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## NEWS BOX

### 'This is crazy': Elon Musk reacts as 4 Tesla Cybertrucks go up in flames

world. Tesla CEO Elon Musk expressed his shock after witnessing four Tesla Cybertrucks engulfed in flames in Seattle on Sunday night. The tech billionaire replied to a post on his social media platform, X, which shared footage of firefighters extinguishing the burning Tesla Cybertrucks. He wrote, "This is crazy." The original post that Elon Musk replied to alleged that the incident might've been a "coordinated attack" by Democrat NGOs. Some Democrats have strongly opposed Musk's growing influence within the Trump administration. However, there is no official confirmation supporting this claim. Authorities are investigating the incident. According to KOMO News, the four trucks were parked inside a fenced lot near 2nd Avenue in Seattle's SoDo neighborhood. The parking lot had over 50 electric vehicles awaiting transportation to dealerships.

A reporter from KIRO news radio covering the scene was allegedly threatened with a knife by an unidentified individual in the parking lot.

Why are Cybertrucks being targeted?

This is not the first attack on Tesla vehicles. Elon Musk owns the electric carmaker. This has made the truck an outlet for some to express their anger towards the tech billionaire's involvement in the Trump administration. Elon Musk is the mastermind behind the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which has enforced mass layoffs in several US agencies and departments. This resentment is not confined only to the US. On March 2, La Dpche reported that a Tesla dealership was set on fire in France. Additionally, Tesla vehicles including Cybertrucks have been frequently vandalized, defaced with Nazi stickers, or damaged as acts of protest.

### US Billionaire Says She Stood In Queue For Hours To Land Job At Her Own Company

world. Lynsi Snyder, heiress to In-N-Out, a popular fast-food restaurant chain in the US has revealed that she stood in a line for hours to land a job at her own company. Ms Snyder, who became the president of In-N-Out Burger at the age of 27, said she was just 17 years old when she started working at the restaurant to show she hadn't been handed any opportunities simply because of her surname. According to a report in Fortune, Ms Snyder queued up for two hours outside a new In-N-Out restaurant in Redding, California to land a summer job at the chain. "I think that there's a stigma that can come with being the owner's kid. I just wanted to be respected like others, doing it the right way and not having the special treatment," Ms Snyder said. Ms Snyder revealed that her first job at the burger chain involved doing minor jobs like chopping vegetables and serving customers. In fact, she previously said that no one knew her real identity except the manager of the store. This ensured she was not treated differently from other employees. She added that the experience helped her gain the confidence to do things her way. She also addressed the struggles she faced while taking on such a huge responsibility at a young age. "In the earlier days, I actually wore pantsuits, and I did that because I felt like I was supposed to."

"And then I finally was confident in who I am and who I'm not. You're going to get judged either way, so you might as well be judged for being who you are," she continued. Notably, In-N-Out Burger was founded by Ms Snyder's grandparents in 1948. When her grandfather, Harry Snyder, died in 1976 the business was led by his sons Rich and Guy. Rich Snyder died in a plane crash in 1993, followed by the death of Ms Snyder's father, Guy Snyder, in 1999. At the age of 17, Lynsi Snyder was the last blood relative surviving of the burger dynasty.

### More Than 30 Nations Will Participate In Paris Planning Talks On Security Force For Ukraine

PARIS. Military officials from more than 30 nations will take part in Paris talks on the creation of an international security force for Ukraine, a French military official said Monday. Such an international force would aim to dissuade Russia from launching another offensive after any ceasefire in Ukraine comes into effect. The long list of participants in Tuesday's discussions will also include Asian and Oceania nations that will join remotely, the French official said. The international makeup of the meeting offers an indication of how broadly France and Britain - which are working together on plans for the force - are casting their net as they aim to build what the French official described as a coalition of nations "able and willing" to be part of an effort to safeguard Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire. The French military official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the blueprint for the force that is shrouded in secrecy and the Paris talks that will consider it. The force being envisaged by France and Britain would aim to reassure Ukraine and deter another large-scale Russian offensive after any ceasefire, the official said. It could include heavy weaponry and weapons stockpiles that could be rushed within hours or days to aid in Ukraine's defense in the event of a Russian attack that shatters any truce, the official said. The French-British blueprint will be presented to military officials from more than 30 nations in the first part of Tuesday's talks, the official said. The talks' second part will include "more precise and concrete" discussions where the participants will be invited to say whether and how their militaries might be able to contribute, the official said, and the United States, the official said.

## Tornado strikes Central Florida, disrupts TV station during live broadcast

**Tornado hit Central Florida causing damage, power outages**

**No serious injuries reported despite severe home damage**

**3,500 people initially without power; outages ongoing**

UPDATED. A tornado touched down in Central Florida Monday morning, causing widespread damage and leaving thousands without power in the Lake Mary area as severe storms moved through the region. Seminole County Fire Rescue responded to reports of a collapsed home in the 2100 block of Blue Iris Place, where the damage was most severe. However, no serious injuries have been reported so far. Nearly 3,500 people were left without



electricity in the immediate aftermath of the storm, with many still dealing with power outages. During live coverage at FOX 35 News in Lake Mary, meteorologist Brooks Garner was tracking the Tornado Warning

when the twister unexpectedly crossed over the studio. Garner, visibly shaken, was heard on air urging coworkers to seek shelter as the storm passed overhead. The National Weather Service earlier issued a

Tornado Warning for parts of Lake, Seminole, and Volusia counties.

The police officials also urged residents to stay indoors and avoid traveling due to dangerous debris on the roads. By the time the storm moved through, at least 500 people had lost power, and authorities were working to assess the full extent of the damage. The storm was part of a broader system of severe weather, caused by an upper-level low-pressure system moving across Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. As the system continues to move eastward, the National Weather Service is conducting a damage survey to determine the track and intensity of the tornado. The weather service issued an early warning on Monday, saying that a cold front moving across eastern central Florida will bring rain, lightning, strong wind gusts, large hail, and a chance of a brief tornado. Wind gusts could reach up to 35 mph, and a wind advisory will remain in effect until the evening.

### Shark attack in Australia: Search for missing surfer as beachgoers watch in shock

UPDATED Australian authorities on Monday informed that a surfer had gone missing after a suspected shark attack at Wharton Beach. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) issued a press release over the incident. DPIRD revealed that it received a report of a "serious shark bite" at Wharton Beach at around 12:17 pm. Authorities have recovered a surfboard. However, the surfer remains missing. Western Australia police have launched a search operation to locate the victim. The beach has been closed for visitors. The beach is around 775 km away from south-east Perth. The species of the shark involved in the attack is unknown. Joscelyn Boissieux, a witness, recalled the horrifying sight. He recalled that onlookers screamed in fear as the tragic incident happened. They quickly abandoned the waters and rushed to shore. "We heard the



scream, and everyone got out of the water there was only a surfboard left, floating around about 30 metres from the shore," Boissieux told 9News Perth. Boissieux said that the surfer's partner was devastated after witnessing the attack. "She was shocked," he claimed. According to the Australian Shark-Incident Database, there have been four other shark attacks reported so far

this year. This includes the fatal attack on a 17-year-old girl at Queensland's Woorim Beach. Authorities urge visitors to take caution.

DPIRD issued a set of guidelines for anyone near the area: Take additional caution in the Wharton Beach area.

Adhere to beach closures advised by Local Government Rangers, Parks and Wildlife Service officers or Surf Life Saving WA (SLSWA). Use your Sea Sense and stay informed by checking for shark activity on the SharkSmart website, SharkSmart WA app or follow @SLSWA on X. If you see a shark, report it to Water Police on 9442 8600. All shark sighting information reported to Water Police is provided to land managers and relevant authorities and to the public on the SharkSmart website, SharkSmart WA app and @SLSWA on X.

### Trump warns that arrest of Palestinian activist at Columbia will be 'first of many

new york. President Donald Trump warned Monday that the arrest and possible deportation of a Palestinian activist who helped lead protests at Columbia University will be the first "of many to come" as his administration cracks down on campus demonstrations against Israel and the war in Gaza. Mahmoud Khalil, a lawful U.S. resident who was a graduate student at Columbia until December, was detained Saturday by federal immigration agents in New York and flown to an immigration jail in Louisiana. "We know there are more students at Columbia and other Universities across the Country who have engaged in pro-terrorist, anti-Semitic, anti-American activity," Trump wrote in a social media post. "We will find, apprehend, and deport these terrorist sympathizers from our country - never to return again."

criticism of Israel. He is the first person known to be detained for deportation under Trump's promised crackdown on student protests. Federal immigration authorities also visited a second international student at Columbia on



Friday evening and attempted to take her into custody but were not allowed to enter the apartment, according to a union representing the student. Khalil, 30, had not been charged with any crime related to his activism, but Trump has argued that protesters forfeited their rights to remain in the country by protests he claimed support Hamas, the Palestinian group that attacked Israel on October 7, 2023. The U.S. has designated Hamas as a terrorist organization. Khalil and other student leaders of Columbia University Apartheid Divest have rejected claims

of antisemitism, saying they are part of a broader anti-war movement that also includes Jewish students and groups. But the protest coalition, at times, has also voiced support for leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah, another Islamist organization designated by the U.S. as a terrorist group. The U.S. Education Department on Monday warned some 60 colleges, including Harvard and Cornell, that they could lose federal money if they fail to uphold civil rights laws against antisemitism and ensure "uninterrupted access" to campus facilities and education opportunities. The Trump administration is already pulling \$400 million from Columbia.

A group of Columbia faculty members expressed concern Monday that Khalil's detention was intended to suppress free speech by students and staff who are not U.S. citizens.

"The attack on Mahmoud Khalil is intended to make them quake in their boots, and to make all of us quake in our boots," said Michael Thaddeus, a Columbia math professor. "Our message to Washington is that we are not silenced, we are not afraid, and we stand together, determined to defeat this ongoing assault on our fundamental rights."

## Trump's strategy in Middle East, Ukraine faces resistance from weaker parties

World As President Donald Trump seeks to end wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, his approach to both seems to boil down to giving the stronger party what it wants and pushing the weaker to accept it. His defenders view it as hardnosed realpolitik - a recognition that the strong eventually prevail, so better to cut one's losses in the interest of a certain kind of peace. "You don't have the cards right now," Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in their White House blowup. "He's transactional," said Aaron David Miller, a former veteran U.S. diplomat now at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Trump is "looking for quick wins - deals, I would argue - not anything remotely related to the incredibly difficult work" of conflict resolution. But the eventual outcome of conflicts is not always determined by military power alone - see America's 20-year war in Afghanistan, where the world's strongest military failed to defeat a tenacious insurgency. And the mercurial Trump has a way of complicating any unified theory of his

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power known as the Melian Dialogue. Athens lands a fleet at the island of Melos and makes the city-state an offer it can't refuse. Join the empire, pay tribute and you won't be obliterated. The Athenians famously advise the Melians to "try to get what it is possible for you to get," considering that "the strong do what they have the power to do and the weak accept what they have to accept." The Melians refuse, appealing to "fair play and just dealing." They warn the Athenians that such belligerence could drive other small states into the arms of Sparta. Athens lays siege to Melos, and after months of fighting sacks it, putting the men to death and sending the women and children into slavery. It's a grim parable - and perhaps a cautionary tale for Canada, Greenland and Panama. In more recent conflicts, however, military might has only gone so far. Hamas has survived five wars against the most powerful military in the Middle East, the last sparked by a surprise attack that caught Israel's vaunted security agencies unawares.

## Jaffar Express, Pakistan Passenger Train Hijacked; BLA Holds 100 Hostages

RNS: The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), a militant separatist group, claimed responsibility on Tuesday for hijacking the Jaffar Express, a passenger train operated by Pakistan Railways, and holding 100 passengers hostage in Balochistan. The attack took place after militants ambushed the train by blowing up tracks in the Mushqaf area of Bolan district. Once the train was stopped, the insurgents boarded and took the passengers captive. In a statement, BLA spokesperson Jeeyand Baloch declared that six Pakistani military personnel had been killed during the assault. The group also issued a warning that any attempt by Pakistani forces to launch a rescue operation would result in the death of the hostages. "We have hundreds of passengers in our custody, and we will act decisively if provoked,"



the statement read. Pakistani military forces have arrived at the scene, while the Balochistan government has imposed emergency measures to manage the crisis. Government spokesperson Shahid Rind confirmed that all relevant authorities are engaged in the operation to resolve the situation.

This incident is part of the ongoing insurgency in Balochistan, a region rich in natural resources, including mineral deposits and the strategically significant Gwadar deep-sea port. The insurgency, fueled by demands for greater autonomy, has led to frequent attacks on government, military, and Chinese interests in the area. Baloch

separatist groups accuse the Pakistani government of exploiting the province's resources for its own benefit. Security forces remain on high alert as the situation unfolds, with the potential for further escalation. The outcome of this attack may have significant implications for the already volatile region.

## PM Modi becomes 1st Indian to receive Mauritius' highest honour



Mauritius: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian to receive a highest civilian award of Mauritius, Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.

Mauritius Prime Minister Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam made the announcement during an Indian diaspora event in Port Louis this evening. The honour also adds to Mr Modi's growing list of international accolades, making it the 21st such recognition.

Addressing the Indian community, Prime Minister Modi thanked the people and the government of Mauritius for giving him the country's highest civilian honour. He said, this is not just an honour for him, but an honour for the historic bond between India and Mauritius. Modi said, the deep-rooted cultural connection between the two countries is evident in the warmth of the diaspora.

## Police Recover 45 Stolen Bikes, Two Arrested



Bokaro: In a major breakthrough, the Bokaro Police have successfully recovered 45 stolen motorcycles and arrested two individuals involved in the thefts. The operation, led by Bokaro Superintendent of Police (SP) Manoj Swargiary, targeted a rising number of motorcycle thefts across the district.

During a press conference at the City Police Station, SP Swargiary revealed that the arrested criminals, identified as Mohammed Parvez (34) and Mohammed Masoom Ansari (19), have a criminal history. Parvez, with a previous case registered against him in Ranchi, was involved in stealing motorcycles, which were sold for amounts ranging between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000 based on their condition. The stolen vehicles were reportedly used to transport coal in the region's mining areas.

The police team recovered the motorcycles from various locations, including Kathara, Tenughat, Gomia, and Petarwar police station areas, where they were hidden with the intent to be sold. Cases related to the recovered motorcycles have already been registered at multiple police stations across the district, including BS City, Sector 4, Sector 6, Sector 9, and Sector 12.

The arrest of the two criminals and the recovery of a large number of stolen vehicles is being hailed as a significant achievement for the Bokaro Police.

The operation was supported by a team of dedicated police officers, including Sub Inspectors and Constables from various police stations across the district. The Bokaro Police are continuing their investigation into the thefts, with more arrests expected. In an appeal to the public, SP Swargiary advised vehicle owners to park their motorcycles in designated, secure locations and use additional locks. He also urged shopkeepers, schools, colleges, and other establishments to install CCTV cameras both inside and outside their premises to help monitor and prevent criminal activity. Those leaving their homes for extended periods are encouraged to inform the nearest police station for enhanced surveillance.

The recovery of these 45 stolen motorcycles marks a significant success in the Bokaro Police's ongoing efforts to combat crime in the region.

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## PM Modi Arrives in Mauritius for Two-Day Official Visit, receives warm welcome



Mauritius: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Mauritius on Tuesday for a two-day official visit, where he was warmly welcomed by his Mauritian counterpart, Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam. In a message on X (formerly Twitter), Modi expressed gratitude for the welcome, calling it an opportunity to enhance collaboration between the two nations across various sectors. During the visit, Modi is scheduled to meet with Presi-

dent Dharam Gokhool and PM Ramgoolam, as well as address a community event. He will also be the chief guest at Mauritius' National Day celebrations on March 12, where a contingent from the Indian Defence Forces, along with a ship from the Indian Navy, will participate. Ahead of his departure, Modi highlighted Mauritius as a key partner in the Indian Ocean, emphasizing their shared history, culture, and democratic

values. He expressed hope that his visit would strengthen bilateral ties and contribute to regional security and development under India's "Vision SAGAR." Modi's visit is expected to build on the longstanding friendship between the two nations, which share deep historical, cultural, and demographic ties, with a large Indian-origin population in Mauritius. India and Mauritius have had close diplomatic relations since Mau-

ritius gained independence in 1968. This visit marks Modi's first trip to the island nation since 2015. Mauritius, with a population of 1.2 million, has strong historical connections to India, particularly through the Indian diaspora that arrived under British and French colonial rule. These shared bonds have fostered enduring cooperation in areas like maritime security, development, and cultural exchange.

## BJP Leader Kumar Amit Meets BSL Director to Address Public Issues in Bokaro

Bokaro: BJP leader Kumar Amit met the in-charge director of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), BK Tiwari, on Monday to discuss pressing public issues in the city. During the meeting, Amit handed over a fifteen-point demand letter addressing several concerns affecting the local community. The demands included the establishment of an ESI hospital for contract labourers, halting retrenchment of workers on medical grounds, setting up a statue of martyr Mangal Pandey, clearing outstanding salaries for SAIL employees, and providing vacant SAIL



buildings to reputed private institutions for sectors like education, healthcare, IT, and skill development. Additionally, the letter urged the development of BGH as a superspecialty hospital,

the introduction of a Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra at the hospital, and the reservation of fourth-class posts in SAIL for displaced and local residents. Amit also emphasized providing affordable

utilities to Dundabaag slum residents and addressing slum rehabilitation with a focus on making the city encroachment-free. Other key demands included organizing a job fair for local youth, prioritizing Jharkhand candidates for SAIL's apprenticeship program, and reopening closed health centers under a licensing scheme to reduce the burden on BGS. Amit also requested the reinstatement of a sports quota in recruitment. The Director-in-Charge assured Amit that positive initiatives would be taken on these issues.

## NSUI to Oppose Ranchi University's Plan to Assign Teaching to Research Scholars

Ranchi: The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has voiced strong opposition to Ranchi University's proposal to assign teaching responsibilities to research scholars due to the shortage of permanent faculty. Aman Ahmad, NSUI State Vice President, criticized the plan, stating that it would severely compromise the quality of higher education. He pointed out that neither the UGC nor the University Act permits research scholars to replace permanent faculty in teaching roles.

Ahmad emphasized that the already overloaded regular teachers would not be able to handle the additional workload, reducing teaching quality to mere formality. He further condemned the university's claims of a teacher shortage, noting that guest teachers have successfully managed the workload for years, only to be removed from their positions.

NSUI alleges that the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, is more focused on political motives in his final days at the university rather than addressing educational concerns. The student organization vowed to take strong action against any decision that undermines the quality of education, calling for the temporary reinstatement of guest teachers until permanent recruitment is made by JPSC, free from nepotism.

## Light Sindri Brings Holi Cheer to Hindu Mission Orphanage

Sindri: BIT Sindri's student-run NGO, Light Sindri, celebrated a pre-Holi event with the children of Hindu Mission Orphanage, spreading joy and festive spirit. The day was filled with vibrant colors, sweets, and fun activities. Volunteers distributed sweets, played interactive games, and celebrated with eco-friendly organic gull. Gifts and refreshments were shared with the children, making the occasion even more special. The event aimed to foster inclusivity, happiness, and a sense of belonging. The celebration ended with dance and a group photo, capturing the joyful moments of the day.

## Peace Committee Meeting Held in Loyabad Ahead of Holi and Ramzan Festivals

by Ashok Kumar

Loyabad: A peace committee meeting was conducted at the Loyabad police station ahead of the upcoming Holi and Ramzan festivals. The meeting, chaired by Station In-charge Pikku Prasad, was attended by prominent local figures.

In his address, Pikku Prasad emphasized the significance of both festivals coinciding this year and urged the community members from both sides to maintain peace and harmony. He warned against the spread of any rumors that could disturb the communal peace, stressing that any such rumors should be reported immediately to the police. He also assured that the police would be vigilantly monitoring social media and that strict action would be taken against those found spreading false information, regardless of their identity.

Subsequently, Prasad appealed to both communities to celebrate the festivals in a peaceful and respectful manner. Also present at the meeting were Sub Inspector Rohit Kumar Mahato, Suresh Kumar Roy, Assistant Sub Inspector Pratap Oraon, Mohd. Minaj Khan, Devvrat Tiwari, Naval Kishore Shukla, Karu Murmu, Awadhesh Kumar Singh, and Sindhu Kumari.

## Dr. Vipin Highlights Hindi's Role in Shaping Global Standards of Ideal Teachers

Ranchi: A seminar titled "International Horizon: The Condition and Direction of Hindi" was held today at the Government Teacher Training College Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Ranchi. The event was organized in collaboration with Dr. Om Prakash, a faculty member at the college, and was chaired by Dr. Jang Bahadur Pandey, the former head of the Department of Ranchi University.

The seminar's topic was introduced by trainee teacher Purushottam, and the main address was delivered by Dr. Vipin Kumar, President of Vishwa Hindi Parishad, Delhi. Dr. Vipin emphasized how Hindi plays a crucial role in strengthening the global criteria for an ideal teacher.

The seminar also welcomed several distinguished guests, including Dr. Deepak Thakur, Vice President of Vishwa Hindi Parishad, Dr. Ram Ji Yadav, Chairman of YBN University, retired Principal Dr. Vasudev Prasad, and Advocate Umesh Prasad Singh.

During the event, trainees Chandan, Vidyasagar, Sumit, and Nitesh Pramanik honored the guests with shawls and souvenirs in recognition of their contributions.

# The Science Behind Holi: Celebrating with Health, Environment, and Tradition in Mind



Dr. Man Mohan Prakash

We all know that the 21st century is an era of science and technology. Therefore, today, it is essential to celebrate Indian festivals by understanding their spiritual, scientific, and social significance and maintaining a balance between tradition and modernity.

In this context, the celebration of Holi by Sanatanis (followers of Sanatan Dharma) is not just a tradition of playing with Colours with joy and enthusiasm but also an opportunity to understand the importance of family, society, environment, and health. It is a way to fulfill our responsibilities and immerse ourselves in the Colours of scientific thought.

From a scientific perspective, the Holi festival of Sanatanis

benefits human society in the following ways:

### 1. Holi and the Hindu Calendar:

According to the Hindu calendar, Holi is celebrated on the Pratipada (first day) of the Krishna Paksha (waning phase) in the month of Chaitra. This festival occurs during the transition period between winter and summer. Scientifically, after winter, moisture levels in the environment increase, promoting the growth of bacteria and viruses. The fire of Holi Dahan (the ritual bonfire) helps eliminate these harmful microorganisms present in the surroundings. Indian scientists should conduct research to validate this fact.

### 2. Holi and Color Science:

Holi is incomplete without Colours, and Colours hold special significance in human life. They not only affect emotions and mental states but are also linked to cultural, religious, and personal experiences. Colours are used in alternative therapies to balance physical,

mental, and emotional well-being, a practice known as Chromotherapy. This therapy is based on the belief that each color has its own energy, which can influence different organs and energy centers (chakras) in the body. Red colour enhances energy and enthusiasm; Yellow colour promotes positivity and confidence; Green colour provides mental peace and relaxation, and Blue is known for improving concentration and providing a calming effect. Thus, one should play Holi with natural Colours made from flowers, leaves, and herbs or use herbal gull. These natural Colours are beneficial for the skin and health. Scientists believe that saffron-colored dye made from Tesu flowers possesses antioxidant and antibacterial properties that nourish the skin. Similarly, turmeric-based yellow color acts as an antiseptic and protects against skin infections. On the other hand, chemical-based Colours contain harmful substances like lead, mercury, and other toxic



elements, which can cause allergies, irritation, and severe illnesses. Therefore, one should avoid using them.

### 3. Holi Colours and the Environment:

During Holi, excessive water is wasted to wash off Colours. The chemical Colours ultimately mix with rivers, lakes, and ponds, causing water pollution, which can harm aquatic life and disrupt the ecosystem. Hence, playing Holi with organic gull, natural Colours, or flowers is an eco-friendly choice.

### 4. Holika Dahan and the Environment:

Holika Dahan symbolizes the victory of good over evil. However, burning wood for the

bonfire causes deforestation and harms oxygen-producing trees. To mitigate environmental damage, it is better to use cow dung cakes and other eco-friendly fuels instead of wood. The tradition of burning symbolic Holi (using less fuel) should be encouraged. Additionally, the festival emphasizes keeping the environment clean, conserving water, and avoiding plastic balloons and polythene.

### 5. Holi and Superstitions:

Holi is a cultural and religious festival, but over time, certain superstitions have been associated with it, often to mislead people. Some examples include: Using Holika Dahan ashes for tantric rituals to harm enemies;

Believing that applying Holika ashes can ward off the evil eye; Considering throwing Colours on someone lucky or unlucky; Performing specific rituals or chanting mantras on Holi night to fulfill desires; Avoiding washing hair or cutting nails on Holi due to inauspicious beliefs; Burning coconuts, wheat or other grains in 'Holika Dahari' is to predict the future. Since these beliefs lack scientific evidence, Holi should be celebrated with a rational mindset, avoiding superstitions and unscientific practices.

### 6. Holi and Animals:

Chemical-based Colours in water can harm animals. Similarly, plastic balloons and polythene are hazardous for them. Since their usage increases during Holi, it is crucial to avoid them to ensure animal welfare.

### 7. Holi and Music:

Holi is incomplete without music and dance. Scientifically, music and dance are not just sources of entertainment but also help: Regulate heart rate, Improve blood circula-

tion, Burn calories, keeping the body healthy and energized. However, one must be cautious about high-volume music, as excessive noise pollution can negatively impact both humans and animals.

### 8. Holi and Happy Hormones:

For happiness and joy, the body needs to produce happy hormones (such as dopamine, serotonin etc). These hormones are naturally activated when Holi is celebrated with enthusiasm, excitement, and togetherness among family, friends, and society. Sanatan culture promotes festivals to: Strengthen family unity; Foster social harmony; Spread happiness and well-being; Encourage awareness about health and the environment; Respect nature; Boost the economy through local markets

### 9. Holi and Farmers:

Holi is primarily celebrated during the harvest season of rabi crops (such as wheat, gram, and barley). During Holika Dahan, farmers in many regions offer newly harvested grains as a trib-

ute to nature and deities. This tradition expresses gratitude for a good harvest and recognizes the hard work of farmers. It is also an opportunity for the general public to participate in the joy of farmers and encourage them.

### Conclusion

In my opinion, Holi should be celebrated by all communities, religions, and regions in an eco-friendly and scientific manner, as it is beneficial for health, family, society, and nature. We can say that Holi is not just a traditional, social gathering but also an opportunity to improve mental and physical health. If Holi traditions need modifications in light of science, they should be welcomed. I firmly believe that if we celebrate Holi with scientific understanding, love, and harmony, it will be a safe, eco-friendly, and joyous festival for everyone.

*The key message of Holi is: "Prosperous Farmers, Happy Families, Healthy Bodies, and a Clean Environment."*

# No commitments made: India on Donald Trump's tariff cut claim

India has made no trade tariff commitments to the US, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal told a Parliamentary panel, rejecting President Trump's claim that New Delhi agreed to significantly slash import duties on American products.

New Delhi. India has made no commitments on trade tariff reductions to the United States, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal informed a Parliamentary panel on Monday. Barthwal's statement came in response to US President Donald Trump's recent assertion that India has agreed to bring its tariffs "way down".



Briefing the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs, the Commerce Secretary clarified that negotiations between India and the US were still ongoing and that no trade agreement had been finalised.

With several members of the Parliament panel raising concerns

over Donald Trump's recent claim of India having agreed to reduce tariffs, Barthwal said, "One cannot go by the US President's claims and on media reports as the bilateral trade agreement talks between the two nations are still on. India has not committed to anything on trade tariffs

to the US". Furthermore, the bureaucrat also asserted the interests of India would be taken care of during the trade negotiations. "India was in favour of free trade and wanted liberalisation of trade, which will help increase trade between the two countries," news agency sources quoted Barthwal as saying.

He asserted that while India supports trade expansion, a tariff war does not serve anyone's interest and could "even trigger a recession". "India will not indiscriminately lower tariffs, especially in sectors crucial to its domestic economy. India prefers to negotiate tariff reductions

bilaterally rather than multilaterally to ensure national interests are upheld," Barthwal told the committee.

Addressing comparisons with Canada and Mexico, which have actively challenged US tariff policies, Barthwal noted that their situations were different due to security and border immigration concerns with the US. He reaffirmed that India will only sign a trade agreement that is "mutually beneficial".

**WHAT TRUMP SAID?** Just weeks into his second term, Trump has shaken global trade, imposing tariffs on allies and adversaries alike. Accusing all trading partners of 'unfair' practices, he has announced sweeping reciprocal tariffs set to take effect next month including on India.

## Wear tarpaulin hijab or stay indoors: UP Minister's bizarre Holi advice

Aligarh. Uttar Pradesh Minister Raghuraj Singh on Tuesday made a controversial remark, suggesting that those wishing to avoid colours on Holi should wear a "tarpaulin hijab", similar to the head coverings worn by Muslim women. Speaking at an event in Aligarh, the Minister of Labour and Employment extended this advice to men as well, stating that if they want to keep their caps and clothes clean, they should either wear a tarpaulin hijab or stay indoors. "Anyone who wants to avoid colours during Holi should cover themselves with a tarpaulin, just like Muslim women wear hijabs. Men should also do the same to protect their caps and clothes. If they can't do this, they should stay at home," Singh said.

The minister further warned that those attempting to disrupt Holi



festivities have limited options. "There are three places for such people they either go to jail, leave the state, or prepare to meet Yamaraj (the God of death)," he said. Singh asserted that Holi would be celebrated at all

costs, calling it a matter of faith.

"The government has ordered that Holi will be celebrated. It has been observed since the eras of Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, and Dwapar Yuga, and it will continue in Kaliyuga as well," he added. Singh dismissed concerns about Holi colours affecting certain people, stating, "If people have objections, they should wear a well-covered hijab made of tarpaulin. We cannot restrict colours to 20 or 25 meters".

Raghuraj Singh also touched upon the long-standing issue of religious structures at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), asserting that a temple should be constructed within the university premises.

## India ramps up Tejas fighter jet production with private sector push



New Delhi. In a move to accelerate production of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has initiated recommendations made by its empowerment committee. With the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) leading the effort, multiple private companies have joined the project to enhance the production of the indigenous fighter jet.

Alpha Tocol Engineering Services Private Limited has handed over the first rear fuselage of the LCA Mark 1A to HAL, marking a key milestone in the program. More such fuselages are expected to be delivered soon as part of an outsourcing strategy aimed at expediting Tejas production. The handover ceremony took place on Sunday in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who described the event as a moment of "great joy and pride".

A special committee had submitted its report last week, advocating increased private sector participation in the LCA program. Sources indicate that the move will speed up Tejas deliveries, ensuring a steady supply of fuselages essential for production. The aircraft will be manufactured across three HAL production lines, with deliveries of the LCA Mk 1A proceeding in a structured manner.

However, supply chain challenges persist. The delivery of Tejas Mk 1A jets has been delayed due to a shortage of engines from the United States. Negotiations between India and the US to expedite engine supplies are ongoing. Despite this setback, defence officials remain optimistic, projecting that from 2025-26, Tejas production will proceed as originally planned, with an annual output of 16-24 aircraft. The supply chain of US partner GE Engines is also expected to stabilise by then.

# ED summons Bhupesh Baghel's son day after raids in Chhattisgarh liquor 'scam'

Raipur. The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Chaitanya Baghel, son of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel, on March 15 in connection with the ongoing investigation into alleged money laundering in a liquor scam.



The junior Baghel has been summoned to the federal agency's Raipur office. This came a day after the ED raided as many as 14 locations in Durg district, including the premises of Bhupesh Baghel and his son. During the raids, which happened for eight hours, the federal agency -

accompanied by a team of the CRPF - seized some electronic gadgets, documents and about Rs 30 lakh.

Besides Chaitanya, the premises of his alleged close associate, Laxmi

Narayan Bansal alias Pappu Bansal, and others, were searched.

The Bhillai accommodation that was raided by the ED is shared by Chaitanya with his father. The junior Baghel is suspected to be the "recipient" of the proceeds of the crime of the alleged liquor scam, in which the total proceeds amount to nearly Rs 2,161 crore,

siphoned off via multiple schemes. Bhupesh Baghel called the ED raids on his residence a "political vendetta" by the BJP-led Centre, aimed at harassing the Opposition. He claimed that federal agency

officials came to his residence at 7.30 am on Monday as he was drinking tea. The senior Baghel also alleged that he was not given the ECIR number, similar to an FIR, when he asked for it.

The former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister noted that he was neither allowed to attend the state assembly nor use his phone.

Furthermore, he dismissed ED officials for bringing a cash-counting machine to his residence, calling it a "media stunt". In a tweet, he detailed that the officials took three items during the search, including Rs 33 lakh cash, a pen drive and documents of SAIL company belonging to Raman Singh's son Abhishek Singh.

# No talks of alliance yet, AAP ready to contest Goa, Gujarat polls alone: Atishi

New Delhi. Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi on Monday said that the party would contest the 2027 elections in Goa and Gujarat alone without opting for an alliance with Congress. The former Delhi Chief Minister was on a day-long visit to the coastal state to inaugurate the party's office in Margao.



Talking to reporters, Atishi said, "We are getting ready to contest the elections (Goa and Gujarat) on our own. Till now, there are no talks of an alliance." She said that the people of Goa voted the BJP to power in 2022, but at the same time, the Congress won 11 seats, and 8 of its MLAs later joined the saffron party. The Congress is the main opposition party with only three MLAs, and AAP has two legislators, she said.

Atishi said, "When the two AAP candidates won the 2022 elections, there were rumours that they would not survive in the party even for two months. But they are still with the party because they have not come to make money from politics."

> AAP leader Atishi announced Monday that the party will contest the 2027 Goa and Gujarat elections solo, ruling out an alliance with Congress. She was in Goa to inaugurate AAP's Margao office.

Asked if the AAP is not interested in an alliance with like-minded parties, she said, "When eight out of 11 MLAs join the BJP, what is like-minded? The AAP has shown that our two MLAs got

elected and are still standing with the party. The BJP also tried to lure our MLAs."

"We are not interested in politics where winning elections and making money is the sole aim. Our interest in politics is to deliver for the people," she said. Speaking about the party's loss in the Delhi assembly polls, Atishi said that the question is not what will happen to the AAP but what will happen to the people of Delhi.

"BJP has already announced that they will close 250 Mohalla clinics. They have already announced that they will stop free medicine," she said. She said party leader Arvind Kejriwal had warned that if AAP loses, power cuts will start, the quality of education will again become bad in government schools, and this is already happening. "Systematically, the works of the AAP government were stopped. If you look at the Delhi elections, from manipulation to misuse of machinery and intimidation of voters, they tried everything. Delhi has never seen this kind of election. But despite all this, there was only a 2 per cent difference between BJP and AAP," she said.

# 'Mercedes prices up?' Uddhav Thackeray, Devendra Fadnavis banter over budget

• **The light-hearted banter happened when Uddhav Thackeray crossed paths with Devendra Fadnavis and his deputy Ajit Pawar in the Maharashtra Assembly after the Budget presentation on Monday.**

Mumbai. Amid a fiery slugfest between the ruling Mahayuti and the opposition over the Maharashtra Budget, a brief yet light-hearted banter between Uddhav Thackeray and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday over Mercedes prices grabbed the spotlight. The exchange happened when Thackeray crossed paths with Fadnavis and his deputy Ajit Pawar in the Assembly after the Budget presentation on Monday.

The leaders, who share a chequered history among them, shook hands before engaging in some light-hearted banter. Thackeray was the first off the block, asking Fadnavis if the government had increased the price of Mercedes cars.

The Uddhav Sena chief's quip comes on the back of a recent controversy after a Shiv Sena leader, Neelam Gore, alleged that

one could get posts in Thackeray's party in exchange for two Mercedes cars. The remarks invited a strong backlash from the Sena (UBT). Fadnavis, who did not react



immediately, replied with equal wit at a press conference held later in the day. The Chief Minister, in a lighter vein, said the government did not hike Mercedes prices as he knows which car Uddhav uses. "We have not increased the prices for

Mercedes because we know which car they (Uddhav) use," Fadnavis said, drawing chuckles from the gathering.

Three years ago, Fadnavis called Uddhav's son Aaditya Thackeray "Mercedes baby" after the Worli MLA ridiculed him over his claim that he was present when the Babri Masjid was demolished in 1992.

"These Mercedes babies, born with a golden spoon in the mouth, never had to do any struggle, nor did they see any struggle," Fadnavis had said at a media briefing.

The development comes days after Neelam Gore, who is also the deputy chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, stirred a row with her claim that plum posts in Sena UBT were given to those

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who gifted Mercedes to the Thackeray family. Reacting to Gore's claim, Thackeray asked her to show evidence. "Show me where those cars are. These individuals are politically irrelevant to me," he said. Later, the opposition moved a no-confidence motion against Gore in the Legislative Council.

## In the shadow of my mother's posthumous glory

Remember, like it was yesterday, when Karan Johar was inexorably fixated on Alia Bhatt this, Alia Bhatt that, Alia Bhatt every two words I spout. The diminutive, baby-faced mascot of cute emojis had to sit the pouty gentleman down, and said: "You are not my mother! STFU."

Freud has said: If it's not one thing, it's your mother.

Ever since I wrote my mother's memoir, on her life as a tawaif before and after me, the title of which I find too long to type and refer in its abbreviated form as 'TLC' (Tender Loving Care), I have been talking nonstop about her. I wish to wash my hands of her. As timelines refresh, I look forward to when I do not have to mention her name, except when I am paid to reflect, like this gig. My ears may voluntarily turn deaf any moment now hearing my own nasal voice howl a thumri about her khoobsurti, hunar, adab, shokhi, adaa, saadgi and her unparalleled akal-mandi arriving by the accidental criss-crossing of her gardish ke sitare.

My mother has been dead for two years. Grieving isn't a daily ritual like a prayer when prayer itself isn't a habit I wear like an undershirt. I want to move on to the next story. I want to tell my own story. It may not be as raw, brave, courageous (same as brave), poignant and inspiring as hers, as reviewed and reported in the media. That has made me jealous, unapproving of her posthumous glory. In sync with the vainglorious times we inhabit, let's move on to the next chapter: Me, me, me.

My mother had a rough, tumultuous life, and thereof she then had the smarts to make my life velvety and painless. Even privileged, I would say. Not entitled, which is debatably a bulwark of lineage, but privileged, sure; in my case, elite boarding school education, a sheltered childhood and a healthy dose of pep talk: "Bade naazon se paala hai tujhe maine," she said, "kisi baat ki kami nahi honay di hai." You can almost hear a taraqqi-pasand sher, a ghazal, a melody in her tender voice. Yes, I know, I should not be making fun of her. But here's the thing: she would dil khol ke welcome it. Part of surviving with grit is the ability to make light of it. Humour alleviates suffering. She balanced it stupendously. I don't get to complain about having a hard life. Nonpareil to hers, mine's a moonwalk eclipsed by her strife. She had improved me in her mould. I unctuously resent her for it. She gets all the smoky, sultry, messy, maseledar Seventies disco and bang-bang drama. Mine is lyrically Nineties' post-existential art house as watching a red balloon float into the blue, blooming sky. After a few minutes, one gets bored of staring at something so dull and uneventful. What else is a balloon's fate other than fading into the white sun? I ask myself if that's all I have to do for the rest of my life, hover in the shadow of my mother's brilliant, meteoric rise in death.

In the dark comedy film 'Throw Momma From The Train', every time Danny DeVito, a wannabe writer, sits at his typewriter to punch a story, his irascible old mother interrupts him with an errand that makes him lose his train of thought. He struggles with his weird imagination to poison her Pepsi, impale her with surgical scissors, make her trip down a basement staircase or by blowing a trumpet into her ear. I wish for a similar confrontation. I imagine my dear and positively departed mother punching my Adam's apple and saying: "Bas, chup kar, mujhe bolne de." Let her nautch ghost dance. Touche.

The first time I was on stage at a literature festival to talk about my mother shortly after the release of her memoir, I was convinced that the glare of the strong light focused on us was partially blinding me. I was shaking like a leaf, my co-panelist, human rights activist Naseema Khatoon, informed me later. She was raised in a brothel. She spoke eloquently, formidably about her mother. What she said allayed my fears of speaking on stage, interacting with a crowd, facing a spotlight.

She said: "Hum andheron se nikalkar ab roshni mein hain, aur jo log ab tak roshni mein thay woh ab andhere mein hamein sun rahe hain." (We emerge from the darkness into light, and those who were in the light now heed us in the dark). Her encouraging words lit my tail. From then on, it became 'todo sobre mi madre' (all about my mother). I am able to re-direct the focus light on to my mother. When words fail me, I say: Just read the damn book!

I am, however, unequivocally abstemious of well-intentioned compliments from readers.

## Changing colours amid the bloom

Policy-makers should not repeat the mistakes of unsustainable tourism models in rural areas like Purani Koti

Come April and I cannot wait to get back to my tiny village in the mountains after a seven-month, soul-destroying hiatus in the wasteland that is Delhi. Purani Koti (PK) is 16 km from the concretised and car-swamped purgatory of Shimla. I have built a cottage there and have tried to atone for my large bureaucratic footprint of 35 years by planting, over the years, about 200 trees on my land, of which 180 or so have survived, a much better rate than that of the forest department! They include oak, deodar, chinar and horse chestnut; the most prolific, however, are the weeping willows, which belie their name by looking luxuriantly happy for most of the year.

I like to be there by March-end and personally experience how man, animal and nature all welcome the arrival of spring. During the four months of winter when we can receive as much as 2 feet of snow, PK goes into hibernation. Most outside activities cease, construction of houses and hotels is thankfully suspended, all birdlife, except the tiny tits and bulbuls, disappears. All "outsiders", including "domiciled" ones like me, head back to the metros, leaving to Geetika the onus of keeping our flag flying in these freezing times! Geetika has so fallen in love with this place that she braves it out through much of the winter with her three labradors. She runs a charming homestay, but I have a sneaking feeling that that is just an excuse to stay away from Gurgaon! How can one blame her?

The willows and wild rhododendrons are the first to start leafing and flowering, followed by the rock begonias, hydrangeas, geraniums and nasturtiums: my garden explodes with a new colour every day. The roses, as befits their exalted status, make me wait another month before flashing their blood-red visiting cards. Among the fruit trees, the apricot blossoms stain the landscape a soft pink by the end of March; a few weeks later, the apple and 'nashpati' flowers, too, will add their lilac and white hues to nature's palette. On cue, the butterflies, bees and bumblebees miraculously reappear, though sadly not in the numbers of 15 years ago when I first arrived here. They flit frantically from flower to flower as if renewing friendships of the previous year. There used to be dragonflies earlier but they have now gone. The tiny songbirds, barbets and Himalayan magpies, with their



extravagant tails, will be here soon, followed by the incredibly green parrots whose non-stop chattering is the avian equivalent of our social media. The elusive jungle fowl and khaleej pheasant can be spotted again at dawn and dusk in our dense forests of deodar, blue pine and oak, furiously rummaging around in the leaf litter as if looking for something left behind in the summer.

After seven months of living in a neon-reflecting grey shroud, I can see the sun and the stars again, greeting the morning orb with a prayer and wonder in my heart: is this the same sun that one dreads in Delhi? The night sky is like a star-sequined bosom pressing down on my upturned face — silent, comforting and all-embracing. The only occasional sound is that of a jackal complaining plaintively of his lot in life or the learned hoot of a barn owl. It's Eden without the serpent. The whole village comes to life again: kids in smart new uniforms hop their way to school, labourers from Nepal and Bihar return to jobs in construction and orchards, even the PWD

workers survey the potholes while smoking beedis wondering whether it's worth the effort of filling them up. (It's not!). The farmers are back in their now sun-drenched fields, sowing the potatoes, peas and cauliflowers that will see them through the year; the orchardists complete the last of the sprays on apple trees, praying to Shali Mata, the local deity, to spare them the hailstorms that can wipe out a year's earnings in a matter of minutes.

But the rhythms of Eden are changing. Spring arrives a few days early every year, confusing the plants, birds and insects. Villagers are shifting from vegetables to stone fruits and spur variety of apples: these involve less labour, recurring costs and risks; the returns are also higher. There is less water for irrigation each year: vegetables require regular watering, fruit trees do not. The whole economy of the village is changing, which by itself is not a bad thing, for everything must adapt to survive. There is, however, one major discordant note: the unwelcome conversion of rich, productive agriculture lands into plots for building of ugly "villas", hotels and holiday homes for well-heeled outsiders looking for second and third homes. They contribute little to the rural economy; they rarely spend more than a couple of weeks a year in them. But they despoil the green environment, strain the limited infrastructure of power, water, roads; dump their garbage and plastics in the forests and foul the little streams. Fruit trees are felled and whole orchards razed to make way for these pestilential structures. Grazing fields have been built over, to the point where villagers have stopped rearing cattle because there is no grazing available. So, now, milk, butter, ghee and even manure are brought in from outside in plastic bags.

The policymakers have devastated the towns in their quest for quick bucks from a tourism model that is unsustainable; they should not repeat this mistake in rural areas like Purani Koti. Promote only homestays and B+B's: these do not involve diversion of precious farm land or orchards, do not strain infrastructure yet provide profitable livelihood options for the villagers.

This is, of course, wishful thinking; it will not happen in my lifetime. I don't think my little Eden will retain its natural splendour much longer. I only hope that I've shuffled off this mortal coil when the serpents take over.

## Hathras stampede

The Hathras stampede of July 2, 2024, which claimed 121 lives, stands as yet another grim reminder of administrative negligence, lack of planning and the perils of unregulated mass gatherings. The judicial inquiry report, tabled in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Wednesday, exposes glaring lapses in crowd management, haphazard permissions and a troubling abdication of responsibility by the authorities. The most damning revelation is the mechanical approval of the event. The permission process, completed in a day without any site inspection, reeks of bureaucratic complacency. The organisers estimated 80,000 attendees, yet over 2.5 lakh devotees swarmed the venue. Despite this, no proactive crowd control measures were in place. Water tankers stationed near a muddy highway created a treacherous ground and sevadars — rather than trained personnel — were tasked with managing the crowd. The report also hints at a



conspiracy angle, suggesting attempts to misdirect the probe through suspicious affidavits and misleading

narratives. Yet, in its reluctance to directly indict Bhole Baba, the panel leaves room for ambiguity. The absence of his name from the FIR and charge-sheet raises uncomfortable questions — does faith shield individuals from accountability? The recommendations, including mandatory videography, stricter permission protocols and the use of drones for crowd-monitoring, are welcome. But the real challenge lies in ensuring their implementation. In a country where religious gatherings at times morph into stampedes (Maha Kumbh being the latest), will this tragedy serve as a wake-up call or merely be buried under bureaucratic inertia? The Hathras disaster wasn't an accident; it was an avoidable catastrophe. Holding mid-level officials accountable while letting powerful organisers off the hook cannot be the take-away. The state must move beyond damage control and enforce real, systemic reforms.

## Trump-Putin-Modi summit is doable

THE GREAT GAME: Can the PM, whose foreign policy dexterity must be applauded, take a leaf out of Virat's book?

The blow-up between Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy a week ago is already a thing of the past. The world changed that Oval Office morning and the world saw the raw exercise of power. If Europe — and the Ukrainians — fulminated about the lack of grace and courtesy in the exercise of that power, perhaps they're right. But they also know that it's not easy to make omelettes if you can't break a few eggs.

What is amusing is that the Europeans and Britain are this shocked. The British and the French, both Security Council permanent veto powers — as well as all those other nations on the Continent trying desperately to assert themselves on the world stage — have kowtowed to the Americans at least since the end of the Second World War, riding piggyback on the strength of the American dollar. Europe's worst-kept secret is the barely hidden contempt the Europeans have for the ugly American — except they want their money. The most overpriced baguettes the other side of Suez are manufactured by Parisians in the summer — when Paris empties itself in anticipation of the hordes of American tourists descending upon the French capital, all looking for one or another version of A Moveable Feast a la Hemingway. The thing about Trump & Co — JD Vance, Elon Musk and the lot — is that they have no time for what well-known journalist Shekhar Gupta calls "tanpura-setting." Meaning, all the frills and the fuss that Europe loves so much, couched in words like "egalite" and "liberte" and even "fraternite" — although you should, dear Reader, check out France's not-long-ago record in North Africa, especially Algeria, where even the White French were dismissively known as "pied noir" or "black feet," because they weren't white enough for Mainland French — is all so soul-stirring and uplifting because at the end of the day they know that the bill will be picked up by the Americans across the pond. Well, Trump & Vance just announced that the time



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## बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खण्डा थेके बेङ्गले यानवाहन प्रवेश शुरू

प्राय २४ घण्टा पर, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबे बाड़खण्डा थेके बेङ्गले याओया समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहन प्रवेश शुरू होइछे। गत सन्ध्या ७टाँर पर बेङ्गल सरकार आदेशे बाड़खण्डा-बेङ्गल म्थन सीमाछे पण्यवाही यानवाहन प्रवेश निषिद्ध करा होइछिल। एर फले रात थेके दुपूर पर्यंत प्राय २० किमी दीर्घ यानजट सृष्टि होइ। चालकदेर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS बेङ्गल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खण्डा सीमाछे थेके बेङ्गले प्रवेश करा समस्त यानवाहन बन्ध करान्य। एर फले, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेते बाध्य होइ एबे अवशेषे भारी यानवाहन प्रवेश आवार स्वाभाविक होइ। बेङ्गल सरकार एहि अनुमति पर, ट्राक चालकरा शक्ति निश्चय फेलेन। प्राञ्जल निरसा विधाक अज्ञाप च्याटार्जि बाड़खण्डा मुख्यमन्त्री हेमन्त सोरेनेर एहि उद्योगे प्रशंसा करेन। तिन बलेन, मुख्यमन्त्री हेमन्त सोरेन एहि विषये क्रमागत श्रुतु दियेछेन। बेङ्गल सरकार साथे इतिबाचक आलोचना करार पर बेङ्गल सरकार निषेधाज्ञा तुलेनेन। एर पर, भारतते दाँडिये थाका समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहन बीरे धीरे बेङ्गले प्रवेश करेते शुरू करेछे। NH-६ दीर्घ यानजट एखन सीमित होइ एबे यानजटो भाङ्गते शुरू करेछे।

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# मजबूत शुरुआत के बाद गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ घरेलू शेयर बाजार

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** घरेलू शेयर बाजार सप्ताह के पहले कारोबारी दिन ही गिरावट का शिकार हो गया। आज के कारोबार की मिली-जुली शुरुआत हुई थी। सेंसेक्स बढ़त के साथ खुला था, जबकि निफ्टी ने कमजोरी के साथ कारोबार की शुरुआत की थी। बाजार खुलने के बाद पहले 1 घंटे के कारोबार में खरीदारी होती रही, लेकिन उसके बाद लगभग पूरे दिन बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.29 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.41 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ बंद हुए। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान एफएमसीजी सेक्टर को छोड़कर शेष सभी सेक्टरल इंडेक्स दबाव के साथ कारोबार करते रहे। ऑटोमोबाइल, कंप्यूटर इयूब्लेस, कैपिटल गुड्स, पीएसयू बैंक, ऑयल

एंड गैस और रियल्टी सेक्टर के शेयरों में आज दिनभर बिकवाली होती रही। इसके अलावा आईटी, स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 2.11 प्रतिशत फिसल कर आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज शेयर बाजार में कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 398.29 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 4.92 लाख करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,229 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,202 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 2,879 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 148 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,671 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 500 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर रहे निशान में और 2,171 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 8 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 22 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए।



## सर्राफा बाजार में महंगा हुआ सोना, चांदी के भाव में मामूली गिरावट

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार में आज सोने की कीमत में तेजी का रुख नजर आ रहा है। दूसरी ओर, चांदी के भाव में आज मामूली गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। सोने के भाव में तेजी आने के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 87,830 रुपये से लेकर 87,980 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना आज 80,510 रुपये से लेकर 80,660 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। वहीं, चांदी की कीमत में आज गिरावट आने के कारण दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में ये चमकीली धातु 98,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रही है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना 87,980 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 80,660 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। वहीं देश की आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 87,830

## आरबीआई करेगा 10 अरब डॉलर की स्वेप नीलामी, बाजार में बढ़ेगी तरलता

**एजेंसी मुंबई।** भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने बाजार में नकदी का प्रवाह बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से 24 मार्च को 10 अरब डॉलर की डॉलर-रुपया खरीद-बिक्री स्वेप नीलामी की घोषणा की है। आरबीआई ने बताया कि यह स्वेप 36 महीनों की अवधि के लिए होगा, जिससे बाजार में स्थिरता और विदेशी मुद्रा तरलता को बढ़ावा देने में मदद मिलेगी। नीलामी 24 मार्च 2025 को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे शुरू होगी और 11:30 बजे तक चलेगी। इस नीलामी में केवल अधिकृत खरीदार-श्रेणी-ट्रू बैंक भाग ले सकते हैं। इस प्रक्रिया में बैंक पहले रिजर्व बैंक को डॉलर बेचेंगे और तब अधिक के बाद वापस खरीदेंगे। यह नीलामी बहु-मूल्य आधारित होगी, यानी सफल बोली लगाने वालों को उनके द्वारा बताए गए प्रीमियम के अनुसार सौदे की मंजूरी मिलेगी। नीलामी में न्यूनतम बोली एक करोड़ डॉलर की होगी और उसके बाद 10

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**एजेंसी मुंबई।** पूंजी बाजार नियामक भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) ने राष्ट्रीय प्रतिभूति बाजार संस्थान (एनआईएसएम) के सहयोग से धन शोधन (एएमएल) और आतंकवाद के वित्तपोषण (सीएफटी) से जुड़े नियमों पर एक नई प्रमाण परीक्षा शुरू की है। सेबी ने जारी बयान में बताया कि इस प्रमाण परीक्षा का उद्देश्य प्रतिभूति बाजार के पेशेवरों को इन महत्वपूर्ण प्रावधानों की गहरी समझ देना और बाजार की अधिक पारदर्शी और सुरक्षित बनाना है। यह परीक्षा एक घंटे की होगी, जिसमें 50 बहुविकल्पीय प्रश्न होंगे। हर प्रश्न 1 अंक का होगा। सफल प्रतिभागियों को सेबी और एनआईएसएम द्वारा आधिकारिक प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान किया जाएगा, जो उनके पेशेवर कौशल और नियामक समझ को प्रमाणित करेगा। सेबी ने कहा कि परीक्षा में प्रतिभागियों को धन शोधन और आतंकवाद वित्तपोषण से जुड़े नियमों, पीएमएलए और सेबी अधिनियम की जानकारी तथा प्रतिभूति बाजार में वित्तीय अपराध रोकने के उपायों के बारे में सीखने का अवसर मिलेगा। इच्छुक उम्मीदवार इस परीक्षा के लिए एनआईएसएम की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट पर जाकर पंजीकरण कर सकते हैं।

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**एजेंसी मुंबई।** देश की औषधि निर्माता प्रमुख कंपनी सन फार्मा ने इयूरोप और लक्षित ऑन्कोलॉजी क्षेत्र की अमेरिकी कंपनी चेकपॉइंट थैरेप्यूटिक्स के सभी बकाया शेयरों के अधिग्रहण के लिए एक समझौता किया है। चेकपॉइंट, नेस्टेक में सूचीबद्ध एक वाणिज्यिक-चरण की बायोटेक कंपनी है, जो ट्यूमर कैन्सर के लिए नए उपचार विकसित करने पर केंद्रित है। सन फार्मा के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक दिलीप सांघवी ने कहा, अमेरिकी औषधि नियामक फूड एंड ड्रग्स एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन (एफडीए) द्वारा अनुमोदित एटी-पीडी-एल1 उपचार यू.एन.एल.ओ.ए.एस.सी.वाई.टी. (कोसिबेलिमैब-आईपीडीएल) को हमारी वैश्विक उपस्थिति के साथ जोड़ने से क्यूटेनियस स्क्वैम सेल

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**एजेंसी मुंबई।** नॉन-डिलीवरेबल फॉरवर्ड (एनडीएफ) बाजार में डॉलर की मजबूत मुद्रा के दबाव में आज अंतरबैंकिंग मुद्रा बाजार में रुपया 33 पैसे लुढ़काकर 87.29 रुपये प्रति डॉलर रह गया। वहीं, इसके पिछले कारोबारी दिवस रुपया 86.96 रुपये प्रति डॉलर पर रहा था। कारोबार की शुरुआत में रुपया 31 पैसे

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**नई दिल्ली।** अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में गिरावट आने के बावजूद घरेलू स्तर पर पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम आज अपरिवर्तित रहे, जिससे दिल्ली में

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**एजेंसी मुंबई।** केयरएज रेटिंग्स की राय में भारत में संस्थानों और बड़े संगठनों के लायक कार्यस्थलों की मजबूत मांग और उनमें निवेशकों की बढ़ती रुचि को देखते हुए अचल सम्पत्ति बाजार में रियल एस्टेट निवेश ट्रस्ट (रेडट)-योग्य संपत्तियों के विस्तार के मजबूत अवसर मौजूद हैं। केयरएज रेटिंग्स की जारी एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार वर्ष 2025-26 और उसके भी भारत में रेडट पोर्टफोलियो का निरंतर विस्तार जारी रहने की उम्मीद है। केयरएज रेटिंग्स की एक विज्ञापित के अनुसार भारतीय कार्यालय स्थलों के रेडट से जुड़े बाजार खंड में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि देखी गई है। कैलेंडर वर्ष 2024 में समाप्त छह

वर्षों में रेडट वाले उपयोग लायक कार्यालय स्थलों की भीतिक उपलब्धता (स्टॉक) साल दर साल सात प्रतिशत की दर से बढ़ा है। इसके अतिरिक्त, रेडट ने भारत के शीर्ष आठ शहरों में कुल कार्यालय स्टॉक का लगातार नौ प्रतिशत से अधिक हिस्सा है, जो वाणिज्यिक अचल संपत्ति में रेडट-सम्पत्तियों की बढ़ते आकर्षण को दर्शाता है। केयरएज रेटिंग्स के कॉर्पोरेट और इंफ्रा रेटिंग्स की वरिष्ठ निदेशक और प्रमुख राजश्री कुरकुटे ने कहा, 'भारतीय रेडट बाजार निरंतर विस्तार के लिए तैयार है, जो आगामी रेडट संपत्तियों की घोषणाओं और उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली रेडट -योग्य परिसंपत्तियों की प्रचुर उपलब्धता के मिले जुले प्रभाव से प्रेरित है। यह

# आरबीआई करेगा 10 अरब डॉलर की स्वेप नीलामी, बाजार में बढ़ेगी तरलता

**एजेंसी मुंबई।** भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने बाजार में नकदी का प्रवाह बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से 24 मार्च को 10 अरब डॉलर की डॉलर-रुपया खरीद-बिक्री स्वेप नीलामी की घोषणा की है। आरबीआई ने बताया कि यह स्वेप 36 महीनों की अवधि के लिए होगा, जिससे बाजार में स्थिरता और विदेशी मुद्रा तरलता को बढ़ावा देने में मदद मिलेगी। नीलामी 24 मार्च 2025 को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे शुरू होगी और 11:30 बजे तक चलेगी। इस नीलामी में केवल अधिकृत खरीदार-श्रेणी-1 बैंक भाग ले सकते हैं। इस प्रक्रिया में बैंक पहले रिजर्व बैंक को डॉलर बेचेंगे और तब अधिक के बाद वापस खरीदेंगे। यह नीलामी बहु-मूल्य आधारित होगी, यानी सफल बोली लगाने वालों को उनके द्वारा बताए गए

# स्वदेशी जागरण मंच की अमेरिका से व्यापार समझौते में किसानों, लघु उद्यमों की रक्षा की अपील

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** भारत के खिलाफ उंचा आयात शुल्क लगाने की कार्रवाई करने की अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प की धमकियों के बीच स्वदेशी जागरण मंच (एसजेएम) ने सरकार से अमेरिका के साथ द्विपक्षीय व्यापार समझौते पर बातचीत करते हुए किसानों और लघु उद्यमों के हितों की रक्षा करने की अपील की है। राष्ट्रीय स्वयं सेवक संघ (आरएसएस) से जुड़े एसजेएम की राष्ट्रीय परिषद की रायपुर में सम्पन्न

दो दिवसीय बैठक में परित प्रस्ताव में कहा गया है कि इस समय दुनिया में वैश्विक एकीकरण के निवर्तित हवा चल रही है ऐसे में सरकार को अपने राष्ट्र के हित को सर्वोपरि रखने और देश के किसानों और लघु उद्यमों की रक्षा करने की जरूरत है। पूरा विश्व भू-आर्थिक विखंडन के दौर से गुजर रहा है और इस परिदृश्य में सफलता की कुंजी एसजेएम के दर्शन पर आधारित 'राष्ट्र प्रथम' की नीति है। प्रस्ताव में भारत के देशभक्त नागरिकों से आग्रह किया गया है कि

अब समय आ गया है कि उन्हें जहां भी घरेलू उत्पादन, कृषि और औद्योगिक दोनों उपलब्ध हों, हमें भारतीय उत्पादों का ही उपयोग करना चाहिए। एसजेएम की राष्ट्रीय परिषद ने नागरिकों को आयुष्य का उपयोग करने के लिए भी प्रोत्साहित किया है ताकि पेटेंट दवाओं पर निर्भरता कम हो सके। विज्ञापित के अनुसार एसजेएम का यह भी मानना है और वह इसकी वकालत भी करता है कि जमीनी स्तर पर उद्यमशीलता को प्रोत्साहित करना तथा गांवों के नेतृत्व

संभालने के बाद, डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प ने दुनिया भर के कई देशों से आयात पर उच्च टैरिफ (पारस्परिक आधार पर) लगाने के अपने इरादे की घोषणा करके वैश्विक मुक्त व्यापार प्रणाली पर सीधा हमला किया है। बयान में कहा गया है कि इसका उद्देश्य अमेरिका में विनिर्माण को वापस लाना है ताकि बेरोजगारी को समाप्त करने में मदद हो सके। एसजेएम ने कहा है, अगर हम इतिहास में जाएं, तो यह अमेरिका और उसके सहयोगी ही थे जिन्होंने

दुनिया को मुक्त व्यापार की ओर धकेला था, खासकर विश्व व्यापार संगठन के आगमन के साथ, नियम आधारित वैश्विक व्यापार प्रणाली की शुरुआत की। लेकिन अमेरिका और उसके सहयोगियों ने इसके साथ ही नयी प्रणाली में देश-विशेष के खिलाफ, अपनी इच्छा के अनुसार ऊंचे स्तर के लक्ष्य को एक अलग अधिकार हासिल कर लिया। बयान में कहा गया है कि स्वदेशी जागरण मंच के व्यापक विरोध के बावजूद, भारत में तत्कालीन सरकार ने बिंदीदार रेखाओं पर डब्ल्यूटीओ समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए। संगठन ने कहा है कि 1990 के दशक से यह धारणा जोर पकड़ रही है कि उदारीकरण, वैश्वीकरण और निजीकरण की नीति ही दुनिया के लिए खासकर विकासशील देशों के लिए एक बढ़ते का एकमात्र रास्ता है, हालांकि स्वदेशी जागरण मंच हमेशा ऐसे उदारीकरण और वैश्वीकरण के खिलाफ रहा है, जैसा कि प्रस्तुत किया जा रहा है।



# बीबीए के बाद क्या है करियर ऑप्शन

बीबीए करने के बाद आपको एमबीए में एडमिशन लेने के अतिरिक्त मास कम्युनिकेशन, एनिमेशन, इवेंट मैनेजमेंट, इंग्लिश स्पीकिंग इत्यादि में अपने पैशन और इंटररेस्ट के मुताबिक शॉर्ट टर्म कोर्स भी करते रहना चाहिए। बीबीए यानी बैचलर ऑफ बिजनेस एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन, हाल के दिनों में बेहद तेजी से यह कोर्स लोकप्रिय हुआ है। दुनिया में छोटे से लेकर बड़े व्यापार लोग कर रहे हैं, तो गवर्नमेंट भी चाह रही है कि लोग-बाग बिजनेस करें, ताकि देश की इकोनॉमी तेज गति से आगे बढ़ती रहे।

इन तमाम चीजों में अगर एक कॉमन फैक्टर खोजा जाए तो वह यह है कि नए-पुराने सभी व्यापारों में मैनेजमेंट के स्टूडेंट्स की अहमियत दिनों दिन बढ़ती जा रही है। चूंकि ह्यूमन रिसोर्स से लेकर सेल्स डिपार्टमेंट, परचेज डिपार्टमेंट, तकनीकी डिपार्टमेंट, नेटवर्किंग और दूसरे विभाग बगैर मैनेजमेंट के चल ही नहीं सकते हैं। चाहे आप आईटी की बात कर लें, चाहे आप सर्विस की बात कर लें, या फिर किसी और डिपार्टमेंट की, जाहिर है कि मैनेजमेंट का रोल बढ़ जाता है। और ऐसी स्थिति में बीबीए को एक स्टूडेंट करियर के रूप में बेहतरीन ऑप्शन के तौर पर चुन सकता है। ऐसी स्थिति में आपको कारपोरेट लीडर बनने का मौका मिल जाता है। अगर साधारण तौर पर भी बात की जाए, तो करियर ग्रोथ के लिए बीबीए के बाद कैडिडेट्स को एमआईएस अर्थात् मैनेजमेंट इनफॉर्मेशन सिस्टम का सॉफ्टवेयर कोर्स करने की सलाह भी एक्सपर्ट देते हैं। सॉफ्टवेयर की जानकारी से आपको कॉन्फिडेंस तो बढ़ेगा ही, साथ ही कारपोरेट वर्ल्ड में इन चीजों का बेहतर से बेहतर प्रयोग होता है, जिससे आपको काफी आसानी होगी। इसी प्रकार कम्युनिकेशन पर भी आपको खासा ध्यान देना चाहिए, क्योंकि प्रबंधन वही कर सकता है,

जो तमाम पक्षों से बेहतरीन कम्युनिकेशन करने की दक्षता रखता हो।

मार्केट के कई पक्ष होते हैं, और उनके साथ आप तभी ठीक तरह से कम्युनिकेट कर पाएंगे, जब आप बेहतरीन कम्युनिकेशन स्किल अपने भीतर रखते हैं। इसके लिए आपको अपने कलीग्स के साथ इंटरैक्शन करते रहना चाहिए, तो भिन्न न्यूज पेपर्स भी पढ़ते रहना चाहिए। इतना ही नहीं, मार्केट ट्रेंड को आप अपने ध्यान में हमेशा बनाए रखें, जिससे चीजों को समझने की आपकी दक्षता काफी बढ़ेगी।

सबसे महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है कि बीबीए करने के बाद आपको एमबीए में एडमिशन लेने के अतिरिक्त मास कम्युनिकेशन, एनिमेशन, इवेंट मैनेजमेंट, इंग्लिश स्पीकिंग इत्यादि में अपने पैशन और इंटररेस्ट के मुताबिक शॉर्ट टर्म कोर्स भी करते रहना चाहिए। इससे आपकी



**मैनेजमेंट के स्टूडेंट्स की अहमियत दिनों दिन बढ़ती जा रही है। ह्यूमन रिसोर्स से लेकर सेल्स डिपार्टमेंट, परचेज डिपार्टमेंट, तकनीकी डिपार्टमेंट, नेटवर्किंग और दूसरे विभाग बगैर मैनेजमेंट के चल ही नहीं सकते हैं। चाहे आप आईटी की बात कर लें, चाहे आप सर्विस की बात कर लें, या फिर किसी और डिपार्टमेंट की, जाहिर है कि मैनेजमेंट का रोल बढ़ जाता है।**

दक्षता तो बढ़ती ही है, आपका फोकस क्लियर होने से आप सफलता की राह पर इतनी ही तीव्रता से आगे की ओर बढ़ सकते हैं।

ध्यान दीजिये कि अगर आप साधारण कॉलेज से बीबीए करते हैं, और मार्केट ट्रेंड्स पर नजर बनाए रखते हैं, तो शुरुआत में 12000 से 18000 तक की मासिक वेतन पर आपको शुरुआत मिल सकती है, और जैसे-जैसे आप अनुभव में दक्ष होते जाएंगे, वैसे-वैसे लीडर्स की पोजिशन आपको अपनाती चली जाएगी। हालांकि बीबीए के बाद आपको एमबीए करने की सलाह भी कई एक्सपर्ट आपको देंगे और यह बेहद नॉर्मल है। बीबीए के बाद एमबीए तकरीबन 2 वर्ष का है और तमाम टॉप कॉलेज आपको आसानी से एक से बढ़कर एक ऑप्शन देते हैं। हालांकि इसके लिए आपको केट और मेट जैसे एंट्रेंस एजाम पास करने पड़ते हैं, और फिर एमबीए में आप मार्केटिंग, एचआर, फाइनेंस और इंटरनेशनल ट्रेड इत्यादि दूसरे स्पेशलाइजेशन कोर्स कर सकते हैं, और अपने कैरियर को चुन सकते हैं। अगर आप के पास समय कम है और आप जॉब कर रहे हैं, तो एग्जीक्यूटिव एमबीए में भी आपको बेहतरीन ऑप्शन उपलब्ध हो सकते हैं, और फिर बाद में आप हेल्थकेयर, टेक्नोलॉजी, गवर्नमेंट एजेंसी, मैन्युफैक्चरिंग एनजीओ और एफएमसीसी ऑर्गेनाइजेशन में काम करके अपने कैरियर को सेप दे सकते हैं, तो बेहतरीन पैसे कमा सकते हैं। अगर आप एमबीए नहीं कर पाते हैं, तो मैनेजमेंट में पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट डिप्लोमा कोर्स भी कर सकते हैं। हालांकि कई जगह पर इन दोनों के बीच में कोई फर्क नहीं है, लेकिन एमबीए जहाँ डिग्री कोर्स है, जबकि पीजीडीएम एक डिप्लोमा कोर्स माना जाता है। परंतु अगर आपने किसी बेहतरीन कॉलेज से डिप्लोमा भी किया हुआ है, तो बीबीए के बाद इसका काफी महत्व होता है। एमबीए और पीजी डिप्लोमा के अलावा आप एमएस कोर्स भी कर सकते हैं और मैनेजमेंट में मास्टर डिग्री ले सकते हैं। 12 वर्ष के इस कोर्स को किसी भी यूजीसी से मान्यता प्राप्त यूनिवर्सिटी द्वारा किया जा सकता है। सबसे बेहतरीन है कि आप कितनी तत्परता से इन कोर्सिंग को सीखते हैं और कितनी स्पीड के साथ अपने करियर में अपनाते हैं। अगर आप सावधानीपूर्वक और फोकस तरीके से इसे करते हैं, तो ना केवल एंटरप्रेनोरशिप में, बल्कि फाइनेंस एंड अकाउंटिंग मैनेजमेंट, मार्केटिंग, सप्लाय चैन मैनेजमेंट, एचआर मैनेजमेंट, टूरिज्म मैनेजमेंट इत्यादि क्षेत्रों में भी अपने झंडे गाड़ सकते हैं। प्राइवेट सेक्टर में तो एडवर्टाइजिंग, बैंकिंग, कंसलटेसी, एविएशन, फाइनेंस, एंटरटेनमेंट, आईटी, इंश्योरेंस, ऑनलाइन मार्केटिंग, मैन्युफैक्चरिंग इत्यादि इंडस्ट्रीज आपको हाथों हाथ ले सकती हैं।



## इन तरीकों से भी आप जुड़ सकते हैं ब्यूटी इंडस्ट्री से

इसके बारे में तो हर कोई जानता है। एक मेकअप आर्टिस्ट पार्टी वियर मेकअप से लेकर ब्राइडल, फोटोशूट, मीडिया मेकअप आदि करता है। इनका मुख्य काम कॉन्सेंटिवस का सही तरह से एप्लीकेशन करना होता है और इन्हें कलर्स व शेड्स की काफी अच्छी जानकारी होती है। बतौर प्रोफेशनल मेकअप आर्टिस्ट आप सैलून, फिल्म, थिएटर, मॉडलिंग एजेंसी या फैशन डिजाइनर्स आदि के साथ जुड़कर काम कर सकते हैं।

जब भी ब्यूटी इंडस्ट्री में करियर बनाने की बात होती है तो सबसे पहले मेकअप आर्टिस्ट बनने का ही ख्याल आता है। यकीनन यह करियर ऑप्शन हर किसी के मन को लुभाता है और आजकल तो सिर्फ महिलाएं ही नहीं, पुरुष भी बतौर मेकअप आर्टिस्ट बनकर अच्छा खासा पैसा और नाम कमा रहे हैं। लेकिन इसका अर्थ यह नहीं है कि आप सिर्फ मेकअप आर्टिस्ट बनकर ही अपना करियर संवारे। अगर आप भी खुद को खूबसूरती की इस दुनिया में स्थापित करना चाहते हैं तो इसके लिए आप अन्य कई राहों को चुन सकते हैं। तो चलिए आज हम आपको इनमें से कुछ के बारे में बताते हैं-

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### ब्यूटी ब्लॉगर

अगर आप अपने टैलेंट व स्किल को दुनिया के सामने लाना चाहते हैं तो इसमें इंटरनेट की मदद लें। आप बतौर ब्यूटी ब्लॉगर खुद को स्थापित कर सकते हैं। आप लेखन या वीडियो के जरिए अपने स्किल्स को लोगों के साथ बांट सकते हैं। अगर आप सच में मेकअप व ब्यूटी कैरर की गहरी समझ रखते हैं तो यकीनन लोग आपको काफी अपना ब्लॉग या चैनल शुरू करें और अपना ज्ञान दूसरों के साथ बांटें। बतौर ब्यूटी ब्लॉगर आप खुद को काफी फेमस भी कर सकते हैं।

### हेयर स्टाइलिस्ट

कभी भी मेकअप तभी अच्छा लगता है, जब हेयरस्टाइलिंग भी अच्छी हो। जहां कुछ समय पहले तक मेकअप आर्टिस्ट ही हेयर स्टाइलिंग करते थे, वहीं अब अलग से प्रोफेशनल हेयर स्टाइलिस्ट की डिमांड होने लगी है। हेयर स्टाइलिस्ट बालों को कटिंग, ट्रिमिंग, स्टाइलिंग और अन्य तरीकों से आपको एकदम परफेक्ट कर देते हैं। बतौर हेयरस्टाइलिस्ट आप एक्टर्स, थिएटर प्रॉडक्शन, टेलीविजन सेट्स या मेकअप आर्टिस्ट के साथ जुड़कर काम कर सकते हैं।

### नेल टेक्नीशियन

पिछले कुछ समय से नेल आर्ट का क्रेज काफी बढ़ गया है। आजकल नाखूनों को एक फैशनवासी के रूप में देखा जा रहा है, जिस पर आप अपनी क्रिएटिविटी को आसानी से उकेर सकते हैं। प्रोफेशनल नेल टेक्नीशियन की मार्केट में अलग और अन्य तरीकों से आपको एकदम परफेक्ट नेल डिजाइन बनाते हैं। बतौर नेल टेक्नीशियन आप खुद का नेल सैलून खोल सकते हैं या फिर अन्य सैलून, स्या या रिसॉर्ट आदि में काम कर सकते हैं।

## इन प्रश्नों की मदद से आप किसी की भी पर्सनैलिटी के बारे में जान सकते हैं

अक्सर हम किसी भी व्यक्ति की पर्सनैलिटी के विषय में जब जानना चाहते हैं तो हम उससे कुछ सवाल पूछते हैं। उन सवालों के आधार पर हम ये जानने और समझने का प्रयास करते हैं कि व्यक्ति की पर्सनैलिटी कैसी है। आइए जानते हैं उन सैम्पल प्रश्नों के विषय में जिन्हें आधार बनाकर किसी की पर्सनैलिटी के विषय में पता लगाया जा सकता है।

### आपका रोल मॉडल कौन है ?

यह प्रश्न आपको किसी व्यक्ति की प्रार्थमिकताओं, आकांक्षाओं और उद्देश्यों के बारे में बहुत कुछ बताएगा। आप लोगों की लिस्ट पेश करके पूछ सकते हैं कि आप किस व्यक्ति की सबसे अधिक सराहना करते हैं और आपका रोल मॉडल कौन है। प्रत्येक विकल्प किसी व्यक्ति के लिए एक निश्चित प्रवृत्ति या प्रार्थमिकता की ओर निर्देशित कर सकता है। इस प्रश्न के जरिए किसी की पर्सनैलिटी का आसानी से पता लगाया जा सकता है।

### आपको सबसे बेहतर कौन जानता है ?

व्यक्ति के खुलेपन और घनिष्ठ संबंध बनाने की इच्छा के बारे में बहुत कुछ जानना चाहते हैं तो यह प्रश्न उस व्यक्ति के बारे में यह बताएगा। यदि उनकी अपनी मां उन्हें सबसे अच्छी तरह से जानती है, तो आप एक अंतर्मुखी के साथ बात कर रहे हैं। यदि कोई कहता है कि उन्हें अपनी बहन और एक दोस्त सबसे अच्छी तरह से

जानते हैं, तो आप शायद किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति से बात कर रहे हैं जो मतभेदों और असहमति के बावजूद लोगों को जानने और उनके साथ बंधने के लिए हमेशा तैयार रहता है।

### आपने अपनी सबसे बड़ी असफलता से क्या सीखा ?

यह प्रश्न बताता है कि क्या कोई व्यक्ति क्रिएटिव तरीके से अपनी असफलता से निपटता है। इन प्रश्न के उत्तर के बाद आप जान सकते हैं कि व्यक्ति पॉजिटिव पर्सनैलिटी का है या नेगेटिव पर्सनैलिटी का।

### अगर आपके घर में कोई चीज टूट जाती है, तो आप सबसे पहले क्या करते हैं ?

यह आपको दिखाएगा कि एक व्यक्ति समस्याओं से कैसे निपटता है और काम में बाधा आने पर उनके कार्य करने की संभावना कैसे होती है। पर्सनैलिटी जानने के लिए यह सबसे बेहतर तरीका हो सकता है।

### वह कौन सा तरीका है जो आपको शांत करने में मदद करता है ?

किसी के व्यवहार के बारे में जानना है तो ये जरूर जानिए कि व्यक्ति विषम परिस्थितियों में खुद को शांत कैसे रखता है। जो व्यक्ति विषम परिस्थितियों में खुद को शांत रख सकता है वह जीवन में कुछ भी कर सकता है।



**एमबीए स्टूडेंट की डिमांड आज भी काफी ज्यादा है, और तमाम कंपनियां प्रबंधन में अलग-अलग बैकग्राउंड के एमबीए लड़कों को लेना प्रीफर करती हैं, क्योंकि कार्य करने वाले तमाम लोग तो किसी भी जगह पर उपस्थित होते हैं, पर बेहतरीन ढंग से प्रबंधन करना और कार्य करना हर कंपनी की प्राथमिकता में सबसे ऊपर होता है।**

एमबीए का मतलब प्रबंधन से जुड़ा हुआ है, तो प्रबंधन आप तभी करेंगे जब लोगों के बीच में रहेंगे। लोगों के बीच में रहने का मतलब नेटवर्किंग से भी जुड़ा होता है और ऐसी स्थिति में पार्टी- गैदरिंग इत्यादि में आपकी मौजूदगी जरूरी है। करियर की चाहे जितनी भी संभावनाएं सामने आ जाएं, ट्रेडिशनल कोर्सिंग का अपना स्वैग है। आप इतना जान लीजिए कि एमबीए स्टूडेंट की डिमांड आज भी काफी ज्यादा है, और तमाम कंपनियां प्रबंधन में अलग-अलग बैकग्राउंड के एमबीए लड़कों को लेना प्रीफर करती हैं, क्योंकि कार्य करने वाले तमाम लोग तो किसी भी जगह पर उपस्थित होते हैं, पर बेहतरीन ढंग से प्रबंधन करना और कार्य करना हर कंपनी की प्राथमिकता में सबसे ऊपर होता है। इसीलिए एमबीए करने वाले लड़कों को अच्छी खासी सैलरी भी

## एमबीए की पढ़ाई की है तो ऐसे मिल सकता है मोटा वेतन

मिलती है। हालांकि अगर आप अपने करियर से लापरवाही बरतते हैं, इंटरव्यू को लेकर लापरवाही बरतते हैं, तो आप सैलरी के मामले में पिछड़ सकते हैं। आइए जानते हैं कि एमबीए करते समय और उसके पहले क्या सावधानियां आपको अच्छा खासा वेतन दिला सकती हैं।

### विषय का रखें ध्यान

जी हां! 12वीं के तत्काल बाद आपको विषयों के चुनाव में सावधानी बरतना चाहिए। अगर आप बाद में एमबीए करना चाहते हैं,

तो ग्रेजुएशन में ही उन विषयों को चुनकर रखना चाहिए, जो बाद में एमबीए करने में आपकी मदद करें। साथ ही इंग्लिश पर विशेष ध्यान दें, क्योंकि मल्टीनेशनल कंपनियां इंग्लिश को अच्छा खासा प्रेफरेंस देती हैं, तो शुरु से ही अगर आप इसकी तैयारी करते हैं, तो बाद के दिनों में आप इसमें महारत हासिल कर सकते हैं।

### बिजनेस वर्ल्ड पर नजर रखें

शेयर मार्केट की उठापटक, मार्केट ट्रेस करना, कंपनी को रिस्ट्रक्चर किस तरह से

किया जाता है, कंपनी के संभालने-रिस्ट्रक्चरिंग इत्यादि से संबंधित कानून इत्यादि बिजनेस वर्ल्ड की तमाम बातों को आप अनदेखा ना करें, बल्कि उन पर केस स्टडी करें। ऑनलाइन तमाम मेटेरियल अवैलेबल हैं, किंतु आप अपने दूसरे फ्रेंड्स, कलीग्स इत्यादि से भी इन विषयों पर गहराई से बात कर सकते हैं। यह आपके नॉलेज को बढ़ाने में अच्छा खासा सहायक सिद्ध होगा, क्योंकि आखिरकार आपको बिजनेस वर्ल्ड में ही जाना और उसके अनुरूप कार्य करना है। ध्यान रखिए एमबीए का मतलब प्रबंधन से जुड़ा हुआ है, तो प्रबंधन आप तभी करेंगे जब लोगों के बीच में रहेंगे। लोगों के बीच में रहने का मतलब नेटवर्किंग से भी जुड़ा होता है और ऐसी स्थिति में पार्टी- गैदरिंग इत्यादि में आपकी मौजूदगी जरूरी है। जाहिर तौर पर आप इस तरह की टीम स्पिरिट विकसित करके नेटवर्किंग बढ़ा सकते हैं, और इस मामले में अपनी स्किल को धार दे सकते हैं।

### ग्रुप स्टडी

यह आपकी काफी मदद कर सकती है, क्योंकि एक विषय को जब आप पढ़ते हैं, तो आपका अपना एक नजरिया होता है, एक दिशा होती है, वहीं जब आप ग्रुप स्टडी करते हैं, तो कई सारे पक्ष आपके सामने आते हैं। इसके अलावा ग्रुप स्टडी का एक फायदा यह भी नजर आता है कि कई बार जो चीज आप नहीं पढ़े होते हैं, वह भी ग्रुप स्टडी में सुन-सुनकर आपका सबकॉन्शियस माइंड उन चीजों को एड कर लेता है।

## लक्ष्य क्लियर रखें

ध्यान रखिए! प्रबंधन के विषयों में उद्देश्य समझना जरूरी है। आप क्या कर रहे हैं, क्यों कर रहे हैं, आप खुद से क्या चाहते हैं? अगर यह सारी चीजें आपके दिमाग में पहले से क्लियर हैं, तो उन उद्देश्यों को पाने से आपको कोई नहीं रोक सकता, किंतु अगर आप खुद ही क्लियर नहीं हैं, तो आप मुश्किल में पड़ने वाले हैं, और आप को नहीं समझ में आएगा कि आप जिदगी से वास्तव में चाहते क्या हैं? सोचिये-समझिये कि आप अपने करियर से चाहते क्या हैं और अपना लक्ष्य क्लियर रखें, और उसी के अनुरूप तैयारी करें। इसी के माध्यम से अगर आप इन विषयों में महारत हासिल कर लेते हैं, तो

दुनिया की कोई ताकत आपको मोटा वेतन से और एक सफल करियर बनाने से नहीं रोक सकती। जहाँ तक एमबीए में प्रवेश के लिए योग्यता की बात है तो आपको ग्रेजुएशन में डिग्री के साथ-साथ कम से कम 50% मार्क्स होने आवश्यक हैं और अलग-अलग पैटर्न के एजाम देकर आप इस में प्रवेश ले सकते हैं। मुख्य रूप से एमबीए इन फाइनेंस, एमबीए इन मार्केटिंग, एमबीए इन ह्यूमन रिसोर्स मैनेजमेंट, एमबीए इन इंटरनेशनल बिजनेस, एमबीए इन ऑपरेशन मैनेजमेंट, एमबीए इन इनफार्मेशन टेक्नोलॉजी के कोर्स मौजूद हैं। इसके लिए ऊपर बताये गए पॉइंट्स को अवश्य ही ध्यान में रखें और तभी आपका कांसेप्ट क्लियर रहेगा और आप एक सफल करियर और मोटी तनखाह की दिशा में कदम बढ़ा सकेंगे।

NEWS BOX

After Champions Trophy win, Ravindra Jadeja joins CSK in 'Pushpa' style

New Delhi. After winning the Champions Trophy on Sunday, March 9 in Dubai, Ravindra Jadeja joined up with the Chennai Super Kings on Monday with some swag. Jadeja arrived in 'Pushpa' style at the team's base as CSK get ready for the IPL 2025 season.

Jadeja played a vital role in India's Champions Trophy win in Dubai as he was clinical with the ball, especially during the middle overs. The all-rounder picked up 5 wickets during the tournament in 5 matches at an economy rate of 4.35. Jadeja also hit the winning runs in the final against New Zealand, which allowed India to pick up their third Champions Trophy title. CSK shared the video of Jadeja's arrival on their social media platforms on Tuesday morning and it showed the all-rounder imitating Telugu actor Allu Arjun's iconic character from the movie Pushpa. Jadeja was completely embodying the character's swag and even tweaked Pushpa's iconic dialogue to suit him. "Jaddu sirf naam nahi, Jaddu matlab brand! (Jaddu isn't just a name, it's a brand.)"

The video certainly sent the CSK fans into a frenzy as they showed their love for the all-rounder in the comments. You can see the full video below: CSK aiming for their 6th IPL 2025 title

Chennai will be aiming for their 6th IPL title this season and will kickstart their campaign with a home fixture against Mumbai Indians. This will be followed by another home game



at the Chepauk against southern rivals Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Jadeja will be reunited with his former Test team spin partner R Ashwin this year at CSK.

CSK full squad for IPL 2025:

Ruturaj Gaikwad, Devon Conway, MS Dhoni, Rahul Tripathi, Vansh Bedi, Shaikh Rasheed, Ravindra Jadeja, Shivam Dube, Ravichandran Ashwin, Rachin Ravindra, Anshul Kamboj, Sam Curran, Deepak Hooda, Jamie Overton, Vijay Shankar, Ramakrishna Ghosh, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Mukes Choudhary, Matheesha Pathirana, Noor Ahmad, Khaleel Ahmed, Gurjapneet Singh, Nathan Ellis, Shreyas Gopal.

Another injury blow to Mayank Yadav, LSG pacer to miss 1st half of IPL 2025: Report

New Delhi. Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) are likely to miss out on having Mayank Yadav for the first half of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. As per reports on ESPNcricinfo, Mayank is yet to recover from a lumbar stress injury. After sustaining a back injury following his debut for India in the T20I series against Bangladesh last year, Mayank underwent rehabilitation at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru and has resumed bowling only recently. There is no fixed time as to when the speedster will make a comeback, but reports mentioned that if he meets the fitness guidelines, he could well be available to play for the Super Giants in the second half of the IPL.

Mayank Yadav's troubles with injuries

Mayank has had his fair share of trouble with injuries in the last 12 months. Last season,



the speedster hogged the limelight after bowling at speeds of around 155 on a consistent basis. After missing the 2023 season due to injury, Mayank picked up three wickets on debut last year against the Punjab Kings. In the very next game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), he picked up three wickets to win back-to-back Player of the Match awards. But his campaign was limited to only four matches due to a side strain. Despite not being available for most part of last season, LSG showed faith in him and retained him for INR 11 crore before the mega auction that took place in November.

In the meantime, Zaheer Khan, who was appointed as LSG's Director of Cricket, said that the team has been working hard with Mayank on when the pacer could make a comeback after attaining full fitness.

"As much as we are keen on having him [play IPL 2025], we want him 150% fit not just 100% fit so we'll do everything possible to get him there," Zaheer had said.

Some Manchester United players not 'good enough', some 'overpaid': Jim Ratcliffe

**Manchester United co-owner Jim Ratcliffe has delivered a damning verdict on the current squad, saying some of the players are not 'good enough'. Ratcliffe also gave his backing to current manager Ruben Amorim.**

New Delhi. Manchester United co-club owner Jim Ratcliffe said on Monday, March 10 that some of the players at the club are not 'good enough' and some are 'overpaid.' Ratcliffe also gave his backing to current manager Ruben Amorim, who faces an uphill task at the moment to turn around the fortunes. Ratcliffe completed an acquisition of a 27.7 percent stake in United in February 2024, but the current season hasn't gone according to plan. The Red Devils are



currently 14th in the Premier League after their latest draw against Arsenal. There were protests against the ownership before the game against the Gunners on

Sunday, March 9 and Ratcliffe said in an interview with the BBC that most of the issues were already there when he had acquired the stake at the club. We're buying

Antony, we're buying Casemiro, we're buying (Rasmus) Hojlund, we're buying (Jadon) Sancho... whether we like it or not, we've inherited those things and have to sort that out. "For Sancho, who now plays for Chelsea and we pay half his wages, we're paying 17 million pounds (\$21.87 million) to buy him in the summer." "Some players are not good enough and some probably are overpaid, but for us to mould the squad that we are fully responsible for, and accountable for, will take time."

'Amorim is doing a really good job' Speaking about Amorim, Ratcliffe said that he feels the Portuguese tactician is doing a really good job at the moment with the squad at his disposal. Ratcliffe feels that Amorim will be at the club for a long time. "If I actually look at the squad which is available to Ruben, I think he is doing a really good job to be honest," Ratcliffe said. "I think he will be there for a long time." "You are beginning to see a glimpse of what Ruben can produce. I think you saw a glimpse of it against Arsenal." "United will face Real Sociedad in their Round of 16 second leg tie in the Europa League on Thursday, March 13 before facing Leicester City on Sunday.

Sports Ministry revokes suspension of Wrestling Federation of India

New Delhi. The Sports Ministry has revoked the suspension of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). On March 10, the WFI issued a directive instructing the newly elected Executive Committee to refrain from overseeing and managing the Federation's daily operations until further notice. The ad-hoc committee was headed by Bhupinder Singh Bajwa, with hockey Olympian MM Somaya and former international shuttler Manjusha Kanwar as its members. The Ministry took the decision after concerns over governance failures and procedural irregularities by the newly elected body, which was apparently under the control of former office bearers in violation of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 ("Sports Code"). All decisions made by the previous IOA-appointed Ad-



hoc Committee have been cancelled.

Back in December 2023, the ministry announced its decision to suspend the WFI body under the leadership of Sanjay Singh. The Ministry had said that the WFI body had shown complete disregard for the existing rules and regulations, saying that the

announcement for national competitions was hasty, and that due process was not followed. The ministry had stated that Sanjay Kumar Singh, the president of the WFI, announced that the junior national competitions would begin before the end of 2023. However, the ministry clarified that this announcement violated regulations, as a minimum 15-day notice was required to allow wrestlers adequate time for preparation. Last year, the Delhi High Court reinstated the 2023 mandate of the ad-hoc committee to oversee the daily affairs of the WFI. The decision was made after an application filed by wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, and others in February, seeking a stay on the operations of WFI due to the abuse allegations against the federation's leadership.

Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli show there is more than one way to answer retirement calls

"New Delhi. Koi future plan ni hai. Jo chal ra hai wo chalega (There's no future plan, things will keep on going as they are). I'm not going to retire from this format. Just to make sure that no rumours are spread moving forward."

This was Rohit Sharma's formal way of squashing all the retirement rumours around him after lifting the Champions Trophy 2025 on Sunday, March 9. It felt like he was a guy standing in front of his college principal as his answer lacked the casual tone that the Indian captain had become famous for. Little did we know, the 37-year-old would deliver the same announcement via an X-rated message right after the game as he finished celebrating with Virat Kohli. He made it clear in the video, which seemed like two friends from college just cracking a joke amongst themselves while not in the presence of their teachers. The Indian captain has dealt with his retirement calls in fantastic fashion and that in just more than one way. The Indian captain, along with Kohli, were under scrutiny over their spots in



Champions Trophy: Transitioning New Zealand deserve to be put on a high pedestal

New Delhi. If you're hit by bullets, not once but twice, it's unlikely that you'll be able to stand on your feet for quite some time. If the bullet pierces your head or hits your heart, surviving would take a miracle. New Zealand were metaphorically hit by two bullets on Sunday, but they fought valiantly until their last breath in the Champions Trophy final. Firstly, they were without their premier fast bowler, Matt Henry, due to injury, leaving a relatively inexperienced pace attack to face a batting lineup firing on all cylinders. Henry had given India nightmares in broad daylight several times. Just last week, he became the first bowler to take a five-wicket haul against India in the Champions Trophy. Although Dubai is generally kind to spinners, Henry brought his utility both as a new-ball bowler and at the death. With Henry missing, the Kiwis were left with a bowling attack that had a combined experience of just 36 ODIs. As if Henry's injury wasn't enough, the Black Caps suffered another setback. Kane Williamson is no longer the New

Zealand captain; Mitchell Santner is. But with Santner leading in his first ICC event, Williamson's invaluable experience would have helped apply more pressure on the star-studded Indian batting lineup. Williamson



didn't take the field due to a quad strain he sustained while batting. New Zealand's lion-hearted efforts in vain As New Zealand enter a new era without stalwarts Tim Southee and Trent Boult, Matt Henry was expected to be a key player for

them. In the group game, the Black Caps had India at 30 for three after Henry took the wickets of Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli. But on Sunday, without him, New Zealand leaked 69 runs in the powerplay.

Despite the poor start, the Black Caps fought hard with their spinners. Santner led the charge with two crucial wickets - Gill and Shreyas Iyer - while Rachin Ravindra, Michael Bracewell, and Glenn Phillips provided solid support. However, O'Rourke and Nathan Smith's inexperience cost the Kiwis, as they conceded 78 runs off nine overs without any success. At one stage, Bracewell and Ravindra bowled in tandem, giving away just nine runs off five overs, including 11 consecutive dot balls and a maiden over from Bracewell. But due to a lack of resources, New Zealand eventually ran out of firepower. It raises the question of whether the Kiwis should have included someone like Jacob Duffy, who has 19 ODI wickets from 11 games.

Not Mitch Santner! This All-Rounder To Lead New Zealand In Pakistan T20I Series

**Michael Bracewell will lead New Zealand in the five-match T20I series against Pakistan, replacing Mitchell Santner, who is unavailable due to IPL commitments.**

New Delhi. All-rounder Michael Bracewell will lead New Zealand in their five-match home T20I series against Pakistan starting from Sunday onwards at Christchurch. Regular skipper Mitchell Santner will be unavailable for the series due to T20 league commitments, notably the Indian Premier League (IPL) starting from March 22 onwards. A standout in New Zealand's run to the Champions Trophy Final with an

unbeaten fifty and two wickets, Bracewell is joined by six other players from the campaign for the upcoming home series. Bracewell gets his first opportunity to lead his country on home soil having captained the side during a white-ball tour of Pakistan last year, and looks forward to the challenge of hosting Pakistan. It is a great honour and a real privilege to captain your country. I really enjoyed leading the side in Pakistan last year and we have got many players from that squad included for this series as well, which is nice," said Bracewell as quoted by ICC. "Mitch Santner's done a great job since taking over as white-ball captain and I will really just be trying to build on his good work and create an enjoyable environment for the guys to perform in." "Pakistan are always a dangerous short-form side with lots of power and pace and we know they will be hurting after an early exit in the Champions Trophy. For the guys



coming back from Dubai, there is obviously a level of disappointment, but also a lot of pride in the way we were able to perform and represent New Zealand."

"We have loved all of the support we have received from afar and are certainly looking forward to getting back home and playing in front of our own fans and in front of full venues," he concluded. Ish Sodhi returns to the group having missed the recent Sri Lanka home series, while Ben Sears comes back

after tearing his hamstring which forced him out of the recent Champions Trophy campaign. Kyle Jamieson and Will O'Rourke are available for the first three games of the series as the team manages the fast bowlers' workloads after the recent ICC event. Matt Henry, who finished as the leading wicket-taker at the tournament despite missing the final through injury, is named for matches four and five though he will be subject to further fitness testing.

Finn Allen, Jimmy Neesham and Tim Seifert have also been included in the squad. Selector Sam Wells says the side has an eye on next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka early next year. "We are certainly starting to narrow our sights on the ICC T20 World Cup," Wells said. "We made it clear in our planning and communication with players that availability for that tournament and the build-up to it was required to be considered for this series against Pakistan.



# Taapsee Pannu

Sizzles In Leopard Print Fur Coat, But Her Caption Steals the Show



Taapsee Pannu is known to go against the grain with her sartorial choices, whether she is wearing traditional attire or slaying in modern yet stylish outfits. The Haseen Dillruba actress recently posted a series of glamorous photos wearing a leopard print fur coat with sheer stockings. She perfectly exuded confidence and sensuality in her latest photoshoot, but it was her hilarious caption that truly stole the show. The actress took to her Instagram handle and shared her sizzling hot photos, grabbing the attention of many fans. She wrote, "Waiting for the chole bhature lunch parcel to be delivered.....still waiting....." Taapsee Pannu can be seen posing on the floor, looking directly at the camera. The actress chose minimal yet classy accessories to complete this iconic look. Taking a dig at Taapsee's hilarious post, actor Gulshan Devaiah responded, "Paneer Lababdar was sent instead," to which she replied, "Only chole lababdar with paneer bhatura." Later, actress Dia Mirza also commented in her post, saying, "Lioness giving Leopard (sin)."



Alongside Bollywood celebrities, Taapsee Pannu's post was soon flooded with fans' delightful remarks. "Sensation looks like the true inspiration of beauty," one comment read. "Dangerously hott & Very Beautiful," another fan added. Moving on, Taapsee Pannu starrer Thappad has recently completed 5 years since its release on big screens. The actress took to her Instagram handle and shared a heartfelt note for the film. Taapsee wrote, "Some associations mark the start of conversations. She added, "5 years have passed, and the impact of this slap is still as clear as the sound of applause. And now?????" The actor teased, "Sirji what next?! #Thappad #5years #WhatNext." But director Anubhav doubled down on the rumours of the new project in the post's comment section, saying, "What's next???? Don't you read the newspapers?" In addition to Thappad, Taapsee worked with director Anubhav on another successful movie, Mulk, but the actress' most recent post has stoked reports that the director and actress may work together again. On the work front, she was last seen in Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba alongside Vikrant Massey and Sunny Chopra.

**Deepika Padukone** Lauds Anant Ambani, Radhika Merchant For Vantara's 'Iconic' Inauguration: 'Truly One Of A Kind'



After Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone has also lauded Anant Ambani's Vantara as Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted pictures of his recent visit to the Jamnagar wildlife centre. Other Bollywood actors like Ananya Panday, Janhvi Kapoor and Veer Pahariya also congratulated the effort. Deepika took to Instagram and wrote, "Truly one of kind Vantara. Congratulations Anant and Radhika Ambani on this iconic moment." Along with this sweet message, Deepika also shared a photo from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Vantara. Have a look here:

Previously, Shah Rukh Khan, in a post on X, wrote, "Animals deserve love, and they need protection and care... for their health & that of our planet. PM @narendramodi's presence at Vantara reinforces the importance of this. The purity of a person's heart is directly proportional to their love for animals. Vantara and Anant's commitment of providing a sanctuary to unfortunate animals is a testament to that. Keep it up Beta!!" PM Modi, who inaugurated Vantara's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, said, "An effort like Vantara was truly commendable". In a post on X, the PM wrote: "An effort like Vantara is truly commendable, a vibrant example of our centuries-old ethos of protecting those we share our planet with. Here are some glimpses..." In another post, he wrote, "Inaugurated Vantara, a unique wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation initiative, which provides a safe haven for animals while promoting ecological sustainability and wildlife welfare. I commend Anant Ambani and his entire team for this very compassionate effort." The Vantara initiative, the first of its kind in India, has been conceptualised and birthed under the leadership of Anant Ambani, Director on the boards of RIL and Reliance Foundation. Vantara has been awarded the 'Prani Mitra' National Award, India's highest honour in animal welfare, by the Government of India, in the 'Corporate' category.

**Ekta Kapoor** Planning Udda Punjab 2 With Shahid Kapoor? Here's What We Know



Shahid Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Diljit Dosanjh starrer 'Udda Punjab' released in 2016. While the film directed by Abhishek Chaubey faced significant challenges, including a long battle with the censor board before it released, it emerged as a success at the box office, and garnered praise for its story as well as the cast's performances. Now, according to a report on the Internet, Ekta Kapoor is planning a sequel of the film, and is keen on bringing Shahid Kapoor back for the lead role. As per a report in Peeping Moon, Ekta Kapoor is said to be developing Udda Punjab 2, and she has reportedly roped in Aakash Kaushik to write and direct the sequel. He is known for his works as a screenwriter on films such as 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', 'Housefull 4', and 'Great Grand Masti'. He has also directed Ayushmann Khurrana and Sara Ali Khan's upcoming spy comedy, which will release in theatres later this year. An industry insider told the portal that Udda Punjab is currently in the writing phase, and that production is slated to commence next year. "The team plans to approach actors once the script is finalized, but Ekta is keen on bringing Shahid back. She has reportedly had preliminary discussions with him, but formal talks are yet to take place," said the source. The director of the 2016 film 'Udda Punjab', Abhishek Chaubey, will not be involved in the sequel, as he has other work commitments. The sequel will reportedly have a new storyline, and its only connection to the original film will be Punjab's drug crisis. In Udda Punjab, Shahid Kapoor played the drug addict rockstar 'Tommy'. In an old interview with Pinkvilla, the actor once shared that he was perplexed when he was offered the role as he has never touched drugs, and is a teetotaler in real life. Shahid asked Abhishek Chaubey, "Why did you offer me this role? Bro, maine life mein kabhi sharab nahi pi hain. Aaj tak nahi pi hain. Maine life kabhi koi substance nahi ki hain. I don't know what it is to be high." Shahid Kapoor remembered Abhishek advising him to take on a challenging character. Despite doubts and fear of judgment from friends, Shahid chose to take up the role. He believed that conquering such a distant character would make him fearless in his acting career.

# Priyanka Chopra

Refused To Wear A Bikini During Miss World, Lara Dutta Taught Her Makeup: Madhu Chopra

When Priyanka Chopra was competing for the title of Miss World, she was clear about the things she would and wouldn't do in the pageant. As such, she refused to wear a bikini in the swimwear segment and maintained her dignity while expressing her objection. She also became close friends with Lara Dutta, who taught her how to walk the ramp



and do her makeup. "Priyanka ka behaviour, uska conduct, kahin bhi... dekho swimwear mein bhi, they said, 'Two piece pehno.' (Priyanka's behaviour and conduct have always been on point, everywhere. Even during the swimwear competition in the Miss World pageant, the organisers said, 'Wear a two-piece.') She said, 'Na.' So, she maintained her dignity with

professionalism. Ye nahi ki tantrum... (She didn't throw tantrums). So they actually respected her aise kehne ke liye (for doing that)," Priyanka Chopra's mother, Madhu Chopra, shared with Lehren Retro.

Madhu Chopra also recalled how Lara Dutta helped Priyanka during the competition. "Lara taught her how to drape, Lara taught her how to walk, Lara taught her how to apply make-up on her own. Because they had to do it all by themselves. Priyanka toh kuchh nahi karti thi, sirf kajal (Priyanka didn't do any of this, except put kajal). So Lara is another high-quality person," Madhu said.

Appearing on Rendezvous with Simi Garewal several years ago, Priyanka said that she and Dia Mirza called Lara "mom" for helping them. During Lara's appearance on the show, she said, "For me, winning Miss India and Miss Universe was my primary focus. However, without sounding morbid, once you're gone, your achievements won't really matter. Life offers very few moments when you can make a positive impact on someone else's life, and those moments define life for me.

If I can't be there for others, then I am not truly living, and I don't want any of it because that is what's most important to me." Interestingly, Lara and Priyanka made their Bollywood debuts together with the 2003 film Andaaaz, also starring Akshay Kumar.

