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Court intervention sought after USAID staff asked to burn classified documents

Washington. A union for US Agency for International Development contractors asked a federal judge on Tuesday to intervene in any destruction of classified documents after an email ordered staffers to help burn and shred agency records. Judge Carl Nichols set a Wednesday morning deadline for the plaintiffs and the government to brief him on the issue. A person familiar with the email who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal verified that it was sent to at least some essential personnel.

It comes as the Trump administration has been dismantling USAID, cutting off most federal funding and terminating 83 per cent of humanitarian and development programs abroad, pulling all but a few hundred staffers off the job, and shutting down the agency's Washington headquarters.

Lawsuits are mounting over the abrupt shutdown of most US foreign assistance and the targeting of the aid agency. In the latest court challenge, Personal Services Contractor Association, representing thousands of contractors now furloughed or fired from USAID, asked the judge to stop any document destruction to preserve evidence. The email was sent under the name of Erica Carr the acting executive secretary at USAID and bears a USAID logo.

"Thank you for your assistance in clearing our classified safes and personnel documents," at USAID headquarters in Washington, it begins.

It directed staffers to report to work starting Tuesday. "Shred as many documents first," then stuff remaining classified material into designated bags for burning if the demand on the shredder becomes too great, the email instructed. Staffers were told to write "secret" on the bag with a marker. The State Department did not immediately respond to questions about the email, including whether officials were following the legally required procedures in any destruction of documents.

Ukraine endorses 30-day ceasefire, agrees to immediate negotiations with Russia

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Ukraine endorsed an American proposal for a 30-day ceasefire and agreed to immediate negotiations with Russia in crunch talks in Jeddah on Tuesday after three years of grinding war.

The positive response from Ukraine prompted President Donald Trump's administration to lift a freeze on military aid and to predict the beginning to an end to three years of war. With Trump stunning allies by applying intense pressure on Kyiv and reaching out to Moscow, Ukrainian officials came to talks in Saudi Arabia eager to make up and had proposed a partial truce on air and sea attacks.

Trump's advisers pressed for more and said Ukraine agreed to their proposal for a full month-long ceasefire in a war that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

"Today we made an offer that the Ukrainians have accepted, which is to enter into a ceasefire and into immediate negotiations," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told reporters after around nine hours of talks in an ornate hotel in Jeddah. "We'll take this offer now to the Russians, and we hope they'll say yes to peace. The ball is now in their court. If they say no then we'll, unfortunately, know what the impediment is to peace here," Rubio said of Russia, which launched a full-scale invasion of its smaller neighbour in February 2022. Rubio said the US would immediately resume military assistance and intelligence sharing it had cut off to pressure its wartime partner following a disastrous February 28 meeting between Trump and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In Washington, Trump said he was ready to welcome Zelenskyy back to the White House and may speak to President Vladimir Putin this week. Asked by a reporter about the prospects of a comprehensive ceasefire in Ukraine, Trump answered: "Well, I hope it will be over the next few days, I'd like to see."

The US agency that monitors weather will cut another 1,000 jobs, AP sources say

WASHINGTON. The Trump administration is starting another round of job cuts — this one more than 1,000 — at the nation's weather, ocean and fisheries agency, four people familiar with the matter tell The Associated Press. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Tuesday began plans to lay off 10% of its current workforce, people inside and outside the agency said, with some of them requesting anonymity due to fear of retribution. The numbers were presented to NOAA employees and managers were asked to submit names of positions for layoffs to agency headquarters, which will then go to NOAA's parent agency, the Department of Commerce, on Wednesday, the people said.

Three former senior NOAA officials — two former political appointees from the Biden administration — who speak regularly with managers at their old agency used the same number for upcoming job cuts: 1,029, 10% of the current 10,290. They talked to multiple people still in NOAA and a current agency worker detailed the cuts that a manager explained to employees. While most people know about NOAA and its daily weather forecasts, the agency also monitors and warns about hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and tsunamis, manages the country's fisheries, runs marine sanctuaries, provides navigation information to ships and observes changes in the climate and oceans. The agency also plays a role in warning about avalanches and space weather that could damage the electrical grid. It helps respond to disasters, including oil spills.

The new cuts come after earlier rounds of Trump administration firings and encouraged retirements at NOAA, plus the elimination of nearly all new employees last month. After this upcoming round of cuts, NOAA will have eliminated about one out of four jobs since President Donald Trump took office in January.

Trump warns against violence towards Tesla, calls it 'domestic terrorism'

Washington. Violence against Tesla dealerships will be labeled domestic terrorism and perpetrators will "go through hell", US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday in a show of support for the electric carmaker's chief, his ally Elon Musk. Shares of the automaker closed nearly 4 per cent higher on Tuesday, rebounding from the biggest one-day fall in four-and-a-half years the previous day, after the President appeared with Musk at the White House to select a new Tesla for his staff to use. Activists have lately staged so-called Tesla Takedown protests to voice displeasure over Musk's role in sweeping cuts to the federal workforce at the behest of Trump and cancellation of contracts that fund humanitarian programmes around the world. Musk, the world's richest person, is spearheading the Trump administration's



Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE. "They're harming a great American company," Trump said at the White House, referring to the demonstrators, alongside Musk who was wearing a black "Make America Great Again" baseball cap. Nearby, a number of Tesla vehicles were lined up on the driveway between the

mansion and the South Lawn. "Let me tell you, you do it to Tesla, and you do it to any company, we're going to catch you, and you're going to go through hell." White House spokesperson Harrison Fields said "ongoing and heinous acts of violence against Tesla by radical Leftist activists are nothing short of domestic terror". About 350 demonstrators protested outside a Tesla electric vehicle dealership in Portland, Oregon, last week, while nine people were arrested during a raucous demonstration outside a New York City Tesla dealership earlier in March. There have also been media reports of vandalism on Tesla vehicles and showrooms that are under investigation. A group that said it was an organiser of the Tesla Takedown protests responded in a statement on social media platform Bluesky that it was peaceful and opposed violence. "Peaceful protest on public

property is not domestic terrorism. They are trying to intimidate us. We will not let them succeed," the group said, calling for people to join the protests. Trump could direct the US Justice Department to charge Tesla dealership vandals under terrorism statutes, though it is unclear if those charges would hold up in court, according to legal experts. Defendants would likely argue that vandalising a car dealership does not meet the federal government's definition of terrorism: violence aimed at intimidating or coercing a government or civilian population to advance political or social objectives.

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Trump's decision to buy a Tesla electric vehicle, he chose a Model S, was a significant show of support for Musk, who has come under criticism for his work in Washington. Model S pricing starts at about \$80,000.

Won't negotiate, do whatever the hell you want: Iran President to Trump

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that Tehran would not be bullied into negotiations, a day after Trump said he had sent a letter urging Iran to engage in talks on a new nuclear deal.



the hell you want", state media quoted Pezeshkian as saying. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that Tehran would not be bullied into negotiations, a day after Trump said he had sent a letter urging Iran to engage in talks on a new nuclear deal. While expressing openness to a deal with Tehran, Trump has reinstated the

"maximum pressure" campaign he applied in his first term as President to isolate Iran from the global economy and drive its oil exports down towards zero. In an interview with Fox Business, Trump said last week, "there are two ways Iran can be handled: militarily, or you make a deal" to prevent Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons. Iran has long denied wanting to develop a nuclear weapon. However, it is "dramatically" accelerating enrichment of uranium to up to 60 per cent purity, close to the roughly 90 per cent weapons-grade level, the IAEA has warned. Iran has accelerated its nuclear work since 2019, a year after then-President Trump ditched Tehran's 2015 nuclear pact with six world powers and reimposed sanctions that have crippled the country's economy.

Screaming, firing, blast: Survivor recounts Pakistan train hijack

Passengers who were aboard the Jaffar Express that was hijacked by the separatist insurgent group Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) on Tuesday, recounted the horror that unfolded inside the carriage. They narrated intense screaming, firing, then a blast as the rebels took control of the train and began sorting through identity cards to separate the non-Baloch citizens.

One survivor said he, along with his wife and children, were asked by the insurgents to get down the train and not "look back" during the process. "There was a lot of screaming. People were lying down on the train, and I also did the same. There was firing outside and also a blast," he said, stressing that he followed the insurgents' orders without any protest. "They asked me to get down, so I did. I (followed the orders) because what if they



came inside and began thrashing us? What would we have done then? They let me, my family and my children go. They asked us not to look back, so we didn't look back," he said, while noting that he wasn't aware of what was unfolding behind him on the train. Another survivor, Ghulam Nabi, echoed the man, saying everyone was hiding under their seats and lying down on the floor. "We were unable to understand what was happening. There was just so much firing."

Another passenger, who said he was sleeping when the attack happened, said that he nudged his children to follow the rebels' orders and get down the train when they were asked to. "I told my children that, regardless of where we are - inside or outside the train - we would be killed, so it's better to listen to them."

He said that it took them four hours to walk to safety. "They (militants) told us that they don't have enmity with us." Another passenger said that gunmen were going through identity cards, and separated those who were from Balochistan, news agency AFP reported.

"They came and checked IDs and service cards and shot two soldiers in front of me and took the other four to... I don't know where," he said, adding that Punjabis were taken away by the insurgents. According to paramedic Nazim Farooq and railway official Muhammad Aslam, the driver of the train, a cop and a soldier were killed in the attack, news agency AFP reported.

Some passengers said the moment the militants began firing, it was a "scene that can never be forgotten", according to a report by BBC Urdu.

White House on USAID staff being asked to destroy records: Fake news hysteria

World. As images of an email sent by USAID to employees asking them to destroy classified documents and records went viral, the White House said the documents were old and dubbed the reports "fake news hysteria". The email spurred a fresh legal challenge as two unions representing federal workers approached the court seeking a restraining order blocking the destruction of records. As the issue gained momentum, White House Deputy Press Secretary Anna Kelly said the original documents still exist on classified computer systems. She also said the USAID building would soon be occupied by US Customs and Border Protection.

"This was sent to roughly three dozen employees. The documents involved were old, mostly courtesy content (content from other agencies), and the originals still exist on classified computer systems. More fake news hysteria!" Kelly tweeted. USAID has



The email spurred a fresh legal challenge as a union representing USAID workers approached the court seeking a restraining order blocking the destruction of records.

been the target of Elon Musk's effort to slash government spending, with the Trump administration cancelling around 83% of the agency's international humanitarian and development programs. A majority of USAID employees have been laid off and the agency's Washington headquarters has also been shut down.

In their petition, the American Federation of Government Employees and American Foreign Service Association cited an email from USAID's acting executive secretary asking employees to come to the agency's office to "clear classified safes and personnel documents". "Shred as many documents first, and reserve the burn bags for when the shredder becomes unavailable or needs a break," the email read, according to Reuters. Notably, the collection and destruction of classified material and federal records are regulated by federal law and any violation attracts punishment. The unions feared that the records could be relevant to the ongoing lawsuits over USAID's firings and termination of programs. The court has ordered the petitioners and the Trump administration to submit a status report.

How Jinnah's betrayal sparked Baloch freedom movement

World. Balochistan, the biggest of Pakistan's four provinces and the most sparsely populated, has rarely seen peace or development. On March 11, militants of the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), fighting to secede from Pakistan, hijacked a train and took 100 passengers, including security personnel, hostage. It was the betrayal of the Baloch people by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Pakistan's founding father, that is at the root of the insurgency.

Starting from 1948, Baloch nationalists have been up in arms against the Pakistani state. Balochistan has seen episodes of a violent independence movement in 1958-59, 1962-63, 1973-77, and the latest one has been raging since 2003. On March 11, BLA militants derailed the Quetta-Peshawar Jaffar Express and took hundreds of passengers hostage. On Wednesday, the second day, the Baloch rebels still hold over

a hundred people hostage. The people of Balochistan, which is an arid but mineral-rich province, have historically felt ignored by the Punjab-dominated politics of Pakistan. The Baloch people have been economically oppressed even as the mineral wealth of their land has been extracted to fund the federal government.

One of the targets of the Baloch people's ire is the Gwadar port that Pakistan is developing with China's assistance. Chinese engineers have been attacked by Baloch militant groups. The Gwadar port is part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The leadership of the Baloch nationalist movement remains highly fractured. As a result, the Baloch nationalist movement is not unitary in either its goals or its tactics," according to a piece in The International Affairs Review.



The latest round of armed rebellion started in 2004 and gained momentum after the killing of influential Baloch tribal leader, Akbar Khan Bugti, by Pakistani forces in 2006. Bugti was demanding greater autonomy, resource control, and a fair share of Balochistan's natural gas revenues. Before that, it was the 1970s which saw the bloodiest and longest period

of Baloch militancy.

BANGLADESH CONNECTION AND BALOCH MOVEMENT OF 1970s
It was the Independence of Bangladesh (East Pakistan) from Pakistan in 1971 that sparked the demands for greater autonomy from leaders of the National Awami Party in Balochistan.

Protests swelled as the demands were junked by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. It was in 1973 that Bhutto dismissed the Balochistan provincial government of Akbar Khan Bugti and declared a large-scale military operation under the ruse that a cache of arms was found in the Iraqi embassy that was intended for the Baloch rebels. That resulted in a full-scale armed uprising that lasted for four years till 1977. This is known as the fourth Balochistan conflict.

Airtel, Reliance Jio inks deal with SpaceX to bring Starlink internet to India

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio have signed agreements with SpaceX to introduce Starlink's high-speed broadband internet services in India. The deal between Reliance Jio and SpaceX follows a similar announcement by Airtel just a day earlier. Under the agreement, Jio will stock Starlink equipment in its retail stores and provide installation and activation services to customers. However, SpaceX is yet to receive the necessary authorization from the Indian government to officially sell Starlink in India. The partnerships come as a surprise given the previous disagreements between Jio and SpaceX over how India should allocate spectrum for satellite services. While Jio has advocated for an auction-based approach,



the Indian government has supported SpaceX's proposal for administrative allocation. Jio stated that the partnership will leverage its status as the world's largest mobile operator in terms of data traffic and Starlink's leadership in low Earth orbit satellite technology. This collaboration aims to provide reliable broadband to even the most rural and remote parts of India. Jio and SpaceX are also exploring additional opportunities to

enhance India's digital ecosystem through their combined infrastructure. Mathew Oommen, Group CEO of Reliance Jio, emphasized that integrating Starlink into Jio's broadband services will expand their reach and improve broadband reliability across the country, empowering businesses and communities. Gwynne Shotwell, President and COO of SpaceX, expressed excitement about collaborating with Jio and

awaiting authorization from the Indian government to extend Starlink's services to more users across India. Meanwhile, Airtel's partnership with SpaceX will explore the potential of Starlink to complement Airtel's offerings and expand broadband services in rural and underserved areas. Airtel aims to use Starlink, along with its existing alliance with Eutelsat OneWeb, to improve connectivity and offer seamless services to businesses, schools, and healthcare facilities. Both Airtel and Jio are committed to providing reliable internet access across India, with plans to integrate Starlink into their networks for comprehensive coverage, particularly in remote regions.

BJP sweeps Haryana local bodies elections by winning 9 of 10 mayoral posts



Haryana: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a landslide victory in Haryana's local body elections, winning nine out of ten mayoral positions across Municipal Corporations, Councils, and Municipalities. Notably, BJP candidate Praveen Joshi made history by defeating Congress candidate Lata Rani by a massive margin of over 3 lakh votes to become the Mayor of Faridabad. The victory also included key wins in Gurugram and Rohtak. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini praised the results, stating that the people's approval of the government's work and policies will drive the "triple-engine government" to accelerate progress for a developed Haryana.

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DPS Bokaro organizes pool lunch to strengthen bonds



Bokaro: To build the spirit of togetherness and unity, a delightful pool lunch was organized for the tiny tots of the Primary Wing at DPS Bokaro. The young learners showcased remarkable enthusiasm and excitement as they bonded with their classmates and teachers. The event marked the culmination of the session, where each class contributed delectable dishes that were shared joyfully among friends, creating everlasting memories. The beautifully decorated school ambience elevated the festive spirit making the entire atmosphere lively and cheerful. The Principal Dr. A. S. Gangwar encouraged students to develop the habit of sharing and caring. "In today's digital era, where children are increasingly engaged with social media, it is vital to encourage them to interact in person. Such interactions play a crucial role in building healthy relationships and nurturing social values," he remarked.

Holi Milan Celebrated at Kidden Playgroup in Bokaro



Bokaro: A colorful Holi Milan celebration was held at Kidden Playgroup in Sector 4F of Bokaro Steel City on Wednesday. The event, centered around the theme of Radha Krishna's Holi, featured a vibrant cultural performance by the children. Dressed as Radha and Krishna, the young performers delighted the audience with their beautiful dances, earning heartfelt applause. The children also enjoyed the traditional festivities, applying abir-gul to each other and having a joyous time. Founder Madhulika extended her Holi greetings to the children and their parents, and all the teachers joined in to make the event a memorable occasion.

Holi Milan Celebrated by Sanskar Bharti at Shiv-Hanuman Temple in Bokaro

Bokaro: Sanskar Bharti's Bokaro district unit hosted a Holi Milan event on Tuesday evening at the Shiv-Hanuman temple complex in Sector 4D. The program, welcomed by General Secretary Swaroop Shekhar Pandey, featured vibrant Holi songs, bhajans, and dance performances. Arun Pathak, poet and literature head, captivated the audience with Holi classics, while artists Prabha Mohanan, Rajni Padhi, and Rupak Pandey also performed soulful renditions. Children, led by Rajni Padhi, presented a lively dance, receiving applause from the crowd. Pandey thanked the temple head, Pandit KKN Tiwari, and attendees for their support. The event was also attended by Saroj Kumar Mishra and Nagendra Singh.

Golden Glow Beauty Parlour hosts Holi Milan



Bokaro: The Holi Milan Samaroh was celebrated with enthusiasm at Golden Glow Beauty Parlour, located in Sector 1B Shopping Center, Bokaro. The event, organized annually on the eve of Holi, aimed to promote mutual harmony and unity among the community. Chhaya Kumari, the director of Golden Glow Beauty Parlour, emphasized the importance of celebrating Holi together to foster harmony. She shared that the tradition of the Holi Milan Samaroh is intended to spread the message of forgetting differences and living in peace, symbolized by applying gulal (colored powder) to one another.

RU Guest Faculty Seek NSUI Support for Employment and Honorarium Issues



Ranchi: A delegation of NET-qualified guest faculty from Ranchi University presented a 50-page document and a demand letter to Aman Ahmad, State Vice President of the National Student Union of India (NSUI). The guest faculty urged NSUI's support in resolving critical issues affecting their employment and honorarium.

The delegation highlighted several concerns, including the Jharkhand government's resolution (1609) passed on October 14, 2024, which they claim has led to confusion about their status as need-based teachers. They also pointed out that the resolution contradicts earlier guidelines, leaving many faculty members in a state of uncertainty, particularly regarding their reappointment process and unpaid honorariums.

NSUI State Vice President Aman Ahmad assured the delegation that NSUI would prioritize the matter and raise the issue with both the state government and the university administration. He emphasized the importance of teachers for smooth academic functioning and expressed confidence that a favorable resolution would be reached for both students and faculty.

The Guest Faculty Association called on NSUI to help reverse the cabinet's decision and ensure that their services are recognized as need-based, allowing them to continue their work. They also requested the release of unpaid honorariums from the past 12 months, as per existing government resolutions. The guest faculty members expressed gratitude to NSUI for their support in these efforts.

ISM Concludes Geospatial Intelligence Course on Resource Management & Disaster Mitigation

Dhanbad: IIT-ISM Dhanbad successfully concluded its two-week course on "Geospatial Intelligence for Natural Resources Management and Disaster Mitigation," held from March 3-12, 2025, under the GIAN program. The course focused on geospatial technology, AI, and their applications in resource management and disaster mitigation.

Professor Biswajeet Pradhan, Distinguished Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney, served as the foreign faculty and highlighted the importance of geospatial intelligence in disaster management.

Professor Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM), emphasized its role in informed decision-making for resource management.

Muslim Population in Bengal Surpasses 40%, AIMIM to Contest All Seats in 2024 Elections: Solanki

Kolkata: The All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM), led by Asaduddin Owaisi, has announced to contest all 294 assembly seats in West Bengal during next year's elections.

This announcement was made by AIMIM spokesperson Imran Solanki at a press conference in Kolkata.

Solanki claimed that the Muslim population in West Bengal has surpassed 40 percent, citing the 2011 census as outdated.

He argued that TMC's electoral success is largely dependent on Muslim votes but criticized the party for not doing enough for the community.

Solanki emphasized that AIMIM, which has previously contested in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Delhi, will fight from every seat in Bengal.

He highlighted the party's performance in the recent panchayat elections, where AIMIM garnered 60,000 votes in Malda, 25,000 in Murshidabad, and between 15,000 and 18,000 votes in other regions of the state. Addressing the political scenario in West Bengal, Solanki criticized both the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing them of exploiting Muslim votes while failing to deliver for the community.

He specifically pointed to the lack of a university in Murshidabad, a district with a significant Muslim population, and the increasing presence of RSS offices in areas under the TMC's governance. Notably, AIMIM has also launched a membership drive



in the state, as the party looks to strengthen its presence ahead of the 2024 assembly elections. While the TMC has maintained its stronghold in the state with over 200 seats in the last assembly elections, AIMIM aims to expand its influence. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, TMC secured 29 seats in Bengal, far outpacing BJP's 12 seats, further solidifying Mamata Banerjee's dominance in the state's political scene.

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IIT-ISM Dhanbad Ranks 20th Globally in QS Mining Engineering Rankings 2025

Dhanbad: In a major academic milestone, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has climbed to 20th position globally in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025 for Mineral and Mining Engineering, up from 41st last year. This remarkable leap highlights the institute's commitment to academic excellence, with an overall score of 74.7 and a strong employer reputation score of 67.

Professor Prem Vrat, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIT (ISM), expressed his pride in the achievement, cred-



iting the hard work and dedication of the faculty, students, and alumni for the success.

Director Professor Sukumar Mishra also lauded the institute's progress, stating, "I am

thrilled to announce that IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has ranked 20th globally and 1st in India in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025 for Mineral and Mining Engineering. This outstanding achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to academic rigor and research excellence. Congratulations to the IIT (ISM) community for their relentless efforts, and we look forward to continued success on our journey to excellence." Founded in 1926, IIT (ISM) has been a pioneer in mineral and mining engineering education. As the institute celebrates its 99th year, this recognition further cements its legacy as India's leading institution in the field.



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BJP set to sweep Haryana civic polls, breaches Congress's Rohtak stronghold

Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Results 2025: The BJP's mayoral candidates are leading in nine of the 10 municipal corporations, including in Rohtak - the bastion of Congress stalwart Bhupinder Hooda.

Stamping its authority in Haryana after winning the Assembly elections months ago, the BJP's mayoral candidates are leading in nine of the 10 municipal corporations, including in Rohtak - the bastion of Congress stalwart Bhupinder Hooda. The Congress, contesting the state civic polls on its own symbol for the first time, is unlikely to open its account.

The BJP's mayoral candidates have won Ambala, Gurugram, Sonapat, Rohtak and Karnal. It is leading in Faridabad, Panipat, Hisar and Yamunanagar. In Manesar, independent candidate Inderjeet Yadav defeated BJP's Sunder Lal.

In Ambala, the BJP's Shailja Sachdeva won the mayor's post, defeating her nearest Congress rival Amisha Chawla by a margin of 20,487 votes.

BJP's Raj Rani bagged the Gurugram mayoral seat, while senior BJP leader Rajiv Jain trounced Congress's Komal Dewan in Sonapat. In Karnal, the BJP's Renu Bala Gupta defeated the Congress's Manoj Wadhwa.

However, the biggest embarrassment for the Congress came in Rohtak, the stronghold of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Rohtak was clinched by Ram Avtar of the BJP against the Congress's Surajmal Kilo. In the 2024 Assembly polls, the Congress maintained its grip over Rohtak and Jhajjar districts, with the



party clinching seven out of eight seats. However, Hooda put up a brave face, saying the civic body election results won't have much of an impact on the Congress. "Earlier also, the municipal corporations were

dominated by the BJP. It could be a setback if we lost the seat, but it was already not with us. The Congress must have gained in some areas, but I did not go anywhere during the elections. I don't think these results will have an impact," Hooda said.

The elections, which took place on March 2, saw minimal participation from regional players like INLD, AAP and the JJP after their dismal showing in the Assembly polls. The BJP's strong performance, especially in urban strongholds like Gurugram, shows its continuing dominance over the state's political landscape despite a 10-year rule.

Minister's move against Eknath Shinde's vow to add villages in Navi Mumbai limits

Mumbai. In yet another turn of events that may possibly provide fuel to rumours that all is not well within Maharashtra's Mahayuti alliance, state BJP minister Ganesh Naik urged Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis not to include 14 villages of Kalyan Rural constituency in the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) as earlier promised by Eknath Shinde, when he was the chief minister. In a letter to Fadnis, Maharashtra Forest Minister Naik said that the proposed inclusion of the 14 villages would invite an additional financial burden of Rs 6,500 crore on the NMMC. Notably, before the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections came

into effect, the then Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had accepted the demand of the villagers and issued a Government Resolution to include these villages in the NMMC limits. These villages fall in the Parliamentary constituency of Shinde's son, Shrikant Shinde.

"These villages were earlier in NMMC but were excluded. Now if you have to include them, these villages will have to be given Rs 6,500 crore funds. All the illegal construction in these villages will have to be removed. A tunnel will have to be made to connect these villages to Navi Mumbai. Hence this project is not feasible," Naik



said in his letter. Naik said he was not taken into confidence by Shinde while taking this decision. "I am a minister and MLA later, first I am a Navi Mumbai resident. Why should NMMC take an additional load of Rs 6,500 crores? There is no scope for discussion. I am not against anyone. I am taking a position which is of importance to my constituency," he said. Why should

the taxpayers of Navi Mumbai bear the burden of the development of these villages?" he further questioned.

Meanwhile, Industries Minister and Shiv Sena leader Uday Samant said, "if there is any misunderstanding, we will sit with Naik and sort it out". Congress, on the other hand, did not miss the opportunity to take potshots at the ruling alliance, hinting that there are some issues among the coalition partners. Congress leader Vijay Wedattiwar said, "people from the government are opposing the decisions of the government, which clearly shows that there is no coordination between the coalition.

A Shashi Tharoor Selfie With Pinarayi Vijayan Days After Congress Unity Show

New Delhi. Shashi Tharoor has shared a selfie with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, displaying rare bonhomie despite their bitter political rivalry in the state. The Congress MP's latest post has raised eyebrows days after his praise for the Left government upset his party colleagues and prompted damage control by Rahul Gandhi. Mr Tharoor shared three images on his X handle this morning, including two selfies - with Mr Vijayan and Governor Rajendra Arlekar. The photos were clicked during a dinner hosted by the Governor last night to discuss the problems faced by the state.

"Greatly appreciate the gesture of @KeralaGovernor Rajendra Arlekar in hosting all Kerala MPs to a dinner discussion last night on the problems being faced by the state and the need for collective action. @CMOKerala @pinarayivijayan also attended and spoke briefly," said the Congress MP. "This unusual gesture augurs well for our combined efforts to develop the state, beyond our political



differences," he added.

The selfies follow a newspaper article by the former diplomat praising the LDF government's handling of Kerala's economy and the industrial growth in the state. This, however, did not go down well with the state Congress, the main opposition party in Kerala and the biggest critic of the Vijayan government. The Congress accused Mr Tharoor of

presenting a "distorted" political practice, sparking speculations of a rift between the politician and the state party leadership. Defending himself, the MP had clarified that he was merely highlighting the state's progress. The speculations threatened to escalate with a defiant Mr Tharoor asserting that he had other "options" if his service was not needed in the Congress, but later clarified he had spoken in the context of spending time, and not political options. Mr Tharoor backtracked on his praises after a news report claimed over 42,000 MSMEs had shut down in Kerala over the past nine years and said that he was "dismayed to see that the Kerala start-up entrepreneurship story is not what's been reported." The Congress tried to project unity amid the rift buzz with its central leadership sharing videos with the senior leader. A post shared by former party chief Rahul Gandhi asserted that they "stand as one" - with a photo of Mr Tharoor and other leaders.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Discharged From AIIMS

Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on March 9 following cardiac-related ailments.



New Delhi. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar was discharged from AIIMS-Delhi on Wednesday after making a satisfactory recovery, the premier hospital said. He was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on March 9 following cardiac-related ailments, it said in a statement. "After receiving necessary care from the medical team at AIIMS, he made a satisfactory recovery and was discharged on March 12," AIIMS-Delhi said.

He has been advised to take adequate rest for the next few days. In a post on X, Mr Dhankhar thanked the medical team of the AIIMS.

"Deeply appreciate the exemplary care and professionalism of the medical team at AIIMS, New Delhi, from my admission on March 9 to discharge on March 12. Their dedication and meticulous attention ensured a smooth recovery," he said. "Grateful for the concern and good wishes from well-wishers across India and beyond. Your thoughtful gestures have been truly heartening," the Vice-President added in the X post.

"Don't Need Hindu Certification...": Mamata Banerjee vs BJP In Bengal Assembly

Kolkata. Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the BJP went head-to-head in the Assembly Wednesday, trading allegations of communalism and making inflammatory statements.

The fierce row included Ms Banerjee thundering "I'm a Hindu... don't need certification from BJP", and ripping into the saffron party's "imported Hindu dharma". The opposition party then responded with accusations of Hindu temples being vandalised.

The throwdown - which included BJP lawmakers protesting furiously outside the Assembly building - comes with the 2026 election, to be held in March-April, on the horizon. Responding to the BJP's Suvendu Adhikari of her government being "anti-Hindu", Ms Banerjee accused her rivals of "targeting Muslims because this is the holy month of Ramzan".

They don't like this. They are trying to distract the attention of the country from economic and trade collapse by making communal statements. I'm a Hindu, and I don't need certification from BJP," the Chief Minister, who is routinely attacked for 'minority appeasement', said. She also reminded the BJP that sovereignty, secularism, and pluralism remain the main pillars of India's democracy, and that every Indian has the right to practise his/her religion, "whether a person is a Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, or Parsi..."

"As Chief Minister, my responsibility is to care for all," she said in the Assembly, as BJP lawmakers shouted anti-government slogans. "Do not play the 'Hindu card'..." she warned. Ms Banerjee's fierce comments followed Mr Adhikari - the Leader of the Opposition - declaring that Muslim MLAs from her party would be thrown out if his party were to come to power. On Tuesday Mr Adhikari - Ms Banerjee's right-hand man before jumping to the BJP in December 2020, weeks before the election - said Muslim MLAs would be "physically" thrown out.

The remark was slammed as "hate speech" by Trinamool leader Kunal Ghosh, who said, "This is an extremely objectionable statement. He cannot say MLAs from a particular religion will be thrown out physically... cannot discriminate in the name of religion... this mentality is not good."



Survival and revival: What are Congress's chances in 2025 Bihar Assembly polls

• **The high-stakes Bihar Assembly elections are scheduled to take place by the end of this year. After a severe poll drubbing in Delhi, Maharashtra and Haryana, the Congress is now gearing up for the upcoming state elections.**

New Delhi. After the poll debacles in Delhi, Maharashtra and Haryana, the Congress is looking to tighten its seat-belt and gear up for the Bihar Assembly elections scheduled to take place by the end of this year. This will be the fourth round of Assembly polls after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the stakes are high for the Congress as it faces a humongous perception battle of losing the plot, and more importantly the choice between survival and revival. For a long time, Congress politics in Bihar has been more about piggyback riding, playing the lesser mortal to its big brother, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and less about resurrection.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT: THE K-FACTOR

Despite having a limited role and playing second fiddle to the RJD, the Congress has no fewer worries. With still months to go for the polls, trouble has been brewing



within the state unit over past ego clashes and ambiguity over the chain of command. Needless to say that tackling Bihar politics and politicians is not for the faint-hearted. Complaints have started pouring in with state's new in-charge, Krishna Allavaru yet to begin work at full speed. Meanwhile, the entry of a much-talked-about controversial leader from Begusarai has made it even worse.

Under the spotlight is Congress's Young

Turk Kanhaiya Kumar, who fought the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Begusarai on a CPI ticket and then switched to Congress to contest from Delhi in the 2024 polls. Keen on building a stronger base in his home turf, Kanhaiya has recently been running errands to Bihar and was seen chalking out a walkathon under the banner of "Palayan Roko, rozgar do", organised by the Youth Congress and the National Students Union of India (NSUI). The yantra has already run into troubled waters and what triggered it was his press conference with Allavaru in Patna, when the two announced the commencement of the walkathon from March 16 to April 14.

Expressing his displeasure at the move, a senior party leader said, "What was the hurry that the others were not even informed about it. We fail to understand that if the party is kick-starting its election campaign already, then why not keep

everyone in the loop?"

STIRRING THE HORNET'S NEST

To add to the woes of the party high command, the timing of the yatra is also under question as some leaders from the Muslim community have questioned why it was being done while the holy month of Ramzan is currently underway. The walkathon would pass over a dozen districts from Champaran to Patna, where the Muslim community is a sizeable chunk and even over 20 per cent in some. One source confirmed that the leaders had already communicated their concerns to the top leadership and appealed that the yantra should be postponed to March 30.

STRATEGY MEETING POSTPONED

After unsuccessfully contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from Delhi, Kanhaiya Kumar has expressed his interest to contest the Bihar polls. However, a few state leaders have viewed his yatra as the party sidelining them and giving Kanhaiya Kumar a free hand.

Why a new deal for udda Punjab is essential

The launch of a book on Punjab produced a think — Where is Punjab headed? With a Vidhan Sabha election scheduled in less than two years, this is an appropriate time to take stock. If Afghanistan was the crossroad of civilisations and is the 'graveyard of empires', then Punjab was the pathway through which a multitude of invaders made their way from the Khyber Pass to the Indo-Gangetic plains in their expeditions of plunder. Punjab was invaded over 200 times between 1000 AD and the mid-nineteenth century. It gave rise to a unique brand of fatalism that can be summed up by an earthy proverb: 'khaada pita laahe da, baaki Ahmed Shahe da.' Loosely translated, it means whatever you have eaten or drunk will be yours, the rest the raider will take away.

The British, the last of the aggressors, finally annexed Punjab on March 29, 1849 after the Second Anglo-Sikh War and made it an adjunct of the Bengal Presidency. A majestic sprawl of land from Delhi to the Khyber Pass, Punjab was first partitioned on November 9, 1901 when it's five northwestern districts and five political agencies were carved out to create the North Western Frontier Province (NWFP). Forty-six years later, it was again partitioned on August 15, 1947, with the creation of the dominions of India and Pakistan. Two million people were killed and 20 million displaced from their home and hearth between Peshawar and Lahore in the most brutal fratricide between Hindus and Sikhs on one side and the Muslims on the other. It gave rise to another adage that came to symbolise the relationship between the Hindus and Sikhs -- 'Nau-maas da rishta', meaning eternally inseparable like nails and skin. However, barely had the storm of the Partition settled than the demand for a Punjabi-speaking state within the boundaries of India came to the fore in 1948. It was called the Punjabi Suba Movement. It was symptomatic of perhaps a correctly placed fear of a loss of identity.

It led to another partition of Punjab in 1966 -- a trifurcation that led to the creation of Haryana and upgradation of Himachal Pradesh. That is where Punjab stood on November 1, 1966 -- a trimmed, truncated and mutilated ghost of its former imposing self. Hardly had the new state settled down than it was hit by Naxalism a year later, only to be put down with state coercion. In October 1973, came the Sri Anandpur Sahib Resolution, demanding more regional autonomy.

By 1980, militancy had started mushrooming in Punjab. A whole generation was lost to the depredations of terrorism and state excesses by 1995. What followed was three decades of diffident governance, going across various dispensations, because the problems had by then become so convoluted that it was easier for the political leadership to skirt them than confront them. The turbulence in the form and shape of the farmers' movement over the past five years has deeper psychological roots -- in the unaddressed sense of alienation going back to 1947.

That is where Punjab stands today, facing five fundamental challenges that are existential to its very survival. The public debt would balloon to Rs 3.74 lakh crore or more by the end of this fiscal. The debt-to-GDP ratio would be to the tune of 53.7 per cent by FY-2027-28. With Rs 36,766 crore budgeted for debt-servicing in the current financial year, Punjab is sinking into the quicksand of liabilities. However, there is no public or even private discussion on it among Punjab's political elite, either in the Vidhan Sabha or outside. Vidhan Sabha sessions are barely a two-or-three-day affair now, and where a farcical 'he said, she said' is the order of the day.

The second is the declining size of the landholdings in Punjab. As many as 84 per cent of the farmers hold just three-to-five acres of land. Fragmentation and subdivision is only escalating, with land around cities becoming sprawling, often unregulated, urban agglomerations.

Even with the crutch of a minimum support price, agriculture as a standalone occupation is not viable. Without touching on ownership rights, how to make agriculture viable is a debate that is not even taking place among the political parties in Punjab.

Why humanities matter in a tech-driven world

The devaluation of 'soft' disciplines like literature, philosophy, history, sociology or fine arts will prove to be disastrous for the psychic, intellectual development of the young generation.

Ask a bureaucrat, an industrialist or even a policymaker about the kind of education we ought to prioritise in order to progress as a nation. It is quite likely that they will put extraordinary emphasis on artificial intelligence, robotics, machine learning, data sciences and information technology. Likewise, if you ask middle-class parents about their preferences, it is quite likely that you will hear that they want their children to opt for STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects and settle down in life as engineers, doctors and techno-managers. Indeed, amid this all-pervading notion of 'relevant' education, it is not easy to plead for 'soft' disciplines - liberal arts, humanities and social sciences. In fact, even if your child wants to pursue physics as well as history, or accountancy and philosophy, it is almost impossible for our schools to make it possible because of a hugely problematic and rigid classification of disciplines into science, arts and commerce.

In fact, quite often, it is argued that 'soft' disciplines are irrelevant because your knowledge in history or literature does not help the market to flourish or technology to grow. In other words, a purely market-driven instrumental reasoning has become the dominant discourse in our times; colleges/universities are asked to follow the dictates of the emergent neoliberal bosses; and education has been reduced into a merely job-oriented skill for the techno-economic growth.

Is it, therefore, surprising that throughout the world, we are seeing the new trend of colleges and universities closing their departments of liberal arts and humanities because of low enrollment as these domains of knowledge are seen to be 'non-profitable'? Yet, I have no hesitation in regarding this trend as the poverty of pedagogic imagination. In fact, the growing devaluation of 'soft' disciplines like literature, philosophy, history, sociology or fine arts will prove to be utterly disastrous for the psychic, intellectual development as well as politico-historical sensibilities of the young generation growing up in these turbulent times. In this context, it will not be inappropriate to reflect on my own academic trajectory -- from physics and mathematics to social sciences. Of course, physics and mathematics helped me to evolve what can be regarded as some sort of scientific-mathematical reasoning. But then, social sciences and

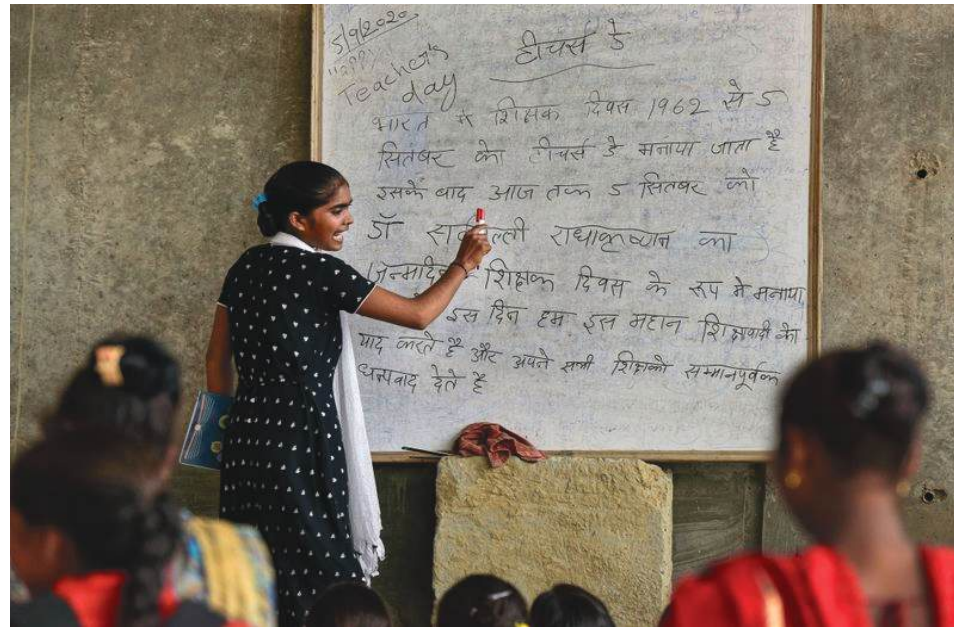
humanities enriched me in another meaningful way. First, it sharpened my politico-historical sensibilities. I could make sense of my own biography in the context of the larger social and political development -- say, modernity, secularism, nationalism, caste, class, ethnic divisions, patriarchy, feminist assertions and new social movements. In other words, it helped me to become an active and alert citizen, taking part in the process of social transformation.

Second, self-reflexivity became an integral part of this

neo-fascism and social conservatism. It is impossible to nurture the spirit of democracy without this sort of critical thinking.

Well, I am not underestimating the importance of artificial intelligence, robotics, data sciences, or STEM subjects. But then, if in the name of pure instrumentality and economic rationality, we deprive the new generation of the treasure that great poets, mystics, philosophers, historians, sociologists and artists embodied, it will cause a great damage to the mental, aesthetic and political sensibilities of the new generation.

Think of the world we are living in. When we reflect on the accelerated growth of right wing nationalism and authoritarianism, we realise that democracy is fast degenerating into some sort of electoral autocracy. We are also seeing the close affinity between these neo-fascists and select techno-economic elites. In recent times, the alliance between Donald Trump and Elon Musk reveals this dangerous trend. In fact, when technocracy, right wing nationalism and religious fundamentalism tend to merge, we find ourselves in a dystopian world. Social welfare, distributive justice, egalitarian spirit, peace, ecological sensibilities and cultural pluralism -- in fact, all redemptive projects are suspected or castigated as some sort of 'leftist' propaganda. Not solely that. What this system abhors is the very idea of libertarian education: the kind of



education that makes one think, interrogate the prevalent 'order', and imagine a just world free from war, militarism, climate crisis, religious fundamentalism, hyper-nationalism and a purely technocratic vision of life. Not surprisingly, we see the growing attack on the idea of libertarian education. And even India is no exception.

In fact, if we seek to resist this techno-fascist dystopian world, we need a new practice of education -- the kind of education that sees beyond the mass production of a bunch of non-reflexive technocrats or a set of compliant workers for running the prevalent system. We need creative minds who can rescue the power of imagination from the trap of the rising techno-fascism, raise critical questions and emerge as alert, awakened, dialogic citizens for creating a humane world. And this is impossible without liberal arts, humanities and social sciences.

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YouTube takedowns

Wake-up call for India to clean up the mess

It's a worrying sign that India has again topped the global list of YouTube video takedowns. Of the worldwide total of 9.4 million videos removed by the Google-owned company between October and December 2024, around 30 per cent were from India. It's obvious that the misuse of this popular video-sharing and social media platform continues unabated in the country. YouTube's community guidelines disallow content pertaining particularly to pornography, incitement to violence, harassment or cyberbullying, hate speech and misinformation. Notably, over 96 per cent of the policy-violating videos globally were first flagged by the platform's automated content moderation tools -- without any human intervention. A big challenge for YouTube is to take down content before it starts getting a sizeable number of views. Its generally robust self-regulatory mechanism came under a cloud recently when YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia's comments on an online show, India's Got Talent, triggered a nationwide



outrage as well as a string of FIRs. The episode and clips in question were removed after the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stepped in. However, the Supreme Court's directions to the Centre to frame

guidelines for regulating social media content have raised the spectre of government interference in the working of online platforms, besides a possibly detrimental effect on free speech. The takedowns should prompt the government and other stakeholders to delve deep into various cases of misinformation and hate speech. It is disconcerting that the temptation to invest in dubious endeavours that serve to heighten communal tensions or foment hatred is getting stronger. The World Economic Forum has cautioned that misinformation and disinformation pose a persistent threat to societal cohesion and governance. India has been identified as a leading at-risk nation. Close collaboration between the government and platforms such as YouTube can help in deterring miscreants from posting harmful or objectionable content. A sustained awareness campaign is a must to warn users of the perils of fake news and prejudiced views.

Akal Takht's supremacy under threat

Removal of two jathedars marks an inflection point in Sikh politico-religious affairs

THE controversial removal of two Takht jathedars by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has caused a furore within the Sikh community. At a meeting of its executive committee on March 7, the SGPC decided to terminate the services of Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh for "failing to guide the Panth and address contemporary issues effectively". The committee also decided to remove Giani Sultan Singh from the post of Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib.

Though they both continue to be in service of the SGPC, their removal is being described by many observers as a 'black day' in contemporary Sikh history. It has saddened and dismayed Sikhs across the globe. However, not many would have been surprised by these decisions. A month ago, another Jathedar, Giani Harpreet Singh, had been sacked by the SGPC on 'flimsy' charges.

The present turmoil in Sikh institutions has its origin in the happenings of December 2, 2024, when the SAD leadership appeared before the Akal Takht to atone for its 'misdeeds'. The Sikh clergy awarded them religious punishment. The Badals (father and son) were presumably considered the main culprits. Besides awarding tankhah to Sukhbir Singh Badal, the clergy withdrew the title of Panth Rattan Fakhr-e-Qaum (pride of the Sikh community) that had been conferred on then Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal by the Akal Takht in 2011. The jathedars also directed that all factions of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) be dissolved and appointed a committee to oversee the process of the party's revival through a fresh enrolment of members. While this was a bitter pill to swallow for the SAD leadership, the Sikhs at large were jubilant. They saw in it a ray of hope, a possibility of a return to politics with a moral fibre and one that was accountable to the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs. There have been instances in Sikh history when the Akal Takht has summoned powerful Sikh rulers, including Maharaja Ranjit Singh,



and awarded them severe punishment. However, the present-day Akali leaders would not have expected the jathedars to be so harsh on them. They tend to see them as mere employees of the SGPC. And the SAD leadership has had near-total control over the affairs of the SGPC for the past several decades. Their decision to appear before the Akal Takht was an attempt to reclaim legitimacy among the Sikhs following a decade-long rule during which some steps widely perceived to be anti-Sikh were taken. While the SAD leadership nominally underwent a part of the awarded tankhah, the dominant section also saw the punishment as a challenge to its authority. Hence, the reprisal. While a section of the SAD leadership might

see the removal of the two jathedars as a victory, it is likely to further erode the party's credibility among the Sikh masses. Besides widespread condemnation of the executive committee's latest decisions, members of the Sikh civil society have also pointed to the fact that the SGPC no longer has the mandate of the community. Its term expired a long time ago. It continues to be in place by default because no elections have been held since 2011. What explains such dissonance and discord within Sikh institutions? What could be the way forward for the Sikhs? For over a century, Sikh religious institutions and Akali politics have been inseparable. It was during the popular mobilisation for the liberation of historic

gurdwaras in the 1920s that the SGPC was born. The Akali Dal was formed by leaders of this reform movement as its political wing, which had to be subordinated to the religious establishment, the SGPC and the Akal Takht. Over the years, this relationship has reversed. The political class, with a specific family at its helm, has come to control various institutions. The SAD has also come to function like other parties, conforming to the prevailing political culture. It has changed its mandate from being a party representing Sikh interests and aspirations to being a party of all Punjabis, representing their regional interests.

With the formation of a separate gurdwara management committee in Haryana, the SGPC's sphere of influence has shrunk and become confined to Punjab. Likewise, Delhi has a separate gurdwara committee. Besides, there are a large number of important gurdwaras, including in Punjab, which are outside the purview of the SGPC.

Even more importantly, over the past 100 years, the social profile of the Sikh community has seen many changes. With growing urbanisation and occupational diversification, the community's aspirations and perspectives have become far more diverse. Sikhs today are spread across the world, with a sizeable number of them in Europe and North America. However, they all look up to the Akal Takht as the supreme authority of the faith. Given that the SGPC does not represent the aspirations of all Sikhs, it should not have the sole right to appoint or remove jathedars. The time has come to separate the institution of the Akal Takht both from the SGPC and the regional politics of the SAD. In the long run, such a separation may prove to be beneficial for everyone. But it is unlikely to be an easy task. Such a change would require extensive popular mobilisation. On the positive side, Sikhs today have vibrant civil society organisations in several nations and resources of their own to make such a change possible.

बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खण्डा थैके बेङ्गले यानवाहन प्रवेश शुरू

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सर्राफा बाजार में गिरावट से सस्ता हुआ सोना, चांदी का भाव भी टूटा

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार में बुधवार को गिरावट का रुख बना हुआ है। सोना आज 320 रुपये से लेकर 350 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक सस्ता हुआ है। इसी तरह चांदी भी आज 1 हजार रुपये किलोग्राम तक कमजोर हुई है। भाव में आई गिरावट के कारण आज देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 87,480 रुपये से लेकर 87,630 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना आज 80,190 रुपये से लेकर 80,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। कीमत में गिरावट आने के कारण दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में चांदी भी आज 97,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रही है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना

87,630 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 80,340 पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 87,530 रुपये प्रति की कीमत पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 80,190 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह कोलकाता में भी 24 कैरेट सोना 87,480 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 80,190 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। लखनऊ के सर्राफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 87,630 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 80,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। वहीं पटना में 24 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 87,530 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोना 80,240 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह जयपुर में 24 कैरेट सोना 87,630 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 80,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है।



क्रिजैक लिमिटेड को 1000 करोड़ रुपये के आईपीओ के लिए सेबी की मंजूरी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कोलकाता स्थित अग्रणी छत्र भर्ती समाधान प्रदाता क्रिजैक लिमिटेड को आरंभिक सार्वजनिक निगम (आईपीओ) लाने के लिए भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) से मंजूरी मिल गई है। कंपनी की योजना इस इश्यू के जरिए 1000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाने की है। कंपनी ने 18 नवंबर, 2024 को सेबी के समक्ष अपने आईपीओ के कागजात फिर से दाखिल किए थे। यह आईपीओ पूरी तरह से प्रमोटर्स पंकी अग्रवाल और मनीष अग्रवाल के बिक्री के लिए प्रस्ताव (ओएफएस) के रूप में होगा। इसमें कोई फ्रेश इश्यू शामिल नहीं होगा। क्रिजैक लिमिटेड का 2 रुपये प्रति इक्विटी शेयर के अंकित मूल्य वाला यह आईपीओ पूरी तरह से प्रमोटर द्वारा शेयरधारकों को बेचने वाले 1,000 करोड़ रुपये तक की बिक्री का प्रस्ताव है। बिक्री के प्रस्ताव में

किंगडम, कनाडा, आयरलैंड गणराज्य, ऑस्ट्रेलिया और न्यूजीलैंड में उच्च शिक्षा के एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ऑनलाइन फूड ऑर्डरिंग और डिलीवरी प्लेटफॉर्म पंकी लिमिटेड ने सुलभ इंटरनेशनल के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की। इसके तहत समझौते स्विगी के डिलीवरी पार्टनर दिल्ली एनसीआर, मुंबई, ठाणे, पुणे, हैदराबाद, बंगलुरु और चेन्नई में सुलभ शौचालय का निःशुल्क उपयोग कर सकेंगे। इसके साथ ही स्विगी ने 2030 तक शत प्रतिशत इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) अपने डिलीवरी बेड़े में शामिल करने का ऐलान किया है। देश का अग्रणी ऑन-डिमांड सुविधा प्लेटफॉर्म स्विगी के राजधानी दिल्ली स्थित टांगवाकर पैलेस में आयोजित स्विगी सरस्टेबिलिटी समिट 2025 का सांसद शशि थरु ने उद्घाटन किया। इस अवसर पर स्विगी के एमडी और समूह के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) श्रीरंज मन्ते ने सुलभ इंटरनेशनल के अध्यक्ष कुमार दिलीप के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की। इसके अलावा 2030 तक 100 फीसदी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) डिलीवरी बेड़े में बदलाव करने का लक्ष्य घोषित किया। स्विगी सरस्टेबिलिटी समिट 2025 के उद्घाटन के मौके पर घोषित यह साझेदारी मुंबई, ठाणे, पुणे, हैदराबाद, बंगलुरु, चेन्नई और दिल्ली एनसीआर के शहरों सहित प्रमुख शहरों में स्विगी के डिलीवरी पार्टनर्स को स्विगी ऐप पर पंजीकरण दिखाने के बाद सुलभ शौचालय का निःशुल्क उपयोग करने में सक्षम बनाएगी। इसके अलावा स्विगी ने 8 प्रमुख स्तंभों में लक्ष्यों की घोषणा की। इसमें उत्सर्जन



एयरटेल ने एलन मस्क के स्पेसएक्स के साथ किया समझौता, भारत में जल्द लॉन्च होगा सैटेलाइट इंटरनेट

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। निजी क्षेत्र की दूरसंचार कंपनी भारतीय एयरटेल ने भारत में सैटेलाइट इंटरनेट सर्विस स्टारलिनक लाने के लिए एलन मस्क की कंपनी स्पेसएक्स के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किया है। हालांकि, ये डील तभी लागू होगी जब स्पेसएक्स को भारत सरकार से स्टारलिनक सेवाएं बेचने की अनुमति मिलेगी। कंपनी ने शेयर बाजार को रेगुलेटरी फाइलिंग में बताया कि उसने भारत में हाई-स्पीड इंटरनेट सर्विस स्टारलिनक लाने के लिए एलन मस्क की स्पेसएक्स के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। एयरटेल इस समझौते के तहत स्पेसएक्स के सैटेलाइट इंटरनेट

डिलीवरी स्टारलिनक के जरिए भारत में अपने ग्राहकों तक हाई-स्पीड मजबूत करने और उपभोक्ताओं को एडवांस इंटरनेट सर्विस उपलब्ध कराने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। कंपनी ने बताया कि इस समझौते के तहत एयरटेल और स्पेसएक्स एयरटेल के रिटेल स्टोर में स्टारलिनक उपकरण ऑफर करने की संभावनाओं को तलाशेंगे। एयरटेल के जरिए बिजनेस कस्टमर्स को



देश को 15 से 20 वर्षों में 30 हजार पायलटों की होगी जरूरत: राममोहन नायडू

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि भारत को अगले 15 से 20 साल में 30 हजार पायलट की जरूरत होगी। इसकी वजह घरेलू एयरलाइनों ने अपने नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए 1,700 से ज्यादा विमानों का ऑर्डर देना है, जबकि वर्तमान में 800 से अधिक विमान हैं। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने एयरो क्लब ऑफ इंडिया और शक्ति एयरोक्लाफ्ट इंडस्ट्रीज के बीच 200 प्रशिक्षक विमानों के ऑर्डर के लिए समझौता ज्ञान (एमओयू) पर हस्ताक्षर करने के अवसर पर बतौर मुख्य अतिथि बोल रहे थे। नायडू ने कहा कि फिलहाल 6,000 से 7 हजार पायलट काम कर रहे हैं। देश को अगले 15 से 20 साल में 30

हजार पायलटों की आवश्यकता होगी। राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि एयरो क्लब ऑफ इंडिया और शक्ति एयरोक्लाफ्ट इंडस्ट्रीज के बीच समझौता ज्ञान पर हस्ताक्षर के अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि बनकर सम्मानित महसूस कर रहा हूँ। उन्होंने कहा कि अधिकारी 38 उड़ान प्रशिक्षण संगठनों (एफटीओ) के विभिन्न पहलुओं का सत्यापन कर रहे हैं और इन संगठनों की रेटिंग की जाएगी। उन्होंने भारत को प्रशिक्षण केंद्र बनाने की वकालत की। उन्होंने कहा कि मंत्रालय विमान उद्योग के लिए सामूहिक दृष्टिकोण के साथ काम कर रहा है। केंद्रीय मंत्री के मुताबिक हवाई अड्डों को वर्गीकृत करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं, जिसमें कार्गो और उड़ान प्रशिक्षण संगठनों (एफटीओ) के लिए अलग

भारत और कतर के बीच वित्तीय और आर्थिक सहयोग को मंजूरी : वित्त मंत्रालय

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। द्विपक्षीय सहयोग को मजबूत करने और बढ़ाने की दिशा के रूप में भारत और कतर के बीच वित्तीय एवं आर्थिक सहयोग को बढ़ाने पर हुए समझौते को पूर्ववर्ती तिथि से मंजूरी दे दी गई है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में बताया कि भारत और कतर के बीच वित्त मंत्रालयों द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित समझौता ज्ञान (एमओयू) को पूर्वव्यापी मंजूरी दे दी गई है। दोनों देशों के बीच वित्तीय और आर्थिक सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए समझौता ज्ञान पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। इस समझौते पर कतर के अमीर शेख तमीम बिन हमद अल थानी की 18 फरवरी, 2025 को भारत यात्रा के दौरान हस्ताक्षर किए गए थे। इस समझौता ज्ञान से दोनों देशों में निवेश के लिए नए और उभरते क्षेत्रों और अवसरों की खोज होने की उम्मीद है। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि वित्त मंत्रालय के आर्थिक मामलों के विभाग के संयुक्त सचिव बलदेव पुरुषाथ और कतर में भारत के



स्विगी ने डिलीवरी पार्टनर के लिए सुलभ इंटरनेशनल के साथ साझेदारी की

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ऑनलाइन फूड ऑर्डरिंग और डिलीवरी प्लेटफॉर्म पंकी लिमिटेड ने सुलभ इंटरनेशनल के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की। इसके तहत समझौते स्विगी के डिलीवरी पार्टनर दिल्ली एनसीआर, मुंबई, ठाणे, पुणे, हैदराबाद, बंगलुरु और चेन्नई में सुलभ शौचालय का निःशुल्क उपयोग कर सकेंगे। इसके साथ ही स्विगी ने 2030 तक शत प्रतिशत इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) अपने डिलीवरी बेड़े में शामिल करने का ऐलान किया है। देश का अग्रणी ऑन-डिमांड सुविधा प्लेटफॉर्म स्विगी के राजधानी दिल्ली स्थित टांगवाकर पैलेस में आयोजित स्विगी सरस्टेबिलिटी समिट 2025 का सांसद शशि थरु ने उद्घाटन किया। इस अवसर पर स्विगी के एमडी और समूह के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) श्रीरंज मन्ते ने सुलभ इंटरनेशनल के अध्यक्ष कुमार दिलीप के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की। इसके अलावा 2030 तक 100 फीसदी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) डिलीवरी बेड़े में बदलाव करने का लक्ष्य घोषित किया। कंपनी ने यह भी साझा किया कि 2030 तक वह अपने शत प्रतिशत रेस्तरां भागीदारों को जिम्मेदार पैकेजिंग विकल्पों में बदलाव करने में सुविधा प्रदान करने का लक्ष्य हासिल करेगा। इसके अलावा कंपनी अपने मूल्य श्रृंखला में बेहतर प्रक्रियाओं और स्वचालन के माध्यम से अपने प्रत्यक्ष संचालन में साल-दर-साल 2.5 फीसदी तक खर्च होने वाले कचरे को कम करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध जनाया। स्विगी यह सुनिश्चित करेगी कि 2025 तक हर स्थानीय रूप से उपलब्ध फसल शत प्रतिशत स्वदेशी रूप से प्राप्त हो, जिससे किसानों का उत्थान हो और क्षेत्रीय अर्थव्यवस्थाएं मजबूत हों। इसने स्विगी रिकल्स जैसे कार्यक्रमों के साथ 2030 तक हमारे मूल्य श्रृंखला में 1 मिलियन से अधिक व्यक्तियों की भागीदारी को सुविधाजनक बनाने के साथ-साथ अपस्क्रिल, रीस्कल करने की अपनी प्रतिबद्धता को भी मजबूत किया।

आरबीआई गवर्नर संजय मल्होत्रा के हस्ताक्षर वाले 100 और 200 रुपये के नोट जारी होंगे

एजेंसी मुंबई/ नई दिल्ली। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) जल्द ही गवर्नर संजय मल्होत्रा के हस्ताक्षर वाले 100 और 200 रुपये के नोट जारी करेगा। रिजर्व बैंक के पहले जारी 100 और 200 रुपये के सभी बैंक नोट वैध मुद्रा बने रहेंगे। आरबीआई ने जारी बयान में बताया कि वह जल्द ही गवर्नर संजय मल्होत्रा के हस्ताक्षर वाले 100 और 200 रुपये के नोट जारी करेगा। रिजर्व बैंक ने कहा, इन नोटों का डिजाइन महात्मा गांधी (नई) श्रृंखला के 100 और 200 रुपये के नोटों के समान है। रिजर्व बैंक के मुताबिक पहले जारी किए जा चुके 100 और 200 रुपये के सभी बैंक नोट वैध मुद्रा बने रहेंगे। गौरतलब है कि संजय मल्होत्रा ने दिसंबर, 2024 में शक्तिशाली दास की जगह आरबीआई गवर्नर का पद संभाला था।



डॉलर इंडेक्स की कमजोरी से संभली भारतीय मुद्रा, 13 पैसे की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ रुपया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ग्लोबल मार्केट में बने ख़ाब के बावजूद मुद्रा बाजार में आज रुपये ने मजबूती दर्ज की। डॉलर के मुकाबले रुपया आज दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद 13 पैसे की मजबूती के साथ 87.21 रुपये प्रति डॉलर के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। इसके पहले पिछले कारोबारी दिन सोमवार को भारतीय मुद्रा 87.34 रुपये प्रति डॉलर के स्तर पर बंद हुई थी। भारतीय मुद्रा ने आज सुबह डॉलर के मुकाबले 4 पैसे की कमजोरी के साथ 87.38 रुपये के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की थी। दिन के कारोबार के दौरान डॉलर की मांग बढ़ने पर रुपया कमजोर होकर 87.39 के स्तर तक पहुंचा। बाद में इसने रिकवरी करके 87.17



शुरुआती कमजोरी के बाद संभला शेयर बाजार, सपाट स्तर पर बंद हुए सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। वैश्विक दबाव के बावजूद घरेलू शेयर बाजार ने आज निचले स्तर से शानदार रिकवरी की। आज के कारोबार की कमजोरी शुरूआत हुई थी, लेकिन बाजार खुलने के बाद ज्यादातर समय खरीदार बाजार पर हावी नजर आए। लाम्बा पूरे दिन हुई खरीदारी के कारण शेयर बाजार आज सपाट स्तर पर मिले-जुलें परिणाम के साथ बंद हुआ। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स ने 0.02 प्रतिशत की

कमजोरी के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। वहीं निफ्टी 0.17 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद होने में सफल रहा। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान ऑयल एंड गैस, पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज और रिप्लेटी सेक्टर के शेयरों में खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह कैपिटल गुड्स, कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल्स, हेल्थ केयर और मेटल इंडेक्स भी मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। बैंकिंग, आईटी, ऑटोमोबाइल, एफएमसीजी और टेक सेक्टर के शेयरों में बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा। ब्रॉडर मार्केट में आज मिला-जुला कारोबार होता रहा, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिड्केप इंडेक्स 0.72 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.70 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज मिड्केप शेयरों में हुई खरीदारी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में 60 हजार करोड़ रुपये का इजाफा हो गया। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 394.53 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थायी) हो गया। पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी सोमवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 393.85 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 68 हजार करोड़ रुपये का फायदा हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,091 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,490 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए जबकि 2,479

शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा। 122 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,639 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 856 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर नुकसान में और 1,783 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 16 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 14 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से 29 शेयर हले निशान में और 21 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 371.29 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 73,743.88 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही बिकवाली के दबाव के कारण शेयरों की गिरावट शुरू कर दी, जिससे इस सूचकांक की स्थिति में सुधार होने लगा। लगातार ही रही खरीदारी के सपाट से आज का कारोबार खत्म होने का

थोड़ी देर पहले यह सूचकांक निचले स्तर से 530 अंक से अधिक की छलांग लगा कर 80 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 74,195.17 अंक तक पहुंचने में सफल रहा। हालांकि आखिरी कुछ मिनिट में हुई बिकवाली के कारण सेंसेक्स 12.85 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 74,102.32 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज 114.35 अंक टूट कर 22,345.95 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की।

विदेशों में होली के दिलचस्प रंग

रंगों का रंगीला पर्व होली केवल हमारे देश में ही नहीं, बल्कि विदेशों में भी मनाया जाता है। हां, विदेशों में होली मनाने के रंग-ढंग हमसे कुछ भिन्न जरूर हैं, किन्तु वहां पर भी उसी उत्साह और उमंग से होली मनाई जाती है। होली के शुभअवसर पर क्यों न विश्व के विभिन्न देशों में होली मनाने का जायजा लिया जाए और देखें कि वहां कैसे मनाई जाती है होली



अमेरिका में एक त्योहार मनाया जाता है 'होबो'। होबो के दिन दुनिया भर के फूहड़पन अमेरिका में देखा जा सकता है। उस दिन होबो बने लोगों की एक सभा होती है। उस सभा में जाने के लिए जो पोशाक पहनी जाती है, उसमें किसी के पतलून की एक टांग गायब होती है तो कोई शर्ट के बटन वाला भाग पीठ की ओर करके पहने होता है। किसी के एक पैर में जूता होता है, तो दूसरे पैर में चप्पल। चेहरे पर एंसे मेकअप किया जाता है कि खुद होबो के घर वाले भी पहचान न पाएं। इस सभा में जो सर्वाधिक बेहूदगी करता है, उसकी प्रशंसा की जाती है और उसे अन्य होबोओं द्वारा पुरस्कृत किया जाता है। अमेरिका में 31 अक्टूबर को 'हेलाइन' नाम से रंगों का त्योहार भी पूरे उत्साह और उल्लास से मनाया जाता है।

इटली : यहां होली का प्रतिरूप त्योहार 'बेलियाकोनोन्स' के नाम से मनाया जाता है। इस दिन छोटे-बड़े सभी एक दूसरे पर सुगन्धित जल छिड़कते हैं और उन्हें घास के बने आभूषण भेंट करते हैं। यहां पर होली काफी शालीनता से मनाई जाती है। अन्न की देवी 'फ्लोर' को खुश करने के वास्ते तथा खेती की उन्नति के लिए शाम को बिल्कुल भारत की तरह इटली के लोग लकड़ियां एकत्र कर जलाते हैं और अग्नि के आसपास नाचते-कूदते हैं। इस मौके पर आतिशबाजी करने की प्रथा भी यहां प्रचलित है।

फ्रांस : यहां लोग बेहद उत्साह से होली मनाते हैं। इस दिन फ्रांसीसी लोग काफी हुड़दंग मनाते हैं और एक-दूसरे पर रंग-बिरंगे गुलाल और रंग मलते हैं। हर साल 13 अप्रैल को मनाए जाने वाले इस त्योहार को फ्रांस में 'मूर्ख का त्योहार' कहा जाता है। वहां जो भी होली के हुड़दंग से बचने की कोशिश करता है, उसका मुंह सभी हुड़दंगी मिलकर काला कर देते हैं और उसके सिर पर सींग लगाकर उसे भैंस की आकृति दी जाती है। फिर उसे सारे बाजार में घुमाया जाता है। इससे एक दिन पहले घास-फूस की बनी मूर्तियों को सारे नगर में घुमाकर शाम को उन्हें जला दिया जाता है।

अफ्रीका : मार्च-अप्रैल के मध्य मनाया जाने वाला त्योहार 'ओमेना वैका' भारतीय होली का मिलता-जुलता रूप है। यहां पर 'वौंगा' नामक एक अत्याचारी राजा का पुतला जलाया जाता है। इस संबंध में यह मान्यता प्रचलित है कि 'वौंगा' नामक एक अत्याचारी राजा को प्रजा ने जलाकर मार डाला था। तब से प्रतिवर्ष उसी ढंग से 'वौंगा' का पुतला जलाकर यह त्योहार मनाया जाता है और खुशियां मनाई जाती हैं। दूसरे दिन कुछ अफ्रीकी क्षेत्रों में एक दूसरे पर रंग भी छिड़कते हैं।

रूस : 31 मार्च के दिन हर साल 'हास्य पर्व' मनाया जाता है। इस दिन यहां भारत सरीखे महामूर्ख सम्मेलन इत्यादि आयोजन किये जाते हैं। भारत के पड़ोसी देश बर्मा में होली को 'तेच्या' कहा जाता है। यहां यह पर्व चार दिन तक मनाया जाता है। इन चार दिनों में बच्चे-बड़े सभी राह चलते लोगों पर पिचकारियों से रंग फेंकते हैं। इस पर्व के

अवसर पर एक दिन का राष्ट्रीय अवकाश भी होता है।

श्रीलंका: यहां भी भारत के तौर-तरीकों से होली मनाई जाती है। वहां के लोग इस पर्व पर राष्ट्रीय अवकाश भी मनाते हैं। श्रीलंका में रात्रि को 'होलिका दहन' करते हैं और दूसरे दिन रंग-गुलाल भी खेलते हैं।

चीन: यहां लोकप्रिय पर्व 'चेजे' के दिन से एक पखवारे तक खुशियां मनाई जाती है और रंगों से खेला जाता है। यहां यह पर्व वसंत के बाद प्रारंभ होता है और हर चीनी इसमें बहुत उमंग के साथ हिस्सा लेता है। थाईलैंड में इसे 'सांगक्रान' कहा जाता है। अप्रैल माह में मनाये जाने वाले इस त्योहार में लोग एक-दूसरे पर सुगन्धित जल डालते हैं और बौद्ध भिक्षुओं को भिक्षा देते हैं।

चेकोस्लोवाकिया : यहां होली को 'बेलिया कोनोन्स' के नाम से मनाया जाता है। यहां पर इस दिन लोग भारत की भांति एक दूसरे पर रंग छिड़कते हैं और गुलाल मलते हैं। इस मौके पर नाच-गाना भी होता है। यूनान में 'मैपोल' नाम से एक त्योहार मनाया जाता है। इस उत्सव में एक खंभा गाड़ा जाता है और उसके आसपास ढेरों लकड़ियां एकत्र कर रात के समय आग लगा दी जाती है। इस दिन लोग अपने देवता 'डोयनोसिय' की पूजा कर शराब पीते हैं।

मिस्र : यहां मार्च महीने में होली की तरह ही एक पर्व मनाया जाता है, जिसमें रंगों का भरपूर उपयोग होता है। यहां इसे 'फलिका' नाम से

जाना जाता है।

पोलैंड के लोग 'आरशिना' नामक त्योहार होली की भांति मनाते हैं। यहां लोगों की टोलियां इस दिन एक दूसरे पर फूलों से निर्मित रंग डालते हैं और आपस में गले मिलते हैं।

जापान में यह पर्व वसंत के आगमन तथा नई फसल की खुशी में मनाया जाता है। मार्च महीने में होने वाले इस उत्सव में नाच-गाने तथा विविध प्रकार के मनोरंजक कार्यक्रमों की भरमार होती है। बेल्जियम में 'मूर्ख दिवस' के रूप में मनाए जाने वाले इस पर्व पर लोग अपने पुराने जूते जलाते हैं तथा नाचते-गाते और हंसी-मजाक करते हैं। जो लोग इस उत्सव में शामिल नहीं होते, उनका चेहरा काले रंग से पोत कर उन्हें गधे की पीठ पर बैठा कर जुलूस निकालते हैं।

हंगरी देश का ईस्टर त्योहार भारत के होली पर्व जैसा ही है। लड़के-लड़कियां आपस में रंग छिड़कते हैं तथा मिठाई बांटते हैं। इस दिन नाच-गाकर लोग आनंद मनाते हैं।

जर्मनी में ईस्टर के दिन लकड़ियां एकत्र कर उसमें आग लगा देते हैं। बच्चे और युवक आपस में रंग खेलते हैं। साइबेरिया में घास-फूस तथा जलाने की लकड़ी घर-घर संग्रह की जाती है। पुरुष तथा महिलाएं मिलकर होली जलाते हैं। इन देशों के अलावा विश्व के अन्य देशों में भी अलग-अलग अंदाज में होली मनाई जाती है। इसमें संदेह नहीं कि होली एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय त्योहार है।



रंगों का त्योहार होली एक अनूठा पर्व है। एक अलग ही छटा लिए यह उत्सव। इसकी पौराणिक मान्यता तो है ही सामाजिक महत्व भी बड़ा अर्थपूर्ण है। शांति और सद्भाव का संदेश देने वाला यह त्योहार भेदभाव और ऊंच नीच को भुलाकर एक हो जाने का दिन है। यह त्योहार उदारता और सहिष्णुता की सीख देता है। इसीलिए हमें याद रखना होगा कि होली में अमर्यादित मौज मस्ती से कहीं अधिक मायने रखता है। रंगों की आभा से मन-जीवन को रंगना और हर उस रिश्ते को जीवंत बना लेना जिसके बिना जिंदगी बेरंग है। साथ ही संयमित और सधे ढंग से उल्लास और हर्ष की अभिव्यक्ति करना ताकि हमारा व्यवहार खुशियों के रंग बिखरे न कि किसी के दिल को ठेस पहुंचाये।

मस्ती की धुन में गरिमायुी व्यवहार
होली मस्ती और धमाल का त्योहार है पर इस मस्ती में कई बार त्योहार की गरिमा ही खो जाती है। मन खुश हो जाता है जब होली के

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हुड़दंग के नाम पर हर साल कई जानें जाती हैं। जोश में होश खो देने वाले युवा सड़क हादसों के शिकार बनते हैं। महिलाओं और बुजुर्गों के साथ अभद्रता का व्यवहार होता है। इतना ही नहीं, विदेशों से हमारी सांस्कृतिक विरासत की सतरंगी छटा देखने और भारत आकर इस त्योहार को मनाने वाले पर्यटकों के साथ होने वाली बदसलुकी भी अखबारों की सुर्खियां बनती हैं। अक्सर देखने में आता है कि ऐसे हुड़दंग और असभ्य व्यवहार में युवाओं की भगीवारी सबसे ज्यादा होती है। ऐसा असामाजिक व्यवहार करने वाले युवा अन्य लोगों के साथ ही पुलिस प्रशासन के लिए भी समस्या बनते हैं। कई बार तो इन गतिविधियों में स्वयं उनका जीवन भी खतरे में पड़ जाता है। ऐसा हुड़दंग हमारी संस्कृति और इन सांस्कृतिक पर्व की गरिमायुी छवि क ठेस पहुंचाता है। आनंद और रंगों की उमंगों के बीच व्यवहार और विचार की नकारात्मकता लिए यु मानवीय गुणों को ताक पर रखना इस पर्व की गरिमा को धूमिल करता है।

समझिए उल्लास और उन्माद का अंतर
कोई भी त्योहार जब उसकी मूल भावना को भुलाकर उन्मादी ढंग से मनाया जाता है, तो पूरे समाज को इसका खामियाजा भुगतना पड़ता है। आज के दौर में नशा और उदंडता भरा विवेकहीन व्यवहार हमारे त्योहारों का रूप विकृत कर रहे हैं। आज के युवा भूलने लगे हैं कि सामाजिक समरसता पैदा करने वाले इस रंगों के उत्सव को मनाने के लिए मर्यादाओं को भूलना इसके स्वरूप को ही विकृत कर रहा है। होली उल्लास का उत्सव है। जीवन में सतरंगी मिठास घोलने का मौका है न कि

किसी की जिंदगी के रंग छीनने या उसे बेरंग कर देने का। इसीलिए जरूरी है कि उल्लास को उदंडता न बनने दें। इस पर्व के आध्यात्मिक और सामाजिक भावों को समझते हुए जीवन में खुशियों के रंग भरने की कोशिश हो न कि मस्ती और धमाल के नाम पर अराजक व्यवहार को अपनाया जाए। त्योहार को ऊर्जावान और जीवंत व्यवहार के साथ मनाएं, लेकिन दुस्साहसी न बनें। एडवेंचर के नाम पर हमारी उत्सवधर्मिता बदरंग न हो। इसका ख्याल रखना हमारा कर्तव्य भी है और जिम्मेदारी भी।

संवेदनाओं-परंपराओं को पोषित करें
हमारे पर्व-त्योहार हमारी संवेदनाओं और परंपराओं का जीवंत रूप हैं जिन्हें मनाना या यूं कहें की बार-बार मनाना, हर साल मनाना हर भारतीय को अच्छा लगता है। पूरी दुनिया में भारत ही एक ऐसा देश है जहां मौसम के बदलाव की सूचना भी त्यहारों से मिलती है। इन मान्यताओं, परंपराओं और विचारों में हमारी सभ्यता और संस्कृति के अनगिनत सरोकार छुपे हैं। जीवन के अनोखे रंग समेटे हमारे जीवन में रंग भरने वाली हमारी उत्सवधर्मिता की सोच मन में उमंग और उत्साह के नये प्रवाह को जन्म देती है। हमारा मन और जीवन दोनों ही उत्सवधर्मी हैं। मेले और मदनोत्सव के इस देश में होली जैसा उत्सव हमारे मन में संस्कृतिबद्ध उपजाता है। ऐसी उत्सवधर्मिता परिवार और समाज को एक सूत्र में बांधती है। संगठित होकर जीना सिखाती है। सहभागिता और आपसी समन्वय की सीगात देती है। होली का सतरंगी पर्व तो इस उत्सवधर्मिता को सही अर्थों में साकार करता है। ऊंच-नीच से परे सबको एक कर देने का भाव लिए। आज के आपाधापी भरे तनावपूर्ण जीवन में रंगों की बौछार लिए होली का पर्व हमें नये रंग में रंग जाता है। ऐसे में मस्ती के नाम पर की गई गलती या गैर जिम्मेदार बर्ताव के चलते किसी का जीवन बेरंग ना हो जाए, ये ख्याल मन में होना जरूरी है।

रासायनिक रंगों के साथ भांग का सेवन भी एक खतरा

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भांग का सेवन बहुत ज्यादा खतरनाक होता है। भांग का सेवन करने वालों में यूफोरिया, एंजाइटी, याददाश्त का असंतुलित होना, साइकोमोटर परफॉरमेंस जैसी समस्याएं पैदा हो जाती हैं। एक शोध के अनुसार यदि कोई व्यक्ति 15 वर्ष से भांग का सेवन करने लगता है तो 26 वर्ष तक की आयु में उसमें मानसिक विकार होने की संभावना 4 गुना ज्यादा बढ़ जाती है।

महिलाओं में भांग के सेवन से उनके मां बनने की क्षमता पर बहुत बुरा असर पड़ता है। खासकर गर्भवती महिलाओं द्वारा भांग का सेवन करने से इसका असर भ्रूण पर पड़ता है। भांग का उपयोग करने से मूख में कमी, नींद आने में दिक्कत, वजन घटना, चिड़चिड़ापन, आक्रामकता, बैचेनी और क्रोध बढ़ना जैसे लक्षण शुरू हो जाते हैं। भांग का सेवन करने से हृदय गति, ब्लड प्रेशर में बदलाव के हृदय संबंधी बीमारी के गंभीर परिणाम सामने आते हैं। इसका क्रोनिक प्रभाव दिमाग पर पड़ने के साथ ही ड्रग की तरह लत भी लग सकती है। भांग से यूटरो में उल्टा असर हो सकता है और इसकी वजह से मस्तिष्क के विकास में गड़बड़ी संभव है। भांग के परिणाम धूम्रपान की तरह ही होते हैं जो तंबाकू को धूम्रपान के तौर पर लेते हैं, इसलिए इससे परहेज करना चाहिए। कम उम्र के लोगों में इसका असर वयस्कों की तुलना में कहीं ज्यादा होता है। भांग के रासायनिक यौगिक आंख, कान, त्वचा और पेट को प्रभावित करते हैं।

भांग के सेवन से दुष्प्रभाव

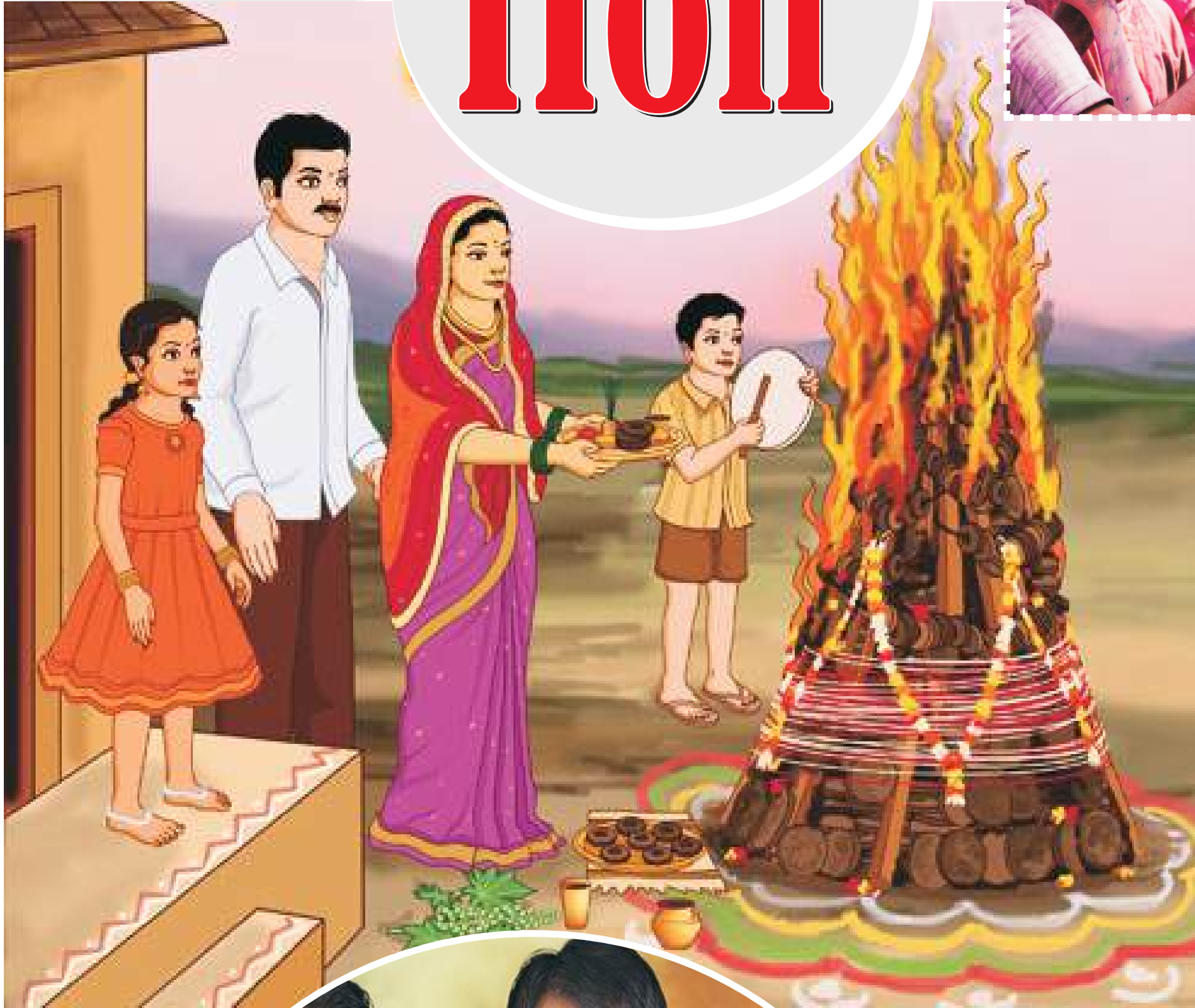
- भांग के सेवन के बाद एक ही व्यक्ति को अपने मन की स्थितियों या परिस्थितियों के अनुसार प्रिय या अप्रिय प्रभाव महसूस हो सकते हैं।
- छात्रों द्वारा प्रयोग करने पर पढ़ाई के दौरान ध्यान केंद्रित करने में दिक्कत महसूस होती है।
- काम के दौरान भांग का सेवन करने से दिन में सपने देखने की संभावना ज्यादा होती है, जिससे कामकाज पर प्रभाव पड़ता है।
- भांग के नियमित उपयोग से साइकोट्रिक एपिसोड या सीगोफेनिया (मनोमाजन) होने का खतरा दोगुना हो सकता है।
- यदि कोई व्यक्ति 15 वर्ष से भांग का सेवन करने लगता है तो 26 वर्ष तक की आयु में उसमें मानसिक विकार होने की संभावना 4 गुना ज्यादा बढ़ जाती है।
- भांग का आदी होने पर आदमी अन्य सभी चीजों में रुचि लेना बंद कर देता है और अपनी अन्य जरूरतों को पूरा नहीं कर पाता।
- भांग के सेवन से घबराहट, अत्यधिक चिंता, उल्टी और अधिक खाने की इच्छा भी हो सकती है।

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Holi



traditional Holi delicacies. →

A great way to celebrate Holi is with delicious traditional Indian meals. There are many different traditional meals for Holi depending on what region you are in, but here are some popular foods and drinks you can try. One Holi staple is Thandai, a traditional creamy milk drink flavored with nuts and spices, it often has some herbs that might make you feel dizzy. You may drink it after you've enjoyed together. Gujia or Ghughra is a sweet dish which you will enjoy. Puran Poli is a popular sweet dish typically eaten in Maharashtra. It is a sweet flatbread with a buttery taste and a stuffing of lentils and spices. Dahi Wada is a tasty snack food made from lentil fritters soaked in Indian yogurt.

Breaking the Pot

1. Hang a pot of buttermilk in the streets.
One older tradition of Holi is the breaking of the pot. First you string up a ceramic pot of buttermilk in a street. It is said that Lord Krishna was very fond of buttermilk and would steal it from the houses in the village. To hide it from young Lord Krishna, the women would hang the buttermilk high up in the streets.

2. Form a human pyramid with the men.
The men in the town form a human pyramid by balancing on each other's backs or shoulders. The pyramid should be tall enough for the person on top to reach the pot of buttermilk. Be careful balancing on another person's back or shoulders. This can be extremely tricky and requires a lot of balance.

3. Break the pot with the top person's head.
When the pyramid becomes tall enough for the top man to reach the pot, he should break the pot of buttermilk with his head. This is what is traditionally done to celebrate the breaking of the pot, but you could also break it with your hands if you can't use your head.

4. Sing Holi songs and throw water.
The women of the town surround the men in the pyramid. They have fun singing traditional Holi songs and throwing buckets of water. The women should enjoy singing and dancing around the men in celebration of Holi.

Visiting Friends and Family

1. Go to a friend or family member's home. →
At the end of the evening when the celebration of the colors has subsided, many people like to visit friends or family to enjoy the evening. Holi is a celebration meant to bring together the community so it culminates with coming together and relishing in the day's festivities.

2. Exchange sweets with them. →
It's customary to bring sweets to exchange with your friends and family when you visit them. People bring traditional Indian delicacies to enjoy together creating a great end to the celebration. Gujia, Coconut Burfi, Rava Ladoo, or Carrot Halwa would be great sweets to bring.

3. Enjoy an evening with loved ones. →
Some towns organize large Holi get-togethers in the evening, but you can also just enjoy visiting at a person's home. Exchange hugs and well wishes with friends and family to celebrate Holi and the spirit of brotherhood. Continue singing songs and

There are many more colors available that are made from rice flour and natural colorings. Look online to buy Holi colors for the next festival. Red, yellow, green and violet are some most used colors.

2. Smear colors on your loved ones. →
Smear the colored powder onto your friends and family to make them colorful and commence the festival of colors. The colors are non toxic and won't stain so have fun smearing them on your family members' arms, legs, back, and hair.

3. Spray colored water with pichkaris. →
A pichkari is a water gun to squirt colored water from as a fun way to celebrate Holi. Mix some of the colored powder with water and then add it to the pichkari. Use the pichkari to cover people with colored water and enjoy playing in the bright colors.

Pichkaris are especially fun for kids to celebrate Holi with. They make great gifts for kids in preparation for the Holi celebration.

4. Sing and dance to the beat of the dholak. →
A dholak is a hand drum that is played at celebrations such as Holi. Enjoy the celebration by dancing in the colors to the beat of the dholak. Sing Holi songs and let your body move to the beat while you celebrate the coming of spring.

5. Eat and drink →

Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates the arrival of spring. The festival is celebrated over the course of several days, usually in the second week of March. Holi is one of the most popular Hindu festivals, and it's celebrated by people both young and old. From lighting the Holika bonfire, to playing colors, to visiting with friends and family, Holi is a wonderful celebration to bring the community together and celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

Lighting the Holika Bonfire

1. Collect and stack the wood. →
Traditionally, 40 days before the Holi celebration, there would be a log placed in the center of town to signify it was time to collect wood for the Holika bonfire. Everyone placed any wood or flammable scrap materials they had on top of the log, and they'd end up with a large pile of wood ready to burn. Gather enough wood and combustible material to create a medium to large sized pile for your Holika bonfire.

2. Place the statue of Holika on the wood. →
On the eve of Holi, place a combustible statue of Holika, the sister of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, in the pile of firewood. Burning Holika in the bonfire symbolizes the triumph of good over evil because she is said to have tried to kill Prahlad, the son of Hiranyakashipu and a devoted follower of Lord Narayana.

3. Light the bonfire. →
Use a fire starter like kerosene to pour a little on the wood to help get the fire going. Light a match and throw it into the pile of wood to start the fire. [3] Make sure to stand far from the wood when trying to start the fire so you don't get hurt.

Gather friends, family, or the community together to watch the Holika bonfire light.

4. Chant the Rakshoghna Mantras. →
While you watch the bonfire, chant the Rakshoghna Mantras. These mantras are found in the Rig Veda, an ancient Indian collection of the Vedic Sanskrit hymns. Enjoy the fire by dancing around it and chanting the mantras to ward off evil spirits. You can find the text for these mantras online or by purchasing a book of the Rig Veda.

Playing Colors

1. Buy or make colors. →
The day of the Holi celebration, people celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring by showering each other with bright colored powder and water. You can buy gulal, which is a natural red-orange

color made from the flowers of palash. The flowers are dried and ground to create a powdered color. You can also buy abeer, which is small crystal chips of mica that create a sparkly silver color. People frequently combine the two to create a fun red-orange sparkly colored powder. You can also find colors of yellow and green to buy in markets or online.



enjoying dances as the evening winds down. Holi truly is an all day celebration.

For Aditi Sharma

Saying Goodbye To Team Apollena Is Hard

Apollena: Sapon Ki Unchi Udaan, featuring Aditi Sharma, Sandeep Baswana and Samartha Gupta in the titular roles is set to go off-air soon. It premiered on Colors TV in December last year and will conclude on March 15. Recently, the show's lead actress Aditi, during an interview, got emotional as she found it difficult to bid farewell to her show. She stated that more than just a project, Apollena has been an experience filled with growth, love and unforgettable memories. Speaking to ETimesTV, Aditi said, "This show touched my heart. It allowed me to explore so many different emotions, and I lived the role. Saying goodbye feels like leaving a piece of myself behind."

Furthermore, talking about her bond with her co-stars and other crew members, she added, "We became like a family. From our long shooting hours to sharing meals and laughter, every moment on set was special. It's hard to believe this chapter is ending." During the production of the show, the actress developed a close bond with her co-stars.

Reflecting upon her journey while working in Apollena, the actress added, "Every scene, dialogue, and emotion I represented on television will always be with me. Apollena was more than just a show; it was a wonderful experience that impacted me as an actor and a person. It helped me develop in a variety of ways, both professionally and personally. The experiences I got while performing Apollena will stay with me forever, shaping my future performances and strengthening my skills."



Talking about the last day of the shoot on Apollena sets, she stated, "It was filled with mixed emotions. We laughed, cried and relived some of our favourite memories. It was an experience I'll never forget. Everyone involved felt mixed emotions when the last sequences were completed. It was a day full of nostalgia as the crew reflected on their great journey together."

Lastly, thanking the fans for their love and support for the show, Aditi shared, "I am overwhelmed by the affection and support of everyone who has seen Apollena. It means everything to me when people connect with my character. This journey would not have been the same without them." Apart from this, Aditi is also known for her performances in shows like Kaleerein, Yehh Jaadu Hai Jinn Ka and Rab Se Hai Dua. She was also a part of Rohit Shetty's Khatron Ke Khiladi 14.

While Ayesha Khan's role in the film remains unconfirmed, she continues to stay active in the entertainment industry with her current project Dil Ko Rahu Kar Lei, produced by Ravi Dubey and Sargun Mehta's Dreamiyata Drama.

Ayesha Khan

Collapses On Set While Shooting For Kapil Sharma's Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2

Ayesha Khan, who gained widespread attention after her stint as a wildcard contestant on Bigg Boss 17, is now at the center of speculation regarding her involvement in Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2. While an official confirmation is yet to be made, a viral video circulating on social media has fueled rumors of her participation in the much-anticipated sequel to Kapil Sharma's Bollywood debut. The video, shared by Bhopal



January 2025, marking a return to the franchise that introduced him to Bollywood in 2015. The first film, directed by Abbas Mustan, was a box-office hit featuring a star-studded cast that included Sai Lokur, Jamie Lever, Arbaaz Khan, Elli Avram, Varun Sharma, Manjari Fadnis, Simran Kaur Mundi, Supriya Pathak, Sharat Saxena, and Manoj Joshi. The sequel, directed by Anukalp Goswami, will see the addition of Fukrey star Manjot Singh and is being produced by Ratan Jain and Ganesh Jain under Venus Worldwide Entertainment in collaboration with Abbas Mustan Film Production. Like its predecessor, the film is expected to revolve around the comedic chaos of Kapil Sharma's character juggling multiple marriages.

Points on Instagram, captures Ayesha on set in Bhopal, where she was reportedly shooting for the film before suddenly fainting. Her team is seen rushing to assist her, eventually seating her on a chair while providing care. The incident took place at DB Mall in Bhopal, one of the film's shooting locations. Kapil Sharma began filming for Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 in

The show, which airs on YouTube, features a talented ensemble cast including Karan V Grover, Kirti Choudhary, Nirmal Rishi, and Chirag Khatri. With her growing presence in the industry, Ayesha's rumored Bollywood debut has sparked curiosity among fans. Whether she is indeed part of Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 remains to be seen, but the viral video has undoubtedly intensified the buzz surrounding her next big move.



Katrina Kaif Says Vicky Kaushal Loves Her 'Unconditionally': 'He Gives Me A Lot Of...'



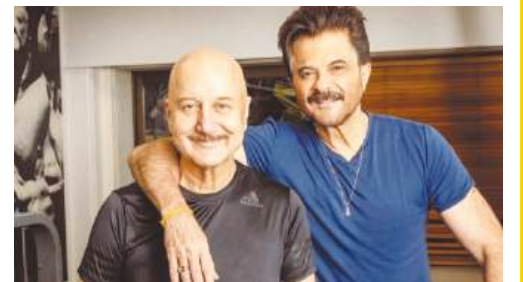
Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal are one of the most adorable Bollywood couples and there is no doubt about it. Recently, the former opened up about her actor-husband's love for her. In an interview with Vogue India, Katrina was asked how important fitness is when it comes to self-care, when the actress shared, "I feel better about myself physically and mentally when I'm fit, doing my yoga and cardio. No one but I can make myself feel better, except for my husband sometimes."

"He gives me a lot of love and appreciation. I think that's an important aspect of learning – to accept or understand unconditional love," Katrina added. Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal are one of the most adorable and loved Bollywood actors. They have been married for three years now. Recently, Vicky Kaushal also opened up about how Katrina supported him while he was shooting for Chhaava. The actor mentioned that he needed emotional space while working on the Laxman Utekar directorial and added that Katrina helped him by understanding the same.

"There were intense scenes, sometimes there were action scenes. So, once you are home after 12 hours of shooting, you just fall on the bed. Whatever time was there for personal life, it was little. Katrina being from the same industry, she understands that when intense parts like these are there, then some space is required. So, she was very kind, sweet and patient. I don't bring the characters home but I used to get a bit quiet because the mind is in that zone, it keeps on going what I did today and what I will do tomorrow. Otherwise, there was not much difference. Everything was pretty normal," Vicky said.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Katrina Kaif will soon be seen in Jee Le Zaara with Alia Bhatt and Priyanka Chopra. However, there is no update on the film's shoot schedule as of now.

Anil Kapoor Calls Out Lack Of Recognition For Anupam Kher: 'His Achievements Are Outstanding'



Veteran actor Anupam Kher shared a throwback video of his dear friend, actor Anil Kapoor, discussing the lack of recognition Kher has received for his roles in blockbuster films. The video, which is from one of the IIFA awards, shows the 'Mr. India' actor delivering a speech on the stage before he presents Anupam the achievement award. In the clip, Anil could be heard saying, "All the blockbuster films that have been made, like 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun,' 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge,' 'Beta,' and 'Ram Laxhan'—my friend played the biggest role in their success, and we will take the credit for that. We may have been the heroes in the films, but the real 'Jordan' in those films was Anupam Kher. It's very rare for an actor to respect another actor, and I have always felt that Anupam is a far better actor, not just than me, but than all the actors in the industry. Today, his achievements are beyond outstanding."

Sharing this nostalgic video on his Instagram, Anupam Kher wrote in the caption, "These words go viral over and over my friend #AnilKapoor And every time they make me feel not about me growing up but about Anil growing up himself! Only a true friend and a great artist can openly appreciate his friend and another artist. Thank you my friend. For your friendship and words. You are the BESTEST. Love and prayers always!"

Anupam Kher was honored with the Outstanding Achievement in Cinema award at the 19th edition of the International Indian Film Academy Awards. Anil Kapoor, his long-time friend and co-actor, delivered an introductory speech highlighting Kher's life and career.

The 'Special 26' actor dedicated his award to all the struggling actors who made it big without godfathers. In a post on his X handle, Anupam had tweeted, "Thank you IIFA for honouring me with Outstanding Achievement In Cinema Award. I really feel honoured and energised. Thank you the people of Bangkok for your love, warmth and hospitality. I dedicate this award to all the struggling actors who have to make it without godfathers."