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BRIEF NEWS

खड़े ट्रक से टकराई कार 8 लोगों की चली गई जान

INDORE : मध्य प्रदेश के इंदौर जिले के बेटमा थाना क्षेत्र में चंदन नगर ब्रिज के पास बुधवार रात इंदौर-अहमदाबाद नेशनल हाईवे पर एक कार टायर फटने के बाद अनियंत्रित होकर खड़े ट्रक से टकराई। इस हादसे में कार सवार नौ लोगों में से आठ की मौके पर मौत हो गई। मृतकों में एक महिला भी है। इस हादसे में एक व्यक्ति घायल हुआ है। शवों को रात में बेटमा के अस्पताल में रखवाया गया था। गुरुवार सुबह सभी शवों को इंदौर के जिला अस्पताल लाया गया, जहां उनका पोस्टमार्टम किया जा रहा है। मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. मोहन यादव ने हादसे पर दुख व्यक्त किया है। उन्होंने मृतकों के परिजनों को चार-चार लाख रुपये की आर्थिक सहायता देने की घोषणा की है। बेटमा पुलिस थाने के अनुसार कार सवार लोग आलीराजपुर जिले के ग्राम बोरी में कार्यक्रम में शामिल होकर लौट रहे थे। उन्हें गुना जाना था।

'केजरीवाल की जमानत पर विशेष छूट नहीं'

NEW DELHI : दिल्ली शराब नीति मामले में ईडी की गिरफ्तारी के विरोध में सीएम अरविंद केजरीवाल की याचिका पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने गुरुवार को सुनवाई की। कोर्ट ने केजरीवाल को जमानत देने पर कहा कि उन्हें कोई विशेष छूट नहीं दी गई है। जस्टिस संजीव खन्ना और जस्टिस दीपायकर दत्ता की बेंच ने कहा कि हमने अपने फैसले में कहा था कि हमें यह न्यायसंगत लगा था। हालांकि कोर्ट ने यह भी कहा कि इस फैसले की आलोचनात्मक समीक्षा का हम स्वागत करते हैं। ईडी की ओर से सॉलिसिटर जनरल प्यार मेहता कोर्ट में पेश हुए। उन्होंने कहा कि केजरीवाल जमानत पर बाहर जाने के बाद चुनावी भाषणों में कह रहे हैं कि अगर लोगों ने आप को वोट दिया तो मुझे 2 जून को जेल नहीं जाना पड़ेगा। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने ईडी की दलील खारिज करते हुए कहा- ये उनका पूर्वानुमान है।

लोस चुनाव के पहले चार चरणों में करीब 67% मतदान

NEW DELHI : लोकसभा चुनाव के पहले चार चरणों में औसतन 66.95 फीसदी मतदान हुआ है। अब तक 97 करोड़ में से 45.10 करोड़ वोटर्स ने मतदान किया है। चुनाव आयोग ने यह जानकारी गुरुवार 16 मई को दी। आयोग के मुताबिक, 13 मई को हुए चौथे चरण के मतदान में 69.16 फीसदी वोटिंग हुई। यह 2019 के लोकसभा चुनावों में इसी (चौथे) चरण की तुलना में 3.65 फीसदी ज्यादा है। चुनाव के तीसरे चरण में 65.69 फीसदी मतदान हुआ, जबकि 2019 चुनाव के तीसरे चरण में 68.4 फीसदी मतदान हुआ था। 543 लोकसभा सीटों में चौथे फेज तक 380 सीटों पर मतदान हो गया है। 20 मई तक कुल 429 सीटों पर मतदान पूरा हो जाएगा। बाकी 2 चरणों में 114 सीटों पर मतदान होगा। चुनाव आयोग ने कहा कि चुनाव के बाकी चरणों में फोकस मतदाताओं को जागरूक करने और सुविधाएं देने पर है।

टैंडर कमीशन घोटाला : कड़ी सुरक्षा के साथ मिनिस्टर को कोर्ट में किया पेश छह दिनों की रिमांड पर भेजे गए मंत्री आलमगीर, आज से होंगे सवाल-जवाब

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI :

प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) ने टैंडर कमीशन घोटाले में गिरफ्तार ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को मेडिकल जांच के बाद गुरुवार को कोर्ट में पेश किया। ईडी के विशेष न्यायाधीश पीके शर्मा की कोर्ट में पेश करने के बाद ईडी के विशेष लोक अभियोजक शिव कुमार ने आलमगीर आलम को दस दिनों की रिमांड पर लेकर पूछताछ करने की कोर्ट से अनुमति मांगी। इसका आलमगीर आलम के अधिवक्ता ने विरोध किया। इसके बाद अदालत ने छह दिनों की रिमांड की मंजूरी दी। अदालत ने मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को गुरुवार को न्यायिक हिरासत में होटवार स्थित बिरसा मुंडा केंद्रीय कारागार (जेल) भेज दिया। ईडी आलमगीर आलम को शुक्रवार से रिमांड पर लेकर पूछताछ शुरू करेगी। पेशी के दौरान कोर्ट परिसर में कड़ी सुरक्षा के इंतजाम किए गए थे। काफी संख्या में पुलिस बल की तैनाती की गई थी। पेशी के दौरान कोर्ट परिसर में आलमगीर आलम जिंदाबाद के जमकर नारे लगे। इससे पूर्व ईडी ने दो दिनों की पूछताछ के बाद मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को बुधवार को गिरफ्तार किया था। ईडी ने वीते पांच मई को संजीव लाल और उसके नौकर जहांगीर सहित अन्य लोगों के ठिकानों पर छापेमारी की थी। इस दौरान ईडी ने संजीव लाल के नौकर जहांगीर और बिल्डर मुन्ना सिंह के ठिकानों से कुल 35.23 करोड़ रुपये नकदी बरामद किये थे।

- पेशी के दौरान कार्यकर्ताओं ने आलमगीर आलम जिंदाबाद के लगाए नारे
- एजेंसी ने मांगी थी 10 दिनों की रिमांड, मंत्री के वकीलों ने किया विरोध
- अदालत की कार्यवाही के बाद न्यायिक हिरासत में भेजा गया बिरसा मुंडा जेल
- पांच मई को संजीव और जहांगीर के ठिकानों से मिला था नोटों का अंबार



ईडी का खुलासा : बरामद 35.23 करोड़ मंत्री के टैंडर राशि का 1.5 प्रतिशत वसूलते थे कमीशन

RANCHI : प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) ने ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को कोर्ट में पेश कर ईडी ने रिमांड के लिए दिये गये आवेदन में टैंडर प्रक्रिया में अनियमितता में मंत्री की सलिहता की जानकारी कोर्ट को दी है। ईडी ने गुरुवार को कोर्ट को बताया कि इस केस से जुड़े गवाहों के बयान और अलग-अलग दिनों में हुई छापेमारी में मिले सबूत यह बताते हैं कि आलमगीर आलम की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण और निर्णायक है। इसके अलावा टैंडर के कमीशन की आय को संगठित तरीके से एकत्र और वितरित किया जाता है और उसमें सबको हिस्सा दिया जाता है। पिछले दिनों रांची में संजीव लाल और जहांगीर के ठिकानों से बरामद किये गये 35.23 करोड़ आलमगीर आलम के ही हैं। ईडी को अब तक हुई

जांच के दौरान यह पता चला है कि कमीशन के संग्रह और वितरण की पूरी प्रक्रिया ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रभाग और ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग में तैनात सहायक इंजीनियरों ने की थी। इसके अलावा ईडी ने कोर्ट को बताया कि ग्रामीण विकास विभाग के प्रत्येक टैंडर में आलमगीर आलम टैंडर राशि का 1.5 प्रतिशत वसूलते थे। कमीशन की राशि विभाग के सहायक अभियंता मंत्री तक पहुंचाते थे। एक मामले में यह भी पाया गया कि आलमगीर आलम को अपने हिस्से का तीन करोड़ रुपये का कमीशन मिला था, जो एक इंजीनियर द्वारा भेजा गया था। यह पैसा सितंबर 2022 में आलमगीर आलम को केश मिला था। यह जानकारी इसी केस में जेल में बंद निलंबित इंजीनियर इन चीफ वीरेंद्र राम ने ईडी को दी है।

मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग का अपराध : एएसजी

एडिशनल सॉलिसिटर जनरल अनिल कुमार ने बताया, 'हमने 10 दिन के लिए रिमांड मांगी थी। जितना भी पैसा उनके पीएस के स्टफ के घर से रेंड में मिला था उसके और सभी के बयानों के आधार पर अदालत को बताया गया कि इनके (आलमगीर आलम) खिलाफ मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग को संबोधित अदालत में कस्टडी का हवाला अदालत को बताया कि इसलिए हमने मंत्री को गिरफ्तार किया और उसी के आधार पर रिमांड मांगी गई। रिमांड के बाद आलमगीर आलम को कड़ी सुरक्षा के बीच बिरसा मुंडा केंद्रीय कारा कोर्टवार भेज दिया गया।

मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग : सुप्रीम कोर्ट का बड़ा फैसला आरोपी समन पर पेश हुआ तो ईडी नहीं कर सकती है अरेस्ट

NEW DELHI : गुरुवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि अगर स्पेशल कोर्ट में मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग का केस पहुंच गया है, तो प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) आरोपी को प्रिवेंशन ऑफ लॉन्ड्रिंग एक्ट (पीएमएलए) के सेक्शन 19 के तहत गिरफ्तार नहीं कर सकता। जस्टिस अभय ओका और जस्टिस उज्वल भुइया की बेंच ने यह आदेश पंजाब और हरियाणा हाईकोर्ट के उस फैसले पर दिया है, जिसमें हाईकोर्ट ने आरोपियों की प्री-अरेस्ट बेल याचिका खारिज कर दी थी। इस मामले पर पिछली सुनवाई 30 अप्रैल को हुई थी। तब सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सवाल किया था कि अगर कोर्ट ने पीएमएलए के तहत आरोपी को समन भेजा और वह पेश हुआ है तो क्या वो सीआरपीसी के तहत जमानत के लिए आवेदन कर सकता है। 30 अप्रैल को कोर्ट ने अपना फैसला सुरक्षित रख लिया था। गुरुवार को कोर्ट ने अपना फैसला सुनाया है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस साल जनवरी में आरोपियों को अंतरिम जमानत दी थी। यह केस जमीन घोटाले से जुड़ा है, जिसमें कुछ रेवेन्यू अफसरों को मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग के तहत आरोपी बनाया गया था। बेंच ने कहा कि अदालत के समन के बाद अगर आरोपी पेश हुआ है तो यह नहीं माना जा सकता कि वो गिरफ्तार है। एजेंसी को संबोधित अदालत में कस्टडी का हवाला अदालत को बताया कि इसलिए हमने मंत्री को गिरफ्तार किया और उसी के आधार पर रिमांड मांगी गई। रिमांड के बाद आलमगीर आलम को कड़ी सुरक्षा के बीच बिरसा मुंडा केंद्रीय कारा कोर्टवार भेज दिया गया।



गिरफ्तारी पर 3 टिप्पणियां

1. मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग का आरोपी अगर कोर्ट के समन के बाद पेश होता है तो उसे जमानत की अर्जा देने की जरूरत नहीं है। ऐसे में पीएमएलए के सेक्शन 45 के तहत जमानत की शर्तें मी लागू नहीं हैं।
2. कोर्ट के समन के बाद अगर आरोपी पेश होता है तो उसकी रिमांड के लिए ईडी को स्पेशल कोर्ट में एप्लिकेशन देनी होगी।
3. कोर्ट तभी एजेंसी को कस्टडी देगा, जब वह संतुष्ट हो जाएगा कि कस्टडी में पूछताछ जरूरी है।

गोड्डा के हरकट्टा गांव में दर्दनाक घटना वज्रपात से ईट भट्टा मजदूर महिला व किशोर की मौत

PHOTON NEWS GODDA :

जिले के पथरगामा थाना क्षेत्र के हरकट्टा गांव स्थित ईट भट्टे के निकट गुरुवार को दोपहर बाद वज्रपात से एक महिला सहित किशोर की मौत हो गई वहीं एक बालक भी इसकी चपेट में आया लेकिन अब वह खतरों से बाहर है। मृतकों में भागलपुर और बांका जिले के मजदूर शामिल हैं। घटना के संबंध में बताया जाता है कि गुरुवार की दोपहर बाद पथरगामा के हरकट्टा गांव में आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से दो लोगों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई वहीं एक बच्चा घायल हो गया। मृतक 30 वर्षीय पिकी देवी और 10 वर्षीय अश्वय मांझी है। पिकी देवी के पति चंदन मांझी है जो भागलपुर के गोरार्डीह थाना क्षेत्र के ग्राम दिवालगढ़ का रहने वाला है। वह परिवार के



- मृतकों में भागलपुर और बांका के मजदूर शामिल
- पिकी देवी का दो वर्षीय पुत्र आकाशीय बिजली की चपेट में आने से बाल-बाल बचा

साथ हरकट्टा गांव में ईट भट्टा में मजदूरी करता है। जबकि अश्वय के पिता के नाम रुदो मांझी है जो बांका जिले के नवादा गांव का निवासी है। वहीं घायल बच्चा गोरे मांझी है जो पिकी देवी का पुत्र है।



हेमंत की याचिका पर आज 'सुप्रीम' सुनवाई

RANCHI : पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री हेमंत सोरेन की गिरफ्तारी के खिलाफ दायर याचिका पर शुक्रवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट में सुनवाई होगी। हेमंत सोरेन की याचिका पर 13 मई को सुनवाई करते हुए सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने ईडी को नोटिस जारी कर जवाब दाखिल करने का निर्देश दिया था। हेमंत सोरेन ने अपनी गिरफ्तारी को गलत बताते हुए झारखंड हाईकोर्ट में याचिका दायर की थी। हाईकोर्ट ने तीन मई को हेमंत सोरेन की गिरफ्तारी को सही बताते हुए याचिका खारिज कर दी थी। हाईकोर्ट के आदेश को हेमंत सोरेन ने चुनौती देते हुए सुप्रीम कोर्ट में याचिका दायर की है। पिछली सुनवाई के दौरान हेमंत सोरेन की ओर से अदालत को बताया गया था कि जिस जमीन की गड़बड़ी की बात कह ईडी ने उन्हें गिरफ्तार किया है।

उत्तर प्रदेश के भदोही में पीएम ने चुनावी जनसभा को किया संबोधित बोले मोदी, कांग्रेस के 'शहजादे' का बस चले तो राम मंदिर में लगवा देंगे ताला

AGENCY BHADOHI :

गुरुवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने उत्तर प्रदेश में भदोही के ऊंज में एक चुनावी जनसभा को संबोधित किया। एक लाइन से राहुल गांधी, अखिलेश यादव और ममता बनर्जी पर जमकर निशाना साधा। चूँकि भदोही लोकसभा सीट से समझौते के तहत अखिलेश यादव ने यह सीट उत्तर प्रदेश में टीएमसी को दी है, इसलिए सबसे पहले पीएम के निशाने पर वहां की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी रहीं। हालांकि अपने भाषण में पीएम मोदी ने यहां तक कह डाला कि 'शहजादे' का बस चले तो राम मंदिर में लगवा देंगे ताला। पीएम ने कहा कि पश्चिम बंगाल की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी बंगाल में हिंदुओं की हत्या



प्रधानमंत्री ने ये भी कहा

- पश्चिम बंगाल को बांग्लादेश बनाना चाहती हैं ममता
- उत्तर प्रदेश को भी पश्चिम बंगाल बनाना चाहते हैं अखिलेश यादव
- पुरानी बुआ ने किया किनारा तो बबुआ बंगाल से लाए नई बुआ

बोलीं प्रियंका, मरने से पहले 'हे राम' कहने वाले गांधी का अनुसरण करती है कांग्रेस

RAEBARELLI :

गुरुवार को कांग्रेस नेता प्रियंका गांधी ने रायबरेली में कहा कि उनकी पार्टी महात्मा गांधी के आदर्शों का पालन करती है, जिन्होंने मरने से पहले 'हे राम' कहा था तथा प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का कांग्रेस पर धर्म विरोधी होने का आरोप लगाया सरासर गलत है। प्रियंका ने जिला मुख्यालय से करीब 20 किलोमीटर दूर चौहद मिल चौराहे पर एक चुनावी रैली को संबोधित कर रही थीं। उन्होंने कहा कि भाजपा हिंदू धर्म की वैपियन होने का दावा करती है, लेकिन उत्तर



प्रदेश में सरकारी गोशालाओं की स्थिति बेहद दयनीय बनी हुई है। कांग्रेस नेता ने कहा, वे अयोग्यों में प्राणप्रतिष्ठा समारोह के निमंत्रण को अस्वीकार करने के लिए हम पर धर्म विरोधी होने का आरोप लगाते हैं।

करवाती हैं। उनके लोग हिंदुओं को गंगा में डुबो कर मारने की धमकी देते हैं। दीदी बंगाल को बांग्लादेश बनाना चाहती हैं। वहां दलित और महिलाओं का संरक्षण उत्पीड़न होता है।

मेडिकल स्टडी में सांस का इन्फेक्शन, ब्लड क्लॉटिंग के मामले आए सामने अब कोवैक्सिन के साइड इफेक्ट्स का खुलासा

वैक्सीन विवाद

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : कोरोनारोगी कोविशील्ड वैक्सिन पर विवाद उठने के बाद अब बनारस हिंदू यूनिवर्सिटी में हुए रिसर्च से यह जानकारी सामने आई है कि भारत बायोटेक की कोरोनारोगी कोवैक्सिन के भी साइड इफेक्ट्स हैं। यह बात एजेंसी ने साइंस जर्नल सिंगरलिक में पब्लिश हुई एक रिसर्च के हवाले से लिखी है। रिसर्च के मुताबिक, बनारस हिंदू यूनिवर्सिटी (बीएसयू) में हुई स्टडी में हिस्सा लेने वाले लगभग एक तिहाई लोगों में कोवैक्सिन के साइड इफेक्ट्स देखे गए हैं। इन लोगों में सांस संबंधी इन्फेक्शन, ब्लड क्लॉटिंग और रिकन से जुड़ी बीमारियां देखी गईं।



लोगों में सांस संबंधी इन्फेक्शन बढ़ रहा

स्टडी करने वाले शंख शुभा चक्रवर्ती ने कहा, हमने उन लोगों का डेटा कलेक्ट किया, जिन्हें वैक्सिन लगे एक साल हो गया था। 1,024 लोगों पर स्टडी हुई। इनमें से 635 किशोर और 291 वयस्क शामिल थे। स्टडी के मुताबिक, 304 (47.9 प्रतिशत) किशोरों और 124 (42.6 प्रतिशत) वयस्कों में सांस संबंधी इन्फेक्शन (अपर रैस्पिरटरी ट्रैक्ट इन्फेक्शन) देखे गए। इससे लोगों में सर्दी, खासी जैसी समस्याएं देखी गईं।

शंखुआंकों में पाया कि टॉनसिल्लस, खास तौर पर किशोरों और किस्सी भी एलजी का खानना कर रहे लोगों को कोवैक्सिन से खतरा है। हालांकि कुछ दिन पहले कोवैक्सिन बनाने वाली कंपनी भारत बायोटेक ने कहा था कि उनकी इकाई हुई वैक्सिन सुरक्षित है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने भी कोवैक्सिन के दो डोज लवाए थे।

देखी गईं स्किन से जुड़ीं बीमारियां

स्टडी में पाया गया कि स्टडी में हिस्सा लेने वाले टोनसिल्लस में स्किन से जुड़ीं बीमारियां (10.5 प्रतिशत), नर्वस सिस्टम से जुड़े डिसऑर्डर (4.7 प्रतिशत) और जिनरल डिसऑर्डर (10.2 प्रतिशत) देखे गए। वहीं, वयस्कों में जनरल डिसऑर्डर (8.9 प्रतिशत), मांसपेशियों और हड्डियों से जुड़े डिसऑर्डर (5.8 प्रतिशत) और नर्वस सिस्टम से जुड़े डिसऑर्डर (5.5 प्रतिशत) देखे गए। कोवैक्सिन के साइड इफेक्ट्स पर हुई स्टडी में 4.6 प्रतिशत किशोरियों में मासिक धर्म संबंधी असामान्यताएं (अनियमित पीरियड्स) देखी गईं। प्रतिभागियों में आंखों से जुड़ी असामान्यताएं (2.7 प्रतिशत) और हाइपोथैरायरायडिज्म (0.6 प्रतिशत) भी देखा गया। वहीं, 0.3 प्रतिशत प्रतिभागियों में स्ट्रोके और 0.1 प्रतिशत प्रतिभागियों में संवोधित करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री अब तक झारखंड में पांच चुनावी सभा व राजधानी रांची में रौड शो कर चुके हैं।

अमित शाह की आज व कल झारखंड में सभा

RANCHI : भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के वरिष्ठ नेता, केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारितामंत्री अमित शाह कल और परसों झारखंड के चुनावी दौरे पर रहेंगे। शाह 17 मई को सांसद और भाजपा उम्मीदवार के पक्ष में रांची के चुटिया में रौड शो करेंगे। साथ ही लोगों से भाजपा उम्मीदवार संजय सेठ के पक्ष में वोट देने की अपील करेंगे। वो 18 मई को बोकारो में जनसभा को संबोधित करेंगे। इससे पहले शाह ने झारखंड में पहले और चौथे चरण के चुनाव से पहले चुट्टी में जनसभा की थी। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी व गृहमंत्री के झारखंड दौरे को लेकर प्रदेश भाजपा ने तैयारी शुरू कर दी है। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी 19 मई को फिर झारखंड आएंगे। वह जमशेदपुर से भाजपा उम्मीदवार विद्युत वर्ण महतो के समर्थन में घाटशिला में जनसभा को संबोधित करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री अब तक झारखंड में पांच चुनावी सभा व राजधानी रांची में रौड शो कर चुके हैं।

बंदी ने राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग को लिखा लेटर खूटी जेल के दो कर्मियों पर रेप का लगाया आरोप

PHOTON NEWS KHUNTI :

खूटी जेल में बंद महिला बंदी ने राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग को पत्र लिखा है। पत्र में खूटी जेल के दो कर्मचारियों पर दुष्कर्म करने का आरोप लगाया गया है। साथ ही गर्भवती होने पर अर्वांसन कराने का भी आरोप लगाया है। महिला बंदी ने आरोप लगाया है कि जेल के कर्मचारी बंदी पत्र नहीं लिखने देते। इसलिए रिहा होने वाले महिला बंदी के माध्यम से पत्र लिखा है। जानकारी के मुताबिक, महिला लुधियाना की रहने वाली है। लेकिन पुरतैनी घर खूटी में ही है। पुलिस ने उसे अफ्रीम तस्करी करने के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया



था। आरोप है कि जेल के दोनों कर्मचारियों ने छोड़ने का प्रलोभन देकर एक माह तक उसके साथ दुष्कर्म किया। इस दौरान जब वह गर्भवती हो गई, तो पहले उसे जान से मारने व जेल में ही सड़ा देने की धमकी दी गई। फिर अर्वांसन करा दिया गया। महिला का आरोप है कि अर्वांसन कराने की तारीख बैकडेट से तीन माह पहले दिखाया गया है।

BRIEF NEWS

कोडरमा में हादसे में दो महिलाओं की मौत

KODERMA : जिले के मदनगुड़ी के पास गुरुवार की दोपहर कंटेनर और ऑटो की जोरदार टक्कर में ऑटो सवार दो महिलाओं की मौत हो गई। वहीं ऑटो चालक गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। मृतक महिला की पहचान पार्वती देवी (60) जबकि एक अन्य महिला की पहचान नहीं हो पायी है। घायल चालक की पहचान बैजनाथ यादव (45) के रूप में हुई है। जानकारी के अनुसार तिलैया से ऑटो से सभी उरवां की तरफ जा रहे थे। मदनगुड़ी के पास एक कंटेनर की टक्कर से दो महिलाओं की मौत पर ही मौत हो गई। इसकी सूचना पुलिस को मिलने के बाद पुलिस पहुंच कर घायल को कोडरमा सदर अस्पताल भेजा, जहां इलाज चल रहा है। वहीं दोनों शवों को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए अस्पताल भेज दिया।

स्कोर्पियो ने दो छात्राओं को कुचला, मौत

CHATRA : टंडवा थाना क्षेत्र के सेरेनदाग गांव में गुरुवार को सुबह तेज रफ्तार स्कोर्पियो ने सड़क पार कर स्कूल जा रही दो छात्राओं को कुचल दिया। इस हादसे में दोनों छात्राएं बुरी तरह से घायल हो गयीं। आनन-फानन में दोनों को प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य उपकेंद्र टंडवा में भर्ती कराया गया, जहां प्राथमिक उपचार करने के बाद डॉक्टरों ने उन्हें हजारीबाग मेडिकल कॉलेज रेफर कर दिया। हजारीबाग ले जाने के दौरान एक छात्र ने दम तोड़ दिया। दूसरी छात्रा की गंभीर स्थिति को देखते हुए चिकित्सकों ने उसे रांची स्थित रिम्स रेफर कर दिया लेकिन रांची ले जाने के दौरान रामगढ़ में उसकी भी मौत हो गयी। मृतक छात्राओं की पहचान सेरेदाग गांव निवासी प्रमोद गुप्ता की पुत्री कीर्ति कुमारी (10) और केशव साव की बेटी उषा कुमारी (10) के रूप में हुई है।

खूंटी में जानकी महोत्सव 18 व 19 को

KHUNTI : तोरपा मेन रोड स्थित महावीर मंदिर प्रांगण में विश्व हिंदू परिषद और बजरंग दल द्वारा दुर्गा माहानि व मातृशक्ति के सहयोग से 18 और 19 मई को तोरपा में जानकी महोत्सव का आयोजन धूमधाम से किया जायेगा। विहिप के तोरपा प्रखंड अध्यक्ष एमपी सिंह ने बताया कि 18 और 19 मई को सुबह पूजा-अर्चना, पाठ, भंडारा और भजन कीर्तन का आयोजन तथा सुंदरकांड का पाठ किया जाएगा।

डेंगू से बचाव को प्रखंडों में अभियान शुरू

DHANBAD : राष्ट्रीय डेंगू दिवस के अवसर पर गुरुवार को जिले के सभी प्रखंडों में जागरूकता अभियान शुरू किया गया है। विभिन्न प्रखंडों में प्रभारी चिकित्सा एवं कर्मचारियों ने डेंगू को लेकर रैली निकाली। डेंगू को लेकर लोगों को विभिन्न जानकारियां दी गई। बताया गया कि डेंगू का मच्छर साफ पानी में पनपता है। अपने घरों में कूकर में पानी जमा नहीं होने दें। जिला के टुंडी गोविंदपुर, बलियापुर, झरिया, समेत अन्य प्रखंड में अभियान शुरू किया गया है।

चांसलर पोर्टल : बीबीएमकेयू में इस बार रजिस्ट्रेशन में 52,000 सीटें

सबसे अधिक आवेदन बीबीएमकेयू में आए

PHOTON NEWS DHANBAD: स्नातक शैक्षणिक सत्र 2024-25 में नामांकन के लिए पूरे झारखंड के कालेजों में नामांकन की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। नामांकन के लिए इच्छुक छात्र-छात्राओं को चांसलर पोर्टल के माध्यम से आवेदन करना है। गत चार मई से चांसलर पोर्टल खुल चुका है। अब तक राज्य के विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों के अधीन कालेजों में 24,542 आवेदन हो चुके हैं। सबसे अधिक 13,492 आवेदन बिनोद बिहारी महतो कोयलांचल विश्वविद्यालय (बीबीएमकेयू) के कालेजों के लिए हुआ है। वहीं, सबसे कम 400 आवेदन डॉ. श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी विश्वविद्यालय रांची के लिए दिया गया है। बीबीएमकेयू में आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि 25 मई निर्धारित है।

भाजपा प्रत्याशी के प्रचार के लिए झारखंड पहुंचे मध्य प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. मोहन यादव, बोले-

देश ने 56 इंच के सीने वाले को पीएम बनाया, न खाएगा-न खाने देगा

PHOTON NEWS KODERMA: कोडरमा के जयनगर प्रखंड के पिपचो मां गंगा पब्लिक स्कूल के मैदान पर गुरुवार को मध्यप्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री डॉ मोहन यादव ने एक सभा को सम्बोधित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि देश ने 56 इंच के सीने वाला को प्रधानमंत्री बनाया है, न खाएगा न खाने देगा। मुख्यमंत्री डॉ मोहन यादव ने यहां विपक्ष के गठबंधन पर जमकर निशाना साधा। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र भाई मोदी के कार्यकाल में देश विकास के पथ पर अग्रसर हुआ है। आने वाले

दिनों में फिर से नरेन्द्र मोदी सत्ता में पहुंचेंगे तो देश को सर्वोच्च स्थान तक ले जाएंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि अब तक सरकार की ओर से कश्मीर में अनुच्छेद 370 हटाने के बाद विकास और सामाजिक न्याय बढ़ा है। कश्मीर में चुनाव के दौरान स्थानीय लोगों ने देश के लोकतंत्र की मजबूती के लिए वोट दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि राम मंदिर मिल गया, अब कृष्ण मंदिर की बारी है। उन्होंने कहा कि झारखंड राज्य सरकार ने नौकरियों को बेचने का काम किया है। यह झारखंड के लिए दुर्भाग्य है कि



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● कहा-कश्मीर से धारा 370 हटाने के बाद हुआ विकास, राम मंदिर मिल गया, अब कृष्ण मंदिर की बारी

की धरती के नाम से जाना जाता है। यहां खनिजों का भंडार है, फिर भी झारखंड प्रदेश के लोग पलायन करने पर मजबूर हैं। यदि फिर से भारतीय जनता पार्टी की सरकार देश में बनती है तो प्रत्येक जिले में रोजगार के अवसर खोले

जाएंगे। सभा में कोडरमा लोकसभा क्षेत्र से भाजपा की उम्मीदवार व केन्द्रीय मंत्री अनन्पूर्णा देवी ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने विभिन्न योजनाओं को धरातल पर उतारा है। प्रधानमंत्री देश हित में सोचकर देश के विकास में काम कर रहे हैं। धन को लूटने का काम नहीं कर रहे हैं। आज चुनाव में पैसे का खेल खेला जा रहा है। लगता है विपक्ष के गठबंधन वाले अपना संतुलन खो चुके हैं। विधायक अमित कुमार यादव ने विधायक अमित कुमार यादव ने कहा कि यह है मोदी की गारंटी।

आपका एक वोट भ्रष्टाचार पर करारा प्रहार होगा। इस बार आपके वोट से जनता को लूटने वाला हर भ्रष्टाचारी सलाखों के पीछे पहुंच जाएगा। इसलिए मैं आपसे आग्रह है कि 20 मई को आप भारतीय जनता पार्टी को वोट देकर अनन्पूर्णा देवी को विजय बनाएं। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता परसाबाद मंडल अध्यक्ष विजय कुमार राणा व संचालन जिला अध्यक्ष अनूप जोशी ने किया। इस मौके पर विधायक अमित कुमार यादव व डॉ नीरा यादव सहित अन्य उपस्थित थे।

निर्वाचन कार्य में लापरवाही बरतने पर होगी कड़ी कार्रवाई : के. रवि कुमार

मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी ने धनबाद के कम मतदान वाले पोलिंग बूथों का किया निरीक्षण



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PHOTON NEWS DHANBAD: मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी के. रवि कुमार ने गुरुवार को धनबाद लोकसभा क्षेत्र के उन मतदान केन्द्रों का निरीक्षण किया, जहां पूर्व के चुनाव में कम मतदान हुआ था। उन्होंने कहा कि निर्वाचन कार्य में जानबूझकर लापरवाही बरतने वाले कर्मियों के खिलाफ कड़ी कार्रवाई की जाएगी। धनबाद लोकसभा क्षेत्र में 25 मई 2024 को मतदान होना है। इसके लिए व्यापक तैयारी की जा रही है। मतदान केन्द्रों पर न्यूनतम सुविधाएं बहाल की जा रही हैं, ताकि मतदाता सुलभ तरीके से मतदान कर सकें। मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी ने गुरुवार को पिछले चुनाव में कम मतदान प्रतिशत वाले केन्द्रों का निरीक्षण कर चुनाव की तैयारियों का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने कहा कि निर्वाचन संबंधित कार्य में किसी प्रकार की

लापरवाही बर्दाश्त नहीं की जाएगी। निर्वाचन कार्य में शिथिलता बरतने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कर्मियों पर कड़ी कार्रवाई की जाएगी। जानबूझकर शिथिलता बरतने वाले पदाधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कड़ी कार्रवाई करने का निर्देश जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त को दिया। उन्होंने ब्लैक एंड व्हाइट फोटो युक्त मतदाता पहचान पत्र वाले मतदाताओं एवं मतदाता सूची में नाम के बावजूद भी फोटोयुक्त मतदाता पहचान पत्र प्राप्त नहीं होने वाले मतदाताओं की अलग-अलग सूची तैयार करने, एएसडी सूची का अद्यतनीकरण करने, वोट इनफॉर्मेशन रिलिफ का ससमय विवरण करने का निर्देश दिया। साथ ही वॉलेंटियर एवं मतदान केंद्र जागरूकता समूह के सदस्यों को प्रशिक्षित करने एवं उससे

हजारीबाग प्रमंडलीय आयुक्त ने किया पोस्टल बैलेट के माध्यम से मतदान

PHOTON NEWS HAZARIBAG: उत्तरी छोटानागपुर प्रमंडल की आयुक्त सुमन कैथरीन किस्पोड्रा एवं आयुक्त के सचिव बासुदेव प्रसाद ने गुरुवार को पोस्टल बैलेट के माध्यम से मतदान किया। हजारीबाग के जबरा स्थित प्रमंडलीय प्रशिक्षण संस्थान में पोस्टल बैलेट के माध्यम से मतदान करने के बाद आयुक्त ने कहा कि पोस्टल बैलेट के माध्यम से मतदान प्रक्रिया में जुड़े मतदाताओं को अपने मताधिकार का प्रयोग करने का एक और सरल और सुरक्षित तरीका प्रदान किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि इस अद्भुत पहल के माध्यम से नागरिकों को उनके मताधिकार का प्रयोग करने में सामर्थ्य प्राप्त होती है और लोकतंत्र को मजबूती से गति मिलती है। आयुक्त ने कहा कि पोस्टल बैलेट नागरिकों के मताधिकारों को संरक्षित करने और उनके सक्रिय भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। उन्होंने



मतदाताओं से अपील करते हुए कहा कि सभी मतदाता अपने मताधिकार का प्रयोग कर पाए, इसके लिए चुनाव आयोग ने हर उचित व्यवस्था की है। अतः हजारीबाग, कोडरमा एवं चतरा के सभी मतदाता 20 मई को मताधिकार का प्रयोग अवश्य करें। आयुक्त ने उन सभी कर्मचारियों का आभासी धन्यवाद किया, जो इस चुनाव प्रक्रिया में सक्रिय भूमिका निभा रहे हैं और लोगों को उनके मताधिकारों का उपयोग करने में सहायता प्रदान कर रहे हैं।

हजारीबाग में 19 तक पोस्टल बैलेट से कर सकेंगे मतदान

HAZARIBAG: हजारीबाग लोकसभा चुनाव के लिए 19 मई को पोलिंग पार्टी के डिस्पैच के दिन तक फेसिलिटेशन सेंटर में छूटे हुए मतदान कर्मी पोस्टल बैलेट से वोट डाल सकेंगे। वैसे मतदान कर्मी जो किसी कारणवश पोस्टल बैलेट से मतदान नहीं कर पाए हैं, उन छूटे हुए मतदाताओं के लिए 19 मई को विनोबा भावे विश्वविद्यालय, हजारीबाग (20-बरकट्टा एवं 21 बरही के लिए) एवं सेंट कोलम्बस महाविद्यालय (24-मांडू एवं 25-हजारीबाग के लिए) निर्धारित फेसिलिटेशन सेंटर में पोस्टल बैलेट से मतदान करने की सुविधा उपलब्ध रहेगी। इसके साथ ही पूर्व में प्रमंडलीय पंचायत प्रशिक्षण संस्थान,जबरा हजारीबाग में बने फेसिलिटेशन सेंटर में 18 मई तक मतदान किया जा सकेगा। इस संबंध में सभी चुनावी पारदर्शिता बनी रहे। इस हेतु पूर्व की भांति पुनः सभी अभ्यर्थी तथा मान्यताप्राप्त राजनैतिक दल को स्वयं अथवा प्रतिनिधि के माध्यम से सेंटर पर उपस्थित होना होगा।

संबंधित सूची को अद्यतन करने का निर्देश दिया। उन्होंने पदाधिकारी एवं कर्मियों को चेतावनी देते हुए कहा कि तैयारी

इस ढंग से करें कि मतदान के दिन मतदाताओं को किसी प्रकार की कोई समस्या न हो। मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी ने

धनबाद के डीवीए पब्लिक स्कूल एवं प्राथमिक विद्यालय डायमंड क्रॉसिंग स्थित मतदान केन्द्रों का निरीक्षण किया।

सरायकेला-खरसावां में रांची लोकसभा चुनाव के लिए पोस्टल बैलेट से मतदान शुरू

SARAIKELA : रांची लोकसभा का मतदान 25 मई को होना है, जिसके लिए पोस्टल बैलेट से मतदान की प्रक्रिया शुरू है। रांची लोकसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में प्रतिनियुक्त 1905 मतदानकर्मियों ने पहले दिन 244 मतदाताओं ने एनआर प्लस टू उच्च विद्यालय, सरायकेला में पोस्टल बैलेट से मतदान किया। सरायकेला-खरसावां जिले में शत-प्रतिशत मतदान कराने को लेकर रांची लोकसभा संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के लिए होम वॉटिंग की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ हो चुकी है। ज्ञात हो कि रांची



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लोकसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र अंतर्गत 50-ईचाण्ड विधानसभा सभा क्षेत्र में वैसे मतदाता जिनकी

उम्र 85 प्लस है व दिव्यांग मतदाता जो चलने फिरने में असमर्थ हैं, उन्हें भारत निर्वाचन आयोग की तरफ से 12-डी फॉर्म के माध्यम से घर में ही मतदान कराने की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई गई है। इसी कड़ी में 15 मई से ही 50-ईचाण्ड विधानसभा क्षेत्र में होम वॉटिंग की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ है, जिसमें 15 मई 2024 तक 85+ आयु के चिन्हित 76 मतदाताओं में 33 मतदाताओं ने मतदान किया। वहीं, 68 चिन्हित दिव्यांग मतदाताओं से 27 मतदाता ने होम वॉटिंग किया है।

ईवीएम वेयर हाउस का सामान्य प्रेक्षक ने किया निरीक्षण

SARAIKELA : रांची लोकसभा संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के सामान्य प्रेक्षक डीएस रमेश ने गुरुवार को सामुदायिक भवन, सरायकेला स्थित ईवीएम वेयर हाउस का निरीक्षण किया, जहां ईवीएम की कमीशनिंग का कार्य किया जा रहा है। इस दौरान उन्होंने सभी संबंधित पदाधिकारियों को भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के दिशा निर्देशों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित कर कमीशनिंग कार्य संपन्न करने के निर्देश दिए।

स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण निर्वाचन के लिए सजग-सतर्क रहें अधिकारी : गरिमा सिंह

LATEHAR : लोकसभा चुनाव के निमित्त लातेहार जिला में स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष और शांतिपूर्ण मतदान संपन्न कराने के लिए गुरुवार को टाउन हॉल, लातेहार में जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी सह उपायुक्त गरिमा सिंह एवं पुलिस अधीक्षक अंजनी अंजन ने संयुक्त रूप से सेक्टर पदाधिकारी एवं सेक्टर पुलिस पदाधिकारियों को दिशा-निर्देश दिए। जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी ने लोकसभा चुनाव के शांतिपूर्ण, निष्पक्ष तरीके से संपन्न कराने को लेकर सेक्टर पदाधिकारी और सेक्टर पुलिस पदाधिकारी को अपने कर्तव्य, ईवीएम प्राप्त करने, मतदान सभापन पश्चात ईवीएम स्ट्रिंग रूम तक सुरक्षित पहुंचाने से संबंधित आवश्यक जानकारियां साझा की।



सभी को विजली का प्रावधान

चांसलर पोर्टल : बीबीएमकेयू में इस बार रजिस्ट्रेशन में 52,000 सीटें

सबसे अधिक आवेदन बीबीएमकेयू में आए

PHOTON NEWS DHANBAD: स्नातक शैक्षणिक सत्र 2024-25 में नामांकन के लिए पूरे झारखंड के कालेजों में नामांकन की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। नामांकन के लिए इच्छुक छात्र-छात्राओं को चांसलर पोर्टल के माध्यम से आवेदन करना है। गत चार मई से चांसलर पोर्टल खुल चुका है। अब तक राज्य के विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों के अधीन कालेजों में 24,542 आवेदन हो चुके हैं। सबसे अधिक 13,492 आवेदन बिनोद बिहारी महतो कोयलांचल विश्वविद्यालय (बीबीएमकेयू) के कालेजों के लिए हुआ है। वहीं, सबसे कम 400 आवेदन डॉ. श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी विश्वविद्यालय रांची के लिए दिया गया है। बीबीएमकेयू में आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि 25 मई निर्धारित है।



अब तक 11,485 ने जमा की राशि

बिनोद बिहारी महतो कोयलांचल विश्वविद्यालय के अधीन धनबाद व बोकारो के कालेजों में इस वर्ष कुल 52,000 सीटें रखी गई हैं। विश्वविद्यालय ने यह साफ कर दिया है कि वह संयुक्त विश्वविद्यालय प्रवेश परीक्षा (सीयूईटी) के माध्यम से नामांकन नहीं लेगी। ऐसे में यहां सीटें बहुत अधिक हैं और विद्यार्थियों का भी रूझान इस ओर देखा जा रहा है। स्नातक में नामांकन के लिए बीबीएमकेयू को 13 हजार से अधिक आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं, वहीं इनमें से 11,485 छात्र-छात्राओं ने नामांकन के लिए आवेदन राशि भी जमा कर दिया है।

● अब तक 13,000 से अधिक विद्यार्थियों ने किया आवेदन

राज्य के अन्य विवि की स्थिति

राज्य के अन्य विश्वविद्यालयों की बात करें तो सिद्धो कान्हो मुर्मू विश्वविद्यालय दुमका में 7495, रांची विश्वविद्यालय रांची में 2562, डा. श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी विश्वविद्यालय रांची में 400 और जमशेदपुर महिला विश्वविद्यालय में 593 विद्यार्थियों ने नामांकन के लिए आवेदन किया है। वहीं स्नातकोत्तर के लिए विनोबा भावे विश्वविद्यालय हजारीबाग में एक और जमशेदपुर महिला विश्वविद्यालय के लिए 13 आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

एसयूसीआई प्रत्याशी ने किया जनसंपर्क



JAMSHEDPUR: जमशेदपुर सीट के एकमात्र वामपंथी प्रत्याशी एसयूसीआई (कम्युनिस्ट) के उम्मीदवार कामरेड सनका महतो ने गुरुवार को पोतका क्षेत्र में गांव-गांव जनसंपर्क अभियान चलाया। उन्होंने लोगों में मजदूर वर्ग की क्रांतिकारी पार्टी एसयूसीआई (कम्युनिस्ट) के पक्ष में वोट देने की अपील की। उन्होंने कहा कि कांग्रेस, बीजेपी झामुमो आदि सभी पूंजीपति वर्ग की पार्टियां हैं। संसद में जाकर सिर्फ और सिर्फ पूंजीपति वर्ग की हित में नीतियां तैयार करेंगे। इसीलिए मजदूर वर्ग की उम्मीदवार को वोट दें और संसद में जन आंदोलन की आवाज बुलंद करने के लिए वोट करें।

केबुल कंपनी के घरों में बिजली कनेक्शन मामले की हाई कोर्ट करेगा सुनवाई

सरयू राय ने कहा- रिजोल्यूशन प्रोफेशनल को जारी किया गया नोटिस

PHOTON NEWS JAMSHEDPUR: केबुल टाउन क्षेत्र के घरों में बिजली का सीधा कनेक्शन देने के बारे में झारखंड उच्च न्यायालय में दायर रिट याचिका न्यायालय ने स्वीकार कर लिया और दिवालिया केबुल कंपनी के आरपी (रिजोल्यूशन प्रोफेशनल) याचिका में निहित बिंदुओं का जवाब देने के लिए नोटिस जारी किया है। उक्त जानकारी देते हुए विधायक सरयू राय ने गुरुवार को बताया कि झारखंड सरकार और टाटा स्टील के अधिकारियों ने याचिका का समर्थन किया है। बिष्टुपुर स्थित कार्यालय में विधायक ने पत्रकारों को बताया कि 10 जून को ग्रीष्मकावश के बाद न्यायालय खुलने पर मामले की सुनवाई होगी। टाटा स्टील के वकील ने कहा कि कंपनी के केबुल



टाउन के सभी घरों में बिजली का सीधा कनेक्शन देने पर सहमत हैं, परंतु दिवालिया घोषित हो चुकी केबुल कंपनी के आरपी इसके लिए अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र नहीं दे रहे हैं। मेरी मांग है कि टाटा स्टील को दिवालिया केबुल कंपनी के आरपी से अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र मांगने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है। इस अनापत्ति के चक्कर में केबुल टाउन वासियों को कई वर्षों से बेवजह परेशानी उठानी पड़ रही है और महंगी बिजली खरीदनी पड़ रही है।

सबसे अधिक आवेदन बीबीएमकेयू में आए

BRIEF NEWS

शराब के साथ दो आरोपी चढ़े आरपीएफ के हत्ये

RANCHI : रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (आरपीएफ) ने रांची रेलवे स्टेशन से शराब के साथ दो आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया है। गिरफ्तार आरोपियों में अकित आनंद और अमित कुमार शामिल हैं। दोनों बिहार के खगड़िया के रहनेवाले हैं। इनके पास से 24 शराब की बोतल बरामद की गई है। बरामद शराब का बाजार मूल्य 17 हजार 700 रुपये है। गुरुवार को आरपीएफ ने बताया कि ऑपरेशन सतर्क के तहत आरपीएफ प्लांटिंग टीम और अपराध शाखा ने रांची रेलवे स्टेशन पर चेकिंग की। चेकिंग के दौरान दो लोगों को सदिग्ध अवस्था में खड़े देखा। उन्हें हिरासत में लेकर उनके बैग की जांच की। इस दौरान शराब बरामद किया गया।

सीड व ओएमआई फाउंडेशन के बीच हुआ एमओयू

RANCHI : झारखंड में सस्टेनेबल मोबिलिटी (सततशील यातायात) व्यवस्था को बढ़ावा देने और जस्ट ट्रान्जिशन की प्रक्रिया को मजबूत करने के लिए सीड और ओएमआई फाउंडेशन साथ मिल कर शोध-अध्ययन व डेवलपमेंट रोडमैप तैयार करेंगे। यह साझेदारी भविष्य और निम्न-कार्बन विकास की दिशा में राज्य के प्रयासों को मजबूत करने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। सीड के सीईओ रमापति कुमार और ओएमआई फाउंडेशन के एजीओ/सीओओ डायरेक्टर ऐश्वर्या रामन ने एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किया। इस एमओयू के अंतर्गत सीड और ओएमआई फाउंडेशन सस्टेनेबल मोबिलिटी पर आधारित नवाचारों के अनुसंधान और परियोजना पर काम करेंगे और स्वच्छ परिवहन व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने का प्रयास करेंगे।

प्रो. राजीव ने ट्रिपल आईटी के निदेशक का संभाला कार्यभार

RANCHI : प्रो राजीव श्रीवास्तव ने गुरुवार को भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (ट्रिपल आईटी, रांची) के निदेशक का कार्यभार ग्रहण किया। ट्रिपल आईटी के प्रभारी निदेशक आईआईएम, रांची के निदेशक प्रो दीपक श्रीवास्तव ने उन्हें कार्यभार सौंपा। प्रो राजीव आईआईटी, बीएचयू में सेवा दे चुके हैं। 26 से अधिक वर्षों के शिक्षण अनुभव के साथ उन्होंने कंप्यूटर विज्ञान और इंजीनियरिंग के क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है। प्रो राजीव, पेटेंट नवाचारी, वीडियो सर्वाइस, आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस, मशीन लर्निंग और डीप लर्निंग जैसे क्षेत्रों में शोध का नेतृत्व किया है।

निर्भीक होकर करें मतदान : डॉ. ब्रजेश

RANCHI : रांची विश्वविद्यालय की एनएसएस इकाई और स्वीप रांची के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में मतदाता जागरूकता अभियान के तहत 17वें दिन गुरुवार को साइकिल रैली निकाली गई। रैली को आर्यु के बैसिक साइंस परिसर से एनएसएस कार्यक्रम समन्वयक डॉ ब्रजेश कुमार ने हरी झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया। कक्षा, लोकतंत्र में आस्था रखते हुए निर्भीक होकर मतदान करें। रैली डीएसपीएमयू, आदर्श ब्लॉक, आईएमएस, सिवो कान्ठ पार्क, प्रेमसंस मोटर मोड, कांके रोड, रिवालांस मार्ग, कैम्पेन पब्लिक स्कूल, सीएमपीडीआई, चांदनी चौक होते हुए पुनः बैसिक साइंस परिसर में पहुंचकर समाप्त हुई। टीआरएल विभाग के डॉ किशोर सुरीन के अलावा दिवाकर, अकित, पुरुषोत्तम, क्षणिका, अगिता, लली, स्वरा, साक्षी, राकेश, कनिष्क, उदय शंकर मौजूद रहे।

पिछली सुनवाई में हाईकोर्ट ने पूछा था- जस्टिस विक्रमादित्य प्रसाद की रिपोर्ट में क्या थीं त्रुटियां नियुक्ति गड़बड़ी मामला : राज्य सरकार और झारखंड विधानसभा ने सौंपी सीलबंद रिपोर्ट

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : झारखंड विधानसभा में नियुक्ति गड़बड़ी मामले में शिव शंकर शर्मा जनहित याचिका की सुनवाई झारखंड हाईकोर्ट में गुरुवार को हुई। मामले में राज्य सरकार और विधानसभा की ओर से सीलबंद रिपोर्ट कोर्ट में प्रस्तुत की गई। जिस पर सुनवाई के लिए कोर्ट ने 11 जून की तिथि निर्धारित की है। पिछली सुनवाई में कोर्ट ने राज्य सरकार और झारखंड विधानसभा से पूछा था कि जस्टिस विक्रमादित्य प्रसाद की रिपोर्ट में क्या त्रुटियां थी जिसके कारण दूसरी आयोग बनानी पड़ी थी। सुनवाई के दौरान गवर्नर की ओर से कोर्ट को बताया गया था कि चूंकि इस मामले में विधानसभा कार्यालय की सल्लिपता थी। इसलिए हाईकोर्ट को पत्र लिखा गया था। इसके बाद लोकनाथ प्रसाद की अध्यक्षता वाली वन मैन कमेटी बनी थी, उनके इस्तीफा के बाद जस्टिस विक्रमादित्य प्रसाद की अध्यक्षता वाली वन मैन कमेटी बनी थी। इस कमेटी के बाद एसजे मुखोपाध्याय आयोग बनाने के संबंध में गवर्नर को कोई जानकारी नहीं दी गई थी और न ही इस आयोग को बनाने में गवर्नर की अप्रवृत्त था। बता दें कि राज्य सरकार की ओर से कोर्ट में जस्टिस विक्रमादित्य प्रसाद एवं एसजे मुखोपाध्याय आयोग रिपोर्ट सीलबंद प्रस्तुत किया जा चुका है।

- 11 जून को होगी अगली सुनवाई
- राज्यपाल ने कोर्ट को बताया था- इस मामले में विधानसभा कार्यालय की थी सल्लिपता
- पहले लोकनाथ प्रसाद की अध्यक्षता वाली वनी थी वन मैन कमेटी
- एसजे मुखोपाध्याय आयोग बनाने के संबंध में गवर्नर को नहीं दी गई थी कोई जानकारी



हाईकोर्ट ने 648 बहुमंजिली इमारतों में वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग की जांच को लेकर छह अधिवक्ताओं की बनाई कमेटी

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : रांची के जलस्रोतों के संरक्षण एवं रांची के तीन डैम की साफ सफाई और उसे अतिक्रमण मुक्त करने को लेकर कोर्ट के स्वतः संज्ञान की सुनवाई झारखंड हाईकोर्ट में गुरुवार को हुई। सुनवाई के दौरान कोर्ट में रांची के बहुमंजिली इमारतों में रैन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग सिस्टम की जांच के लिए 6 अधिवक्ताओं की कमेटी

बनाई है। अधिवक्ताओं की यह कमेटी रांची नगर निगम के तीन अधिवक्ताओं के साथ मिलकर इसकी जांच करेगी की जिन बहुमंजिली इमारतों में रैनवाटर हार्वेस्टिंग लगे होने का दावा रांची नगर निगम कर रही है, वह मटेन होता है या नहीं। रैनवाटर हार्वेस्टिंग सिस्टम चालू हालत में है या नहीं। अधिवक्ताओं की कमेटी इसकी जांच कर कोर्ट को

रिपोर्ट सौंपेगी। पिछली सुनवाई में रांची नगर निगम की ओर से अधिवक्ता एलसीएन शाहदेव ने कोर्ट को बताया गया था कि राजधानी रांची के 710 बहुमंजिली इमारतों (जी प्लस 5) में से 648 बहुमंजिली इमारतों में वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग किया जा चुका है। जिस पर कोर्ट ने उनसे पूछा था कि जिन बहुमंजिली इमारतों

में वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग सिस्टम बना है वह मटेन होता है या नहीं। कोर्ट ने यह भी पूछा था कि पुनः, कटहल मोड आदि इलाकों में बहुमंजिली इमारतों एवं अन्य भवनों में वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग की गई है या नहीं। वहीं सरकार ने बताया था हटिया, कांके एवं गेतलसूद डैम से 6 माह तक पानी आपूर्ति की कोई समस्या नहीं होगी।

निलंबित मुख्य अभियंता वीरेंद्र राम की पत्नी व पिता को सुप्रीम कोर्ट से राहत, पीड़क कार्रवाई पर लगी रोक

39.28 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की संपत्ति जप्त कर चुकी है ईडी

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग मामले में ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग के निलंबित मुख्य अभियंता वीरेंद्र राम की पत्नी एवं वीरेंद्र राम के पिता गेंदा राम को सुप्रीम कोर्ट से राहत मिली है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इन दोनों के खिलाफ पीड़क कार्रवाई पर रोक लगाई है। हाई कोर्ट ने इन दोनों की अग्रिम जमानत याचिका खारिज कर दी थी। रांची की पीएमएलए कोर्ट में सरेंडर नहीं करने को लेकर इनके खिलाफ कोर्ट से कुर्की का वारंट जारी हुआ था। इन पर गिरफ्तारी की

तलवार लटक रही थी। इसके बाद इन्होंने सुप्रीम कोर्ट का दरवाजा खटखटाया था। बता दें की 21 अप्रैल 2023 को वीरेंद्र राम, उनके भाई आलोक रंजन, वीरेंद्र राम की पत्नी राजकुमारी देवी एवं पिता गेंदा राम के खिलाफ ईडी की अदालत में आरोप पत्र दाखिल किया गया था। ईडी की टीम ने वीरेंद्र राम की 39.28 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की संपत्ति जप्त कर ली। जन्त की गई संपत्ति वीरेंद्र द्वारा टेंडर में कमीशन से उगाही अर्जित की गई है।

22 फरवरी 2023 को वीरेंद्र राम के आवास पर छापेमारी के दौरान उसके रांची के अशोक नगर स्थित आवास से ईडी ने गिरफ्तार किया था। वीरेंद्र राम के ठिकानों में छापेमारी के दौरान ईडी को करीब 40 लाख से अधिक के कैश एवं डेढ़ करोड़ के जेवरात मिले थे। ईडी ने उनके करीब एक दर्जन लख्जरी वाहन भी बरामद किया था। ईडी की पछताह में उसके पास से 12.5 करोड़ की चल-अचल संपत्ति की जानकारी मिली थी।

स्पेनिश महिला व सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सेवानिवृत्त जज से जुड़ा मामला, हाईकोर्ट ने पूछा जमीन कब्जा, महिला अपराध व रंगदारी के मामलों में आरोपियों की बेल रद्द करने को लेकर क्या हुई कार्रवाई

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : दुमका में स्पेनिश बोलने वाली ब्राजील निवासी महिला के साथ गैंग रेप एवं सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सेवानिवृत्त जज (स्वर्गीय) एमवाई इकबाल के रांची स्थित जमीन की बाउंड्री वॉल तोड़कर जमीन पर कब्जे की कोशिश मामले में कोर्ट के स्वतः संज्ञान की सुनवाई गुरुवार को झारखंड हाई कोर्ट में हुई। कोर्ट ने मामले में राज्य सरकार से पूछा है कि राज्य में जमीन कब्जा , महिला अपराध एवं रंगदारी के मामलों में लगातार लिप्त रहने वाले आरोपियों की जमानत रद्द करने को लेकर क्या

कार्रवाई हुई है। इस संबंध में कोर्ट ने सरकार से जवाब मांगा है। कोर्ट ने सरकार को एक चार्ट तैयार करने को कहा है जिसमें आरोपियों के पहचान से संबंधित डाटा रहे ताकि वह आर दूसरी बार भी वे अपराध करते हुए पकड़े जाएं तो उनकी पहचान आसानी से हो सके। इससे पहले राज्य सरकार की ओर से कोर्ट को बताया गया कि पिछले 6 माह से झारखंड में भू माफियाओं द्वारा जमीन कब्जे, महिलाओं के खिलाफ अपराध एवं रंगदारी के मामलों में का डाटा एक लेजर दर्ज मामले में का डाटा एक होने का कारण यह है कि वही

अपराधी बार-बार ऐसी घटनाओं को अंजाम देते हैं। सरकार का डाटा गलत नहीं है। सरकार की ओर से रांची में पिछले 6 माह में उक्त तीनों मामलों में क्राइम का डाटा कोर्ट के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया। वही बताया कि राज्य के अन्य जिलों के भू माफियाओं द्वारा जमीन कब्जे, महिलाओं के खिलाफ अपराध एवं रंगदारी मांगने की अपराध का डाटा अभी नहीं आ पाया है। जिस पर कोर्ट ने अगली सुनवाई में सभी जिलों में पिछले 6 माह में भू माफियाओं द्वारा जमीन कब्जे, महिलाओं के खिलाफ अपराध

रांची स्टेशन से बच्चा चोरी का मामला, नहीं मिला कोई सुराग जीआरपी के त्वरित कार्रवाई नहीं करने पर सीआईडी डीजी और रेल एडीजी से शिकायत

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : रांची रेलवे स्टेशन से चोरी हुए नौ माह के मासूम शुभम का पांच दिन बीतने के बाद भी अब तक कोई सुराग पुलिस को नहीं मिल पाया है। पुलिस की कई टीमों अलग-अलग जगह बच्चे की तलाश में छापेमारी कर रही है। लेकिन सफलता हाथ नहीं लगी है। इसको लेकर चाइल्ड राइट्स फाउंडेशन के सचिव बैजनाथ कुमार ने जीआरपी द्वारा त्वरित कार्रवाई नहीं करने को लेकर शिकायत दर्ज कराया है। बैजनाथ कुमार ने सीआईडी डीजी और रेल एडीजी के पास शिकायत की

क्या है पूरा मामला
दरअसल बीते 11 मई की देर रात 9 माह के शुभम को चोरी ने तब गायब कर दिया, जब वह अपनी दादी के साथ सो रहा था। बच्चे के गायब करने की पूरी वारदात रांची रेलवे स्टेशन में लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरा में कैद हो गयी थी। उसके बाद से पुलिस बच्चे की तलाश कर रही है।

है और कहा है कि रांची रेलवे स्टेशन पर अज्ञात व्यक्ति के द्वारा बच्चों को उठाकर ले जाते हुए सीसीटीवी फुटेज में देखा जा सकता है। लेकिन बच्चे के माता-पिता जब रांची रेलवे पुलिस थाना

गोस्सनर कॉलेज में एंकरिंग कार्यशाला

RANCHI : गोस्सनर कॉलेज के पत्रकारिता एवं वीडियो प्रोडक्शन विभाग में तीन दिवसीय एंकरिंग कार्यशाला का शुभारंभ गुरुवार को हुआ। अतिथि आर्यु के पूर्व हिंदी विभागाध्यक्ष डॉ जग बहादुर पांडेय ने कहा कि किसी भी कार्यक्रम के सफल संचालन में एंकर की प्रमुख भूमिका होती है। एंकर की भाषा अच्छी होनी चाहिए। प्रस्तुत शब्दों का उच्चारण स्पष्ट और सही होना चाहिए। दूसरे सत्र में राष्ट्रीय कृषि उच्चतर प्रसंस्करण संस्थान के पदाधिकारी अंजेश कुमार ने एंकरिंग के दौरान आने वाली बाधाओं से विद्यार्थियों को अवगत कराया। सीनियर एंकर मीनाक्षी शर्मा, मास कॉम विभाग की एचओडी प्रो महिमा गोल्डेन बिलुंग, प्रो संतोष, प्रो अनुज, प्रो प्रशांत गौरव, डॉ वासुदेव प्रसाद मौजूद थे।

पीजी सेमेस्टर 4 की परीक्षा की तिथि बढ़ाने की आजसू ने उठाई आवाज पाठ्यक्रम पूरा किए बिना एग्जाम लेना किसी प्रकार से उचित नहीं : अभिषेक

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : गुरुवार को अखिल झारखंड छात्र संघ (आजसू) के सदस्यों ने पीजी सेमेस्टर 2 की परीक्षा की तिथि को बढ़ाने को लेकर पीजी विभाग के विद्यार्थी के साथ रांची विश्वविद्यालय के परीक्षा नियंत्रक का घेराव किया। घेराव करने वाले छात्र-छात्राओं ने इस दौरान नारेबाजी भी की। विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन के खिलाफ रोष जताया। परीक्षा नियंत्रक ने कहा की जल्द ही इसपर विचार कर करके तिथि को आगे बढ़ा दिया जाएगा। मौके पर मुख्य रूप से दीपक दुवे, रोहित चौधरी, विशाल कुमार यादव, रिषभ के अलावा कई अन्य सदस्य मौजूद थे। मौके रांची विश्वविद्यालय आजसू अध्यक्ष अभिषेक शुक्ला ने कहा की रांची विश्वविद्यालय में पीजी के कई विभागों के बहुत सारे विषयों के पाठ्यक्रम अबतक पूरी तरह से कंप्लीट नहीं हुए हैं। कुछ विभागों में मिड सेम 4 की परीक्षा भी अब तक नहीं हुई है। ऐसे में विश्वविद्यालय

परीक्षा नियंत्रक का किया घेराव



ज्ञापन दौपते आजसू छात्र संघ के सदस्य।
द्वारा अभी सेमेस्टर 4 परीक्षा करना उचित नहीं है, अभी विश्वविद्यालय के सभी विभागों के छात्र-छात्राओं के बीच परीक्षा को लेकर असमंजस की स्थिति बनी हुई है। वे अपनी पढ़ाई पर ध्यान केंद्रित नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। अभिषेक शुक्ला ने विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन की मंशा पर रोष व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि डिग्री छापीली वाली मशीन न बने विश्वविद्यालय।

झारखंड में चल रहा है लैंड जिहाद, जनता भ्रष्टाचार से त्रस्त

आलमगीर आलम को तुरंत मंत्री पद से हटाएं : अरुण

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : भाजपा के राष्ट्रीय महामंत्री अरुण सिंह ने कहा है कि कांग्रेस कोटे से मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को अविश्वस्य मंत्री पद से हटाना चाहिए। राज्य सरकार को अविश्वस्य आलमगीर आलम को मंत्री पद से हटाने का काम करना चाहिए। साथ ही उनके खिलाफ जांच में तेजी लानी चाहिए। अरुण सिंह गुरुवार को बीजेपी प्रदेश कार्यालय में मीडिया से बातचीत कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि ये बड़ी आश्चर्य की बात है कि आलमगीर आलम ने गिरफ्तारी के बाद भी इस्तीफा नहीं दिया है। मंत्री के पास सैकड़ों करोड़ होने की संभावना है। जिस मंत्री के आप्त सचिव और नौकर के घर से 35 करोड़ रुपए बरामद हुए, ऐसे मामलों में जांच तेज

- एनडीए 400 सीटों के लक्ष्य को पार करने में जुटा
- अब तक हुए चार चरणों के चुनाव में एकतरफा एनडीए को वोट मिले
- झारखंड की सभी 14 सीटें जीतने का किया दावा

भाजपा-झामुमो-कांग्रेस सभी ने झारखंड को लूटा : नायक

RANCHI : गुरुवार को भारत क्रांति पार्टी के राष्ट्रीय महासचिव सह प्रभारी झारखंड, छत्तीसगढ़ विजय शंकर नायक ने कहा कि राज्य के ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री आलमगीर आलम को ईडी द्वारा गिरफ्तार किए जाने पर मुख्यमंत्री चम्पाई सोरेन उन्हें मंत्रिमंडल में बंद कर दें, जो लोक निर्माण विभाग से जुड़े हैं, सभी विभागों में भ्रष्टाचार का अंतर्हीन सिलसिला जारी है। कमीशनखोरी की राजनीति शत-प्रतिशत की जा रही है। स्थिति इतनी भयावह है की सभी लोक निर्माण के विकास कार्य में आज 40 प्रतिशत कमिशन विकास की राशि नेता,

दोनों हाथों से लूटने का काम किया। इसका परिणाम है कि आज मंत्री और अधिकारी जेल जा रहे हैं। आज जितने भी विभाग जो विकास कार्य करने का काम कर रहे हैं, जो लोक निर्माण विभाग से जुड़े हैं, सभी विभागों में भ्रष्टाचार का अंतर्हीन सिलसिला जारी है। कमीशनखोरी की राजनीति शत-प्रतिशत की जा रही है। स्थिति इतनी भयावह है की सभी लोक निर्माण के विकास कार्य में आज 40 प्रतिशत कमिशन विकास की राशि नेता,

देती रही है। अरुण सिंह ने कहा कि झारखंड की जनता भ्रष्टाचार से त्रस्त है। इस वजह से एनडीए के पक्ष में मतदान करने का मन बना लिया है।



रिम्स निदेशक ने अस्पताल परिसर का किया निरीक्षण, अव्यवस्था देख भड़के

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI : रिम्स निदेशक प्रो. डॉ. राजकुमार ने गुरुवार को अस्पताल परिसर का निरीक्षण किया। उनके साथ डीन प्रो. डॉ. विद्यापति, चिकित्सा अधीक्षक प्रो. डॉ. हीरेंद्र बिरुआ, उपाधीक्षक डॉ. शैलेश त्रिपाठी मौजूद थे। रिम्स में डायनेमिक बेड मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम के तहत विभागों में बेड के उचित वितरण सुनिश्चित करने के लिए निदेशक ने मेडिसिन और स्किन विभाग का निरीक्षण किया। इस संदर्भ में उन्होंने विभागों को समन्वय के साथ काम करने के निर्देश दिए हैं, ताकि डायनेमिक बेड मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम का क्रियात्मक सुचारु ढंग से हो सके और मरीजों को इसका फायदा पहुंचे। स्किन विभाग में खाली बेड पर डायनेमिक बेड मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम के तहत मेडिसिन की महिला मरीजों को



और स्किन विभाग की महिला मरीजों के साथ में तथा मेडिसिन के पुरुष मरीजों को स्किन विभाग के पुरुष मरीजों के साथ वार्ड में रखने की व्यवस्था की जाएगी। साथ ही वार्ड इंचार्ज सिस्टर को यहाँ तत्काल व्यवस्था करते हुए और नर्स प्रतिनियुक्त करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। निरीक्षण के दौरान निदेशक ने देखा कि मेडिसिन विभाग के वार्ड के कई बेड पर चादर नहीं थी। इसको लेकर उन्होंने मैट्रन को काफ़ी बतआओ नोटिस जारी करने के निर्देश दिए हैं।

Justice for all requires listening to all

AMID a geopolitical churn around the world, institutions of global governance — such as the UN and the World Trade Organisation — stand paralysed. In democratic countries, elected governments are crippled by partisan politics. Courts are grappling with public concerns they are not equipped for. The Overton Window, also known as the window of discourse, is a model for understanding how ideas change in societies. Politicians are selective about what policy ideas they can support — they generally only pursue policies that are widely accepted in society as legitimate policy options. These policies lie inside the Overton Window. Other ideas exist outside it, but politicians risk losing popular support if they champion those.

World-systems analysis, an approach to social analysis and change, explains the construction of a world system of power and ideas. Immanuel Wallerstein and his co-authors (Randall Collins et al) explain in 'Does Capitalism Have a Future?' how a world system of dominant ideas and hegemonic power emerges. They say, "One state gains advantage simultaneously in all three forms of economic activity — production, commerce and finance — and gains a significant military edge emerging from its success in a previous struggle. To cap its overall position, it asserts its cultural dominance and its defining version of the geoculture." The hegemonic power then declines with a redistribution of ideas from the periphery to the core when ideas that were relegated to the periphery come around again.

Concerns about inequality, and private versus public property rights, had been pushed into the background by a capitalist ideology of free markets and borderless trade along with private enterprise and minimum government — the Washington Consensus — which swept across the world from the 1990s. Socialism, with the visible hand of the government rather than the invisible hand of the market, and its emphasis on human welfare, was denigrated. The Overton Window has opened again. Concerns about colonialism and inequity among countries have arisen again; also about unsustainable and inequitable economic growth. Alongside these, anger is increasing against politicians within many global champions of democracy — the US, Europe, and India. Institutions at the top in democratic states — elected governments and the courts — check and balance each other. They are expected to find solutions to complex problems and provide justice to all. But they are unable to do so. Reforms in India's agriculture sector and the labour laws that affect crores of citizens were passed by a majoritarian Parliament without a debate. The reforms are stalled. A nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court is re-examining its 1978 interpretation of constitutional rights to private versus public property. The court has also acknowledged the fundamental right of all citizens to freedom from the adverse impacts of climate change. With this, the court has admitted, jurisprudence is entering new territory. The liberal ideology that individual rights are superior to a community's rights, and that every individual has the right to be whatsoever she or he chooses to be, has grown along with the European Enlightenment since the 17th century. From Europe, it spread around the world. Its ideas accumulated hegemonic power in academia and social and political discourse. Modern science also developed and spread with the European Enlightenment. In modern science, complex systems are broken into parts. Science advances in specialised silos with experts who know more and more about less and less. None understands the whole. The scientific establishment and governments are guided by knowledge in bits and bytes. Governments, philanthropists and scientists focus on the improvement of bits of systems, with the belief that if the bits are improved, the wellbeing of the whole system will improve, whereas the health of complex living systems requires all their parts to be healthy. "Leave no one behind", a strategy for the wellbeing of all, is based on sound systems science. If any part of a human body is unhealthy, the body becomes unwell even if all other parts are in robust health. Therefore, the right to life of all nature's parts — its trees and plants, insects and animals, mountains and rivers — is founded on sound systems science.

Proactive response can keep forest fires under control

Forest fires have reached alarming proportions, causing injuries and deaths, and damage to infrastructure and private properties.

WILDFIRES, which are triggered by increased temperatures and reduced humidity during summers, are the most common hazard in forests. They annually impact half of the forest area in the country. Forest fires in Uttarakhand have affected more than 1,400 hectares of green cover since November last year. The loss to the forest economy due to fires is much greater than the damage caused by pests and diseases taken together. Besides, the production of noxious gases, a causative factor for climate change, results in serious health hazards.

Wildfires occur when elements of the fire triangle — fuel, air and ignition — come together in a susceptible area. There is a lack of concern about forest fires among communities, society and governments as the loss of life, livestock and property in them pales in comparison to the destruction caused by other disasters. But if associated intangibles — such as the impact on soil fertility, biodiversity loss, effects on watershed functions, soil erosion, the resultant landslides, greenhouse gases and the consequent climate change — are taken into consideration, the comparative assessed loss would be much more. All possible measures are therefore required to prevent forest fires and to control them immediately if they do occur. This is a modal window. HLS playlist request error at URL: <https://s.vdo.ai/uploads/videos/16580793842062d448988acb2>. Tackling forest fires through a ban-and-punish approach has not worked, requiring strategies and action plans to be devised in consultation with the active participation of all stakeholders, especially forest-based communities, Panchayati Raj organisations, village-based forest bodies, etc. Forest fire management can be a success when clear lines of individual and institutional responsibilities are fixed through a well-defined policy. Forest departments in states and UTs have to be held accountable for the management of forest fires, with the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change addressing the issue at the Central level. The responsibility of communities and organisations in the prevention and control of forest fires also needs to be fixed. This would require a shift from the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Framework being followed to the Disaster Management Continuum, as contained in the National Policy on Disaster Management

(2009), for better results. The former contains just four stages — prevention, detection, suppression and post-fire management — while the latter lists detailed steps of prevention, early warning, mitigation, risk reduction and preparation to ensure that fires do not occur and to initiate an effective response and carry out rescue, relief, evacuation and rehabilitation operations if they do.

Under the Disaster Management Continuum, preventive measures such as controlling the burning of the forest floor, maintaining fire lines and



cleaning forests need to be initiated before the onset of the fire season. As about 80 per cent forest fires have an anthropogenic origin, local forest-based communities and people in general must be made aware of the importance of keeping an ignition source away; it is the best method of preventing forest fires. Early warning on forest fires helps put effective preventive and preparatory measures in place. 'Forest fire alerts', a satellite-based early warning system developed by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), are communicated through the Internet and mobile phones to officers and field staff of the forest departments and community leaders concerned for necessary action. Further, the 'pre-fire alerts' developed by the FSI — that are based on high temperature and low humidity — can give a warning about a fire a month in advance. These need to be fully operationalised; the measures could be more effective in preventing forest fires.

The forest fire triangle can be broken through the elimination of one of the sources, most probably by removing combustible material lying in a forest

before the fire season, to mitigate the risk of wildfires. The utilisation of such inflammable material for the livelihood generation of local people by manufacturing various commercial products is an ideal option for reducing and mitigating fire risks. Pine needles, the source of fires in Himalayan pine forests, are being utilised through grassroots people's organisations in the hill states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand for making marketable products. Preparations need to begin before the fire season, with preventive and mitigative measures and an early warning system in place. Information made available through pre-fire alerts should be used to initiate preparatory action in the reported fire-prone areas. Local youths with indigenous expertise appointed as fire watchers and forest field staff need to be made ready. Fire-fighters and managers should be provided with modern fire-extinguishing tools, equipment and gear, including fire-resistant clothes, boots, helmets and gloves (which are missing at present) to enable them to tackle wildfires effectively.

If a forest fire occurs despite all these measures, an effective response mechanism has to be in place to immediately extinguish it. Rapid response teams equipped with vehicles with water and other material in each forest division/range must be made ever-ready to control a blaze. National and state disaster forces should be requisitioned only when the situation goes out of control. Forest fires have reached alarming proportions, causing human injuries and deaths, and damage to infrastructure and private properties. This calls for rescue, relief, evacuation, rehabilitation and reconstruction. Those affected by such disasters must be provided with assistance by the disaster management/forest authorities. A physical assessment of the affected area must be replaced with the comprehensive Indian Forest Fire Response and Assessment System to obtain complete information and ensure uniformity. Capacity-building of the stakeholders involved with all aspects of these parameters is an important part of this process, which would improve the forest fire management system. A shift from the old forest fire prevention and management system to the Disaster Management Continuum would facilitate better strategic management of wildfires.

Polling in Kashmir

Peaceful conduct heralds democratic renewal

THE high voter turnout and peaceful conduct of the ongoing elections in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Valley, signify a significant step towards democratic renewal in the region after the abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019. The heartening turnout of 38 per cent in Srinagar — a leap from 14.43 per cent polling in 2019 — signals faith in the electoral process despite the socio-political complexities of the state-turned-UT. That the 2024 General Election is being held here without any call for boycott after decades is reflective of a growing desire among the people to actively engage in shaping their future.

While traditional parties like the National Conference and the People's Democratic Party continue to play an important role, new political entities have also entered the poll fray. However, challenges persist, especially in bridging the trust deficit



between the Kashmiri polity and the Central Government. For the BJP, skipping elections in the Valley and limiting itself to Ladakh and Jammu marks not only a strategic

retreat but also an acknowledgment of simmering discontent and the onerous task of reconciling its narrative with ground realities. Despite claims of ushering in development and peace after the abrogation of Article 370, the BJP faces scrutiny over unaddressed grievances, characterised by arrests, media censorship and economic neglect.

The successful conduct of elections should serve as a catalyst for the restoration of statehood, as promised by Prime Minister Modi during his poll rally in Udhampur last month. It is reinforced by the Supreme Court's December 2023 order to conduct the Assembly elections by September. All stakeholders must seize the momentum and work towards building a more inclusive and representative governance framework that addresses the aspirations of the people of the Union Territory.

Many shades of India's Pak policy

This poll season, BJP has tried to lure Congress to extensively react to its charges on nationalism

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi recently seized upon remarks made by octogenarian politician and former diplomat Mani Shankar Aiyar to try to show that the Congress had always pursued a timid, if not cowardly, policy on Pakistan. Aiyar's comments were extracted from an 83-minute-long interview, which he gave last month to a video channel. In the interview, he expansively dwelt on his views on the India-Pakistan relations and was critical of the Modi government's approach to Pakistan. Aiyar could have avoided a direct reference to strategic weapons. That would have possibly not given PM Modi political ammunition and avoided embarrassment to the Congress. But then Aiyar would not be Aiyar if he didn't commit such gaffes. Without naming Aiyar, Modi said at an election rally in Odisha on May 11 that 'Congress people' were seeking to weaken the country's self-confidence by creating fear about Pakistani nuclear weapons. He asserted that those who talked about Pakistan possessing atom bombs were unaware that it did not have the capacity to 'handle' them and wished to sell them, but their quality was such that no one wanted to purchase them. Modi, thereafter, trained his guns on the Congress' 'weak' approach to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Taking their cue from Modi, other BJP leaders criticised the Congress for always being soft on Pakistan. On its part, the Congress distanced itself from Aiyar's remarks. Its spokesperson, Pawan Khera, said Aiyar did not 'speak' for the Congress in 'any capacity whatsoever'. He went on to recall that Pakistan had been dismembered in December 1971. This was an obvious reference to then PM Indira Gandhi's handling of the war which Pakistan had thrust upon India after its army started a genocide in what was then East Pakistan. Khera also referred to India's 'peaceful nuclear explosion' of 1974,

undertaken during Indira's rule.

Since the first phase of elections on April 19, the BJP has attempted to lure the Congress to extensively react to its charges on nationalism. The reference to the remarks made by Aiyar, who has no current political relevance, again illustrates this point. However, the Congress has largely and perhaps wisely skirted the issue. Its top leaders have refused to engage Modi on India's Pakistan policy or even on the issue of terrorism. They have stuck to highlighting economic matters such as unemployment and growing disparity between the rich and the poor. They have also focused on the 'threat' to the Constitution if the BJP retains power.

It is legitimate for the BJP to rake up the Congress' approach to Pakistan during the elections. It is equally up to the Congress to respond to the BJP's allegations in the manner it wishes to. This is part of the thrust and parry of electioneering. However, even here, it is highly desirable that top political leaders, whether in the government or outside, exercise responsibility and restraint when it comes to strategic issues. These matters are much too sensitive to be made part of the rough and tumble of campaigning. Indeed, it is a matter of record that political leaders, irrespective of their party affiliations, have contributed in their own ways to India's security, including through the development of the country's strategic assets. This aspect should not be forgotten in the heat of election campaigns.

As for Aiyar, he has long been an advocate of an uninterrupted dialogue between India and Pakistan. What those who believe in this approach overlook is

that no Indian government was able to politically sustain a bilateral dialogue process following an unacceptable Pakistan-linked terror attack. Hence, the view that terror and talks cannot go together is correct. In the interview and in a newspaper article after the controversy erupted, Aiyar's memory has been selective on Modi's Pakistan policy. Indeed, it



can be argued that Modi took political risks in pursuing a policy of engagement with Pakistan. Modi and his then counterpart Nawaz Sharif decided during their meeting in July 2015 in Ufa, Russia, on the sidelines of the SCO summit that their National Security Advisors (NSAs) would meet to discuss terrorism and related issues. The Ufa joint statement did not specifically mention the J&K issue. Pakistani Generals reacted with fury. Over the next few

months, Modi began to show flexibility and allowed the statement to be set aside because he let the NSAs, accompanied by the Foreign Secretaries, meet in Bangkok in December to discuss a range of issues, including the resumption of the India-Pakistan dialogue. Two days after the Bangkok meeting, then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj went to Islamabad for a multilateral meeting on Afghanistan. On its sidelines, Swaraj and her Pakistani counterpart Sartaj Aziz agreed to begin the full bilateral dialogue process, which they called the Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue. Modi's brief visit to Lahore came after these two meetings. However, the Pakistani Generals did not wish this engagement to move ahead and engineered the Pathankot airbase terror attack in January 2016. Yet, Modi tried to save the dialogue process. He went to the extent of allowing a Pakistani team, which included an ISI officer, to visit India, particularly the Pathankot airbase. It is only after the Uri terror attack of September 2016 that Modi's approach changed. Yet, he did not break ties. Indeed, with Imran Khan becoming Pakistan's Prime Minister in 2018, there was talk of a thaw in the bilateral relationship.

What put the ties in deep freeze was the Pulwama terror attack of February 2019 and the constitutional changes in J&K in August that year. Indeed, Pakistan downgraded ties with India after the changes. It has since then indicated that a dialogue process cannot begin until India reverses the J&K decisions. Hence, Aiyar would do well to dwell on the irrationality of Pakistan's current India approach, but that he will never do.

Go Digit IPO Day 2: Check Subscription, GMP, Other Details; Should You Buy?

NEW DELHI: The insurance company, backed by the Indian cricketer Virat Kohli and his wife and a leading Bollywood actor, Anushka Sharma, whose initial public offering (IPO) opened on Wednesday, got subscribed 1.44 times by the end of the first day of its book-building process on Wednesday, according to data released by the stock exchanges.

Go Digit Subscription Status

As per the Go Digit IPO subscription status after day one of bidding, the public issue worth Rs 1489.65 crore has been booked 0.36 times.

According to the data available on the stock exchanges, the issue received bids of 1,88,97,835 shares against the offered 5,28,69,677 equity shares at a price band of Rs 258 to Rs 272. The Retail Portion and Non-Institutional Investors Portion were subscribed 1.44 times and 0.34 times, respectively, whereas the Qualified Institutional Buyer Portion is still to see traction.

Go Digit IPO: Subscription Dates, Allotment Date, Listing Date

The Go Digit IPO will remain open between May 15 and May 17. Its allotment will likely be finalised on May 21, while its listing will take place on both BSE and NSE on May 23.

Go Digit IPO Price and Lot Size

The price of the Go Digit IPO has been fixed at a price band of Rs 258-272 per share.

Investors need to apply for a minimum of 55 equity shares and in multiples thereof. Hence, the minimum investment by retail investors would be Rs 14,190 (55 (lot size) x Rs 258 (lower price band)). At the upper end, the bidding amount will increase to Rs 14,960. **Go Digit IPO:** Category-Wise Quota

The issue has been reserved up to 75 per cent for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs), 15 per cent for non-institutional buyers, and 10 per cent for retail investors.

Go Digit IPO: Risk

- 1) Go Digit has a track record of reporting losses.
- 2) The company has received warnings and show-cause notices from the insurance regulator IRDAI for alleged non-compliance with various regulatory prescriptions in the past.

Stock Market Updates: Sensex Surges 750 Points, Nifty Tops 22,400

New Delhi Domestic markets were volatile on Thursday with the S&P BSE Sensex turning flat, while the Nifty 50 slipping below the 22,200-mark.

Tech M rallied 2 per cent, and was leading the top gainers on the Sensex index. This was followed by Wipro, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech, Infosys, M&M, ICICI Bank, and Tata Steel.

On the laggards front, Power Grid, Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, L&T, and NTPC fell the most.

In the broader markets, the S&P BSE MidCap, and the SmallCap indices gained 0.44 per cent and 0.68 per cent, respectively. Among sectors, all indices were in the green led by the Nifty IT index (up 1 per cent), and the Nifty Financial Services index (0.5 per cent). Asian stock markets experienced a rally on Thursday, propelled by Wall Street's surge to record highs overnight. This surge followed a US inflation report showing milder-than-expected results, fueling expectations that the Federal Reserve may implement at least two rate cuts within the year. Wall Street's three major indexes notched record closes on Wednesday with the benchmark S&P 500 and the Nasdaq both advancing more than 1 per cent, after a smaller-than-expected rise in consumer inflation bolstered investors' hopes for interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

Vodafone India shares can rally up to Rs 23 if...: Kotak Equities

NEW DELHI. Vodafone Idea shares have the potential to surge to Rs 23 in a bull case scenario, according to Kotak Institutional Equities. The brokerage maintained a 'sell rating' on the stock, saying it is a high-risk, high-reward opportunity. However, Kotak analysts noted that if certain conditions are met, including a sharper 10% annual growth rate in average revenue per user (ARPU) over ten years, the stock could reach Rs 23 per share. "In our bull case, we assume a sharper 10% 10-year ARPU CAGR (versus our base case estimate of ~8.5%). In this case, our FV for Vi could potentially increase to Rs23/share. However, several things (such as AGR waiver, moderation in competitive intensity from peers and sharper tariff hikes) have to fall in place for this outcome," said Aditya Bansal of Kotak Equities. As of today, the stock was trading at Rs 13.32 on the Bombay Stock Exchange at 1 pm.

Kotak Equities highlighted that achieving this bull case scenario would require factors such as an AGR waiver, reduced competitive intensity, and significant tariff hikes. However, in a more conservative base scenario, Kotak has set a target of Rs 10 per share. This scenario assumes the continuation of the current market structure beyond FY2026, with the government providing relief measures like deferrals, waivers, or conversion of spectrum and AGR dues to support Vodafone Idea's survival. The brokerage firm suggested that Vodafone Idea's recent fund-raising efforts would maintain the existing market dynamics in the medium term, potentially shifting telcos' focus from acquiring subscribers to generating returns through tariff increases. The long-term recovery of Vodafone Idea, however, is contingent on government relief measures, a decrease in competitive pressures, and the company's ability to prevent further subscriber losses. "We await signs of Vi's subscriber base stabilization and greater clarity on potential GoI relief measures/dilution, before turning more constructive," the brokerage said.

For the fourth quarter, Vodafone Idea's net loss is projected to be between Rs 7,307.20 crore and Rs 7,680 crore, with expected revenue around Rs 10,690 crore.

Titagarh Rail Systems Soars Over 9% As Investors Cheer Stellar Q4 Results

NEW DELHI: Shares of Titagarh Rail Systems soared by up to 9.4 per cent at Rs 1,216.30 on the BSE in Thursday's intraday trade as investors rejoiced in the company's robust earnings performance in the March quarter of FY24.

This surge followed the company's announcement of robust financial performance for the March quarter and the entire fiscal year FY 24, marked by record-breaking revenue and net profit figures. Titagarh Rail Systems revenue saw an 8 per cent year on year (YoY) uptick, reaching Rs 1,052.4 crore in Q4FY24 compared to Rs 974.2 crore in Q4FY23. Earnings before interest tax depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) surged by 25.7 per cent YoY to Rs 120 crore, contrasting with Rs 95 crore in the previous year. The Ebitda margins expanded by 160 basis points, reaching 11.4 per cent compared to 9.8 per cent in Q4FY24. The firm posted a net profit of Rs 78.9 crore, up 63.7 per cent YoY

versus Rs 48.2 crore in Q4FY23. The revenue growth was chiefly driven by the company's larger segment, freight rail systems, which recorded a 25.8 per cent surge in the quarter, amounting to Rs 1,016.9 crore. However, the passenger rail systems segment experienced a decline of 78.6 per cent, plummeting to Rs 35.5 crore.

Titagarh Wagons is an Indian rolling stock manufacturer in the private sector, specialising in a range of products for various rail transport needs. Their core operations include manufacturing freight wagons, semi high-speed trains, metros, transit and propulsion systems, and passenger coaches. These products cater to both the Indian Railways and international export markets.

What Do Analysts Say?



Brokerage firm Morgan Stanley recently initiated coverage on Titagarh Rail Systems, rewarding it with an 'overweight' rating, with a price target of Rs 1,285. The brokerage sees Titagarh Rail as a beneficiary of the revival of the Indian railways.

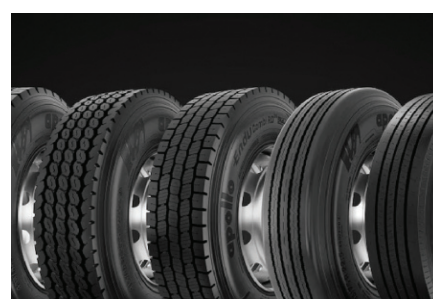
According to estimates from Morgan

Stanley, Titagarh is currently valued at 35 times the price-to-earnings ratio (PE) for FY26, a valuation that is deemed fair by the brokerage. According to Morgan Stanley, this valuation is supported by strong earnings visibility and improving return ratios. Factoring in the strong growth prospects for the company, Morgan Stanley projects a robust 28 per cent earnings compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for FY24-27.

At 10:25 AM; the stock of the company was trading 3.86 per cent higher at Rs 1154.30 per share. By comparison, the S&P BSE Sensex was trading marginally lower by 0.03 per cent. The company is presently trading at a price to earnings multiple of 58.96 times.

Apollo Tyres Shares Rally 7% After Upgrades From JPMorgan, Nomura; Check Target Price

NEW DELHI: Shares of Apollo Tyres Limited surged over 7 per cent to Rs 508 in morning trade on May 16 despite the company reporting a muted set of numbers in the March 2024 quarter. Apollo Tyres reported a 14 per cent fall in the net profit on a year-on-year (YoY) basis to Rs 354 crore for the March 2024 quarter, on account of higher expenses. Revenue from operations remained mostly flat to Rs 6,258 crore in the period under review. The company board recommended a dividend of Rs 6 per share for FY24, subject to the approval of the shareholders. Apollo Tyres reported a lower profit for the fourth quarter on Tuesday, hurt by increased tax expenses, said market participants. Apollo Tyres is one of the major players in the sector, which has a turnover of \$11 billion and manufactures tyres for



Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra and Mahindra and TVS Motor Company among others. Apollo Tyres, during an earnings call mentioned that it expects the performance of the European business to improve compared to last year. The stock is up 12 per cent so far in 2024 and has gained close to 40 per cent in the last 12 months. Morgan Stanley has issued an equal-weight rating for Apollo Tyres with a target price of Rs

472 per share. The company's focus on sustainable and profitable growth has enhanced its free cash flow (FCF) and return on capital employed (RoCE) profile. Currently, margins are at a cycle high, and Apollo Tyres is implementing price hikes to counter rising cost pressures. However, this could potentially slow revenue momentum. Nomura has upgraded Apollo Tyres to a neutral rating with a target price of Rs 512 per share. Although the Q4 results were below estimates, the company's focus on a favourable mix and price hikes is expected to support margins. Additionally, limited capital expenditure intensity is set to drive free cash flow (FCF). It also added that the stock does not appear expensive given the healthy FCF of the company.

Singapore Airlines staff to get 8 months of bonus pay after record profit

New Delhi Singapore Airlines (SIA) has announced bonus pay of nearly 8 months for its employees, after reporting a record full-year net profit on May 15. The bonus marks an increase from the 6.65 months most employees received in 2023, which also included an extra 1.5 months for efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. SIA's earnings rose 24% to \$2.7 billion for the 12 months ending March 31, 2024, driven by improved operating performance, lower tax expenses, and profits from associates. Revenue increased 7% to a record \$19 billion, with passenger turnover rising 17.3% to \$15.7 billion, despite a 7.6% decline in passenger yields. Cargo sales fell approximately 40% to \$2.1 billion. Although cargo loads increased 1.7% due to strong e-

commerce demand, yields were 42.2% lower than the previous year but nearly 30% above pre-pandemic levels. Overall expenditure rose 8% to \$16.3

carrier Scoot carried 36.4 million passengers, a 37.6% increase from the previous year. Passenger loads improved by 2.6 percentage points to a record 88%, with SIA achieving 87.1% and Scoot 91.2%.



Looking ahead, SIA expects air travel demand to remain robust in the June quarter, bolstered by strong forward bookings to North Asia and Southeast Asia. However, passenger yields are anticipated to moderate as airlines expand capacity, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. The airline also highlighted ongoing challenges for the airline industry, including rising geopolitical tensions, an uncertain macroeconomic climate, supply chain constraints, and high inflation in many regions.

billion, with non-fuel costs up 13.5% while net fuel costs decreased 2.5%. SIA reported strong demand for air travel throughout the year, supported by the reopening of borders in North Asia, including China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan. SIA and its low-cost

US-China tensions: Microsoft asks hundreds of China-based staff to relocate

A Microsoft spokesperson said this move is part of the company's standard global business management practices, offering internal transfer opportunities to its employees.

NEW DELHI Microsoft has asked several hundred of its China-based employees to consider relocating. The development comes amid escalating tensions between the US and China. The request, affecting approximately 700 to 800 workers involved in machine learning and cloud computing, was first reported by The Wall Street Journal. A Microsoft spokesperson said this move is part of the company's standard global business management practices, offering internal transfer opportunities to its



employees. However, the spokesperson did not specify the exact number of employees involved.

"Providing internal opportunities is a regular part of managing our global business. As part of this process, we shared an optional internal transfer opportunity with a subset of employees," the spokesperson said. Despite the request, Microsoft said it remains committed to operating in China and

other markets. The employees, primarily Chinese engineers, have been given the option to transfer to locations such as the United States, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand, as per sources cited by the WSJ. This decision arises against the backdrop of worsening US-China relations, with the Biden administration raising tariffs on a range of Chinese imports such as electric vehicle batteries, computer chips, and medical products.

Gold, silver price : Precious metals record hike on MCX

NEW DELHI For the second day in a row, both gold and silver prices recorded a hike on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on June 5, 2024, stood at Rs 73,230 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a jump of Rs 126 or 0.17 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 73,102. Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on July 5, 2024, witnessed a hike of Rs 386 or 0.44 per cent and were retailing at Rs 87,476 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 86,865. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

GOLD, SILVER RATES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET
Gold prices inched up on Thursday following a sharp rise in the last session as the dollar and.

Why Chabahar port, seen as counter to Pakistan's Gwadar, matters to India

New Delhi: "Once we make up our mind, the distance between Kashi and Kashan (a city in Iran) is only half a step," Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted a couplet of poet Ghalib in 2016 after India signed a historic deal to develop the strategic Chabahar port in Iran. Eight years later and two decades since the project was first proposed during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee regime, India signed a deal with Iran to operate the strategically important port that is close to Iran's border with Pakistan and its Gwadar port. The pact, which marks India's first instance of managing a foreign port, will enable the operation of the Shahid Beheshti terminal at the Chabahar port. There is another terminal named Shahid Kalantari, which was developed in the 1980s. However, the signing of the deal has irked the United States. The US has warned India of "potential risk of sanctions" for doing business with Iran. In fact, such sanctions by the West against Iran over its nuclear programme has been one of the major reasons that has stalled the development of

the port that will give India a transit route to Afghanistan and Central Asia by bypassing Pakistan. Besides, the port is also being seen as India's counter to Pakistan's Gwadar port, where China has invested heavily.

WHY CHABAHAR PORT PROJECT GOT DELAYED

Despite the project being conceived in 2003, it only gathered pace in 2015 after Iran and the P5+1 nations (UK, China, France, Germany, Russia, US) reached a deal to limit the Iranian nuclear programme in exchange for sanctions relief. The project received a much-needed boost in May 2016 when India, Iran and Afghanistan signed a tripartite agreement in Tehran to build a transport-and-trade corridor through the Chabahar port. At the event, Narendra Modi, who became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Iran in 15 years, also announced a plan to invest \$500 million towards the project. Hababar port then Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghanistan's

Ashraf Ghani after signing a transit agreement on Iran's southern port of Chabahar in 2016 (AFP). A year later, the United States pulled out of the nuclear deal with Iran. However, India managed a diplomatic win after the then Donald Trump administration exempted India from sanctions as the port was considered critical due to its easy access to Afghanistan. In 2018, the government-backed India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) took over minor operations at the Chabahar port, like handling container traffic and cargo, following the signing of a short-term contract between India and Iran.

In the six years since then, the Chabahar port has handled more than 90,000 vessels carrying cargo of more than 8.4 million tonnes. India has also supplied 2.5 million tonnes of wheat and 2,000 tonnes of pulses to Afghanistan through the port.

WHY CHABAHAR'S LOCATION HOLDS STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE? Chabahar, a Persian word that means "four

springs", was described by 10th century Iranian scholar Al Biruni as the entry point to the subcontinent. Earlier this year, Iranian ambassador Iraj Elahi called Chabahar port the "golden gateway" for countries in the Indian Ocean region to Central Asia. The deep water port (which



can handle very large and heavily loaded ships) is located on the Makran Coast of Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province. It is next to the Gulf of Oman and at the mouth of the Strait of Hormuz, which is a vital shipping route linking the Middle East to

markets in Asia, Europe, and North America. Moreover, Chabahar is the only Iranian port with direct access to the Indian Ocean. In India's context, the port is closer to Gujarat on the west coast. Even from Mumbai, it is just 768 nautical miles away.

"The distance between Kandla (a port in Gujarat) and the Chabahar port is less than the distance between New Delhi and Mumbai," Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari had said in Tehran in 2016 during the signing of the agreement. Moreover, Pakistan's Gwadar port, in which China has invested heavily, is just 170 km east of Chabahar. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor originates from the Gwadar port. Chabahar is more than just a "port of call" for India and holds both commercial and strategic potential. The foremost significance is a seamless transit route for Indian goods and products to Afghanistan by avoiding the land route through Pakistan. India has previously accused Pakistan of deliberately delaying the transit of goods through Karachi to Afghanistan.

Chaos on Delhi-Vadodara Air India flight after 'bomb' note found in toilet

New Delhi: A bomb scare on an Air India flight from Delhi to Vadodara sparked panic among passengers on Wednesday. According to the details, a note on a tissue paper, onboard the flight, mentioned the word "bomb". The note was found in the lavatory of the flight. The incident was reported at nearly 7.30 pm. The flight was searched after the note was discovered. However, nothing suspicious was found. An official told news agency PTI that the aircraft was ready for take-off when the crew member spotted the tissue paper. Subsequently, the Central Industrial Security Force and the Delhi Police were informed and passengers were asked to deboard the flight. Later, the passengers departed for Vadodara on another flight. Following the incident, Air India, in a statement said, "A specific security alert was detected on Air India flight AI819 scheduled to operate from Delhi to Vadodara on 15 May 2024 just before departure. All passengers were safely deboarded, following the necessary protocol, and the aircraft was taken to a remote bay for mandatory checks by security agencies." "Our colleagues on ground made sure to minimise the inconvenience caused to our guests by this unexpected disruption," the airline said. "Air India is committed to and accords top priority to the safety and security of its passengers and crew. Passengers have been flown to Vadodara on a special flight this morning," it said.

Chaos At Mumbai Metro Station Amid Restrictions For PM Modi's Roadshow

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's grand roadshow in Mumbai on Wednesday evening drew huge crowds. However, as thousands thronged the streets to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister, chaos ensued at the Ghatkopar metro station, with stampede-like situations caught on cameras. Ahead of PM Modi's roadshow, authorities took precautionary measures by suspending train services between Jagruti Nagar and Ghatkopar stations. This move, intended for security reasons, inadvertently disrupted the commute of countless office-goers, with services only resuming nearly two hours later, at 7:46 pm. Social media platforms buzzed with videos shared



by dismayed commuters showing the overwhelming crowd at the Ghatkopar metro station. Among the voices of concern was Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi as the Mumbai Metro, a lifeline for over three lakh daily commuters, bore the brunt of the security measures implemented for the Prime Minister's visit.

"PM Modi in Mumbai for campaigning, public services go for a toss for security reasons and has led to creating massive chaos," Ms Chaturvedi wrote on social media. The chaos extended beyond the metro station, with blockades impeding the movement of locals returning from work. Partial suspension of services between key stations disrupted the routines of citizens. PM Modi's roadshow was held ahead of the May 20 polling for six Lok Sabha constituencies in Mumbai and seven others across Maharashtra. The event, stretching from Ashok Silk Mills in Ghatkopar (West) to Parshawanath Chowk in Ghatkopar (East), saw thousands of people waving BJP flags and chanting slogans for the Prime Minister.

Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal's wife Anita Goyal dies of cancer

New Delhi: Anita Goyal, Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal's wife, died on Thursday morning at a hospital in Mumbai. She had been battling cancer for a long time. Naresh Goyal who had recently been granted interim bail, was with his wife while she took her last breath. Sources close to the family said that Anita Goyal passed away around 3 am after which friends and family members gathered at the hospital.

The funeral will be held later today. Naresh Goyal is also suffering from cancer. On May 3, Naresh Goyal's lawyer told the Bombay High Court that the Jet Airways founder had lost the "will to live", as he pleaded for medical bail. The court reserved its order on the

bail plea, and directed that Goyal not be discharged from the private hospital where he is admitted until May 6. On May 6, the Bombay High



Court granted interim bail to Naresh Goyal for two months on medical grounds. In February, a special court refused bail to Naresh Goyal but permitted him to be admitted to a

private hospital of his choice and seek medical treatment.

Later, he moved the Bombay High Court seeking interim bail on merits and

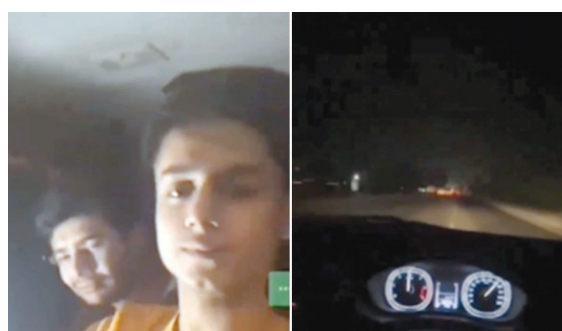
release on medical grounds. The Enforcement Directorate arrested Naresh Goyal in September 2023 on allegations that he had laundered money and siphoned off loans to the tune of Rs 538.62 crore given to Jet Airways by Canara Bank. His wife, Anita Goyal, was arrested in November 2023 when the probe agency submitted its

chargesheet in the case. She was granted bail by a special court on the same day, considering her age and medical condition.

2 dead in Gujarat crash, were speeding at 180 kmph, accident on Instagram Live

New Delhi: At least two men were killed, and three others seriously injured after their over-speeding car rammed a tree while trying to overtake a truck on a highway in Gujarat's Anand district. The accident was caught on camera as the group was live-streaming their journey from Ahmedabad to Mumbai on Instagram Live, which showed the car being driven at a speed of 180 kmph. The victims were identified as Chirag Patel and Aman Sheikh and the accident occurred on May 2 on National Highway 48 near Adas village. The five young men left for their journey at around 12 am in a Maruti Suzuki Brezza and decided to record the journey on Instagram Live.

The footage begins with an inside shot of the car, with two men saying hello,



while loud music plays in the background. The video then pans to the speedometer, which shows the car speeding between 160 and 180 kmph. The phone is handed over to the three men sitting in the back seat, showing them partying and dancing to the loud music, while hooting and singing along. Shortly before the accident, the car speeds even more, while someone is heard saying expletives and asking to

"turn on the music". The car then tries to overtake a truck, when the sound of wheels screeching and a loud thud can be heard, with the vehicle coming to a halt. The next shot is that of the exterior of the car, which is badly damaged. While the two victims died on the spot, the three others were hospitalised with serious injuries. The police have registered a case against the driver of the car, Mustafa alias Shahbaz Khan Pathan, for reckless driving. As the Instagram Live video went viral on social media, Anand SP Gaurav Jasani confirmed to Aaj Tak, the sister channel of India Today, that the footage was of the same accident.

"This video is of the same incident. Two people have died and the remaining were admitted in the hospital," he added.

"Probe Agency Can't Arrest Accused If...": Supreme Court's Big Ruling

Section 19 of the PMLA allows ED officers to arrest an individual "on the basis of material in possession (and) reason to believe (to be recorded in writing) that the person is guilty..."

New Delhi: In a landmark ruling on Thursday, the Supreme Court curtailed the Enforcement Directorate's power to arrest an accused - under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, or PMLA - if the accused appears as summoned by a special court that has taken cognisance of the complaint.

In such cases the agency must first seek that court's nod, the top court said. After

cognisance is taken of the offence... the ED and its officers are powerless to exercise powers under Section 19 to arrest the person shown as accused in the complaint," the Supreme Court said.

Section 19 of the PMLA allows ED officers to arrest an individual "on the basis of material in possession (and) reason to believe (to be recorded in writing) that the person is guilty..." Crucially, the agency must inform the individual, "as soon as may be" of the grounds for the arrest. Specifically, the top court said in cases where an accused was not arrested till the time the ED filed its complaint, they could not be arrested afterwards. The special court must first issue a summons and, if the accused duly answers that summons, they could not be seen as being 'in custody'. If the ED wants custody of (an) accused after the person (answers a special court's) summons, it needs to apply to the special court, a bench of Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan said, adding, custody could only be granted if



that court believes custodial interrogation is required.

An arrest warrant - under Section 70 of the Code of Criminal Procedure - can only be issued if the accused failed to answer the summons, and, in the first instance, this must be a bailable warrant.

In a significant ruling - one seen as emphasising protection offered from arbitrary arrest by the central agency - the top court also said accused individuals not arrested before answering a court summons - need satisfy the stringent 'twin test' for bail

as laid down by the PMLA. The 'twin test' states bail will only be given to money laundering accused if the court is satisfied the individual is not guilty and if they are unlikely to commit crimes, including similar offences, on bail. The specific background to this ruling is a money laundering case in which the accused had appeared before a special court as summoned.

The question then was if the accused had to meet the 'twin test' for grant of bail if the special court had taken cognisance of the offence in question.

Today's landmark ruling comes two months after the top court dismissed a petition seeking review of an earlier verdict that said the ED is required to furnish grounds of arrest to an accused in writing "without exception", saying there was no error in its judgement warranting reconsideration. The court had noted that "mere non-cooperation of a witness, in response to summons issued under Section 50, will not be enough to render him/her liable to arrest under Section 19".

Heatwave in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and UP, mercury to touch 45 degrees

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said heatwave conditions will prevail in Delhi and parts of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh for the next three days. Amid the ongoing intense heat, the mercury in the national capital is expected to soar to 45 degrees on Saturday, as per the weather office. Earlier this month, the IMD had already warned that most parts of India are expected to record above-normal maximum temperatures in May. In the past 24 hours, Nuapada in Odisha recorded the highest maximum temperature at 44 degrees Celsius.

In its latest weather bulletin, the Met Department said that heatwave conditions will prevail in parts of Punjab, Haryana, West Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa on Thursday. On Friday, West Rajasthan will witness severe heatwave conditions, while heatwave conditions will continue in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat and North Madhya Pradesh. From May 18 to 19, heatwave



NEWS BOX

Trump seeks New York court's intervention over gag order in hush money trial

New York, Donald Trump is seeking to have New York's highest court intervene in his fight over a gag order that has seen him fined \$10,000 and threatened with jail for violating a ban on commenting about witnesses, jurors and others connected to his hush money criminal trial. The former President's lawyers filed a notice of appeal Wednesday, a day after the state's mid-level appellate court refused his request to lift or modify the restrictions. The filing was listed on a court docket, but the document itself was sealed and not available. Trump presidential campaign spokesperson Steven Cheung said it's a request for the state's Court of Appeals to take up the matter. "President Trump has filed a notice to appeal the unconstitutional and un-American gag order imposed by conflicted Judge Juan Merchan in the lawless Manhattan DA case," Cheung said in a statement.

"The threat to throw the 45th President of the United States and the leading candidate in the 2024 presidential election in jail for exercising his First Amendment rights is a Third World authoritarian tactic typical of Crooked Joe Biden and his comrades," Cheung said.

A five-judge panel of the mid-level appeals court, the Appellate Division of the state's trial court, ruled Tuesday that Merchan "properly determined" that Trump's public statements "posed a significant threat to the integrity of the testimony of witnesses and potential witnesses in this case as well." Trump had asked the state's intermediate appeals court to lift or modify the gag order. Among other restrictions, it bars him from making or directing others to make statements about witnesses like his fixer-turned-foe Michael Cohen, who will testify for a third day Thursday. It also prohibits comments about court staff, the judge's family and prosecutors other than Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Bragg's office declined to comment. A message seeking comment was left with a spokesperson for the state court system. "The gag order has to come off," Trump told reporters as he headed into court Tuesday. Later, he lamented, "As you know, I'm under a gag order, so I can't answer those very simple questions you're asking me." Trump has been noticeably more circumspect in his comments after Merchan held him in contempt of court and fined him a total of \$10,000 for violating the gag order 10 times in recent weeks. The judge told Trump last week that future gag order violations could send him to jail.

Donald Trump calls Joe Biden 'worst debater' as they agree to face off twice

Washington, US President Joe Biden and Republican rival Donald Trump on Wednesday agreed to face off in two debates on June 27 and September 10, setting up the highest stakes moments yet in the race for the White House.

"As you said: anywhere, any time, any place," Biden said on social media. Trump called Biden "the worst debater" he has ever faced. "I am Ready and Willing to Debate Crooked Joe at the two proposed times in June and September," he posted on social media. CNN, a division of Warner Bros Discovery, said the first debate would be held in their Atlanta studio with no audience, and would be moderated by anchors Jake Tapper and Dana Bash. Georgia is one of November's most closely contested states. The candidates also accepted an invitation from ABC, which will host a second debate on September 10.

A separate vice presidential debate has been proposed for July, after the Republican National Convention.

Key differences between the two sides remained on the terms of engagement. Biden said he would participate in those two debates under strict rules to reduce interruptions, while Trump called for more than two -- and a very large venue "for excitement purposes."

Independent US presidential candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr claimed in a new post on X that he would meet the criteria to participate in the CNN debate before the June 20 deadline. It remained unclear if he will qualify. CNN requires its debate candidates to appear on a sufficient number of state ballots to reach the 270 electoral vote threshold and receive at least 15 per cent in four separate national polls of registered or likely voters. A new Reuters/Ipsos poll showed only 13 per cent of Americans would vote for Kennedy.

Earlier in the day, Kennedy said Biden and Trump "are trying to exclude me from their debate because they are afraid I would win". Debates, which will draw a US live television audience in the tens of millions, are fraught with risks for both candidates, who face a tight race and low enthusiasm from voters. Biden's aides think debates could hurt Trump by exposing his positions on issues, including abortion, that they regard as political vulnerabilities. Trump aides see Biden as prone to verbal slip-ups that could amplify voter concerns about the 81-year-old president's age. Trump will be 78 by the time the first debate is held.

France declares state of emergency in New Caledonia after 4 killed in riots

Sydney/Paris, France has declared a state of emergency on the Pacific island of New Caledonia on Wednesday after three young indigenous Kanak and a police official were killed in riots over electoral reform.

The state of emergency, which entered into force at 5 a.m. local time, gives authorities additional powers to ban gatherings and forbid people from moving around the French-ruled island. Police reinforcements adding 500 officers to the 1,800 usually present on the island, have been sent after rioters torched vehicles and businesses and looted stores. Schools have been shut and there is already a curfew in the capital. Rioting broke out over a new bill, adopted by lawmakers in Paris on Tuesday, that will let French residents who have lived in New Caledonia for 10 years vote in provincial elections -- a move some local leaders fear will dilute the Kanak vote. "No violence will be tolerated," said Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, adding that the state of emergency "will allow us to roll out massive means to restore order".

He later signed a decree declaring a state of emergency that would last for 12 days and announced that French soldiers would be used to secure New Caledonia's main port and airport.

Israeli defence chief challenges Netanyahu over Gaza's future as war intensifies

The Israel-Hamas war began on October 7 with a rampage across southern Israel. Palestinian terrorists killed some 1,200 Israelis, mostly civilians, and took another 250 hostage.

World Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has faced increasing pressure from critics at home and allies abroad, especially the United States, to present a

plan for governance, security and rebuilding of Gaza. The debate over a postwar vision for Gaza comes as fighting has erupted again in places Israel had targeted in the early days of the war and said it had under control, as well as in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah, which has sent hundreds of thousands fleeing. Israel's fierce response has obliterated entire neighbourhoods in Gaza and forced some 80 per cent of the population to flee their homes. Gaza's Health Ministry says over 35,000 Palestinians have been killed, without distinguishing between civilians and combatants in its count. Meanwhile, the United Nations says there is widespread hunger and that northern Gaza is in "full-blown famine".

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR: THE LATEST Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was publicly challenged about post-war plans for the Gaza Strip on Wednesday by his defence chief, who vowed to oppose any long-term military rule by Israel over the ravaged Palestinian enclave. In a televised statement, Yoav Gallant said, "We must dismantle Hamas's governing capabilities in Gaza.

The key to this goal is military action and the establishment of a governing alternative in Gaza. In the absence of such an alternative, only two negative options remain: Hamas's rule in Gaza or Israeli military rule in Gaza." In response to Gallant, Netanyahu fended off criticism that he is not planning for a postwar reality in the Gaza Strip, saying it was impossible to prepare for any scenario in the embattled Palestinian enclave until Hamas is defeated. Netanyahu said any move to establish an alternative to Hamas as the government of Gaza required that the Palestinian Islamist group first be eliminated, and demanded this goal be pursued "without excuses". After Gallant's remarks, the Joe Biden administration welcomed the Defense Minister's call for Netanyahu to advance a plan for the post-war governance of the Gaza Strip. Speaking to The Times of Israel, a senior Biden administration official said, "We share the defence minister's concern that Israel has not developed any plans for holding and governing territory the IDF clears, thereby allowing Hamas to regenerate in those areas. This is a concern because our objective is to see Hamas defeated." Two

of Prime Minister Netanyahu's far-right coalition partners called for Gallant's ouster on Wednesday evening, after he challenged the government's postwar thinking for the Gaza Strip. In a video message posted to X, Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich demanded that Netanyahu bring a resolution to the cabinet ruling out the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority's involvement in the coastal strip's postwar governance -- and for Gallant to be forced out if he does not agree. On Wednesday, Netanyahu insisted there was no "humanitarian catastrophe" in Rafah as he announced nearly 500,000 people had been evacuated from the south Gaza city amid intense fighting. It came as Palestinians commemorated the 76th anniversary of the "Nakba", when around 760,000 Palestinians fled or were driven from their homes during the 1948 wartime creation of Israel. Israel has said its troops had identified fighters in the central logistics compound of the UN Palestinian relief agency United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) east of Rafah, demanding an explanation. "The UN has in part become a terrorist entity in itself because it cooperates with Hamas and covers for it.

Barge crashes into bridge in Texas, causes partial collapse and oil spill

Galveston, A barge slammed into a bridge pillar in Galveston, Texas, on Wednesday, spilling oil into waters near busy shipping channels and closing the only road to a small neighbouring island. No injuries were reported. The impact sent pieces of the bridge, which connects Galveston to Pelican Island, tumbling on top of the barge and shut down a stretch of waterway, so crews could clean up the spill. The accident knocked one man off the vessel and into the water, but he was quickly recovered and was not injured, said Galveston County Sheriff's Office Maj. Ray Nolen. Ports along the Texas coast are hubs of international trade, but experts said the collision was unlikely to result in serious economic disruptions since it occurred on a lesser-used waterway. The island is on the opposite side of Galveston Island's beaches, which draw millions of tourists each year. The accident happened shortly before 10 a.m. (local time) after a tugboat operator pushing two barges lost control of them, said David Flores, a bridge superintendent with the



Galveston County Navigation District. "The current was very bad, and the tide was high," Flores said. "He lost it." Pelican Island is only a few miles wide and is home to Texas A&M University at Galveston, a large shipyard and industrial facilities.

Fewer than 200 people were on the campus when the collision happened, and all were eventually allowed to drive on the bridge to leave. The marine and maritime research institute said it plans to remain closed until at least Friday. Students who live on campus were allowed to remain there, but university officials warned those who live on campus and leave "should

not clear how much leaked into the bay, said Galveston County spokesperson Spencer Lewis. He said about 10.5 km of the waterway was shut down because of the spill. The affected area is miles away from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, which sees frequent barge traffic, and the Houston Ship Channel, a large shipping channel for ocean-going vessels. Aside from the environmental impact of the spill, the region is unlikely to see large economic disruption as a result of the accident, said Marcia Burns, a maritime transportation expert at the University of Houston.

Louisiana electoral map with two Black-majority districts gets US top court nod

Washington The US Supreme Court restored a Louisiana electoral map that has two of the state's six congressional districts with Black-majority populations for use in the November 5 election - a ruling on Wednesday with potential implications for which party will control the US House of Representatives. The justices granted a request by state officials and a group of Black voters to temporarily halt a federal three-judge panel's decision throwing out Louisiana's newly redrawn map that includes two Black-majority US House districts, rather than the one present in a previous version. Black voters tend to support

Democratic candidates. The judicial panel on April 30 had ruled 2-1 that the map was chiefly influenced by race, in violation of the US Constitution's 14th Amendment guarantee of equal protection, and ordered that a new map be drawn. The panel's decision was the latest development in a long-running legal fight over the boundaries of Louisiana's US House districts. Republicans hold a 217-213 margin in the House. Ongoing legal battles over redistricting in several states could be enough to determine whether Republicans retain control or Democrats regain a majority. The Republican-controlled Louisiana

legislature approved the new map in January, adding a second Black-majority district after US District Judge Shelly Dick in 2022 found that the previous Republican-drawn map illegally harmed Black voters.

Dick concluded that the previous map devised by the state legislature likely violated the Voting Rights Act, a landmark 1965 US law that bars racial discrimination in voting.

The Supreme Court in 2023 left Dick's ruling in place. Under the map rejected by Dick, Black voters had constituted a majority in only one of the state's six districts, despite comprising nearly a third of Louisiana's population.

Zelenskiyy defers travel plans as Russian troops enter Ukraine border town

Kyiv President Volodymyr Zelenskiyy postponed all his foreign trips as Ukraine's battlefield situation continued to deteriorate on Wednesday and Kyiv said fighting raged in the northeastern border town of Vovchansk in Kharkiv region. The capture of the town, 5 km (3 miles) from the border, would be Russia's most significant gain since it launched an incursion into the region on Friday, opening a new front in its invasion and forcing Kyiv to rush in reinforcements. The assault keeps Ukraine's forces, also holding the 1,000-km (600-mile) front line in east and south, off balance ahead of what Zelenskiyy has said could be a big Russian offensive. Moscow has been slowly making ground in the east for months. The situation is extremely difficult. The enemy is taking positions on the streets of the town of Vovchansk," Oleksiy Kharkivskiy, Vovchansk's patrol police chief, said on Facebook.

Dmytro Lazutkin, a spokesman for the defence ministry, said "some" Russian infantry groups had entered the town. Ukrainian troops later managed to

"partially" push them back, the general staff said, but "defensive actions" raged in the north and northwestern outskirts.

A late-night report issued by Ukraine's General Staff said its troops had repelled four Russia attacks along the border, but fighting was raging near a string of villages. Troops "continued to carry out stabilising moves" near Vovchansk. The report said heavy fire had prompted the military to reposition some troops near Kupiansk to the southeast, an area that has seen heavy fighting in recent months.

On Tuesday, the General Staff said troops had pulled back to new positions in the Vovchansk and Lukyantsi areas due to "a consequence of enemy fire and storming action". Russia's defence ministry said on Wednesday its forces captured two more settlements in the region, bringing the total count to 12 since Friday. The latest were Hlyboke and Lukyantsi, it said, both about 25 km from Kharkiv's outskirts. Police remained in Vovchansk and were continuing to evacuate people,



Kharkivskiy said. Nearly 8,000 people have been evacuated from Vovchansk and border areas since Friday's assault.

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

Zelenskiyy has postponed all his foreign travel planned for the coming days, his spokesman Sergiy Nykyforov said, after the Ukrainian leader held a daily conference call with senior military figures to discuss the situation in Kharkiv region and the supply of weapons.

Zelenskiyy later confirmed the postponements himself in a post on the Telegram messaging app, saying that "all attention now is focused on our current

defence operations".

Ukraine is trying to snuff out the assault in Kharkiv region, while holding the line against Moscow's main thrust in the eastern Donbas region and guarding against potential new border incursions. The top military spy has warned that Russia had small groups of forces located to the north of Kharkiv region along its border with the Sumy region. Ukraine's shortage

of troops is compounded by months of delayed weapons deliveries, in particular from the United States, after Congress took six months to approve a major aid package. For Russians, now is actually a window of opportunity. The Russians feel it, they have accumulated enough resources," Serhii Rakhmanin, a lawmaker and member of the Ukrainian parliamentary committee for security and defence, told Reuters. He said he expected the next three months to be the most critical for Ukraine, but anticipated that the situation would improve due to fresh weapons supplies, if they arrive in time.

Putin arrives in China, to hold strategic talks with President Xi

Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing early on Thursday for talks with Xi Jinping that the Kremlin hopes will deepen a strategic partnership between the two most powerful geopolitical rivals of the United States.

China and Russia declared a "no limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Europe since World War Two.

By picking China for his first foreign trip since being sworn in for a six-year term that will keep him in power until at least 2030, Putin is sending a message to the world about his priorities and the depth of his personal relationship with Xi. In an interview with China's Xinhua news agency, Putin praised Xi for helping to build a "strategic partnership" with Russia based on national interests and deep mutual trust.

"It was the unprecedentedly high level of the strategic partnership between our countries that determined my choice of China as the first state that I would visit after officially taking office as president of the Russian Federation," Putin said.

"We will try to establish closer cooperation in the field of industry and high technology, space and peaceful nuclear energy, artificial intelligence, renewable energy sources and other innovative sectors," Putin said. Putin, 71, and Xi, 70, will take part in a gala evening celebrating 75 years since the Soviet Union recognised the People's Republic of China, which was declared by Mao Zedong in 1949. Reuters reported exclusively in March that Putin would travel to China in May.

Xinhua confirmed his arrival for what China's state press has described as a state visit from an "old friend". The United States casts China as its biggest competitor and Russia as its biggest nation-state threat while US President Joe Biden argues that this century will be defined by an existential contest between democracies and autocracies. Putin and Xi share a broad worldview, which sees the West as decadent and in decline just as China challenges US supremacy in everything from quantum computing and synthetic biology to espionage and hard military power. Putin will also visit Harbin in northeastern China, a city with strong ties to Russia. It was not immediately clear whether or not Putin would drop in on any other capitals in Asia after Beijing.

XI AND PUTIN

China has strengthened its trade and military ties with Russia in recent years as the United States and its allies imposed sanctions against both countries, particularly against Moscow for the invasion of Ukraine. The West says China has played a crucial role in helping Russia withstand the sanctions and has supplied key technology which Russia has used on the battlefield in Ukraine.

NEWS BOX

After Sunil Gavaskar, Irfan Pathan slams England players for leaving IPL 2024 early

New Delhi. After Sunil Gavaskar's scathing attack on England players for leaving IPL 2024 early, Irfan Pathan also slammed them in a tweet on his official X account. Pathan tweeted after completing the RR vs PBKS game, which didn't have Jos Buttler in the Royals lineup, as he left to join the national side. England will be playing Pakistan in a T20 series in a bid to prepare for the T20 World Cup and he will be joined by Sam Curran and Jonny Bairstow on May 16. Curran said that he and Bairstow will be heading back home on Thursday. KKR also lost Phil Salt ahead of the IPL Playoffs, making Gavaskar call for action against the players leaving the competition early. The Indian legend had called for the players to be penalised for not staying the full season and also said the boards shouldn't be given their commission. "I am all for players choosing country before anything else, but having assured various franchises about their availability for the full season, it will be letting down the franchises if they pull out now. The franchises should not only be allowed to deduct a substantial amount from the fee that the player was bought for, but also not give the Board, to which the player belongs, the stated 10 per cent commission of the fee that each player gets," Gavaskar stated. Pathan in his tweet on X said that the players should either stay for the full season or not come at all. "Either be available for full season or don't come!" said Pathan. How will the franchises miss England players? KKR finished at the top of the points table mainly thanks to the performances from Salt and his partnership with Narine at the top. Salt scored 435 runs in 12 matches for KKR this season. Buttler's absence was felt by RR in their loss to PBKS as their batting failed on the Guwahati pitch.

Curran, who scored 63 and took 2 wickets, won't be there when PBKS travel to Hyderabad to face SRH on May 19.

IPL 2024 Playoffs Scenario: CSK, SRH in race for top 2 finish amid RR's late slump

New Delhi Two teams have already booked their place in the IPL 2024 playoffs -- KKR are sitting pretty on the top of the table, but RR are going through a concerning four-match losing streak ahead of the knockout stages of the tournament. Sanju Samson's Royals were comfortably outplayed by Punjab, who were at the bottom of the table, on a sluggish pitch in Guwahati on Wednesday -- a result that assured a first-place finish for the Knight Riders. Royals' late slump has put their hopes of finishing in the top two of the points table in doubt. Rajasthan are still in second spot in the IPL 2024 points table with 16 points from 13 matches. However, two teams are in the running to displace Rajasthan and sneak into the top two -- the SunRisers and the Super Kings. Why should Rajasthan be concerned? Well, the 2008 champions were nearly unbeatable in the first half of the IPL 2024 season. They were dominating the top spot with 8 wins in their first 9 matches. However, familiar woes have come back to haunt them as they witnessed a late slump. Rajasthan would have wanted more momentum before the playoffs.

If they don't finish in the top two spots, they will be losing the extra opportunity to bid for a place in the final -- teams finishing in the top 2 in the league stage have two opportunities to reach the final. The winner of Qualifier 1 in the playoffs (1 vs 2) goes directly to the final. However, the loser is not knocked out as it will play the winner of the Eliminator (3 vs 4) in Qualifier 2 for a spot in the final. The equation, still, is simple for Rajasthan. If they win their final league game against KKR on May 19 in Guwahati, they are assured of a place in the top two.

Neither Bumrah nor Starc: Phil Salt names Jofra Archer as fastest bowler he ever faced

New Delhi Phil Salt named his England teammate Jofra Archer as the fastest bowler he has ever faced. Salt was blown away by Archer's raw pace and admitted being at the receiving end of his lethal bouncers. Salt and Archer are in England's 15-member squad for the T20 World Cup. England will face Scotland in their tournament opener at the Kensington Oval, Barbados, on Wednesday 4 June. While speaking at the Knights Dugout podcast, Salt admitted that he dreaded facing Archer in the nets. Salt recalled being beaten by Archer's scorching pace and also said that it helped him sharpen his reflexes.

"I think Jofra is the fastest I have faced in the nets and that too from 18 yards. He bowls it at that pace from 18 yards with three bouncers in an over. It's good because it helps sharpen the reflexes but there have been times when he's hit me right before the match day and then all hell has broken loose," Salt revealed.

ARCHER'S COMEBACK AFTER A YEAR Archer will be making a comeback to the England side after recovering from an elbow injury. The England pacer's last international appearance came over a year ago during team's tour to Bangladesh in March 2023.

The T20 World Cup squad will also face Pakistan in a 4-match T20I series. Due to which, the England stars, including Salt, Jos Buttler, Will Jacks and Reece Topley have opted out of IPL 2024 mid-way through the season. Salt has been a vital cog in KKR's successful campaign this season as he has scored 435 runs in 12 matches at a staggering strike rate of 182.01. "MY PHONE GOT FLOODED WITH MESSAGES"

Phil Salt opened up on his experience of being selected in the England's squad for the very first time.

Shane Bond 'proud' of Riyan Parag's dream season after continuous criticism

RR Assistant head coach Shane Bond lauded Riyan Parag for answering his critics with an amazing season with the bat in the IPL 2024. Parag is the leading run scorer for Rajasthan with 531 runs to his name.

New Delhi RR Assistant coach Shane Bond is proud of Riyan Parag for having an amazing season with the bat after severe criticism over the past few years. Parag continued his brilliant form in RR's 13th league game of the Indian Premier League 2024 as he top-scored for his side with innings of 48 (34) against PBKS on Wednesday, May 15. During his knock, the 22-year-old surpassed the 500-run mark in

the season and rose to the fourth spot in the list of leading run-scorers list of the ongoing edition. In the 12 innings batted so far, Parag has scored 531 runs at an average of 59 and a strike rate of 152.58 with four fifties. Speaking about the dramatic turnaround in the youngster's career, Bond lauded him for batting at number four and putting all the criticism aside with his performances.

IPL 2024 Full Coverage | IPL 2024 Points Table and Standings | 2024 IPL Full Schedule "Riyan has had an amazing season isn't he. His promotion to number four has really suited him. He's had a number of years batting in a position that was pretty tough down the order and people forget how young he is. It just takes some time when you're young. Obviously saw, how well he played in domestic cricket and this season particularly in T20s," said Bond in the post-match press conference. "He's rolled on this season for us and just lets a quality, he's a quality player there's no doubt about him. I'm really excited for him and proud of him the way he has played so far. I think the team is super excited for him. He's borne the brunt of some criticism over



the last few years in terms of performances and so to put that to the side and come out the way he's played this season at the number four spot, real credit to him for the work he's put in," he added. Further speaking ahead, the former New Zealand seamer stated that he's a fan of the contentious Impact Player rule as it puts the bowlers under pressure. Bond also made a major claim that bowling has been below par in the ongoing season and bowlers need to adapt with time. "I like the rule, I like seeing sixes, I like seeing runs and I like seeing bowlers put under pressure. The beauty of the game of cricket is that you have to adjust and you have to adapt. Even

from last year the batters have done that, the scores have gone up. I love watching it and it still amazes me the quality of hitting in cricket. Bowlers haven't caught up, they have to plan better, they have to think better and make better decisions," the RR assistant coach added. Bowling quality has been below par in IPL 2024: Bond That's my job, I find that exciting and when you look at the Bumrahs of the world, he's still doing it. Regardless, that's what word class players do. The challenge for all the bowlers in the competition is just to get better. I think the general quality of the bowling has been little bit below par in the tournament. But you would be hoping that backend in the finals and even through the next year it would improve," he concluded. Meanwhile, RR suffered their fourth consecutive loss against Punjab during Match 65 of IPL 2024 as they lost the game by five wickets. After opting to bat first, Rajasthan posted a score of 144/9 in their allotted 20 overs riding on Riyan Parag's 48 (34). In reply, Punjab chased down the target in 18.5 overs with captain Sam Curran guiding them home with an unbeaten knock of 63* (41).

Once I am done, you won't see me for a while: Virat Kohli reveals post-retirement plans

New Delhi. India great and former RCB captain Virat Kohli has revealed his post-retirement plans, saying he would take a long break before contemplating his next steps after retiring from cricket. Over the past decade, Virat Kohli has left an indelible mark not just on cricket but on the entire sporting world. Kohli's influence has been so deep that it played a part in cricket being included in the Olympic programme for the Los Angeles 2028 Games. As Kohli continues to demonstrate an insatiable hunger for runs, it's natural for fans and experts alike to wonder what fuels his relentless drive. This question was posed to the former India captain at the RCB's Royal Gala Dinner, held in Bengaluru on May 18, ahead of "It's quite simple," said the 35-year-old Kohli. "I think as a sportsman, we do have an end-date to our careers. So I am just working backwards. I don't want to finish my career thinking 'oh, what if I have done this on that particular day' because I can't keep going on and on forever. So it's just about not leaving any undone business behind and not have any regrets later, which I am sure I won't." Kohli also hinted that he would take a long break before thinking



about what is next, once he has retired from cricket. Kohli has generally remained tight-lipped about his retirement plans. However, he has finally made a significant remark, expressing his desire to end his career without any regrets and to give his best until he stops playing.

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Kohli currently leads the chart of top run-scorers in the ongoing IPL 2024, having amassed 661 runs in 13 innings at a strike rate of 155.16 and an impressive average of 66.10. His performance includes five fifties and one century. RCB, currently fifth on the IPL table with 12 points from 13 matches, face a crucial match against third-ranked CSK, who have 14 points from 13 matches, this Saturday. To stay in contention for the playoffs, RCB must secure a decisive victory to surpass CSK's net run rate (NRR). CSK's NRR stands at +0.528, while RCB's is +0.387. After the IPL, Virat Kohli is set to feature in the ICC T20 World Cup, aiming to help India end their ICC trophy drought. Initially, there were doubts about Kohli's selection for the squad, as reports suggested that selectors were unhappy with his approach to the T20 game. However, Kohli once again proved his worth, shutting down his critics with sensational power-hitting and high strike-rate in IPL 2024.

Federation Cup: Neeraj Chopra not happy with effort despite Golden Homecoming

New Delhi Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won a gold medal in his first competition at home in three years on Wednesday, May 15. He finished on the top step of the podium in the men's javelin final at the 27th Federation Cup senior national competition in Bhubaneswar after having received a hero's welcome in Odisha. However, the javelin superstar was far from impressed with his performance in front of the home fans, who were rooting for the champion athlete. Neeraj Chopra, speaking to the press in Bhubaneswar, said he did not want to talk too much about his throws on Wednesday, but added that he loved competing again in India with a bunch of talented competitors. Neeraj won Gold with the best effort of 82.27m, far from his personal best of 89.94m. The Tokyo Olympic Gold medalist was trailing

midway through the competition as DP Manu, an Asian Athletics silver medalist, was in the lead position after three throws. "I felt that I could compete here, and it was nice. However, let's not talk about the throw, it was not up to it. This one is not one of my consistent performances," Neeraj said. "It felt great to compete in India after a long time. I wanted to play in India and I performed according to the conditions, and the way my body was feeling. I have some big competitions coming up. I thought DP Manu would take over but his javelin kept landing quickly," Neeraj added.

Neeraj began with 82m after DP Manu had taken the lead with 82.06m in his first attempt. With a foul in his second attempt and 81.29m throw in his third, Neeraj was not able to go past Manu, who was consistent on the big evening. However,

Neeraj managed to just inch past Manu with his fourth attempt. While Neeraj did not complete his last two attempts, Manu struggled to better his first throw and eventually missed the Olympic qualification mark of 85.50m.

WHY ONLY FOUR THROWS?

Neeraj explained why he decided to stop after four throws, highlighting the quick turnaround time after Doha Diamond League and the upcoming competitions. Neeraj finished second in the prestigious Doha Diamond League with a best effort of 88.36m, 0.02m behind winner Jakob Vadlejch on May 10. "I came to this kind of weather after a long time. The kind of enjoyment in a competition was not there. I was feeling the conditions were not that good, so I decided to stop after the fourth throw," Neeraj said.

PBKS were playing for pride: Nathan Ellis on morale-boosting win over RR

New Delhi, PBKS pacer Nathan Ellis was satisfied with his team's performance after Punjab defeated Rajasthan by five wickets in their IPL 2024 match in Guwahati on Wednesday. Ellis said Punjab were playing for pride and delivered one of their best performances of the ongoing season. Ellis further added that the team adapted well to the conditions and bowled in partnerships, making it a complete performance amidst a challenging tournament. "Coming to the ground we didn't really know what to do - bat or bowl. But we decided on batting first. Losing the toss wasn't a desired outcome but I was actually really happy that we bowled first and it gave us the chance to set the tone for the day. I think the position that we are in we were playing for pride today. We tried to put in the best performance that we can," Ellis said in a post-match press conference. "I think collectively as a group it was one of our better performances. We adapted to conditions, bowled in partnerships and sort of it was a complete performance. The wicket was a little bit slower than expected but I think it was a pretty good wicket all and all," he added.

Skipper Sam Curran led Punjab to a five-wicket win with a well-paced fifty and two wickets against Rajasthan. Chasing a modest target of 145 on a sluggish track, the Kings reached 145/5 in 18.5 overs, despite some difficulties. Curran's unbeaten 63 off 41 balls (5 fours, 3 sixes) anchored the innings. He received valuable support from Jitesh Sharma, who scored 22 off 20 balls, as they combined for a fluent 63-run partnership for the fifth wicket, securing PBKS's fifth win of the season. For Royals, it was their fourth defeat on the trot, but they remained second in the table with 16 points with qualification to the playoffs to boot. Rajasthan came out all-guns-blazing with the ball in hand while defending a below-par total. Avesh Khan set the tone with the ball in hand with two wickets in his first two overs. Followed by some incredible bowling by their spin-duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal, RR put Punjab in a spot of bother when they lost 4 wickets for not even 50 runs on the scoreboard.

Then came a gritty stand between Sam Curran and Jitesh Sharma of 63 runs. Both the batters took a calculative approach and eventually built a solid platform for the deathovers.

Premier League: Manchester United hold on to beat Newcastle 3-2 in home finale

Manchester, Amad Diallo scored his first Premier League goal and assisted on another to power Manchester United to a 3-2 victory over Newcastle United on Wednesday at Old Trafford in a battle between teams fighting for a European berth next season. Erik ten Hag's team remained eighth in the table but level on 57 points with seventh-placed Newcastle. Chelsea are sixth on 60 points after beating Brighton & Hove Albion 2-1 earlier on Wednesday to take a big step toward clinching a European berth. "Obviously the job isn't finished yet," Manchester United skipper Bruno Fernandes told Sky Sports. "We still have one game in the Premier League then the biggest game of the season, the FA Cup final (on May 25 against holders Manchester City)." "It has been a tough season," he added. "The table shows that and we are all aware of that. The fans have been amazing and behind us all season. We all appreciate what they have been doing for us. We want to do better

and do differently and (the fans) deserve that." Kobbie Mainoo capitalised on Newcastle's appalling defence to get the home side on the scoreboard in the 31st minute. Diallo spotted the 19-year-old unmarked near the penalty spot and Mainoo -- kept onside by a half-asleep Kieran Trippier -- turned and fired home. Anthony Gordon drew Newcastle level in the 49th minute when he slid to stab in a cross from Jacob Murphy. But Diallo put Ten Hag's team back on top eight minutes later when Fernandes' corner was headed out, and Diallo, prowling alone just inside the 18-yard-box rifled in a shot that keeper Martin Dubravka had little chance of saving. Rasmus Hojlund, who entered the game in the 82nd minute, scored two minutes later when he cut inside two defenders and slotted home from 16 yards, holding up a finger as if to silence the crowd.

Newcastle's Lewis Hall pulled one back in injury time, but Ten Hag's men held on to end



one of the most miserable home seasons in years with a victory. Ten Hag addressed the Old Trafford crowd after the game, thanking them for being the "best supporters in the world." "As you know it wasn't an easy season, but one thing remained constant and that was the backing of you for the team," Ten Hag, whose job has been the subject of speculation amid his team's struggles this season, said to cheers from the red-clad crowd. "This season is not over yet. First we go to Brighton where we travel for three

points (on the final day of the season on Sunday) and then we go to Wembley. And I promise you those players will give everything to get that cup and bring it to Old Trafford." If Ten Hag's men win the FA Cup, they will play in the Europa League next season. However, if they fail to win the Cup, they will need to finish seventh to secure a place in the Europa Conference League. Manchester United, who have never finished lower than seventh in the Premier League, need to better Newcastle's result at Brentford on Sunday to move up to seventh place. Both teams had numerous scoring chances and Newcastle screamed for a penalty late in the first half after Gordon was taken down in the box in a tackle that left a gaping hole in the back of his sock. After a VAR review, no penalty was given. "I don't understand the int in VAR? (Sofyan) Amrabat fouled me and it's a clear penalty," Anthony told Sky. "Get rid (of VAR) or get better."

Janhvi Kapoor

, Paps Have Fun During Promotion of Mr And Mrs Mahi; Call Her Dress 'Net Practice'

Janhvi Kapoor shares a good bond with the paps and is often seen interacting with them. When the paparazzi spotted her today, they couldn't stop admiring her promotional look for her upcoming film, Mr. And Mrs. Mahi. The actress made heads turn in a crisp white shirt teamed with a green satin mini skirt featuring a net. Janhvi looked effortlessly glam in her outfit. She donned her brightest smile for the shutterbugs. While the paps clicked her, they went on to call her dress 'net practice'. A video of the same has gone viral on social media. Have a look at the same:

Janhvi Kapoor has a noteworthy approach towards fashion. Be it glamorous red carpet appearances or casual candid outings, the actress always carries herself with charm and elegance. Earlier in the day, Janhvi attended the song launch event of her upcoming film, Mr. and Mrs. Mahi. The actress glammed up in a net white saree, featuring floral motifs.



She completed her look with chunky stone studded earrings and was a complete vision to behold. She found the right balance between elegance and charm and posed gracefully for the shutterbugs. Coming back to Mr. and Mrs. Mahi, the heartwarming trailer showcases Rajkumar Rao as Mahendra (Mahi), a former aspiring cricketer

who now sees potential in Janhvi's character, also named Mahi, a doctor. Encouraging her to pursue cricket, the trailer provides a captivating look into a story filled with dreams, ambitions, and the imperfectly perfect love story of Mahendra and Mahima that is sure to captivate audiences. In an interview with Mid-Day, Janhvi had earlier revealed that she underwent a gruelling six months of intensive training in order to adapt to the mannerisms of a cricketer. The actress had said, "It was an exhaustive process of six months to get into the skin of the character and sync into the role."

Directed by Sharan Sharma, known for his debut with 'Gunjan Saxena - The Kargil Girl' (2020), Mr. And Mrs. Mahi will mark Janhvi Kapoor's fourth theatrical release, following Dhadak (2018), Roohi (2021), and Mili (2022). She is set to star in two more films this year, the political thriller 'Ulajh' and the Pan India project 'Devara' alongside Jr. NTR and Saif Ali Khan. For Rajkumar Rao, after 'Srikanth' and 'Mr. And Mrs. Mahi,' his upcoming 2024 releases include 'Stree 2' and Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video.'



Dad-to-be Ranveer Singh Takes Selfie With Fans at Airport, Greets Paps With Big Smile, Pics Go Viral



Ranveer Singh, who is expecting his first baby with actress-wife Deepika Padukone, was spotted arriving in style at Mumbai airport on Wednesday. The actor seemed to be in a good mood as he greeted the paparazzi with a big smile and even took selfies with his fans. Ranveer looked uber-cool in a baggy tank top and black-coloured comfy joggers. He completed his look with matching sunglasses and a hat. Check out his photos here: Ranveer Singh meets his faat Mumbai airport. Ranveer Singh greets paps with a big smile. Earlier this month, Ranveer Singh made headlines for removing his wedding photos and other posts from his Instagram account. Ranveer's move sparked rumours of trouble in his marriage with Deepika. It's still unclear whether Ranveer has permanently deleted the photos from his social media account or just archived them. However, a source close to Ranveer and Deepika informed that the couple is going strong, and are excited to welcome their first child together. The duo recently returned home from a romantic getaway. They were holidaying at an undisclosed location.

Later, Ranveer himself shut down the rumours by flaunting his wedding band at an event. In an interview with Vogue India at the store launch of Tiffany & Co. in Mumbai, Ranveer was asked to name a piece of jewellery that he is most fond of. Ranveer admitted that his wedding and engagement bands presented by Deepika Padukone are his most favourite jewellery pieces. "Personal, sentimental value attached to them are my favourite most dear pieces," he said, before speaking about his wedding ring. "One of the rings that are very dear to me is this one — it's my wedding ring, presented to me by my wife," Ranveer said as he held his hand up and showed the massive diamond rock. "The other one is a platinum engagement ring. And there's of course my mother's diamond earrings and my grandmother's pearls," he added.

Actress Amulya's Strappy White Maxi Dress Is A Must-have In Summer Wardrobe



Amulya is a well-known and talented actress in the Kannada film industry. She catapulted to fame with films like Maasthi Gudi, Gajakesari and Mugulu Nage. After her marriage to Jagdish R, she chose to step away from the spotlight and stopped working in the industry. Despite not being on celluloid, the actress has been constantly in touch with her fans via social media, where she offers them a glimpse into her personal life. Recently, she shared a string of photos on Instagram, where she could be seen enjoying some peaceful time by the beach. Amulya ditched out a subtle yet chic look that has caught the attention of her fans. In the photos, she could be seen in a spaghetti-strapped flowy dress. It has colourful motifs painted on it, like coconut trees, fishes, crabs and pineapples. She accessorised the white dress with white sliders, oversized black sunnies and a hat. Amulya kept her makeup bare minimum with nude lips. Her caption read, "Beach Girl." Her comment section was filled with love and praise. A fan wrote, "Age is just a number." Another commented, "Ohoo, beach girl haan, Amulya." One wrote, "A maiden of the sea."

Amulya is gearing up for a comeback on the silver screen with the film Karavali. It is directed by Gurudatha Ganiga. The film is directed by Prajwal Devaraj. An official announcement regarding the same will be made soon. In an interview with a media portal, Amulya opened up about her comeback. She revealed that she did not take a proper break in years after her debut. She said, "I started too young and was working on multiple projects. I missed out on a lot. So, I used this break to travel and explore the world." According to her, now the actress is "ready for a comeback".

Alaya F

Reveals Mom Pooja Bedi Attended Her Dad's Second Wedding: 'I'm Extremely Close To My Step-mom'

Alaya F, daughter of '90s actor Pooja Bedi and businessman Farhan Furniturewala, recently opened up on her parents' divorce. She mentioned that because their separation was amicable, she didn't really understand the big deal about divorce until she was older. Alaya also shared that her mother is friends with her father's second wife, and she is close to her step-brother. Speaking to Bollywood Bubble, Alaya said that when her parents divorced, she didn't see it as a bad thing because her parents remained very friendly. "My parents were going their separate ways, but I would see them all the time, they were very, very friendly with each other also. Till today, they are great friends. My mom attended my father's second marriage. I am extremely close to my step-mom. My half-brother, who I even hate calling half-brother because he is my brother, we have the same dad but different moms, is like a piece of my heart, my child. So I can't imagine a life where my parents had stayed together," she said. Alaya said that she finds it strange to imagine life without her step-mother and half-brother. She sees her parents' divorce as a positive thing and praises them for handling it well. She also said that when her friend's parents were divorcing, she didn't think it was a big deal because of her parents' positive example. "In my head, divorce was never really a bad thing because my parents handled their divorce so beautifully. When my other friend was going through something similar, I didn't think it was a big deal. I was like, 'Yeah, it will be good for you, it will be great for your family', because that's generally how I thought about divorce. My mom and step-mom are also very good friends," she added.



In an old interview with Doordarshan, Pooja Bedi had opened up about her divorce from Farhan Furniturewala. The actress had spoken about not taking alimony money, starting everything from scratch and battling against all odds in showbiz to make a name for herself. Pooja said, "There's a saying, where there's a will, there's a way. I was headstrong about the fact that I don't wanna be in this marriage. This is a definite thing.

Now I have to look around for solutions. My husband kept on saying I'm a perfect wife, why should I let you go? I said, maybe this is not a perfect marriage and maybe you are not a good husband, and I want to go."

