



Amala Paul Shows Off Her Baby...

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BRIEF NEWS

कल गठबंधन की बैठक में शामिल होंगे चम्पाई

**RANCHI :** लोकसभा चुनाव के अंतिम चरण की समाप्ति के दिन एक जून को कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे ने इंडी गठबंधन की महत्वपूर्ण बैठक बुलाई है। बैठक में गठबंधन के सभी प्रमुख नेताओं को बुलाया गया है। इसमें लोकसभा चुनाव के संभावित परिणाम और चुनाव अभियान की समीक्षा की जाएगी। बैठक में राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री चंपाई सोरेन सोरेन भी शामिल होंगे। वे एक जून को दिल्ली जाएंगे।

जीआईपी की 290 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की संपत्ति ईडी ने की कुर्क

**NEW DELHI :** प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) ने गुरुवार को एक बड़ी कार्रवाई की। नोएडा सेक्टर 18 के मशहूर ग्रेट इंडिया पैलेस (जीआईपी) मॉल समेत पर मनोरंजन सेवाएं देने वाली कंपनी पर कानूनी शिकंजा कसा गया है। जीआईपी मॉल के कुछ हिस्से को अटैच किया गया है। ईडी ने इंटरनेशनल एयूजेमेट लिमिटेड (आईएनएस की होल्डिंग कंपनी) से संबंधित 290 करोड़ की संपत्तियां कुर्क की हैं। इसके दायरे में जीआईपी मॉल भी आया है। एंटरटेनमेंट सिटी लिमिटेड के तहत आने वाला नोएडा का जीआईपी मॉल करीब 3,93,737.28 स्क्वायर फुट की कमर्शियल जगह पर बना है।

जम्मू-कश्मीर में पुलिस व सेना के बीच मारपीट

**SRIBAGAR :** जम्मू-कश्मीर के कुवाड़ा में पुलिस स्टेशन में सेना और पुलिस के बीच मारपीट हुई थी। पुलिस स्टेशन पर हमला करने के आरोप में 3 लेफ्टिनेंट कर्नल समेत 16 लोगों पर जान से मारने की कोशिश यानी अटेंम्ट टु मर्डर की एफआईआर दर्ज की गई है। घटना मंगलवार 28 मई की रात को हुई थी। बताया जा रहा है कि एक इग केस में पुलिस ने 160 टैरिटरियल आर्मी के जवान से पूछताछ की थी। इस बात से सेना के अधिकारी नाराज हो गए। बड़ी संख्या में वदीर्धारी और हथियारों से लैस जवान पुलिस स्टेशन में दाखिल हो गए। उनके साथ सीनियर सैन्य अधिकारी भी थे।

गाजा पट्टी से लगे बफर जोन पर इज़राइल का कब्ज़ा

**NEW DELHI :** राफा में घुसपैठ के बाद इज़राइल ने मिस और गाजा पट्टी से लगे बफर जोन पर भी कंट्रोल कर लिया है। इज़राइली सेना ने बुधवार को इसकी जानकारी दी। इज़राइली डिफेंस फोर्स के प्रवक्ता डेनियल हगारी ने एक टेलीविजन ब्रीफिंग में कहा कि इज़राइली सेना ने फिलाडेल्फी कॉरिडोर पर ऑपरेशन कंट्रोल हासिल कर लिया है। हालांकि, हगारी ने यह नहीं बताया कि ऑपरेशनल कंट्रोल का क्या मतलब है। मिस-गाजा बॉर्डर पर बफर जोन को इज़राइली सेना ने फिलाडेल्फी कॉरिडोर को बंद नम दिया है।

ग्राउंड कमांडर को करियर के पहले प्रमोशन के लिए करना पड़ता है 15 साल इंतजार

देरी का दंश झेल रहे सीआरपीएफ के जवान व अफसर

AGENCY NEW DELHI :

वास्तव में यह अफसोसजनक है कि देश के सबसे बड़े केंद्रीय अर्धसैनिक बल सीआरपीएफ के जवान और अफसर, पदोन्नति के मोर्चे पर पिछड़ रहे हैं। सिपाही से लेकर इंस्पेक्टर और सीधी भर्ती के जरिए बल में आने वाले सहायक कमांडेंट से कमांडेंट तक, सभी को पदोन्नति में देरी का दंश झेलना पड़ रहा है। सिपाही को हवलदार बनने में 18 से 20 साल लग रहे हैं। इंस्पेक्टर को सहायक कमांडेंट तक पहुंचने में 13 साल से ज्यादा वक़्त लग रहा है, तो वहीं ग्राउंड कमांडर को अपने करियर की पहली पदोन्नति के लिए 15 वर्ष का इंतजार करना पड़ रहा है। केंद्र अधिकारियों की पदोन्नति का मामला तो सुप्रीम कोर्ट तक पहुंच चुका है, मगर कोई राहत नहीं मिल रही।

अग्निकुल कॉसमॉस का पहला रॉकेट लॉन्च

बड़ी कामयाबी

**AGENCY SRIHARIKOTA :** वाकई भारत के लिए यह स्पेस के क्षेत्र में बड़ी उपलब्धि है। गुरुवार को सुबह 7:15 बजे स्पेस स्टार्टअप अग्निकुल कॉसमॉस ने अपने पहले सिंगल स्ट्रेज रॉकेट का सफल टेस्ट किया। श्रीहरिकोटा में धनुष लॉन्चपैड से उड़ान भरी। मिशन का नाम अग्निबाण शॉर्टेज (सब-ऑर्बिटल टेक्नोलॉजी डिमॉन्स्ट्रेटर) है। इससे पहले 4 बार मिशन टला था। ये एक सब ऑर्बिटल प्लाइट थी। सब-ऑर्बिटल का मतलब एक प्लाइट पाथ है, जो स्पेस में जाती है, लेकिन पृथ्वी के चारों ओर एक कक्षा पूरी नहीं करती। व्हीकल अंतरिक्ष में पहुंचता है। आम तौर पर 100 किलोमीटर से ऊपर, और फिर ग्रह का चक्कर लगाए बिना वापस लौट आता है।

सेमी-क्रायोजेनिक इंजन से पावर्ड, दुनिया का पहला 3 डी प्रिंटेड सिस्टम



कंपनी ने बताया कि इस कंट्रोल प्लाइट के सभी मिशन आजोजेक्टिव पूरे हुए। मिशन का मकसद इन-हाउस टेक्नोलॉजी के प्रदर्शन के साथ जस्टरी डेटा कलेक्ट करना था। यह भारत में किसी प्राइवेट

श्रीहरिकोटा में धनुष लॉन्चपैड से भरी उड़ान केवल 2 मिनट का था शॉर्टेज मिशन

शॉर्टेज मिशन केवल 2 मिनट का था। लॉन्च व्हीकल केवल 6.2 मीटर ऊंचा था। इसमें एडवांस्ड एवियोनिक्स और इन-हाउस डेवलप किया गया आटोपायलट सॉफ्टवेयर भी था। उड़ान भरने के बाद इसे बंगाल की खाड़ी में गिराया गया। मिशन को पहले 7 अप्रैल को लॉन्च किया जाना था, लेकिन तकनीकी गड़बड़ियों के कारण स्थगित कर दिया गया था। इस मिशन से इकट्ठा किए गए डेटा का इस्तेमाल अग्निबाण रॉकेट के डेवलपमेंट में काम आएगा। भारत के पहले प्राइवेट लॉन्च पैड से रॉकेट को लॉन्च किया। इस लॉन्च पैड का नाम धनुष है जो श्रीहरिकोटा में है। ये रॉकेट देश के पहले सेमी-क्रायोजेनिक इंजन 'अग्निलेट' से पावर्ड था। फ्यूल के रूप में सब-कूल्ड आक्सीजन यूज की गई।

पूरे हुए कंट्रोल प्लाइट के सभी ऑब्जेक्टिव

स्टार्टअप की ओर से किया गया दूसरा रॉकेट लॉन्च है। प्लाइट बड़ा माइक्रोस्ट्रोन इंडियन स्पेस रिसर्च ऑर्गनाइजेशन यानी, इसरो ने अग्निबाण कॉसमॉस के सक्सेसफुल लॉन्च पर बधाई दी।

यह एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि है। जिस पर पूरे देश को गर्व होगा। दुनिया के पहले सिंगल-पीस 3डी प्रिंटेड सेमी-क्रायोजेनिक इंजन द्वारा संचालित अग्निबाण रॉकेट का सफल प्रक्षेपण भारत के अंतरिक्ष क्षेत्र के लिए बड़ी बात है। हमारी युवा शक्ति की प्रतिभा का प्रमाण है।

नरेंद्र मोदी, पीएम।

लोकसभा चुनाव : प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने आखिरी रैली में भरी हुंकार

'इंडी' वाले मेरा मुंह न खुलवाएं 7 पीढ़ियों के पाप बता दूंगा : PM

AGENCY HOSHIARPUR :

गुरुवार को पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने लोकसभा चुनाव-2024 की आखिरी रैली को संबोधित किया। यह फतेह रैली पंजाब के होशियारपुर में हुई। पीएम ने इंडिया गठबंधन और आम आदमी पार्टी (आप) पर निशाना साधा। उन्होंने कहा कि इंडी गठबंधन वाले मेरा मुंह न खुलवाएं, 7 पीढ़ी के पाप निकालकर रख दूंगा। पीएम ने कहा कि इंडी गठबंधन वाले वीरों का अपमान करते हैं। पूर्व सीडीएस विपिन रावत का भी अपमान किया। उन्होंने कहा कि सेना 26 जनवरी के लिए तैयार नहीं की जाती है। सेना लाइव के लिए तैयार की जाती है, लेकिन इन्होंने सेना को भी राजनीति का हथियार बना दिया है। इन्होंने सर्जिकल स्ट्राइक के सबूत मांगे। सेनाओं को कमजोर करने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ी, लेकिन सेना का अपमान मोदी बदरसत नहीं करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि कांग्रेस ने भ्रष्टाचार में डबल पीएचडी कर ली है।



होशियारपुर की चुनावी रैली में गदा दिखाते पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी।

नहीं सहंगा सेना का अपमान

पीएम ने कांग्रेस के समय में हुए घोटालों को गिनाया। उन्होंने कहा कि इन लोगों ने देश की सेना की ऊंखुरतों पर ध्यान नहीं दिया। हमेशा भ्रष्टाचार कर देश के खजाने को नुकसान पहुंचाया। यह वही लोग हैं जिन्होंने सालों तक सीडीएस का पद गठित नहीं किया। इन्होंने पूर्व फौजियों से वन रैंक वन पेंशन पर 40 साल तक झूठ बोला। पंजाब व हिमाचल पूर्व सैनिकों की धरती है। जब 2013 में मुझे प्रधानमंत्री का

4 जून के बाद पूर्ण बहुमत के साथ 'इंडिया' की बनेगी सरकार : खड़गे

**NEW DELHI :** गुरुवार को कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे ने कहा कि देश की जनता चार जून को वैकल्पिक सरकार का जनादेश देगी और 'इंडिया' गठबंधन पूर्ण बहुमत हासिल कर एक समावेशी और राष्ट्रवादी सरकार देगा। उन्होंने संवाददाताओं से यह भी कहा कि जीत के बाद इंडिया गठबंधन के घटक दलों से बातचीत के आधार पर प्रधानमंत्री का फैसला होगा। जनता ने विपक्ष एवं कांग्रेस की इस बात पर मुहर लगा दी है कि अगर मोदी सरकार फिर से आई, तो लोकतंत्र खल हो जाएगा। उन्होंने दावा किया कि इस चुनाव में भाजपा ने बांटने की कोशिश की, लेकिन लोगों ने असली मुद्दों को चुना। खरगो ने कहा, हमें विश्वास है कि वार जुन, 2024 को देश में जनता एक नई वैकल्पिक सरकार को जनादेश देगी। इंडिया गठबंधन पूर्ण बहुमत से सरकार बनाएगा। कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने कहा, हम

मणिपुर में भारी बारिश से कई इलाके हुए जलमग्न तीन लोगों की गई जान

**IMPHAL :** चक्रवात 'रेमल' ने पूर्वोत्तर में भारी तबाही मचा दी। पश्चिम बंगाल समेत पूर्वोत्तर के लगभग सभी राज्य भारी बारिश के कारण ज्यादा प्रभावित हुए हैं। इन राज्यों के कुछ इलाके पूरी तरह से जलमग्न हो गए। नदियों का पानी बढ़ने से सड़कें बंद गईं, जिससे सामान्य जनजीवन काफी ज्यादा प्रभावित हो रहा है। मणिपुर के इंफाल घाटी में भारी बारिश के कारण बाढ़ आ गई। इसमें तीन की मौत, जबकि हजारों लापता हो गए। मणिपुर के सेनापति जिले में भूस्खलन के कारण एक 34 वर्षीय व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। इस हादसे में अन्य तीन घायल भी हुए। सेनापति नदी में उफान के कारण एक 83 वर्षीय बुजुर्ग महिला डूब गई। इंफाल में बुधवार को एक 74 वर्षीय व्यक्ति की करंट लगने से मौत हो गई। इंफाल नदी के उफान पर होने के कारण कई इलाके जलमग्न हो गए।

समय से पहले ही केरल पहुंचा मानसून, 27 जून तक दिल्ली में एंट्री संभव



केरल में मानसून के आगमन का नजारा।

AGENCY NEW DELHI :

शुक्रवार को देश के 7 राज्यों में शुक्रवार को हीटवेव का रेड अलर्ट जारी किया गया है। इनमें पंजाब, हरियाणा, दिल्ली, राजस्थान के कुछ हिस्सों, बिहार, झारखंड, ओडिशा शामिल हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ हिस्सों, जम्मू संभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र और छत्तीसगढ़ में ऑरेंज अलर्ट है। उत्तर-पश्चिमी राज्यों में भीषण गर्मी के बीच राहत की खबर आई है। केरल में मानसून पहुंच चुका है। इसके साथ ही अरुणाचल प्रदेश, त्रिपुरा, नगालैंड, मेघालय, मिजोरम, मणिपुर और असम में भी मानसून की एंट्री हो चुकी है। दिल्ली में मानसून 27 जून तक आएगा। इस बार मानसून पूर्वानुमान के एक दिन पहले आया है। आईएमडी ने 31 मई तक इसके केरल में पहुंचने की संभावना जताई थी। सामान्य रूप से माना जाता है कि

पूर्वानुमान के एक दिन पहले ही हो गया आगमन, जल्द आने का कारण रेमल साइक्लोन

10 मई के बाद से किसी भी समय केरल के 14 केंद्रों और पड़ोसी क्षेत्रों में लगातार दो दिनों तक 2.5 मिमी या उससे अधिक वर्षा होती है, तब मानसून आने की पुष्टि की जाती है। इसके अलावा हवा की दिशा दक्षिण-पश्चिम की ओर होने पर भी ध्यान दिया जाता है। मानसून जल्दी आने का कारण रेमल साइक्लोन बताया जा रहा है, जो 26 मई को पश्चिम बंगाल और बांग्लादेश में आया था। इससे पहले 30 मई, 2017 को साइक्लोन मोरा के कारण मानसून समय से पहले आया था। 2023 में केरल में मानसून की एंट्री सात दिनों की देरी के बाद 8 जून को हुई थी।

29 मई को दिल्ली नहीं, हरियाणा का रोहतक या सबसे ज्यादा गर्म

AGENCY NEW DELHI :

दिल्ली में 29 मई को अलग-अलग जगहों पर तापमान 45.2 डिग्री से 49.1 डिग्री के बीच रहा। हालांकि, कल दोपहर में आईएमडी ने जानकारी दी थी कि दिल्ली के मुर्गेसपुर में तापमान 52.3 डिग्री पहुंच गया है। हालांकि, रात में बताया गया कि 52.3 डिग्री का डेटा गलत था। दिल्ली समेत देश के 11 शहरों में 29 मई को अधिकतम तापमान



45 डिग्री सेल्सियस या उससे ऊपर दर्ज किया गया। हरियाणा के रोहतक में सबसे ज्यादा 48.8 डिग्री तापमान दर्ज हुआ। दिल्ली के रिज में 47.3 डिग्री तापमान रहा।

जम्मू में दर्दनाक हादसा बाबा भोलेनाथ के दर्शन को जा रहे थे यूपी के यात्री

खाई में गिरी बस, 22 लोगों की चली गई जान

AGENCY JAMMU :

जम्मू-पूछ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर अखनूर के टूंगी मोड़ क्षेत्र में बड़ा सड़क हादसा हो गया। यहां एक यात्रियों से भरी बस गहरी खाई में जा गिरी। हादसे में 22 लोगों की मौत हो गई। करीब 66 यात्री घायल बताए जा रहे हैं। एक पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि बस में उत्तर प्रदेश के हाथरस के अलावा राजस्थान के करीब 90 लोग सवार थे। पुलिस व स्थानीय लोगों द्वारा बचाव अभियान चलाया जा रहा है। खाई से निकाल कर घायलों को अखनूर उपजिला अस्पताल में पहुंचाया गया। जहां से गंभीर रूप से घायल यात्रियों को जम्मू मेडिकल कॉलेज रेफर किया गया। प्रारंभिक जानकारी के अनुसार, उत्तरप्रदेश नंबर की यह बस जम्मू से शिवखोड़ी धाम जा रही थी।



सामने से आ रही बस के कारण बिगड़ा संतुलन

जानकारी के अनुसार, बस का नंबर है- यूपी 86ईसी 4078 बताया गया है। यह बस अखनूर के टूंगी मोड़ में गहरी खाई में जा गिरी। इस तीखे मोड़ पर सामने से आ रही एक बस के आने से हादसे वाली बस का संतुलन बिगड़ा गया और यह हादसा हो गया। बस के गिरते ही चौक-पुकर मच गई। आसपास के लोग मौके पर पहुंचे।

रस्सी और पीठ पर लाद कर सड़क तक पहुंचाए गए घायल

बस के शीशे तोड़ कर लोगों को बाहर निकाला गया। फिर रस्सी और कुछ को पीठ पर लाद कर सड़क तक पहुंचाया गया। इसके बाद घायलों को वाहनों में सवार कर नजदीकी अस्पताल ले जाया गया। इस दौरान सड़कों पर एंबुलेंस की आवाज गुंती रही। अस्पताल में हादसे की खबर के साथ ही स्ट्राफ को अलर्ट कर दिया गया। घायलों के पहुंचने के साथ ही यहां उपचार शुरू कर दिया गया।

आर्गेनिक फूड कंपनी ग्रीन वैली के अधिकारियों पर धोखाधड़ी का केस

**CHAIBASA :** चाईबासा के नीमडिह न्यू कालोनी निवासी मनोज गुप्ता ने हरियाणा की आर्गेनिक फूड कंपनी ग्रीन वैली फूड लिमिटेड के पांच अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध 24 लाख 56 हजार 617 रुपये धोखाधड़ी करने का शिकायतवादा मुख्य न्यायिक दंडाधिकारी के न्यायालय में दायर कराया है। शिकायतवाद में हरियाणा के भिवानी की कंपनी के एमडी ईश्वर सिंह उर्फ हवा सिंह तनवर, जेनरल मैनेजर साक्षी गोयल, डिप्टी मैनेजर निशा गोयल, डायरेक्टर रूफेद कौर व अकाउंट्स मैनेजर आशीष अग्रवाल को आरोपित बनाया गया है। दर्ज शिकायतवादा में मनोज गुप्ता ने बताया कि ग्रीन वैली आर्गेनिक लिमिटेड के उत्पाद के वितरण के लिए कंपनी के अधिकारियों ने 10 जुलाई 2020 को कारारनामा कर उनसे 10 लाख रुपये सिक्वोरिटी डिपॉजिट लिया।

लोस चुनाव : अंतिम चरण की वोटिंग कल 57 लोकसभा क्षेत्रों में थम गया चुनाव प्रचार का शोर

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI :

गुरुवार को शाम 5 बजे अंतिम सातवें चरण में देश के 57 लोकसभा क्षेत्रों में चुनाव प्रचार का शोर थम गया। इन क्षेत्रों में कल यानी 1 जून को वोटिंग होगी। इन लोकसभा क्षेत्रों में झारखंड के राजमहल, गोड्डा और दुमका संसदीय क्षेत्र भी शामिल हैं। चुनाव आयोग ने मतदान की तैयारी पूरी कर ली है। चुनाव आयोग के अनुसार, शुक्रवार को प्रत्याशी या उनके समर्थक डोर-टू-डोर जाकर अपने पक्ष में लोगों से मतदान की अपील कर सकते हैं। झारखंड में मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी के रवि कुमार ने कहा है कि चुनाव प्रचार



झारखंड के राजमहल, गोड्डा और दुमका संसदीय क्षेत्र में भी होना है मतदान

आदि कार्य से चुनाव वाले संसदीय क्षेत्र राजमहल, गोड्डा और दुमका में बाहर से गए राजनीतिक दलों के नेताओं-कार्यकर्ताओं को नियमानुसार वापस लौटना होगा।












**समाचार सार**

ताज बिल्डिंग के बेसमेंट में दुकान को तोड़ता मजदूर • फोटोन न्यूज

नवशा विचलन को लेकर एक्शन में थीं। उन्होंने बिष्टुपुर स्थित होटल सेंटर प्वाइंट और साकची के होटल दयाल इंटरनेशनल के बेसमेंट में पार्किंग को लेकर कड़ा रुख अख्तियार किया है। इसके अलावा अन्य कई भवनों के बेसमेंट में पार्किंग बनाने के लिए भवन मालिकों को चेतावनी दी है।

**PHOTON NEWS JSR:**  
लद्दाख में तैनात जवान की पत्नी के साथ हुए सामूहिक दुष्कर्म के विरोध में गुजरात की अखिल भारतीय पत्नी संसदीय सेवा परिषद, जमशेदपुर के सभी सदस्य आक्रोषित होकर परिवार सहित सड़क पर उतर गए। झारखंड के कानून व्यवस्था स्थिति पर सवाल उठाते हुए साकची गोलचक्कर से शहीद चौक तक सड़कों पर जम कर नारेबाजी हुई। दुष्कर्मियों को शीघ्र से शीघ्र गिरफ्तार कर सजा दिलाने की मांग की गई। संभलन के जिला अध्वक्ष एवं जिला महामंत्री विनय यादव एवं जितेंद्र सिंह ने कहा कि राज्य के अपराधियों का मनोबल बढ़ा हुआ है। क्रीड़ा भारती के प्रांतीय महिला राजीव कुमार ने कहा कि जब राष्ट्र को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने वाले



सभी महिलाओं ने अपने सगे-संबंधियों से महोत्सव में शामिल होने का आग्रह किया। बैठक में डॉ. निपुरा झा, मीरा तिवारी, मृण्मिता तिवारी, अर्चना पांडे, राजलक्ष्मी देवी, रीना कुमारी, अमृत तिवारी, नूतन कुमारी, अनीता तिवारी, प्रभा पांडे, प्रियंका पांडे, पूर्णिमा पांडे, वार्वा झा, अर्चना पांडे, गीत दुबे, पार्वती ठाकुर, मोनिता देवी, ब्युटी मिश्रा आदि उपस्थित थीं।

सामूहिक पाठ में शामिल महिलाएं • फोटोन न्यूज

लगेगा। इस मौके पर गुरुद्वारा साहिब के अध्यक्ष सरदार पंदिंदर सिंह ने बताया कि श्री गुरु अर्जन देव जी के शहीदी दिहाड़े पर 8 जून को अखंड पाठ और 10 जून को इसकी समाप्ति उपरान्त कीर्तन दरबार सजाया जाएगा। 10 जून को गुरु अर्जन देव के शहीदी दिवस को समर्पित जगह-जगह छबील लगाई जाएगी। इस मौके पर जितेंद्र सिंह, करनदीप सिंह, गुरमनप्रीत सिंह, मनप्रीत सिंह, गुरदीप सिंह आदि उपस्थित थे।



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 संस्थापक और सीजीपीसी के  
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 दलजीत सिंह, भाजपा के महानगर  
 अध्यक्ष सुधांशु ओझा, पूर्व अध्यक्ष  
 विनोद सिंह, रिटायर्ड डीएसपी  
 बीरेंद्र यादव, साकची थाना प्रभारी  
 संजय कुमार, सेंट्रल सिख  
 नौजवान सभा अध्यक्ष अमरीक  
 सिंह, साकची के पूर्व  
 प्रधान हर्बिंदर सिंह मटू आदि  
 शामिल थे।

समाहरणालाय में बैठक करते उपायुक्त रविशंकर शुक्ला व अन्य • फोटोन न्यूज

तथा विकास को लेकर मांगे गए सुझाव पर विभिन्न सदस्यों द्वारा छऊ कला क्षेत्र में संगीत एवं संगीतकार को स्थान उपलब्ध करने, सिलेबस तैयार करने, जिले में बंद पड़े तीन कला केन्द्र को पुनः प्रारंभ करने, राजकीय पर्व में सभी कलाकारों को समान रूप से सम्मानित करने तथा समिति गठन



परिष्कार बहुत उद्देशीय परियोजना के अतिरिक्त पूरे सिंधुभूमि उपायगुप्त, जेएनएसी, टाटा स्टील युआईएसएलएल को भी देता है और आग्रह करता है कि वे चाडिल जलप्रवाह छोड़ने के लिए कहें। तब जाकर चाडिल डैम से अतिरिक्त जल प्रवाह छोड़ा जाता है और घरों में कीटाणुनाशक जलापूर्ति की समस्या दूर होती है।

खेद है कि यह समस्या हर वर्ष मई-जून में होती है, लेकिन इसके लिए अग्रिम प्रयत्न नहीं होता है। मई के आरंभ में ही जेएनएसी और टाटा स्टील युआईएसएल को चाडिल डैम से अतिरिक्त जल प्रवाह छोड़ने की अध्याचार्य परिष्कार परियोजना के मध्यम अभियंता को भेजी जानी चाहिए।



इस विषय को बहुत गंभीरता से ले रहा है। उन्होंने बताया कि प्रदेश अध्यक्ष कर्नल अखौरी रंजन सिन्हा इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष जनरल विष्णुकान्त चतुर्वेदी से संपर्क में हैं और रक्षा मंत्री से मिल कर मामले की कानूनी प्रक्रिया को तेज करने में भी दिशा में संगठन ठोस कदम उठा रहा है।

बिष्णुपुर में टीके कॉम्प्लेक्स के सामने प्रदर्शन करते डिलीवरी बॉय • फोटोन न्यूज

कमीशन घटा दिया गया है। इससे वजह से वह हड़ताल पर गए हैं। उनको अनुसार, एक पारसल पर उन्हें पूर्व में 14 रुपये प्रति पारसल मिलते थे, पर अब कोई पांच पारसल डिलीवरी करता है तो उसे एक पारसल का 15 रुपये और बाकी के 4 पारसल पर 7.50 रुपये प्रति पारसल दिए जाएंगे। यह रेट जयशेखरपुर में लागू नहीं होने दिया जाएगा। जब तक प्रबंधन इस दरदरदारी को वापस नहीं लेता, हड़ताल जारी रहेगी।

# ग्रीष्मावकाश चलेंगी यूजी-

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गर्मी छुट्टी के दौरान ग्रेजुएट कॉलेज में स्नातक व स्नातकोत्तर की कक्षाएँ चलेंगी। यह निर्णय गुरुवार को कॉलेज की बैठक में लिया गया, जिसकी अध्यक्षता प्राचार्य डॉ. वीणा सिंह प्रियदर्शी ने की। बैठक में तय हुआ कि पिछले दिनों विविध कारणों और लोकसभा चुनाव के चलते बहुत सारी छुट्टियाँ रहीं, इसलिए पाठ्यक्रम पूरा करने के उद्देश्य से स्नातक और स्नातकोत्तर की विशेष कक्षाएँ ग्रीष्मावकाश में भी नियत समय पर चलेगी। इसके तहत स्नातक सेमेस्टर-2 सेमेस्टर-3 तथा सेमेस्टर-6 एवं स्नातकोत्तर सेमेस्टर-1 और सेमेस्टर-4 की कक्षाएँ शामिल हैं। बैठक में प्राचार्य के अलावा बॉटनी विभाग अध्यक्ष डोरीस दास, संस्कृत विभाग अध्यक्ष डॉ. अर्चना सिन्हा,

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**एडमिशन की तिथि बढ़ी**  
यूनिवर्सिटी के चांसलर पोर्टल पर यज़ुई हैं। जो भी छात्राएं जमशेदपुर यूनिवर्सिटी के लिए इच्छुक हैं, उनके लिए गए हैं। छात्राओं और अभिभावकों को के फार्म भरने की अंतिम तिथि 28 मई को इच्छुक छात्राएं चांसलर पोर्टल में कुमार, डॉ. मुकुल भेंगराज, डॉ. पूनम राज, डॉ. कमलेश कुमार अशोक, डॉ. फि रदौस जवानी और राकेश कुमार पांडेय उपस्थित थे।



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**करंट लगने से सफाईकर्मों की मौत को लेकर प्रदर्शन**  
**BHAGALPUR** : भागलपुर रेलवे स्टेशन परिसर के बाई में गुरुवार को रेल डब्बे की सफाई करने के दौरान कर्मचारी की करंट लगने से मौत हो गई है। मृतक की पहचान मिरजानहाट समरसपुर के रहने वाले भारतकेश सिंह के रूप में हुई है। कर्मचारी के मौत के बाद सभी सफाई कर्मी एक जुट होकर मृतक के परिवार को मुआवजे की मांग को लेकर रेलवे स्टेशन परिसर में विरोध प्रदर्शन करने लगे?। घटना की सूचना पर मौके पर पहुंची रेल पुलिस और रेल अधिकारियों ने प्रदर्शन कर रहे सफाई कर्मियों को समझा बुझाकर मामला शांत कराया।

**दहेज के लिए गर्भवती महिला की हत्या**

**PURNIYA** : रुखसाना की हत्या इसलिए कर दी कि उसके घर वाले ने समुराल वालों को दो लाख रुपये और मोटरसाइकिल दहेज में नहीं दी। घटना से पूरा इलाका स्तब्ध है। रुखसाना चार बच्चों की मां के साथ ही 6 महीने की गर्भवती भी थी । महिला को बुरी तरह मारा और पीटा गया है । घर वालों ने बताया कि पहले महिला को बुरी तरह पीटा गया। हाथ के नस भी काट दिए गए हैं और फिर उसके प्राइवेट पार्ट को भी बुरी तरह नुकसान पहुंचाया गया। घर वाले इतनी बड़ी घटना से काफी दुखी है एवं उन्हें समझ में नहीं आ रहा है कि चार-चार बच्चों की मां रुखसाना को दरिद्रों ने कैसे मार दिया। शादी के इतने दिनों बाद इस घटना को अंजाम उसके समुराल वाले देंगे यह कल्पना नहीं थी।

**15 जून से सुबह से खुले रहेंगे नेपाल के पशुपतिनाथ मंदिर के चारों कपाट**

**RAXAUL** : नेपाल की राजधानी काठमांडू स्थित बाबा पशुपतिनाथ मंदिर के चारों कपाट को भक्तों के दर्शन के लिए खोला जायेगा। आगामी 15 जून यानि नेपाली कैलेंडर के अनुसार आषाढ़ महीने की पहली तारीख से इसका अनुपालन किया जायेगा। पशुपतिनाथ क्षेत्र विकास कोष के प्रवक्ता रेवती रमण अधिकारी ने बताया कि 15 जून से सभी चारों कपाट को सुबह 4 बजे से ही खोल दिया जायेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि इससे पहले मंदिर में मुख्य भट्ट के प्रवेश के बाद ही सुबह 8.30 बजे के बाद तीन कपाट को खोला जाता था, लेकिन लगातार यहां दर्शन के लिए आने वाले भक्तों की बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए मंदिर कमिटी के द्वारा यह निर्णय लिया गया है।

**मतदान में भाग लेने का मतदाताओं ने लिया संकल्प**

**BIHARSARIF** : हम हैं मतदाता देश के निमार्ता ,चाहे जो भी हो मजबूरी वोट देना बहुत जरूरी, पहले मतदान फिर जलपान जैसे गगन भेदी नारों से बिहारशरीफ का इलाका गुरुवार को गुंज उठा मौका था मतदाता जागरूकता अभियान का सार्वप्रथम बिहारशरीफ प्रखंड स्थित सभागार भवन में प्रखंड विकास पदाधिकारी बिहारशरीफ के नेतृत्व में बीएलओ के समक्ष एक बैठक का आयोजन किया गया । मौके पर प्रखंड विकास पदाधिकारी ने कहा कि लोकतंत्र के महापर्व में सभी मतदाता बढ़-कर कर भाग ले और अधिक से अधिक मतदान करें। उन्होंने बैठक में सभी बीएलओ को निर्देश दिया कि मत प्रशिक्षत अधिक से अधिक हो इसके लिए लोगों को अपने स्तर से जागरूक करें।

अलर्ट : एक जून तक लू की स्थिति इसी प्रकार रहने का अनुमान

# बिहार में हीटवेव से पिछले 24 घंटे में 32 लोगों की गई जान

AGENCY PATNA :

बिहार में पिछले दो दिनों से पड़ रही भीषण गर्मी ने लोगों का जीना मोहाल कर दिया है। स्थिति ऐसी है कि लोगों के घरो और ऑफिस में लगे एसी भी प्रचंड गर्मी के आगे फेल हो रहे है। बिहार में भीषण गर्मी और लू की वजह से पिछले 24 घंटे में राज्य के भोजपुर, रोहतास, गोपालगंज, औरंगाबाद और अरवल जिले में अब तक 32 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। इस बीच मौसम विभाग ने गुरुवार को भी बिहार के कई जिलों में भीषण गर्मी और लू की चेतावनी जारी की है। साथ ही लोगों से सावधानी बरतने की अपील की गई है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार एक जून तक लू की स्थिति यथावत जारी रहने का अनुमान है। इसके बाद धीरे-धीरे इसमें कमी आएगी। बिहार, झारखंड, ओडिशा, विदर्भ, छत्तीसगढ़, जम्मू संभाग और हिमाचल प्रदेश में भी शुक्रवार तक लू की स्थिति गंभीर बने रहने का अनुमान है। सबसे ज्यादा भोजपुर जिले में तीन लोगों की हीटवेव से

सलाह : बिना काम के घर से नहीं निकलें



भीषण गर्मी से बचने के लिए छाता लेकर निकली युवतियां।

जान चली गई। वहीं, गोपालगंज में भी नेपाल जा रहे एक पर्यटक ने बीच रास्ते में दम तोड़ दिया। इस भीषण गर्मी में लू लगने से भागलपुर जिला पुलिस बल में तैनात दारोगा देवनाथ राम की जान चली गई। अरवल में चुनाव ड्यूटी के लिए अरुणाचल प्रदेश से आए हेड कांस्टेबल निक्कू अहुजा की भी मौत हो गई। गोपालगंज में

भीषण गर्मी में मातृशक्ति दुर्गा वाहिनी का शर्बत और नींबू पानी पिलाने का सेवा कार्य रहा जारी

AGENCY PURNIYA :

विश्व हिन्दू परिषद् के आयाम मातृशक्ति और दुर्गा वाहिनी पूर्णिया द्वारा भीषण गर्मी और उमस को देखते हुए आम आवाम को राहत देने के उद्देश्य से लगातार शर्बत और नींबू पानी पिलाने का सेवा कार्य किया जा रहा है। गुरुवार को मातृ शक्ति दुर्गा वाहिनी की मां बहनों ने गुलाब बाग जीरोमाइल स्थित पंचमुखी बालाजी हनुमान मंदिर के पास शिविर लगाकर आम लोगों को नींबू पानी और शर्बत पिलाकर गर्मी से राहत दिलाने की सराहनीय कोशिश की। वहां से गुजरने वाले सैकड़ों लोगों ने अपनी अपनी गाड़ी रोककर मातृशक्ति और दुर्गा वाहिनी की मां बहनों के हाथों शर्बत और नींबू पानी पीकर अपनी प्यास बुझाई। यह सेवा कार्य विहिप



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पूर्णिया जिला अध्यक्ष पवन कुमार पोद्दार के निर्देश पर चलाया गया। हजारों राहगीरों ने नींबू पानी और शर्बत पीकर अपनी प्यास बुझाई। स्थानीय लोगों एवं राहगीरों ने मातृशक्ति दुर्गा वाहिनी पूर्णिया द्वारा चलाए जा रहे इस सेवा कार्य की प्रशंसा करते हुए माता बहनों को धन्यवाद दिया।

नाइज एमएम पिस्टल और चरस के साथ तीन घराए

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## इलाज के दौरान महिला की हो गई मौत, परिजनों ने किया हंगामा

AGENCY BHAGALPUR :

जिले के जोगसर थाना क्षेत्र स्थित केके नर्सिंग होम में गुरुवार को इलाज के दौरान एक महिला की मौत के बाद परिजन ने जमकर बवाल काटा। परिजन का आरोप है कि उन्हें मरीज से मिलने नहीं दिया जा रहा था। मौत होने के बाद भी डॉक्टर ने कहा कि मरीशन लगाएंगे तो सब ठीक हो जाएगा। 15 हजार रुपए लेगा। इसके बाद परिजन ने जमकर बवाल काटा। घंटो चले हंगामा के बाद जोगसर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची। पुलिस ने डॉक्टर और मरीज के परिजन के बीच किसी तरह सुलह करवाया। लेकिन मरीज के परिजन बार-बार कहते रहे कि जो मेरे साथ हुआ



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वह गलत है। पैसे के लिए डॉक्टर ने मरीज को मार डाला। इधर मामले को कवर कर कर रहे रिपोर्टर से भी डॉक्टर ने बदसलूकी की। रिपोर्टर हंगामा की सूचना पर खबर कवरेज करने के लिए केके

नर्सिंग होम पहुंचे थे। जहां पर एक डॉक्टर ने पत्रकार से बदसलूकी किया। उल्लेखनीय है कि बांका के बेलहर निवासी हार्ट के पैसेंट फूलन देवी (30) को इलाज के लिए नर्सिंग होम में भर्ती कराया गया था।

## नर्सिंग होम में आर्म्स संग हंगामा कर रहे पिता और पुत्र गिरफ्तार

EAST CHAMPARAN :

जिले के कोटवा बाजार स्थित प्लाई ओवरब्रिज के नजदीक एक निजी नरसिंह होम में आर्म्स के साथ हंगामा कर रहे बाप-बेटे को पुलिस ने गिरफ्तार किया है। गिरफ्तार पिता कोटवा थाने के पोखरा गांव का भूपेंद्र कुमार है। डीएसपी सदर 2 जितेश पांडेय ने बताया है कि पुलिस को सूचना मिली कि आर्म्स के साथ एक व्यक्ति नर्सिंगहोम में हंगामा कर रहा है। पुलिस के पहुंचने के बाद उक्त व्यक्ति को आर्म्स के साथ गिरफ्तार किया गया। मौके पर ही उसके नाबालिग बेटे को भी पुलिस ने हिरासत में ले लिया। उसके पास से 1 कट्टा, 3 जिंदा कारतूस,एक



आरोपियों की जानकारी देते पुलिस अधिकारी।

खोखा व एक बाइक जप्त किया गया है। इस मामले को लेकर नर्सिंगहोम के संचालक पुजेश कुमार ने एफआईआर दर्ज कराया है। बताया गया है कि भूपेंद्र नर्सिंगहोम संचालक से पहले से

ही बार बार रंगदारी मांगता था। इस दौरान 29 मई की रात को भी वह रंगदारी मांगने पहुंचा और साथ ही गाली-गलौज करने लगा, जिसके बाद नर्सिंग होम के स्टाफ ने इसकी सूचना पुलिस को दी।

बदमाशों ने शटर काटकर शोरूम में कर ली चोरी

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## फुलवरिया डैम में स्नान करने गए छह दोस्तों में एक डूबा

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नवादा के फुलवरिया डैम में स्नान के दौरान गुरुवार को एक युवक डूब गया। जिसका पता नहीं चल रहा है। शव की तलाश जारी है,जबकि 5 युवक बाल-बाल बच गए। घटना सूचना के बाद पुलिस-प्रशासन के अधिकारी दूबे युवक की तलाश करने में जुटे हैं। तलाश में गोताखोरों को लगाया गया है। बताया जाता है कि रजौली बाजार के प्रोजेक्ट कन्या इंटर विद्यालय के समीप के रजवरिया टोला के 6 युवक फुलवरिया डैम में स्नान करने गए थे। स्नान के दौरान ही पिंटू राजवंशी का 18 वर्षीय पुत्र फंटश कुमार गहरे पानी में डूब गया। जबकि साथ रहे अन्य दोस्त बाहर निकल आए। घटना के बाद वहां अफरा-तफरी मच गई। सूचना के बाद



डूबे युवक की तलाश करते लोग।

रजौली के सीओ गुफ्रान मजहरी और थानाध्यक्ष राजेश कुमार फुलवरिया डैम दलबल के साथ पहुंचे। दूबे हुए युवक की तलाश की जा रही है। दूबे युवक के परिजन व पास पड़ोस के लोग भी बड़ी संख्या में वहां पहुंच गए है। गोताखोरों के माध्यम से दूबे युवक की खोजबीन की जा रही है।

फंटूस के साथ राजू कुमार पिता सुरेंद्र राजवंशी उम्र 19 वर्ष, ऋतिक कुमार पिता बबलू राजवंशी उम्र 18 वर्ष, विक्रम कुमार पिता गोरे लाल राजवंशी उम्र 18 वर्ष, मन्दीप कुमार पिता कासू राजवंशी उम्र 18 वर्ष, नीतीश कुमार पिता रंजीत राजवंशी स्नान करने डैम गए थे।

## बिहारशरीफ में ग्रामीणों ने किया मतदान नहीं करने का निर्णय

AGENCY BIHARSARIF :

हरनौत प्रखंड के सोराडीह पंचायत अंतर्गत जगतपुर गांव में गुरुवार को ग्रामीणों ने रोड नहीं तो वोट नहीं के नारा के साथ प्रदर्शन किया तथा जनप्रतिनिधियों व प्रशासन के विरोध में जमकर नारेबाजी की । प्रदर्शन कर रहे ग्रामीणों का कहना कि विगत 20 वर्षों से लगातार सड़क निर्माण हेतु(जगतपुर छठ घाट से जगतपुर गांव तक एवं देवी स्थान से होते हुए जगतपुर गांव तक)जनप्रतिनिधियों से मांग करने के बावजूद आज तक पक्की सड़क का निर्माण नहीं हो पाया है।



सड़क जान करते ग्रामीण।

जगतपुर गांव का मुख्य निकास का पक्कीकरण न होने से समस्त ग्राम वासियों को पूरे वर्ष काफी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है। वरसात के मौसम में 3 महीना अवागमन पूर्ण रूप से बंद हो जाने के कारण समस्त ग्राम

वासियों का जीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो जाता है ।बार-बार जनप्रतिनिधियों से सड़क का मांग करने के बावजूद सड़क का निर्माण न कराया जाना समस्त समस्त ग्राम वासियों के अनुरोध को अनदेखा करने जैसा है।

हिंदी पत्रकारिता दिवस के अवसर पर मीडिया, साहित्य और राजनीति विषय पर कार्यक्रम का हुआ आयोजन

## भाषा की साधना के बिना पत्रकारिता नहीं

AGENCY SAHARSA :

एम एल टी कॉलेज सभागार में हिंदी पत्रकारिता दिवस के अवसर पर गुरुवार को आईक्यूसी द्वारा मीडिया, साहित्य और राजनीति विषय पर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए मुख्य अतिथि प्रो.शिवनारायण ने कहा प्रतिरोध पत्रकारिता का मूल है। प्रतिरोध से न्याय का रास्ता निकलता है।

उन्होंने कहा व्यक्ति और समाज की पीड़ा को निडरता से उजागर करना ही पत्रकारिता है।

- मीडिया राष्ट्र के लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों की रक्षा के साथ-साथ अधिकार और कर्तव्यों का करता है निर्वहन
- समाज की पीड़ा को निडरता से उजागर करना ही सच्ची पत्रकारिता



कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व अन्य लोग।

साहित्य का जन्म ही दुख और करुणा से हुआ है। दुखी लोगों को न्याय मिलनी चाहिए। उन्होंने

कहा पहले के पत्रकार साहित्यकार होते थे। भाषा की साधना के बिना पत्रकारिता नहीं



# नशे में तबाह होती जिन्दगियों को बचाना होगा



लोगों को आसानी से जागरूक बनाने के लिये इस दिवस की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका है। लेकिन यह विडम्बनापूर्ण है कि सरकारों के लिये यह दिवस कोरा आयोजनात्मक है, प्रयोजनात्मक नहीं। क्योंकि सरकार विवेक से नहीं, स्वाथ से काम ले रही है। शराबबन्दी का नारा देती है, नशे की बुराइयों से लोगों को आगाह भी करती है और शराब, तम्बाकू का उत्पादन भी बढ़ा रही है। राजस्व प्राप्ति के लिए जनता की जिन्दगी से खेलना क्या किसी लोककल्याणकारी सरकार का काम होना चाहिए? भारत में गुटखा सहित धुआं रहित तंबाकू का उपयोग एक खतरनाक कुचलन है, जिससे गंभीर किस्म की बीमारियां होती हैं। विशेष रूप से गुटखा से कैंसर का खतरा होता है और इसी वजह से साल 2002 से ही गुटखा पर नियंत्रण के प्रयास चलते रहे हैं। साल 2012 से भारतीय राज्यों द्वारा प्रतिबंधित होने के बावजूद गुटखा व्यापक रूप से उपयोग में है। गुटखा लॉबी देश भर में बहुत मजबूत है और इससे सरकारों व उनमें शामिल लोगों को गलत ढंग से भारी कमाई होती है। सबसे पहला राज्य मध्य प्रदेश है, जिसने गुटखा पर प्रतिबंध लगाया था, पर क्या वहां सफलता मिली? विहार, गुजरात जैसे राज्य, जिनमें बहुत कजबूत है और सबसे प्रतिबंधित है, पर क्या वहां शराब का मिलना बंद हो गया है? ठीक इसी तरह से गुटखा के साथ हुआ है। लगातार चेतावनियों व विज्ञापनों के बावजूद गुटखा या तंबाकू का

सेवन घट नहीं रहा है।

नशे की संस्कृति युवा पीढ़ी को गुमराह कर रही है। अगर यही प्रवृत्ति रही तो सरकार, सेना और समाज के ऊंचे पदों के लिए शरीर और दिमाग से स्वस्थ व्यक्ति नहीं मिलेंगे। नशे की बढ़ती प्रवृत्ति के कारण हम एक स्वस्थ नहीं, बल्कि बीमार राष्ट्र एवं समाज का ही निर्माण कर रहे हैं। प्रसिद्ध फुटबाल खिलाड़ी मैराडोना, पॉप संगीत गायक एल्विस प्रिंसले, तेज धावक बेन जॉनसन, युवकों का चहेता गायक माईकल जैक्सन, ऐसे कितने ही खिलाड़ी, गायक, सिनेमा कलाकार नशे की आदत से या तो अपनी जीवन लीला समाप्त कर चुके हैं या बरबाद हो चुके हैं। नशे की यह जमीन कितने-कितने आसमान खा गई। विश्वस्तर की ये प्रतिभाएं कीर्तिमान तो स्थापित कर सकती हैं, पर नई पीढ़ी के लिए स्वस्थ विरासत नहीं छोड़ पा रही हैं। नशे की ओर बढ़ रही युवापीढ़ी बौद्धिक रूप से दरिद्र बन जाएगी। गुटखों और पान मसालों से जुड़ी समस्याओं को अभी भी हम गंभीरता से नहीं ले रहे हैं। भारत में जनसंख्या-आधारित कैंसर रजिस्ट्री में पाया गया कि 55 प्रतिशत कैंसर तंबाकू के उपयोग से संबंधित थे। भारत तंबाकू उत्पादों का दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक और निर्यातक है। भारत में तंबाकू छोड़ने की दर सबसे कम है, यहां सिर्फ 20 प्रतिशत पुरुष तंबाकू के दुर्व्यसन को छोड़ पाते हैं। जीवन का माप सफलता नहीं, सार्थकता होती है। सफलता तो गलत तरीकों

से भी प्राप्त की जा सकती है। जिनको शरीर की ताकत खराब में मिली हो वे जीवन की लड़ाई कैसे लड़ सकते हैं? तंबाकू सेवन कई सारी बीमारियों का कारण बनता है जैसे दीर्घकालिक अवरोधक फेफड़ों संबंधी बीमारी (सीओपीडी), फेफड़े का कैंसर, हृदयघात, स्ट्रोक, स्थायी दिल की बीमारी, वातस्फीति, विभिन्न प्रकार के कैंसर आदि।

तंबाकू का सेवन कई रूपों में किया जा सकता है जैसे सिगरेट, सिगार, बीड़ी, मलाईदार तंबाकू के रंग की वस्तु (टूथ पेस्ट), क्रिटेक्स, पाईप्स, गुटका, तंबाकू चबाना, सुती-खैनी (हाथ से मल के खाने वाला तंबाकू), तंबाकू के रंग की वस्तु, जल पाईप्स, स्मस आदि। कितने ही परिवारों की सुख-शांति ये तम्बाकू उत्पाद नष्ट कर रहे हैं। बूढ़े मां-बाप की दवा नहीं, बच्चों के लिए कपड़े-किताब नहीं, पत्नी के गले में मंगलसूत्र नहीं, चूल्हे पर दाल-रोटी नहीं, पर नशा चाहिए। करोड़ों लोग अपनी अमूल्य देह में बीमार फेफड़े और जिगर लिए एक जिन्दा लाश बने जी रहे हैं पौरुषहीन भीड़ का अंग बन कर। डब्ल्यूएचओ के अनुसार धूम्रपान की लत से हर साल लगभग 60 लाख लोग मर जा रहे हैं और इनमें से अधिकतर मौतें कम तथा मध्यम आय वाले देशों में हो रही हैं। दुर्भाग्यवश इस गलत आदत को स्टेट्स सिंबल मानकर अक्सर नवयुवक एवं महिलाएं अपनाते हैं और दूसरों के सामने दिखाते हैं। इससे प्रजनन शक्ति कम हो जाती है। यदि कोई गर्भवती महिला धूम्रपान करती है तो या तो शिशु की मृत्यु हो जाती है या फिर कोई विकृति उत्पन्न हो जाती है।

लंदन के मेडिकल जर्नल द्वारा किये गये नए अध्ययन में पाया गया कि धूम्रपान करने वाले लोगों के आसपास रहने से भी गर्भ में पल रहे बच्चे में विकृतियाँ उत्पन्न हो जाती हैं। हार्वर्ड मेडिकल स्कूल के डॉ. जोनाथन विनिकॉफ के अनुसार, गर्भावस्था के दौरान माता-पिता दोनों को स्मोकिंग से दूर रहना चाहिए। स्कूलों के बाहर नशीले पदार्थों की घडल्ले से बिक्री होती है, किशोर पीढ़ी धुए में अपनी जिन्दगी तबाह कर रही है। हजारों-लाखों लोग अपने लाभ के लिए नशे के व्यापार में लगे हुए हैं और राष्ट्र के स्वास्थ्य के साथ खिलवाड़ कर रहे हैं। चमड़े के लिए भैंस मारने जैसा अपराध कर रहे हैं। बढ़ती तम्बाकू प्रचलन की समस्या विवह की दूसरी समस्याओं में सबसे देरी से जुड़कर सबसे भयंकर रूप से मुखर हुई है। लगता है विश्व जनसंख्या का अच्छा खासा भाग नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन का आदी हो चुका है। अगर आंकड़ों को सममुख रखकर विश्व मानचित्र (ग्लोब) को देखें, तो हमें सारा ग्लोब नशे में झुमता दिखाई देगा।

## संपादकीय

### डीयू की पहल

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय ने एकल बालिका आरक्षण के तहत दाखिला शुरू किया है। इस बाबत फैसले के मुताबिक, 2024-25 के लिए सुपरन्यूमैररी कोटा के तहत सिंगल गर्ल चाइल्ड के लिए सभी कॉलेजों और विभागों की प्रत्येक कक्षा में एक-एक सीट आरक्षित रखी जाएगी। बीते साल दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय ने देश में पहली बार अनाथ छात्रों के लिए भी आरक्षण की व्यवस्था की थी। गौरतलब है कि दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय है, और हर हाल यहां स्नातक, परास्नातक और पीएचडी पाठक्रमों में प्रवेश पाने के लिए कड़ी होड़ होती है। सीयूईटी यानी केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा की जाने वाली कॉमन



यूनिवर्सिटी इंट्रेस टेस्ट व्यवस्था (सीयूईटी) भी यहां 2022 से लागू है। यह राष्ट्रीय स्तर की विश्वविद्यालय प्रवेश परीक्षा है। बीते वर्ष छत्तीस लाख से ज्यादा छात्र इस परीक्षा में शामिल हुए थे जिनमें से बाइस हजार छात्रों के सौ परसेंटाइल स्कोर थे। जाहिर है कि ऐसे में स्नातक करने के लिए सरकारी विश्वविद्यालयों में प्रवेश मुश्किल हो जाता है। उस पर डीयू में पढ़ना मेधावी छात्रों का स्वप्न होता है। यूं तो सरकार की कई ऐसी योजनाएं हैं, जिनमें से इकलौती लड़कियों को सुविधाएं दी जा रही हैं और अनेक केंद्रीय विद्यालयों में यह व्यवस्था पहले से ही है। वहां इकलौती बच्चियों के लिए दो सीटें पहली कक्षा के प्रति अनुभाग में शुल्क मुक्त हैं। 2011 में नेशनल कार्डसिल फॉर अप्लाएड इकोनोमिक रिसर्च के 2011 के अध्ययन के अनुसार 10% परिवार और एक-तिहाई कॉलेज जाने वाली युवतियां एक ही बच्चा चाहती हैं। 2018 के परिवार स्वास्थ्य सन्नेत्र 4 में पता चला कि 24% विवाहित महिलाएं और 27% पुरुष दूसरा बच्चा नहीं चाहते। परंतु यह सोच अभी शहरी, शिक्षित और संपन्न दंपतियों तक ही सीमित है। इसलिए उच्च शिक्षा में इस तरह का आरक्षण खास वर्ग तक ही सीमित रह सकता है। इसका लाभ गरीबों, पिछड़ों और दूर-दराज के इलाकों के अभिभावकों तक नहीं जा सकता। शिक्षा को लेकर आम जन पहले के मुकाबले सतर्क होता नजर आ रहा है। इस तरह की योजनाओं के लाभ के सहारे बेहतर भविष्य बनाने की चाह रखने वाली बेटियों की राह के रोड़े यूं ही हटते रहेंगे। इकलौती बेटियों के अभिभावकों को प्रोत्साहित करने का इस तरह का कोई भी कदम बेहद सकारात्मक कहा जाएगा जिसे दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय ने अपना कर तमाम अन्य शिक्षण संस्थाओं के समझ बेहतरीन उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया है।

#### चिंतन-मनन

### धर्म का अर्थ

किसी संत के पास एक युवक आया और उसने उनसे धर्म ज्ञान देने की प्रार्थना की। संत ने कहा कि वह उनके साथ कुछ दिन रहे, फिर वे उसे धर्म का सार बताएंगी। युवक उनके आश्रम में रहने लगा। वह संत की हर बात मानता और उनकी सेवा करता। इस तरह कई दिन बीत गए। उसे समझ में नहीं आ रहा था कि संत उसे धर्म के बारे में कब बताएंगे। वह उनसे धर्म की चर्चा करने के लिए उत्सुक था। वह चाहता था कि उनसे शिक्षा प्राप्त कर घर लौट जाए पर संत कुछ खास कह ही नहीं रहे थे। युवक का धैर्य जवाब दे रहा था। एक दिन उसने पूछ ही दिया-मुझे आए इतने दिन हो गए पर अब तक आपने मुझे धर्म का सार नहीं बताया। आखिर मैं कब तक प्रतीक्षा करूँ? संत ने हंसकर कहा-कैसी बात कर रहे हो। तुम जिस दिन से मेरे साथ रह रहे हो उस दिन से मैं तुम्हें धर्म का सार बता रहा हूँ। पर तुम ध्यान ही नहीं दे रहे। युवक ने चौंककर कहा-वो कैसे? संत बोले- जब तुम मेरे लिए पानी लाते हो, मैं उसे सदैव प्रेम से स्वीकार करता हूँ। तुम्हारे प्रति आभार भी प्रकट करता हूँ। जब-जब तुमने मुझे आदरपूर्वक प्रणाम किया, मैंने तुम्हारे सारा नम्रता का व्यवहार किया। यही तो धर्म है जो हमारे दैनंदिन व्यवहार में झलकता है। धर्म कोई पुस्तकीय ज्ञान नहीं है। तुम मेरे और कार्यों पर गौर करो। मैं लोगों से कैसे मिलता हूँ और किस तरह उनकी सहायता करता हूँ। इससे अलग कुछ भी धर्म नहीं है। युवक संत का आशय समझ गया।

गुजरात में पिछले कई वर्षों से पूरी तरह से शराबबंदी है। नशाबंदी के बाद से यहां पर भारतीय जनता पार्टी का शासन है। इसके बाद भी गुजरात में शराब का कारोबार करने वाले माफिया की सशक्त लाबी है। जो आर्डर पर घर-घर शराब पहुंचाती है। सभी ब्रांड की शराब गुजरात में मुहैया है। ऑनलाइन डिलीवरी की सबसे अच्छा कोई माध्यम पुरे देश भर में नहीं है। गांव और मोहल्ला तक शराब और नशे का कारोबार करने वाले माफिया गैंग का नेटवर्क फैला हुआ है। जो होम डिलीवरी के माध्यम से नशीले पदार्थ की सप्लाई करता है। मध्य प्रदेश के रास्ते से लगभग 150 से 200 करोड़ रुपए की शराब, अवैध रूप से हर माह गुजरात ले जाई जाती है। अन्य सीमावर्ती राज्यों से भी अवैध शराब गुजरात पहुंचती है। गुजरात में अवैध शराब का कारोबार करने वाले शराब माफिया को सरकार और प्रशासन का संरक्षण प्राप्त है। चुनाव के दौरान सीमा में सख्ती होने के कारण, 3 दिन के अंदर 15 करोड़ रुपए की शराब मध्य प्रदेश-गुजरात सीमा पर पकड़ी गई है। यह शराब ग्वालियर डिस्टलरी से दमन-दीव के परमिट पर अवैध रूप से गुजरात ले जाई जा रही थी। इस

दुनिया और कितनी गर्मी झेलने को तैयार है? यह सवाल बेहद गंभीर है और लोग इससे कब तक बेखबर रहेंगे यह समझ से परे है। अब तो ईसान क्या दूसरे जीव, जन्तु भी गर्मी से बेहाल होकर इस कदर बेकाबू हो रहे हैं कि कई तरह की तबाहियों का कारण बने हुए हैं। लेकिन हम हैं कि अपनी प्यारी धरती की तपिश को बजाए काम करने के और बढ़ाए जा रहे हैं। दुनिया में क्या धरती का तापमान बढ़ाकर ही विकास की कहानी लिखी जा सकती है?

क्या दुनिया में अबकी बार साल 2023 से अधिक गर्म 2024 कहलाएगा? जलवायु शोधकर्ता इसी पर चिंतित हैं। हमें नहीं भूलना चाहिए कि वैज्ञानिकों ने ही खुलासा किया था कि पिछले साल उत्तरी गोलार्ध में इतनी गर्मी पड़ी कि करीब 2,000 साल का रिकॉर्ड टूटा और इसीलिए 2023, धरती पर अब तक का सबसे गर्म वर्ष कहलाया। अब इंग्लैंड में रोहेम्प्टन विश्वविद्यालय का सामने आया नया शोध बेहद चिंताजनक है जो बताता है कि जब पृथ्वी का बाहरी तापमान 40 डिग्री सेल्सियस पर हो जाता है तो ईसान का शरीर इससे ज्यादा गर्मी सहन करनी की शक्ति खोने लगता है। इसके चलते कई अंग प्रभावित होने लगते हैं। अनेकों चिकित्सकीय शोधों से भी साफ हो चुका है कि मानव शरीर अनुकूल परिस्थितियों तक ही तापमान सहजजब से सहन कर पाता है। प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों में कई अंगों के प्रभावित होने या शिथिल या काम बंद कर देने के खतरे बढ़ जाते हैं। सबको पता है कि शरीर का 70 फीसदी से ज्यादा हिस्सा जलतत्व से निर्मित है। यही शरीर के तापमान को स्थिर बनाए रखने के लिए गर्मी से मुकाबला करते हैं। इसका साधारण उदाहरण शरीर में गर्मी लगते ही पसीना आना है। लेकिन जब गर्मी भीजूर जलतत्व, पसीना बनकर उड़ जाता तो स्वाभाविक है कि शरीर में पानी की कमी होगी। यह निरंतर चलने वाली प्रक्रिया है। वहीं शरीर के कई ऐसे संवेदनशील आंतरिक अंग हैं जो पानी या जलतत्व के निक्षिप्त मात्रा में रहे आने पर ही सुचारु पूर्वक काम करते हैं। जब भीषण गर्मी में



लगातार शरीर में पानी की आवश्यक मात्रा को बनाए रखना अनजाने या मजबूरी में संभव नहीं हो पाता है तब इसका असर हमारे आंतरिक अंगों पर भी पड़ता है। इससे शरीर कई गंभीर बीमारियों का अनायास शिकार हो जाता है। शरीर में जलतत्व की कमी का प्रभाव लोगों पर सेहत के हिसाब से अलग-अलग पड़ता है। किसी को चक्कर आता है तो कोई सिरदर्द की शिकायत करता है। कई बेहोश हो जाते हैं तो किसी की नाक से खून आ जाता है। कई लोगों को सांस में दिक्कत होने लगती है। कई कारण हैं जो बाहर से तो समझ आ जाते हैं लेकिन आंतरिक अंगों पर पड़ने वाले गंभीर दुष्परिणाम बाहर न तो दिखते हैं और न ही जल्द समझ आते। यही बहुत हानिकारक होते हैं। सांस फूलने से हृदय में रक्त का प्रवाह अनियमित हो जाता है। फेफड़ों पर भी बुरा असर पड़ता है। रक्तचाप भी अनियंत्रित हो जाता है और मौत तक संभव है। हम भारत के संदर्भ में इन दिनों पड़ रही

भीषण गर्मी को देखें तो इससे जहां आम मध्यम लोगों में गुदों पर बुरा असर पड़ने के साथ हृदय या सांस संबंधी बीमारियां एकाएक बढ़ सकती हैं। वहीं गरीबों या आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर बच्चे, बुजुर्ग, गर्भवती महिलाएं, किसान और रोजाना कमाने खाने वाले मजदूर इसके ज्यादा शिकार होते हैं। अब भारत में गर्मियों में पहाड़ों वह भी उठे इलाकों के जंगलों में लगातार आग की घटनाएं और भी ज्यादा चिंताजनक हैं। ऐसा नहीं है कि गर्मी को लेकर चिंता केवल भारत में ही सबसे ज्यादा है। यूरोप के तो आंकड़े सामने हैं जब 2022 की गर्मियों में करीब 61,000 लोगों की मौत हुई। वहां भी कुछ वर्षों में तेज गर्मी के चलते जंगलों में भीषण आग लग रही है। बड़े पैमाने पर सूखा पड़ रहा है। यह सब बेहद चिंताजनक है। सोचिए, इस स्थिति में पहुंचने के बाद भी हम कब तक अनजान रहेंगे? सबको पता है कि विकास के नाम पर हो रहे ताबड़तोड़ निर्माण और प्राकृतिक संरचनाओं से

कारोबार अब फार्मा कंपनियों के नाम पर बड़ी तेजी के साथ फल-फूल रहा है। गुजरात से हर महीने अरबों रुपए की ड्रम्स फार्मा कंपनियों के माध्यम से देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में पहुंचाई जा रही है। पहले पंजाब को उड़ता पंजाब के रूप में जाना जाता था। पंजाब के युवाओं से लेकर बड़े-बूढ़े तक नशे के गुलाम हो गए हैं। अब यह स्थिति गुजरात की भी बनती जा रही है। नशे का कारोबार जिस तरह से गुजरात में संगठित रूप से बढ़ रहा है। उससे गुजरात की एक पीढ़ी नशे के कारोबार के साथ खुद नशे का शिकार हो रही है। अवैध रूप से शराब और ड्रम्स कारोबार में लगे माफिया द्वारा संगठित नेटवर्क के माध्यम से हर माह हजारों करोड़ रुपए का कारोबार किया जा रहा है। सबसे बड़े आश्चर्य की बात है, गुजरात में इन्हें सरकार, राजनीतिक संरक्षण और पुलिस प्रशासन का संरक्षण प्राप्त होने के कारण, गुजरात में समानांतर अर्थव्यवस्था चल रही है। गुजरात के लाखों लोग नशे के कारोबार में लगे हैं। यदि यही हाल रहा तो कुछ ही समय में पंजाब से ज्यादा खराब हालत गुजरात की होगी। वहीं देश की युवा पीढ़ी नशे का शिकार होगी।

—सनत जैन

## बढ़ता ताप, झुलसती धरती

लगातार छेड़छाड़ के अलावा बेतहाशा कार्बन उत्सर्जन जिनमें प्राकृतिक संसाधनों जैसे जीवाश्म ईंधन जलाने, जंगलों को काटने और पशुधन की खेती से जलवायु और पृथ्वी के तापमान पर तेज प्रभाव पड़ रहा है। इससे वायुमंडल में प्राकृतिक रूप से मौजूद ग्रीनहाउस गैसों में भारी मात्रा में प्रदूषित गैसें, धुआं आदि जुड़ जाती हैं और ग्रीनहाउस प्रभाव और हृषमण्डलीय ऊष्मीकरणह्व यानी ग्लोबल वार्मिंग बढ़ जाती है। प्राकृतिक गैसों, पेट्रोलियम, कोयला, खनिज व दूसरे तत्वों के लगातार दोहन और उपयोग से निकलती प्रदूषित गैसों और दूसरे हानिकारक तत्वों से दूषित होते वायुमण्डल के अलावा निरंतर छलनी हो रहे जंगल, पहाड़, नदियां अन्य अनेकों प्राकृतिक संपदाओं का क्षरण, दोहन तापमान बढ़ाने के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं। इसी बेतरतीब दोहन से निरंतर बढ़ता कार्बन उत्सर्जन भू-तल से लेकर नभ तक प्रदूषित कर रहा है। प्रकृति का सारा का सारा प्राकृतिक नियंत्रण उधमगाया हुआ है। जलवायु परिवर्तन पर नजर रखने वाले 99 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा वैज्ञानिक मानते हैं कि इसका सबसे अहम कारण इसानी करतूतें हैं जो कंक्रटी के विकास के दिखावे के लिए विनाश की गाथा लिख रहे हैं। ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग से निपटने के लिए दुनिया के शत्रुगों के पास बड़ी-बड़ी कागजी योजनाएं हैं। पेरिस जलवायु सम्मेलीता-2015 अहम है जो उत्सर्जित ग्रीनहाउस गैसों की मात्रा को सीमित करने पर केन्द्रित है। लेकिन इसे 10 साल होने को हैं पर लगता है कि क्या किसी भी देश ने इस पर ठोस काम किया? जवाब आपके पास भी है। ऐसे में भला कैसे बढ़ता तापमान नियंत्रित होगा, कैसे प्रकृति से इंसाफ होगा और कैसे हम अपनी भावी पीढ़ी को न्याय की गारण्टी दे पाएंगे? निश्चित रूप से जब तक पूरी दुनिया में एक-एक ईंसान इसे नहीं समझेगा, तब तक विनाश की ओट में विकास की पल-पल लिखी जा रही गाथा भी नहीं रूकेगी। लगता नहीं कि फिर हम जानते हुए, भविष्य में रुग्ण, अशक्त मानव बस्तियों के कंक्रीट महलों की तैयारी में हैं।

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## What’s driving the market surge in poll season

ONE of the most ferocious bull markets in the last 30 years shows no signs of nervousness in a highly charged election season, which has historically been a period of volatility and uncertainty. The two bellwether indices, the Nifty 50 and the BSE Sensex, have soared to their all-time highs on the back of a relentless upward surge that began in the middle of a global pandemic and continued after a small pause following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The biggest gainers are small-cap stocks in manufacturing, infrastructure and energy sectors, which are now quoting at astronomical valuations.What does this indicate? Is it confidence in the economy? Or that the BJP-led NDA, which is seen as pro-business, will get another term with a majority? Or does it signal a lack of awareness among the legion of new investors who have swarmed into the market and have never seen a bear market?

The bull run this time, like previous manic ones, is a complex mix. On one hand, the Indian stock market’s rise is a result of a combination of strong corporate earnings, substantial domestic and foreign investments and positive investor sentiment.On the other hand, there is speculative froth whipped up by short-term traders using algorithms as well as rampant price manipulation in cahoots with promoters, who are allegedly inflating profits. Finally, companies are raising public funds at excessive valuations. Fund managers and genuine long-term investors are concerned that even a sentiment-driven crash could snowball into a crisis, as a vast population of clueless traders takes a big hit and panics. For the first time, what happens in India may have global implications, given that India’s market capitalisation has crossed the \$5-trillion mark, placing it among the top five stock markets globally.The best way to understand what is going on is to look at the changing investor profile. India’s investor population, which had stagnated at two crore for decades before 2020, has trebled in the past four years alone. The National Stock Exchange had over nine crore unique investors at the end of February this year, with the last one crore having joined in just five months. In addition, assets under the management of mutual funds (MFs) rose to a massive Rs 57,25,898 crore at the end of April this year, according to the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). This number has doubled in five years and increased six-fold over the past 10 years. Monthly contributions through systematic investment plans (SIPs) alone have been over Rs 13,000 crore from around 8.7 crore accounts since 2023. The AMFI’s high profile, collective marketing effort through the ‘Mutual Funds Sahi Hai’ campaign is credited with the growth in SIPs.

Indian MFs are now a powerful counter-balance to foreign institutional investors (FIIs). The FIIs, who were steady sellers, having withdrawn a massive Rs 84,318 crore in 2024, turned buyers only last week. A few years ago, a Rs 85,000-crore sell-off by FIIs in a few months would have led to a severe market crash. This time, domestic institutional investors (including insurance companies) more than counter-balanced the FII sales by pumping in Rs 1,52,620 crore, causing a strong rally. Let’s examine the stock market surge from the perspective of business fundamentals as well as speculative excess.What makes domestic investors, including institutional investors, bullish is possibly a broad consensus on economic policies among major political parties. The corporate earnings season has significantly contributed to market optimism. Leading Indian companies across pharma, commodities, banking, cement, energy and infrastructure have reported better-than-expected quarterly results, reinforcing confidence in the market’s fundamental strength.The biggest surprise has been the revival of manufacturing companies — most of them smaller firms and several large public sector companies — which are recording extraordinary profits.The massive government spending on infrastructure, defence and railways has contributed to this. The Reserve Bank of India’s recent bumper dividend of more than Rs 2 lakh crore to the government has also influenced the market positively.

## Army Chief’s one-month extension sends out wrong signal

Apparent manipulation needs to be avoided in the best interests of the military and the country.

THE Chief of the Army Staff, Gen Manoj Pande, who was to retire on May 31, has been given one month’s extension by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet under Army Rule 16A(4) of the Army Act, 1954. Gen Pande will now retire on June 30.The last-minute announcement of the extension amid the Lok Sabha polls has stunned many defence officers and observers, especially over the question of seniority. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, is the senior-most officer after Gen Pande, followed by Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh, the Southern Army Commander. Back in the 1970s, the Indira Gandhi-led government had extended the tenure of then Army Chief Gen GG Bewoor by one year.In the present case, of the next two senior Army commanders, one would perhaps become the next Chief. Undoubtedly, it is the government’s prerogative to select any person for a particular job. However, in the case of the defence services, the situation is somewhat different due to a number of factors.In the military, seniority matters a lot and is highly revered. As one climbs up the promotion ladder, there are stringent and strict parameters against which performance is measured, assessed and evaluated. Those who reach the level of Army commanders have gone through such evaluation at each stage, from the rank of Major (or its equivalent rank in the Navy and the Air Force) onwards. Thus, every Army commander (or Air Vice Marshal or Vice Admiral), for all practical purposes and in every respect, is fit to step into the next rank — of the Chief of his respective service.

Seniority in the defence forces forms the bedrock of tradition and discipline. Earlier, when Lt Gen Praveen Bakshi, then the senior-most Army commander, was superseded (along with another commander) to promote Lt Gen Bipin Rawat, there was consternation and disappointment in the officer cadre. Lt Gen Bakshi, then in line for promotion to be the next Army Chief, had an enviable service record and was not only considered most competent but was also equally admired. Gen Rawat’s elevation was linked by some observers to political considerations and undue pressure from certain quarters.

Arguments are being advanced that the present Army Chief, in the best interests of the military, should have declined the extension. It is a choice that Gen Pande had to make for the sake of the Army, where he has spent the better part of his life and given his best.Unfortunately, in the Indian setting, there is often a carrot that is kept hanging. It is common in the civil services to fall for this carrot, compromising it all, and now, most unfortunately for the country, in a few cases in the judiciary as well. The rot is epitomised by the political class, with switching loyalties and parties becoming a common feature; this holds true for a section of the bureaucracy as well.The service Chiefs are expected not only to do the right thing, but also to set things right. Generations of future officers look back at



the actions of their Chiefs and strive to emulate them.

Fortunately, the Indian Army has stayed well away from politics and political influence, unlike the armies in neighbouring countries such as Pakistan and Myanmar. When then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi tried to involve the Army in her move to impose the Emergency, the then Army Chief, Gen TN Raina, politely told her to keep the Army out of this venture. This one step by the Chief went a long way in keeping the Army apolitical.

The practice of superseding high-ranking officers for political considerations will have, in the long run, an adverse effect on the military’s professional wellbeing and the quality of the top leadership. Military is one field which must be kept insulated from politics. Political jostling in appointments to higher ranks will do lasting damage to the military. Consequently, failure in war can lead to unimaginable disaster. No country/region knows more than India about the fallout of military defeats spread over centuries.

## Bomb threats

No room for complacency despite false alarm

BOMB threats have become alarmingly frequent across the country in recent weeks, even though all have turned out to be hoaxes. Tissue paper with ‘bomb@5.30’ written on it was found in the lavatory of an IndiGo plane at the Delhi airport on Tuesday morning. The authorities promptly evacuated the crew and passengers and launched a search operation. No suspicious item was found, even as an investigation is in progress. The incident took place a day after the Mumbai traffic police received a message on their WhatsApp helpline number, claiming that bombs had been planted at the Mumbai airport and Hotel Taj Mahal. A thorough search drew a blank at both places.

In recent months, scores of schools in Delhi-NCR, Kanpur, Lucknow, Jaipur, Kolkata and other cities have been rocked by bomb threat emails. Probe agencies have their work cut out — they have to find out which individuals/gangs are involved in these nefarious activities, where they are based and whether a common thread runs through these threats, which must not be



dismissed as mere mischief. The Delhi Police have traced the IP address of emails sent to 150-odd schools to

The government has not done the right thing by giving Gen Pande a month’s extension, thereby making a senior commander wither away awaiting promotion. It is a step that may prompt senior military commanders to seek political favours; this move may politicise the military in some form. In the national interest, the military should not be subjected to undesirable political interference for extending favours to some.

Gen Rawat superseding two officers to become the Army Chief presumably had political overtones. So too was the case with his subsequent appointment as the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The current CDS (Gen Anil Chauhan) had retired in the rank of Lt Gen and was working under the National Security Adviser. His elevation to the post of CDS was exceptional. The Army Chief’s extension of service will perhaps open the door for another handpicked officer to step into this chair. Such apparent manipulation needs to be avoided in the best interests of the military and the country.

Budapest, Hungary. A Cyprus-based mailing service company has been identified as the source of threatening emails sent to hospitals, the IGI Airport and Tihar Jail in Delhi earlier this month.

The ongoing probe into various cases indicates that gangs of cybercriminals residing in foreign countries are causing widespread disruptions in India with ease. They are apparently working in league with miscreants based in India. There is no room for complacency, especially amid the Lok Sabha elections. Every city needs to be adequately equipped with bomb detection and disposal squads. A comprehensive action plan should be formulated and implemented so that panic and chaos induced by the threats are minimised. All stakeholders must be well prepared for the worst-case scenario — after all, not every such email/call/message may prove to be a hoax.

## The great Himalayan tragedy

If we don’t heed warning bells in the mountains, the Char Dham temple bells may soon fall silent



IN the many years of journeying through the Himalayas, I have never experienced a sense of impending doom as I do now. I have witnessed how in the name of development, there has been relentless spoliation of this sacred space, the scarring of its pristine landscapes, the dispossession of the rarest of the rare birds and animals which have dwelt in its embrace since ancient times and even of human communities which, in their ways of life, traditions and beliefs, have been its most faithful sentinels. The Himalayas are a “junction between worlds that touch and do not touch each other” (Axel Michaels in Hinduism Past and Present). The Sanskrit word ‘tirtha’ or pilgrimage has just precisely that notion of a crossing place, a transition. And that is why this entire mountain zone is sacred and a place of pilgrimage. Long stretches of the Char Dham highway have been repeatedly hit by landslides, requiring expensive repairs.

The memory of its dramatic beginnings runs in our veins. The sea is its mother, and it is for good reason that the people of Nepal call the Everest Sagarmatha or the brow of the ocean. But for human despoilers, the sacredness has become an asset to exploit for profit. The Everest has become a high-altitude rubbish heap and its crest one more tick on a bucket list of adventures. Our Char Dham are no longer hallowed places of pilgrimage but flourishing destinations for religious tourism. Gangotri is now a seedy urban sprawl. The main temple lies festooned with rainbow lights, while loudspeakers belt out raucous bhajans which the roar of the young river cannot drown out. It is only a matter of time before you may not book a suite in a modern hotel in Gaumukh, promising breathtaking views of the famous glacier and the Bhagirathi peaks. Gaumukh means the mouth of the sacred cow and has, therefore, immense potential for mass-scale religious tourism. The Char Dham Yatra, as it has been developed over the past couple of decades, is a pointer to what awaits us across the Himalayan range, for every patch of this space is associated with legends

sacred to the many faiths of the sub-continent. Latest reports indicate that since the shrines opened around May 10-11, around 950,000 pilgrims had already descended on Gangotri, Badrinath, Kedarnath and Yamunotri. We still have over five months to go before the shrines close in early November. The Uttarakhand Government has instituted a registration system to regulate entry to the shrines. But the daily limits permitted 20,000 for Kedarnath, 18,000 for Badrinath, 11,000 for Gangotri and 9,000 for Yamunotri. These are staggering numbers for such fragile and sensitive mountain locations. The speed and scale of expansion of religious tourism is evident from the footfall of 5,600,000 recorded last year, which was 1,000,000 more than in 2022, though it includes Hemkunt Sahib, which has smaller numbers overall.

If one goes to travel websites, there are several two-, three-

and four-star hotels listed in Badrinath and Kedarnath. There are daily helicopter services to each of these spots. One chopper nearly crashed near the Kedarnath shrine a few days ago. Over 50 people have lost their lives travelling to these rarefied heights in the past two weeks and the police have arrested more than 50 youth at Kedarnath for drunk and disorderly behaviour. But lots of money is being made. The past two weeks have resulted in an estimated record turnover of over Rs 200 crore for hoteliers, restaurant owners, mule drivers and porters.For such large numbers, immense quantities of food, bottled water, gas cylinders for cooking and diesel for power generators have to be carried. A government study, conducted a few years ago when the traffic was much less, found that 23,000 tonnes of solid waste was being generated annually along the track to one of the dhams, with no systematic disposal arrangement. One

shudders to think what the volume may be now with much, much larger numbers.

The four- to six-lane Char Dham highway is bringing devotees and other tourists in droves to the entire Alaknanda river valley this summer. When the 127-km Rishikesh-to-Karnaprayag railway line along this valley is completed by the year-end, even larger hordes of people will crowd into these once-remote and pristine locations. A large number of fancy hotels and guesthouses have come up to cater to the expanding number of visitors. Even in the protected sanctuary of Binsar, the sides of the road are piled high with solid waste, in particular plastic waste.

One cannot just make the mountain zone a no-go area nor can one argue that economic activity, which brings livelihoods and incomes, should be foresworn. But there should be more careful and detailed planning before large-scale infrastructure projects are undertaken in these sensitive locations. These are still unstable and shifting terrains, which can be easily disturbed, resulting in frequent landslides and avalanches. Long stretches of the Char Dham highway have been repeatedly affected by landslides, requiring expensive repairs. Several hydroelectric projects on the tributaries of the Ganga have been swept away in sudden storm surges and flash floods, resulting in the loss of lives and property. There is no debris control, with vast piles of earth from these projects simply dumped on the site despite laws requiring their removal. This results in natural drainage being blocked, with waterlogging in the upper reaches and drying up of water channels and natural springs in the lower reaches. One can see this across both Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Whatever be the immediate benefit, such mindless ravaging of nature will bring eventual retribution and greater deprivation to people. The poorest will suffer the most. And one is not even factoring in the adverse effects of global warming, which is already leading to the accelerated melting of the Himalayan glaciers.



## Sensex, Nifty fall as anxiety grips Dalal Street; IT stocks slide

**New Delhi .** The benchmark stock market indices opened Thursday’s trading session on a weak note due to prevailing anxiety on Dalal Street, with only days remaining before the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections becomes clear.

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 320.83 points at 74,182.07 at 9:49 am, while the NSE Nifty50 dropped 102.50 points to trade at 22,602.20. Most of the broader market indices were also trading in the red, in line with the mood on Dalal Street. While banking and financial services stocks provided support to the benchmark indices, a slide in IT stocks wiped out gains.

The top five gainers on Dalal Street were Axis Bank, SBI, Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank and Hero MotoCorp. On the other hand, the top losers were Tata Steel, JSW Steel, Power Grid Corporation, Nestle India and Bajaj Finserv. Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, “Anxiety prevails at Dalal Street with concerns over the ruling BJP’s potential slim victory margin impacting bold reforms, as May F&O contracts expire today.”

“Key Q4 results from Apollo Hospitals, Bharat Dynamics, Godfrey Philips, Muthoot Finance, and Swan Energy are awaited. Volatility is expected, driven by US PCE inflation data at 6 PM IST and a significant overnight drop in the Dow Jones,” he added.

## Gold, silver price : Precious metals witness dip on MCX

**New Delhi,** Both gold and silver prices recorded a dip on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Thursday, May 30, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on August 5, 2024, stood at Rs 72,107 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a marginal dip of Rs 164 or 0.23 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 72,271.

Similarly, silver futures, maturing on July 5, 2024, witnessed a downfall of Rs 1,239 or 1.29 per cent and were retailing at Rs 94,923 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 96,162. GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN MAJOR CITIES 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.

## GDP growth at 7% in FY25, robust on back of healthy balance sheets of banks, corporates: RBI

**MUMBAI.** India's GDP growth is robust on the back of solid investment demand, which is supported by healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, the government's focus on capital expenditure and prudent monetary, regulatory and fiscal policies, the RBI said on Thursday. The Reserve Bank's Annual Report for 2023–24 said that the Indian economy is navigating the drag from an adverse global macroeconomic and financial environment. The Indian economy is likely to grow at 7 percent in the current fiscal year starting April, the central bank said in its annual report. The Indian economy, it said, expanded at a robust pace in 2023–24 (April 2023–March 2024 financial year), with real GDP growth accelerating to 7.6 percent from 7.0 percent in the previous year, the third successive year of 7 percent or above growth.

"The real GDP growth for 2024–25 is projected at 7.0 percent with risks evenly balanced," the central bank said, adding that the economy showed resilience in FY24 despite persistent headwinds. Indian economy, the report said, is well-placed to step up growth trajectory over the next decade in an environment of macroeconomic and financial stability. "As headline inflation eases towards the target, it will spur consumption demand, especially in rural areas," it said. It further said the external sector's strength and buffers in the form of foreign exchange reserves will insulate domestic economic activity from global spillovers. The report, however, added that geopolitical tensions, geoeconomic fragmentation, global financial market volatility, international commodity price movements and erratic weather developments pose downside risks to the growth outlook and upside risks to the inflation outlook. The RBI also emphasised that the Indian economy would have to navigate challenges posed by rapid adoption of AI/ML (artificial intelligence/machine learning) technologies as well as recurrent climate shocks. The annual report is a statutory report of RBI's central board of directors. The report covers the working and functions of the Reserve Bank of India for the April 2023–March 2024 period.

## Lenders ask NCLT to restrain Byju’s from share sale

**NEW DELHI.** Rating agency he US-based lenders of Byju’s have urged the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to restrain the firm from selling or transferring its shares. Accordint to the reports, the lenders told the tribunal that the firm was borrowing more money and alienating its shares in exchange. Earlier in January, foreign lenders, collectively provided nearly 85% of Byju’s \$1.2 billion Term Loan B (TLB), filed an insolvency



petition against the firm with the NCLT. Meanwhile on Tuesday, the Karnataka High Court extended interim relief to Byju’s as it stayed the decisions made during the EGM of shareholders held in February.

# SP group sells stake in Hyd project to GIC for Rs 2,200 cr

**MUMBAI.** The Shapoorji Pallonji Group has sold its stake in the group's Singapore based joint venture real estate fund (SPREF) held in the TSI Business Parks, Hyderabad, for a reported consideration of Rs 2,200 crore. “We have completed the sale of securities held by SPREF-II in the TSI Business Parks, along with a reputed global institutional investor, to a joint venture of global institutional investors, marking one of the largest transactions in the Indian real estate this fiscal,” the SP group said in a statement without revealing deal value or the buyer. It also didn’t say about ownership of the fund. A source in the know of the development told TNIE that the Shapoorji Pallonji Real Estate Fund is co-owned with an arm of the German insurance group Allianz and SP’s stake has been picked by the Singaporean wealth fund GIC for Rs 2,200 crore, making it one of the largest real estate deals in the country this fiscal.



SPREF is a joint venture between SP group and Allianz and the fund acquired a controlling stake in TSI Business Parks in December 2019, which owns Waverock, a grade-A IT SEZ located in Gachibowli in Hyderabad with a gross leasable area of 2.4 million sqft. SPIRE is

an investment manager since 2013 and provides non-binding investment manager services to SPREF. Rajesh Agarwal, CEO, Shapoorji Pallonji Investment Advisors, said, “This transaction underlines attractiveness of domestic realty market and highlights

our experience to acquire good assets and enhance their value towards providing profitable exits to institutional investor partners.” SPIRE Investment Manager is the investment manager to the fund and Shapoorji Pallonji Investment Advisors is an investment advisor to the fund.

Shapoorji Pallonji Investment Advisors, founded in 2010 as a 100% subsidiary of Shapoorji Pallonji and Company, is the fund manager of SPREF, as a synergistic expansion to the group’s existing real estate development and contracting businesses, to leverage its established brand name and expertise, providing it with the ability to establish a unique fully integrated real estate development and investment advisory platform. SP Investment Advisors was established in 2010 as part of the group’s synergistic expansion and to leverage the group’s experience of over 155 years in real estate development and construction.

## SpiceJet faces \$12 million insolvency plea over engine lease arrears: Report

**Engine Lease Finance BV has filed a petition in the NCLT seeking insolvency proceedings against SpiceJet.**

**New Delhi,** Low-cost carrier SpiceJet's troubles do not seem to end as a fresh insolvency plea has been filed in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against the airlines, over arrears for aircraft engine leasing, reported The Economic Times. Engine Lease Finance BV has filed a petition in the NCLT seeking insolvency proceedings against SpiceJet. The lessor claims that SpiceJet owes \$12 million for aircraft engines it had leased. This engine lessor is one of many creditors to have approached the courts, accusing the airline of defaulting on payments. They have also sought the repossession of the

engines. SpiceJet has argued that the lessor’s demand notice did not comply with the required format under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). The airline requested more time to respond, stating it received the documents only on Wednesday morning. The lessor, however, has



provided email exchanges between the companies as proof of the default. On Wednesday, shares of SpiceJet saw a dip of 0.23% closing at Rs 57.19. The market cap of the airline stood at Rs

4,480.29 crore.

This development follows another recent dispute involving SpiceJet and Kalanithi Maran in a long-standing share transfer case. SpiceJet has sought a refund of Rs 450 crore out of the Rs 730 crore it previously paid to former promoter Kalanithi Maran and his firm, KAL Airways. The Delhi High Court, on May 17, overturned a previous order by a single-judge bench, allowing SpiceJet to claim the refund based on legal advice. KAL Airways and Kalanithi Maran, however, do not agree with the order of the Delhi High Court. They have announced plans to seek more than Rs 1,323 crore in damages from the airline and its chief, Ajay Singh. SpiceJet responded to KAL Airways and Kalanithi Maran's claims, stating that these assertions are not legally tenable and are merely a "regurgitation of previously rejected claims" by the Arbitral Tribunal and the Delhi High Court.

## FM Nirmala Sitharaman credits reforms since 2014 for S&P’s positive rating

**NEW DELHI.** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that S&P's decision to upgrade India's growth outlook from 'stable' to 'positive', came due to the macroeconomic changes made by the government led by PM Modi since it came into power in 2014. “S&P Global Ratings' revision of its outlook on India from 'stable' to 'positive' is a welcome development. This reflects India's solid growth performance and a promising economic outlook for the coming years. It has been possible due to the series of macroeconomic reforms undertaken since 2014, along with substantial outlay for capex, fiscal discipline, and decisive & visionary leadership,” said the finance minister in a post on X. Sitharaman further mentioned India's trajectory towards becoming the third-largest economy, aiming to achieve the status of a 'Viksit



Bharat' by 2047. The remarks from the finance minister follow S&P's decision to revise India's outlook to positive after a decade, citing robust growth projections for the next three years and increased public spending. The rating agency highlighted the importance of continued reforms and fiscal prudence to potentially warrant an upgrade. However, S&P maintained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-', the lowest investment grade, while expressing confidence in the continuity

of economic reforms and fiscal policies regardless of the upcoming election results. With the results of the Lok Sabha elections just a week away, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) expects a potential third term for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. S&P expects any incoming government to persist with economic reforms, supporting growth, infrastructure development, and fiscal discipline. Nirmala Sitharaman has been advocating for a rating upgrade, citing improved fiscal management and robust economic fundamentals, bolstered by healthy foreign exchange reserves. The agency commended India for its resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic, forecasting a real GDP growth of 6.8% for the current year, underscoring a significant rebound from the challenges posed by the global health crisis.

## Explained: Why Edelweiss Financial Services shares tumbled 17% in early trade

**NEW DELHI.** Shares of Edelweiss Financial Services plummeted over 17% in early trading today following supervisory actions announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 29 against ECL Finance and Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARCL), citing significant supervisory concerns. The RBI directed ECL Finance Ltd (ECL) to immediately cease all structured transactions related to its wholesale exposures, except for repayment and normal account closures. Additionally, Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (EARCL) was instructed to stop acquiring financial assets, including security receipts (SRs), and to halt the reorganisation of existing SRs into senior and subordinate tranches. These directives took immediate effect. 64 from the previous close of Rs 77.45 on the Bombay Stock Exchange. By 10:13 am, the stock was down 11.50% at Rs 68.55 on the BSE. RBI action

The RBI's decision stemmed from material concerns identified during supervisory examinations. The issues included ECL Finance engaging in structured transactions to evergreen stressed exposures using the platform of EARCL and associated Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), thus circumventing applicable regulations. The RBI also noted the incorrect valuation of security

receipts by both ECL and EARCL. Further supervisory observations at ECL included the submission of incorrect eligible book debt details to its lenders for drawing power computation, non-compliance with loan-to-value norms for lending against shares, incorrect reporting to the Central Repository for Information on Large Credits (CRILC), and non-adherence to Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines. he RBI stated that ECL was used as a conduit to bypass regulations that permit ARCs to acquire financial assets only from banks and financial institutions by taking over loans from non-lender group entities for ultimate sale to the group ARC. EARCL was also found in violation of several regulations, including failing to place the RBI's supervisory letter before its Board, non-compliance with loan settlement regulations, and sharing non-public client information with group entities. The RBI noted, “Instead of taking meaningful remedial action to rectify the said deficiencies, it was observed that the group entities were resorting to new ways to circumvent regulations. Over the last few months, the Reserve Bank has been engaging with the senior management of the captioned

entities and their statutory auditors, but no meaningful corrective action has been evidenced so far, necessitating the imposition of business restrictions.” Both ECL and EARCL have been directed to



strengthen their assurance functions to ensure regulatory compliance. The RBI said, “The business restrictions being placed now shall be reviewed after the rectification of the supervisory observations by the group to the satisfaction of the Reserve Bank. These restrictions are without prejudice to any other regulatory or supervisory action against the captioned entities, that may be initiated by the RBI.”

**Company response**  
Following the RBI's action, EARCL and ECL Finance have issued separate

statements in stock exchange filings. EARCL said, "We are reviewing the order and will address the observations mentioned in the RBI order. We are dedicated to maintaining transparency and upholding highest standards of corporate governance and committed to compliance with regulatory requirements." "There will not be any material impact on Company's resolution and recovery efforts which would continue normally. We assure all our stakeholders that we are taking immediate steps to address the concerns raised by the RBI and to align our operations with regulatory expectations," it added. Meanwhile, ECL Finance said, "This order is with reference to the Company's wholesale exposure. In the last Financial Year, the company passed a Board Resolution to discontinue this business, which was disclosed in its financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2024." "The Company, therefore, believes these directions will not materially impact its strategy and its business. Reduction of the wholesale exposure will continue as permitted, in the normal course of business. We reaffirm our commitment to complying with the RBI recommendations and hope to resolve this within three weeks, as directed by the RBI," it added.



Solutions saw bumper subscription, as it was oversubscribed over 100 times by investors after opening for public issue on May 22.

The IPO of the firm which offers workspace solutions, was oversubscribed 108.17 times. The Non-Institutional Investors (NII) section led the public issue with a subscription of 129.27 times, retail section saw a subscription of 53.23 times. The Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIB) section also garnered interest as it was subscribed 116.95 times. The company received bids for 93,34,35,516 equity shares against the 86,29,670 shares offered. The bidding for the public issue concluded on Monday, May 27.

Awfis Space Solutions successfully raised over Rs 268.61 crore from anchor investors, allotting 70.13 lakh equity shares at Rs 383 each. The IPO is managed by Axis Capital, IIFL Securities, ICICI Securities, and Emkay Global Financial Services, with Bigshare Services as the registrar.



# Rameshwaram Cafe owner roasted for 'intimidating' apology over expired food items

Food safety authorities found expired food items at a Rameshwaram Cafe outlet in Hyderabad on May 23. Its owner, in a video, apologised to the customers. However, several social media users roasted him for his body language while speaking in the video.

**New Delhi:**An outlet of Rameshwaram Cafe, a popular south Indian restaurant chain, in Hyderabad was raided by food safety authorities in Telangana, and expired stocks of urad dal (black gram) and some dairy products were found on May 23. The cafe's

co-founder, Raghavendra Rao, in a video, said he accepted his mistakes and apologised to customers. However, several social media users criticised Rao for his body language while he was speaking in the minute-long video. "We are here to deliver the best product as promised and use the best ingredients forever. We have done little mistakes and I sincerely apologise for it. I would like to convey to the entire customers that we follow (former president) APJ Abdul Kalam's footsteps," Rao said in the video. Our vision is to play globally. We know we can't make a single mistake. I take it as a lesson. I have told my entire team to correct each and every step so that we don't go wrong anyway. This is how we learn. Again, I promise you that all our raw materials are of premium quality," he said. Rao asserted that pulses, spices and vegetables used by the restaurant are of "premium quality". "You can take any of your pulses and spices. It's all premium. The vegetables that we use are of premium quality. I request

the food safety department to come and do inspections on what type of vegetables we use. These are the things they identified, which are valid and we are here to correct ourselves," Rao added. Social media users were unimpressed with how Rao spoke in the video, with many accusing him of "threatening" instead of apologising for his mistakes. "Why does it look like he's intimidating s and not apologising," a user wrote. "His aggressive body language is not resonating with his words. It's like I will take care of those who said there are expired items, but please eat in my outlet," another user said. "Not going there after seeing this. He's threatening the customers," another user said. "He is desperate for everyone to believe him, but his words have lost value. He should take action and show rather than pointing fingers at us to better believe him," a user said.

**FOOD SAFETY RAIDS AT HYDERABAD'S RAMESHWARAM OUTLET**



In a post on X, Telangana's food safety commissioner said the task force team conducted food safety inspections in Hyderabad's Madhapur area on May 23 and found 100 kg of expired urad dal worth Rs 16,000, and Nandini Curd (10 kg) and milk (8 litres) worth Rs 700. All these items were discarded on the spot. In its response, Rameshwaram Cafe said the expired goods were not meant for consumption but to be discarded. The restaurant also said the management took note of the observations made by the authorities for its Hyderabad

outlet and was already looking into the matter. An internal inquiry was ordered to verify the facts and take stock of each outlet. "The stocks found were sealed and unattended, meant for dispatch and not for consumption," the statement issued by the founders of The Rameshwaram Cafe, Divya Raghavendra Rao and Raghavendra Rao, whose establishment in Bengaluru witnessed a low-intensity blast in March this year, said. The restaurant further said it also ordered hygiene and standard checks for all its outlets across the states and wanted to convey its strong commitment towards providing consumers with the best in the category. Assuring cooperation with the authorities, the statement said the restaurant has not received any show-cause notice from the officials concerned. The management said it was fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of servicing, hygiene and safety and welfare of the consumers.

## Massive fire in flat at Noida residential society after AC blast

**New Delhi:** A massive fire broke out in a flat at Lotus Bluebird society in Noida's Sector 100 after a blast in the air conditioning unit. The entire flat caught fire, and it soon spread to nearby flats in the high-rise society. The blaze, which comes amid a searing heatwave in the national capital region, led to panic among the residents. People residing in nearby flats



rushed to the ground as heavy smoke billowed from the affected flat. There were no immediate reports of any casualties in the incident. "The fire has been extinguished by Fire Safety officials," a police spokesperson told PTI. Videos on social media showed heavy smoke billowing from the apartment in one of the residential towers of society.

## Relief From Heatwave Soon, Cloudy Skies, Rain Forecast For Delhi

**New Delhi:** A day after a sweltering heatwave led to Delhi recording a maximum temperature of over 50 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department said weather conditions will likely improve from Thursday. Severe heatwave conditions prevailing over Northwest and Central India are likely to reduce gradually from May 30, the weather office said, adding that the city will witness cloudy skies from tomorrow accompanied by light rain and gusty winds. "Delhi will witness partly cloudy sky and heatwave conditions with the possibility of thunderstorm/duststorm with very light rain/drizzle accompanied by gusty winds," the IMD said in its forecast for Thursday. Over the next six days, the weather office has predicted thunderstorms and dust storms over the city along with rain and strong winds till June 4. The maximum temperature for Thursday is expected to rise to 45 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature will settle at 30 degrees Celsius. "With easterly winds, the heat index was over 50 degrees even though the recorded temperature was much lower. But now as westerly winds approach the region, the humidity has gone down and the heat index has also reduced. This will lower the "feels-like" temperature and bring relief to residents," Mahesh Palawat, Vice President at Skymet Weather told NDTV. The heat index, often referred to as the "feels-like" temperature, combines air temperature and relative humidity to estimate the human-perceived temperature. On Wednesday, hours after Delhi's temperature broke all weather records, parts of Delhi-NCR witnessed a sudden change of weather as some areas received light showers. he IMD later clarified that the maximum temperature of over 52 degrees Celsius recorded in Delhi on Wednesday was an "error in sensor or local factor." "The maximum temperature over Delhi NCR varied from 45.2 degrees Celsius to 49.1 degrees Celsius in different parts of city, Mungeshpur reported 52.9 degrees Celsius as an outlier compared to other stations. It could be due to an error in the sensor or a local factor. IMD is examining the data and sensors," it said. The IMD predicted warm night conditions are very likely to prevail over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on May 30. The IMD said that a rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius is very likely over East India during the next three days and gradually fall by 3-4 degrees Celsius thereafter. It added that no significant change in maximum temperatures is likely over the remaining parts of the country.

## "No Better Way To Serve Humanity, India": Major Set To Be Honoured By UN

**New Delhi:** Major Radhika Sen, a peacekeeper who served with the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, was pursuing a career in biotechnology before she joined the Indian Army. Major Sen said it was after she made the switch that she realised there was no better way for her to serve humanity and the country. Speaking exclusively to NDTV, the Major, who will be honoured by the United Nations with the prestigious 2023 Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award, also said that being part of the Indian Army made the challenges faced by her in the Congo easier because soldiers in the force work in different regions of the country and are exposed to different environments. Major Sen will receive the award, which recognises a military peacekeeper who has best integrated a gender perspective into peacekeeping



activities, from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Asked about the challenge of ensuring that peacekeepers under her command recognised the importance of gender and socio-cultural norms in the country, Major Sen, who served with the Organisation Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), said, "The country has a long history. It has its own culture. It has its own tradition. There are many socio-economic issues that happen. But, I would say, being a part of India, which

is a culturally rich and a diverse country, and especially being a part of the Indian Army, helped. "Because all my soldiers have been working in different regions of the country, and they have served in different terrains, they have seen different environments, it was not really challenging for me to have a team. I would say it was their support and cooperation which has motivated me and helped me to get the information and the concerns of the people better. So, (it was) because we are from India and the Indian Army gives you all the opportunity and exposure possible (that) it was easy for me," she asserted. On rape and violence being used as an implement of warfare in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Major Sen said it is very important for peacekeeping forces to have a gender perspective because it helps build an inclusive and sustainable.

## Bihar Man Dies Of Heat In Delhi Hospital, Fever Shot Up To 107 Degrees

**New Delhi:** A 40-year-old man from Bihar's Darbhanga died at Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia hospital yesterday after he suffered a heatstroke during the record-breaking heatwave in the national capital. The man was admitted to the hospital late Monday night. A doctor who attended to him said he was living in a room with no cooler or fan and had high fever. The body temperature, the doctor said, crossed the 107 degrees Celsius mark -- nearly 10 degrees above normal. This is the first heat-stroke death reported in Delhi this summer. The national capital has been living its summer nightmare with record-breaking temperatures, all-time high power demand and a crippling water crisis. The Mungeshpur weather station on the city's outskirts recorded a reading of 52.9 degrees Celsius -- the highest-ever for any station in the country. The weather office is now

investigating if the Mungeshpur station's record reading was due to a sensor error or local factors. M Mohapatra, director general of India Meteorological Department, has said that of the 20 monitoring stations in Delhi, 14 recorded a drop in temperature yesterday and the average across the city was in the 45-50 degrees Celsius range. He said the Mungeshpur station is an "outlier", and the recording needs to be confirmed. Regardless of the numbers and records, residents of the capital are reeling under a severe heatwave for the past week. To add to the heat, several parts of Delhi are suffering due to a drinking water crisis. The Aam Aadmi Party government has accused the Haryana government of denying Delhi its share of Yamuna water. Areas such as Geeta Colony and some parts of Chanakypuri are receiving limited

water supply through tankers. Visuals shared by news agency ANI showed people surrounding a water tanker and jostling with each other to collect their daily supply. The tanker comes daily, but we are getting half a tanker here for 3,000-4,000 people. It is so hot, we need water, but we are not getting enough of it," a local resident Vinay said, alleging that local representatives are not listening to them. In a video shared by news agency IANS, some residents of Sangam Vihar alleged that they have to pay around ? 1,000 to 1,250 rupees to fill a small tank from the tanker. Another video showed people chasing a water tanker and climbing on it to draw water in Chanakypuri. The Delhi government has now appealed to residents to use drinking judiciously. As many as 200 teams have been formed to identify and check.

## "Slip Of Tongue": Congress Leader On Mani Shankar Aiyar's China Remarks

**New Delhi:** In response to the comments made by former Union Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar on Chinese aggression in 1962, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said that the former had said in a "slip of tongue" and he had also apologised for his statement. "This is not a big issue. It was a slip of tongue and he has apologised. The Bharatiya Janata Party is continuously bringing up this issue after that. This shows their bankruptcy," Mr Khera said speaking to ANI on Wednesday. Mr Khera, however, questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly giving a "clean chit" to China in the Galwan Valley clash in 2020. "Narendra Modi gave a clean chit to China on June 19, 2020. China which took control of 26 out of 65 patrolling points, which is 2000 square kilometers in eastern Ladakh, has been given clean chit by Narendra Modi. He has insulted the 24-25 soldiers who died in that clash while defending the patrolling points," he said. The Congress leader also suggested that PM Modi must have been under pressure from China due to which he was forced to give the "clean chit" to an "enemy nation". "You (PM Modi) gave a clean chit to an enemy nation. You must have some pressure from China which we don't know of. You go to visit the Chinese around 18 times. There must be some pressure. There must be some secret which we don't know of. There must be some secret because of which the Prime Minister was pressurised to give clean chit to an enemy nation," Mr Khera said. The nation won't be harmed if Mani Shankar Aiyar say something in a slip of tongue. The nation will be harmed when you (PM Modi) give a clean chit to an enemy," he added. Mr Aiyar, who is no stranger to controversies, sparked a massive row after he said, "In October 1962, the Chinese allegedly invaded India" during an event on Tuesday. The remarks were met with severe backlash with the BJP coming out guns blazing against the Congress, following which the party had to distance itself from Aiyar's comments.



## Delhi civic body chalks out Monsoon Action Plan, identifies waterlogging hotspots

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**New Delhi:**The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is preparing a comprehensive Monsoon Action Plan to address the issue of waterlogging during the upcoming rainy season in the city. The action plan mainly focusses on key areas such as timely desilting of drains,

identification of waterlogging hotspots and creating a control room and, constituting teams for monitoring waterlogging incidents with an emphasis on ensuring seamless coordination across various departments. The civic body has been working on war footing to meet the target of cleaning all the drains under its jurisdiction before the onset of monsoon. The MCD has successfully completed 70 per cent work of desilting and is well on course to complete the first phase of work before June 15. The desilting of the majority of drains is being carried out through outsourcing. In this operation, the agency is using excavators, loader machines, pocklanes, manual labour for clearing the silt that is dumped at designated landfill sites. SETTING UP OF CONTROL ROOMS Control rooms at headquarter

level as well as in all 12 zones will remain operational during the monsoon season. All the zonal heads have been briefed and sensitised to remain alert during the rains and take prompt action with regard to



deployment of manpower and resources. ONSTITUTING ZONAL TEAMS AT WARD LEVEL Teams at ward level are constituted, which include a Junior Engineer in-charge. In a shift, sufficient

manpower at the JE store should remain stationed to handle any emergent situation and simultaneously deal with the waterlogging complaints. A detailed Duty Roster for all zones has been prepared and required staff has been deployed, with sufficient manpower and machinery to attend to complaints. TATUS OF P E R M A N E N T A N D T E M P O R A R Y P U M P S During the monsoon season, for all permanent pumping stations, staff will be available round the clock. A total of 72 pumps have been deployed on a permanent basis and 465 pumps have been deployed on a temporary basis. Teams are formulated at each municipal store with a sufficient number of pumps to attend to waterlogging complaints in various localities. Maintenance of pumps and desilting of sump wells at pumping stations is being carried out before the onset of monsoon.



NEWS BOX

Israel seizes Gaza's border with Egypt, says war may last another 7 months

**World** The Israeli military on Wednesday said it seized a buffer zone along the Gaza-Egypt border, giving the Jewish state effective control over the Palestinian territory's entire land border amid its offensive in Rafah.

Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesperson Daniel Hagari said Israeli forces gained "operational control" over the "Philadelphi Corridor", using the Israeli military's code name for the 14 km-long corridor along Gaza's only border with Egypt.Israeli forces continued to press its offensive in various parts of Rafah despite an International Court of Justice (ICJ) order to cease attacks in the southern Gaza city, where half of the Strip's 2.3 million people had taken refuge during the initial stages of the war.

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Before Israel captured the Gaza-Egypt border, the Jewish state had not controlled the Strip's only land border directly. Hagari said Hamas used to smuggle weapons into Gaza through the "Philadelphi Corridor".On Wednesday, Israeli tanks entered the interior parts of Rafah for raids for the first time despite the ICJ, the UN's top court, ordering Israel to stop its attacks on the city. According to residents, the tanks moved into Tel Al-Sultan in the west and Yibna and near Shaboura in the centre before retreating towards a buffer zone on the border with Egypt.Israel's National Security Advisor Tzachi Hanegbi said the war in Gaza would continue throughout 2024 at least. The Jewish state has earlier said the fighting will not end until it "dismantled" all Hamas infrastructures and rejected an offer that all hostages will be released in exchange for Palestinian prisoners.On Wednesday, Brazil withdrew its ambassador to Israel after months of tensions between the two countries over the war in Gaza, the latest repercussion from a South American nation over Israel's military campaign in the Palestinian territory.

Palestinian Health Minister Majed Abu Raman called on the US to pressurise Israel to open the Rafah crossing for humanitarian aid, saying that people who were injured in Gaza during the war were dying due to lack of treatment.

Four locals killed in Iranian firing in restive Balochistan, claims Pakistan

**Karachi.** At least four Pakistani citizens were killed, and two others injured on Wednesday when Iranian forces opened unprovoked firing on a vehicle in a border town of Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, according to authorities. The incident took place late on the night between Tuesday and Wednesday in Tehsil Mashkil Bacha Rai, a Levies source said.

The source from the provincial paramilitary forces said that authorities were in touch with their Iranian counterparts over the incident, for which no explanation was available as yet."So far no reason is known as to why the Iranian forces opened fire on the vehicle from across the border in the town of Mashkil Bacha Rai", he said.Two other Pakistani citizens were injured in the firing incident, which has again raised tensions in the region, underscoring the need for careful management of border security issues.The border town is seen as a sensitive location security-wise for Pakistan and Iran.In January, the two neighbours carried out tit-for-tat air strikes against alleged terrorist hideouts on rival lands.Iran shocked Pakistan by carrying out airstrikes against alleged militant hideouts in the restive Balochistan province.

Pakistan swiftly responded by using killer drones and rockets to carry out "precision military strikes" against what it called "terrorist hideouts" in Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province, killing nine people.

Man dies after being sucked into plane engine at Amsterdam airport

**Amsterdam.** A person died after ending up in a running aircraft engine at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, Dutch airline KLM said on Wednesday.Dutch media had reported on the incident earlier on Wednesday, while the Dutch military police, Marechaussee, said in a tweet it was running an investigation.The investigation has not yet identified who the person was, a Marechaussee spokesperson told Reuters.The spokesperson added that it was too early to say whether this was an "incident", or a form of suicide. He added that all passengers and crew, who will be important witnesses to the investigation, had safely left the plane.

KLM, which is part of France-KLM, also said in a statement it was investigating the event.

British parliament dissolves ahead of July 4 general polls

**London** The British parliament dissolved on Thursday ahead of a July 4 general election, which looks set to bring Labour to power after 14 years of Conservative rule.Five weeks of campaigning officially began as 650 seats of members of parliament (MPs) became vacant at one minute past midnight (2301 GMT) in line with the electoral schedule.The first week of campaigning has seen a shaky start following Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's rain-drenched election announcement, with many observers taking the downpour as a bad omen.Sunak set the election for July 4, instead of later in the year as had been widely expected, in what observers said was an attempt to regain momentum as his party slides in opinion polls.After 14 years in opposition, the Labour party now has the chance to win back power with its leader Keir Starmer, a former human rights lawyer, at the helm.Trailing double digits behind Labour in polls, the ruling party also faced a mass exodus of parliamentarians, some throwing in the towel in the face of bleak chances of victory.Some 129 MPs have so far announced that they will not be standing for re-election. Among them are 77 Conservatives, an unprecedented exodus for a governing party.Among the Tories standing for re-election, some have made no secret of their annoyance at having been caught off guard by the July election date.Steve Baker, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, stood by his decision to continue his vacation in Greece, saying that he would be preparing his campaign there.Signs of infighting also spilled into the open with one Tory MP backing a candidate from the right-wing populist Reform UK party in her constituency, before being promptly suspended by the Conservatives.After the election announcement, Sunak travelled across the country, promoting Conservatives as the "safe" option.His campaign met with some early snags, including a visit to the site where the Titanic was built drawing comparisons between his leadership and captaining a sinking ship.Doubling down on older voters and right-wing supporters, Sunak's campaign has seen pledges to bring back national service and what is billed as a £2.4 billion (\$3 billion) tax break for pensioners.

South Africa voted in most competitive election since apartheid ended

**Kwamashu, South Africa** South Africans voted on Wednesday in the most competitive election since the end of apartheid, amid high turnout and with opinion polls suggesting the African National Congress may lose its parliamentary majority after 30 years in government.Well after dark, voters were still forming miles-long queues to cast their ballots. Chief Electoral Officer Sy Mamabolo told a news conference that turnout "will be well beyond the 66 per cent we had in 2019".The Electoral Commission said polling stations would stay open for anyone who was in line at the closing time at 9 p.m. (1900 GMT). Two hours later, only 55 per cent of polling stations nationwide had closed."We are experiencing a late surge and are processing a large number of votes in certain areas, particularly the metropolitan areas," Mamabolo said.

Voters cited high rates of unemployment and crime, frequent power blackouts and corruption in ANC ranks as reasons why they would vote for opposition parties."I grew up loving the ANC because of how they fought for the freedom we have today. That is why I voted for them all these

years," said business owner Skhumbuzo Mnyandu, 48, who came out to vote in KwaMashu, a township close to Durban.But this time Mnyandu said he was voting for uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK), a new party backed by former president Jacob Zuma.

Others, however, were wary of change. Pensioner Charles Louw, 62, said he would remain loyal to the ANC as he distrusted the promises made by opposition parties to create jobs, end power cuts or crack down on crime.The ANC have been trying to do it, they are there, they have got experience, they know how to accommodate everything. But the new parties, where will they start?" he said after voting in Alexandra, a sprawling township east of Johannesburg. Then-led by Nelson Mandela, the ANC swept to power in South Africa's first multi-racial election in 1994 and has won a majority in national elections held every five years since then, though its share of the vote has gradually declined.

Young voters who did not live through apartheid were particularly disillusioned with the ANC and the country's economic prospects."There's no jobs for te youth.



We have degrees, but there's no getting jobs," said Nosipho Mkhize, a 28-year old - the median age in South Africa - explaining why he was voting MK.If the ANC falls short of 50% this time, it will have to make a deal with one or more smaller parties to govern - uncharted and potentially choppy waters for a young democracy that has so far been dominated by a single party.Voters are electing provincial assemblies in each of the country's nine provinces, and a new national parliament which will then choose the next president.With the ANC still on course to win the largest share of the vote, its leader President Cyril Ramaphosa is likely to remain in

office.More than 27 million South Africans are registered to vote at more than 23,000 polling stations, with voting due to end at 9 p.m. (1900 GMT).

Turnout has steadily fallen since the start of the democratic era and is one of the key variables this time.The election appeared to be going smoothly in most places, with 93% of polling stations opening on time, according to Masego Sheburi, a senior official at the electoral commission.Reuters reporters witnessed isolated incidents, such as voters being turned away from a Johannesburg polling station because they were not registered to vote there, and in one Alexandra location voting was delayed for hours due to the late arrival of ballot papers.

**'MOST CONSEQUENTIAL ELECTION'** After voting in Soweto, a huge township outside Johannesburg, Ramaphosa said the ANC had run a strong campaign.

"I have no doubt whatsoever in my heart of hearts that the people will invest their confidence in the African National Congress," he said.

Israel says Gaza war likely to last another seven months as tanks probe Rafah

**Cairo,UPDATED** Israel sent tanks on raids into Rafah on Wednesday and predicted its war on Hamas in Gaza would continue all year, after Washington said the Rafah assault did not amount to a major ground operation that would trigger a change in US policy.Israeli tanks moved into the heart of Rafah for the first time on Tuesday despite an order from the International Court of Justice to end its attacks on the city, where many Palestinians had taken refuge from bombardment elsewhere.The World Court said Israel had not explained how it would keep evacuees from Rafah safe and provide food, water and medicine. Its ruling also called on Hamas to release hostages taken from Israel on October 7 immediately and unconditionally.Rafah residents said Israeli tanks had pushed into Tel Al-Sultan in the west and Yibna and near Shaboura in the centre before retreating towards a buffer zone on the border with Egypt, rather than staying put as they have in other offensives."We received distress calls from residents in Tel Al-Sultan where drones targeted displaced citizens as they moved from areas where they were staying toward the safe areas," the deputy director of ambulance and emergency services in Rafah, Haitham al Hams, said.Palestinian health officials said 19 civilians had been killed in Israeli air strikes and shelling across Gaza. Israel accuses Hamas militants of hiding among civilians, which the militants deny.Health Minister Majed Abu Raman urged Washington to pressure Israel to open the Rafah crossing to aid, saying there was no indication that Israeli authorities would do so soon and that patients in besieged Gaza were dying for lack of treatment.The Israeli military controls three quarters of the buffer zone on the Egyptian border and aims to control all of it to prevent Hamas smuggling in weapons, National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi said.Fighting in Gaza will continue throughout 2024 at least, he added, signalling that Israel was not ready to end the war as demanded by Hamas, as part of a deal that would see the exchange of hostages it holds for Palestinian prisoners."The fighting in Rafah is not a pointless war," Hanegbi said, reiterating that the aim was to end Hamas rule in Gaza and stop it and its allies attacking Israel.The United States, Israel's closest ally, reiterated its opposition to a major ground offensive in Rafah on Tuesday while saying it did not believe such an operation was underway.In Geneva, over 30 countries at a World Health Organization meeting condemned Israel's attacks on hospitals in Gaza and demanded more scrutiny of its role in the enclave's health crisis. Israel's ambassador blamed Hamas for "deliberately putting the safety of patients at risk" by using health facilities for military purposes.

**New York.** The jury in Donald Trump's hush money trial ended its first day of deliberations without a verdict on Wednesday but asked to rehear potentially crucial testimony about the alleged hush money scheme at the heart of the history-making case.The 12-person jury was sent home around 4 pm after about four and a half hours of deliberations. The process is to resume on Thursday.Jurors also asked to rehear at least part of the judge's instructions meant to guide them on the law. The notes sent to the judge with the requests were the first burst of communication with the court after the panel of seven men and five women was sent to a private room just before 11:30 am to begin weighing a verdict."It is not my responsibility to judge the evidence here. It is yours". Judge Juan M Merchan told jurors earlier in the day before dispatching them to begin deliberations, reminding them of their vow during the selection process to judge the case fairly and impartially.



t's unclear how long the deliberations will last. A guilty verdict would deliver a stunning legal reckoning for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee as he seeks to reclaim the White House while an acquittal would represent a major win for Trump and embolden him on the campaign trail. Since verdicts must be unanimous, it's also possible that the case ends in a mistrial if the jury can't reach a consensus after days of deliberations. Trump struck a pessimistic tone after leaving the courtroom following the reading of jury instructions, repeating his assertions of a "very unfair trial" and saying "Mother Teresa could not beat those charges, but we'll see. We'll

see how we do".He remained inside the courthouse during deliberations, where he made a series of posts on his social media network complaining about the trial and quoting legal and political commentators who view the case in his favour.In one all-capital-letters post, he proclaimed that he didn't even "know what the charges are in this rigged case", even though he was present in the courtroom as the judge detailed them to jurors.rump is charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records at his company in connection with an alleged scheme to hide potentially embarrassing stories about him during his 2016 Republican presidential election campaign.he charge, a felony, arises from reimbursements paid to then-Trump lawyer Michael Cohen after he made a \$130,000 hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels to silence her claims that she and Trump had sex in 2006. Trump is accused of misrepresenting Cohen's reimbursements as legal expenses to hide that they were tied to a hush money payment.

More accusers level fresh charges against Harvey Weinstein, say prosecutors

**New York.** Manhattan prosecutors told a judge on Wednesday they are evaluating more claims of sexual misconduct made against Harvey Weinstein and could potentially seek a new indictment against him before his scheduled retrial on rape and sexual assault charges.Assistant District Attorney Nicole Blumberg said during a court hearing that additional people have come forward with assault claims and prosecutors are currently assessing which fall under the statute of limitations.She said some potential survivors that were not ready to step forward during Weinstein's first New York trial may now be willing to testify.When asked by Judge Curtis Farber whether there was a possibility

of prosecutors filing a new indictment, Blumberg replied "Yes, your honour". Blumberg said prosecutors would be in a better position to update the court on the direction of the case at the end of June.Farber set the next hearing date for July 9. The retrial on the rape charge is tentatively scheduled for some time after Labor Day.Weinstein's lawyer, Arthur Aidala, told reporters outside the courthouse after the hearing that his client was confident no additional accusers would be found to bolster the prosecution's case."He knows he's never done anything like this", Aidala said of Weinstein.Weinstein, appearing in the same New York City courthouse where former President Donald Trump is on trial, entered the court in a

wheelchair, as he has during other recent court hearings since his 2020 conviction was tossed out.Weinstein has suffered from medical problems throughout his time in jail, his lawyers have said. He is currently at the city's Rikers Island jail complex.Earlier in the hearing, Farber addressed a letter from prosecutors last week requesting the court to remind Weinstein's lawyers not to discuss or disparage potential witnesses in public ahead of the retrial.Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office argues that Aidala made statements earlier this month that were meant to intimidate Miriam Haley, a former TV and film production assistant who Weinstein was convicted of sexually assaulting.

Reacting to the reports about Brazil's move, Israel's foreign ministry said no official message has yet been received from the Brazilian government on the matter.

**Rio De Janeiro** Brazil withdrew its ambassador to Israel on Wednesday after months of tensions between the two countries over the war in Gaza, the latest repercussion from a South American nation over Israel's military campaign in the Palestinian territory.

The move was announced in Brazil's official gazette.Israel's foreign ministry said no official message has yet been received from the Brazilian government on the matter. However, following the media reports, the Brazilian chargé d'affaires was summoned to appear at the ministry on Thursday for a meeting.Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been a frequent critic of Israel's offensive in Gaza, which he

compared to the Holocaust earlier this year. That led Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz to summon the Brazilian ambassador, Frederico Meyer, to the national Holocaust museum in Jerusalem for a public reprimand.

At the time, Lula called Meyer home. However, Wednesday's action represented an escalation and a diplomatic downgrade, with the Brazilian Embassy in Israel still in place but without an ambassador in the post.

According to an official at Brazil's foreign ministry, Wednesday's removal comes in response to Meyer's humiliation by Israel's top diplomat. The official, who has knowledge of the situation, spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorised to speak publicly.

"Any appointment of a new Brazilian ambassador to Israel will be announced in due course in a press release. For the time being, the Brazilian Embassy in Tel Aviv continues to function under the leadership of the chargé d'affaires", Brazil's foreign ministry said.Meyer has been transferred to Geneva and will join Brazil's permanent mission to the United Nations and other international organisations.

A pro-Israel group in the country, the Israeli



Confederation of Brazil, said on social media that it "regretted" the move.

"The Brazilian government's unilateral measure moves us away from the Brazilian diplomatic tradition of balance and seeking dialogue and prevents Brazil from exercising its desired role as mediator and protagonist in the Middle East", it said.The war in Gaza, now in its eighth month, began when the Palestinian militant Hamas group burst into southern Israel in a surprise attack on October 7, killing some 1,200 civilians and taking around 250 hostages.Israel's offensive in response to that attack has killed at least 36,096 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between fighters and civilians in its count. Israel says it has killed 15,000 militants.In February, Brazil's Lula said

that "what is happening in the Gaza Strip and to the Palestinian people hasn't been seen in any other moment in history. Actually, it did when Hitler decided to kill the Jews".Danielle Ayres, an international relations professor at the Federal University of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil, said Wednesday's action was "symbolic" and that by stopping short of severing diplomatic ties, Lula indicated he wants to maintain relations while strengthening the Brazilian government's position of "vehemently criticising the way Israel is responding" to the October 7 attack.Separately, Brazil's foreign ministry welcomed this week's formal recognition of a Palestinian state by Ireland, Norway and Spain. Brazil recognised a Palestinian state in 2010. Tuesday's coordinated effort by the three Western European nations added to international pressure on Israel, which condemned the diplomatic move.

"By urging all other countries that have not yet done so to recognise Palestine as a sovereign state, Brazil reaffirms its defence of the two-state solution, with an independent and viable state of Palestine living side by side with Israel.



NEWS BOX

Naomi Osaka to her own self after heartbreak vs Iga Swiatek: I'm proud of you

Naomi Osaka said that she was proud of how she played against Iga Swiatek in the second round of the French Open 2024. On Wednesday, May 29, Osaka tried her heart out, but lost to the World No.1 6-7 (1-7), 6-1, 5-7 on Court Philippe Chatrier. In a match that lasted 2 hours and 57 minutes, 4-time Grand Slam winner Osaka put Swiatek under pressure several times, but could not have the last laugh.Osaka broke Swiatek's serve 5 out of 9 times, but her efforts fell short of taking her to the third round of the women's singles at Roland Garros. Despite the defeat, Osaka said she has got better after making a return to the court following motherhood. "You know I have my little book, right? In it today I just wrote: 'I'm proud of you'," Osaka said."I think for me, like, saying that to myself, it gives me a lot of power, because ... sometimes I curse myself out in my head, and it's quite a negative feeling. I would just say I'm proud of the journey. Hopefully it will get more and more positive," Osaka said.

Memorable for me'

After running out of gas in the tie-breaker of the opening set, Osaka stormed into the second set to take the match into the decider. At 5-4, 40-30, she fetched herself a match point, thereby giving herself a chance to pull off a huge upset. But then, Swiatek earned back-to-back service breaks to get the better of her Japanese opponent.The 26-year-old Osaka admitted that the match against Swiatek would be memorable for her because of the quality and the crowd support. "(It was) probably the most fun match that I have played so far. It just felt really incredible, the atmosphere, and how fun I guess everyone in the crowd was having too. It was definitely very memorable for me," Osaka added.

New York officials reinforce security for India-Pakistan game after ISIS-K terror threat

**New Delhi.** The security for the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024, scheduled to be held in the USA and West Indies, has been tightened following a threat from terror group ISIS-K earlier this year. Notably, the mega event has received a security threat, particularly for the high-voltage clash between India and Pakistan on June 9 at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York.New York Governor Kathy Hochul has questioned the credibility of the threat and has assured that her team has been working to keep the fans safe and has elevated the security measures. "In preparation for the T20 World Cup 2024, my team has been working with federal & local law enforcement to keep attendees safe. While there is no credible threat at this time, I've directed New York Police to elevate security measures & we'll continue to monitor as the event nears," wrote Hochul on her X account.In preparation for the @cricketworldcup, my team has been working with federal & local law enforcement to keep attendees safe.

While there is no credible threat at this time, I've directed @nyspolice to elevate security measures & we'll continue to monitor as the event nears. — Governor Kathy Hochul (@GovKathyHochul) May 29, 2024Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has assured that their team has rigorously planned the security and health care concerns for the massive influx of fans the tournament is going to experience. "This is like the Super Bowl on steroids. There will be teams from all over the world coming in. There will be fans from all over the world coming to Nassau County æ we have been meeting for well over six months on a regular basis to talk about security concerns and health care concerns, which could potentially arise at any kind of event of this magnitude," Bruce Blakeman was quoted as saying by CNN.

Norway Chess: R Praggnanandhaa scores first-ever classical win over Magnus Carlsen

**NEW DELHI.** 18-year-old Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa registered his first-ever classical win over World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in the third round of the Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger on Wednesday, May 29. The Indian Grandmaster took the sole lead in the open section of the prestigious six-player tournament after the momentous victory at Carlsen's home turf. Playing with white pieces, last year's FIDE World Cup runner-up, battled against the odds to beat Carlsen.R Praggnanandhaa took his tally to 5.5 out of 9 points at the end of the third round in the Norway Chess tournament. American Grandmaster Fabio Caruana, meanwhile, took the second spot after taking three full points following his win over GM Ding Liren on Wednesday.Incidentally, R Praggnanandhaa's sister R Vaishali retained her sole lead position in the women's section of Norway Chess.Magnus Carlsen, who paid the price for a daring opening move against Praggnanandhaa, slipped to fifth in the six-man standings in the open section of Norway Chess. Praggnanandhaa did not let the opening surprise him as he kept his calm and got the job done. Despite trailing on the clock for the most part of the game, Praggnanandhaa managed to beat Carlsen with white pieces and seal three crucial points.It was a big boost for Praggnanandhaa, who had lost the World Cup last year to Magnus Carlsen.

T20 World Cup 2024, Group D Preview: Bangladesh, Sri Lanka promise thrilling contest

KKR mentor Gautam Gambhir aims to make his team the most successful franchise of the Indian Premier League with an eye to surpass MI and CSK's tally of most title victories.

**New Delhi** KKR mentor Gautam Gambhir is determined to make his team the most successful franchise of the Indian Premier League as he aims to surpass MI and CSK's tally of most title victories. Notably, Kolkata recently clinched their third IPL title after beating SRH in the final of IPL 2024. Following their win, the Shreyas Iyer-led side became the third most successful team in the competition after MI and CSK who have five titles each to their name.Following



their win, Gambhir has set his aim higher to be the most successful side in the history of the tournament. Commenting on his team's win, the former KKR captain said that the journey has just begun as he wants to add three more trophies to his team's tally to make them the most successful franchise of the tournament. "You're saying this because we've won it three times but if you ask me we're still two

trophies behind MI and CSK. Yes, I'm happy today but again the hunger inside that we're still not the most successful franchise of the IPL. To get there, we need to win thrice and for that, we will have to work really hard. So I feel, if we're able to make KKR the most successful franchise of the tournament then there won't be anything better than that but for that, the journey has just begun" Gambhir told Sportskeeda.

French Open 2024, Day 5, Order of Play: Aryna Sabalenka, Novak Djokovic aim to progress

**New Delhi.** There will be no shortage of entertainment on Day 5 of the French Open. On Thursday, May 30, Novak Djokovic, Aryna Sabalenka, Daniil Medvedev, Elena Rybakina and Alexander Zverev are among the big players who will be looking to book their berth in the third round at Roland Garros.

Zverev will be brimming with confidence after becoming only the third player in the history of the clay-court major to beat the legendary Rafael Nadal. The German star will lock horns with Belgium's David Goffin in the second round.Djokovic, on the other hand, is looking to defend his title and also his No.1 ATP ranking. The 24-time Grand Slam winner beat Pierre-Hugues Herbert in the first round and will now be up against Spain's Roberto Baena on Centre Court.World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka will be looking to continue her impressive form when she faces Japan's Moyuka Uchijima on Court Philippe-Chatrier. The focus will also be on Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, who



has impressed everyone with her determination after becoming a mother back in 2022. Medvedev and Rybakina will face Serbia's

Miomir Kecmanovic and the Netherlands' Arantxa Rus in the second round. Casper Ruud and Hubert Hurkacz will play on Court Suzanne-Lenglen.

'Good to be back': Rohit Sharma gears up for T20 World Cup with intense training session

India captain Rohit Sharma shared his excitement as he attended the first training session with the team ahead of the T20 World Cup 2024. Team India will take on Bangladesh in a warm-up fixture on June 1.



**New Delhi** India captain Rohit Sharma shared his excitement as he attended the first training session with the team ahead of the T20 World Cup 2024. Notably, Rohit was a part of the first batch of Indian players to reach the USA on May 27 ahead of the mega event. Upon their arrival, the Men in Blue began their training for the T20 extravaganza under the supervision of Strength and Conditioning Coach Soham Desai.India captain Rohit Sharma also shared glimpses of the training session with his fans on social media as he had a fun time

training with his teammates. The Indian skipper shared the photographs of the session on his X handle with the caption, "Good to be back."Notably, Rohit will be playing the ninth edition of the T20 World Cup as he's only the second player to play in all the editions of the tournament along with Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib al Hasan. The 37-year-old burst onto the scene during the inaugural edition in 2007 as he played a match-winning knock of 52\* (40) in his very first outing as a batter in the event against South Africa.Rohit further played a crucial knock of 30\* (16) against Pakistan in

the final as India won the game by five runs to be crowned the first-ever champions of the T20I format. The Nagpur-born cricketer is the fourth-highest run scorer in the history of the T20 World Cup having scored 963 runs from 36 innings at an average of 34.39 and a strike rate of 127.88.Rohit's dismal run in previous edition However, the India captain didn't have a memorable time in the previous edition of the tournament scoring just 116 runs from six innings at an average of 19.33 and a strike rate of 106.42 with a solitary half-century. Hence, the opening batter will be raring to go in the upcoming edition and get his team off to electrifying starts like he did in the ODI World Cup 2023 scoring 597 runs at a strike rate of 125.94. Meanwhile, India will start their campaign against Ireland on June 5 at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York. Before that, they will take on Bangladesh in a warm-up fixture on June 1.

Further speaking ahead, the 42-year-old picked KKR's first title triumph in 2012 as the most special one as it laid the foundation for their next two victories in 2014 and 2024 respectively. Gambhir picks IPL 2012 as 'most special' victory "2012, not just because I was the captain but because we won it for the first time I just told you that when you win it for the first time then you get to know the kind of cricket you need to play to win an IPL final. Until you win, you keep questioning whether you will be able to win it or not. Once you win it you feel that we've won it and will win it again. Hence 2012, because we won it first time," he added. Notably, Gambhir led KKR to their first title triumph in 2012 beating defending champions CSK in the final. He further inspired his team to their second triumph in 2014 beating PBKS in a high-scoring final. It took KKR ten long years to add a third trophy to their cabinet as Gambhir returned to the franchise as a mentor after parting ways ahead of the 2018 season. KKR fans would hope that Gambhir continues his 'Midas Touch' for the team and continues to guide them to more IPL victories in the years to come.

Getting back on the field with the Indian jersey is a different feeling: Rishabh Pant

**New Delhi.** India wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant is eagerly waiting for his national comeback ahead of the T20 World Cup 2024. Notably, Pant last donned the national jersey during the second Test against Bangladesh in December 2022. Following the end of the game, the cricketer survived a horrific car crash on December 30 while travelling back to his hometown to celebrate the New Year. Following the accident, the Haridwar-born cricketer underwent a rigorous rehabilitation program at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru which helped him make a comeback to the field after 15 months in the recently concluded Indian Premier League 2024. However, Pant said that wearing the Indian jersey is a different feeling altogether as he's loving his team to be around his teammates. "Getting back on the field with the Indian jersey on, it's a different feeling altogether and this is something I missed a lot. I think seeing the teammates and meeting them again and spending time, having fun with them, enjoying having conversations with them really enjoying," said Pant in a video shared by BCCI.Further speaking ahead, Pant spoke about the importance of the World Cup for the USA and also revealed how is he getting himself acclimatized to the conditions. "We're used to playing in different countries but this is a different prospect. It has opened up a different channel for sport because I feel cricket is growing around the world and getting in a country like the US and getting the exposure here would be nice for cricket and as well as USA cricket I guess. New pitches are there everything is getting set up, just getting used to the conditions I think the sun is little bit more brighter over here so just getting used to it. Hopefully, I make it count and make it more better from here," he added. Pant's rich form in IPL 2024 Notably, Pant looked at his vintage best in the IPL 2024 as he finished as the highest run scorer for DC with 446 runs to his name from 13 innings. The southpaw averaged 40.54 with the bat and scored at a good strike rate of 155.40 as he notched up three half-centuries during the tournament. The 26-year-old will be eager to continue his form in the upcoming tournament as India begin their campaign with a warm-up fixture against Bangladesh on June 1. The Men in Blue will take on Ireland in their first group fixture on June 5 against Ireland at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York.

Virat Kohli recalls 'nervous' World Cup debut: Helped me to be aware and alert

T20 World Cup 2024: Virat Kohli recalled his World Cup debut against Bangladesh when he scored an unbeaten 100 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

**NEW DELHI.** Virat Kohli went down the memory lane to the ODI World Cup in 2023 when he made his debut at the biggest stage. Kohli, who was only into his second year in

international cricket, played the tournament opener against Bangladesh on February 19 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.Kohli admitted that he had butterflies in his stomach after getting the chance to play alongside the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwa, Yuvraj Singh, MS Dhoni and others. Kohli recalled the moments before India's warm-up match against Bangladesh in the T20 World Cup 2024 on June 1 at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York. "It was against Bangladesh in Dhaka, my first game and I was nervous. Yes, I will not lie. There is a different sense of excitement in the air when you come for a World Cup and I could obviously sense that. I was the youngest member of that team and I was getting to play with all these greats of Indian cricket in a World Cup game," Kohli said on an interview



with Star Sports.Kohli had an outing to remember after he scored an unbeaten 100 off 83 balls with 8 fours and 2 sixes. He was also involved in a partnership of 203 runs with Sehwa, who tormented the opposition bowlers with a knock of 175. From there on, Kohli hasn't looked back and currently has 1795 runs to his name from 37 matches at an average of 59.83 with 5 centuries"For me it was definitely a moment where I was a bit nervous heading into the game and definitely the night before I was quite nervous but that is a good sign as well because your body is preparing you to enter a situation where you're alert, you're not taking things for granted. I think that nervousness helped me to be aware, be alert and be absolutely precise in the execution of my plans," he added.Kohli is expected to play a big part for the Men in Blue when they start their T20 World Cup campaign on June 5 against Paul Stirling's Ireland.







# Amala Paul

## Shows Off Her Baby Bump In Off-shoulder Green Gown

Amala Paul, famous for her role in the movie Mynaa, is a popular actress in South Indian films, mainly in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam industries. She started her career with a small part in the Malayalam movie Neelathamara in 2009. Since then, she has acted alongside many big stars. You might recognise her from films like Thalaivaa with Thalapathy Vijay, Deiva Thirumalai with Vikram, and Unemployed Graduate with Dhanush. Recently, the actress dropped a few pictures on social media that are garnering attention. She is seen wearing an off-shoulder green gown. Her baby bump is visible as the actress poses for the lens. The actress opted for a minimal makeup look including perfectly drawn eyebrows, pink-tinted cheeks, and a nude lipshade. The caption of the post reads, “Like a flower bud ready to bloom in full bloom. Which flower resonates with my spirit.”

Several social media users have commented on the pictures. One user wrote, “I think twins.” Another user added, “Pregnancy looks so beautiful on you. You are going to be an incredible m o m ” . “ A w w s o adorable... You’re surely gonna be an incredible mom,” commented another person. Amala Paul and director L Vijay got married in 2014, but their marriage ended in 2017. After their divorce, Amala concentrated on acting and starred in many films. She stayed single until she met her partner, Jagat Desai.

She has acted in shows like Kudi Yedamaithe, Ranjish Hi Sahi, Raju Vootla Party, and Victim: Who is Next?. She’s won many awards for her acting, including the Edison Awards in 2011, the 1st South Indian International Movie Awards in 2012, the Times of India Most Desirable Married Women of Kollywood in 2015, and the Tamil Cinema Journalist Dailies Association Awards in 2019. Besides this, Amala Paul also debuted as a playback singer in Level Cross on Tuesday. The film stars Asif Ali and is presented by Jeethu Joseph. She performed the song scored by Vishal Chandrasekhar.



## Munawar Faruqui Cuts Cake With 2nd Wife Mehzabeen; FIRST Photo from Their Secret Wedding Out



It’s confirmed! Days after the reports of Munawar Faruqui’s wedding with Mehzabeen Coatwala made headlines, the first photo of the couple has now surfaced on social media. In the viral picture, Munawar and Mehzabeen can be seen cutting a cake together. Munawar sported a white shirt with brown pants. On the other hand, Mehzabeen looked prettiest in a purple sharara suit. It is being said that the picture is from their secret wedding. However, News18 Showsha cannot verify the viral photo. Reports of Munawar Faruqui’s second wedding with Mehzabeen first surfaced online earlier this month. Reportedly, the two tied the knot recently in the presence of their family members. An insider also confirmed Munawar Faruqui’s second wedding and told Times Now, “Yes, Munawar is now married. Usne shaadi kar li hai. Woh yeh sab under wraps rakhta hai tabhi koi khass pictures bhi nahi milega apko. (He got married. He wants to keep it under wraps; hence, you would not find any pictures of the two).”

The source added that their wedding was a “close-knit function” attended by the two’s family members and close friends. Reportedly, Hina Khan also attended Munawar’s second wedding. As per The Indian Express, Mehzabeen lives in the Agripada area in South Mumbai and belongs to the Memon community.

Munawar Faruqui was previously married to Jasmine, with whom he also has a six-year-old son named Mikael. The comedian first spoke about his son in Kangana Ranaut’s Lock Upp. Last year, Munawar also talked about his son with Mannara Chopra while they were in the Bigg Boss 17 house. “I have been with someone for the past two years. I was in a marriage in 2017 and in 2020 we got separated. Last year our divorce was finalised. Amid all this, the best thing about my life is my son. He is 5 years old and stays with me,” he said.

## When Shah Rukh Khan, MS Dhoni Teased Yuvraj Singh About Deepika Padukone: 'Yuvi Ki Toh Behen Hai'



Shah Rukh Khan and MS Dhoni are two of the biggest celebrities in India. They are not only among the top in their fields but also share a similar sense of humour and wit. An old clip of the two stalwarts interacting at an event has resurfaced on Reddit and has gone viral. In the clip, SRK and Dhoni tease Yuvraj Singh about Deepika Padukone.

In the clip, Shah Rukh Khan asks MS Dhoni what he wanted to be when he grew up. Dhoni said, “Bada hoke bada banna chahta tha... Ek inch aur bada hona chahta tha, 5’11 pe hi ruk gaya hoon.” SRK mirrored his sentiment and said that he has the same problem. “Main bhi baal lambe kar raha hoon ki lamba lagoon,” he said.

SRK continued, “Lambe hero lambe hi rehte hain. But what I’ll tell you is, mere saath ek heroine hai, Deepika. Shayad tum unko jaante nahi hoge.” Dhoni retorted, “Yuvi (Yuvraj Singh) janta hai.” SRK then said, “Haan, Yuvi jaanta hai. Yuvi ki toh behen hain.” This left everyone in the audience in splits, including Harbhajan Singh and Sachin Tendulkar. Yuvraj Singh also laughed at the joke and then in jest, gestured that he would hit MS Dhoni on stage.

Meanwhile, Shah Rukh Khan will soon be seen in Sujoy Ghosh’s King. Shah Rukh Khan might have accidentally leaked the title of his next film. Having seen him last in Dunki, fans of SRK have been eagerly waiting for King Khan to announce his new film. While Shah Rukh had hinted that there was a project in the making, he’s been coy about the details. Multiple reports have claimed that he is working on a film titled King and it co-stars his daughter, actress Suhana Khan. Although SRK hasn’t confirmed the news, his new video seemingly confirmed the reports. Shah Rukh shared a video with Cannes to congratulate cinematographer Santosh Sivan on receiving the prestigious Pierre Angenieux Excel Lens award at the Cannes Film Festival. While SRK’s message moved fans, many noticed that the script of King was placed on the table beside Shah Rukh Khan.

# Sidharth Malhotra

## Is All Hearts For Wife Kiara Advani, Says 'What A View'

Sidharth Malhotra is a doting husband to Kiara Advani and never shies away from expressing his love for his wife. Siddharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani are one of the most beloved Bollywood celebrity couples. Recently, Sidharth Malhotra left fans going “aw” when he shared a sweet photo of Kiara. Sidharth Malhotra took to his Instagram handle to share a photo from his flight. In the photo, Kiara Advani could be seen sleeping and a serene view of the mountains was visible from the plane’s window. Sidharth wrote, “What a view.” Check out the photo here: Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani have a huge fan following. Their fans are waiting to see them on screen together once again after Shershaah. Well, last year in March it was reported that the couple will be seen in a rom-com which will be directed by Karan Johar. However, after that, there was no update. Recently, in

conversation with ETimes, the Yodha actor shared an update on the same. He opened up on his already announced rom-com film with Kiara Advani. Sidharth said, “Oh yeah, that’s very much on the table. We can’t say for sure, but we were very interested in working together and finding the correct script combination, where both of us justify our roles. Also, the audience gets to see us after Shershaah, which we got a lot of love for. It is about getting the correct elements in place.

In a recent discussion with Film Companion during her visit to Cannes, France, Kiara Advani talked about her experience working with her husband, Sidharth Malhotra. She remarked, “I feel like Shershaah gave us a lot of love as a couple. So there’s a certain excitement, and people want to see us together.” However, she emphasized their mutual respect for each other’s space as actors. While they are both excited about the prospect of working together again, she clarified that any script they consider must appeal to them individually, “I’ve never really thought of it like, ‘As a couple, how does this work?’ I think we’re individual people first and actors first so that’s how we would go about looking for something. But yeah, we would love to work together, but it has to excite us equally,” she added.”

