



Rashmika Mandanna Calls Cocktail...

SHARE	
सेंसेक्स	: 75,318.39
निफ्टी	: 23,659.00
SARAF	
सोना	: 14,665
चांदी	: 285.00

(नोट : सोना 22 कैरेट प्रति ग्राम)

BRIEF NEWS

सारंडा में सक्रिय रहे 25 माओवादी आज एक साथ करेंगे आत्मसमर्पण

RANCHI : झारखंड पुलिस की उपलब्धियों के लिए गुरुवार (21 मई) ऐतिहासिक दिन साबित होगा। इस दिन सारंडा में सक्रिय 25 माओवादी एक साथ आत्मसमर्पण करने जा रहे हैं। इनमें 10 महिला माओवादी भी हैं। झारखंड में यह अबतक का सबसे बड़ा आत्मसमर्पण होगा। सुरक्षा बलों की लगातार कार्रवाई से माओवादी कमजोर पड़ते जा रहे हैं। वे लगातार पुलिस की गोलियों के शिकार हो रहे हैं। सारंडा में भी उनका ठिकाना सुरक्षित नहीं बचा है। पुलिस ने उन्हें घेर रखा है। इसलिए आत्मसमर्पण के अलावा उनके पास विकल्प नहीं है। राज्य सरकार की आत्मसमर्पण एवं पुनर्वास नीति के तहत गुरुवार को झारखंड पुलिस मुख्यालय में 25 माओवादी हथियार डालने जा रहे हैं।

पूरी खबर पेज 04 पर

पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री भुवन चंद्र खंडूरी को राजकीय सम्मान के साथ दी गई अंतिम विदाई

HARIDWAR : उत्तराखंड के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री और भाजपा के वरिष्ठ नेता मेजर जनरल (सेवानिवृत्त) भुवन चंद्र खंडूरी को बुधवार को हरिद्वार के खड़खड़ी इशमन घाट पर पूरे राजकीय सम्मान के साथ अंतिम विदाई दी गई। उनका सोमवार को देहरादून में निधन हो गया था। उनके पुत्र मनीष खंडूरी ने मुखाभि देकर अंतिम संस्कार की रस्म पूरी की। स्वर्गीय खंडूरी की आंखें यात्रा में जंगसेलाब उमड़ पड़ा और हर वर्ग के लोगों ने नम आंखों से उन्हें श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की। अंतिम संस्कार से पूर्व सेना व पुलिस के जवानों ने गाई ऑफ ऑनर देकर दिवंगत नेता को अंतिम सलामी दी। श्रद्धांजलि देते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री मनोहर लाल खट्टर ने कहा कि पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री जनरल भुवन चंद्र खंडूरी का जीवन सादगी, अनुशासन और ईमानदारी का उदाहरण रहे। उन्होंने मुख्यमंत्री, केंद्रीय मंत्री और सेना अधिकारी के रूप में हर दायित्व को पूरी निष्ठा से निभाया।

नीट-यूजी पुनर्परीक्षा को लेकर हाईलेवल मीटिंग

NEW DELHI : केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मदेव प्रधान ने राष्ट्रीय पात्रता-सह-प्रवेश परीक्षा-स्नातक (नीट-यूजी) पुनर्परीक्षा की निष्पक्ष और सुरक्षित व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करने के लिए बुधवार को केंद्रीय सुरक्षा और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के साथ उच्चस्तरीय सम्मेलन बैठक की। बैठक में परीक्षा के दौरान कड़ी सतर्कता और वाक-चौकद सुरक्षा व्यवस्था पर जोर दिया गया। बैठक में शिक्षा मंत्रालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों और राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा एजेंसी (एनटीए) के महानिदेशक ने भी हिस्सा लिया। बैठक में परीक्षा की तैयारियों की विस्तृत समीक्षा की गई तथा संभावित कमजोरियों की पहचान कर समय रहते निवारक और सुधारात्मक कदम उठाने पर चर्चा हुई। इसके समानांतर शिक्षा मंत्री ने मेटा, गुगल और टेलीग्राम जैसे प्रमुख सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ भी बैठक की।

बड़ी उपलब्धि

हवा से सतह व हवा से हवा में मार करने की क्षमता का हुआ परीक्षण

अब मानव रहित हवाई वाहन से दागी जा सकेंगी मिसाइलें

NEW DELHI @ PTI : भारत अब मानव रहित हवाई वाहन (यूएवी) से सटीक निर्देशित मिसाइल (यूएलपीजीएम)-वी3 प्रक्षेपित कर दुश्मन के ड्रोन, हेलीकॉप्टर और अन्य हवाई लक्ष्यों को निशाना बना सकता है। आंध्र प्रदेश के कुरुनूल के पास स्थित डीआरडीओ परीक्षण रेंज में हुए अंतिम विकास परीक्षण में यह उपलब्धि हासिल हुई है। डीआरडीओ ने हवा-से-सतह और हवा-से-हवा में मार करने की क्षमता वाले यूएवी से यह परीक्षण किए हैं। रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन (डीआरडीओ) ने आंध्र प्रदेश के कुरुनूल के पास स्थित डीआरडीओ परीक्षण रेंज में हवा-से-सतह और हवा-से-हवा में मार करने की क्षमता वाले मानव रहित हवाई वाहन से प्रक्षेपित सटीक निर्देशित मिसाइल (यूएलपीजीएम)-वी3 के अंतिम परिणामों के विन्यास के विकास परीक्षण सफलतापूर्वक पूरे कर लिए हैं। ये परीक्षण एकीकृत ग्राउंड कंट्रोल सिस्टम (जीसीएस) के माध्यम से संचालित किए गए। इसका उद्देश्य यूएलपीजीएम हथियार प्रणाली का प्रभावी कमांड एवं नियंत्रण सुनिश्चित करना था। यह जीसीएस प्रणाली अत्याधुनिक तकनीकों से लैस है, जो तत्परता, लक्ष्य निर्धारण और प्रक्षेपण प्रक्रियाओं को स्वचालित बनाकर मिशन की दक्षता और सटीकता को बढ़ाती है।

कई संस्थानों का मिला महत्वपूर्ण सहयोग

डीआरडीओ ने मिसाइलों के विकास और उत्पादन के लिए हैदराबाद स्थित भारत डायनामिक्स लिमिटेड और हैदराबाद स्थित अडानी डिफेंस सिस्टम्स एंड टेक्नोलॉजीज लिमिटेड नामक दो उत्पादन एजेंसियों के साथ साझेदारी की है। वर्तमान परीक्षणों के लिए इस प्रणाली को बेगलूर स्थित न्यूसेस रिसर्च एंड टेक्नोलॉजीज द्वारा विकसित यूएवी में एकीकृत किया गया है। यूएलपीजीएम मिसाइल को हैदराबाद स्थित इमारत अनुसंधान केंद्र द्वारा नोडल प्रयोगशाला के रूप में अन्य डीआरडीओ प्रयोगशालाओं जैसे कि हैदराबाद स्थित रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं डीआरडीओ, टीबीआरएल, एएडवैडआरएल के साथ मिलकर विकसित किया गया है।

कई संस्थानों का मिला महत्वपूर्ण सहयोग

दुश्मन के ड्रोन, हेलीकॉप्टर और अन्य हवाई लक्ष्यों को बनाया जा सकता है निशाना



पूरी टीम को रक्षा मंत्री ने दी बधाई

रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने डीआरडीओ, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों, रक्षा उत्पादन भागीदारों और उद्योग जगत को यूएलपीजीएम-वी3 के सफल परीक्षणों के लिए बधाई दी। उन्होंने कहा कि टैंक रोधी भूमिका के लिए हवा-से-सतह तथा ड्रोन, हेलीकॉप्टर और अन्य हवाई लक्ष्यों पर हमले के लिए हवा-से-हवा मोड में इसकी सफलता रक्षा क्षेत्र में आत्मनिर्भरता की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण रणनीतिक उपलब्धि है। रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास विभाग के सचिव और डीआरडीओ के अध्यक्ष डॉ. समीर वी. कामत ने परीक्षणों से जुड़ी सभी टीमों को इस सराहनीय उपलब्धि के लिए बधाई दी।

आंध्र प्रदेश के कुरुनूल के पास डीआरडीओ परीक्षण रेंज में पूरी की गई प्रक्रिया

- परीक्षण एकीकृत ग्राउंड कंट्रोल सिस्टम के माध्यम से किए गए संचालित
- अत्याधुनिक तकनीकों से लैस है जीसीएस प्रणाली, तत्परता व लक्ष्य निर्धारण में सटीक

भारत डायनामिक्स लिमिटेड व अडानी डिफेंस सिस्टम्स एंड टेक्नोलॉजीज लिमिटेड के साथ की गई है साझेदारी

मतदान में शामिल नहीं हुए तीन रिपब्लिकन सांसद

वर्जीनिया के डेमोक्रेट सीनेटर टिम केन लेकर आए प्रस्ताव

प्रस्ताव को वर्जीनिया के डेमोक्रेट सीनेटर टिम केन लेकर आए हैं। बहस के दौरान उन्होंने कहा कि अभी जब युद्धविराम की बात हो रही है, तब ट्रंप को संसद के सामने आकर अपनी रणनीति बतानी चाहिए। डेमोक्रेट सीनेटर टिम केन ने कहा कि युद्ध शुरू करने का अधिकार संसद के पास है, सिर्फ राष्ट्रपति के पास नहीं। वहीं काइड हाउस का कहना है कि ट्रंप ने अमेरिकी सुरक्षा के लिए अपने अधिकारों के तहत कार्रवाई की है। अमेरिकी कानून के मुताबिक कोई भी राष्ट्रपति बिना संसद की मंजूरी के सिर्फ 60 दिन तक सैन्य कार्रवाई चला सकता है। इसके बाद या तो युद्ध खत्म करना होता है, कांग्रेस से अनुमति लेनी होती है या फिर सेना की सुरक्षित वापसी के लिए 30 दिन की अतिरिक्त मोहलत मांगनी होती है।



दक्षिणी लेबनान में इजरायल के हवाई हमले

दक्षिणी लेबनान में इजराइल ने एक बार फिर हवाई हमले किए हैं। लेबनान की सरकारी समाचार एजेंसी के मुताबिक, इजराइली विमानों ने बित जुबेल जिले को निशाना बनाया। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, टायर जिले में गंधूरीह और अब्बासियह के बीच के इलाके में भी हवाई हमला किया गया। इसके अलावा इजराइली सेना की तोपों से सिद्दीकीन कस्बे पर बमबारी की। अमेरिका और ईरान के बीच जंग खत्म करने को लेकर बातचीत में सहमति नहीं बनने के बीच इजरायल एक बार फिर ईरान पर संभावित अमेरिकी हमले की तैयारी में जुट गया है।

ईरान युद्ध को रोकना जरूरी : शी जिनपिंग

इस बीच चीन के राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग ने मिडिल ईस्ट में जारी युद्ध को लेकर चेतावनी दी है। रॉयटर्स के मुताबिक, बीजिंग में रूस के राष्ट्रपति व्लादिमीर पुतिन के साथ बैठक में उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया फिर जंगलराज की तरफ बढ़ रही है। जिनपिंग ने चेतावनी दी कि अगर लड़ाई नहीं रुकी तो अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था और वैश्विक स्थिरता पर बड़ा असर पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि एकतरफा सैन्य कार्रवाई और लंबे समय तक चलने वाला युद्ध दुनिया को ऐसे दौर में ले जा सकता है, जहां अंतरराष्ट्रीय नियम कमजोर पड़ जाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि लड़ाई रोकना बेहद जरूरी है। जिनपिंग ने यह बयान बुधवार को बीजिंग में पुतिन के औपचारिक स्वागत के बाद दिया।

का अधिकार राष्ट्रपति नहीं, बल्कि संसद के पास होना चाहिए।

उमरोई सैन्य स्टेशन में शुरू हुआ 12 मित्र देशों के साथ सैन्य अभ्यास 'प्रगति'

NEW DELHI : मेघालय के उमरोई सैन्य स्टेशन में बुधवार से बहुपक्षीय सैन्य अभ्यास 'प्रगति' शुरू हो गया। इस सैन्य अभ्यास में भूटान, कंबोडिया, इंडोनेशिया, लाओस, मलेशिया, मालदीव, म्यांमार, नेपाल, फिलीपींस, सेल्सेल, श्रीलंका और वियतनाम सहित 12 मित्र देश भागीदारी कर रहे हैं। भारतीय सेना ने इन सैन्य टुकड़ियों का गर्मजोशी और पारंपरिक रूप से स्वागत करते भारत की समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक विरासत और आतिथ्य सत्कार को दर्शाया। सैन्य अभ्यास 'प्रगति' (पीआरजीजीआई) का अर्थ हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र में विकास और परिवर्तन के लिए क्षेत्रीय सेनाओं की साझेदारी है, जो सामानता, मित्रता और आपसी सम्मान की भावना से आयोजित की जा रही है।

झारखंड में पहली बार एक साथ 201 डीएसपी की ट्रांसफर-पोस्टिंग

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बुधवार को हेमंत सरकार ने राज्य पुलिस सेवा में बड़ा प्रशासनिक फेरबदल किया। पहली बार एक साथ 201 डीएसपी (पुलिस उपाधीक्षक) स्तर के अधिकारियों का तबादला कर दिया गया। गृह, कारा और आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग की ओर से जारी अधिसूचना में कई जिलों के अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारियों, यातायात डीएसपी, विशेष शाखा और मुख्यालय में तैनात अधिकारियों को नई जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है। इसे राज्य में लंबे समय बाद हुआ सबसे बड़ा पुलिस प्रशासनिक फेरबदल माना जा रहा है। सरकार की ओर से जारी सूची के अनुसार, कई जिलों के एसडीपीओ को नई जगहों पर भेजा गया है। गढ़वा के अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी रहे नीरज कुमार को हटिया का डीएसपी बनाया गया है। झारखंड पुलिस मुख्यालय रांची में पदस्थापित दीपक कुमार को बेड़ो का डीएसपी बनाया गया है। हजारीबाग में झारखंड सशस्त्र पुलिस-7 में तैनात मनीष चंद्र लाल को सिल्ली का डीएसपी बनाया गया है। इसी तरह बरिसा के अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी रहे नाजीर अख्तर को

गृह, कारा और आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग की ओर से जारी किया गया नोटिफिकेशन



कई जिलों के एसडीपीओ, यातायात डीएसपी, विशेष शाखा और मुख्यालय में तैनात अधिकारियों को मिली नई जिम्मेदारी

गढ़वा के अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी रहे नीरज कुमार बने हटिया के डीएसपी

कुमार विनोद को धनबाद में मुख्यालय-4 का बनाया गया डीएसपी

धनबाद मुख्यालय-2 भेजा गया है। बरही के एसडीपीओ अर्जित कुमार विमल को बाघमारा का अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी बनाया गया है। विशेष शाखा में तैनात लिलेश्वर महतो को निरसा और प्रकाश चंद महतो को सिंदरी का एसडीपीओ बनाया गया है।

रांची और धनबाद में बड़ा बदलाव

राजधानी रांची और धनबाद जिले में भी बड़े पैमाने पर अधिकारियों की पोस्टिंग बदली गई है। कई परिवीक्षाधीन डीएसपी अधिकारियों को अलग-अलग जिम्मेदारियां दी गई हैं। आलोक कुमार सिंह को सीसीआर रांची, अजय आर्यन को डीएसपी मुख्यालय-2 रांची और रामाकांत रजक को यातायात-4 रांची में पदस्थापित किया गया है। ताराश सीरेन को यातायात-2 रांची की जिम्मेदारी मिली है। वहीं, प्रदीप कुमार-2 को साइबर डीएसपी रांची बनाया गया है। कुमार विनोद को धनबाद में मुख्यालय-4 का डीएसपी बनाया गया है। इसके अलावा कई अधिकारियों को ट्रैफिक, साइबर सेल

और विशेष शाखा में नई जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। सरकार की इस कार्रवाई को आगामी कानून-व्यवस्था और प्रशासनिक जरूरतों से जोड़कर देखा जा रहा है। सूत्रों के अनुसार कई जिलों में अपराध नियंत्रण, साइबर अपराध पर निगरानी, ट्रैफिक प्रबंधन और नवसल प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में बेहतर पुलिसिंग के उद्देश्य से यह व्यापक बदलाव किया गया है। राज्य सरकार का मानना है कि नई पोस्टिंग से पुलिस प्रशासन अधिक सक्रिय और जवाबदेह बनेगा। जिन जिलों में लंबे समय से अधिकारी तैनात थे, वहां भी बदलाव किया गया है, ताकि कार्यप्रणाली में नई ऊर्जा लाई जा सके।

टेक्नीशियन की मदद से शव को उतारा गया नीचे

रांची में युवक ने हाईटेंशन टावर पर चढ़ लगाई फांसी, प्रेमिका से हुआ था विवाद

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बुधवार को रांची जिले के बेड़ो थाना क्षेत्र के कादोजोरा गांव में एक हाईटेंशन बिजली टावर पर चढ़कर एक युवक ने फांसी लगाकर आत्महत्या कर ली। मृतक की पहचान गुमला जिले के भरनो थाना क्षेत्र के चेटो परसा गांव निवासी जट्ट उरांव के 18 वर्षीय पुत्र बिरसा उरांव के रूप में हुई है। घटना का कारण प्रेम प्रसंग बताया जा रहा है। सुबह ग्रामीणों ने टावर पर शव लटका देखा, जिसके बाद यह खबर तेजी से फैल गई और मौके पर लोगों की भीड़ जमा हो गई। सूचना मिलते



हाईटेंशन टावर पर लटकता युवक का शव।

ही बेड़ो थाना पुलिस घटनास्थल पर पहुंची। पुलिस ने तत्काल बिजली विभाग को सूचित कर बिजली कटवाई। इसके बाद टेक्नीशियन की मदद से शव को टावर से नीचे उतारा गया। शव का पंचनामा कर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया गया है। पुलिस मामले

की जांच में जुट गई है। ग्रामीणों के अनुसार, बिरसा उरांव का एक युवती के साथ प्रेम प्रसंग चल रहा था। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, आत्महत्या से एक दिन पहले बिरसा का अपनी प्रेमिका से किसी बात को लेकर विवाद हुआ था। आवेश में आकर उसने यह कदम उठाया।



घटना की सूचना मिलते ही लोयाबाद के थाना प्रभारी टीकू प्रसाद दल-बल के साथ घटनास्थल पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने कहा कि फायरिंग की घटना हुई है और एक व्यक्ति गोली का शिकार हुआ है। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची। ग्रामीण एसपी ने बताया कि पूरे मामले की गंभीरता से जांच की जा रही है। हमले में शामिल लोगों की पहचान और घटना के पीछे के कारणों का पता लगाने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है।

एहतियात के तौर पर पूरे इलाके में अतिरिक्त पुलिस बल तैनात कर दिए गए हैं। फिलहाल स्थिति तनावपूर्ण बनी हुई है, लेकिन निंत्रण में है। पुलिस आगे की कार्रवाई में जुट गई है।

LOHARDAGA लोहार्दगऱ्या : लोहार्दगऱ्या जिले के कैरौ थऱनऱ क्षेत्र को रलशतों के शऱमसऱर करने वऱलऱ हऱलऱ सऱमने आई है। वऱहऱं नऱ सऱल की बऱच्ची के सऱथ दुक्कर्म की घऱटना हुऱई है। इस ढऱमले में पुललस बऱच्ची के ढौसऱ को गलरपऱतऱर कर जेल भेज दलऱ है। ढेडलकल परीशऱण के बऱद बऱच्ची को फलहऱल बऱल कल्यऱण सऱमलत के देखेरऱख में रखा गऱ है। जऱनऱकऱरी के अनुसऱर, बऱच्ची ढूल रूप से लऱतेहऱर जलले के बऱलुढऱथ थऱनऱ क्षेत्र की रहने वऱसऱ है। पलतऱ के दुसरे वलवऱह ऱमले के रोजगऱर के सललसेलत में चेन्नई में रहने के कऱरण बऱच्ची ऱरऱनी ढौसी के घर कैरौ थऱनऱ क्षेत्र के ँक गऱंव में रह रही थी। ऱरऱरऱष है कल इसी दऱरऱन ढौसऱ बऱच्ची को घर में ँकेलऱ पऱकर लऱगतऱत ँसके सऱथ दुक्कर्म करतऱ रहऱ। इसके सऱथ ही कलसल को घऱटना की जऱनऱकऱरी नऱहने के की धऱकरी देतऱ थऱ। बऱतऱय जऱ रहऱ है कल बुऱवऱर को ऱरऱरणी ढौसऱ ने फलर बऱच्ची के सऱथ दुक्कर्म कलऱऱ, जलसके बऱद ऱतुधलक रक्तऱवऱह होने लऱगऱ ँर ँसकी हऱलक गंभीर हो गई। इसके बऱद ऱरऱरणी इलऱज के ललए बऱच्ची को लेकर कुडु स्थलत ँस्पऱतऱल पहुँचऱ। वऱहऱं बऱच्ची को छेडऱकर वऱ ढऱमले की कऱशलश कर रहऱ थऱ। इसी दऱरऱन ढऱमले की सूऱऱनऱ पुललस को मलले गई। सूऱऱनऱ मललेते ही पुललस सक्रलन हुँड ँर कुडु बऱस स्टैड से ँसे गलरपऱतऱर कर ललऱ। ढऱमले में पीडलतऱ की ढौसी ने ँपने पतल के खललऱफ कैरौ थऱनऱ में प्रऱथऱमकी दर्ज करऱई है। ऱरऱरणी की उऱल लऱगऱढ 30 वरष बऱतऱई जऱ रही है। कैरौ के थऱनऱ प्रऱथरी कुँडनऱ कुढऱर रऱवऱनी ने बऱतऱय कल सूऱऱनऱ मललेते ही पुललस ने तऱवलरत ऱरऱरणी कुँडनऱ करतऱ हऱए ऱरऱरणी को गलरपऱतऱर कर ललऱ। ढऱमले की गंभीरऱतऱ को देखते हऱए ऱरऱरणी की कऱनऱनी करऱवऱई की जऱ रही है।

देवघर पुलिस ने नशा और ब्राउन शूगर के अवैध कारोबार के खिलाफ कार्रवाई करते हुए मोहनपुरी थाना क्षेत्र से दो तस्करी को गिरफ्तार किया है। पुलिस ने आरोपितों को कब्जे से 8.43 ग्राम ब्राउन शूगर और एक मोबाइल फोन बरामद किया है। पुलिस को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि दहीजो-लेव्हावर्णन सड़क स्थित तिराहा मोड़ के पासमा ब्राउन शूगर की खरीद-बिक्री की जा रही है। सूचना के आधार पर पुलिस टीम ने छापेमारी अभियानान चलाया। इस दौरान गौतम महथाऊ गौतम चौधरी को ब्राउन शूगर बेचते हुए रंगे हाथ गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। तलाशी के दौरान उसके पास से 8.43 ग्राम ब्राउन शूगर और एक मोबाइल फोन बरामद किया गया। पुलिस उच्चाटण में गिरफ्तार

पूछताछ में दोनों आरोपितों ने स्वीकार किया कि वे संगठित तरीके से झारखंड के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में ब्राउन शुगर की खरीद-बिक्री का अवैध कारोबार चला रहे थे। धाराओं में प्रथमिकी दर्ज की गई है। इस कार्रवाई का नेतृत्व अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी (सदर) अशोक कुमार सिंह ने किया।

पुलिस के अनुसार, गिरफ्तार आरोपित गौतम महथा के खिलाफ पहले से भी कई आपराधिक मामलों दर्ज हैं। इस मामले में मोहनपुर थाना कांड संख्या 77/26 के तहत भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बीएनएस) और एनडीपीएस एक्ट की विभिन्न धाराओं में प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है। इस कार्रवाई का नेतृत्व अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी (सदर) अशोक कुमार सिंह ने किया।

मामले की जानकारी मिलने के बाद ग्राम सभा सक्रिय हुई। पंचायत के मुखिया प्रेम तूती ने बताया कि शव की पहचान फोटो के आधार पर की गई थी। चेहरा काफी मिलता-जुलता होने के कारण ग्रामीण और परिवार प्रश्रित हो गए। उन्होंने सार्वजनिक रूप से शव गलती के लिए माफी मांगते हुए कहा कि यह भूल अनजाने में हुई है। ग्राम प्रधान जलेश तूती ने भी माना कि जल्दबाजी में शव की पहचान कर ली गई थी।

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कर शव को दफना दिया गया।

प्राची में गुरुवार को समर्पण करने वाले नक्सली हजारीबाग संस्थान आपन जेल में रखे जायेंगे। यहां उन्हें अपने परिवार के साथ रहने की सुविधा मिलेगी। झारखंड पुलिस ने प्राची में सैरखंड पॉलीस में पिछले वर्ष में बंदलाव किया है, जिसके तहत अब आत्मसमर्पण करने वाले नक्सली आने कहीं को आपन जेल में नहीं रखे जायेंगे। आपन जेल में नक्सलियों को कोशिय योजना से जोड़ा जाएगा, जिसके तहत उन्हें रोजगार के विभिन्न वर्ग सिखाए जायेंगे। नक्सले से जब जेल से बाहर निकलेगें, तो उन्हें तुरंत रोजगार मिल सकेगा। वहीं, नक्सलियों पर घोषित इनाम की राशि भी हथी को दी जायगी।

स्वदेशी शक्ति से वैश्विक होता भारत का रक्षा क्षेत्र

भारत का रक्षा क्षेत्र आज वहां आ पहुंचा है, जहां तकनीक, अनुसंधान और स्वदेशी क्षमताएं राष्ट्रीय शक्ति का नया आधार बनती जा रही हैं। हाल के वर्षों में सरकार ने रक्षा अनुसंधान को नीति के केंद्र में स्थापित किया है, जिससे देश की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था अधिक सशक्त, आधुनिक और आत्मनिर्भर बन रही है। रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह द्वारा व्यक्त विचार इस दिशा में स्पष्ट संकेत देते हैं कि आने वाला समय तकनीकी श्रेष्ठता का होगा और भारत इस दौड़ में पीछे रहने वाला देश नहीं है। वस्तुतः आज केंद्र सरकार द्वारा रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता देना एक दूरदर्शी कदम माना जा सकता है। रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन (डीआरडीओ) द्वारा अब तक 2200 से अधिक तकनीकों का उद्योगों को हस्तांतरण इस बात का प्रमाण है कि देश में शोध और उत्पादन के बीच मजबूत पुल तैयार हो चुका है। इस प्रक्रिया ने रक्षा उत्पादन को गति दी है और निजी क्षेत्र को भी नए अवसर प्रदान किए हैं। अनुसंधान पर निरंतर ध्यान बनाए रखना भविष्य के युद्धों में बढ़त दिलाने वाला कारक बन सकता है। रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास बजट का 25 प्रतिशत हिस्सा उद्योगों, अकादमिक संस्थानों और स्टार्टअप के लिए निर्धारित किया जाना एक क्रांतिकारी पहल है। इन संस्थाओं द्वारा 4500 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का उपयोग यह दर्शाता है कि देश में नवाचार की ऊर्जा तेजी से बढ़ रही है। इससे एक ओर जहां नई तकनीकों का विकास संभव हुआ है, वहीं युवाओं को भी रक्षा क्षेत्र में योगदान देने का अवसर मिला है। नई टेक्नोलॉजी ट्रांसफर नीति के तहत शुल्क समाप्त करना उद्योगों के लिए एक बड़ा प्रोत्साहन साबित हुआ है। इससे विकास और उत्पादन में साझेदारी को बढ़ावा मिला है। साथ ही पेटेंट्स को मुफ्त उपलब्ध कराने की नीति ने तकनीकी विकास को नई गति दी है। परीक्षण सुविधाओं को उद्योगों के लिए खोलना भी सहयोगात्मक विकास की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। यही कारण है कि भारत अब डायरेक्टेट एनर्जी वेपन्स, हाइपरसोनिक हथियार, क्वांटम तकनीक, आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस और मशीन लर्निंग जैसे अत्याधुनिक क्षेत्रों में तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहा है। ये तकनीकें भविष्य के युद्धों की दिशा तय करेंगी। इन क्षेत्रों में निवेश और अनुसंधान भारत को वैश्विक स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धी बना रहे हैं। हमने पिछले साल देखा भी है कि ऑपरेशन सिंदूर जैसे अभियानों में स्वदेशी तकनीकों का सफल उपयोग देश की बढ़ती सैन्य क्षमता को दर्शाता है। आकाशतीर, आकाश मिसाइल सिस्टम और ब्रह्मोस जैसी उन्नत प्रणालियां इस बात का प्रमाण हैं कि भारत अब आत्मनिर्भर रक्षा शक्ति बनने की दिशा में मजबूती से आगे बढ़ रहा है। यह उपलब्धि हर भारतीय के लिए गर्व का विषय है। इसके साथ ही कहना होगा कि भारत के लिए वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में रक्षा उत्पादन का 1.54 लाख करोड़ रुपये तक पहुंचना एक ऐतिहासिक उपलब्धि है। रक्षा निर्यात का 38,424 करोड़ रुपये तक पहुंचना इस बात का संकेत है कि भारत अब वैश्विक बाजार में अपनी मजबूत उपस्थिति दर्ज करा रहा है। पिछले एक दशक में 174 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि और निर्यात में कई गुना विस्तार देश की बदलती पहचान को दर्शाता है, जिसमें रक्षा निर्यात में निजी क्षेत्र का लगभग 15 हजार करोड़ रुपये का योगदान इस क्षेत्र में आए बड़े बदलाव को दर्शा रहा है। अब रक्षा निर्माण सरकारी संस्थानों की पहुंच से आगे उद्योगों और स्टार्टअप की सक्रियता में एक व्यापक इकोसिस्टम बन चुका है। स्वभाविक तौर पर इससे नवाचार और प्रतिस्पर्धा दोनों को बढ़ावा मिला है। आज इनोवेशंस फॉर डिफेंस एक्सलेंस, एडीआईटीआई और टेक्नोलॉजी डेवलपमेंट फंड जैसी योजनाएं रक्षा क्षेत्र में नई ऊर्जा का संचार कर रही हैं। इन पहलों ने युवाओं और उद्यमियों को रक्षा तकनीकों के विकास में भाग लेने का अवसर दिया है। इससे देश में नवाचार की संस्कृति मजबूत हो रही है। ऐसे में यह भी ध्यान में आता है कि भारत का लक्ष्य अब तकनीकी संप्रभुता हासिल करना है, जिसमें महत्वपूर्ण तकनीकों का विकास, स्वामित्व और संरक्षण देश के भीतर ही हो। क्वांटम-सिक्चोर कम्प्युनिकेशन जैसी उपलब्धियां इस दिशा में बड़ी प्रगति को दर्शाती हैं। यह क्षमता भविष्य के युद्धों में निर्णायक साबित हो सकती है। बजट 2026-27 में रक्षा क्षेत्र के लिए 6.81 लाख करोड़ रुपये का आवंटन सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाता है। यह पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि है, जो रक्षा तैयारियों को और मजबूत बनाएगी। अतः हम सभी के लिए आज गौरव की बात है कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में भारत की रक्षा यात्रा एक ऐसे मुकाम पर पहुंच चुकी है, जहां आत्मनिर्भरता, तकनीकी श्रेष्ठता और वैश्विक पहचान एक साथ आकार ले रही हैं। यह परिवर्तन हर भारतीय के लिए गर्व का विषय है। यह तो हम सभी जानते हैं कि देश का रक्षा क्षेत्र सुरक्षा का प्रतीक है, किंतु कहना होगा कि इस दिशा में हो रहे नवाचार आज शक्ति और आत्मविश्वास का भी प्रतिनिधित्व करते हुए दिखाई देते हैं, जो हर भारतीय को आशा और उत्साह से भर रहे हैं।

ANALYSIS



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कोविड-19 महामारी, रूस-यूक्रेन युद्ध के बाद पैदा हुई महंगाई, अमेरिकी फेडरल रिजर्व की सख्त मौद्रिक नीति, बैंकिंग संकट और हालिया वैश्विक शुल्क दबाव जैसे अनेक संकटों के बावजूद भारत की आर्थिक स्थिति संतुलित बनी रही। वस्तुतः भारत की आर्थिक मजबूती को केवल मूडीज की रिपोर्ट तक सीमित करके नहीं देखा जा सकता। इसके पीछे अनेक ऐसे टोस तथ्य हैं, जो यह बताते हैं कि बीते वर्षों में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था ने मजबूत आधार तैयार किया है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में आर्थिक नीतियों में जो स्थिरता और दीर्घकालिक दृष्टि दिखाई दी, उसी का परिणाम है कि आज भारत वैश्विक निवेशकों के लिए सबसे आकर्षक बाजारों में शामिल हो चुका है। मूडीज ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में भारत की मौद्रिक नीति को उसकी सबसे बड़ी ताकत बताया है। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने महंगाई नियंत्रण और विकास के बीच संतुलन बनाए रखने में उल्लेखनीय सफलता हासिल की है। दुनिया के अनेक देशों में महंगाई दोहरा अंक तक पहुंच गई, मगर भारत ने उसे नियंत्रित दायरे में बनाए रखा। निवेशकों का भरोसा इसी कारण लगातार बढ़ा है। भारत की दूसरी बड़ी ताकत उसका विशाल विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार है।

दुनिया इस समय आर्थिक अस्थिरता, युद्धों, ऊर्जा संकट, महंगाई और वैश्विक व्यापारिक तनावों के दौर से गुजर रही है। कोविड महामारी के बाद अनेक विकसित और विकासशील देशों की अर्थव्यवस्थाएं अब भी पूरी तरह पटरी पर नहीं लौट सकी हैं। ऐसे समय में भारत का लगातार मजबूती के साथ आगे बढ़ना अपने आप में महत्वपूर्ण संकेत है। यही कारण है कि आज भारत को दुनिया की सबसे भरोसेमंद उभरती अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में गिना जा रहा है। वैश्विक रेंटिंग एजेंसी मूडीज रेंटिंम्स की हालिया रिपोर्ट ने भी इस तथ्य की पुष्टि की है कि भारत ने हर बड़े वैश्विक आर्थिक झटके के बीच उल्लेखनीय स्थिरता दिखाई है। कोविड-19 महामारी, रूस-यूक्रेन युद्ध के बाद पैदा हुई महंगाई, अमेरिकी फेडरल रिजर्व की सख्त मौद्रिक नीति, बैंकिंग संकट और हालिया वैश्विक शुल्क दबाव जैसे अनेक संकटों के बावजूद भारत की आर्थिक स्थिति संतुलित बनी रही। वस्तुतः भारत की आर्थिक मजबूती को केवल मूडीज की रिपोर्ट तक सीमित करके नहीं देखा जा सकता। इसके पीछे अनेक ऐसे टोस तथ्य हैं, जो यह बताते हैं कि बीते वर्षों में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था ने मजबूत आधार तैयार किया है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में आर्थिक नीतियों में जो स्थिरता और दीर्घकालिक दृष्टि दिखाई दी, उसी का परिणाम है कि आज भारत वैश्विक निवेशकों के लिए सबसे आकर्षक बाजारों में शामिल हो चुका है। मूडीज ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में भारत की मौद्रिक नीति को उसकी सबसे बड़ी ताकत बताया है। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने महंगाई नियंत्रण और विकास के बीच संतुलन बनाए रखने में उल्लेखनीय सफलता हासिल की है। दुनिया के अनेक देशों में महंगाई दोहरा अंक तक पहुंच गई, मगर भारत ने उसे नियंत्रित दायरे में बनाए रखा। निवेशकों का भरोसा इसी कारण लगातार बढ़ा है। भारत की दूसरी बड़ी ताकत उसका विशाल विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार है।



करने में मदद करता है। अनेक देशों की मुद्राएं वैश्विक दबाव में तेजी से कमजोर हुईं, जबकि भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था अपेक्षाकृत अधिक संतुलित बनी रही। वहीं, भारत की घरेलू मांग भी उसकी सबसे बड़ी आर्थिक शक्ति के रूप में उभरी है। देश की विशाल आबादी और बढ़ता मध्यम वर्ग आर्थिक गतिविधियों को गति देता है। यही कारण है कि वैश्विक मंदी के दौर में भी भारत में खपत बनी रही। हाउसिंग, वाहन, डिजिटल सेवाओं और उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं की मांग लगातार बढ़ती दिखाई दी। वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के बैंकिंग आंकड़े इस मजबूती को और स्पष्ट करते हैं। 15.9 प्रतिशत की क्रेडिट ग्रोथ यह संकेत देती है कि उद्योग, व्यापार और उपभोक्ता क्षेत्र में गतिविधियां तेजी से बढ़ रही हैं। कुल कर्ज 212.9 लाख करोड़ रुपए तक पहुंचना आर्थिक विस्तार का बड़ा संकेत है। सेवा क्षेत्र में 19 प्रतिशत की

क्रेडिट वृद्धि बताती है कि भारत का सर्विस सेक्टर लगातार नई ऊंचाइयों की ओर बढ़ रहा है। सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी, डिजिटल सेवाएं, पर्यटन, स्वास्थ्य और वित्तीय सेवाओं ने भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था को नई गति दी है। उद्योग क्षेत्र में भी कर्ज वितरण लगभग दोगुना होकर 15 प्रतिशत तक पहुंचा है, जो विनिर्माण गतिविधियों के विस्तार का संकेत देता है। विशेष रूप से माइक्रो और स्मॉल इंडस्ट्रीज में 33.1 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि यह दर्शाती है कि आर्थिक विकास अब केवल बड़े शहरों या कॉर्पोरेट समूहों तक सीमित नहीं रहा। छोटे उद्योगों और स्थानीय उद्यमों को भी वित्तीय मजबूती मिल रही है। यही वास्तविक अर्थों में आत्मनिर्भर भारत की दिशा में बढ़ता कदम है। ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था के संकेत भी उत्साहजनक हैं। कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों में 15.7 प्रतिशत की क्रेडिट ग्रोथ बताती है कि गांवों में

आर्थिक गतिविधियां बढ़ रही हैं। कृषि क्षेत्र में तकनीक, सिंचाई, खाद्य प्रसंस्करण और ग्रामीण आधारभूत संरचना पर ध्यान देने का सकारात्मक प्रभाव दिखाई दे रहा है। टैक्स संग्रह के आंकड़े भी आर्थिक मजबूती का प्रमाण प्रस्तुत करते हैं। प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह में 5.12 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि बताती है कि आर्थिक गतिविधियां स्थिर हैं और कर अनुपालन बेहतर हुआ है। कॉर्पोरेट टैक्स में बढ़ोतरी कंपनियों की बेहतर आय और कारोबार विस्तार की ओर संकेत करती है। इसके साथ आज जो दिख रहा है, वह यह भी है कि देश में डिजिटल भुगतान और तकनीक आधारित प्रशासन ने कर प्रणाली को अधिक पारदर्शी बनाया गया है। व्यक्तिगत ऋणों में 16.2 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि यह दिखाती है कि आम नागरिकों का आर्थिक विश्वास मजबूत हुआ है। लोग घर खरीद रहे हैं, वाहन ले रहे हैं और निवेश करने का साहस दिखा रहे हैं। यह किसी भी अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए सकारात्मक संकेत माना जाता है। वास्तव में भारत की आर्थिक मजबूती का सबसे बड़ा आधार नीतिगत स्थिरता है। पिछले वर्षों में आधारभूत संरचना निर्माण, डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था, विनिर्माण प्रोत्साहन, प्रत्यक्ष लाभ हस्तांतरण, जीएसटी, बैंकिंग सुधार और उत्पादन आधारित प्रोत्साहन योजनाओं ने अर्थव्यवस्था को नई दिशा दी है। वस्तुतः आज भारत को लेकर मजबूत ही दुनिया की अनेक शक्तिशाली संस्थाएं- अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष, विश्व बैंक, एसएंडपी और फिच भी भारत की दीर्घकालिक संभावनाओं को सकारात्मक मान रही हैं। स्पष्ट है कि भारत की आर्थिक मजबूती किसी एक रिपोर्ट या एजेंसी के मूल्यांकन का परिणाम नहीं है। इसके पीछे मजबूत नीतियां, विशाल घरेलू बाजार, बढ़ता निवेश, बैंकिंग स्थिरता, डिजिटल क्रांति, विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार और जनविश्वास जैसे अनेक टोस आधार मौजूद हैं। यही कारण है कि वैश्विक अनिश्चितताओं के इस दौर में भी भारत आत्मविश्वास के साथ आगे बढ़ रहा है और विश्व की सबसे भरोसेमंद अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में अपनी जगह लगातार मजबूत कर रहा है।

अपना अंत स्वयं लिखती है हर सत्ता

पश्चिम बंगाल की राजनीति पाप का एक ऐसा घड़ा भर रही थी, जो कब का लबाब हो चुका था। उसे इतनी ही जोर से फूटना ही था। अब तक तीन ताकतें ही बंगाल में काबिज रहीं। पहले कांग्रेस, फिर कम्युनिस्ट और फिर टीएमपी। तीनों ही अलग नहीं हैं। तीसरी ताकत पहली से टूट कर ही बनी। पहली और दूसरी की यारी ईमान पर टिकी थी। ईमान का यह तत्व टीएमपी में जन्मजात था। ईमान को मजबूत बताने की होड़ तय करती थी कि घुसपैठियों के प्रति कौन कितना दयावान है। इन नतीजों ने देश के दूसरे हिस्सों में पहले ही दिवालिया हो चुके मजहबों वोटरों की एक ओर मजबूत बनाएगी। अतः हम सभी के लिए आज गौरव की बात है कि कम्युनिस्टों के लंबे कब्जे में आने के बाद कोलकाता धीरे-धीरे एक कबाड़खाना ही बन गया। नाजायज कब्जों और वसूली का ऐसा मॉडल शायद ही देश में कहीं हो। शानदार शोरूम वाले भीड़ भरे बाजारों के चौड़े फुटपाथ अतिक्रमण में ऐसी दुकानों को दे दिए गए, जिनके मुंह शोरूम की तरफ थे। पूरे कोलकाता में यह एक

समांतर अर्थव्यवस्था है, जिसकी सत्ता कम्युनिस्टों के हाथ से खिसक कर टीएमपी के हाथ में आ गई, क्योंकि हारने के बाद गलियों के सारे कम्युनिस्ट पिग्गह टीएमपी की लग्नी उठाने लग गए। कुछ नहीं बदला। पौरवर्तन केवल एक नारा साबित हुआ था। अंग्रेज आर्किटेक्ट और टाउन प्लानर आज के कोलकाता में राइटर्स बिल्डिंग से होकर तीन-चार किलोमीटर चारों ओर के बाजारों और फुटपाथों पर घूमकर देखें तो एक स्वर कहेंगे- ये इसी लायक थे। केवल कोलकाता ही नहीं, दूसरे शहरों में भी बंगाल विचित्र है। रेलवे स्टेशनों पर आपने कब्जे बाहर देखे होंगे, मगर स्टेशन मास्टर के ऑफिस से सटकर दोनों तरफ प्लेटफॉर्म पर रेल के डिब्बों की तरफ खुलती दुकानों का बाजार देश में कहीं नहीं देखा होगा। रेलवे की जमीन पर प्लेटफॉर्मों पर कब्जों का यह अनूठा प्रयोग केवल बंगाल में ही संभव हुआ। रेलमंत्री या मुख्यमंत्री बनने के बाद ममता बनर्जी के पौरवर्तन में यह कोई विषय ही नहीं था। नशे के फैलाव के कारण पंजाब को एक फिल्म में उड़ता हुआ

पंजाब कहा गया। बंगाल की कई यात्राओं के बाद मैंने बहुत दुख से इसे सड़ता हुआ बंगाल कहा था। ये नतीजे बता रहे हैं कुछ उम्मीद बाकी है। वह पूरी तरह सड़ा नहीं है। जनवरी में मेरा वेलूर मठ और दक्षिणेश्वर जाना हुआ। पहले भी गया हूं और कोलकाता के वे स्थान, जहां स्वामी विवेकानंद की स्मृतियां ताजा हैं। महर्षि अरविंदों, नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस, बंकिमचंद्र, शरतचंद्र के अलावा बड़ा बाजार की पुरानी इमारतों के बीच ठाकुरबाड़ी, जहां गुरुदेव रवींद्रनाथ टैगोर के परिवार की अनगिनत यादें हैं। हर बार मैं सोचता रहा कि ये विभूतियां अगर आज के बंगाल की हालत देखें तो क्या सोचेंगी। इतने गहरे सांस्कृतिक संस्कारों और संसरोकों वाले पुनर्जागरण की भूमि को यह कौन-सा अभिशाप जकड़ें हुए है। बंकिम अपनी मातृभूमि का वंदन करने के लिए उस सरहद के किस तरफ मुंह करेंगे, जिसकी दूसरी ओर से आने वाले अग्राधी घुसपैटिए इस तरफ के बंगाल का राजनीति शास्त्र, अर्थशास्त्र और समाज शास्त्र उलटने में लगे हैं

और उन्हें पोसने वाले यहाँ वंदनवार सजाए हुए हैं। उन्हें कोलकाता से ढाका तक देखना होगा कि डायरेक्ट एक्शन से रक्तस्त्रित उनकी मातृभूमि किस बुरे हाल से गुजरी है और रक्तबीजों की अमरबेल कहां-कहां लिपटी पड़ी है। अतीत में झांकना हर समय सुखद नहीं होता मगर वह ब्लैक एंड व्हाइट में कुछ निष्कर्ष हमें जरूर देता है। कोई भी राजनीतिक दल सीटों की संख्या के हिसाब से सिमटना और सिकुड़ना बाद में शुरू करता है, पहले वह वैचारिक रूप से दिवालिया होता है। विचार ही राजनीति में महत्वपूर्ण है। आजादी के बाद का इतिहास हर दशक में हर राज्य में अपनी परतें उचाड़ता है। स्वाधीनता संघर्ष की खुमारी सत्ता में जितना टिकाए रख सकती थी, टिकाया मगर भारत के लिए कोई नया और मौलिक विचार उस दौर की राजनीति पैदा नहीं कर सकी। सत्ता ही विचार में थी, जो केंद्र के बाद राज्यों में भी परिवार केंद्रित होती गई। इसलिए आपातकाल तक आते-आते सब बिखरने लगा। विचारहीन राजनीति कोई सबक सीखने लायक

भी नहीं बचती। बड़े दरख की सुखी शाख टूट हो जाती हैं। हरी कोपले वहाँ नहीं आती। रात के वक्त वहाँ बैठे उल्लू सिर घुमाकर आँखें चमकाते हैं। आजादी के बाद हुए हजारों छोटे-बड़े आंदोलनों को देखें। ऐसे आंदोलन जिन्होंने देश की राजनीति को स्थाई रूप से प्रभावित और परिवर्तित किया। अयोध्या के राममंदिर आंदोलन को आप किस कसौटी पर रखेंगे। एक विचार को लेकर कुछ नेता एक नई-नई पार्टी बनाकर देश में घूमते-भटकते रहे। उन्हें वंकि्यानूसी कहा गया, जिनका आधुनिक विश्व की जरूरतों से कोई सरोकार नहीं था। वे बार-बार की हार से भी नहीं हारे। हार-हारकर भी अपने विचार पर टिके रहे-तुष्टिकरण का विरोध, कश्मीर में 370, समान नागरिक संहिता और अयोध्या में एक मंदिर। सब हंसते थे। गरियाते थे। मजाक उड़ाते थे, मगर उनके पास कुछ सत्ता नहीं थी, जो केंद्र के बाद राज्यों में भी परिवार केंद्रित होती गई। इसलिए आपातकाल तक आते-आते सब बिखरने लगा। विचारहीन राजनीति कोई सबक सीखने लायक

थी। बंगाल पर लौटते हैं। बंगाल एक कठिन और जटिल राजनीतिक भूमि है। दशकों की बिगड़ी आदतें हैं, जो रक्त में समा गई हैं और इनका शुद्धिकरण सरल नहीं है। दो सी पाक का यह परिणाम बैचैन बंगालियों की अनंत अपेक्षाओं का एक भारी-भरकम बोझ भी है, जो अब नए कंधों पर है। असंभव को संभव बनाना ही केवल राजनीति से ही संभव है। बिहार, यूपी और असम में एक जैसी समस्याओं का विस्तार है, जिनमें डेमोग्राफी सबसे चिंतानक है। वोट बैंक बनाकर तुष्टीकरण की राजनीति ने इस घुन को लगभग पूरे देश में फैलने के लिए अनुकूल जमीन तैयार की है, जिसके बुरे परिणाम पूरे देश में उबलते देखे जाते हैं। बंगाल के गप नेतृत्व को वास्तविक परिवर्तन के लिए असम, यूपी और उत्तराखंड के तजुबों से बहुत कुछ सीखने को मिल सकता है। परिणाममूलक परिवर्तन के कुछ सूत्र हमेंता बिस्वा सत्ता से लेने ही पड़ेंगे, कुछ पाठ योगी आदित्यनाथ से सीखने होंगे और थोड़ा सा पुष्कर सिंह धामी की पहली कक्षा में झाँकते हुए आगे बढ़ना होगा।

Social Media Corner

सच के हक में...

रोम पहुंचते ही मुझे प्रधानमंत्री मेलोनी के साथ रात्रिभोज करने का अवसर मिला, जिसके बाद हमने प्रतिष्ठित कोलोसियम का दौरा किया। हमने कई विषयों पर विचारों का आदान-प्रदान किया। आज होने वाली हमारी वार्ता के लिए मैं उत्सुक हूँ, जिसमें हम भारत और इटली के बीच मित्रता को मजबूत करने के तरीकों पर चर्चा जारी रखेंगे। मैंने प्रधानमंत्री मेलोनी के साथ मिलकर एक संपादकीय लेख लिखा है जिसमें बताया गया है कि भारत-इटली संबंध निर्णायक मोड़ पर पहुंच गए हैं। हमारी साझेदारी नवाचार, साझा लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों और भविष्य के लिए एक समान दृष्टिकोण से प्रेरित एक विशेष रणनीतिक साझेदारी है।

(प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का 'एक्स' पर पोस्ट)



रावी के होटवार जेल में महिला कैदी के साथ कथित शारीरिक शोषण और गर्भवती होने का मामला बेहद गंभीर और न्याय व्यवस्था पर बड़ा सवाल खड़ा करने वाला है। जानकारी के अनुसार महिला नवंबर 2025 से न्यायिक हिरासत में जेल में बंद है और पिछले महीने उसकी प्रेनेसी रिपोर्ट पॉजिटिव आई। ऐसे में यह स्पष्ट संकेत देता है कि जेल परिसर के भीतर ही उसके साथ शारीरिक शोषण हुआ, जिसकी निष्पक्ष और उच्चस्तरीय जांच आवश्यक है। और भी वित्तजानक बात यह है कि दो-तीन दिन पूर्व महिला को प्रेनेसी जांच के लिए निजी लेब भेजा गया, जबकि नियमों के अनुसार ऐसे संवेदनशील मामलों में सिलिव सर्जनी की अनुमति तथा सरकारी अस्पताल, विशेषकर रिम्स, में जांच और उपचार की व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए। इससे पूरे मामले को ढबाने और सबूत प्रभावित करने की आशंका और गहरी हो जाती है। यदि आरोप सच है, तो यह केवल एक महिला कैदी के साथ अपराध नहीं, बल्कि न्यायिक हिरासत में राज्य की जिम्मेदारी और मानवाधिकारों का गंभीर उल्लंघन है।

(बाबूलाल मरांडी का 'एक्स' पर पोस्ट)



poets who sang of them, whereas the gods of other ancient civilisations have mostly vanished into museums. Saying which, I realise that I echo an ancient promise. That of Sivaperuman (Lord Shiva) at Chidambaram, where he promised to dance eternally “there and in the hearts of mankind” as Nataraja.

ICICI Bank hikes debit card DCC fee from 1% to 3.5%: What it means

New Delhi.(Agency)
If you often use your debit card for international spending or online purchases linked to foreign merchants, your transactions could soon become more expensive. ICICI Bank has informed customers that it will revise the Dynamic Currency Conversion (DCC) fee on debit cards from June 21, 2026. The charge will rise sharply from the current 1% of the transaction amount to 3.5%.

WHAT IS CHANGING?
The revised DCC fee will apply to certain debit card transactions carried out in Indian rupees under specific situations. This includes purchases made in Indian currency at international locations or payments made in India where the merchant is registered in a foreign country.
In simple terms, even if you are paying in rupees, the extra charge may apply if the transaction is processed through a foreign merchant network. The bank informed customers about the revision through an official communication, stating that the updated fee structure will come into effect from June 21.

WHAT IS DYNAMIC CURRENCY CONVERSION?
Dynamic Currency Conversion, commonly called DCC, allows customers to pay in their home currency instead of the local currency while making international transactions.
For example, if you are shopping abroad or paying a foreign website, you may sometimes see an option to pay directly in Indian rupees instead of dollars or another foreign currency.

Parle Industries shares jump 5% after PM Modi gifts Melody to Italy PM Giorgia Meloni

HYDERABAD.(Agency)
Parle Industries shares rose sharply on Tuesday after Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted a pack of Melody toffees to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni during his visit to Italy, triggering a fresh social media frenzy around the popular “Melodi” trend. Shares of Parle Industries jumped 5% intraday to Rs 5.25. The stock was also up nearly 7% over the past one week.
However, despite today’s rise, the stock remains under pressure over the longer term. Parle Industries shares are still down around 41% in three months, 46% in six months and over 68% in the past one year.
The rally came after a light-hearted video featuring PM Modi and Italy PM Meloni went viral online. In the clip shared on social media, PM Modi was seen gifting a packet of Melody candies to Meloni, seemingly playing on the viral “#Melodi” phrase that internet users often use while referring to the two leaders together.
Meloni later shared the video on X and wrote, “Thank you for the gift.” In the video, she was also heard saying, “He gifted... a very, very good toffee,” after which both leaders laughed. The moment quickly caught attention online, with the clip gathering close to a million views within a short span along with thousands of reactions and comments.

Banks may soon have to share more details on risks and financial health, says RBI

NEW DELHI.(Agency)
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) wants banks to become more transparent about their financial health. In a move aimed at giving customers, investors and market participants a clearer picture of how banks manage risks, the central bank has proposed new disclosure rules under Basel III norms. If implemented, banks may soon have to publish more detailed information about their capital strength, liquidity position and risk exposure every quarter in a standard format.
WHAT HAS RBI PROPOSED?
On Tuesday, the RBI released a draft circular proposing a revised disclosure framework for banks under Basel Pillar 3 norms.
Under the proposal, banks will be required to publish more detailed information on important financial measures such as capital adequacy, leverage, liquidity and risks. The idea is to improve transparency and strengthen market discipline.
The central bank said lenders would need to make quarterly disclosures in a common format so that information becomes easier to compare across banks.
WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WILL BANKS HAVE TO SHARE?
If the proposal comes into force, banks will have to disclose key financial indicators, including Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, total capital, risk-weighted assets (RWAs), leverage ratio, liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) and net stable funding ratio (NSFR). In simple terms, these numbers help explain whether a bank has enough financial strength to absorb shocks, manage risks and meet its funding needs. Banks will also need to explain major changes in these figures from one quarter to another and the reasons behind such movements.



Falling rupee isn't trousers, doesn't need pulling up. But is it revealing too much?

The falling rupee needs no support at the moment, and foreign exchange reserves shouldn't be burnt. However, the falling rupee might be pointing to a deeper investment problem. Everything explained here in layman's terms.

New Delhi.(Agency)
It's trousers that have levels—the retro high-rise, the classic mid-waist or the bold low-waist. For currencies, there's no fundamentally virtuous level. On a downhill roll, the Indian rupee touched a lifetime low of 96.81 against the US dollar on Wednesday, and experts believe it could slide further. While it might be a tempting thought, a falling rupee, unlike a pair of trousers, doesn't need pulling up. Not at least now. However, the rupee's weakening often becomes an emotive and political issue.
The world is reeling due to the war in the Middle East that began on February 28 with Israeli and American airstrikes on Iran. India, which depends on energy imports, has been particularly hit. India

consumes around 5.5 barrels of crude daily, and every barrel of crude is extracting additional dollars.
At such times, politics takes precedence over policy. The Congress and other Opposition parties are out with a bazooka, attacking the BJP-led NDA government over the rupee that seems to be on Ozempic. It is the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which intervenes during currency volatility, using the country's foreign exchange (forex) reserve. India's war chest is adequately stocked as of now with \$697 billion.
“Presently the market perception is that the RBI would let the rupee find its own level because there is an advantage for exports and also a natural barrier to imports,” Madan Sabnavis, Bank of

Baroda Chief Economist and author, told India Today Digital. Global trade is done in US dollars, and countries keep adequate reserves of greenbacks for any contingency. Experts are suggesting that it is best that the RBI doesn't burn valuable forex to shore up the rupee, allowing

market forces to determine its value.
“India's close to \$700 billion in foreign exchange reserves will not run out because of higher imports. The only way reserves get depleted is if RBI decides to sell foreign exchange reserves to support the rupee,” wrote Gita Gopinath, Harvard University economist and former deputy managing director of the IMF, in an op-ed in The Times of India. The piece was titled ‘Let The Rupee Do Its Work’. A weaker rupee makes Indian exports competitive in the international market. But for India, which imports more than it exports, a weak rupee leads to domestic price rise. That's when the RBI steps in to control inflation.



Rupee hits record low, inches closer to 97 against US dollar

New Delhi.(Agency)
The rupee weakened to a record low of 96.88 against the US dollar on Wednesday, pressured by surging US bond yields, elevated crude oil prices and persistent strength in the dollar, as investors turned cautious on emerging-market assets.
The sharp fall in the domestic currency comes amid mounting concerns that global interest rates could remain elevated for longer, tightening liquidity conditions and triggering fresh capital outflows from riskier markets.
The yield on the US 30-year Treasury climbed to 5.18%, approaching levels last seen before the 2008 global financial crisis, after investors reassessed expectations around US monetary policy in the face of sticky inflation and geopolitical tensions linked to the Iran conflict. The spike in Treasury yields strengthened the dollar

further, putting renewed pressure on emerging-market currencies, including the rupee.
Why is the rupee falling?
Analysts said the rupee is currently facing pressure from multiple global triggers, including a stronger dollar, rising US yields, expensive crude oil and persistent demand for dollars from importers.
Brent crude continued to trade above \$110 per barrel, raising concerns over

India's import bill, inflation trajectory and current account deficit. Since India imports a majority of its crude oil requirements, sustained high oil prices tend to increase dollar outflows and weaken the domestic currency.
The rupee had weakened to an intraday low of 96.61 in the previous session before settling at 96.54, weighed down by importer dollar demand and weakness across regional currencies. Rajesh Palviya, Head of Research at Axis Direct, said rising US bond yields have kept the dollar firm, pushing the rupee to fresh record lows and adding pressure on broader emerging-market sentiment. “Rising US bond yields also kept the dollar firm, pushing the Indian rupee to fresh record lows against the greenback and adding pressure on emerging-market sentiment,” Palviya said.

Sensex opens 600 points lower, Nifty below 23,500; Tata Steel falls 2%



New Delhi.(Agency)
Benchmark stock market indices opened lower on Wednesday, triggered by uncertainty in the West Asia war and the falling rupee. The BSE Sensex fell 389.19 points, or 0.52%, to 74,811.66 in early trade, while the NSE Nifty50 dropped 107.90 points, or 0.46%, to 23,510.10 as of 9:39 am.
Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said that globally stock markets are facing a headwind from rising bond yields.
“In US, the 10-year is yield is at 4.66% and the 30 - year yield has spiked to 5.19% – the highest level in the last 22 years. This is a red flag to equity markets. With the risk-free return at such high levels, the appetite for risky equity should decline. This is more valid in the case of highly valued AI stocks. But then markets have an ability to surprise and, therefore, the correction need not happen at a time when everyone expects,” he added.
After the opening bell, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd led the Sensex gainers, rising 0.20%. It was followed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd, which gained 0.09%. Bharat Electronics Ltd saw the sharpest fall, dropping 3.04%. Tata Steel Ltd declined 2.65%, Eternal Ltd slipped 1.58%, UltraTech Cement Ltd was down 1.22%, and State Bank of India Ltd fell 1.04% in early trade. “In India the market headwind comes from macro concerns. In FY 27 GDP growth will be lower at around 6% and inflation can be higher at about 5.5%. It appears that the market has already discounted this,” said Vijaykumar. “Even during market weakness, there will be good appetite for promising growth stocks. As a measure of abundant caution investors should give priority to value stocks which are available at fair valuations now. These are testing times. Patience is the key to success,” he added.

Wait 5 years for gratuity or take the pay hike? Here's what Indian workers said

New Delhi.(Agency)
“Risk toh Spider-Man ko bhi lena padta hai” (“Even Spider-Man has to take risks”), says Ranbir Kapoor in Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year. But what if the ‘risk’ is not about chasing dreams, but resigning from a job just months before gratuity lands in your account?
Imagine this: you are four months away from completing five years at your company when a recruiter calls with a tempting offer, i.e., better pay, bigger role, shinier title. Exciting? Of course. But there is a catch. Leave too soon, and you could miss out on gratuity — a lump-sum benefit paid when employment ends, which employees can generally claim only after completing five years of continuous service in most cases. For lakhs of salaried Indians, this is more than a

workplace dilemma. It is a quiet calculation made somewhere between disappointing appraisals, rising EMIs and tempting LinkedIn messages: stay for guaranteed money or leave for a bigger opportunity?
Curious about what people actually choose, I spoke to professionals across industries, and their answers turned out to be far more emotional, practical and divided than I expected.
“I MISSED GRATUITY ONCE — AND

HONESTLY, IT HURT”
The first person I spoke to was Kush Sharma, a working professional from Delhi. His response felt instantly familiar — the kind many mid-career professionals quietly wrestle with. Kush admitted he had already faced this crossroads once. He left a job before completing five years because a better opportunity came along, but the decision came with regret.
“I did feel bad about missing out on gratuity. At the end of the day, everyone works for financial growth and stability. Many employees spend 3–4 years in one organisation, gain experience and skills, and then get a better opportunity. It becomes difficult because gratuity is linked to completing five years.”



Need PF money fast? EPFO may soon let you withdraw funds through UPI

Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has completed testing for a facility that would allow members to withdraw their Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) using the UPI payment gateway.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Waiting for your PF money could soon become much faster and easier. Instead of filing claims and waiting days for processing, EPFO subscribers may soon be able to transfer their provident fund money directly to their bank accounts using UPI.
The government says testing for this new feature has already been completed, and if all goes as planned, lakhs of

employees could soon access their EPF savings with just a few taps on their phones.
EPFO TESTING UPI-BASED PF WITHDRAWALS
Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has completed testing for a facility that would allow members to withdraw their Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) using the UPI payment gateway.
Speaking to reporters, the minister said the withdrawn amount will be transferred directly into a subscriber's bank account. The move is part of EPFO's efforts to improve service delivery and make access to funds simpler for members.
At present, EPFO subscribers usually need to file withdrawal claims to access their PF money, a process many find

slow and paperwork-heavy.
HOW THE NEW UPI FACILITY MAY WORK
Under the proposed system, a certain portion of an EPF account is expected to

complete the transfer, members may simply use their linked UPI PIN, adding an extra layer of security to the transaction.

Once the money reaches the bank account, members can use it freely, whether for digital payments, transfers, or cash withdrawals through ATMs.
A BIG RELIEF FOR OVER SEVEN CRORE EPFO MEMBERS
The new system could benefit more than seven crore EPFO members across India. EPFO has reportedly been working to fix software-related issues to ensure the smooth rollout of the facility. For many salaried employees, quicker access to PF money could prove useful during emergencies or major life events, especially when immediate funds are needed.



remain frozen, while a large part of the balance could be made available for withdrawal through UPI-linked bank accounts.
Subscribers will reportedly be able to view the amount eligible for withdrawal in their seeded bank accounts. To

Bail under UAPA: Government to seek larger bench review amid conflicting judgments

Delhi Police sought consideration of bail under the UAPA by a larger bench, citing conflicting judicial rulings on the legal standards governing the grant of bail under the anti-terror law.

New Delhi.(Agency)
The Delhi Police has urged the Supreme Court to refer the issue of granting bail in terror cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to a larger bench, citing apparently conflicting rulings by coordinating benches on the legal standard in allowing the relief. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the Delhi Police in the larger conspiracy case linked to the 2020 Delhi riots, made the submission before a bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice PB Varale, which was hearing bail pleas filed by Delhi riots accused Tasleem Ahmed and United Against Hate member Khalid Saifi against the Delhi High Court’s refusal to grant them bail.

The development comes as the Supreme Court on Monday, while hearing a separate case, raised questions over the top court’s earlier order denying bail to activist Umar Khalid, reiterating that “bail is the rule and jail is the exception” even in cases under the UAPA. The court observed that a binding precedent relating to prolonged incarceration appeared to have been overlooked in Khalid’s case. He has been in jail since 2020 in connection with the alleged larger conspiracy behind the Delhi riots. ASG Raju requested that the matter be taken up on Wednesday to consider whether it



should be referred to a larger bench. He said he required time to examine the Supreme Court’s judgment delivered on Monday in Syed Iftikhar Andrabi vs National Investigation Agency concerning bail

under the UAPA. On Monday, a bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan held that bail remains the rule even in UAPA cases and expressed reservations about earlier rulings that had adopted a narrower approach to granting bail under the law. Justice Bhuyan on Monday specifically questioned the correctness of the rulings in the Khalid case and another UAPA case involving Gurwinder Singh in Punjab. The judgment observed that the denial of bail to Khalid and Imam appeared to have overlooked the three-judge bench ruling in Union of India vs KA Najeeb, which held that prolonged incarceration and the improbability of an

early conclusion of trial could justify the grant of bail even in UAPA cases. Justice Bhuyan said, “A judgment rendered by a bench of lesser strength is bound by the law declared by the bench of greater strength. Judicial discipline mandates that such a binding precedent must either be followed or, in case of doubt, be referred to a larger bench. A smaller bench cannot dilute, circumvent or disregard the ratio of a larger bench.” In January, the Supreme Court granted bail to five accused in the Delhi riots larger conspiracy case while denying relief to Khalid and Sharjeel Imam. The remaining accused, including Ahmed and Saifi, subsequently approached the apex court seeking similar relief.

City’s chief poll officer meets parties to discuss SIR

New Delhi.(Agency)
Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Ashok Kumar on Tuesday held the first meeting with representatives of political parties after the announcement of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, ahead of the exercise’s roll-out on June 30. The party representatives were given a brief on the whole exercise, and their questions were answered. They assured full cooperation for successfully completing the exercise in the city, said an officer of the CEO’s office. The emphasis was on ensuring coordination between booth level officers (BLOs) of the poll body and the booth level agents (BLAs) of the parties for smooth conduct of the SIR, said the Delhi BJP’s state coordinator for EC-related affairs. He said the party had already appointed around 12,600 BLAs for participation in the SIR. The BLOs will conduct door-to-door surveys from June 30 for verification of Delhi’s electoral rolls. They will provide enumeration forms to the voters to be filled and provided to the BLOs for submission. The CEO office will provide the facility of online submission of completed enumeration forms. BLAs of parties can submit a maximum of 50 filled-up enumeration forms daily, officials said. Political parties in Delhi have intensified preparations for the SIR by focusing on training their BLAs across nearly 13,000 polling booths in the city. The CEO’s office said that the main objective of the SIR is to ensure that “no eligible citizen is left out while no ineligible person is included in the electoral roll”. The exercise will cover all voters aged 18 years and above by the qualifying date, which is October 1. Door-to-door visits will start from June 30 and conclude on July 29, after which the draft electoral roll will be published on August 5. The final electoral roll after the SIR will be published on October 7. Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav said that the party was well prepared with the deployment of BLAs at each booth to fight any kind of “disturbance” in the SIR.

Pharmacists, commercial vehicle operators to go on strike on financial concern

New Delhi.(Agency)
The capital is set to witness back-to-back protests this week as chemists and commercial vehicle operators have announced separate strikes over regulatory and financial concerns. The All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists has announced a nationwide pharmacy strike on May 20 opposing the rapid and unregulated expansion of e-pharmacies and online medicine delivery services. Meanwhile, commercial vehicle unions in Delhi-NCR have also announced a three-day strike from May 21 to May 23. Drivers are demanding an immediate hike in auto and taxi fares to cope with rising petrol, diesel and CNG prices. A member of Indira Pharmacy said the nationwide pharmacy strike is mainly driven by the growing shift of customers towards online medicine platforms offering heavy discounts. “People are choosing online apps because medicines are available at cheaper rates than at physical stores. Small pharmacies are struggling to compete with these discounts,” the member said, highlighting concerns over the survival of traditional chemist shops. Rai Medios from Mahavir Enclave in Dwarka said, “Online platforms offer heavy discounts that local pharmacies cannot match, making it difficult for small chemist shops to survive. We support the strike and our store will remain closed on the strike day.” Echoing a similar concern, Ali Haider, a pharmacist who has been working in the sector for the past eight years, said, “If small chemist shops shut down, people may realise their importance only during emergencies, when nearby pharmacies are the quickest source of medicines. The government should recognise this.”

Capital records season’s highest power demand, touches 7,776 MW mark

New Delhi.(Agency)
The capital’s peak power demand has witnessed a sharp rise in May 2026 as compared to previous years, reflecting the impact of an intense and early summer. According to SLDC data, Delhi’s peak power demand on Tuesday touched 7,776 MW at 3:30 pm, which marks the highest recorded so far in 2026. On Monday, the city’s peak power demand had reached 7,542 MW in the afternoon and further increased to 7,600 MW during the night. The BSES discoms met the peak power demand of 3,492 MW and 1,683 MW in their respective areas. Earlier, on April 27, 2026, Delhi’s peak power demand had surpassed the 7,000 MW mark for the first time ever in April, touching 7,078

MW at 3:30 pm. However, in comparison, the 7,000 MW level was reached only in May during 2024 and 2025. Delhi is expected to witness another



significant rise in electricity demand this summer. As per the SLDC projections, as against the all-time high peak demand of 8,656 MW recorded in 2025, Delhi’s peak power demand is expected to cross 9,000 MW this year.

BSES has claimed that their discoms are fully geared up to ensure a reliable power supply to more than 53 lakh consumers and nearly 2.25 crore residents across South, West, East and Central Delhi. These arrangements include long-term PPAs, bilateral tie-ups, banking arrangements with other states and deployment of advanced technologies such as AI and ML-based demand forecasting to accurately estimate load and maintain uninterrupted supply. Additionally, around 2,670 MW of green power will play a key role in ensuring reliable electricity supply during the summer months in BSES areas. On the other hand, Tata Power-DDL also supplied the season’s peak demand of 2220 MW to date seamlessly.

Technical issues disrupt Class XII re-evaluation process, date extended

New Delhi.(Agency)
Frustrated students spent hours refreshing web pages, waiting for OTPs and repeatedly logging into the CBSE portal on Tuesday as the Board opened its Class 12 re-evaluation and answer-sheet verification process for 2026. What many expected to be a quick application process turned into a stressful experience because of slow-loading pages and frequent portal glitches. Following technical issues faced by several students, the Central Board of Secondary Education on Tuesday evening issued a circular extending the dates for re-evaluation. “It is hereby informed to all stakeholders that due to a technical

problem encountered on the CBSE website for post-verification facilities, and to ensure sufficient time for students, the last date for



obtaining scanned copies of evaluated answer books has been extended from May 22 to May 23, 2026,” the CBSE statement read. With college admissions and cut-offs

already creating pressure among students, the technical glitches added to their anxiety. Several students complained that the portal kept freezing midway, while others said even basic steps such as captcha verification and page loading were taking unusually long. “Today’s re-evaluation portal opening was honestly quite frustrating. The website kept hanging and even the captcha took forever to load, which made the whole process unnecessarily time-consuming,” said Ishanvi Bagga, a Class 12 student of Mount Carmel School. Many students said they spent nearly their entire morning trying to access the portal properly.

Delhi's three landfill sites await processing of 44 LMT legacy waste

New Delhi.(Agency)
With a little over six months left before the deadline to flatten two of Delhi’s three landfill mountains, the city still has nearly 44 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of legacy waste waiting to be processed at the Bhalswa and Okhla landfill sites. A few days ago, Delhi Mayor Praveesh Wahi said that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi aims to clear the Bhalswa and Okhla landfill sites by the end of this year, while the complete remediation of the Ghazipur landfill will be completed by the end of 2027. Wahi said that the civic body is continuously carrying out biomining and remediation work at the three legacy waste sites. Official progress figures accessed by the newspaper show that the Bhalswa landfill, targeted to be flattened by December 2026, still has 26 lakh metric

tonnes of waste remaining. So far, authorities have reclaimed 35 acres of land, but the site continues to carry one of the city’s largest waste burdens despite the deployment of 24 trommel machines for processing old garbage. Meanwhile, the situation at the Okhla landfill, for which the earlier July 2026 completion target has now been extended, appears comparatively better but still remains far from completion. Around 18 LMT of waste is yet to be cleared from the site. Official figures show that nearly 25 acres have already been cleared through biomining operations, with 18 trommels currently deployed on the ground. Taken together, the two landfill sites still hold 44 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste—equivalent to millions of tonnes



of decades-old mixed garbage that must be excavated, segregated and processed before the deadlines can be met. The figures also indicate contrasting trajectories at the two sites. Bhalswa landfill has reclaimed more land than Okhla but still carries a significantly larger waste burden. Okhla landfill, however, has less waste remaining and more land recovered relative to the waste still left to be processed.

The landfill-flattening exercise forms part of Delhi’s broader push to eliminate the city’s infamous garbage mountains through biomining. In this process, old waste is excavated and passed through trommels—large rotating screening machines that separate soil-like material, recyclable components and fuel. However, the remaining volume continues to raise questions about the pace at which the work can be completed. The third landfill, Ghazipur, has a later deadline of December 2027, with 67 LMT of waste still remaining, making it Delhi’s biggest unfinished waste-remediation challenge. For now, however, the focus is likely to remain on whether Bhalswa and Okhla can clear the tens of lakh tonnes of waste still standing between them and their promised flattening targets.

DGCA officers to inspect Boeing fuel control switch at US facility in June

Flight AIC 132, operating from London Heathrow to Bengaluru on February 2, 2026, was grounded after a malfunction was reported in the switch.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has directed the inspection of the Fuel Control Switch (FCS) of an Air India Boeing 787-8 aircraft that operated from London Heathrow to Bengaluru by its officers in June at the Boeing facility in the US. Flight AIC 132, operating from London Heathrow to Bengaluru on February 2, 2026, was grounded after a malfunction was reported in the switch. The Fuel Control Switch in Boeing aircraft came under international scrutiny following the Air India Ahmedabad plane crash on June 12, 2025, in which 260 people were killed. According to investigators, the switch had moved to the ‘OFF’ position after take-off, cutting off fuel supply to the aircraft. An official release from the Aviation Ministry said the aircraft was grounded after an entry in the Pilot Defect Report stated that the left FCS “slips from RUN to CUT OFF when pushed slightly and does not lock positively in its selected position”. Based on recommendations from the Original Equipment Manufacturer, Air India conducted a preliminary inspection and functional testing of the switch in Bengaluru in the presence of Directorate General of Civil Aviation officers. “Upon review of the inspection results and evidence provided, OEM concluded that the Fuel Control Switch was mechanically functioning as designed and considered the unit serviceable,” the release said. The DGCA India, as part of continued airworthiness of the involved Fuel Control Switch, has directed for their inspection at OEM facility in presence of its officers, it added. **International scrutiny after Ahmedabad crash** The Fuel Control Switch in Boeing aircraft came under global scrutiny following the Air India Ahmedabad plane crash on June 12, 2025, in which 260 people were killed. According to investigators, the switch had moved to ‘OFF’ position after take-off, cutting off fuel supply.

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5.9-magnitude earthquake hits Japan's Kagoshima, no tsunami warning for now

World.(Agency)
A powerful 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck Kagoshima region of southern Japan on Wednesday, shaking buildings and triggering panic among residents. The tremors were felt across several parts of the area, though authorities were still assessing the situation.No tsunami warning had



been issued immediately after the quake, and there were no initial reports of casualties or major damage.According to Japanese media, the Japan Meteorological Agency said "the magnitude 5.9 quake struck near Okinawa Main Island, and had an intensity of upper 5 on the Japanese scale of 0 to 7 in the hardest-hit areas," adding, "There is no risk of tsunami".

Japan, one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, frequently experiences seismic activity due to its location along the Pacific Ring of Fire.The latest seismic activity comes just four days after another strong earthquake struck off the eastern coast of Japan's main island of Honshu, briefly disrupting train services and prompting emergency alerts across parts of the Tohoku region. That quake also caused no tsunami threat or immediate reports of casualties or significant damage.

Mosque security guard hailed as hero for saving 140 children in San Diego attack

World.(Agency)
A security guard killed in the shooting at the Islamic Centre of San Diego has been hailed as a hero for helping save about 140 schoolchildren by confronting two teenage gunmen during the attack, authorities said on Tuesday.San Diego police identified the guard as Amin Abdullah, also known as Brian Climax. According to Police Chief Scott Wahl, Abdullah exchanged gunfire with the suspects in the mosque parking lot on Monday, delaying and distracting them as they attempted to move deeper into the complex.

Abdullah was fatally shot during the confrontation, along with two other men who authorities said helped draw the attackers away from crowded areas of the mosque while officers rushed to the scene.Police said Abdullah also transmitted the emergency radio call that triggered lockdown procedures inside the mosque complex, allowing worshippers and children attending classes at the adjacent Bright Horizon Academy to shelter behind locked doors.

"His actions, without a doubt, delayed, distracted and ultimately deterred those two individuals from gaining access to the greater areas of the mosque where as many as 140 kids were within 15 feet of these suspects," Wahl told reporters, according to Reuters.The two suspects, identified by officials as Caleb Vasquez, 18, and Cain Clark, 17, fled the mosque complex by car shortly after the shooting. Police later found both teenagers dead inside the vehicle several blocks away from what investigators believe were self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Taha Hassane, imam and director of the mosque, described the three victims as "our martyrs and our heroes."

Authorities said the attack is being investigated as a hate crime. FBI officials confirmed that one of the suspects left behind a manifesto, while investigators also discovered anti-Islamic writings inside a vehicle connected to the pair.

India's Nuclear Sector Opens to the World: How the SHANTI Act Is Rewriting History

World.(Agency)
A 20-member U.S. nuclear industry delegation met Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday to explore investment opportunities in India's nuclear sector, months after the SHANTI Act overhauled the country's six-decade-old nuclear laws. The delegation, comprising representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute and the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum, discussed manufacturing partnerships, supply chain integration and technology cooperation under India's Nuclear Energy Mission. Singh said India aims to scale nuclear power capacity from 8.8 gigawatts to 100 gigawatts by 2047 through a phased expansion strategy, adding that the programme was creating major opportunities for global partnerships in manufacturing, technology cooperation, supply chain integration and advanced research.The estimated market value stands at nearly 300 billion dollars.The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Act, 2025, repeals the Atomic Energy Act of 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act of 2010, replacing both with a single comprehensive law.

US set up a chessboard with Munir as a pawn years ago. It's playing out now

A chessboard had been laid much earlier. A game had begun even before former Pakistan PM Imran Khan realised it, and Asim Munir took over as the army chief. The US moved the pieces for a regime change in Pakistan. It now has a strategically placed player as the Middle East burns.

DAKAR.(Agency)
Pakistan is where anything can happen. It's also a place where everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens in isolation. Governments fall, generals rise, prime ministers turn into prisoners and prisoners into symbols of resistance. Former Pakistan PM Imran Khan's rise to power, his anti-American posturing, his "absolutely not" doctrine, his Moscow visit

on the very day Russia invaded Ukraine, the all-out war between him and the military establishment, his fall from grace, imprisonment, and now the rise of Field Marshal Asim Munir as arguably the most powerful man Pakistan has seen are all connected.The chain of events in Pakistan since the early 2022s led to the outcome which was planned. It all seemed orchestrated by a king and his pawn, according to a report by American outlet Drop Site News on May 18.The Drop Site News report now appears to fit all the events mentioned above together like a jigsaw puzzle.

The chessboard had been laid much earlier. The game had already begun long before Imran Khan realised it. And in the game reminiscent of the "Great" one from the Cold War-era, Asim Munir was not the king, but the pawn being moved across the

board. Washington watched, nudged and orchestrated events in Pakistan from a distance.While headlines on the report's



revelations focused largely on Imran Khan's removal from the prime minister's post through an internationally-backed plot. But another angle, perhaps even more intriguing, is that the man who today sits at the pinnacle of Pakistan's power structure,

Asim Munir, was central to the bigger rouge geopolitical rearrangement. The report also noted that Pakistan, in pursuit of its "strategic depth", continues to oscillate between dependence and bargaining at high tables in Washington, Beijing, Riyadh and Rawalpindi, while behaving like a sovereign nation.

At the heart of it all is the cipher case. It is a classified diplomatic cable sent in March 2022, by Pakistan's then ambassador to Washington, Assad Majeed Khan, to Islamabad's Foreign Ministry. The cable quoted senior US official Donald Lu as allegedly saying that "all will be forgiven in Washington" if the no-confidence vote against Imran Khan succeeded. That single line would go on to become the political nuclear weapon around which Imran Khan would base his anti-American narrative, much to the displeasure of the establishment in Rawalpindi.

Moment US cargo plane lost engine before fiery crash that killed 15

World.(Agency)
New surveillance footage released by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) shows the precise moment UPS Airlines Flight 2976 lost its left engine and pylon during takeoff from Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, offering investigators their clearest visual evidence yet of the catastrophic November 2025 crash that killed 15 people, New York Post reported.The newly released CCTV video captures the cargo aircraft accelerating down the runway before lifting off.



climbing briefly, trailing debris, before losing control.ments later, the aircraft disappears from view and a fireball erupts, sending thick black smoke into the sky over Louisville's industrial outskirts.

Seconds later, the left engine and its pylon — the structure attaching the engine to the wing — can be seen tearing away from the aircraft.

In the footage, the detached engine falls toward the ground as the jet continues

nearly half a mile and igniting a large blaze near the airport.

All three crew members on board died, along with 12 people on the ground. More than 20 others were injured.UPS identified the deceased crew as Captain Richard Wartenberg (57), First Officer Lee Truitt (45), and International Relief Officer Captain Dana Diamond (62).One of the injured on the ground, Alain Rodriguez Colina, later died from his injuries on Christmas Day, raising the death toll to 15.

NTSB PROBES UPS FLIGHT 2976 CRASH

The footage was released as the NTSB opened a two-day hearing in Washington this week to examine why the aircraft lost an engine shortly after departure, a CNN report said.

Trump says US could strike Iran again within days as Tehran warns of 'new fronts'

World.(Agency)
Tensions between the United States and Iran escalated sharply on Tuesday after US President Donald Trump said Washington could launch fresh military strikes against Iran within days if ongoing negotiations fail, while Tehran warned it would retaliate by opening "new fronts" against the US.

Speaking at the White House, Trump claimed he had been close to authorising military action before pausing the decision following requests from American allies in the Gulf region."I was about an hour away from making a decision," Trump told reporters, adding that Gulf partners had informed him that negotiations brokered by Pakistan were making progress and requested additional time for diplomacy.

The US President said he agreed to allow

"a limited period of time — two or three days, at least" for talks to continue. However, he warned that military action remained on the table.



"It could be Friday, it could be the weekend, it could be early next week," Trump said while discussing the possibility of renewed strikes. "We can't let them have a new nuclear weapon."

Trump also claimed that Iranian leaders were "begging" for a deal, though he

did not provide further details.Referring to previous failed negotiations, Trump said the current round of diplomacy appeared different from earlier attempts.We've had periods of time where we had, we thought, pretty much getting close to making a deal, and it didn't work out. But this is a little bit different," he said.

Meanwhile, Israeli broadcaster Kan TV reported that the United States and Israel had completed joint preparations for a possible resumption of military operations against Iran.

Citing a US security official, the report said, "The United States and Israel are fully coordinated. Neither side will be surprised if a decision is made to resume the war."According to the report, the Israeli military has also strengthened defensive preparations amid fears that growing speculation about renewed conflict could trigger a preemptive Iranian response.

Small price to pay: Norwegian journalist says Insta, Facebook accounts suspended

World.(Agency)
Norwegian journalist Helle Lyng, who drew attention after attempting to question Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a joint media briefing in Norway, has claimed that her Instagram and Facebook accounts were suspended amid a wave of online backlash.Posting on X, Lyng said she had been unable to access her Instagram account throughout the day before it was suspended. "It is a small prize to pay for press freedom, but I've never experienced it before," she wrote while sharing a screenshot of the alleged suspension notice.

In another post, Lyng informed users trying to contact her through Meta-owned platforms that both her Instagram and Facebook accounts had been suspended. "I have wanted to respond to as many Indians as possible, but my responses will now be delayed. I hope I will get my accounts back," she wrote while tagging Meta.

The controversy began after Lyng attempted to question PM Modi during a joint media interaction with Norway's prime minister. "Why don't you take some questions from the freest press in the world?" she shouted as the Indian prime minister left the room. While it was unclear whether Modi heard the remark, the moment quickly went viral on social media.

Later, Lyng defended her actions on X, saying she did not expect Modi to answer her question. Referring to global press freedom rankings, she wrote that Norway occupies the top spot on the World Press Freedom Index while India ranks 157th. Lyng works for Oslo-based newspaper Dagsavisen.

As the exchange triggered political reactions online, the Indian embassy in Norway invited Lyng to a separate press briefing later in the day. During that interaction, she again raised questions related to India's credibility and human rights record. MEA Secretary (West) Sibi George responded by highlighting India's civilisational history, contributions such as chess and yoga, and the country's Covid vaccine outreach.

The episode also sparked a fierce social media backlash against Lyng, with several users accusing her of being a "foreign plant", "spy" and even a "Chinese proxy", citing some of her earlier articles on China and President Xi Jinping. Others argued that the event was a joint media briefing rather than a formal press conference.As criticism intensified, Lyng issued another clarification on X. "I never thought I would have to write this, but I am not a foreign spy of any sort, sent out by any foreign government. My work is journalism," she said.

Despite the controversy, the incident dramatically boosted Lyng's visibility online. Her X following reportedly surged from fewer than 800 followers before Monday to more than 45,000 within days.

Russian troops secretly trained by China return to fight against Ukraine: Report

World.(Agency)
UChina's armed forces secretly trained about 200 Russian military personnel in China late last year and some have since returned to fight in Ukraine, according to three European intelligence agencies and documents seen by Reuters.While China and Russia have held a number of joint military exercises since Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Beijing has repeatedly stated that it is neutral in the conflict and presents itself as a peace mediator.

The covert training sessions, which predominantly focused on the use of drones, were outlined in a dual-language Russian-Chinese agreement signed by senior Russian and Chinese officers in Beijing on July 2, 2025.The agreement, reviewed by Reuters, said about 200 Russian troops would be trained at military facilities in locations including Beijing and the eastern city of Nanjing. The sources said around this number subsequently trained in China.

The agreement also said hundreds of Chinese troops would undergo training at military facilities in Russia.

By training Russian military personnel at an operational and tactical level who then participate in Ukraine, China is far more directly involved in the war on the European continent than previously known, one intelligence official said.

The Russian and Chinese defence ministries did not respond to requests for comment on the details outlined in this article.

On the Ukraine crisis, China has consistently maintained an objective and impartial stance and worked to promote peace talks, this is consistent and clear and is witnessed by the international community," China's foreign ministry said in a statement to Reuters. "Relevant parties should not deliberately stoke confrontation or shift blame."The intelligence agencies spoke on condition they not be identified in

order to discuss sensitive information.European powers, which see Russia as a major security threat, have watched warily at increasingly close relations between Russia and China, the



world's second largest economy and an important European Union trade partner.The two nations announced a "no limits" strategic partnership days before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and pledged to conduct military exercises to

rehearse coordination between their armed forces. As the West tried to isolate Russia, China provided a lifeline by buying its oil, gas and coal.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping is due to host Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday and Wednesday, less than a week after U.S. President Donald Trump's high-profile visit.

China and Russia have cast Putin's trip - his 25th visit to China - as further evidence of their "all-weather" partnership, even as the West urges Beijing to pressure Moscow into ending its war in Ukraine.

DRONE WARFARE
Drones have proved to be a vital weapon in Ukraine.Both sides use long-range models to attack targets hundreds of miles away, while on the battlefield, smaller drones remote controlled by pilots using first person view equipment (FPV) and armed with explosives dominate the sky, making it hazardous for armoured.

NEWS BOX

Ravindra Jadeja 2.0? Harsh Dubey could be India's next all-format weapon

New Delhi. (Agency)

For more than a decade and a half, Ravindra Jadeja has been the ultimate security blanket for Indian cricket. At 37, he remains a multi-format monster, the kind of foundational player who single-handedly balances an entire starting XI. But logic dictates that the clock is ticking, and India's team management is staring down a massive, existential headache: who actually replaces him?

For years, the blueprint for life after Jadeja seemed simple: Axar Patel. A like-for-like clone down to electric fielding and sharp left-arm orthodox angles. Axar was the natural heir, yet, succession plans rarely survive the reality of form and time. Axar himself is now 32, and a largely forgettable Indian Premier League campaign has exposed the fragility of relying on a single contingency plan.

The future, it turns out, needs to be built now. Enter Harsh Dubey.

In a decisive move to test the true depth of the domestic circuit, selectors have called up the 23-year-old talent from Nagpur for both the



one-off Test and the three-match ODI series against Afghanistan.

"I am very confident he can fill Ravindra Jadeja's boots," Uzair Khan, head coach of the Vidarbha senior men's cricket team, told India Today. "He has done it for Vidarbha, and he could surely do it for India. What sets him apart isn't just his skill set, but his mentality. He is incredibly strong mentally, and he has been proving that across multiple formats in the domestic circuit."

THE BREAKOUT

Ghani's unwavering faith is rooted in hard data. When Vidarbha lost veteran spinner Aditya Sarwate to Kerala in 2024, a massive vacuum opened at the heart of their bowling attack. A young Dubey was thrust into the role of spearhead. "He was required to step into giant shoes, and he did a splendid job," Ghani says.

Another Banglawash: Pakistan sink to new low despite Rizwan fight in Sylhet Test



NEW DELHI. (Agency)

History has a cruel habit of repeating itself, but for Pakistan cricket, it has begun to feel like an endless loop of humiliation. Two years after being subjected to an unprecedented home whitewash at the hands of Bangladesh, the humiliation was complete on foreign soil. On a humid Wednesday morning at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, the final wickets crumbled to seal a comprehensive 78-run victory for the hosts, confirming another historic "Banglawash" with a 2-0 series sweep.

Chasing a mammoth, record-breaking target of 437, Pakistan's fourth-innings resistance ended at 358. On paper, scoring over 350 in the final innings of a subcontinental Test is a commendable feat—a point captain Shan Masood futilely clung to in the post-match ceremony. But in reality, it was a veneer of respectability masking a familiar, structural collapse. The final morning began with an agonising, rain-delayed wait, but once the wet patches dried and play commenced, Bangladesh required less than an hour to dismantle the remaining resistance.

All Pakistani hopes rested squarely on the shoulders of Mohammad Rizwan. Resuming on his overnight score of 75 with Pakistan at 316 for seven, the wicketkeeper-batter played with the grit of a man fully aware that he was standing on a burning deck. He navigated a probing, hostile short-ball spell from Taskin Ahmed early on, surviving an awkward inside edge that narrowly missed his stumps.

Rizwan and Sajid Khan began to score freely, adding 46 runs to the overnight score and bringing the equation down to less than 100 runs. However, left-arm spinner Taijul Islam got the breakthrough, removing Sajid in the 96th over and completing a five-wicket haul.

The definitive, heartbreaking moment for the visitors came when Rizwan, orchestrating a lonely crusade after Sajid's exit, fell just six runs short of a well-deserved century. He poked at a delivery angled across him by Shoriful Islam and was caught at slip cordon.

India's squad vs Afghanistan: Decoding the big snubs, what it means for the future

➔The squad announcement for the Afghanistan series marks the official blueprint for India's future. While senior pillars remain, the selectors have actively initiated a transition phase, blooding a younger core ahead of the 2027 World Cup cycle.

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's squad announcement for the Afghanistan ODI and Test series was supposed to mark the beginning of two massive journeys.

In ODI cricket, it officially starts India's final year of combinations, experiments and selection calls before the 2027 World Cup in

South Africa, while in Tests, it opens what the Shubman Gill-led side will hope becomes a redemption season after a deeply disappointing 2025-26 red-ball cycle. But once the squads dropped, the real conversation quickly shifted towards the names missing rather than the names included.

Rishabh Pant lost both his ODI spot and Test vice-captaincy. Mohammed Shami was not even in the selectors' longer-format thinking any more. Jadeja and Axar were rested together, while even recent ODI centurions Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad could not force their way into the 50-over squad.

At the same time, India pushed several younger names into the spotlight.

Harsh Dubey earned selection in both formats. Manav Suthar entered the Test setup. Gurnoor Brar received a maiden call-up across formats. Prince Yadav was brought into the ODI squad as another younger fast-bowling option India want to assess ahead of the 2027 World Cup. It was difficult to ignore the larger pattern unfolding underneath the

selection meeting. India are not exactly shutting the door on the older core yet. But they are very clearly preparing for what comes next.

"With regard to one-day cricket, we have 15–16 months left to that World Cup. We



want to assess what our options are, particularly keeping in mind the conditions in South Africa, and give exposure to some of the newer guys," India chief selector Ajit Agarkar said.

India ODI squad vs Afghanistan: Shubman Gill, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas

Iyer, KL Rahul, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Nitish Reddy, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prince Yadav, Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar, Harsh Dubey.

India Test squad vs Afghanistan: Shubman Gill (capt), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul (vc), Sai Sudharsan, Rishabh Pant, Devdutt Padikkal, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Manav Suthar, Gurnoor Brar, Harsh Dubey, Dhruv Jurel.

PANT'S WHITE-BALL SPOT IS NO LONGER SAFE

Pant's omission felt harsh because it arrived from two directions at once. He was removed as India's Test vice-captain, with KL Rahul stepping into the role under Gill's leadership setup. Then came the bigger surprise, Pant missing entirely from the ODI squad.

But the selectors very carefully separated those two decisions. Agarkar repeatedly stressed that Pant remains one of India's most valuable Test cricketers.

Arsenal crowned Premier League champions: The 22-year wait is finally over

Arsenal are Premier League champions, ending a 22-year drought. Mikel Arteta's side clinched the title after Manchester City's 1-1 draw at Bournemouth, sparking wild celebrations ahead of Sunday's coronation clash at Crystal Palace.

London. (Agency)

The agonising 22-year drought is officially over. Arsenal are the champions of England once again. Mikel Arteta's side secured the club's 14th top-flight league title on Tuesday night after second-placed Manchester City stumbled to a dramatic 1-1 draw away at Bournemouth.

The arithmetic is locked. The Gunners sit an unassailable four points clear at the summit with just one match remaining. What was supposed to be a high-stakes final weekend has transformed into a glorious coronation this Sunday when Arsenal travel to Selhurst Park to face Crystal Palace.

How the Title Was Won: A Tuesday Night Drama

The tension in North London had been building since Monday evening, when Arsenal ground out a gritty 1-0 victory over Burnley at the Emirates Stadium. Kai

Havertz proved to be the hero on the night, latching onto a pinpoint assist from Bukayo Saka in the 36th minute to secure the vital three points. The result threw the ultimate



gauntlet down to Manchester City. Pep Guardiola's side travelled to the Vitality Stadium knowing that only a victory on the south coast would suffice to take the title race down to the final day of the campaign. Instead, they ran into a Bournemouth brick

wall.

The hosts took a stunning first-half lead in the 38th minute through Eli Junior Kroupi, sending shockwaves through the footballing world. City piled on the pressure in the second half, throwing everything forward. A stoppage-time equaliser from Erling Haaland in the 90th minute offered a brief glimmer of hope for the visitors, but the final whistle blew mere moments later, mathematically handing Arsenal the silverware.

In a poetic twist of fate, the title was delivered to Arsenal with a massive tactical assist from Bournemouth manager Andoni Iraola, a close childhood friend of Mikel Arteta.

Arteta, who had jokingly admitted the previous day that he would be Bournemouth's "biggest fan" for a couple of hours on Tuesday, saw his wishes answered in spectacular fashion.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi not buying into the hype, it's just the start of a long journey

Jaipur. (Agency)

The Indian Premier League (IPL) has long been a launchpad for instant stardom, but few players have seen their stock rise as rapidly as 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. On Tuesday night, the teenage opener left the cricket world awestruck at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, smashing a breathtaking 38-ball 93 to lead Rajasthan Royals to a crucial seven-wicket victory over Lucknow Super Giants (LSG).

Chasing a massive target of 221, Sooryavanshi demolished the LSG bowling attack with 10 towering sixes and seven boundaries. It was an extraordinary exhibition of raw power and hand-eye coordination that even earned him the highest praise from legendary commentator Ian Bishop on air: "He is ready." Yet, despite reclaiming the

tournament's Orange Cap with 579 runs and securing an India-A call-up, he remains completely unmoved by the hype



surrounding his name.

CALCULATED CHASE, NOT IMPULSE

What makes Sooryavanshi's knock stand out is how deeply calculated it was. Faced with a steep 221-run mountain, a teenager might

normally look to hit his way out of trouble immediately. Instead, the young southpaw showed a level of tactical maturity that completely belies his age, taking his time early on to assess the conditions before launching an all-out assault.

"Nothing much. I was just thinking because I was sitting outside during the bowling innings and the wicket looked good," Sooryavanshi revealed in his post-match interview. "I was thinking that today I shouldn't rush too much at the start, I should take some time and if I bat for a longer period, it's going to help the batter at the other end as well." Even after a quieter start, he reached his half-century in the blink of an eye, eventually going on to plunder 29 runs in a single over against India's fastest bowling asset, Mayank Yadav.

KKR vs MI: Playoff hopes on the line for Kolkata as Mumbai look to crash party

KKR vs MI Preview: Three-time champions Kolkata Knight Riders find themselves in a do-or-die situation as they take on an already-eliminated Mumbai Indians at Eden Gardens on Wednesday, with their IPL 2026 playoff hopes hanging in the balance.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Kolkata Knight Riders have no margin for error left in IPL 2026. With their play-off hopes hanging by a thread, Ajinkya Rahane's side will need a win against an already-eliminated Mumbai Indians at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday to remain alive in the race for the final play-off berth.

A defeat would officially end KKR's campaign for the second successive season under Rahane after their eighth-place finish in 2025, a year after winning the title under

Shreyas Iyer. Even a win may not guarantee qualification, with KKR also relying on Punjab Kings slipping up against Lucknow Super Giants later this week.

Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Gujarat Titans and Sunrisers Hyderabad have already sealed playoff spots, while LSG and MI are out of contention. Punjab Kings, Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals and KKR remain in the fight for the lone remaining place.

KKR IN MUST-WIN SPACE

KKR's qualification equation is simple on paper but complicated in reality. They must win both their remaining matches and hope Punjab Kings lose to LSG. Rajasthan Royals currently hold the clearest path among the chasing teams, and their big win over LSG, powered by Vaibhav Sooryavanshi on Tuesday, has put them ahead.

A defeat on Wednesday will bring the curtains

down on KKR's chances.

KKR will regret the way their season began. The Shah Rukh Khan-owned franchise has won five of its last six matches, but the late



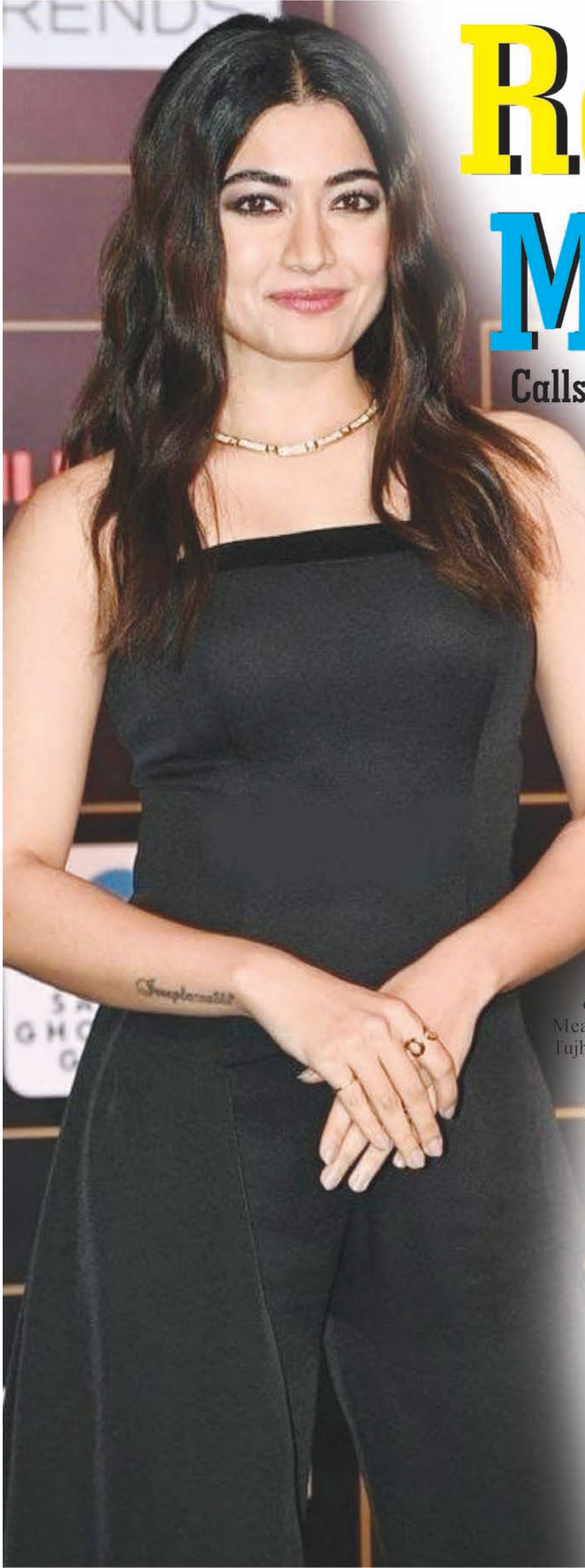
surge came after a poor start that left them playing catch-up through most of the campaign. Captain Rahane and coach

Abhishek Nayar took time to settle on a stable combination, something marquee overseas signing Cameron Green admitted after KKR's win over Gujarat Titans.

"I think it just took us a while, maybe a bit too long, to figure out the right roles and get the right people in the right positions," Green had said.

Since their first win against Rajasthan Royals, KKR have looked a more settled side. Finn Allen has rediscovered his touch at the top, including a century and a 35-ball 93 in his last three innings. Angkrish Raghuvanshi has continued to impress, while Green has started delivering with both bat and ball after arriving for Rs 25.20 crore at the auction.

Vice-captain Rinku Singh has played his finisher's role consistently, while Sunil Narine remains KKR's biggest weapon with the ball.



Rashmika Mandanna

Calls Cocktail 2 Gang 'Beautiful Mess' As She Shares Photos, Fans Say 'Waiting'

Rashmika Mandanna, Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon's *Cocktail 2* is all set to release in theatres on June 19. The makers have recently confirmed that the trailer will be out on May 29. Recently, the musical event was held and actors were seen attending it. Rashmika Mandanna shared photos and called the gang beautiful mess. Taking to her Instagram handle, Rashmika Mandanna shared a series of photos and wrote, "I think this gang with Diya, Kunzee and Ally are just one big beautiful mess together." Fans immediately reacted with heart emojis. One of the fans wrote, "Waiting for this trio." Another wrote, "Waiting for Cocktail 2, All the best Guyss!!" As per an update shared with the media, the trailer of Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, and Kriti Sanon starrer will be released on May 29. The film is scheduled to release in cinemas on June 19, and ahead of it, fans have been waiting quite some time for the trailer of the r o m - c o m .

Mashooka features Shahid Kapoor romancing Kriti Sanon in Sicily, Italy, and other picturesque locations. Meanwhile, sung by Arijit Singh, *Tujhko* is a slow romantic track that focuses on Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna's story.

Rashmika Mandanna and Kriti Sanon, in a light-hearted banter, were seen clashing over who was the producer's favourite at 'Cocktail 2'. The fun incident took place during the music launch of 'Cocktail 2', held at a popular hotspot in Mumbai on Sunday night, which was followed by a special media meet and greet session. The light hearted moment began when Kriti Sanon jokingly welcomed everyone to "my song launch," instantly sparking mock protests from Rashmika Mandanna. During the playful banter, Kriti jokingly said, "First of all, all of you, welcome to my song launch, guys."

Cocktail 2, directed by Homi Adajania, is set to release on June 19, 2026, featuring a fresh cast led by Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, and Kriti Sanon. *Cocktail 2* is positioned as a spiritual sequel to the 2012 hit *Cocktail*, which starred Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty. The film has been shot across multiple locations, including Sicily in Italy and several places in Delhi and North India such as Chhatarpur, Gurugram, and South Delhi. The film is produced by Maddock Films and written by Luv Ranjan.



Four-Month Pregnant Madhuri Dixit Felt 'Dizzy' Shooting Dola Re Dola For Devdas, Reveals Crew Member



Madhuri Dixit was reportedly four months pregnant while shooting the iconic song *Dola Re Dola* from *Devdas*. The revelation was recently made by Rubina Khan, a former crew member of legendary choreographer Saroj Khan, who worked closely on the film's dance sequences. The behind-the-scenes detail has grabbed attention because *Dola Re Dola*, featuring Madhuri and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, remains one of Bollywood's most celebrated dance numbers even more than two decades later.

'Dola Re Dola' took 17 days to shoot

Speaking to Bollywood Thikana, Rubina Khan recalled the intense rehearsals and physically demanding shoot behind the famous song from filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali's period drama. "It took 17 days to shoot that song. Rehearsals happened for at least a month. We rehearsed separately, and the lead actors rehearsed separately," Rubina said.

She then revealed that Madhuri was pregnant during filming and struggled while performing one particular dance step. "There's a step in which Madhuri ma'am turns and sits down. That shot kept happening from 9 am to 10 pm because she was four months pregnant. So, she couldn't turn properly and was feeling dizzy," she added. Rubina also shared that the actress was unwell during the shoot but continued performing without asking for changes. "She also had fever at that time. She struggled a lot," recalled Rubina.

Madhuri refused to change difficult dance steps

Rubina praised Madhuri's discipline and dedication towards Saroj Khan's choreography. According to her, the actress never complained even when the steps became physically exhausting. "She'd never ask for a step to be changed. Whatever Master ji said is set in stone." Rubina further compared Madhuri's attitude to younger actors who sometimes request easier choreography. "Newer artists would still tell Master ji a step is tough and if it can be changed. But Master ji would seldom change a step she suggested."

Who Was Inder Kaur? Know About Punjabi Singer Found Dead In Ludhiana Canal After Alleged Abduction



The body of 29-year-old Punjabi singer and make-up artist Inder Kaur, popularly known as Yashinder Kaur, was recovered from the Neelo canal in Punjab several days after she was reportedly abducted in Ludhiana. She had been missing since May 13, according to PTC Punjab. Her family identified the body after it was found on Tuesday morning, May 19, at around 11 am. Authorities have since sent the body to the Civil Hospital in Samrala for a postmortem examination and completion of legal procedures.

The investigation had intensified earlier this week after the singer's brother, Jotinder Singh, filed a police complaint regarding her disappearance. Acting on his statement, authorities registered an FIR on May 15 against Moga-based Sukhwinder Singh, alias Sukha, and his associate Karamjit Singh. As per the complaint, Inder Kaur had stepped out on the evening of May 13 to purchase groceries in her Ford Figo car, but did not return home. When repeated calls to her went unanswered, her family launched a search before eventually reporting the matter to the police. During the course of the investigation, the family allegedly learned that the singer was acquainted with Sukhwinder Singh, a resident of Bhalur village in Moga district. According to Jotinder Singh, the accused had expressed a desire to marry his sister, but she had reportedly turned down the proposal. The family has alleged that the accused kidnapped the singer at gunpoint before allegedly murdering her over personal animosity stemming from a rejected marriage proposal. As per an ABP report, the complainant also claimed that the prime accused had escaped to Canada following the incident and had only recently returned to Punjab prior to the alleged crime.

Police officials have confirmed that the investigation remains underway, adding that further legal action will be taken based on the outcome of the probe. Born in 1997, Inder Kaur was a Punjab-based singer and make-up artist who had built a growing presence in the Punjabi music industry through her songs, live performances, and social media activity.



Sonakshi Sinha

Says She's Now Focused On Doing Roles She Truly Wants: 'I'm Very Grateful'

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming streaming movie 'System', is looking back at her journey in cinema. The actress spoke with IANS during the promotions of 'System' in Mumbai, and opened up about doing masala films like 'R... Rajkumar' and 'Rowdy Rathore' during the initial phase of her career. Talking about how her choices have changed over the years, Sonakshi told IANS, "I really thoroughly enjoyed myself working on those films. I think at that time, I was also in a time where I was doing a lot of these very colourful and very, so to speak, spicy films. And I enjoyed that too. And I think the work that I'm doing now I enjoyed that too. I think at that point of time, that was what was required from me as an artiste".

She further mentioned, "And now this is what is required from me as an artiste. I want to be that actor that you can put in any film. And I will try to be that. But of course, I've reached a point also where I'm doing only the kind of work that I want to do now. So, it was a good journey for me. I think I had to do those films to kind of land up doing the films that I'm doing today. So, that brought me the audience, that brought me the love and support of so many people. Which is why I'm able to do roles like this today. So, I'm very grateful". Meanwhile, 'System' is a courtroom drama, and sees Sonakshi as a lawyer, and Jyothika as a stenographer. It marks Sonakshi's 1st performance as a lawyer. She essays the role of Neha, a determined young lawyer played by Sonakshi Sinha, taking on a tough challenge from her father (played by Ashutosh Gowariker) to be worthy of a partnership in his firm. Produced by Pammi Baweja, Harman Baweja, and Smitha Baliga, 'System' will drop on May 22 on Prime Video.

