





जमशेदपुर के केपीएस बर्मागार्ड में हुआ योग कार्यक्रम का आयोजन

# योग की धारा में डूबते-उतराते रहे साधक



जेसीपीसीपीएल ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस पर टाटा स्टील लिमिटेड के खेल विभाग के योग विशेषज्ञ अरविंद प्रसाद के नेतृत्व में विशेष योग सत्र आयोजित किया। कर्मचारियों और उनके परिवारों के शामिल होने के लिए कार्यक्रम का सीधा प्रसारण भी किया गया।

**RANCHI :** अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस के अवसर पर शुक्रवार को झारखंड की राजधानी रांची, जमशेदपुर, धनबाद सहित पूरे राज्यभर में योगाभ्यास कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। अलग-अलग जिलों में जिला प्रशासन के अधिकारियों ने योग कार्यक्रम में हिस्सा लिया। इसके अलावा विभिन्न शैक्षणिक संस्थानों, सामाजिक संगठनों एवं राजनीतिक दलों के कार्यकर्ताओं ने भी योग किया। सामूहिक योग कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य लोगों को योग अपनाने के प्रति जागरूक करना था। लातेहार, हजारीबाग, सरायकेला-खरसावां में भी व्यापक पैमाने पर योग कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हुआ।



रांची के डीएवी कपिलदेव पब्लिक स्कूल में छात्र-छात्राओं ने किया योग का अभ्यास।



कदमा स्थित विजया हेरिटेज में योग शिक्षक शुभा चक्रवर्ती ने कॉलोनी की महिलाओं को योग कराया।



विहिप व बजरंगदल, जमशेदपुर महानगर के बैनर तले संगठन के सदस्यों ने साकची स्थित जुबिली पार्क और गोविन्दपुर में स्कूली बच्चों के साथ योग दिवस मनाया। विहिप विभाग विशेष संपर्क प्रमुख एवं प्रांत प्रचार टोली के सदस्य इरराम ओझा सहित अन्य मौजूद रहे।



एनएलसी की 37 बटालियन ने जमशेदपुर को-ऑपरेटिव कॉलेज, सिंहम कॉलेज घाटिल, चाईबासा, एसएनएस विद्यामंदिर घाटशिला व ईईसी स्कूल जादूगोड़ा में योग किया।



जमशेदपुर महिला विश्वविद्यालय में मना अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस।



करम टोली तालाब, रांची में जिला प्रशासन एवं पर्यटन, कला, संस्कृति, खेल-कूद एवं युवा कार्य, विभाग रांची की तरफ से अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस मनाया गया।



पूर्व सैनिकों ने बागबेड़ा में नवयुग समाज सेवा समिति के साथ योग दिवस मनाया।



एमबीएनएस ग्रुप ऑफ इंस्टीट्यूट्स ने योग दिवस मनाया।



बारीडीह निवासी मंगललाल शर्मा ने सीआरपीएफ कैप, गोकामा (बिहार) में कराया योग।



कांड़ा स्थित हरिश्चंद्र विद्या मंदिर में योग करते विद्यार्थी।



जुबिली पार्क में योग करती मारवाड़ी महिला मंच, जमशेदपुर शाखा की सदस्य।



धनबाद स्थित गोल्फ ग्राउंड में शुक्रवार को जिला स्तरीय योग कार्यक्रम हुआ।



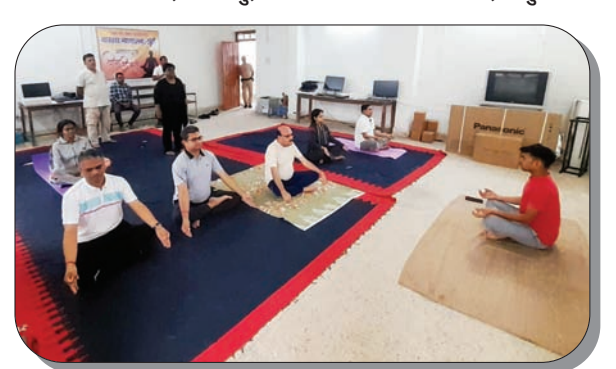
हजारीबाग के कर्जन मैदान में हुआ योगाभ्यास।



इंडोर स्टेडियम, सरायकेला में उपायुक्त व पुलिस अधीक्षक के साथ जिलास्तरीय पदाधिकारी, कर्मी, विभिन्न विद्यालय के छात्र-छात्राओं ने योग किया।



लातेहार के स्टेडियम में योग करते प्रशासनिक पदाधिकारी व कर्मी। इस दौरान बड़ी संख्या महिलाएं भी शामिल हुईं।



खूंटी न्यायालय परिसर में न्यायिक अधिकारियों ने किया योगाभ्यास।



झारखंड सरकार की ओर से बिरसा मुंडा फन पार्क में राजकीय कार्यक्रम हुआ।



रांची में योग करते आरपीएफ के जवान।



एनिको ट्रांसपोर्ट मैदान में बस्ती विकास समिति के सौजन्य से मना योग दिवस।



योग दिवस पर कोडरमा और झुमरीतिलैया समेत कई जगहों पर हुए कार्यक्रम।











## Need to shun the 'bad apple' theory

LAST year's crash involving three trains in Balasore, Odisha — which left 296 people dead and more than 1,000 injured — was attributed to human error. It was expected that this accident would make the Railways review its systems of operation and maintenance for enhancing safety, and specifically for minimising the possibility of accidents resulting from human error. That hope seems to have been belied. On the morning of June 17, a goods train hit the stationary Kanchenjunga Express in West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri, leaving 10 dead and around 40 injured. Among those killed were the driver of the goods train and the guard of the express train. This accident, too, is being blamed on human error. Even as the Commissioner of Railway Safety's statutory inquiry is in progress, we can try to piece together what happened from the information available in the public domain. It is now known that automatic signalling between Rangapani and Chatterhat stations failed at 5.50 am on June 17 due to lightning; this failure was communicated to the Signal Department at 6.05 am. As the snag was likely to be prolonged, the department, as per General and Subsidiary Rules, should have declared it as such, which would have changed the mode of working from the automatic block system to the absolute block system and perhaps avoided the accident. It is not known yet why this was not done. Consequently, the section continued to work as per automatic signal rules, which authorise drivers to pass defective signals. Since automatic territory rules were in force, the drivers were required to follow the protocol for moving at a speed not exceeding 15 kmph after stopping for a minute at every red signal. Six trains followed this protocol, including the Kanchenjunga Express, but the container goods train did not do so, which led to the mishap. If the goods train driver had followed this instruction, he would have avoided the collision. Clearly, the speed of the goods train was well above 15 kmph. Loco drivers' spokespersons are suggesting that the 'paper line clear' (a ticket issued to the loco pilot) may have been unnecessary as drivers are allowed to cross red signals, whether defective or not, at cautious speeds as the whole purpose of automatic signalling is to squeeze as many trains as close to each other as possible. According to them, the 'paper line clear', if given, would have implied a situation where the driver need not have followed the normal protocol and proceeded at a normal speed. Apparently, there is ambiguity in the working rules of the new system of signalling (the automatic system, opposed to the absolute block system which permits only one train between two stations). Inadequate understanding of these rules among different categories of staffers could also have been a factor.

Why is it so difficult to curb accidents attributable to human error? Despite the efforts of the Railways to bring in new technologies for reducing human intervention, like the indigenously developed automatic train protection system Kavach — which prevents an accident resulting from the human error of passing a signal 'at danger' — the proportion of accidents linked to human lapses continues to hover around 50 per cent. If Kavach had been installed on the section concerned, it would have prevented the collision but could not have stopped the driver from making a mistake. The reason why it is so difficult to eliminate human error is because this is not the basic cause of the failure but a symptom of a deeper problem plaguing the system. This is something that the Railways has yet to recognise. It looks at human error through the prism of the 'bad apple' theory — it believes that the system is basically safe but for those few unreliable people in it who should be identified and made an example of. Getting rid of these people does not remove the problem because it is systemic, and there are always others to step into the shoes of the 'bad apple'. To reduce accidents put down to human error, the railway top brass needs to recognise that identifying those responsible for the accident should not be the conclusion of the investigation but its starting point. The management should ask itself what factors led the employee to make the trade-off between safety and other goals. And how much of this could be the outcome of its own decisions. After all, all levels of the organisation have to negotiate multiple system goals, some of which may put undue pressure on those directly involved in running the train.

## Inequality, joblessness a drag on India's economic growth

It is the right time to recognise the gravity of problems such as unemployment, inequality of income and wealth, and environmental degradation.

CONSTRAINTS on India's growth trajectory are not allowing its economic potential to be fully realised. Consequently, the economy has been recording growth rates much below the potential rate for a period spanning more than a decade since 2011-12, excluding the Covid years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

In the first half of the 20th century, the gross domestic product (GDP) of India grew at a rate of around 1 per cent, which was matched by the growth rate of the population, keeping the per capita income constant and very low. For three decades (1950-51 to 1980-81), the GDP grew at an average annual rate of 3.5 per cent, while the population grew at an annual rate of 2 per cent or more, marking slow growth in the per capita income. But the 1980s observed a jump in the annual GDP growth rate from 3.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, recording a period of accelerated growth rate. The 1990s brought a breakthrough in the form of economic reforms that unlocked the growth potential. The economy recorded a growth rate of 8 per cent or above for nearly eight years between 2003-04 and 2010-11.

The high growth trajectory prompted several economists to work out the potential growth rate of the economy. Dani Rodrik and Arvind Subramanian (2004) projected a potential growth rate of above 7 per cent up to 2025. Tushar Poddar and Eva Yi (2007) predicted a potential growth rate of above 8 per cent until 2020. C Rangarajan and DK Srivastava (2017) estimated it to be 8 per cent to 8.1 per cent up to 2029-30. These estimates indicate that the Indian economy has the potential to grow by around 8 per cent for the medium and the long period. But this potential growth rate could be achieved for only eight years between 2003 and 2010-11. Although the government claims that India can become a \$25-trillion economy by 2047, it seems to ignore the fact that the economy continues to perform below its potential level. This is why efforts have not been made to identify the reasons behind the trend. This needs to be understood so that India is able to march towards becoming a developed country. The post-2010-11 period has thrown enough statistical evidence about the constraints that the economy is facing in achieving the potential growth rate. The most formidable challenge is created by the burgeoning unemployment in the country. The recent periodic labour force surveys have brought out that the country had the highest unemployment rate in the last 40 years in 2022 at 6.4 per cent, excluding the Covid years. This is due to the fact

that country had jobless growth during 2003-04 and job-loss growth after 2012-13. The workforce being released from agriculture because of mechanisation is not being absorbed in industrial or service sectors. The quality of employment has also deteriorated with the replacement of regular jobs with contractual ones.

This has contributed to making the agrarian crisis serious, and, consequently, rural unrest in India has grown. Agriculture, which employs more than 44 per cent of the total workforce, is facing a crisis of survival for 84 per

which expanded very fast in the initial years of post-reforms period, has been facing a squeeze now under the fast-rising cost of private education and healthcare at corporate hospitals. The working poor are in a dire situation and deprived of quality education and affordable healthcare. The government's commitment to providing free food to 80 crore people is indicative of the alarming state of economic affairs. This is going to create a crisis of underconsumption and inadequacy of demand that may push the economy towards a slowdown.

The fiscal and monetary policy has contributed to widening gaps in income and wealth distribution. The major burden of taxation falls on common people via the GST, while corporate income taxes have been lowered from 35 per cent to 25 per cent. Business companies have been given huge subsidies in the name of incentives. When corporates are not willing to share their prosperity even with their employees, how can one expect them to share it with common people, as borne out by a lack of adherence to the corporate social responsibility norms? A crude depiction of this was observed in the Covid period, when companies refused to pay their workers during the lockdown. And they were forced to trek hundreds of kilometres to their villages in UP and Bihar. Several among them died on the way back



home. Along with burgeoning unemployment and widening income and wealth inequality, the problems related to climate change have been fast emerging on the scene. Unseasonal rainfalls and floods have been common. This is accompanied by a rise in the temperature amid a heatwave with an acute shortage of water, both for drinking and irrigation. No one is serious enough to prepare a roadmap to deal with pollution and water scarcity. This can create a crisis with ramifications for agriculture production activities in the severely affected areas. It is the right time to recognise the gravity of problems such as unemployment (especially among the youth), inequality of income and wealth, and environmental degradation. The lack of proper attention to these issues would result in major constraints on the growth of the economy, and the projected targets would prove to be a mere mirage for the country.

Another constraint has been created by the fast-widening income and wealth inequality. Less than 1 per cent of the individuals are able to corner more than 40 per cent of the national income while 50 per cent of the population has just 13.1 per cent of income. The wealth distribution is even more skewed than income distribution. The 50 per cent low-income population has only 5.9 per cent share in the national wealth, while the top 1 per cent of the population has a 40.5 per cent share. The middle class,

## The Nijjar factor

### Canada pursuing a perilous course

THE Hardeep Singh Nijjar case continues to define and undermine India-Canada relations, with the Canadian Parliament marking the first anniversary of his murder with a moment of silence in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The bilateral relationship has been in freefall ever since Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dropped a bombshell in September last year, claiming that the alleged role of Indian government agents in the Nijjar case was being probed. The radical Sikh leader, who had been designated a terrorist by India's National Investigation Agency, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18 last year. New Delhi has been pressing Ottawa to furnish concrete evidence of an 'Indian hand', even as the Canadian police have arrested four Indian nationals in connection with the killing. In a sharp response to the commemoration of Nijjar's death, India's Consulate General in Vancouver



evoked memories of the June 23, 1985, Kanishka bombing, while asserting that India stood at the forefront of countering the menace of terrorism and was working



closely with all nations to tackle this global threat. The message to Canada was crystal clear: don't give pro-Khalistan elements a platform to target India.

After his recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Italy, Trudeau said that there was an 'alignment' between the two nations on several 'big issues' and he saw an opportunity to engage with the new Indian government. This was seen as a significant step forward. However, the Canadian PM has taken two steps backwards by letting domestic political considerations worsen his country's relationship with an old ally. This is a perilous course being pursued by the Canadian government. The relentless appeasement of radicals will not only do irreparable damage to India-Canada ties but also put a question mark over the Maple Country's commitment to fighting terrorism and extremism.

## The misplaced fixation with Israeli belligerence

India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection.

FOR many hawks in India, extreme right-wing Israel has been the role model of a decisive and aspirational religio-nationalist state. For them, the simplistic framework of 'my enemy's enemy is my friend' works subliminally in the spirit of majoritarianism.

Founding fathers of the 'Idea of India' were deeply sympathetic to the suffering of Jews but were simultaneously opposed to the forcible usurpation of Arab lands, especially as Arabs were not responsible for Jewish woes. Mahatma Gandhi had said, "Palestine belongs to the Arab in the same sense that England belongs to the English or France to the French. It is wrong and inhuman to impose Jews on the Arabs. What is going on in Palestine today cannot be justified by any moral code of conduct." Even foundationally, India was partitioned between a nation based on religion (Pakistan) and the other based on secularism and inclusivity; hence, India could not make common cause with yet another nation created in the name of religion (Israel). Zionism's aggressive ethno-nationalism fascinated the Hindu Mahasabha, as both sides possibly perceived a common enemy in the largest minority denomination. This fascination overrode the inherent contradiction of many Hindutva ideologues valourising Hitler's Nazis, a pathological anathema to Jews or any right-thinking individual. But today, when the legacy of the Mahatma itself is getting contested in India and the alternative persuasion is dominating, the reverence for the 'Israeli way' is understandable. This captivation extends to the Israeli handling of the insurgency in Palestine. There is a perceived 'emulation worthiness' of the 'Israeli way' when contextualised to any societal strife or disaffection in the Indian context. Hotspots such as Manipur and Jammu & Kashmir seemingly need to be handled with Israeli methods (a euphemism for the 'scorched earth' approach). However, history is instructive — the Israeli style has been an unparalleled disaster in handling societal discontent. Only countries like India (in states like Mizoram and Punjab) or the UK

(in Ireland) were able to end secessionist movements with means that were decidedly 'un-Israeli' in approach. India and the UK had deployed militaristic steel in the conflict region but had in parallel invested in the spirit of political accommodation and inclusivity, allaying concerns of disgruntled citizens. These countries had signed accords (Punjab Accord, 1985; Mizoram Peace Accord, 1986; Good Friday Agreement, 1998) and patiently agreed to honour genuine grievances. It wasn't an immediate return to normalcy, but the sincerity of outreach, socio-economic redressal and persistent engagement (despite many violent disruptions and missteps) finally won the day for India and the UK.

The Palestine-Israel violence has been continuing for decades. On October 7 last year, Hamas carried out a brutal terror attack, killing over 1,400 Israelis, and then the Israelis retaliated disproportionately by butchering over 36,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian death count is increasing by the day. Beyond the unending blame game, the truth is that Israel has failed to guarantee security and peace despite its fabled 'Israeli way' — both sides have not been more polarised, hate-filled and vengeful in 78 years.

Perception of the hyper-muscular Israeli methods is flawed, as Israeli history has witnessed many ideological differences. The principal Israeli party (Labour) once ruled the roost, with all Prime Ministers

till 1977 owing allegiance to its movement, albeit under different names. Labour is predicated on an approach based on Israel-Palestine peace talks, pragmatism in foreign policy, welfare statism, and even relative

signed during the rule of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the Labour Party. Rabin was later assassinated by a radicalised Jew. The dovish Rabin was formerly a decorated General of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), which had won wars and conducted daring operations, yet he represented a moderate, restorative and statesmanlike face of Israeli politics.

The principal Opposition leader now is Benny Gantz, yet another retired General of the IDF and no longer part of the National Unity Government (formed after the October 7 attack). He, too, personally and politically, eschews and disavows the failed 'Israeli way' of Netanyahu. Though Israel is still in the war mode and angry at the Hamas attack, there is a huge groundswell about the failed policies and consequences of Netanyahu's counterproductive belligerence that created a tinderbox-like situation and led to endless bloodshed. Israel was at its most peaceful (relatively speaking) after the signing of the Oslo Accords.

Seeds of the Israeli template were sown by the hawkish and warmongering Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, initially from Likud (he later formed the Kadima party), who earned notoriety as the 'Butcher of Beirut'. The Human Rights Watch recognises him as a war criminal; Netanyahu has only worsened that construct of 'muscular' politics that seems very impressive in the beginning but comes at a very heavy price in the long run. India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection, as opposed to getting galvanised by failed and vacuous muscularity of the 'Israeli way', as there is no bravery, morality or constitutionality involved in it.



moderation — whereas the ruling Likud party is aggressive to the point of being predatory, proudly anti-peace, against a two-state solution and exclusivist/majoritarian in instinct. PM Benjamin Netanyahu personifies Likud and the 'Israeli way' phenomenon by insisting that Israel is "not a state of all its citizens", implicitly denying dignity to native Arab Palestinians, with whom the Oslo Peace Agreements were signed in 1993 and 1995. The agreements were

## Flipkart Minutes, 15-Minute Delivery Vertical Entering Market: Reports

**New Delhi:** The quick commerce market in India that is currently dominated by Zomato-owned Blinkit, Zepto, and Swiggy owned Instamart will most likely have a new entrant -- Flipkart Minutes -- as per media reports. An exclusive report filed by Business Today has said that Walmart-owned Flipkart is eyeing the quick commerce market with its upcoming vertical Flipkart Minutes that will deliver goods in 15-minutes. BT, quoting sources said that Flipkart Minutes could be launched as early as middle of July.

Flipkart had in 2020 announced the launch of its hyperlocal delivery service 'Flipkart Quick' enabling



customers to receive grocery, fresh vegetables, meat and mobile phones in 90 minutes. In a bid to compete against Amazon Fresh and Dunzo, Flipkart Quick was to debut in select locations in Bengaluru. However, the attempt did not take off as planned.

In related news, ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2024 was released yesterday that said that 25 future Unicorns, 5 Gazelles, and 20 Cheetahs dropped out of the index list. Zepto, Porter, and Incred Finance achieved unicorn status, while Dunzo among 17 others made exits of future Unicorns Index.

## Credit Card Bill Payments Via Cred, BillDesk, PhonePe To Be Stopped After June 30, If...

**NEW DELHI:** PhonePe, Cred, BillDesk and Infibeam Avenues are some of the major fintechs that will be affected after the RBI's latest regulation requiring credit card bill payments to be routed through a centralised billing network comes into force from July 1, according to an Economic Times report. The Reserve Bank of India earlier directed that all credit card payments must be processed through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) after June 30. So far, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have not activated BBPS. These banks have issued a combined over 5 crore credit cards to customers. As these lenders have not yet complied with the directions, fintechs like PhonePe and Cred, which are already members of BBPS, will also not be able to process payments on credit card dues for them after June 30. So, lenders need to comply with the RBI norms till June 30 for these fintech to operate seamlessly.

"The payments industry has sought extension of the deadline by 90 days," the chief of a major payments firm quoted by Economic Times as saying. Currently, according to the ET report, only eight banks have activated bill payments on BBPS, as against a total of 34 banks that are allowed to issue credit cards. The lenders who have activated BBPS include SBI Card, BoB Card, IndusInd Bank, Federal Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank.

### Why Has RBI Mandated Centralised Payment of Credit Cards?

Industry players said that it aims to provide the RBI with better visibility on payment trends, apart from allowing the central bank to track and resolve fraudulent transactions.

## OpenAI Founder Sutskever Sets Up New AI Company Devoted to 'Safe Superintelligence'

**NEW DELHI:** Ilya Sutskever, one of the founders of OpenAI who was involved in a failed effort to push out CEO Sam Altman, said he's starting a safety-focused artificial intelligence company. Sutskever, a respected AI researcher who left the ChatGPT maker last month, said in a social media post on Wednesday that he's created Safe Superintelligence Inc. with two co-founders. The company's only goal and focus is safely developing "superintelligence" -- a reference to AI systems that are smarter than humans. The company vowed not to be distracted by "management overhead or product cycles", and under its business model, work on safety and security would be "insulated from short-term commercial pressures", Sutskever and his co-founders Daniel Gross and Daniel Levy said in a prepared statement. The three said Safe Superintelligence is an American company with roots in Palo Alto, California, and Tel Aviv, "where we have deep roots and the ability to recruit top technical talent".

Sutskever was part of a group that made an unsuccessful attempt last year to oust Altman. The boardroom shakeup, which Sutskever later said he regretted, also led to a period of internal turmoil centred on whether leaders at OpenAI were prioritising business opportunities over AI safety. At OpenAI, Sutskever jointly led a team focused on safely developing better-than-human AI known as artificial general intelligence, or AGI. When he left OpenAI, he said that he had plans for a "very personally meaningful" project, but offered no details.

Days after his departure, his team co-leader Jan Leike also resigned and levelled criticism at OpenAI for letting safety "take a backseat to shiny products". OpenAI later announced the formation of a safety and security committee, but it's been filled mainly with company insiders.

# GST dilemma: The burden of related party transactions

**New Delhi:** The Goods and Services Tax (GST) marks a pivotal transformation in the landscape of taxation, fundamentally altering the way taxes are assessed and collected. Enacted to establish a unified tax regime, GST consolidates a multitude of indirect taxes into a cohesive framework. Delving into its intricacies, particularly concerning Related Party Transactions, holds paramount importance for businesses endeavouring to navigate the realms of regulatory compliance and financial prudence effectively.

**GST implementation & Objectives:** Introduced in India in July 2017, GST amalgamates an array of levies such as Value Added Tax (VAT), Service Tax, and Excise Duty into a singular tax structure. This sweeping reform aimed at eradicating the cascading effect of multiple taxes, fostering the creation of a more integrated and harmonized national market. For businesses, this monumental shift necessitated a comprehensive restructuring of their tax reporting and compliance apparatus, ushering in a new era of fiscal governance. **Definition and Scope of Related Party Transactions:** Related persons are defined

u/s 2(84) of the GST Act which states that persons shall be deemed to be related if they fall under any of the categories below: Officer or director of one business is the officer/director of another business. Businesses legally recognized as partners. An employer and an employee. Any person who holds at least 25% of shares in another company, either directly or indirectly. One of them controls the other directly or indirectly. They are under common control or management. The entities together control another entity. The promoters or managerial persons are members of the same family. Persons include a legal person who can be individuals, HUF, a company, a firm, an LLP, a cooperative society, a body of individuals, a local authority, a government, or an artificial juridical person. It also includes entities incorporated outside India. Persons who are associated with one another's business or are a sole agent or sole distributor or sole concessionaire shall be deemed to be related.

**Taxation of Related Party Transactions:** In the realm of Related Party Transactions within the ambit of GST, precision is paramount. In accordance with GST

regulations, a Related Party Transaction encompasses any exchange of goods or services between affiliated entities, encompassing entities subject to common control or those where familial ties influence management or ownership. The



taxation of Related Party Transactions under GST is contingent upon the nature of the transaction and the relational dynamics between the involved entities.

**Valuation & Documentation Challenges:** The GST implications concerning Related Party Transactions predominantly revolve around the valuation and documentation of these transactions. It is imperative that such transactions are valued at an 'Arm's Length Price' -- a price

reflective of what would be charged to an independent, unrelated entity under comparable circumstances. This framework ensures the equitable and market-driven valuation of transactions, thereby mitigating the risk of tax evasion through manipulative transfer pricing practices. Even in the absence of tangible consideration, Schedule I of the GST Law mandates their taxation based on the open market value. This concept, while theoretically sound, introduces practical complexities. Determining the open market value for related party transactions is no simple feat. Subjectivity and potential disputes cloud the process.

### Administrative Challenges for Businesses:

The imposition of GST on related party transactions introduces considerable administrative challenges for businesses. Key points include: Meticulous Tracking and Documentation: Companies must diligently monitor and record all intra-group transactions to comply with GST regulations. This involves maintaining detailed records of transaction values, parties involved, and the nature of each transaction.

## THESE Paytm Wallets To Be Closed From 20 July 2024 -- Check Important Notice By Paytm Payments Bank

**New Delhi:** Paytm Payments Bank has said that certain types of wallets will be closed with effect from 20th July. In a notice on its website, Paytm Payments Bank has announced the dates for Closure of inactive Paytm Payments Bank wallets with nil balance.

Please note that all wallets which do not have any transactions for the last 1 year or more and have nil balance, shall be closed w.e.f. July 20th, 2024. Communication will be sent to all impacted users and users will be given 30 days' notice period, before closing their wallet," said the PPBL notice.

Notably, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had in March issued a directive restricting Paytm Payments Bank Account/Wallet from accepting new

deposits or allowing credit transactions after March 15, 2024. Customers have been barred to deposit or add money to your Paytm Payments Bank

partner banks, or refunds are permitted to be credited. Withdrawal/debit mandates through automatic UPI mandates, NACH mandates, EMIs, will also continue to get executed till there is balance available in your account.

The directive does not impact your existing balances in Account or Wallet and your money is safe with your Bank," says PPBL in its FAQs section.

### How to close Paytm Wallet?

You can close the Paytm Payments Bank Wallet (Minimum KYC/Full-KYC) by following the below mentioned steps: Go to the Paytm Payments Bank Account/Wallet section on the Paytm App. Click on "Need help with non-order related queries." Click on "I want to close my Wallet".

Your Wallet will be closed within 2 working days.



Account/Wallet after March 15, 2024. However, there is no restriction on withdrawal of money from your existing balance even after March 15, 2024.

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## Why Are Most Indian Millionaires Choosing UAE To Migrate? Explained

**NEW DELHI:** New Delhi: 4,300 millionaires projected to leave the country in 2024 -- compared to 5,100 last year, the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024, has said. The report by the international investment migration advisory firm said that China is again on track to be the biggest millionaire loser globally, with an anticipated net exit of 15,200 HNWIs this year (compared to 13,800 in 2023).

India on the other hand has stemmed its wealth exodus, dropping down to 3rd place after the UK with just 4,300 millionaires projected to leave the country in 2024 (compared to 5,100 last year).

South Korea's HNW flight is expected to rise with a forecast loss of 1,200 millionaires (compared to 800 in 2023)

while the tsunami of millionaires that fled Russia following the outbreak of the Ukraine war appears to be abating with only 1,000 projected to relocate

UAE remains the world's number one destination for migrating millionaire. It said that UAE is poised to welcome a record net inflow of 6,700 his year alone. Among the reasons why UAE is the most preferred destination are the country's zero income tax, golden visas, luxury lifestyle, and strategic location.

Sunita Singh-Dalal, Partner leading the Private Wealth & Family Offices at Hourani in Dubai points out in the report, "the evolution and development of the UAE's wealth management ecosystem is unprecedented. In less than 5 years, the UAE has introduced a robust regulatory framework that provides the wealthy with a range of innovative solutions to protect, preserve and enhance their wealth."

this year (compared to 8,500 in 2022 and 2,800 in 2023), the report added.

### Why Are Most Indian Millionaires Choosing UAE To Migrate?

The Henley & Partners report says that



## The suggestions included widening market access, providing tax incentives, and boosting fund allocations for NBFCs.

**NEW DELHI:** Financial industry leaders, in the second pre-budget meet held on Thursday, sought for stable and long-term tax policies on capital gains tax, shares transactions, and clarity on GST. The suggestions included widening market access, providing tax incentives, and boosting fund allocations for NBFCs. Discussions touched on GST implications for loans and service charges, as well as strategies to maintain



capital within the country, particularly in relation to GIFT City. Arun Kohli, MD and country head of Morgan Stanley India, emphasised the importance of stable and long-term tax policies. Experts also shared insights on capital gains tax and taxes related to the purchase and sale of shares. George Alexander Muthoot,

MD of Muthoot Group, highlighted the need for widening the market and providing tax incentives to companies. Raman Agarwal, FIDC director, suggested increasing funds allocation from SIDBI and NABARD to refinance NBFCs, considering the rise in NBFC loans and concerns raised by the

RBI regarding excessive bank dependency. NBFCs are seeking clarity on GST for loans and service charges, he said.

Meanwhile, asset management companies discussed issues concerning GIFT City and strategies to retain capital within the country. In another meeting, Vivek Jalan, Chairman of National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, suggested that the expenditure on scientific research should be incentivised so that Indian corporate spend more on R&D expenditure to manufacture indigenous products.

To streamline the reconciliation process under income tax, he proposed to link PAN and TAN, akin to the PAN-Aadhaar linkage. He also requested to remove the requirement for payers to issue TDS/TCS certificates and consider prescribing Form 26AS (generated through secure safeguards). He also proposed to cover the cases of excess payment of custom duty, resulting in refund to the importers under faceless e-assessment.



# Bhagwant Mann orders transfer of 10,000 cops over nexus with drug peddlers

**Chief Minister Mann said that the transfers were made because several police personnel were part of the drug pedlar nexus.**

New Delhi. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has ordered the transfer of at least 10,000 police personnel in an unprecedented move to crack down on the drug menace in the state. Chief Minister Mann said that the transfers were made because several police personnel were part of the drug pedlar nexus. He said that because of the nexus, many of the accused have been let off the hook, and the complaints against them had been ignored for many years. "Many of the Moharrir head constables (MHC), station house officers (SHO), and constables have been stationed at the same police station for many years and have formed a nexus with the drug smugglers there. They manipulate the procedures to save the accused. I have asked the Director General of Police (DGP) to immediately order mass transfers," Bhagwant Mann said. A major rejig within the police department left the cops fuming. Speaking with India Today, former Punjab DGP (Prisons) Shashi Kant said that the state government's decision can backfire as merely transferring the cops will

not solve the reigning drug menace in the state. While there is no denying the fact that there are black sheep within the police force, all cops are not corrupt. Similar action was required in the jails, which have become dens of drugs. The government should have first identified the tainted cops before ordering the transfers," Shashi Kant said. While confirming the transfer orders, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Border Range Rakesh Kaushal said that linking the transfers with the drug problem is wrong. "The decision to order transfers was made in 2020 but was delayed and is now being implemented. These transfers are administrative and not related to the alleged involvement of cops in drug smuggling," said Rakesh Kaushal. Meanwhile, Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav has said that the police seized the properties owned by drug smugglers worth Rs 200 crore in the last two years. Apart from identifying the 750 hotspots, DGP Gaurav said that the State



Task Force (STF) and the intelligence wing have prepared a list of 9,000 street-level pedlars.

## DRUG SMUGGLING NETWORK EXPANDS, HIKE IN DEATH RELATED TO DRUG OVERDOSE

Despite the Punjab Police's claims of taking strict action against drug smuggling, criminals have expanded their networks. Using drones and sea routes, smugglers are increasing drug supplies within the state. Addressing the media, Bhagwant Mann

stated that drugs were coming from Gujarat, which is under investigation. In 2023, the BSF and Punjab Police downed or recovered 107 drones used for drug transport. Drug seizures in Punjab have increased fivefold over the past seven years, from 179 kg in 2017 to 1,346 kg in 2023.

Officials stated that rising drug costs and seizures have led to a demand for cheaper, deadly, and spurious drugs. Over 280 drug addicts have died in the past three years, with 14 deaths in the past fortnight alone.

An affidavit submitted by the Punjab Police to the Punjab and Haryana High Court states that drug overdoses claimed 159 lives in 2022-23, 71 in 2021-22, and 36 in 2020-21.

Bathinda and Taran-Taran are the worst affected, with 38 and 30 deaths due to drug overdoses, respectively. Ferozepur reported 19 deaths, Amritsar 17, and Ludhiana 14. Other areas, including Batala, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, and Khanna, also reported multiple deaths due to drug overdoses.

## Youth Congress protests outside Education Minister's residence over NEET 'paper leak'

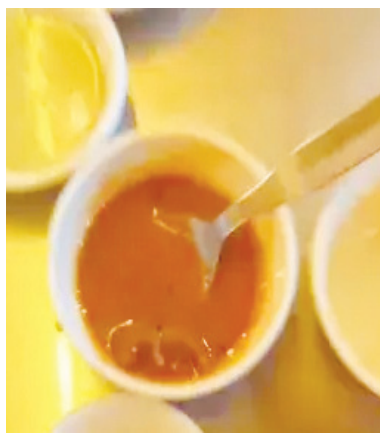
New Delhi: The Youth Congress on Thursday protested outside Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's residence in New Delhi, citing discrepancies in the conduct of NEET and NET examinations. They demanded the examinations be cancelled promptly to ensure justice for the lakhs of students affected. Youth Congress National President Srinivas BV alleged that the exam "scam" not only cheats students but also betrays the country's future. He accused Pradhan of misleading the nation despite knowing that the NEET paper was not leaked. "Dharmendra Pradhan should not only resign but also face rigorous questioning. There is no exam in the country without rigging. Students are expressing their frustrations on social media - 'Once again, government leakage'," he stated.

Youth Congress National Secretary Mohammed Shahid echoed concerns about "paper leaks, rigging, and corruption becoming commonplace in exams like NEET", questioning the National Testing Agency's integrity. The Indian Youth Congress urged the central government to promptly review exam-related issues, resolve complaints, initiate Supreme Court-supervised investigations, and ensure justice for students.

During the protest, Delhi Police detained numerous Youth Congress workers. Meanwhile, Minister Pradhan admitted the UGC-NET paper leak as an "institutional failure" of the NTA, announcing a high-level committee to recommend reforms. He reassured addressing concerns of deserving NEET candidates who succeeded through hard work. The Union Minister added, isolated incidents of malpractices should not affect lakhs of students who cleared the examination rightfully. At a press conference here, Pradhan also appealed to the opposition parties not to politicise the issue and said strict action would be taken against those found guilty, including "top" officials of the NTA.

## Dead Rat Found In Sambar At Popular Ahmedabad Restaurant, Video Goes Viral

New Delhi: India's real-life culinary nightmare, after featuring a human finger and a centipede inside ice cream, continued with the discovery of a dead rat in a bowl of sambar in one of Ahmedabad's popular eateries. This shocking incident at Devi Dosa restaurant in Nikol follows closely on the heels of other recent distressing discoveries, including a live cobra found inside an Amazon package in Bengaluru. The latest incident unfolded when a customer at



Ahmedabad's Devi Dosa food joint reported finding a dead rat in their sambar. The customer informed the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and in response, the Health Department issued a notice to the restaurant's owner citing severe health and hygiene violations. Speaking to ANI, Bhavin Joshi, Food Safety Officer at the AMC, issued a stern appeal: "I appeal to all the business operators of Ahmedabad Corporation to be very careful with the food they serve to the customers so that such incidents can be avoided." The video of the customer showing the dead rat swimming in the sambar has gone viral on the internet, earning a lot of views. "Please I request food and drug department don't take money under the table and don't approve such hotels," a person commented on social media.

## NEET row: Accused Amit Anand with Bihar Deputy Chief Minister, RJD shares pic

New Delhi: A day after Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha claimed that the arrested prime suspect in the NEET "paper leak" is linked to officials associated with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, the party hit back with a photo of another accused, Amit Anand, with Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. In an X post, the party said the minister was being felicitated by the accused, but has deleted all his photos with him. The main accused in the NEET exam paper leak scam with the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, RJD tweeted. "The so called powerful minister who was felicitated by the accused has deleted all his photos with him from his social media handles, but don't worry, we have them all." "Send this to your worried counterparts the other Deputy Chief Minister," the party added.



Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Sinha claimed that the official was in constant touch with Sikander Prasad Yadvendu, the arrested prime accused in the case. "The official associated with Yadav used to arrange accommodation for Sikandar at guest houses in Patna and other places. I have details of messages which the official had sent to the persons concerned for arranging accommodation for Sikandar," the Deputy Chief Minister said. Sinha claimed he has the mobile number

from which those messages were sent. He said, "It needs to be thoroughly probed. Why is the RJD leader (Tejashwi Prasad) maintaining a stoic silence on this?"

Reacting to Sinha's allegations, the RJD termed it as a "bundle of lies" and said the BJP leader is simply trying to divert the attention of 25 lakh NEET aspirants from their core demand to cancel the exam held on May 5. NEET-UG 2024, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), took place at 4,750 centres in 571 cities in which more than 24 lakh candidates appeared. The results were declared on June 4. However, immediately after the results were announced, students raised allegations of irregularities when 67 students achieved top scores, amidst claims of question paper leaks in Bihar.

## Centre says ample wheat stock available amid price surge, weighs intervention

New Delhi: Amid the rising wheat prices, the Centre stated on Thursday that it has sufficient wheat stocks to intervene in the market to ensure the stability of consumers in the country. A meeting of the committee of ministers was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah. After the meeting, Amit Shah directed officials to keep a close watch on the prices of wheat and ensure to undertake suitable policy interventions. According to the official data, wheat prices have spiked by up to Rs 2 per kilogram from a year ago,



news agency PTI reported. As of June 20, the average retail price of wheat was Rs 30.99 per kg, an increase from Rs 28.95 per kg compared to last year. Similarly, the price of wheat flour rose to Rs 36.13 per kg from Rs 34.29 per kg last year, according to the data PTI reported.

Meanwhile, the centre assured that the government has procured more wheat for the central pool than last year.

By June 18, Centre had procured around 266 lakh metric tons (LMT) of wheat in the 2024-25 rabi marketing year, which began on April 1, slightly higher than 262 LMT in the last year.

"After meeting the requirement for PDS and other welfare schemes, which is approximately 184 LMT, sufficient stock of wheat is available to undertake market interventions as and when required," the Centre said.

## Rise In Nighttime Warming Impacting Sleep Quality, Health In India: Report

New Delhi: With Mumbai seeing the highest changes in the nighttime temperatures, India continues to suffer a severe heatwave, a new analysis on Friday showed climate change added nearly 50 to 80 nights each year where the temperature exceeded 25 degrees Celsius, with serious impacts on sleep and health.

Climate change is leading to a rise in nighttime warming, which is impacting sleep quality and human health in India and across the globe, said the analysis by Climate Central and Climate Trends. Nighttime temperatures have increased even more rapidly than daytime temperatures as the world heats up due to climate change, primarily caused by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas. As one of the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis, India has experienced a significant rise in minimum nighttime temperatures over the last decade due to climate change. The national capital on June 18 experienced

its warmest night in at least 12 years, with the mercury touching 35.2 degrees Celsius, says the India Meteorological Department. This is the city's highest minimum temperature since 1969.

The analysis shows that nearly 50 to 80 days each year were added above this threshold by climate change in cities across Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Andhra Pradesh between 2018 and 2023. Among the metro cities, Mumbai has seen the highest changes in the nighttime temperatures, with the city experiencing an additional 65 days of warmer nights due to global warming. West Bengal and Assam are the regions that have been most impacted, with cities like Jalpaiguri, Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Siliguri experiencing between 80 and 86 additional days each year above the 25 degrees threshold due to climate change, on average. Several cities saw between 15 and 50 additional days where the



minimum temperatures exceeded 25 degrees due to the influence of climate change, including Jaipur, with an additional 19 hot nights attributable to climate change. Meanwhile, in both observations and in the counterfactual climate, the nighttime summer temperatures across India often exceed 20 degrees over the entire summer period. The cities that had the largest number of days where the minimum temperature exceeded 20 degrees due to climate change are Gangtok, Darjeeling, Shimla, and Mysore, with an average of

54, 31, 30, and 26 days added by climate change, respectively. Higher nighttime temperatures can cause physiological discomfort and impact human health by preventing body temperature from cooling off during the night, increasing mortality risks. There is also a growing body of evidence that as nighttime temperatures rise, it is adversely affecting the quality and length of sleep.

Poor sleep adversely affects physical and mental health, cognitive functioning and even life expectancy. Hot nights can have disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups, including the elderly and people, who do not have access to proper cooling mechanisms. These findings come during a week that saw new records for nighttime heat in several Indian cities. On June 19, Delhi shattered the all-time high minimum temperature record, with the mercury reaching 35.2 degrees overnight.



police managed to disperse the mob with difficulty. The injured cops were admitted to a district hospital. "15 people were detained for stone-pelting and the public is urged not to take the law into their hands... the accused will get the harshest punishment," District Superintendent of Police Maheshwar Reddy. The trigger for last night's violence was the rape and murder of a six-year-old girl in Jamner, allegedly by a 35-year-old man - Subhash Imaji Bhil - who had been on the run till his arrest Thursday. Bhil had been hiding in Bhusawal, a small town approximately 30 km away. On being told of his hideout, local cops quickly reached the spot and arrested him, but a large crowd gathered then too. Fortunately there was no violence at that time. Mr Reddy had visited the spot then too and appealed for calm.

After the Jammer clash, however, a large number of security personnel have been deployed in the area and there is, for now, peace. The suspect will be produced in court later today.

NEWS BOX

South Korea, US slam new Russia-North Korea treaty, say 'threat to regional peace'

Seoul South Korea's foreign minister Cho Tae-yul and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken condemned the new treaty between Russia and North Korea as a serious threat to regional peace and stability, Seoul's foreign ministry said in a statement on Friday.



according to the statement. The United States will consider various ways to respond to the threat to international peace and stability from Russia and North Korea, Blinken was quoted as saying by the ministry.

Fifteen people shot during Juneteenth celebration in Oakland, California

OAKLAND, Calif. Fifteen people were shot after an illegal "sideshow" took over a peaceful Juneteenth celebration in Oakland, California, police said Thursday.

A Muslim mob in Pakistan torches a police station and lynches a man after accusing him of blasphemy

PESHAWAR, Pakistan. A Muslim mob in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday broke into a police station, snatched a man who was held there and then lynched him over allegations that he had desecrated Islam's holy book, the Quran.

Donald Sutherland, the towering actor whose career spanned 'M.A.S.H.' to 'Hunger Games,' dies at 88

NEW YORK. Donald Sutherland, the Canadian actor whose wry, arrestingly off-kilter screen presence spanned more than half a century of films from "M.A.S.H." to "The Hunger Games," has died.

generous." Before transitioning into a long career as a respected character actor, Sutherland epitomized the unpredictable, antiestablishment cinema of the 1970s.



going to kill me for it," Sutherland told The New York Times in 1981. "My father always said, 'Keep your mouth shut, Donnie, and maybe people will think you have character.'"

Angeles, a series of war films changed his trajectory. His breakthrough was "The Dirty Dozen" (1967), in which he played Vernon Pinkley, the officer-impersonating psychopath.

Mob in Pakistan kills man, hangs his body for 'desecrating' Quran: Report

A man was fatally attacked by an enraged mob following allegations of desecrating the holy Quran in the Swat district of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The incident, which occurred on Thursday night in Madyan tehsil, also resulted in injuries to eight individuals amidst the ensuing chaos.



Peshawar. A man was killed by an angry mob for allegedly desecrating the Holy Quran in the scenic Swat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in northwest Pakistan and eight people were injured in the ensuing unrest, police said.

pages of the Holy Quran in Madyan tehsil of Swat on Thursday night. The suspect was taken into custody and brought to Madyan police station.

transferred to the Madyan Hospital, the DPO said. The mob then set the police station on fire. Later, some people entered the police station, shot the suspect, dragged his body to Madyan Adda and hanged it there.

Navigating through darkness: Ukraine's emergency blackouts return after Russia pounds infrastructure

KYIV. During daytime, entire districts of Ukraine's capital are disconnected from the power grid to save energy. Traffic lights stop, choking traffic, accompanied by the constant rumble of generators installed outside cafes and shops.

launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. He said that he wanted a new life despite the war — to live side-by-side with old friends and reside in a milder climate — but he hadn't foreseen the inconveniences of living without power.

attacks on its power infrastructure have intensified since March, forcing utilities to ration household supplies over the last three months. The country's top officials repeatedly called on allied countries to provide more air defense systems to protect its power plants from Russian missiles and drones.



Center issuing a warning for several provinces in the south and a few individual places in the north. Henan and Anhui provinces in central China, as well as Jiangsu province on the coast and the southern province of Guizhou, all are expecting hail and strong thunderstorms.

Israel-Hezbollah hostilities fan fears of widening Gaza war

Hezbollah and Israeli forces have exchanged near-daily fire since Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel triggered the Gaza war, and the bellicose talk has escalated along with the strikes.

Experts are divided on the prospect of a wider war, almost nine months into Israel's campaign to eradicate Hezbollah's ally Hamas, the Palestinian militant group in the Gaza Strip.

Letymbiotis dismissed as "totally groundless" any suggestion of possible involvement in a conflict related to Lebanon.



forces, attacked Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels who have for months been targeting Red Sea shipping.

offensive in Gaza has killed at least 37,431 people, also mostly civilians, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-ruled territory.



**Mouni Roy left her fans gasping for breath with her latest fashion choices.**



# Mouni Roy

**Looks Sizzling In A Tube Top As She Steps Out For Date Night, Hot Video Goes Viral**

Mouni Roy needs no introduction. She has become one of the highest-paid Hindi television actresses after appearing in the supernatural thriller series Naagin and its sequel, Naagin. Apart from her outstanding acting skills, she is also known as a fashion icon. She never misses a single chance to embrace her distinctive sense of style and surprise her fans. Not only that, even the paps' social feeds are often peppered with candid pictures and moments. Maintaining that trajectory, Mouni Roy set the internet on fire once again after they dropped a sizzling video of the actress with her husband. Mouni Roy recently stepped out for a date night with her husband, Suraj Nambiar. She looked ravishing as she

flaunted her curves in a white tube-style top and black pants. Watch here: Mouni Roy has come a long way ever since she made her television debut with Ekta Kapoor's Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. She became a popular name after she starred in Naagin. Mouni made her Bollywood debut with Akshay Kumar's Gold in 2018. Last year, Mouni was seen in Ayan Mukerji's magnum opus, Brahmastra. Recently, she was also seen in a music video titled 'Dotara' along with Jubin Nautiyal. Mouni Roy was also seen in the web-series Sultan of Delhi. She was last seen in Emraan Hashmi-starrer Showtime. In a recent interview, Mouni shared that it is projects like Sultan of Delhi and Brahmastra which changed



people's perception of her as an actor. "Brahmastra was absolutely different. When you see Gold, RAW and Made In China, I had played very Indianised characters. Maybe after Naagin and Sati, people could only see me as a 'saree-clad Indian character'. So, for Milan sir to think of me as this cabaret dancer Nayantara, at a time when Brahmastra had not even released. I think it is an exciting time to be an actor where makers can visualise you in different roles. Such great parts are being written. I really feel fortunate to be offered these parts and be able to play them on screen," she told Indian Express.

**Shahid Kapoor's Wife Mira Rajput Has This To Say About Her 'Puppy' Comment**



Shahid Kapoor's wife Mira Rajput recently embarked on her entrepreneurial journey and launched a skincare brand named Akind. Well, this is not the only reason she is grabbing headlines for. Back in 2017, Mira had questioned working mothers for not spending time with their babies and leaving them at home for work. She had even compared babies with 'puppies' in a statement. Now, the content creator has reacted to her past comment in an interview with Film Champion. Mira Rajput clarified her stance about the misconceptions people have regarding her statement. She even expressed "regret" over her past comments. Mira said that she felt being "pushed into a corner" for taking a "conventional, conservative approach" during her pregnancy. Calling this line of thought "unfair," the entrepreneur added that she wanted to give time to her children. Mira Rajput shared, "While I was pushed in that corner for seeming very regressive, I think I probably acted out by saying things... I don't think I agree with them right now. I think I have come a long way from that." Mira Rajput added that she now understands why her comments didn't go down well with the audience. "I can understand why it wasn't taken well. I think I was in a vulnerable, emotional space. I think I was just trying to defend myself that my choices are also valid," added the star wife. Mira Rajput was trying to advocate for equal recognition of mothers and fathers who stay at home when she made the viral comment. The popular influencer said that her daughter Misha was not a puppy whom she could leave at home for work and called out women for prioritising their work. The comment did not go down well, receiving flak from audiences.

In the same interaction, Mira Rajput also came in support of Hrithik Roshan's beau Saba Azad. FYI: Saba recently criticised the "patriarchal mindset". The actress revealed that she missed out on various voice-over job opportunities because of her relationship with Hrithik. Supporting Saba Azad, Mira Rajput said that one's identity shouldn't be solely based on their associations.

**Singer Eshani On Darshan's Arrest: 'Must Face Punishment If Wrong'**



Popular actor Darshan was recently arrested in connection with the Renuka Swamy murder case. The actor along with 17 other people was arrested on June 11. The court ordered 9 days of judicial custody which ends today, June 20. Since the actor's arrest, several stars from the film industry reacted to the development. Bigg Boss Kannada 10 fame singer Eshani Shekar posted a message along with some pictures with Darshan on her Instagram handle. In the post, Eshani mentioned that everyone should abide by the law and if the actor has done anything wrong he should be punished accordingly. She wrote, "This is truly shocking news! It is very hard to believe that Darshan Sir, whom I saw as a brother, is involved in such an act. Although his actions seemed right as he tried to save the dignity of a woman, taking the law into one's own hands is not at all acceptable under the Constitution of India. If Darshan Sir has done wrong, he must face the punishment, but spreading baseless rumours and tarnishing his image until then is not right," when translated to English.

33-year-old Renuka Swamy, who was reportedly an autorickshaw driver, was allegedly kidnapped from the Chitradurga district of Karnataka on June 8. He reportedly sent some derogatory messages to actress Pavithra Gowda. According to the statement by the Police department, Renuka Swamy blamed the actress for souring Darshan's relationship with his wife. This allegedly angered the actor, who then reportedly hired some members of one of his fan clubs to kidnap the man. The gang allegedly kidnapped and murdered him as per the instructions of Darshan. His dead body was later found on June 9 near a flyover in Bengaluru. In another development, the Kannada Bigg Boss winner Pratham recently filed a comment after receiving death threats from Darshan's fans. He reportedly made certain comments that angered some fans of Darshan.

# Swara Bhasker

**Says Producers Think She's 'Untouchable': 'My Twitter Account Cost Me My Career'**

Actress Swara Bhasker's performance was appreciated in films like Tanu Weds Manu, Raanjhanaa and Anarkali of Aarah among others. However, despite much critical acclaim, the actress did not appear in many mainstream movies. Known for never mincing her words, Swara recently said that voicing her opinions on social media cost her her career. Speaking to Connect Cine, Swara said, "If there was anything in the world that was most expensive for me, it was my Twitter account because it cost me my career, in a sense... For a lot of producers, I am untouchable in the industry and these are not my words, these are the words of my well-wishers, producer, director friends who have called me up and told me. People tell me that we wanted to cast you but the studio heard your name and said no."



Swara said that casting directors are asked to look for "an actress like Swara Bhasker" but wouldn't cast her. She said, "They are like 'no, controversies happen'. I don't know what is the fear but there is a fear."

There are a lot of people who keep saying that 'You have done the wrong thing, you destroyed your career, why did you do this? It was very foolish of you', including often your own team. People who love you, and they are coming from a place of concern. They are your well-wishers so they are feeling bad looking at you. Like my brother, he is my

biggest supporter and he gets the most angry too that an actor of your calibre shot herself in the foot," she said. In the same conversation, Swara also said that it was a conscious decision for her to make her opinions heard. She said, "I don't want to act like I am a victim. I chose this path. I decided that I will be vocal and put forth my opinion on issues. I could've chosen to stay silent. There was no need for me to write an open letter expressing my discontent on the Johar scene in Padmaavat. Mujhe koi zarurat nahin thi (There was no need for me to do it)."

