



Alia Bhatt Steps Out After Gym...

झारखंड सहित सभी हाईकोर्ट में पेंडिंग केसों की सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने मांगी जानकारी

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सोमवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने झारखंड हाईकोर्ट सहित देश के सभी हाईकोर्ट से पेंडिंग केसों की जानकारी मांगी। कोर्ट ने कहा- हाईकोर्ट उन केसों की रिपोर्ट जमा करें, जिनमें 31 जनवरी 2025 से पहले फैसला सुरक्षित रखा गया, लेकिन आज तक सुनाया नहीं गया। जरिस्टस सूर्यकांत और जरिस्टस एनके सिंह की बेंच ने कहा- केसों की सुनवाई में होने वाली इस तरह की देरी बेहद परेशान करने वाली है। वक्त पर न्याय मिले। इसके लिए हमें कुछ जरूरी दिशा-निर्देश तय करने होंगे। ऐसा चलता नहीं रह सकता है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने यह आदेश एक रिट याचिका पर सुनवाई के दौरान दिया। इसमें चार दौषियों ने शिकायत की थी कि उनकी आपराधिक अपीलों पर झारखंड हाईकोर्ट ने 2022 में फैसला सुरक्षित किया था, लेकिन अब तक फाइनल सुनवाई नहीं हुई।

कहा- वक्त पर न्याय मिले, इसके लिए गाइडलाइन बनाना हमारा मकसद एक याचिका पर सुनवाई के दौरान उच्चतम न्यायालय ने दिया यह आदेश

हफ्तेभर में झारखंड हाईकोर्ट ने 75 केसों पर सुनाया फैसला

याचिकाकर्ताओं के वकील फौजिया शकील ने बताया- वर्तमान केस में सुप्रीम कोर्ट के नोटिस के बाद झारखंड हाईकोर्ट ने कई मामलों में सुनवाई पूरी की है। हालांकि याचिकाकर्ताओं की अपील पर अब भी फैसला आना बाकी है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इंडियन एक्सप्रेस की एक रिपोर्ट का हवाला देते हुए कहा- नोटिस जारी होने के बाद झारखंड हाईकोर्ट ने एक हफ्ते में 75 आपराधिक मामलों पर सुनवाई पूरी की। इसके बाद बेंच ने झारखंड हाईकोर्ट के रजिस्ट्रार जनरल को निर्देश दिया कि उन 75 अपीलों की लिस्ट प्रस्तुत करें जिन पर हाल ही में निर्णय हुआ है। यह भी बताएं कि इन मामलों में फैसला कब सुरक्षित किया गया था।



वक्त कानून पर 15 मई को सुप्रीम कोर्ट में होगी सुनवाई

सोमवार को वक्त संशोधन कानून पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट सुनवाई टल गई है। अगली सुनवाई 15 मई को होगी। इससे पहले 17 अप्रैल को कोर्ट ने केंद्र को जवाब देने के लिए सात दिन का समय दिया था। साथ ही अगली सुनवाई तक वक्त बोर्ड में नई नियुक्तियों पर रोक लगा दी थी। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र का जवाब आने तक वक्त घोषित संपत्ति पर यथास्थिति बनाए रखने को कहा था।

डीजीपी अनुराग गुप्ता की नियुक्ति के मामले पर आज नहीं होगी सुनवाई

आइपीएस अनुराग गुप्ता को डीजीपी पद पर नियुक्ति के मामले में दायर अवमानना याचिका पर अब 6 मई को सुनवाई नहीं होगी। सुप्रीम कोर्ट द्वारा 6 मई के लिए जारी कारण सूची में इस अवमानना याचिका को शामिल नहीं किया गया है। सरकार की ओर से भी शपथ पत्र दायर नहीं किया गया है। बता दें कि अनुराग गुप्ता को डीजीपी के पद पर नियुक्ति के बाद नेता प्रतिपक्ष बाबुलाल मरांडी की ओर से सुप्रीम कोर्ट में अवमानना याचिका दायर की गई थी।

इलाहाबाद हाईकोर्ट ने बंद किया राहुल की ब्रिटिश नागरिकता से जुड़ा केस, केंद्र की ओर से पेश नहीं की जा सकी रिपोर्ट

LUCKNOW : सोमवार को इलाहाबाद हाईकोर्ट की लखनऊ बेंच ने राहुल गांधी को ब्रिटिश नागरिक बताने वाले केस को बंद कर दिया। कोर्ट ने कहा- राहुल की नागरिकता की रिपोर्ट केंद्र सरकार पेश नहीं कर पाई। कोर्ट ने कहा- केवल रिपोर्ट के इंतजार में याचिका को लंबित नहीं रखा जा सकता। जब भी रिपोर्ट केंद्र सरकार के बकील ने कहा कि यह मामला दो देशों के बीच की संवेदनशील जानकारी से जुड़ा है। संबंधित देश को कई रिमाइंडर भेजे जा चुके हैं, लेकिन अब तक कोई जवाब नहीं मिला है, इसलिए कुछ और समय दिया जाए।



- कोर्ट ने कहा- रिपोर्ट के इंतजार में पेंडिंग नहीं रख सकते याचिका
- याचिकाकर्ता को किसी भी अन्य फोरम या कोर्ट में याचिका दाखिल करने की छूट

निशिकांत दुबे के खिलाफ अवमानना याचिका खारिज

NEW DELHI : सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सोमवार को भाजपा सांसद निशिकांत दुबे के खिलाफ दायर रिट याचिका को खारिज कर दिया। याचिका में सुप्रीम कोर्ट और सीजीआई संजीव खन्ना पर अपमानजनक टिप्पणी करने के लिए दुबे पर अवमानना कार्यवाही करने की मांग की गई थी। सीजीआई ने कहा-

हमारे कंसे मजबूत हैं, हम याचिका पर विचार नहीं करना चाहते हैं। हम फिलहाल कोई दलील या बहस नहीं सुनना चाहते लेकिन हम एक शॉर्ट ऑर्डर पास करेंगे।

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BRIEF NEWS

दो नक्सली गिरफ्तार, एक कुकर आईईडी बरामद

NARAYANPUR : छत्तीसगढ़ के नारायणपुर में जिले के छोटेंडोंगर थानातर्फत ग्राम छोटेंडुरगम के पास सड़क किनारे एक कुकर आईईडी बम सुरक्षाबलों ने बरामद किया, जिसे बम डिस्पोजल स्क्वाड की टीम ने सुरक्षित तरीके से निष्क्रिय कर दिया। इसके साथ ही सर्चिंग के दौरान रविवार शाम को गिरफ्तार किए गए दो नक्सलियों को न्यायिक रिमांड पर भेज दिया गया। जिले में चलता जा रहे नक्सल उन्मूलन अभियान के तहत कैम्प कडैमेटा से रविवार को निकली डीआरजी और पुलिस का संयुक्त बल सर्चिंग के दौरान छोटेंडोंगर थाना क्षेत्र अंतर्गत ग्राम छोटेंडुरगम के पास सड़क किनारे एक कुकर आईईडी बम डिस्पोजल स्क्वाड की टीम ने कुकर आईईडी को सुरक्षित तरीके से निष्क्रिय कर दिया। इस दौरान पुलिस को देखकर भागते दो संदिग्धों को घेराबंदी कर गिरफ्तार किया गया। पूछताछ में उनकी पहचान सुकमन कोरमि और बुधराम कोरमि उर्फ विश्वनाथ के रूप में हुई, जो तुरवाल निवासी और आगवर्द्ध परिया कमेट्री के नक्सली नेटवर्क से जुड़ा होना स्वीकार किया।

बाहर की फिल्मों पर अमेरिका में 100% टैरिफ

NEW DELHI : अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने अब विदेशी फिल्मों को अपने निशाने पर लिया है। उन्होंने ऐलान किया है कि विदेशों में बने वाली फिल्मों के अमेरिका में रिलीज होने पर 100 प्रतिशत टैरिफ लगाया। ट्रंप ने अपने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म ट्रथ सोशल पर पोस्ट कर बताया कि उन्होंने अमेरिकी वाणिज्य विभाग को इसके लिए आदेश भी दे दिए हैं। ट्रंप ने आरोप लगाया है कि विदेशों में बनी फिल्में अमेरिका में प्रोपगेंडा फैला सकती हैं। उन्होंने इसे अमेरिका की राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए खतरा बताया है। डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने भले ही विदेशों में बने वाली फिल्मों पर 100 टैरिफ कर दिया है, लेकिन फिलहाल यह साफ नहीं है कि यह कैसे लागू होगा।

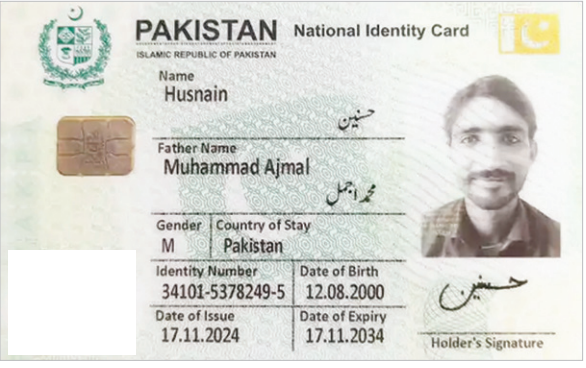
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सोमवार को रक्षा सचिव राजेश कुमार सिंह ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात की। पहलगांम आतंकी हमले के बाद पाकिस्तान से बढ़ते तनाव को लेकर चर्चा की गई। पीएम पीएमओ पहुंचे थे। जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहलगांम में हुए आतंकी हमले के बाद पीएम मोदी लगातार पूरी स्थिति पर नजर बनाए हुए हैं। प्रधानमंत्री पूरे मामले पर तीनों सेनाओं के प्रमुखों के साथ बैठक भी कर चुके हैं। माना जा रहा है कि रक्षा सचिव ने इस मुलाकात के दौरान पीएम मोदी को ताजा हालात और सैन्य तैयारियों की जानकारी दी। सोमवार को ही नई दिल्ली में जापान के रक्षा मंत्री ने भारत के रक्षा मंत्री से मुलाकात की। वहीं पिछले दिनों वे एयरचीफ मार्शल एपी सिंह और नेवी चीफ दिनेश कुमार बिपाठी से भी मिल चुके हैं। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स के

पश्चिमी सीमा पर डिफेंस नेटवर्क पूरी तरह एक्टिव, राफेल भी तैयार

आतंकी ठिकाने से गोला बारूद का भंडार बरामद

जम्मू-कश्मीर के पुंछ जिले में स्थानीय पुलिस और सेना की रोमियो फोर्स ने सुरनकोट गांव में संयुक्त अभियान के दौरान एक संदिग्ध आतंकी ठिकाने का भंडाफोड़ किया। इस ठिकाने से गोला-बारूद और अन्य सामान बरामद किया गया है। पुंछ पुलिस ने संदिग्ध ठिकाने की तस्वीरें जारी की हैं। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, यहां से पांच इमगोवाइज्ड एक्सप्लोसिव डिवाइस (आईईडी), कई रेडियो सेट, तार, दूरबीन और केबल बरामद किए गए हैं। यह बड़ी कार्रवाई पुलिस महानिरीक्षक वीके बिरदी द्वारा पीसीआर कश्मीर में एक संयुक्त सुरक्षा समीक्षा बैठक आयोजित करने के ठीक एक दिन बाद हुई है।



बीएसएफ ने पाक नागरिक को किया अरेस्ट

इधर, भारत व पाकिस्तान की अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा पर बीएसएफ ने पाकिस्तानी नागरिक को अरेस्ट किया है। आरोपी की गिरफ्तारी गांव टाकुरपुर के पास सीमा पर हुई। आरोपी के पास आईडी कार्ड भी मिला है। इस पर उसकी पहचान हुसैन लिखी है और वह गुजरातवाला का रहने वाला है।

कल देशभर में बजेंगे हवाई हमले वाले सायरन

सोमवार को गुह मंत्रालय ने कुछ राज्यों को 7 मई को सिविल डिफेंस से जुड़ी मौक ड्रिल करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। सरकार के मुताबिक, मौक ड्रिल के दौरान हवाई हमले के अलर्ट के वक्त सायरन बजाना, हमलों के वक्त नागरिक, छात्रों आदि को खुद की सुरक्षा के लिए ट्रेनिंग देने पर फोकस करना है। हमले के वक्त ब्लैक आउट करना, महत्वपूर्ण संयंत्रों/स्वाभ्यासों को हमले के वक्त छिपाना, लोगों से जगह खाली कराना या निकालने की प्लानिंग करना और उसका अंशांश करने पर जोर दिया जाएगा। मौक ड्रिल का मकसद लोगों को किसी भी आपदा स्थिति के लिए तैयार करना है।

मुताबिक वायुसेना प्रमुख ने तैयारियों पर जानकारी दी। रविवार को इस मीटिंग में बताया कि एयर फोर्स हर हालात से निपटने को तैयार है। पश्चिमी सीमा पर डिफेंस नेटवर्क भी पूरी तरह एक्टिव है और राफेल भी तैयार हैं।

झामुमो की नई केंद्रीय कार्यकारिणी समिति गठित, नलिन समेत 8 बने उपाध्यक्ष कल्पना सहित 63 लोग कार्यकारिणी में शामिल

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI :

रांची के खेलगांव में पिछले दिनों आयोजित झारखंड मुक्ति मोर्चा के 13वें केंद्रीय अधिवेशन के बाद झामुमो की केंद्रीय कार्यकारिणी समिति का गठन किया गया है। झामुमो के केंद्रीय अधिवेशन में ही शिबू सोरेन पार्टी के संस्थापक संरक्षक, जबकि हेमंत सोरेन पार्टी के केंद्रीय अध्यक्ष घोषित किए गए थे। नलिन सोरेन, प्रो. स्टीफन मरांडी और रूपी सोरेन समेत आठ को केंद्रीय उपाध्यक्ष बनाया गया है। कल्पना सोरेन कार्यकारिणी सदस्य हैं। केंद्रीय कार्यकारिणी

विनोद पांडेय व सुप्रियो भट्टाचार्य बनाए गए जेएमएम के महासचिव-सह-प्रवक्ता



समिति में 63 को जगह दी गई है। विनोद कुमार पांडेय और सुप्रियो भट्टाचार्य झारखंड मुक्ति मोर्चा के महासचिव-सह-प्रवक्ता बनाए गए हैं। एक बार फिर इन्हें ये दायित्व

इन्हें बनाया गया है कार्यकारिणी सदस्य

दीपक बिरुआ, सुद्विज कुमार सोनु, चमरा लिंडा, योगेंद्र महतो, विजय हांसदा, मोहन कर्मकार, संजीव बैदिया, डॉ. कमल नयन सिंह, निरल पुति, दशरथ गागराई, हर्षाजुल हसन, सुमन महतो, निजामुद्दीन अंसारी, सुकराम उरांव, भूषण तिवारी, मंगल कालिंदी,

जिगासुसारन होरो, विकास सिंह मुंडा, लुईस मरांडी, उदय शंकर सिंह, उमाकांत राउत, अजनी सोरेन, अनंत प्रताप देव, अभित महतो, रामसूर्या मुंडा, सुदीप गुडिया, जगत माझी और बिंदु मुर्मू समेत अन्य को कार्यकारिणी सदस्य बनाया गया है।

साँपा गया है। नंद किशोर मेहता, अभिषेक प्रसाद पिट्ट, पंकज मिश्रा और समीर मोहंती को सचिव बनाया गया है। हेमलाल मुर्मू, कुणाल पांडी, मनोज कुमार



पांच मंजिला इमारत में लगी आग, पति-पत्नी व तीन बेटियों की मौत

KANPUR : चमनगंज थाना क्षेत्र के गांधीनगर ब्लॉक में पांच मंजिला इमारत में लगी आग में पति-पत्नी और उनकी तीन बेटियों की मौत हो गई। करीब आठ घंटे की कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद सभी शव बरामद कर लिए गए हैं। इस इमारत की पहली और दूसरी मंजिल पर जुते-चपल का कारखाना है। तीसरी और चौथी मंजिल पर परिवार रहते हैं। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों ने बताया कि रविवार रात करीब 8-30 से 9 बजे के बीच इमारत के निचले तल पर जुते के कारखाने में अवाक आग लग गई। देखते ही देखते आग दूसरी मंजिल से चौथी मंजिल तक पहुंच गई। कारखाने में अत्यधिक ज्वलनशील सामग्री होने की वजह से आग ने विकराल रूप ले लिया। सूचना पर पहुंचे पुलिस और दमकल कर्मियों ने इमारत में फसे कई लोगों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकाला। इस बीच 10 मिनट के अंतराल में जोरदार तीन धमाके हुए जिससे आग और भी तेज धधकने लगी। आग बुझाने के लिए हाइड्रोलिक मशीन के जरिए लगातार पानी की बौझर जारी रही। आग बुझती न देख आखिरकार लखनऊ से एसडीआरएफ टीम को बुलाया पड़ा। दमकल की करीब 20 गाड़ियों, 70 फायर फाइटर और पुलिस कर्मियों की कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद करीब आठ घंटे बाद परिवार के सभी सदस्यों मोहम्मद दानिश (45) नजमी सबा (42) बेटियां सारा (15) रिमल (12) और सात वर्षीय इनायत के शायों को बरामद कर लिया गया।

खाद्यान्न की चिंता पैदावार में 20% तक गिरावट की जताई जा रही आशंका

गेहूं के लिए घातक है धरती के करीब मौजूद ओजोन प्रदूषण

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भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था में कृषि क्षेत्र का योगदान अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है। भारत को कृषि प्रधान देश इस दृष्टि से भी कहा जाता है कि यहां खाद्यान्न फसलों का उत्पादन अधिकाधिक मात्रा में होता है और कई देशों को यहां से निर्यात भी किया जाता है। वैश्वक भारत के किसान अपने खेतों में पानी के लिए बारिश पर अधिक निर्भर होते हैं, लेकिन विगत कुछ वर्षों में वर्तमान मोदी सरकार ने इस दृष्टि से बेहतर काम करते हुए इसमें सुधार के प्रयास किए हैं। इससे कृषि उत्पादन में वृद्धि भी हुई है। लेकिन, आज के समय में हमारे कृषि क्षेत्र के सामने एक अन्य बड़ी समस्या खड़ी हो गई है, जो भविष्य की के लिए बड़ी चिंता है। यह समस्या है, पृथ्वी के निकट मौजूद ओजोन प्रदूषण। हाल में हुए रिसर्च से यह जानकारी सामने आई है कि भारतीय कृषि को इस नए और चुपके से उभरते खतरे का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। आईआईटी खड़गपुर के वैज्ञानिकों के एक अध्ययन में यह चेतावनी दी गई है कि ओजोन प्रदूषण गेहूं, मक्का और धान जैसी प्रमुख खाद्यान्न फसलों के उत्पादन पर नकारात्मक असर डाल सकता है।

समय पर बाधित होती है पौधों की वृद्धि और घट जाती है फसल की उपज सेहत के साथ जैवविविधता के लिए खतरनाक साबित हो रहा जमीनी ओजोन

आईआईटी खड़गपुर के वैज्ञानिकों की टीम ने पूरी स्थिति का किया है विश्लेषण

खाद्यान्न फसलों के उत्पादन पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव को लेकर दी है चेतावनी



सूर्य की रोशनी के संपर्क में खतरनाक बन जाते हैं मानवीय गतिविधियों से उत्पन्न प्रदूषक

एक शक्तिशाली ऑक्सीडाइजिंग एजेंट के रूप में काम करता है सतही ओजोन

रिसर्च में यह तथ्य सामने आया है कि गंगा के मैदानी क्षेत्र और मध्य भारत में फसलों पर सबसे ज्यादा असर पड़ सकता है, क्योंकि इन इलाकों में सतही वैश्विक खाद्य आपूर्ति के लिए भी एक शुद्ध उत्पाद हो सकता है। ओजोन प्रदूषण से फसलों की पैदावार घटेगी तो उसकी

पौधों की पत्तियों और ऊतकों को क्षति पहुंचाती है ओजोन की परत

वजह से किसानों की आमदनी घटेगी। खाद्यान्न उत्पादन में भी गिरावट आएगी। इससे भोजन की कमी और बढ़ सकती है। यह रिपोर्ट भारत की नहीं, बल्कि वैश्विक खाद्य आपूर्ति के लिए भी एक बड़ा संकट बन सकता है, क्योंकि भारत कई देशों को अनाज निर्यात करता है।

एंटी करप्शन ब्यूरो टीम ने की कार्रवाई डीएमओ ऑफिस का कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर रिश्वत लेते गिरफ्तार

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सोमवार को एंटी करप्शन ब्यूरो की टीम (एसीबी) ने रांची के डीएमओ ऑफिस (जिला खनन कार्यालय) के कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर विदेश तिवर्ती को ₹2000 घूस लेते गिरफ्तार कर लिया। खनन संबंधी डाटा एंट्री के नाम पर विदेश तिवर्ती घूस मांग रहा था। तभी एसीबी की टीम ने उसे रिश्वत लेते रीगहाथ धर दबोच लिया। बता दें कि रांची जिले के अनगड़ा थाना क्षेत्र के जोन्हा के रहनेवाले अश्वन तिवर्ती ने एसीबी में शिकायत की थी कि इनका ट्रैक्टर ड्राइवर सोमरा मुंडा सरकारी कार्य के लिए बालू लादकर जोन्हा ले जा रहा था। ले जाने के क्रम में रांहे के



अंचलाधिकारी ने ट्रैक्टर को पकड़ लिया था। इसके बाद सिल्ली थाने को सौंप दिया। दो मई को अश्वन तिवर्ती रांची जिला खनन कार्यालय पहुंचे। कर्मचारी अब्दुल हाफीज ने इन्हें बताया कि ट्रैक्टर छुड़ाने के लिए 10 हजार रूपए ऑनलाइन फाइन देना होगा और 4200 रूपए रिश्वत लगेगा।

एणी डालसा : जिला जज

एमजीएम हादसे के मृतकों का हुआ पोस्टमार्टम

एमजीएम अस्पताल के मेडिसिन वार्ड के कॉन्डोर हादसे में 3 मरीजों की मौत हो गई थी। इनके शवों का पोस्टमार्टम सोमवार को हुआ। पोस्टमार्टम के बाद पुलिस ने श्रीचंद तांती, जो सरायकेला का रहने वाला था, उसके शव का पोस्टमार्टम कराकर पीएलवी नागेन्द्र कुमार के प्रवास से उसके परिवार को सौंप दिया गया। दूसरा व्यक्ति सिंदगाड़ा के सिंधु राव के रहने वाले डेविड जॉनसन (70) थे। इनका पोस्टमार्टम कर पोपहर 12.30 बजे शव परिवर्जनों को सौंप दिया गया। इनकी बहू अनीता जॉनसन ने बताया कि सोमवार को डेविड जॉनसन के शव को बेटीहैद प्रक़्शानन में दफना दिया गया। वहीं तीसरे मृतक रहे गदरा के रहने वाले लुकास साइमन तिक्की (61) का भी पोस्टमार्टम हो गया है।

चार सीएम व स्वास्थ्य मंत्री के बाद भी नहीं सुधरा

बिल्डिंग की छत गिरने से तीन मरीजों की मौत के बाद कोल्हाना का सबसे बड़ा अस्पताल एमजीएम फिर चर्चा में है। कोल्हाना से चार सीएम अर्जुन मुंडा, रघुवर चंद, चम्पाई सोरेन, मधु कोटा, स्वास्थ्य मंत्री बन्ना गुप्ता भी रह चुके हैं। तत्करीबन ये सभी कई बार एमजीएम अस्पताल पहुंचे। पूर्व स्वास्थ्य मंत्री बन्ना गुप्ता अपने मंत्रित्व काल में जब भी जमशेदपुर में रहते एमजीएम अस्पताल का मुआयना जरूर करते थे। बन्ना गुप्ता ने अपना एक स्थायी प्रतिनिधित्व तहक एमजीएम में तैनात कर दिया था। इसके बाद भी एमजीएम की हालत में सुधार नहीं हो सका। ऐसा नहीं है कि एमजीएम अस्पताल बनने के बाद 60 साल तक यहां कोई मरम्मत का काम नहीं हुआ। एमजीएम के अधिकारियों के बैठने वाले प्रशासनिक भवन का जीर्णोद्धार पांच साल पहले कराया गया था। एमजीएम अस्पताल का भयंर द भी बना। मगर, जहां मरीजों के बैठ थे, उसकी सुख लेने की कोशिश किसी ने नहीं की। न भाषणा सरकार ने और न ही कांग्रेस-जेएमएम सरकार ने। किसी को एमजीएम अस्पताल का दर्द नहीं रहा।

सामुदायिक हिंसा का बढ़ता खतरा

भारत में हिंदुओं पर सामुदायिक हिंसा की बढ़ती घटनाओं ने सरकार और देश की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था के लिए बड़ी चुनौती खड़ी कर दी है। अपने ही देश में बहुसंख्य हिंदू हिंसक घटनाओं का शिकार हो रहा है। वैसे सामुदायिक और नस्लीय हिंसा पूरी दुनिया के लिए चिंता का विषय है। लेकिन, भारत के आसपास पाकिस्तान, अफगानिस्तान और बांग्लादेश में हिंदुओं के खिलाफ हमले और हिंसा बढ़ गई हैं। नेपाल जैसे देश में भी रामनवमी जुलूस पर हिंसा को अंजाम दिया गया। भारत के पड़ोसी इस्लामिक देश में हिंदुओं की स्थिति बद से बदतर है, जबकि ये कभी भारत के हिस्सा थे। यहां हिंदुओं पर लगातार धार्मिक उत्पीड़न और हिंसा की घटनाओं ने भारत की चिंता को बढ़ा दिया है। आतंकवाद से लड़ रहे भारत के सामने सामुदायिक हिंसा की घटनाएं बड़ी चुनौती बन रही हैं। सबसे अहम मुद्दा यह है कि अपने देश में ही हिंदू बहुल होने के बाद भी वह सामुदायिक हिंसा का शिकार बन रहा है, जबकि चीन में उझर मुसमानों का दमन किसी से छुपा नहीं है, लेकिन चीन के खिलाफ पाकिस्तान, बांग्लादेश खामोश हैं। कश्मीर के पहलगाम में हुआ नरसंहार इसका ताजा उदाहरण है। भारत में इस तरह की हिंसा के पीछे वोट बैंक के लिए राजनीतिक लुप्टीकरण सबसे बड़ी समस्या है। भारत में हिंदुओं पर हिंसक हमले इस्लामिक आतंकवाद की एक सोची-समझी रणनीति है। पाकिस्तान, बांग्लादेश में हिंदुओं का सफाया हो रहा है, जबकि अफगानिस्तान में हिंदुओं की आबादी गिनती पर आ गई है। भारत में इस तरह के सामुदायिक और धार्मिक दंगे भड़काने के लिए पाकिस्तान मूल रूप से जिम्मेदार है। लेकिन, हम इस तरह की बात कर अपनी जिम्मेदारी से बच भी नहीं सकते हैं। भारत इस्लामिक आतंकवाद से तो हमेशा से पीड़ित रहा है। लेकिन, हाल के वर्षों में राजनैतिक कारणों और उसके फैसलों से देश में सामुदायिक हिंसा, प्रदर्शन और पत्थरबाजी की घटनाएं बढ़ गई हैं। दोनों समुदायों में एक दूसरे के प्रति नफरत और डर का माहौल पैदा हुआ है। इस तरह की सामुदायिक हिंसा के पीछे सामाजिक, आर्थिक, राजनीति, सोशलमीडिया और धार्मिक कारण मुख्य हैं, जिसकी वजह से ऐसी घटनाएं देश के धार्मिक और सांप्रदायिक तानेबाने को विभाजित करती दिखती हैं। जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहलगाम में 22 अप्रैल को पाकिस्तानी आतंकवादियों ने जिस तरह निर्दोष पर्यटकों का नरसंहार किया, वह मानवता के खिलाफ है। इस हिंसा में 26 लोगों की मौत हुई और कई घायल हुए। आतंकवादियों ने न सिर्फ हिंदुओं को निशाना बनाया, बल्कि उनका धर्म पूछ कर उन्हें गोली मारी। हालांकि कश्मीर में इस नरसंहार को लेकर काफी गुस्सा देखा जा रहा है। इस बात पर भी गुस्सा है कि हमले में सिर्फ हिंदू मारे गए। लोगों का कहना है कि पर्यटकों की जान बचाने के लिए एक मुस्लिम भी मारा गया। अब पूरा कश्मीर पीड़ित परिवारों के साथ है। देश के कई हिस्सों में मुस्लिम संस्थाओं ने प्रदर्शन कर पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ नारेबाजी भी की है। इस साजिश के पीछे हाल में पाकिस्तान आर्मी चीफ जनरल कियानी की तरफ दिया गया वह उकसाऊ बयान भी अहम माना जा रहा है, जिसमें उन्होंने भारत व हिंदुओं के खिलाफ भड़काने वाला बयान दिया था। कियानी के बयान के ठीक कुछ दिन बाद पहलगाम में आतंकी हमला हुआ है, जिसमें पर्यटकों का धर्म पूछ कर नरसंहार किया गया। यह पाकिस्तान की सोची-समझी रणनीति है, क्योंकि वह भारत से सीधो जंग में कभी नहीं जीत सकता है। ऐसी स्थिति में वह हिंदुओं को निशाना बनाकर भारतीय मुसलमानों का मसीहा बनना चाहता है। खैबर पख्तून में बलोच आर्मी की तरफ से किए ट्रेन हाइजैक के पीछे वह भारत का हाथ मानता है, जिसकी वजह से वह बौखलाया था और बदले के लिए बेताब था। उधर कश्मीर में धारा 370 खत्म होने के बाद कश्मीर आहिस्ता-आहिस्ता विकास की मुख्यधारा में लौट रहा है। आतंकी घटनाएं कम हुई हैं। पर्यटकों की आनंद बढ़ने लगी है। सेबों की खेती लहलाहने लगी है। यह सब देख पाकिस्तानी फौज में बौखलाहट है, जिसकी वजह से वह इस तरह की सामुदायिक हिंसा की साजिश रच रहा है। कश्मीर में सामुदायिक हिंसा की यह पहली घटना नहीं है। एक ओर का काम किया है। हालांकि यह आम मुसलमानों और कश्मीरियों की सोच नहीं है। यह सिर्फ अलगाववादियों की सोच है। इस घटना में केंद्र और राज्य सरकार अपनी जिम्मेदारी से बच नहीं सकतीं। जब वहां काफी तादात में पर्यटकों की आमद हो रही थी तो पर्यटकों की सुरक्षा के लिए सेना और राज्य पुलिस के जवानों की तैनाती क्यों नहीं की गई। कियानी के विभाजनकारी संदेश को हमारी सरकार, खुफिया एजेंसिया और सुरक्षा एजेंसिया नहीं समझ पाई। ऐसे संवेदनशील पर्यटक स्थलों पर सुरक्षा के सख्त इंतजाम होने चाहिए थे। राज्य में इस तरह की घटनाएं पर्यटन उद्योग और उसकी संभावनाओं पर पानी फेरती हैं। हम अपनी चूक और नाकामियों से नहीं बच सकते। यह गंभीर मंथन का विषय है। कश्मीर के पर्यटन स्थलों पर हमें सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को सख्त रखना होगा। भविष्य में ऐसी स्थिति से बचने के लिए वहां सुरक्षा के पुख्ता इंतजाम करने होंगे। यह हमला भारत की आत्मा पर है। यह राजनीति का वक्त नहीं है।

ANALYSIS



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पिछले दिनों की एक रात। करीब रात आठ बजे का वक्त। ढाणी बीरन गांव की चौपाल पर बड़ी संख्या में पुरुष, महिलाएं और बच्चे इकट्ठा थे। धीमी हवाओं के बीच चारों तरफ टिमटिमाते दीयों और लालटेन की रोशनी के बीच माहौल में एक अजीब सी उत्तेजना थी। तभी बुजुर्ग धर्मपाल उठे और भारी आवाज में बोले, बेटी वह है जो हमारे घर को बढ़ाती है। हमारी बेटी भी किसी और के आंगन में रोशनी फैलाएगी। आज से हम प्रण लेते हैं कि किसी बहू-बेटी को यह नहं कहेंगे कि घूघट क्यों उतार रखा है। अगर कोई इसका विरोध करेगा तो पंचायत में उसके खिलाफ उचित निर्णय लिया जाएगा। चौपाल में बैठे तमाम लोगों ने एक साथ दोनों हाथ उठाकर इस संकल्प का समर्थन किया। यह महज समर्थन नहीं था, यह सदियों पुरानी एक मानसिकता की बेड़ियों को तोड़ने का सामूहिक निर्णय था। कविता ने दिखाई राह : गांव की सरपंच कविता देवी अब तक की परंपरा के चलते घूघट में थी। पंचायत के फैसले के बाद धीमे-धीमे आगे बढ़ी। फिर सबकी नजरों के सामने उन्होंने घूघट को सिर से पीछे सरका दिया। वह सिर ऊंचा किए, गर्व से मुस्कुराती रही।

हरियाणा के ढाणी बीरन गांव ने ऐतिहासिक पहल करते हुए बहू-बेटियों को घूघट प्रथा से मुक्ति दिलाने का संकल्प लिया है। गांव के बुजुर्ग धर्मपाल की अगुवाई में पंचायत ने यह निर्णय लिया कि अब किसी महिला पर घूघट डालने का दबाव नहीं डाला जाएगा। जो भी इसका विरोध करेगा, उसके खिलाफ पंचायत में कार्रवाई होगी। सरपंच कविता देवी ने खुद घूघट हटाकर इस बदलाव की अगुवाई की। इस पहल ने गांव में महिलाओं को शिक्षा, रोजगार और सार्वजनिक जीवन में भागीदारी के लिए प्रेरित किया है। विरोध की कुछ आवाजों के बावजूद ढाणी बीरन ने सोच और परंपरा के बीच संतुलन बनाते हुए एक मिसाल कायम की है। यह कदम न केवल गांव, बल्कि पूरे प्रदेश में महिला सशक्तीकरण की दिशा में उम्मीद की किरण बना है। पिछले दिनों की एक रात। करीब रात आठ बजे का वक्त। ढाणी बीरन गांव की चौपाल पर बड़ी संख्या में पुरुष, महिलाएं और बच्चे इकट्ठा थे। धीमी हवाओं के बीच चारों तरफ टिमटिमाते दीयों और लालटेन की रोशनी के बीच माहौल में एक अजीब सी उत्तेजना थी। तभी बुजुर्ग धर्मपाल उठे और भारी आवाज में बोले, बेटी वह है जो हमारे घर को बढ़ाती है। हमारी बेटी भी किसी और के आंगन में रोशनी फैलाएगी। आज से हम प्रण लेते हैं कि किसी बहू-बेटी को यह नहीं कहेंगे कि घूघट क्यों उतार रखा है। अगर कोई इसका विरोध करेगा तो पंचायत में उसके खिलाफ उचित निर्णय लिया जाएगा। चौपाल में बैठे तमाम लोगों ने एक साथ दोनों हाथ उठाकर इस संकल्प का समर्थन किया। यह महज समर्थन नहीं था, यह सदियों पुरानी एक मानसिकता की बेड़ियों को तोड़ने का सामूहिक निर्णय था। कविता ने दिखाई राह : गांव की सरपंच



कविता देवी अब तक की परंपरा के चलते घूघट में थीं। पंचायत के फैसले के बाद धीमे-धीमे आगे बढ़ी। फिर सबकी नजरों के सामने उन्होंने घूघट को सिर से पीछे सरका दिया। वह सिर ऊंचा किए, गर्व से मुस्कुराती रहीं। मानो सदियों का एक बोझ उनकी मुस्कान के नीचे झरता जा रहा हो। कविता देवी के इस साहसिक कदम ने बाकी महिलाओं के भीतर भी ऊर्जा फूँकी। धीरे-धीरे कई और महिलाएं, जो सिर से पल्लू हटाती से झिझकती थीं, चौपाल में खड़ी होकर बिना घूघट के सामने आईं। ढाणी बीरन में एक नई कहानी लेगन निर्णय लिया जाएगा। चौपाल में बैठे तमाम लोगों ने एक साथ दोनों हाथ उठाकर इस संकल्प का समर्थन किया। यह महज समर्थन नहीं था, यह सदियों पुरानी एक मानसिकता की बेड़ियों को तोड़ने का सामूहिक निर्णय था। कविता ने दिखाई राह : गांव की सरपंच

बेटियों को घरों में सीमित करना, सार्वजनिक जीवन में उनकी भागीदारी कम करना -ये सब पर्दा प्रथा के अहश्य दुष्परिणाम रहे हैं। लेकिन, ढाणी बीरन ने यह तय किया कि सम्मान का असली अर्थ नियंत्रण में नहीं, बल्कि बराबरी में है। गांव के बुजुर्ग धर्मपाल मानते हैं कि बदलाव अचानक नहीं आता। समझदारी से काम लेना होता है। अगर हम अपनी बहू-बेटियों को शिक्षा, रोजगार और निर्णय लेने का अवसर देना चाहते हैं, तो सबसे पहले हमें अपने सोच के पर्दे हटाने होंगे। इसी सोच ने पूरे गांव को एक नई दिशा दी। आज ढाणी बीरन के लोग न सिर्फ घूघट उतारने की बात कर रहे हैं, बल्कि लड़कियों की पढ़ाई, महिलाओं की पंचायत में भागीदारी और आर्थिक आजादी को भी प्राथमिकता दे रहे हैं। सरपंच कविता देवी बताती हैं, पहले महिलाएं पंचायत की बैठक में भी परदे के पीछे से बोलती थीं। अब हम चाहती हैं कि बहनें-बहूएं खुलकर अपनी बात रखें। बेटी सिर्फ घर में चूल्हा जलाने के लिए नहीं है, वह गांव का भविष्य संवारने के लिए भी है। गांव में लड़कियों की स्कूल उपस्थिति बढ़ाने के लिए भी प्रयास हो रहे हैं। गांव के कुछ पुराने विचारों के लोग भी पर्दा प्रथा को छोड़ने में हिचकिचा रहे हैं। लेकिन, जब घर्मपाल जैसे बुजुर्ग, जिनकी आवाज गांव में सम्मान के साथ सुनी जाती है, खुले मंच से इस पहल का समर्थन करते हैं, तो विरोध स्वतः कमजोर पड़ने लगता है। धर्मपाल मुस्कुराते हुए कहते हैं, अगर घर की लक्ष्मी खुद को बांधकर रखेगी तो घर कैसे समृद्ध होगा। उड़ने दीजिए बेटियों को, वे नया आकाश रचेंगी। ढाणी

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आसमान पर छोटे लोगों की बड़ी उड़ान

इसी साल 27 अप्रैल को केंद्र सरकार की क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस)-उड़ान (उड़े देश का आम नागरिक) के आठ साल पूरे हुए हैं। मोदी सरकार ने 21 अक्टूबर 2016 को देश के आम नागरिकों के लिए उड़ान योजना की घोषणा की थी। इसकी पहली उड़ान 27 अप्रैल 2017 को शिमला और दिल्ली के बीच संचालित हुई थी। तब से अब तक 625 उड़ान मार्ग चालू किए गए हैं। यह योजना पूरे भारत में 90 हवाई अड्डों (दो जल हवाई अड्डों और 15 हेलीपोर्ट सहित) को जोड़ती है। अब तक 1.49 करोड़ से अधिक यात्री किफायती क्षेत्रीय हवाई यात्रा से लाभान्वित हुए हैं। यही नहीं देश का हवाई अड्डा नेटवर्क 2014 में 74 हवाई अड्डों से बढ़कर 2024 में 159 हवाई अड्डों तक पहुंच गया। यह एक दशक में दोगुने से भी अधिक है। वंचित एवं दूरदराज के क्षेत्रों में कनेक्टिविटी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए व्यवहार्यता अंतर वित्तपोषण के रूप में

4,023.37 करोड़ रुपये वितरित किए गए। उड़ान ने क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन, स्वास्थ्य सेवा तक पहुंच और व्यापार को मजबूत किया। इससे टियर-2 और टियर-3 शहरों में आर्थिक विकास को बढ़ावा मिला। यह आंकड़े भारत सरकार के पत्र एवं सूचना कार्यालय (पीआईबी) से लिए गए हैं। पीआईबी ने 26 अप्रैल की विज्ञप्ति में उड़ान योजना पर विस्तार से चर्चा की है। विज्ञप्ति में कहा गया कि लंबे समय से आकांक्षाओं के प्रतीक के रूप में देखा जाने वाला आकाश कभी भारत में कई लोगों के लिए एक अप्राप्य सपना रहा है। इस अंतर को दूर करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में सरकार ने 21 अक्टूबर, 2016 को क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस)-उड़ान का शुभारंभ किया। यह प्रधानमंत्री के इस विजन पर आधारित है कि हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाला एक आम आदमी भी हवाई यात्रा करने में सक्षम होना चाहिए। उड़ान का उद्देश्य सभी के लिए उड़ान को

सुलभ और किफायती बनाकर विमानन को बढ़ावा देना है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के माध्यम से इस प्रमुख योजना ने तब से भारत के क्षेत्रीय संपर्क परिदृश्य को बदल दिया है। आम नागरिक के लिए किफायती हवाई यात्रा का सपना 27 अप्रैल 2017 को पहली उड़ान के साथ साकार हुआ। यह ऐतिहासिक उड़ान ने शिमला की शांत पहाड़ियों को दिल्ली के हलचल भरे महानगर से जोड़ा। भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र में एक परिवर्तनकारी यात्रा के साथ यह मील का पत्थर है। उड़ान की परिकल्पना राष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन नीति 2016 के तहत की गई थी। इसका लक्ष्य 10 साल तय किया गया, ताकि टियर-2 और टियर-3 शहरों को बाजार संचालित लेकिन वित्तीय रूप से समर्थित मॉडल के माध्यम से जोड़ा जा सके। सरकार ने इस योजना ने एयरलाइनों को रियायतों और व्यवहार्यता अंतर निधि के माध्यम से क्षेत्रीय मार्गों पर परिचालन करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। इससे किफायती किराया

और बेहतर पहुंच सुनिश्चित हुई। इन उड़ानों का लैंडिंग और पार्किंग शुल्क माफ किया गया है। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण इन उड़ानों पर टर्मिनल नेविगेशन लैंडिंग शुल्क नहीं लगाता है। केंद्र सरकार ने पहले तीन वर्ष तक एंविएशन टर्बाइन प्यूल (पर उत्पाद शुल्क 2 प्रतिशत तक सीमित किया। राज्य सरकारों ने दस वर्षों के लिए आवश्यक सेवाएं कम दरों पर उपलब्ध करने की प्रतिबद्धता दोहराई। इन आठ वर्षों में यह योजना कई चरणों से गुजरी है। पहली उड़ान के बाद पांच एयरलाइन संचालकों को 70 हवाई अड्डों के लिए 128 मार्ग आवंटित किए गए। इनमें 36 नए हवाई अड्डे भी शामिल हैं। 2018 में उड़ान 2.0 के तहत इसमें 73 कम जुड़ाव वाले और ऐसे क्षेत्र जिनसे जुड़ाव नहीं था उन हवाई अड्डों को शामिल किया गया। पहली बार हेलीपैड को भी उड़ान नेटवर्क से जोड़ा गया। अगले साल 2019 में उड़ान 3.0 के अंतर्गत पर्यटन मंत्रालय के

समन्वय से पर्यटन मार्ग शुरू किए गए। जल हवाई अड्डों को जोड़ने के लिए समुद्री विमान परिचालन को शामिल किया गया। पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र के कई मार्गों को इस योजना से जोड़ा गया। 2020 में उड़ान 4.0 में पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों, पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों और द्वीप क्षेत्रों पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया। हेलीकॉप्टर और समुद्री विमान सेवा पर अधिक जोर दिया गया। अक्टूबर 2025 में उड़ान ने अपने 9वें वर्ष के प्रवेश में इस योजना ने महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धियां हासिल की। इस यात्रा को अधिक समावेशी बनाने के दृष्टिकोण के अनुरूप कोलकाता और चेन्नई हवाई अड्डों पर किफायती यात्री कैफे शुरू किए गए। यहां 10 रुपये में चाय और 20 रुपये में समोसा मिलता है। इसमें कृषि उड़ान योजना से चार प्राद जड़ें। किसानों को सहायता प्रदान करने और कृषि-उत्पादों के लिए मूल्य प्राप्ति में सुधार करने के लिए बनाई गई कृषि उड़ान विशेष रूप से पूर्वोत्तर, पहाड़ी तथा आदिवासी क्षेत्रों से समय पर और

लागत प्रभावी हवाई रसद की सुविधा प्रदान करती है। यह बहु-मंत्रालय योजना वर्तमान में 58 हवाई अड्डों को कवर करती है। केंद्र सरकार ने अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 नए हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने की प्रतिबद्धता जताई है। इसमें बिहार में नए ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे, पटना हवाई अड्डे का विस्तार और बिहटा में ब्राउनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे का विकास शामिल है। इसका उद्देश्य हवाई यात्रा और क्षेत्रीय विकास की भविष्य की मांग को पूरा करना है। सरकार का मानना ​​है कि उड़ान नीति भर नहीं है। उड़ान ने भारत और इंडिया के बीच दूरी को समाप्त कर लाखों लोगों के लिए सस्ती हवाई यात्रा के सपने को साकार किया है। इसने न केवल दूरदराज के क्षेत्रों को राष्ट्रीय विमानन मानचित्र पर ला दिया है बल्कि स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था को भी बढ़ावा दिया है। पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के साथ पूरे देश में रोजगार का सृजन किया है।

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केंद्रीय मंत्री मनोहर लाल खट्टर जी को उनके जन्मदिन पर हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं। शहरी बुनियादी ढांचे को बढ़ावा देने और भारत के बिजली क्षेत्र को मजबूत करने की दिशा में उनके प्रयास सराहनीय हैं। मैं उनके दीर्घायु और स्वस्थ जीवन की कामना करता हूँ।

(प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का 'एक्स' पर पोस्ट)



पहलगाम में हुए हिंदू पर्यटकों पर कायराना आतंकी हमले के विरोध स्वरूप आज रांची में प्रदेश भाजपा द्वारा आयोजित विशाल आक्रोश प्रदर्शन में शामिल हुआ। पाकिस्तान प्रायोजित आतंकवाद अब और बढ़ाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा। आतंक के सरपरस्त पाकिस्तान के किसी भी नागरिक के लिए हमारे देश की इस पवित्र भूमि में कोई जगह नहीं है। उन्हें बोरिया-बिस्तर समेटकर यहां से जाना ही होगा। भारत की आस्था, संस्कृति और अखंडता पर सुनियोजित प्रहार करने वाले आतंकियों को ऐसा जवाब दिया जाएगा, जिसकी वो कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकते।

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पोत निर्माण में पिछड़ने का जोखिम

पहलगाम आतंकी हमले के बाद पाकिस्तान के साथ बड़े तनाव के बीच तमाम पहलुओं पर विचार किया जा रहा है। पाकिस्तान पर संभावित कार्रवाई के विकल्पों के बीच अतीत के घने भी पलटे जा रहे हैं। ऐसा ही एक अध्याय नौसेना के ऑपरेशन ट्राइडेंट से जुड़ा है। भारत-पाकिस्तान युद्ध के दौरान दिसंबर 1971 में भारतीय नौसेना ने कराची बंदरगाह पर औचक हमला कर दुश्मन को चौंका दिया था। उस हमले में तीन पाकिस्तानी पोत डुबो दिए गए। प्यूल टैंक्स ध्वस्त किए गए। इसे भारत के सबसे सफल एवं आक्रामक नौसैनिक अभियानों में से एक माना जाता है। हालांकि इस सफलता से जुड़ी सुरक्षियों में यह तथ्य कहीं दबकर रह गया कि उस कामयाबी में ओसा-क्लास मिसाइल नौकाओं और युद्धक सामग्री की अहम भूमिका रही, जो सोवियत मूल की थीं। भारत ने भले ही वह लड़ाई जीत ली हो, लेकिन उस युद्ध ने विदेशी नौसैन्य तकनीक पर हमारी निर्भरता को ही उजागर किया था। उसके दशकों बाद भी यह सामरिक नाजुक कड़ी कुछ वैसी ही बनी हुई है। इस बीच भारत हैं तब स्वदेशी स्तर पर शिपबिल्डिंग यानी पोत निर्माण की जरूरत कहीं ज्यादा बढ़ जाती है। यह केवल औद्योगिक आकांक्षाओं के दृष्टिकोण से ही नहीं, बल्कि समग्र राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा की अनिवार्यता है। वैश्विक अनुभव देखें तो शिपबिल्डिंग में लाभ

ही लाभ हैं। यह रोजगार सृजन और तकनीकी क्षमताएं बढ़ाने के साथ आर्थिक वृद्धि को गति देता है। कई आकलनों के अनुसार शिपबिल्डिंग में निवेश होने वाले 1000 करोड़ रुपये से 6,000 प्रत्यक्ष और 15,000 अप्रत्यक्ष रोजगार सृजित हो सकते हैं। वैश्विक शिपबिल्डिंग बाजार का आकार करीब 145 अरब डालर है। इसमें 47 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी के साथ चीन, 29 प्रतिशत के साथ दक्षिण कोरिया और 15 प्रतिशत के साथ जापान का दबदबा है। इन तीनों देशों ने 2023 में विश्व की 90 प्रतिशत से अधिक मांग को पूरा किया, जबकि एक बड़ी तटरेखा वाले भारत की हिस्सेदारी एक प्रतिशत से भी कम रही। एक सशक्त शिपबिल्डिंग क्षेत्र केवल बंदरगाहों और सामुद्रिक आवाजाही को ही बेहतर नहीं बनाता, बल्कि इसके जरिये स्टील, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स, आइटो और अन्य कौशलों वाले व्यापारों को भी आगे बढ़ाने में मदद मिलती है। दक्षिण कोरिया जैसे देश ने पिछली सदी के अंतिम पड़ाव पर अपनी औद्योगिक जड़ों को गहरा करने में शिपबिल्डिंग को आधार बनाया। आज भारत के सामने भी वही स्थिति एवं अवसर विद्यमान हैं। भारत सरकार इन संभावनाओं को भुनाने के पूरे प्रयासों में भी जुटी है। वर्ष 2016 से 2021 के दौरान शिपबिल्डिंग फ़ार्मेशनियल असिस्टेंस पालिसी के तहत 4,500 करोड़ रुपये की शिपबिल्डिंग सब्सिडी के साथ ही सागरमाला जैसे अभियान को गति प्रदान की गई

है। इस साल के बजट में भी कई प्रविधान किए गए हैं, जिनका दीर्घकालिक उद्देश्य वर्ष 2047 तक भारत को शिपबिल्डिंग क्षेत्र में वैश्विक महारथी बनाने का है। मैरिटाइम डेवलपमेंट फंड यानी एमडीएफ जैसी पहल इन प्रयासों के केंद्र में है। सरकार जहां 25,000 करोड़ रुपये के इस कोष में 49 प्रतिशत का योगदान करेगी तो शेष राशि बंदरगाहों एवं निजी क्षेत्र के साझेदारों के जरिये आएगी। इस कोष के जरिये शिपबिल्डिंग और जहाजों की मरम्मत सुविधाएं विकसित करने के लिए दीर्घकालिक एवं किफायती पूंजी उपलब्ध होगी। इस पहल को नवगठित शिपबिल्डिंग फार्मेशनियल असिस्टेंस पालिसी से और मदद मिलेगी। इस योजना में 18,090 करोड़ रुपये के अंशदान से भारतीय शिपबिल्डिंग उद्योग को लागत प्रतिस्पर्धा की चुनौती से उबारने की तैयारी है। इसी कड़ी में एक निर्धारित सीमा से बड़े जहाजों को इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर परियोजनाओं का दर्जा दिया जाएगा। इससे उन्हें आसानी विदेशी संसाधन उपलब्ध होने के साथ उनकी अन्य बाधाएं दूर होंगी। सरकार ने चेरलू रिसाइलिंग उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने एवं देश में बने जहाजों की खरीद को बढ़ावा देने के लिए शिपब्रेकिंग क्रेडिट नोट स्कीम का एलान भी किया है। बजट में भी सार्वजनिक निजी भागीदारी-पीपीपी के तहत विशाल शिपबिल्डिंग क्लस्टर के निर्माण की राह तैयार की गई है।

Why risk is relative, but caution is universal

New Delhi Sell in May and go away’ is an old stock market adage. Studies over five decades on the US S&P 500, a benchmark index of top 500 American companies, show that returns were an average of 4% lower between May and October than between November and April in a year. That is primarily a case applicable to US markets due to local factors. This stock market strategy also affected financial markets that were dependent on global capital flows. Over the past two years, India’s stock markets have been less dependent on foreign capital flows as significant money has moved into equities from domestic retail and institutional investors. Domestic investors are bound to buy only Indian equities. As a result, their steady direct and indirect monthly flows put a cushion at the bottom. Even if foreigners sell, locals will not. They may not buy more equity only if valuations are rich. Now, the most significant risk to Indian markets is valuation. Both foreign and domestic investors think Indian markets are richly valued compared to their profit growth prospects. That brings us to the issue of risk in the market. The stock market is driven by greed and fear. Right now, despite rich valuations, foreigners are buying more Indian equities. They are trying to find quality companies that still offer good entry points. While valuation as a risk is a relative term, it is probably the consideration. India is probably the least affected country by the Trump trade wars. In the latest World Economic Outlook, the International Monetary Fund, a global lending agency, has marginally cut India’s growth rate for 2025-26. India remains the fastest-growing large economy at 6.2% (rather than 6.5% previously).

World Bank ED Parameswaran Iyer to represent India at IMF board

New Delhi. Parameswaran Iyer, Executive Director at the World Bank, has been temporarily entrusted with the responsibility of being India’s nominee director on the board of International Monetary Fund (IMF) ahead of a crucial May 9 meeting, sources said. Iyer’s nomination was necessitated to fill a vacancy created with the termination of services of K V Subramanian as the executive director at the IMF, six months ahead of his three-year tenure. The government’s decision assumes significance as the IMF Executive Board will meet on May 9, to take a call on a new USD 1.3 billion loan under a climate resilience loan programme, along with the first review of the ongoing USD 7 billion bailout package for Pakistan.It is to be noted that India is making efforts to corner Pakistan diplomatically and at various global fora as New Delhi believes its involvement in the Pahalgalam terror attack that led to killing of 26 tourists last month.According to sources, had India not nominated Iyer, the alternate executive director Harischandra Pahath Kumbure Gedara of Sri Lanka would have discharged duties of ED as per the rules of the Washington-based multilateral funding agency.The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has terminated Subramanian’s services effective April 30, 2025.

Ather Energy IPO to list tomorrow. Check allotment status, latest GMP

NEW DELHI. Ather Energy is all set to debut on the stock market tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6, following the finalisation of its IPO allotment process. The Bengaluru-based electric scooter maker, backed by investors like Tiger Global, is preparing for its market debut amid mixed signals from the grey market. LATEST GMP As of Monday, the grey market premium (GMP) for Ather Energy stood at Rs 7 per share, indicating an expected listing price of around Rs 328, which is just 2.18% higher than the upper price band of Rs 321.The modest premium reflects a slight cooling from earlier expectations, as the GMP has gradually declined in recent sessions, suggesting a muted or flat debut for the stock. CHECK ALLOTMENT STATUS For those who applied for the IPO, allotment results have been finalised. If you’ve been allocated shares, they’ll be credited to your demat account today, May 5.Refunds for non-allottees are also being processed today. Want to double-check your status? You can do that via:BSE Website Visit bseindia.com Select ‘Equity’ and choose ‘Ather Energy Limited’ Enter your application number and PAN



Fill in the captcha and hit ‘Submit’ Link Intime India (Registrar) Head to linkintime.co.in Pick Ather Energy from the dropdown Enter either your PAN, application number, or demat detailsComplete the captcha and submit Ather IPO subscription details Ather Energy’s IPO, which ran from April 28 to April 30, involved a mix of fresh equity worth Rs 2,626 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 1.1 crore shares.The IPO saw a 1.43x subscription rate by the end of Day 3, with retail investors subscribing 1.78 times, qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) at 1.70 times, and non-institutional investors (NIIs) at 0.66 times.

Adani Ports shares jump 7% after Q4 results. Check target price, other details

Adani Ports stock climbed to Rs 1,355 from its previous close of Rs 1,267.05, up 6.90% on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The upmove came after the company reported robust March quarter earnings and posted healthy operational growth in April, prompting several brokerages to raise their target prices.

New Delhi. Shares of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) rallied nearly 7% on Monday, leading the broader surge in Adani Group stocks.The stock climbed to Rs 1,355 from its previous close of Rs 1,267.05, up 6.90% on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The upmove came after

the company reported robust March quarter earnings and posted healthy operational growth in April, prompting several brokerages to raise their target prices.Adani Ports reported a 50% year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,023 crore for Q4FY25. Revenue from operations grew 23% to Rs 8,488 crore, while EBITDA rose 24% to Rs 5,006 crore, driven by volume growth and margin expansion.In its April business update, the company said it handled 37.5 million metric tonnes of cargo, up 4% year-on-year, led by a 21% rise in container volumes and an 8% uptick in liquids and gas. Logistics rail volumes rose 17%, and GPWIS cargo moved up 4% compared to last year. Brokerages were quick to respond. Nuvama Institutional Equities maintained its buy call on Adani Ports with a target price of Rs 1,810, citing robust growth from the marine and logistics segments and a confident FY26 outlook.Motilal Oswal also retained its buy rating, projecting the company to grow at 1.5 to 2 times India’s cargo volume

over the next few years. The brokerage said the logistics business would strengthen last-mile connectivity and forecast an 11% growth in cargo volumes between FY25 and



FY27. It set a price target of Rs 1,550.The rally wasn’t limited to Adani Ports. Shares of Adani Enterprises gained 3.5% to Rs 2,372.85 after the company posted a staggering 753% year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,845 crore in Q4.While revenue declined 8% to Rs 26,966 crore, the board recommended a dividend of Rs 1.30 per share for FY25.Adani Green Energy also participated in the rally, rising

3.35% to Rs 936. The company reported a 53.3% jump in net profit at Rs 230 crore, with revenue up 20.8% at Rs 3,053 crore. Its EBITDA rose 30% to Rs 2,382 crore, with margins expanding to 78%. Analysts highlighted the company’s robust commissioning of 3.3 GW capacity during FY25 and its strong pipeline of 33 GW locked-in capacity. Emkay Global maintained its buy rating with a target of Rs 1,500, while ICICI Securities pegged its fair value at Rs 1,150.Adani Power gained nearly 3% despite reporting a 4% decline in Q4 net profit to Rs 2,637 crore. Revenue rose 6.5% year-on-year to Rs 14,237 crore. The company’s full-year capacity stood at 17.6 GW, and the management reiterated its target of ramping up to 30.7 GW by 2030. Jefferies retained a buy rating with a target of Rs 690, while Ventura Securities cited the urgency of bolstering thermal power in the face of rising electricity demand and forecasted a target of Rs 806.Shares of Adani Total Gas rose 4.35% to Rs 625.15 in early trade, while Adani Energy Solutions jumped over 3% to Rs 935.65.

Kotak Mahindra Bank tumbles over 5% after Q4 miss. Buy, hold or sell

New Delhi. Kotak Mahindra Bank shares tumbled more than 5 percent on Monday after the lender’s March quarter earnings fell short of expectations, prompting multiple brokerages to downgrade the stock.Despite some positives in asset quality, softer loan growth and pressure on core income metrics weighed on investor sentiment, especially after the recent rally in the stock.Net interest income (NII), pre-provision operating profit (PPOP), and net profit all missed consensus estimates in Q4, raising concerns over near-term growth momentum. While asset quality improved—with slippages easing for a second straight quarter and the provision coverage ratio (PCR) climbing from 73% to 78%—analysts flagged valuation concerns.Nomura India downgraded the stock to 'Neutral', citing limited upside from current levels. “KMB now trades at 1.9 times FY27 estimated book value per share. We see constrained upside and revise our target to Rs 2,200 from Rs

2,110,” it said in a note.Brokerage Nirmal Bang echoed a similar view. After a 15% rally in the past two months, the upside appears capped. “The slowdown in loan growth in Q4FY25 is concerning. We are downgrading the stock from ‘Buy’ to ‘Hold,’” it said.Nuvama flagged the



weakest core NII growth among large private peers, up just 1 percent sequentially and 8 percent year-on-year, missing estimates by 2.5%. “Despite a 20% rally post Q3 earnings and positives on growth and NIM, the current valuation looks stretched. We raise our EPS and target price to Rs

2,350 (2.7x FY26E BV) but downgrade to ‘Hold,’” it said. HDFC Institutional Equities maintained its bullish view, albeit with slightly moderated expectations. “We cut FY25 and FY26 earnings estimates by 2% due to pressure on margins and modest growth. However, we maintain a ‘Buy’ rating, revising our SOTP-based target price to Rs 2,325,” the brokerage said. It added that Kotak’s ambitions to become the third-largest private bank would keep investments elevated.Meanwhile, Motilal Oswal Financial Services retained a ‘Buy’ rating with a more aggressive target of Rs 2,500. It said growth is likely to rebound to 1.5–2 times nominal GDP over the medium term, led by stronger traction in consumer and unsecured loans. The brokerage also sees the recent lifting of the RBI’s card issuance ban as a positive that could boost customer acquisition and help sustain yields as interest rates decline.

SBI share price dips nearly 2% after Q4 profit miss. Buy, hold or sell

New Delhi. Shares of State Bank of India (SBI) slipped nearly 2% in early trade on Monday after the lender reported weaker-than-expected earnings for the March quarter.SBI's share price was down 1.54% to Rs 787.75 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) at 10:04 am. Earlier in the trading session, the stock declined to Rs 783 on the BSE, marking its sixth consecutive session in the red. It has now lost over 2.16% in the past five trading days, though it remains up more than 5% in the last month.The public sector lender reported a 10% year-on-year decline in net profit for the fourth quarter of FY25, coming in at Rs 18,642.6 crore compared to Rs 20,698.4 crore in the year-ago period. The miss on the bottom line was driven largely by a contraction in margins and an increase in provisioning, even as operational performance remained strong.

Net interest income (NII) rose 2.7% year-on-year to Rs 42,775 crore, but pressure on margins was evident with the net interest margin (NIM) on domestic loans falling by 32 basis points to 3.15%. Operating profit for the quarter came in at Rs 31,286 crore, up nearly 9% from the previous year, reflecting strength in core banking operations.The bank’s asset quality improved further, with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declining to 1.82% and net NPAs easing to 0.47%. Loan loss provisions, however, rose 20.3% to Rs 3,964 crore, weighing on net profitability. Loan growth moderated to 12% year-on-year, largely due to repayments in the corporate segment, while deposit growth remained sluggish at around 9 to 10%.SBI also declared a dividend of Rs 15.90 per share along with its earnings report, which could provide some relief to investors amid the

muted numbers. BUY, HOLD OR SELL? Despite the earnings miss, most brokerages remain positive on SBI’s long-term prospects. JPMorgan has maintained an ‘Overweight’ rating on the stock with a price target of Rs 915, expecting any dip triggered by short-term margin pressure to present a buying opportunity.CLSA has an ‘Outperform’ rating with a higher price target of Rs 1,050, though it has trimmed earnings estimates by 4 percent, citing slower loan growth and some compression in margins. Bernstein remains more cautious, assigning a ‘Market-Perform’ rating and a target of Rs 900, while UBS has a ‘Neutral’ call with a target of Rs 840. Emkay Global has cut its FY26-27 earnings estimates by 4 to 5 percent and revised its price target down from Rs 1,025 to Rs 975, but continues to recommend a ‘Buy.



Robust macro trends and GST windfall India’s macro backdrop is strengthening. GST collections hit a record Rs 2.37 lakh crore in April, up 12.6% year-on-year, signalling buoyant consumption and tax compliance. Meanwhile, the dollar index has dropped sharply—from 111 in January to below 100—easing pressure on emerging markets. Softer crude prices and a stable currency have also added to India’s relative attractiveness. Improving global sentiment and technical optimismOptimism around a possible thaw in global trade tensions, especially between the US and China, has lifted investor mood. Domestically, Q4 results have been largely positive, and analysts see room for the rally to extend. Gift Nifty trends and Wall Street’s nine-session winning streak also set a strong tone. On the charts, bulls are now eyeing a break above 24,858, with support seen near 24,150.Despite lingering geopolitical concerns following India–Pakistan border skirmishes.

India-UK trade pact talks may take more time as certain issues remain unresolved: Sources

India-UK Trade Deal: The three pacts under negotiation are -- FTA, bilateral investment agreement (BIT), and social security pact (officially dubbed as Double Contribution Convention Agreement).

New Delhi. The conclusion of negotiations for three pacts, including the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the UK may take some more time, as both sides are yet to resolve certain outstanding issues, sources said. There are four or five issues in the three pacts that the two countries are negotiating, they added. The three pacts under negotiation are — FTA, bilateral investment agreement (BIT), and social security pact (officially dubbed as Double Contribution Convention Agreement).The progress of talks were recently reviewed during meetings

between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds last week in London.“Certain critical issues are still there. Some more meetings would happen,” one of the sources said.Issues that may need some more discussions included sunset clause in the BIT, UK’s new carbon tax, and data localisation.The two sides were preparing to announce the closure of these negotiations on April 29 in London but differences cropped up at the last minute.oyal concluded his two-day visit to London on April 29. He then visited Oslo (Norway) and Brussels before returning to London on May 2. The minister is reaching the national capital on Sunday.Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on April 9 wrapped up the 13th Ministerial India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) with her British counterpart Chancellor Rachel Reeves on a positive note and expressed eagerness to conclude the agreement negotiations soon.Earlier on February 24, Goyal and UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan

Reynolds had announced the resumption of negotiations for the proposed FTA between the countries. The talks resumed after a gap of over eight months. So far, 14 rounds of talks have been completed which were launched on January 13, 2022.In FTAs, two countries



either eliminate or significantly reduce customs duties on maximum goods traded between them. They also ease norms for promoting trade in services and bilateral investments.The Indian industry is demanding greater access for its skilled professionals from sectors like IT and healthcare in the UK market, besides market access for several goods

at nil customs duty.On the other hand, the UK is seeking a significant cut in import duties on goods such as scotch whiskey, electric vehicles, lamb meat, chocolates, and certain confectionary items.Britain is also looking for more opportunities for UK services in Indian markets in segments like telecommunications, legal and financial services, including banking and insurance.There are 26 chapters in the agreement, which includes goods, services, investments and intellectual property rights.The bilateral trade between India and the UK increased to USD 21.34 billion in 2023-24 from USD 20.36 billion in 2022-23. The average duty on goods imported from India into the UK is 4.2 per cent.According to economic think tank GTRI, items including textiles, apparel (shirts, trousers, women’s dresses, bed linen), footwear, carpets, cars, marine products, grapes, and mangoes would benefit from the pact, as these products face relatively low to moderate tariffs in the UK.

As Pahalgam's poster child of justice faces hate, women panel's tough message

The outpouring of support for Himanshi Narwal, wife of a Navy officer killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, soon turned into hate on social media after she asked people not to target Muslims and Kashmiris.

NEW DELHI. Sitting in stoic silence beside the body of her Navy officer husband, killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, she became the face of the tragedy. However, the outpouring of support for Himanshi Narwal soon turned into hate on social media after she asked people not to target Muslims and Kashmiris. Amid relentless trolls and abuse, the National Commission for Women (NCW) has eventually stepped in, urging restraint. In a strongly worded statement, the women's panel asserted that it was wrong to troll a woman based on her ideological expression or personal life.

"After the death of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, the way his wife Himanshi Narwal is being criticised on social media in relation to one of her statements is unfortunate and condemnable," the NCW statement posted on X said. The NCW said disagreement must always be expressed with decency and within constitutional limits even though it admitted that her remarks might not have resonated with many people. "Targeting a woman for her ideological



expression or personal life in such a manner is completely unacceptable," the NCW said even as it underlined that the country was "hurt and angry" by the heinous act in Pahalgam.

WHAT HIMANSHI NARWAL SAID

The online hate against Himanshi started with an interview last week. Despite being in grief, Himanshi emphasised that people should not target Muslims and Kashmiris for the Pahalgam attack, which left 26 dead. "We don't want

people going after Muslims and Kashmiris. We want peace and justice. People who have done wrong with him should be punished," Himanshi, who was married just six days before the attack, said. Her comments soon invited a wave of criticism on social media, which supported her just a week ago as her image went viral from the Baisaran meadow.

While one user claimed she was using the incident as an opportunity to "climb the social and political ladder", another asked "what changed her mind". "She should have been shot," another user commented.

Some even pointed out how she could look so "stable" in videos following the attack, saying "she never seemed shocked". "It feels it was a set-up with her involvement. Security agencies should check her background," another said. A third remarked, "This is not secularism. This is openly supporting Islamist terrorists and their actions." However, Himanshi received support from All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi and thousands of others on social media.

India begins work on 2 hydropower projects in Kashmir, blindsides Pak: Report



NEW DELHI. India has begun work to boost reservoir holding capacity at two hydroelectric projects in the Himalayan region of Kashmir, sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters, after fresh tension with Pakistan led it to suspend a water-sharing pact. The work represents the first tangible step by India to operate outside agreements covered by the Indus Waters Treaty, unbroken since 1960 despite three wars and several other conflicts between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Last month, however, New Delhi suspended the pact that ensures supply to 80 per cent of Pakistani farms after an attack in Kashmir killed 26, and it identified two of the three assailants as Pakistani. Islamabad has threatened international legal action over the suspension and denied any role in the attack, warning, "Any attempt to stop or divert the flow of water belonging to Pakistan ... will be considered as an act of war". A "reservoir flushing" process to remove sediment began on Thursday, carried out by India's biggest hydropower company, state-run NHPC Ltd and authorities in the federal territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the three sources said. The work may not immediately threaten supply to Pakistan, which depends on rivers flowing through India for much of its irrigation and hydropower, but it could eventually be affected if other projects launch similar efforts.

There are more than half a dozen such projects in the region.

India did not inform Pakistan about the work at the Salal and Baglihar projects, which is being done for the first time since they were built in 1987 and 2008/09, respectively, as the treaty had blocked such work, the sources added. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to talk to the media.

India's NHPC and the neighbouring governments did not reply to emails from Reuters to seek comment.

Since independence from British colonial rule in 1947, India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir, in addition to numerous short conflicts. The flushing operation ran for three days from May 1, the sources said. "This is the first time such an exercise has taken place and will help in more efficient power generation and prevent damage to turbines," one of the sources told Reuters.

"We were also asked to open the adjustable gates for cleaning, which we did from May 1," the source said, adding that the effort aimed to free dam operation from any restrictions. People living on the banks of the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir said they noticed water had been released from both Salal and Baglihar dams from Thursday to Saturday.

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The flushing of hydropower projects requires nearly emptying a reservoir to force out sediments whose build-up is a major cause of decline in output. For example, two of the sources said, power delivered by the 690-MegaWatt Salal project was far below its capacity, because Pakistan had prevented such flushing, while silting also hit output at the 900-MW Baglihar project.

Ex-Haryana Congress MLA arrested by ED in Rs 1,500-crore money laundering case

NEW DELHI. The Enforcement Directorate has arrested former Haryana Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhoker from Delhi in connection with a major money laundering case. Chhoker and his company are accused of laundering nearly Rs 1,500 crore under the Deen Dayal Awas Yojana. Sikandar Singh, along with his father, is accused of defrauding over 1,500 home buyers and siphoning Rs 400 crore by booking fake construction expenditures in a real estate firm. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in March last year. However, he was seen roaming freely outside a hospital in Rohtak in



October last year, despite ongoing legal battles. In March 2024, Sikandar was arrested by the ED, but after his bail plea was rejected by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, he reportedly faked illness to avoid jail time. The ED took control of the investigation in 2023 after an FIR was filed by the Gurugram police, accusing the duo of orchestrating a large-scale fraud through their company, Mihira Group.

Their project in Sector 68, Gurugram, aimed at affordable housing, failed to deliver, despite collecting approximately Rs 363 crore from homebuyers.

Why not Fatehpur Sikri also? Top court rejects Mughal heir's claim on Red Fort



NEW DELHI. The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a petition filed by a woman who claimed to be the descendant of Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar and sought the possession of the Red Fort, citing her lineage. Calling the petition completely misconceived, a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna and Justice PV Sanjay Kumar said, "Why only Red Fort? Why not Fatehpur Sikri? Why leave them also? Writ is completely misconceived. Dismissed," the court said, according to a Bar and Bench report.

The petition was filed by one Sultana Begum, who claimed to be the widow of the great-grandson of Bahadur Shah Zafar. Zafar was the last ruler of the Mughal dynasty.

The petitioner asked the top court not to dismiss the plea on the grounds of merit. Begum argued that even the Delhi High Court had dismissed her plea on grounds of delay. However, the top court rejected her request. "No, dismissed," the bench ordered.

Last year, a division bench of the Delhi High Court dismissed Begum's plea, citing a delay of over 900 days in approaching it after it was rejected by a single-judge bench. Begum first moved the High Court in 2021, arguing that her family had been deprived of their property by the British after the first War of Independence in 1857.

After the war, Zafar, who became the face of the Indian rebellion, was exiled to Rangoon (now Yangon in Myanmar). He died in 1862. Begum claimed the possession of the Red Fort was then taken away from the Mughals.

Jammu jails on high alert, security tightened after intel on terror strike: Sources

These jails currently house several high-profile terrorists and their associates, who are known to provide support to terrorists through logistical help, shelter, and by facilitating their movement, even if they are not directly involved in attacks.

NEW DELHI. Sources have indicated a possible threat of terror strikes on jails in Jammu and Kashmir, prompting a significant increase in security measures. Intelligence inputs suggest that high-security facilities such as Srinagar Central Jail and Kot Balwal Jail in Jammu could be potential targets. These jails currently house several high-profile terrorists and sleeper cell members, who are known to provide support to terrorists through logistical help, shelter, and by facilitating their movement, even if they are not directly involved in attacks.

In connection with the ongoing Pahalgam terror probe in which 26 people died, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) recently questioned



terror associates Nisar and Mushtaq, who were also linked to an Army vehicle attack case. Following the intelligence alerts, the security setup of the jails was reviewed, and measures have been strengthened to prevent any untoward incident.

According to sources, the Director General of the Central Industrial

Congress leader taunts Centre with nimbu-mirchi on toy Rafale, BJP feels the burn

NEW DELHI. A political firestorm erupted on Monday after Uttar Pradesh Congress President Ajay Rai mocked the Centre with a toy Rafale jet adorned with nimbu-mirchi (lemon and chillies), accusing the Modi government of inaction in the wake of a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. "Terrorist activities have increased in the country, and people are suffering from it. Our youth lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack," Rai said, brandishing the toy jet at a press briefing. "But this government, which talks a lot, says that they will crush terrorists — they brought Rafale, but they are in their hangars having chilly and lemon hanging in them. When will they take action against terrorists, those who support them, and their backers?"

In Hindu tradition, lemons and chillies are believed to ward off the evil eye and used as a protective charm. Rai's jab was a reference Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's 2019 Rafale "shastra puja" in France, during which Singh placed lemons under the wheels of the



aircraft and a coconut on top.

Feeling the burn, the BJP lashed out at Rai, with several leaders accusing the Congress of demoralising the armed forces.

"Look at Ajay Rai, UP President of pro-Pakistan Congress Party, who is making headlines in Pakistani newspapers and channels," BJP MP Nishikant Dubey posted on X. "Understand the conspiracy of Congress Party to break the morale of the army in protest against Modi."

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala stepped up the offensive, claiming that the remarks were not isolated. "Channi,

Priyank Kharge, RJD MP Sudhakar Singh, Ajay Rai — the attack on manobal (morale) of our Forces is not a sahyog (coincidence) but sahyog (collaboration) with Pakistan," he wrote on X.

Echoing the sentiment, BJP leader Pradeep Bhandari alleged that Rai's comments served Pakistani interests. "Rahul Gandhi's close aide Ajay Rai mocks our forces! Congress today has become the Pakistani Congress and the spokesperson of Asif Munir's Pakistan in India!" UP Cabinet Minister Om Prakash Rajbhar also weighed in, saying, "The Congress party is going to play with this toy for the next 15 years. Giving anti-national statements is in their ideology." Unfazed by the backlash, Rai doubled down on his statement. "The country wants to know when action will be taken against terrorists," he said on Monday. "Rajnath Singh had put a nimbu-mirchi on Rafale. I said the same thing that Rajnath Singh did. We want to know when will the nimbu-mirchi be removed and when will action be taken?"

Spain's Huge Power Blackout Is a Wake-Up Call For India

NEW DELHI. For Spain and Portugal, last week's nationwide blackout may have felt unprecedented. But in India, we have lived through these already. In July 2012, a grid collapse caused 400 million Indians to lose access to power, many of them for days. Most assume that, as the country grows richer and energy becomes more abundant, such problems won't recur. But, as Europe has learned, preventing grid collapse is a constant endeavor, not a battle that you only fight once. India's government has prioritized energy access, vastly expanding availability to households and building more generation capacity. It is now time for it to work on grid stability as well.

As your energy choices change, your grid and how you manage it must too. We don't yet know what caused the initial disruption to Spain's grid that made it to lose its connection to France's more stable electricity network, but the additional variability introduced to its system by renewables - particularly on a sunny day - probably did not help. That should worry India's regulators.

This is not an argument against renewable energy, especially not in India. Politicians

in New Delhi have correctly noted that solar and wind power meet three requirements they view as crucial. First, they might end our crippling dependence on imported fossil fuels; second, grid-scale solar energy is now quite cheap; and third, off-grid renewables can sometimes reach where the regular grid does not.

As a consequence, they have prioritized building out renewable energy capacity. Of the 34 gigawatts of generation added last year, 85% was renewables, with 24 gigawatts from solar power alone. Another 300 gigawatts is planned by the end of the decade.

Much of this is driven by private capital and entrepreneurial energy at every level. At one end of the scale, street markets in the poorest states are full of cheap rooftop solar sets. And at the other, highly valued companies like ReNew Power Pvt. and Tata Power Co. have soaked up investor dollars, promising to benefit from the nation's vast solar ambitions. This week,

the United Arab Emirates-led green private capital fund ALTERN and Brookfield Asset Management Ltd. announced plans to invest \$100 million in the solar project developer Evren.



All of this sounds great. India does best on those tragically few occasions when its consumers and companies are left to make the right choices, and are given access to capital and supportive regulations. That is how the country became an IT superpower that now has the cheapest high-speed data in the world.

Yet the government has responsibilities, too. It has to ensure the grid can manage

the additional requirements - both new consumers and new sources. This will cost money, but not even the government knows how much. Predictions vary from \$107 billion to \$500 billion, and even the

lower end seems unaffordable at the moment. New Delhi hates spending money, but it is going to have to construct a workable plan for investment into the grid, and soon.

The government's tasks don't stop there. It must also try and figure out what's actually getting installed in terms of solar power, and who is doing the building.

Self-consumption electricity systems of various kinds - whether off grid, or the sort that

can provide power to the grid as well as taking it out - come with very special issues that must be addressed. As BNEF Research has pointed out, one of the problems that Spain faces is that authorities there don't know enough about solar power generation in the country; it may have 10.5 gigawatts more photovoltaic modules installed than official data suggest.

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Tourist boats capsiz in sudden storm in southwest China, leaving nine dead, one missing

BEIJING. Four boats capsized in a sudden storm on a river in southwestern China, leaving nine dead and one missing, state media said Monday.

More than 80 people fell into the Wu River when strong winds hit the scenic area in Guizhou province on Sunday afternoon, state broadcaster CCTV said.

Initial reports said two tourist boats had capsized, but CCTV and the official Xinhua News Agency said Monday that four boats were involved. It wasn't clear if any of the victims were on the other two boats.

The boats capsized after a sudden rain and hail storm hit the Wu, a tributary of the Yangtze, China's longest river. In one video shared by state media, a man could be seen performing CPR on another person, while one of the vessels drifted upside down.Guizhou's mountains and rivers are a major tourism draw, and many Chinese are traveling during a five-day national holiday that ends Monday.Chinese President Xi Jinping called for "all-out efforts" to find the missing and care for the injured, Xinhua said on Sunday.Xi's administration has pushed to reduce the death toll in China's transportation sector, but overloading, poorly maintained vehicles and a lack of safety equipment have frustrated those efforts, particularly during major holidays.

CCTV said two of the capsized boats each had about 40 people on board and were not overloaded.

An eyewitness told state-owned Beijing News that the waters were deep but some people had managed to swim to safety. However, the storm had come suddenly and a thick mist obscured the surface of the river.

Bharat peace march in Munich: Indian diaspora unites in a powerful call for peace, justice, and solidarity

Munich, Germany — In a solemn and powerful expression of unity and collective grief, over 700 members of the Indian diaspora gathered in Munich on 3rd May for the Bharat Peace March, strongly condemning terrorism and honoring the victims of the recent inhumane and cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India.The peaceful march, organized under the banner of solidarity and compassion, was not merely a symbolic gesture—it served as a call for justice, a rejection of terror attack, and a heartfelt demand for a future grounded in peace and humanity.Participants assembled at Geschwister-Scholl-Platz at 11:00 AM, where the event commenced with speeches from notable dignitaries including Dr. Hans Theiss, a prominent German cardiologist and Member of the Bundestag (2025), and Mr. Deli Balidemaj, City Councilor of LH Munich and Member of the Upper Bavaria District Council.Dr. Theiss addressed the gathering with a deeply moving message, offering prayers for the victims and condemning terrorism and religious extremism in all its forms. He commended the Indian diaspora's initiative, stating:“This Peace March is a powerful message to the world that we stand together, rejecting hatred and embracing peace. We must ensure such acts of terror never happen again, and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. At the same time, we must do all we can to avoid further escalation between India and Pakistan—two nuclear-armed nations. Today, we stand with the victims. You are not alone.”Mr. Deli Balidemaj echoed this message of solidarity and peace, voicing his wholehearted support for the march and the Indian community's peaceful stand against violence.

13 kidnapped workers found dead in Peruvian mine

LIMA. Thirteen people were found dead inside a mine in Peru after being kidnapped days earlier in the northern area of Pataz, the mining company Poderosa said Sunday."This morning, after intense search efforts, the police rescue team was able to recover the bodies of the 13 workers who were kidnapped (...) by illegal miners in collusion with criminal elements," the company said in a statement.Mining is a key economic driver in Peru, one of the largest gold producers in Latin America.



Pataz, located around 560 miles (900 kilometers) from the capital Lima, is in a state of emergency due to escalating violence caused by a gold rush there.The victims found Sunday worked for a company that provided services to Poderosa, a major gold mining firm listed on the Lima stock exchange that has in recent months been targeted by armed groups linked to illegal mining."The spiral of uncontrolled violence in Pataz is occurring despite the declaration of a state of emergency and the presence of a large police contingent which, unfortunately, has not been able to halt the deterioration of security conditions in the area," the mining company said.

Peru's interior ministry said it had deployed organized crime investigators to probe the deaths, warning its agents "are fully empowered to use their firearms if the circumstances warrant it."In the city of Trujillo, west of Pataz, some of the victims' relatives waited for the bodies of their loved ones to be transferred to the morgue there.

Trump says he will reopen Alcatraz prison

Trump’s directive to rebuild and reopen the long-shuttered penitentiary was the latest salvo in his effort to overhaul how and where federal prisoners and immigration detainees are locked up.

NEW YORK. President Donald Trump says he is directing his government to reopen and expand Alcatraz, the notorious former prison on a hard-to-reach California island located off San Francisco, which has remained shut for over six decades.

In a post on his Truth Social site Sunday evening, Trump wrote that, “For too long, America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat Criminal Offenders, the dregs of society, who will never contribute anything other than Misery and Suffering.

When we were a more serious Nation, in times past, we did not hesitate to lock up the most dangerous criminals, and keep them far away from anyone they could harm. That’s the way it’s supposed to be.”

“That is why, today,” he said, “I am directing the Bureau of Prisons, together with the Department of Justice, FBI, and Homeland Security, to reopen a substantially enlarged and rebuilt ALCATRAZ, to house America’s most ruthless and violent Offenders.”Trump’s directive to rebuild and reopen the long-shuttered penitentiary was the latest salvo in his effort to overhaul how and where federal prisoners and immigration detainees are locked up.

But such a move would likely be an expensive and challenging proposition. The prison was closed in 1963 due to crumbling infrastructure and the high costs of repairing and supplying the island facility, because everything from fuel to food had to be brought by boat.Bringing the facility up to modern-day standards would require massive investments at a time when the Bureau of Prisons has been shuttering



prisons for similar infrastructure issues.The prison — infamously inescapable due to the strong ocean currents and cold Pacific waters that surround it — was known as the “The Rock” and housed some of the nation's most notorious criminals, including gangster Al Capone and George “Machine Gun” Kelly.It has long been part of the cultural imagination and has been the subject of numerous movies, including “The Rock” starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage.Still in the 29 years it was open, 36 men attempted 14 separate escapes, according to the FBI. Nearly all were caught or didn’t survive the attempt.

The fate of three particular inmates — John Anglin, his brother Clarence and Frank Morris — is of some debate and was dramatized in the 1979 film “Escape from Alcatraz” starring Clinton Eastwood.Alcatraz Island is now a major tourist site that is operate by the National Park Service and is a designated National Historic Landmark.

Trump, returning to the White House on Sunday night after a weekend in Florida, said he’d come up with the idea because of frustrations with “radicalized judges” who have insisted those being deported receive due process. Alcatraz, he said, has long been a “symbol of law and order. You know, it’s got quite a history.”A spokesperson for the Bureau of Prisons said in a statement that the agency “will comply with all Presidential Orders.” The spokesperson did not immediately answer questions from The Associated Press regarding the practicality and feasibility of reopening Alcatraz or the agency’s role in the future of the former prison given the National Park Service’s control of the island.

Imran Khan's Party To Skip Government Briefing On India-Pak Tensions

Islamabad.The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf of incarcerated former premier Imran Khan on Sunday announced to skip the key government briefing on the current situation between Pakistan and India.

This decision was announced in a statement by the party's political committee."Since this is merely a government briefing and there does not appear to be any serious attempt to build a national consensus, nor is there any intention to include an important national leader like Imran Khan, we believe that the participation of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf in this briefing is not necessary," the PTI said.

The party said that it has always condemned all forms of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations in unequivocal and unambiguous terms, adding that Khan has clearly condemned terrorism in his messages to the nation from prison, but also emphasised the need for national unity,

solidarity and internal stability.

"His (Khan) stance is self-explanatory, and the insight and courage with which



he has conveyed the message of unity to the nation is a reflection of the thinking of a national leader," the party said.It asked the government to immediately convene an All-Parties Conference (APC) to take all national parties into confidence and formulate a common course of action."Unfortunately, the government wasted this opportunity. Not only was

the APC not convened, but instead a one-sided briefing is being given by a government minister," it said.The party also said that it has a clear stance that in the event of any external aggression "we will stand in the forefront to defend the country and the nation".Earlier, state-media reported that Information Minister Attaullah Tarar and army spokesman Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif will brief leaders of all political parties in the context of the current national security situation, and tension between Pakistan and India.Ties between India and Pakistan plummeted following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, in the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019.

Pakistan Violates Ceasefire Again In Multiple Border Areas; Indian Army Retaliates

world. Pakistan has resorted to unprovoked ceasefire violation once against earlier today. Amidst the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan on the border after the Pahalgam attack, the Indian Army has responded to the unprovoked small arms firing across the Line of Control (LoC) during the intervening night of May 4 and 5, official said on Monday.The Pakistan Army resorted to unprovoked small arms firing across the LoC in areas opposite Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch, Rajauri, Mendhar, Naushera, Sunderbani, and Akhnoor areas of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. According to officials, the Indian Army responded promptly and proportionately.Earlier on the night of May 3 and 4, the Pakistan Army indulged in small arms firing across the LoC in areas opposite Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch, Rajauri, Mendhar, Naushera, Sunderbani, and Akhnoor

districts in J&K, which was retaliated against effectively by the Indian Army. According to the Indian Army, the troops responded in a calibrated and proportionate manner.This is the



eleventh consecutive day of India's effective retaliation since the Pakistan Army's unprovoked small arms firing began on the night of April 25-26. On April 30, India closed its airspace to all aircraft registered in Pakistan and those operated by Pakistani airlines,

according to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), another major step following the April 22 terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam in which 26 people were killed.

India issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), confirming the closure of its airspace to all Pakistani-registered, operated, or leased aircraft, including military flights, from April 30 to May 23 (estimated duration). On April 29, the Director General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan talked over the hotline to discuss the unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistan, as per defence sources. Sources said India warned Pakistan against the unprovoked ceasefire violations by the Pakistan Army along the LoC and the International Border.

world. Donald Trump said in a Sunday interview that the "good parts" of today's US economy flow from his policies while the bad can be blamed on his predecessor Joe Biden, who "did a terrible job." "Ultimately, I take responsibility for everything," the US president said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" talk show."But I've only just been here for a little more than three months."At a time of mixed economic signals and mounting concerns over his aggressive use of tariffs, Trump said "certain aspects" of the economy are his doing. "I was able to get down the costs," he said.

"I think the good parts are the Trump economy and the bad parts are the Biden economy because he's done a terrible job."While surveys point to growing public concern over the economy, most official indicators are not yet flashing red, with unemployment last month at a moderate 4.2 percent and inflation in March at 2.3 percent, just above the Federal Reserve's target.But Fed bankers and others have downgraded their predictions for the world's leading economy, pointing to slowing



growth and rising inflation and unemployment. Asked whether a US recession is possible, Trump said, "Anything can happen." "This is a transition period," he said, adding that ultimately "we're going to do fantastically" with "the greatest economic boom in history."Concerning trade with China -- badly shaken after Trump imposed tariffs of 145 percent -- he said "we've essentially cut off trade relationships by putting that much of a tariff on."

But, he added, "That's okay... That means that we're not losing."Trump said the Chinese "want to make a deal very badly," and he anticipated eventually lowering the tariff rate.The billionaire Republican has been a sharp and persistent critic of Fed chair Jerome Powell -- whom Trump appointed in 2018, during his first term--telling NBC that "he should lower interest rates."Now is the "perfect time" to do so, he said.Fed governors are expected, when they meet Tuesday and Wednesday, to extend a pause in rate cuts while they see just how tariffs affect the economy.Most analysts expect the Fed to leave rates in the 4.25 to 4.50 percent range where they have been since December.Even last month, Trump floated the possibility of firing the Fed chair from a position meant to be largely insulated from politics.

But he told NBC that he now expects to wait until Powell's term ends in May 2026 to name a successor.

Does US President Need To Uphold Constitution "I Don't Know," Replies Trump

US President Donald Trump said that he does not know whether he must uphold the US Constitution, the nation's founding legal document.

Washington.US President Donald Trump said in remarks airing Sunday that he does not know whether he must uphold the US Constitution, the nation's founding legal document.In a wide-ranging NBC News interview, the 78-year-old Republican also said he was not seriously considering running for a constitutionally-barred third White House term, and blamed his presidential predecessor Joe Biden for the "bad parts" of the current economy.Trump has drawn widespread criticism for repeatedly brushing up against constitutional guardrails since returning to the White House in January, notably over

his policy of mass deportations of undocumented migrants, some without the benefit of a court hearing.He insists such rapid expulsions are necessary in the face of what he has declared to be a "national emergency," and that giving every migrant a court trial would take "300 years."When NBC's "Meet the Press" moderator Kristen Welker asked if citizens and non-citizens alike deserve the due process of law, as the US Constitution states, Trump said: "I'm not a lawyer. I don't know."Pressed on whether he believes he needs to uphold the supreme law of the land, Trump repeated: "I don't know."The remarks quickly made waves in Washington, including among some Republicans. "We're either a free society governed by the Constitution or we're not," Republican Senator Rand Paul, a self-described constitutional conservative, posted on X with no additional comment.Trump's suggestion of possibly seeking a third term in office has been sharply questioned by legal and constitutional scholars.The 22nd Amendment states that "no peson shall be



elected to the office of the President more than twice."But Trump said in March he was "not joking" about seeking a third term, adding without elaboration that there are "methods" that would allow it to happen.Changing the Constitution to allow a third term would be a heavy lift, requiring a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress and ratification by at least 38 of the 50 US state legislatures.But "this is not something I'm looking to do," Trump told NBC's Welker. "I'm looking to have four

great years and turn it over to somebody, ideally a great Republican, a great Republican to carry it forward."

Asked who that might be, he mentioned Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, adding: "We have a lot of good people in this party."But Trump appeared to bristle when asked for his reaction to critics who warn he is taking the country down an authoritarian path.

"Why don't you ask it a different way? Many people want to come into our country. Many people love Trump," he said. "I won the election."Trump's first 100 days in office were marked by economic turmoil, primarily over his plans to impose sweeping tariffs on most countries.But despite the world's largest economy shrinking in the first quarter of 2025, he struck an optimistic if defiant tone in the interview, insisting US economics were sound and that "tariffs are going to make us rich." "I think the good parts are the Trump economy and the bad parts are the Biden economy," said Trump.

NEWS BOX

Virar special Ayush Mhatre: A breath of fresh air for CSK in forgetful IPL 2025

New Delhi. High scores haven't been Chennai Super Kings' calling card this season, and chasing 214 was always going to be an uphill task—especially after Romario Shepherd's brutal late assault, hammering 53 off just 14 balls. But 17-year-old Ayush Mhatre, born in Mumbai's Virar, nearly pulled off the impossible, launching a breathtaking counterattack that saw CSK fall just short.CSK's young openers signalled their intent from the outset. Shaik Rasheed set the tone early, pulling Dayal for a six and a four in the third over. But it was Mhatre who truly took center stage. The teenager took on veteran Bhuvneshwar Kumar in the fifth, smashing five boundaries and a six in a stunning over that announced his arrival emphatically.

RCB clawed their way back as Krunal Pandya and Lungi Ngidi shut down the PowerPlay, dismissing Rasheed and Sam Curran while conceding just nine runs. But Mhatre, composed well beyond his years, found a steady ally in CSK stalwart Ravindra Jadeja. Together, they stitched a vital 114-run stand for the third wicket, blending calculated aggression with smart strike rotation.

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CSK: Highlights

Mhatre nearly outdid Romario Shepherd's 14-ball fifty with a classy 94, but RCB's Yash Dayal kept his nerves in the death overs to secure a two-run win over the Chennai Super Kings in this IPL thriller.

MHATRE LIGHTS UP CHINNASWAMY

Mhatre's strokeplay was a mix of street-smart flair and classical technique—skills honed through years of grinding at Mumbai's famed Oval Maidan. With Josh Hazlewood sidelined, RCB's bowling lacked bite, and the young right-hander capitalized. He even returned the favor to Shepherd, launching a pair of glorious pulls, including a 98-meter six that vanished into the night sky.

adeja, playing the ideal foil with a composed 77* off 45, guided the youngster through pressure-laden overs. Dropped on 57 and 69, Jadeja held his nerve at the other end, helping CSK stay in the hunt. Mhatre's magnificent knock finally ended when a tired-looking heave off Ngidi found Krunal Pandya in the deep.Also Read.

Drama in Bengaluru! Jadeja confronts umpire after CSK batter Dewald Brevis denied DRS

NEW DELHI. Chennai Super Kings' young star Dewald Brevis found himself at the centre of a major controversy during their IPL 2025 clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday.

In a high-stakes chase, Brevis was dismissed for a golden duck on his very first ball after being adjudged LBW to Lungi Ngidi.

While the delivery looked to be sliding down leg, Brevis hesitated to take a review and was eventually denied the chance — the 15-second DRS timer had expired.

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The South African batter, caught in a moment of doubt, discussed the decision with non-striker Ravindra Jadeja before finally signalling for DRS.



IPL 2025: KKR to follow MI roadmap in must-win game vs Rajasthan, says Rovman Powell

IPL 2025: Struggling KKR will follow Mumbai Indians' strategy against Rajasthan Royals in a crucial IPL match, said Rovman Powell. KKR have to win all their games to make it to the playoffs.

New Delhi. Kolkata Knight Riders' Rovman Powell has said that the team will follow Mumbai Indians' roadmap in their next match against Rajasthan Royals. KKR take on the Royals on Sunday, May 4 in a must-win game in the Indian Premier League 2025.KKR have their backs to the wall and will get knocked out of the playoffs race if they lose to Rajasthan at their home ground



in Kolkata. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Rovman Powell said that the team will follow MI's process to beat Rajasthan in their crucial clash.Mumbai Indians played a complete game against Rajasthan on May 1 at Jaipur. After hitting 217 runs in the first innings, MI gave an incredible account of themselves in the second half of the match, bowling RR out for just 117 runs.Fast bowlers were key to MI's success against Royals. In the powerplay, Trent Boult was brave to pitch the ball up to

Jaiswal, and dismissed him with a riveting length ball that crashed into the top of Jaiswal's off stump. Jasprit Bumrah was riveting in the middle overs where he bowled a bouncer barrage to the RR middle order. "As a bowling group, we've come up with specific plans for each individual. If you look at Rajasthan's last game against Mumbai, it was tactical excellence from Mumbai that gave them such a big win. We're trying to do the same," Rovman Powell told the reporters on Saturday, May 3.KKR'S STRUGGLE

WITH CONFIDENCE

KKR have been all over the place in the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League 2025. They retained their core from the winning 2024 season but have completely failed to execute their plans. KKR's worst result perhaps came in their match vs Punjab Kings, where they failed to chase down 112 runs against Punjab Kings away from home.Powell spoke about the same and said that the Punjab game really hurt the confidence of the team. Powell revealed that the KKR players and the management had some tough conversations after that and that they took positive strides in the correct direction."If you go back to the Punjab game where we had only 111 to chase and still didn't get over the line — that really hurt. It affected our standings. If we had secured those two points, we'd be sitting here with more smiles. But credit to the group, we've had some strong conversations since, and the guys have made great strides. Hopefully, we continue in that direction," Rovman Powell said ahead of the match.KKR are currently in the 7th position of the league table and need to win every single match to remain in the hunt for the playoffs. KKR won their previous match against Delhi Capitals after Sunil Narine put in an all-round performance.

Romario Shepherd on heroic 53 vs CSK: Difficult to sit and watch others win

New Delhi. West Indies all-rounder Romario Shepherd played his fourth match in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 when Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) locked horns with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. But it was the first time that he got a chance to bat, and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

Batting at No.7, Shepherd hit the joint second-fastest fifty in IPL history off 14 balls, along with KL Rahul (2018) and Pat Cummins (2022). The right-handed batter hit four fours and six sixes on his way to an unbeaten 53 off 14 balls. Shepherd said that he anxiously waited for his opportunity to make it count."It was tough, you know, sitting there and watching the other players win. Not because I didn't want them to win, but because I wanted the opportunity to go out



there and perform," Shepherd said in the post-match press conference.Today, that opportunity came, and I just tried to make the most of it. I wasn't aiming to score 53 off 14 balls—I just wanted to help the team finish strong and shift the momentum back in our favour," Shepherd said.

‘Had a good sense of CSK bowling’

When Shepherd came in, RCB were struggling somewhat with their score at 157 for five in 17.4 overs. But Shepherd's blitz meant that the hosts raced to 213 for five, scoring 56 runs off their last 14 balls."At one point, they had the upper hand heading into the last two or three overs. But when I walked to the crease, I had a good sense of what they were trying to bowl. I went in prepared, and Timmy (Tim David) reminded me to hold my shape a bit, since the ball was gripping on the wicket," Shepherd added.Shepherd won the Player of the Match award as RCB won by two runs to reclaim the top spot in the points table. Their next match is against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) on May 9 at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow.

Pratika Rawal's rise and India's bold charge towards Women's World Cup glory

Speaking to India Today Digital, former Indian cricketer and Mumbai Indians batting coach Devika Palshikar opened up on India's experimentation spree before the World Cup, Pratika Rawal's stupendous form and Shafali Verma's future in the ODI setup.



With the mega event fast approaching, women's cricket in India has undergone a significant transition over the past six months. India have handed debut caps to ten players in ODIs: Minnu Mani, Tejal Hasabnis, Pratika Rawal, Titas Sadhu, Saima Thakor, Priya Mishra, Kashvee Gautam, Tanuja Kanwar, Sayali Satghare, and Sree Charani.With such a broad talent pool, the team management is expected to face a welcome dilemma when selecting the final 15-member squad for the World Cup. However, former Indian cricketer Devika Palshikar cautioned that experimenting so close to a major tournament could end up being counterproductive."If you ask for my

New Delhi. India were left disappointed after their hopes of securing a coveted world title were dashed by an early exit from the T20 World Cup in the UAE last year. Harmanpreet Kaur faced heavy criticism for the team's lack of intent during the campaign. However, India will have a chance to redeem themselves and restore their reputation when they compete in the ODI World Cup later this year on home soil.

Hungry to make comeback, focus on training: Sathiyam

CHENNAI. It has not been easy days after 2022 Asian Games (held in 2023). Like all players, G Sathiyam too had to overcome the ordeal of recovering from injury with a very strong mind. His back injury he sustained after the Asian Games in Hangzhou took some time to heal. The spasms spread to his hips and his knees restricting the lightning pace for which he is known. He did manage to leave those tough days behind.

After winning three medals at the National Games earlier this year, Sathiyam is slowly shifting his focus towards the all-important Asian Games next year. And like he said he is now hungry to make a comeback. Sathiyam for now is focussing more on training. He would be competing more towards the end of the year leading up to the Asian Games next year."I have taken a conscious decision to train more and play less tournaments (now)," he said adding he would want "to play more tournaments in the second half of the year just before the Asian Games. This will help in peaking at the right time," he told this daily during an award function organised by Raman TT

High Performance Centre to felicitate National Games winning members of the Tamil Nadu team.Along the way he would want to accumulate as many WTT points as possible. "With the WTT system, balancing



tournaments due to the new ranking system is an challenge. And now with domestic circuit, points are necessary to enter the top 50," he added."It's more about having time to train, because I have seen that training

had played an important role. That's why I could get into the top 25. So I really want to get back into the drawing board, have a good training phase and at the same time work on my fitness because that is key."

Two weeks from now, Sathiyam will hope to make his name again at the World Table Tennis Championship to be held in Doha. He wouldn't pair with Manika Batra in the worlds. Yashashwini (Ghorpade) and Harmeet (Desai) and Manush (Utpalbhai) and Diya (Chitale) have been selected in the mixed doubles for India. Sathiyam will play singles and men's doubles with Harmeet Desai.Sathiyam's coach Olympian S Raman said he would be evaluating his performance every quarter. "We worked on a few things and those things are not working out. So which means whatever we brought to the table is not sufficient enough. So we need to spice it up, we need to change a little bit. So, you know, it's an ongoing process of how we keep reinventing the wheel," he said.

PBKS vs LSG, IPL 2025 Preview: Predicted XI, team news and Dharamsala pitch

New Delhi Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) are set to take on Punjab Kings (PBKS) in Match 54 of the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025) on Sunday, May 4 at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharamsala. Lucknow are coming into the game after a six-day break following their back-to-back losses against Delhi Capitals (DC) and Mumbai Indians (MI).The Rishabh Pant-led side began the tournament well with five wins from their first eight matches. However, the last two losses have proved to be a hiccup in their campaign as they need to catch up with the rest of the teams, with the race for the playoffs starting to heat up.LSG are currently ranked sixth on the points table with five wins from ten matches, having ten points to their name. With four games remaining in their campaign, Lucknow need to quickly bounce back to winning ways to keep their playoffs hopes alive.On the other hand, Punjab Kings are coming into the

fixture following a four-wicket win against Chennai Super Kings (CSK). The Shreyas Iyer-led side began the season by winning five out of the first seven matches, but a loss followed by a washed-out game forced them to lose their momentum. However, the victory against CSK have once again brought them on the winning track and PBKS have a great chance to finish on the top two in the points table. They're currently ranked fourth with six wins from ten matches and have a chance to climb to the second spot with a win in the upcoming fixture. PBKS vs LSG Head to HeadLucknow have the upper hand over Punjab in head-to-head records, having won three out of the five fixtures played between the two teams. Moreover, Punjab don't have a great record in Dharamsala, having won just five out of the 13 matches played. They've lost the last four fixtures at the venue on the trot, with their last win coming back in May 2013.

PBKS vs LSG Team News

Punjab are without their fast bowler Lockie Ferguson since the fifth game of the season. All-rounder Glenn Maxwell has also been



ruled out due to a finger injury. Apart from that, there are no injury concerns in their camp. On the other hand, Lucknow have all the players available for selection for the upcoming fixture.PBKS vs LSG Predicted Playing XI

Punjab Kings (Predicted XI): Priyansh Arya,

Prabhsimran Singh, Shreyas Iyer (c), Josh Inglis (wk), Nehal Wadhwa, Shashank Singh, Marco Jansen, Azmatullah Omarzai, Suryansh Shedge, Xavier Bartlett, Arshdeep Singh

Impact Sub: Yuzvendra Chahal

Lucknow Super Giants (Predicted XI): Aiden Markram, Mitchell Marsh, Nicholas Pooran, Rishabh Pant (c & wk), David Miller, Abdul Samad, Ayush Badoni, Digvesh Singh Rath, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Prince Yadav

Impact Sub: Mayank Yadav

PBKS vs LSG: Pitch and Weather Conditions

The surface at Dharamsala has aided good pace and bounce for the seamers, hence they're likely to enjoy bowling at the venue. The pitch has provided some high-scoring games in the past few matches, and the upcoming fixture won't be too different. All in all, a batting-friendly surface will be available for the fixture with some assistance for the seamers early on.



Alia Bhatt

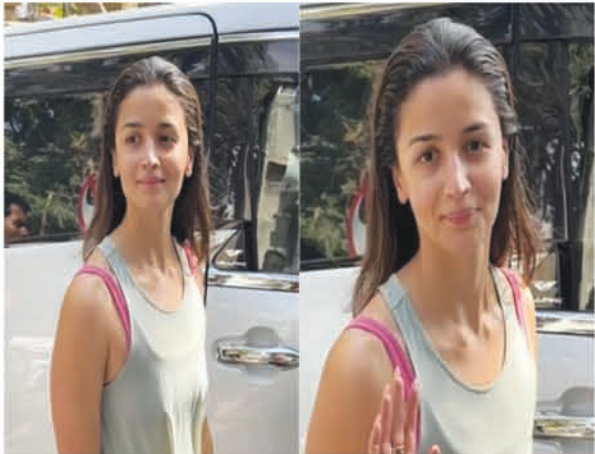
Steps Out After Gym Session, Her Post-Workout Glow Is Unmissable

Alia Bhatt looked chic in athleisure as she was spotted by the paparazzi after her workout session.

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt never fails to make heads turn- whether she is gracing a special event or simply stepping out for a casual gym session. On Sunday, she was spotted in Mumbai after her workout session, proving her dedication to fitness by not skipping the gym even on the weekend. The actress looked chic, and appeared to be in a cheerful mood as she headed home after her workout. The paparazzi spotted Alia Bhatt on Sunday, as she exited the gym and made her way to the car. She looked absolutely stunning in a light green tank top paired with dark green tights and black gym shoes. Her post-workout glow was simply unmissable! Alia quickly posed for the paparazzi and waved at them before stepping inside the car.

Alia looked uber-chic in athleisure, and fans gushed over her. "Her style is so captivating; it's like a fashion runway wherever she goes," wrote one fan, while another one commented, "Beautiful and cute." Check out the video below! Meanwhile, Alia Bhatt made a splash with her stunning look at the WAVES Summit 2025 in Mumbai a few days ago. She opted for a 'Maharashtra Day special look' and delivered a contemporary take on the traditional nauvari saree, styled in shades of bright pink and orange. She paired the silk saree with a sleeveless plunging neckline blouse, adding a modern aesthetic to her traditional look. Sharing pictures of her look, she wrote, "WAVE-ing at you! From cinema to gaming, from craft to tech... our stories, our talent, our vision, ready to lead. #WAVESummit @mib_india @wavesummitindia. P.S. tell me how you like my #MaharashtraDay special look."

On the professional front, Alia Bhatt is currently shooting for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Love And War' which also stars Ranbir Kapoor and Vicky Kaushal. She will also star alongside Sharvari in YRF's first female-led film from their spyverse, Alpha.



Samantha Ruth Prabhu Greet Paps With A Smile, Gets Papped In Casuals At Airport



Samantha Ruth Prabhu is one of the most loved actresses and enjoys a huge fan following. The actress was spotted today at Mumbai airport and greeted paps with a smile. She was looking chic in casuals as she headed towards the gate. In no time, the video went viral, and fans were seen reacting to it. In the video, shared by Instant Bollywood, we can see Samantha wearing comfy casuals. She looked stylish in a loose tee and pants. While heading towards the airport, the actress smiled for the paps. Fans dropped heart emojis in the comment section. Recently, Samantha Ruth Prabhu sparked an honest conversation around period health with nutritionist Rashi Chowdhary. The actress appeared in a recent episode of Rashi's podcast, where she opened up about perimenopause, a transitional period before menopause. Perimenopause is marked by hormonal changes, irregular menstrual cycles, and potential menopausal symptoms like hot flashes.

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu is rumoured to be dating Citadel: Honey Bunny director Raj Nidimoru. On February 1, Samantha Ruth Prabhu took to her Instagram account to share several photos from the World Pickleball League match. The actress is the owner of the pickleball team Chennai Super Champs. Meanwhile, Samantha is all set to return to the big screen with Maa Inti Bangaram, an action thriller that has fans pretty excited. What makes this one extra special? She's not just starring in it—she's also producing it under her own banner, Tarala Media Entertainments. The film is currently in its pre-production stage, with shooting expected to kick off soon.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, one of South India's highest-paid actresses, is the recipient of several accolades, including four Filmfare Awards South, two Nandi Awards and a Tamil Nadu State Film Award.

Up next, Samantha is gearing up for Rakt Brahmand, a new series where she'll be seen alongside Aditya Roy Kapur.

Ananya Panday Shares Glimpse Of Candid Moments From Life, Fans Call Her 'Beautiful'



Ananya Panday has been basking in the success of her recently released film Kesari Chapter 2. Recently, she was seen attending the Chanel Cruise 2025/26 show and has been sharing updates. The actor recently took to her social media to share snippets from her trip. In no time, it went viral, and fans were seen reacting to it. Many called her beautiful in the comment section. Taking to her Instagram handle, Ananya shared photos and wrote, "Final touches and little bit of this and that." One of the fans wrote, "You're one of God's finest creations on Earth." Another wrote, "beautiful looking." Recently, Ananya Panday posted some sneak peeks from the special day, including her lavish dressing room and glimpses of herself strolling in the picturesque city. There were also lovely snaps of her soaking in the sun while enjoying a serene boat ride with her younger sister, Rysa Panday.

Workwise, Ananya Panday was seen in Kesari Chapter 2. The historical courtroom drama, directed by Karan Singh Tyagi, stars Akshay Kumar in a lead role alongside R Madhavan, Regina Cassandra, Simon Paisley Day and Alexx O'Neil. The film, based on the book The Case That Shook The Empire by Pushpa Palat and Raghu Palat, delves into the legal battle led by barrister C Sankaran Nair (played by Akshay Kumar) to uncover the truth behind the brutal Jallianwala Bagh massacre that shook India on April 13, 1919. Helmed by debutant Karan Singh Tyagi, the film that recounts the aftermath of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre has managed to keep its momentum despite being limited to an adult audience due to its 'A' rating from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

The film is based on the book titled The Case That Shook The Empire by Raghu and Pushpa Palat. Akshay Kumar portrays Sankaran Nair in the film, and R. Madhavan plays Advocate Neville McKinley, who represents the British Crown. Ananya Panday, on the other hand, plays Dilreet Gill, a key supporter in Nair's legal battle.

Up next, Ananya Panday is gearing up for Chand Mera Dil. She is paired opposite the Kill movie fame Lakshya. The Vivek Soni directorial is billed to be a college romance about engineering students. Ananya will also reprise her role as Bella Chowdhury in Call Me Bae season 2.

Confirmed: Haseen Dillruba 3 In The Works; Here's What

Taapsee Pannu

Just Revealed

The femme fatale saga is far from over. After the pulpy thrill and twisted romance of Haseen Dillruba and its sequel Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba, the powerhouse duo of Taapsee Pannu and Kanika Dhillon have all but confirmed a third chapter in the beloved Netflix franchise—and the madness is only set to escalate. According to a Mid-day report, scripting for the third installment is officially underway, with sources close to the production revealing that the story of Rani and Rishu will continue in an even more thrilling, seductive, and chaotic direction. "It is one of the most successful titles for the platform. So, the aim is to create a more fun, juicy, and thrilling third part," the insider said.

The buzz began a few weeks ago when Taapsee shared a nostalgic clip from Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba with the cheeky caption: "Missing the pagalpan, Pandit ji. What say?"—a direct nudge to the film's writer, Kanika Dhillon. The response was telling. Kanika teased fans with, "The wait won't last that long, Rani ji! Panditji is already onto the agli kitaab. Iss wali mein

there is Pagalpan x 3."

The playful exchange set social media abuzz, with Taapsee adding fuel to the fire: "Let's ask the audience who gave us so much love... What twist are you expecting in the unexpected life of Rani this time?" The original Haseen Dillruba premiered in 2021 and quickly became a fan favorite for its dark, twisted take on romance and revenge.



Its sequel, released in 2024, expanded the universe with new layers of deception and desire. With each installment, Rani's world has grown more unpredictable—and clearly, fans can't get enough. While plot details for the third film are tightly under wraps, what's clear is that expectations are sky-high. With Haseen Dillruba now one of Netflix India's most popular thriller franchises, the creative team seems ready to raise the stakes.

Meanwhile, Taapsee is also gearing up for her next release, Gandhari, directed by Devashish Makhija and produced by Kanika Dhillon. Co-starring Ishwak Singh, the film wrapped in March and is slated to release on Netflix later this year.

