये चावल तुम रखो। ये मैंने दिन भर मजदूरी करके कमाए हैं। तुम नहीं रखोगे, तो मैं कल से मजदूरी नहीं करूंगा और शरारत करने लूंगा। उस दिन से मोहन बहुत बदल गया। अब वह हर एक की मदद करने की कोशिश करता। गांव के सब लोग उसकी खूब तारीफ करते।

तीन सेर चावल

पुराने जमाने की बात है। किसी गांव में मोहन नाम का एक लड़का रहता था। वह बहुत शैतान था। हर दिन उसकी शिकायतें उसके माता-पिता को सुनने को मिलतीं। पिता ने मोहन को विद्यालय भेज दिया, लेकिन उसकी शरारतों से शिक्षक भी बहुत दुखी हो गए। उस पर अपने शिक्षक की बातों का भी कोई असर नहीं होता था। मोहन कई बार बच्चों की सीट के नीचे चींटियां छोड़ देता, जिससे वे टीक से पढ़ न पाते। बच्चे उसके डर से उसकी शरारतों के

बारे में अपने शिक्षकों से भी शिकायत न करते। एक दिन तंग आकर मास्टरजी ने उसे विद्यालय से निकाल दिया। उस जमाने में जंगल अधिक थे। चारों ओर पेड़-पौधों की भरमार थी। अब मोहन जंगल में जाकर पेड़-पौधों का ध्यान करता, पानी

देकर सींचता। घर में उसका मन नहीं लगता था। उसकी चिंता में मां परेशान रहतीं। मोहन के गांव में एक बूढ़ा आदमी भीख मांगने आता था। वह उसे भी बहुत तंग करता। कभी उसका थैला छीनकर उसमें रखी रोटी निकालकर जानवरों को खिला देता, तो कभी बूढ़े पर पानी डाल देता। लेकिन बूढ़ा उसके गांव में जरूर आता। लोग उससे पूछते कि इतना तंग होने के बाद भी वह इस गांव में भीख मांगने क्यों आता है? वह सबको एक ही उत्तर देता, मोहन बच्चा है। बच्चे शरारत नहीं करेंगे, तो क्या हम बड़े लोग करेंगे? उसकी बात सुनकर लोग

चुप हो जाते। इस प्रकार कई महीने बीत गए। एक दिन मोहन किसी गांव से आ रहा था। उसे घर पहुंचने की जल्दी थी। किसी किसान ने अपनी फसल की रक्षा के लिए नागफनी की बाड़ लगा रखी थी। रास्ते में नागफनी के कांटे गिरे हुए थे। उसकी नजर उन कांटों पर पड़ी। उसने सोचा कि वह एक-दो नागफनियों को लेकर रास्ते पर डाल दे, तो बड़ा मजा आएगा। उसने दो नागफनियों को उठा लिया और उन्हें घास के नीचे छिपा दिया। फिर घर चला आया। दो-तीन दिन बीत गए। आज वह स्वयं उसी रास्ते से जा रहा था। उसी रास्ते से बूढ़ा भिखारी भी आ रहा था। मोहन को शरारत सुझी। उसने कहा, जरा थैला दिखा। भिखारी ने उसे थैला दे दिया। उसमें एक फटी धोती थी। दो रोटियां भी थीं। वह थैले को लेकर उछालने लगा कि अब वह थैला नहीं देगा। भिखारी उसके करीब आता, तो वह दौड़ कर



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Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series Live Streaming: Squads and all you need to know

New Delhi Sri Lanka and Australia are all set to take part in a two-match Test series, starting Wednesday, January 29. The series doesn't hold much relevance from the viewpoint of the ongoing World Test Championship cycle. While the Aussies are already through to the final against South Africa at the Lord's Cricket Ground, Sri Lanka are out of contention for a berth in the summit clash. Australia will be captained by Steve Smith in the absence of Pat Cummins, who is currently on paternity leave. Pacer Josh Hazlewood is also not a part of the squad as he continues to recover from a calf injury that he sustained during the Border Gavaskar Trophy against India. Mitchell Marsh has also been



left out after he failed to perform against India.

For Sri Lanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Kamindu Mendis and Pathum Nissanka, who all have injury concerns, were included in the squad. Nissanka, who has been dealing with a groin injury, is also likely to miss the opening Test. Lahiru Udara and Sonal Dinusha are in contention to make their debuts in the upcoming series. Where to watch Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series live in India? There is no confirmation of the live telecast of the Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series in India. Live Streaming of the Tests will be available on Fancode. When to watch Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series live in India? The Sri Lanka vs Australia Tests will start at 10 AM IST, 04:30 AM GMT and 10 AM local time.

Dhananjaya de Silva (C), Dimuth Karunaratne, Pathum Nissanka, Oshada Fernando, Lahiru Udara, Dinesh Chandimal, Angelo Mathews, Kamindu Mendis, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Sonal Dinusha, Prabath Jayasuriya, Jeffrey Vandersay, Nishan Peiris, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando, Lahiru Kumara, Milan Rathnayake Steve Smith (captain), Sean Abbott, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cooper Connolly, Travis Head.

Brazil defender Danilo leaves Juventus by mutual agreement ahead of Veiga loan move

NEW DELHI. Brazilian defender Danilo has left Juventus by mutual agreement to terminate the player's contract, the Serie A club said on Monday. Danilo has scored nine goals in 213 appearances since joining the Serie A club in 2019. The Brazilian defender chose to leave the club before his contract expires in June. His last appearance in the Italian league was against Venezia in December of last year. "Dear Bianconeri, I don't even know where to begin. I knew this day would come sooner or later, but one is never ready for goodbyes. Five and a half years have passed, but to me, it feels like an entire lifetime." Danilo posted on his social media. "... What fills me with a sense of pride, in some way, is that I have never



changed my way of being, nor my way of defending the most important club in my history." To our fans, I apologise for the moments when I may have let you down. Never for a lack of effort, dedication, or hard work... Thank you for everything, a hug from the captain, goodbye!"

Danilo, a member of Brazil's 2018 and 2022 World Cup squads, has won one Serie A title, one Italian Super Cup and two Italian Cups with Juve. Juventus shared images of Chelsea defender Renato Veiga arriving for a medical. The 21-year-old Portuguese international is expected to join on loan. Meanwhile, Danilo, who spent 13 years in Europe and won league titles with Porto, Real Madrid, Manchester City, and Juventus, is on the move. Danilo departs one Club World Cup-qualified team for another, heading to the inaugural 32-team tournament, set to kick off on June 14 in the United States. Flamengo has been drawn into a group with Chelsea, Le'n, and Espérance. Juventus, meanwhile, will face Manchester City, Wydad, and Al Ain in their Club World Cup group.

Australian Open: Djokovic climbs in rankings, lucky loser gains big after dream run

Australian Open: Novak Djokovic climbed one place up to No.6 in the ATP rankings. Paula Badosa returned to the top 10 while lucky loser Eva Lys made her debut in the top 100 of the WTA rankings after advancing to the fourth round at Melbourne Park.

New Delhi 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic has climbed one place up to No.6 in the latest ATP rankings. The Serb advanced after Daniil Medvedev lost two places to be ranked No.7 in the world. Djokovic currently has 3900 points to his name and is below Jannik Sinner (11830), Alexander Zverev (8135), Carlos Alcaraz (7010), Taylor Fritz (5050) and Casper Ruud (4160).



Djokovic had a heartbreaking end to the Australian Open 2025 after injury cut short his campaign. After the first set of the first semi-final against Zverev, Djokovic retired and shook hands with the chair umpire. Later, the 37-year-old confirmed that he had

a muscle tear. Djokovic was also troubled by a leg injury during the quarterfinal against Alcaraz. Germany's Eva Lys, who advanced to the Round of 16 in the hard court major, made her debut in the top 100 of the WTA rankings. Lys jumped 37 places to No.91 in

the rankings. Lys went into the tournament as a lucky loser after Anna Kalinskaya withdrew due to a virus. The 23-year-old was given about 10 minutes' notice to prepare and from there on, she went on to beat Kimberley Birrell, Varvara Gracheva and Jacqueline Cristian. In the fourth round, World No.2 Iga Swiatek beat Lys 6-0, 6-1 at the Rod Laver Arena. Lys was a part of the Qualifiers where she lost to Australia's Destanee Aiava in the second round. The youngster also got a prize money of \$420,000 after her exit in the Round of 16.

Paula Badosa returns to top 10
Spain's Paula Badosa made her return to the top 10 of the WTA rankings after her impressive campaign in the Australian Open. Badosa made her maiden appearance in a Grand Slam semi-final where World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka beat her in straight sets. Eight months ago, Badosa was ranked No.140 as a back issue kept bothering her. The injury had also sidelined her for the second half of 2023. But the Spaniard made a stupendous comeback and his currently ranked No.10 in the world.

India vs England, Rajkot smog forecast, pitch conditions and weather for 3rd T20I

New Delhi. While weather and pitch conditions have traditionally been the standard indicators at cricket venues, visibility and Air Quality Index (AQI) have become common measurements during the winter months in India. With England batter Harry Brook raising concerns about visibility due to smog in the T20I series opener in Kolkata, it is only fair to discuss visibility at venues when assessing playing conditions. As the two teams head into the third T20I of the five-match series in Rajkot, here is a look at the conditions likely to influence play on Tuesday, 28 January. WEATHER AND AIR QUALITY First things first: there is no forecast for rain interruptions during the third T20I, which begins at 7 pm IST. The weather is expected to be clear, with



temperatures ranging between 22 and 27 degrees Celsius. The air quality will be fair, according to AccuWeather.

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IND vs ENG: Jos Buttler eyes all-time T20I record in India before Rajkot clash

New Delhi Jos Buttler is on the cusp of another major record as England get set to take part in the third T20I of the five-match series against India on Tuesday, January 28 at the Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot. The 34-year-old has the chance to become the leading run-scorer by a visiting batter in T20Is on Indian soil, being only 18 runs short of the landmark. Afghanistan veteran Mohammad Nabi holds the record, having scored 556 runs from 25 T20Is at an average of 25.27 and a strike-rate of 164.49 with three fifties and a top score of 89 to his name. Buttler, on the other hand, has racked up 539 runs from 19 T20Is in India at an average of 44.91 and a strike-rate of 153.56 with four half-centuries to show for his efforts. South Africa's Quinton de Kock is third in the list with 458 runs from 12 T20Is. The Proteas batter is followed by Australia's Glenn Maxwell, who has 445 runs from 14 T20Is, and Afghanistan's



Mohammad Nabi, who has 435 runs from 13 T20Is. Most T20I runs by a visiting batter in India: Mohammad Nabi - 556 runs from 25 T20Is

Jos Buttler - 539 runs from 19 T20Is
Quinton de Kock - 458 runs from 12 T20Is
Glenn Maxwell - 445 runs from 14 T20Is
Mohammad Shahzad - 435 runs from 13 T20Is
Jos Buttler in excellent form

Buttler has been in excellent form in the ongoing series, although England are 0-2 down and are in a must-win position for the remainder of their matches. Buttler is currently the leading run-scorer of the series, having notched 113 runs from two matches at an average of 56.50. He scored 68 runs in the first T20I at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata, followed by his 45-run knock at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Neymar and Al Hilal mutually terminate contract as Santos return imminent

Neymar's injury-hit stint at Al Hilal ends as the Brazilian star edges closer to a nostalgic return to his boyhood club Santos, bringing hope for a revival of his career in Brazil's top-flight football.

NEW DELHI. Saudi Pro League side Al Hilal have officially parted ways with Brazilian superstar Neymar, bringing an end to an injury-ridden 18-month stint that failed to deliver on its initial promise. The mutual termination of his contract marks a subdued conclusion to what was once touted as a landmark signing for the league. Neymar, who joined Al Hilal in August 2023 for a reported fee of 90 million euros, is now reportedly on the brink of rejoining his boyhood club, Santos.

The move to the Saudi Pro League generated immense excitement as Neymar followed Cristiano Ronaldo and other global icons in heading to the Gulf nation. However,



injuries plagued his tenure, with the 32-year-old making only seven appearances for Al Hilal, leaving fans and the club alike disappointed with the lack of meaningful contributions on the pitch. Reports now suggest that Neymar has verbally agreed to

return to Santos, a club where he rose to stardom before making his high-profile moves to Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain. Notably, Neymar is said to have agreed to a significant pay cut compared to his Al Hilal salary to facilitate the transfer. Santos, having secured promotion to the Brazilian Serie A after winning the Serie B title in 2024, is looking to bolster its roster with Neymar's return. His arrival is expected to elevate the club's profile and attract global attention, provided the star forward can remain fit and available for consistent game time.

While his time at Al Hilal may not have panned out as envisioned, Neymar's return to Santos represents a chance for redemption and a heartfelt reunion with the club where his career began, before moving to FC Barcelona. Fans will hope that this chapter offers the Brazilian star an opportunity to reignite his form and enjoy a more stable and impactful spell as he approaches the latter stages of his illustrious career.

Virat Kohli links up with Delhi Ranji team, begins training at Arun Jaitley Stadium

Virat Kohli joined Delhi Ranji Trophy squad in their training session at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on January 28, ahead of his return to domestic cricket in the side's upcoming clash against Railways.

NEW DELHI. India's star batter Virat Kohli joined Delhi's Ranji Trophy squad for a team training session at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on January 28, preparing for his much-anticipated return to domestic cricket. Kohli's comeback will be in Delhi's Ranji Trophy clash against Railways, marking his first appearance in the tournament since 2012, when he last played against Uttar Pradesh. Arriving at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday morning, Kohli participated in multiple group running and fielding drills, and even played touches of football along



with his Delhi teammates. His presence has heightened excitement within the Indian cricket fraternity, which has recently witnessed the domestic returns of other prominent players, including India captain Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill,

and Yashasvi Jaiswal. Kohli and the rest of the India stars making a return to domestic cricket aligns with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s renewed emphasis on domestic performance as a significant criterion for international selection. While

Kohli missed Delhi's previous match against Saurashtra due to a neck injury, he is eager to make a strong impact in the upcoming game. His return to form is crucial, particularly after enduring a lean patch in Test cricket, including struggles during India's Border-Gavaskar Trophy series defeat to Australia. Despite the buzz around Kohli's participation, fans may not be able to watch the match live, as there is no confirmation of telecast or live-streaming. The BCCI, however, has ensured additional security measures at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, recognising the star value Kohli brings to the fixture. Delhi's match against Railways has now garnered significant attention as Kohli looks to regain his rhythm and confidence after his lean patch in his recent Test struggles against New Zealand and then Australia in the Border Gavaskar Trophy. With the game set to take place on January 30, the spotlight will be firmly on Kohli as he looks to make a memorable return to his roots and lead Delhi to a strong finish in the Ranji Trophy group stage.

Vicky Kaushal

Helps Co-Star Rashmika Mandanna As She Hobbles With Leg Injury At Chhaava Trailer Launch



Rashmika Mandanna arrived at the Mumbai airport this morning, visibly struggling with a leg injury she sustained last month. A video circulating on social media captured the actress limping slightly before she was assisted into a wheelchair. Despite the setback, Rashmika displayed her professionalism by attending the trailer launch of her upcoming film Chhaava alongside Vicky Kaushal in Mumbai later in the day. At the event, Rashmika hobbled on one leg while making her way to her seat, and her co-star Vicky Kaushal stepped in to help, offering her a steady hand and ensuring she was comfortably seated.

Rashmika Mandanna sustained a severe leg injury while she was working out at the gym on January 12, 2025. Despite that, she continues to fulfil her work commitments. Rashmika had earlier taken to her social media handle to share her health update. Sharing photos of herself where she was seen sitting on a chair and propping up her injured feet on a cushion, the actress wrote, "Well... happy New Year to me I guess! (Woman facepalming emoji) Injured myself in my sacred gym shrine (smiling face with tear and smiling face with tear emojis). Now I'm in 'hop mode' for the next few weeks or months or god only knows, so seems like I'll be hopping my way back to sets for Thama, Sikandar, and Kubera! (Heart with an arrow and smiling face with hearts emojis).""To my directors, sorry for the delay...I'll be back soon enough just making sure my legs are fit for action (or at least fit for hopping) (rabbit face, collision emoji and monkey emojis). In the meantime, if you need me...I'll be the one in the corner doing a highly advanced bunny hop workout. HOPHOPHOP... (rabbit and sparkles emoji)," she added.



Shilpa Shirodkar Shares Heartfelt Instagram Post On Sister Namrata Shirodkar's Birthday: 'I Missed You'



Even though Bigg Boss 18 has ended, Shilpa Shirodkar remains in the spotlight. Her journey on the show had its share of ups and downs, blending resilience, drama, and surprises. Entering as a seasoned actress, Shilpa caught attention for her strong opinions and straightforward approach. Her candidness and strategic moves set her apart, and her composed handling of tricky situations earned her praise from viewers. During Shilpa's Bigg Boss journey, if there was one person who stood by her unwaveringly, it was her sister, Namrata Shirodkar. On Wednesday, which marked Namrata's birthday, Shilpa took to Instagram to share an adorable video — a heartfelt compilation of the sisters' happiest moments together over the years.

In the caption, Shilpa expressed her love and admiration for her sister and also highlighted how much she missed Namrata during their time apart owing to her Bigg Boss 18 journey. "Wishing you a happy, happier, and happiest birthday, @namratashirodkar ?? How I missed you and just simply talking to you over the past 3 months—whether it was a call or just chatting over a cup of coffee. You are and will always be the special one for me!" she wrote. Shilpa continued, "Thank you for being not just an amazing sister, but also my constant source of love, strength, and happiness! Love you so much!"

Shilpa Shirodkar's journey on Bigg Boss 18 concluded in the final week. The actress was eliminated from the contest just days before the finale, leaving Karan Veer Mehra, Vivian Dsena, Chum Darang, Eisha Singh, Avinash Mishra, and Rajat Dalal to fight for the trophy. But the actress' journey in the house was nothing short of dramatic. Shilpa was often seen emotional in the game, and her bond with Vivian Dsena and Karan Veer Mehra remained the highlight.

Saif Ali Khan 'Walking, Waving' After Discharge From Mumbai Hospital Sparks Debate Over Attack



A debate over Saif Ali Khan's attack has broken out, with some political leaders questioning if he was indeed stabbed or he was "acting", while others came out in support of the actor and his bravery. Maharashtra Minister Nitesh Rane has raised questions over the attack on Saif Ali Khan, asking if the actor was really stabbed or if he was "acting". Rane said that Saif, who was discharged from the hospital on January 21, was "dancing while walking" back to his residence.

His remarks came a day after Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Nirupam raised questions over the actor's quick recovery in five days after he was stabbed six times by an intruder at his house on January 16 morning. Saif underwent a six-hour-long surgery as a 2.5-inch knife was stabbed in his body. The actor had also suffered an injury near his spine and had to be shifted to the ICU following the surgery.

What Did Nitesh Rane Say On Saif Ali Khan's Attack?

Addressing an event in Pune on Wednesday, Rane took a potshot at illegal immigration, referring to the arrest of a 'Bangladeshi' man accused of attacking Saif, and said that he may have entered the actor's residence to "take him away". "Look at what Bangladeshis are doing in Mumbai. They entered Saif Ali Khan's house. Earlier they used to stand at the crossings of the roads, now they have started entering houses. Maybe he came to take him (Saif) away. It is good, garbage should be taken away," he said. The Minister said that the way Saif walked in comfortably to his home after being discharged from the Lilavati Hospital made him doubt whether the actor was "stabbed or he was acting".

"I saw when he came out of the hospital, I doubted whether he had been stabbed or he was acting. He was dancing while walking. Whenever any Khan like Shahrukh Khan or Saif Ali Khan gets hurt, everyone starts talking about it. When a Hindu actor like Sushant Singh Rajput is tortured, no one comes forward to say anything," Rane said. The BJP leader further attacked the Opposition for taking a stand on 'religious lines'. "That Mumbai's Jeetuddin (Jitendra Awhad) and Baramati's Tai (Supriya Sule) did not come forward to say anything... They are only worried about Saif Ali Khan, Shah Rukh Khan's son, and Nawab Malik... Have you ever seen them worrying about any Hindu artist... You guys should pay attention to all these things," Rane said.

Sahiba Bali

Stuns In A Sleek Black Strapless Dress, Hottest-Ever Photos Go Viral

Sahiba Bali once again set the internet ablaze with her latest Instagram update, featuring stunning photos that showcase her elegance and impeccable sense of style. Dressed in a sleek black strapless tea-length dress, she accentuated her look with minimal yet striking gold jewellery, including statement earrings and a delicate ring. Her soft, wavy hair cascaded over her shoulders, styled to perfection. In one of the photos, Sahiba is captured in a beautiful moment, with her hand lightly touching her hair.

Not long back, Sahiba shared photos from her beach vacay on her Instagram account. Taking a dip in crystal-clear waters,



she can be seen snorkeling, embracing the tranquility of the ocean. In the first photo, Sahiba is captured mid-swim, gracefully navigating the turquoise waters, showing off her adventurous side. In the second frame, she strikes a playful

peace sign while perched on the steps, wearing a sleek navy-blue bikini and snorkeling gear, ready to dive back in.

Sahiba Bali, recently seen in Imtiaz Ali's Chamkila with Parineeti Chopra and Diljit Dosanjh, has become a fan favourite. She made her debut as Radha in Dear Maya (2017) and later appeared in Laila Majnu (2018) and the short film Jiya Jaye (2017). She has also acted in popular web series like Bard of Blood (2019) as Abida and Tanaav as Toshi Kaul.

A recent workout video of Sahiba Bali went viral on Instagram, showing her giving it her all during an intense gym session.

She focused on arm exercises like side-lateral raises, bicep curls, tricep pushdowns, overhead presses, and concentration curls. Wearing a mustard sports bra and black shorts with braided hair, she impressed fans with her dedication and toned physique. Sahiba Bali is currently hosting Shark Tank India 4.

