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## NEWS BOX

### 4 killed, 32 injured in Russian missile attack in Ukraine's Odesa

**Odesa, Ukraine.** A Russian missile attack on an educational institution in a popular seafront park in the Ukrainian Black Sea port of Odesa on Monday killed at least four people and injured 32, local officials said. Regional governor Oleh Kiper, writing on the Telegram messaging app, said that in addition to those killed in the attack, one man died after suffering a stroke attributed to the assault. Kiper said seven of the injured were in serious condition, including a four-year-old child. Among the injured were another child and a pregnant woman. Reuters Television footage showed the roof of the ornate building, a private law academy, all but destroyed after the strike. Firefighters were directing water onto small fires still burning actively. "Monsters. Beasts. Savages. Scum. I don't know what else to say," Odesa Mayor Hennadii Trukhanov said in a video posted on Telegram. "People are going for a walk by the sea and they are shooting and killing," Trukhanov added.

Pictures posted earlier online showed the building ablaze and smoke billowing skyward. Video footage, which could not be immediately verified, showed people receiving treatment on the street alongside pools of blood. One photo showed officials examining part of a missile. A student at the academy who identified herself by her first name, Maria, said the blaze was caused when the missile was intercepted. "In front of my eyes, a missile was shot down, this was just in front of me. My doors were blown open and the glass was shaking. And then I saw this," she told Reuters, pointing to the burning building. "Just before this happened, we wanted to go down there for a walk, but thank God we weren't there when it happened," she added. Ukrainian navy spokesperson Dmytro Pletenchuk, in a posting on a military Telegram channel, said the strike was conducted by an Iskander-M ballistic missile with a cluster warhead. Those missiles are harder to intercept.

Public broadcaster Suspilne said the academy's president, a prominent former member of parliament, Serhiy Kivalov, was among the injured. Odesa has been a frequent target of Russian missile and drone attacks, particularly port infrastructure.

### Thousands evacuated as Indonesia volcano erupts, triggers tsunami threat

**Manado.** Indonesia's remote Mount Ruang volcano erupted several times on Tuesday, authorities said, issuing the highest level of alert and ordering thousands of people to evacuate due to the threat of a tsunami from debris sliding into the sea.

The country's volcanology agency had warned the threat from the volcano was not over after it erupted more than half a dozen times this month, sparking the evacuation of more than 6,000 people. Ruang, located in Indonesia's North Sulawesi province, erupted at around 01:15 am local time on Tuesday (1715 GMT Monday) and then twice more that morning, the volcanology agency said in a statement. The volcano sent a tower of ash more than five kilometres (3.1 miles) into the sky, it added, as well as a fiery column of lava.

The national disaster agency BNPB estimated 11,000 to 12,000 people had to be relocated from near Ruang's crater, spokesman Abdul Muhari told a press conference. "Currently, the local disaster mitigation agency, military and police are evacuating residents," he said. Images released by the agency showed a molten red column bursting into the sky, a large ash cloud spilling from the crater and burning embers near local houses.

The disaster agency imposed a seven-kilometre exclusion zone around Ruang after volcanology officials warned locals of "the potential for ejections of incandescent rocks, hot clouds and tsunamis due to eruption material entering the sea". Abdul said a rescue ship and a warship had been dispatched to help move thousands from neighbouring Tugulandang island north to Siau island because of the tsunami warning.

### Columbia University suspends pro-Palestine students after they defy ultimatum

**New York.** Columbia University in the United States on Monday (local time) began suspending pro-Palestinian activists who refused to dismantle the encampment on its New York City campus after the Ivy League school declared a stalemate in talks seeking to end the polarising protest. University President Nemat Minouche Shafik said in a statement that days of negotiations between student organisers and academic leaders had failed to persuade demonstrators to remove the dozens of tents set up to express opposition to Israel's war in Gaza. The crackdown at Columbia, at the centre of Gaza-related protests roiling university campuses across the US in recent weeks, came as police at the University of Texas at Austin arrested dozens of students whom they doused with pepper spray at a pro-Palestinian rally. Columbia sent a letter on Monday morning warning that students who did not vacate the encampment by 2 pm ET and sign a form promising to abide by university policies would face suspension and become ineligible to complete the semester in good standing.

"We have begun suspending students as part of this next phase of our efforts to ensure safety on our campus," said Ben Chang, a university spokesperson, at a briefing on Monday evening. "The encampment has created an unwelcoming environment for many of our Jewish students and faculty and a noisy distraction that interferes with the teaching, learning and preparing for final exams," Chang said. Earlier, Shafik said Columbia would not divest from finances in Israel, a key demand of the protesters. Instead, she offered to invest in health and education in Gaza and make Columbia's direct investment holdings more transparent. Protesters have vowed to keep their encampment on the Manhattan campus until Columbia meets three demands: divestment, transparency in university finances, and amnesty for students and faculty disciplined for their part in the protests.

"These repulsive scare tactics mean nothing compared to the deaths of over 34,000 Palestinians. We will not move until Columbia meets our demands or we are moved by force," leaders of the Columbia Student Apartheid Divest coalition said in a statement read at a news conference following the deadline. Hundreds of demonstrators, many wearing traditional Palestinian keffiyeh scarves, marched in circles around the exterior of the encampment chanting, "Disclose! Divest! We will not stop, we will not rest."

## Trump, DeSantis bury the hatchet at 'great meeting', discuss fundraising

**New York.** Former President Donald Trump met privately with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis over the weekend, marking a détente between the former rivals after a brutal Republican primary contest marked by insults and bruised egos, according to three people familiar with the discussion. The meeting, which lasted three hours, was organised to help the men bury the hatchet and discuss potential joint fundraising efforts, according to one of the people, who, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity to share details of the private get-together. The governor, during the conversation, committed to helping Trump as he faces President Joe Biden in the general election, said the person. It ended with the two shaking hands, said another. The meeting, which was first reported by The Washington Post, was orchestrated by Florida real estate investor Steve Witkoff, and took place at his Shell Bay Club in Hollywood, Florida. Witkoff did not immediately respond to a request for comment through his office. On Monday,



Trump said the two had had "a great meeting yesterday" and that he was "very happy to have the full and enthusiastic support of Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida." "The conversation mostly concerned how we would work closely together to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN. Also discussed was the future of Florida, which is FANTASTIC!" he wrote

on his social media site. "I greatly appreciate Ron's support in taking back our Country from the Worst President in the History of the United States." "DeSantis has a deep network of donors from his runs for governor and president. He amassed an enormous war chest for his White House run, entering the race with \$130 million in the bank. Though he

endorsed Trump when he dropped his bid for the GOP nomination in a video after failing to gain traction, DeSantis has yet to campaign or fundraise on Trump's behalf. Instead, he has, at times, needled Trump, including responding to a news story about some Republicans in the Florida legislature wanting to help fund Trump's legal bills by posting, "But not the Florida Republican who wields the veto pen á la." The GOP primary was marked by a bitter rivalry between the two men, who had once been allies. Trump lambasted DeSantis as disloyal and nicknamed him Ron "DeSanctimonious," while DeSantis suggested Trump would lose again in November and said he'd "lost the zip on his fastball" over the years. DeSantis' allies believe the Florida governor has a clear path to another presidential bid should he want one. But that path could be complicated by lingering hostilities in a party that overwhelmingly backs the former president, especially if he wins in November.

## Immigrant from Laos battling cancer wins \$1.3 billion lottery in US

**Salem** One of the winners of a \$1.3 billion Powerball jackpot this month is an immigrant from Laos who has had cancer for eight years and had his latest chemotherapy treatment last week.

Cheng "Charlie" Saephan, 46, of Portland, told a news conference held by the Oregon Lottery on Monday that he and his 37-year-old wife, Duannep, are taking half the money, and the rest is going to a friend, Laiza Chao, 55, of the Portland suburb of Milwaukie. Chao had chipped in \$100 to buy a batch of tickets with them. They are taking a lump sum payment, \$422 million after taxes. "I will be able to provide for my family and my health," he said, adding that he'd "find a good doctor for myself." Saephan, who has two young children, said that as a cancer patient, he wondered, "How am I going to have time to spend all of this money? How long will I live?" After they bought the shared tickets, Chao sent a photo of the tickets to Saephan and said, "We're billionaires." It was a joke before the actual drawing, he said, but the next day they won. Chao, 55, was on her way to work when Saephan called her with the news: "You don't have to go anymore," he said. Saephan



said he was born in Laos and moved to Thailand in 1987, before immigrating to the U.S. in 1994. He wore a sash at the news conference identifying himself as Lu Mien, a southeast Asian ethnic group with roots in southern China. Many Lu Mein were subsistence farmers and assisted American forces during the Vietnam War; after the conflict, thousands of Lu Mien families fled to Thailand to avoid retribution and eventually settled in the US. Tens of thousands of Lu Mien people live along the West Coast, with a sizeable and active community in Portland. Saephan graduated from high school in 1996 and has lived in Portland for 30 years. He worked as a machinist for an aerospace company. In the weeks leading up to the drawing, he wrote out numbers for the game on a

piece of paper and slept with it under his pillow, he said. He prayed that he would win, saying, "I need some help — I don't want to die yet unless I have done something for my family first."

The winning Powerball ticket was sold in early April at a Plaid Pantry convenience store in Portland, ending a winless streak that had stretched more than three months. The Oregon Lottery said it had to go through a security and vetting process before announcing the identity of the person who came forward to claim the prize. Under Oregon law, with few exceptions, lottery players cannot remain anonymous. Winners have a year to claim the top prize. The jackpot had a cash value of \$621 million before taxes if the winner chose to take a lump sum rather than an annuity paid over 30 years, with an immediate payout followed by 29 annual installments. The prize is subject to federal taxes and state taxes in Oregon. The \$1.3 billion prize is the fourth-largest Powerball jackpot in history, and the eighth largest among US jackpot games, according to the Oregon Lottery.

## IMF approves 1.1 billion dollar immediate funding for Pakistan

**Islamabad.** The executive board of the International Monetary Fund approved \$1.1 billion (Rs 9181 crore) in funding for Pakistan on Monday, the agency said in a statement, amid discussions for a new loan.

The funding is the second and last tranche of a \$3 billion standby arrangement with the IMF, which Islamabad secured last summer to help avert a sovereign default. The approval came a day after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif discussed a new loan programme with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Riyadh. Islamabad is seeking a new, larger long-term Extended Fund Facility (EFF) agreement with the fund after the current standby arrangement expires this month. Pakistan's Finance Minister, Muhammad Aurangzeb, has said Islamabad could secure a staff-level



agreement on the new program by early July. Islamabad says it is seeking a loan over at least three years to help achieve macroeconomic stability and execute long-overdue and painful structural reforms. Aurangzeb has declined to give details on the amount the country is seeking. Islamabad is yet to make a formal request, but the Fund and the government are already in discussions. If secured, it would be Pakistan's 24th IMF bailout. The \$350 billion economy faces a chronic balance of payments crisis, with nearly \$24 billion to repay in debt and interest over the next fiscal year - three-time more than its central bank's foreign currency reserves.

## 3 officers dead, 5 injured in North Carolina shooting, suspect killed

**Charlotte, North Carolina.** Three officers on a US Marshals Task Force serving a warrant for a felon wanted for possessing a firearm were killed and five other officers were wounded in a shootout on Monday in a North Carolina home, police said. The wanted suspect first shot at the officers as they approached the suburban home in Charlotte and they killed him in the front yard, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Johnny Jennings said. A second person then fired on officers from inside the home where a high-powered rifle was found, Jennings said. A woman and a 17-year-old male were found in the home after a three-

hour standoff that included armoured vehicles crashing into the suburban home in a tree-lined neighbourhood and tearing off doorways and windows. The two were being questioned, Jennings said. One other member of the task force, which is made up of federal agents and other officers from across the region, was injured. The Marshal's Service confirmed one of the agents was killed and did not release a name. The agencies where the two other officers worked were not released. Four Charlotte-Mecklenburg officers who responded to the scene were also shot while trying to rescue the wounded officers. One remains in

critical condition, Jennings said. Neighbours said gunfire continued for several minutes after the shooting erupted. WSOC-TV said their helicopter captured an armoured vehicle driving through yards and knocking over recycling bins before officers removed a person with blood on their shirt who was then loaded into an ambulance. After the home was cleared, the helicopter pilot said he couldn't show the front lawn of the home because the scene was too disturbing. Several armoured vehicles were on nearby lawns and driveways of the older suburban neighbourhood of a tree-lined street with brick homes.

## North Korean Hwasong-11 missile used in Ukraine, in breach of sanctions: UN

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**United Nations.** The debris from a missile that landed in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv on Jan. 2 was from a North Korean Hwasong-11 series ballistic missile, United Nations sanctions monitors told a Security Council committee in a statement on Monday. In the 32-page report, the UN sanctions monitors concluded that "debris recovered from a missile that landed in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on 2 January 2024 derives from a DPRK Hwasong-11 series missile" and is in violation of the arms embargo on North Korea. Formerly known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), North Korea has been under UN sanctions for its

ballistic missile and nuclear programs since 2006, and those measures have been strengthened over the years.

Three sanctions monitors traveled to Ukraine earlier this month to inspect the debris and found no evidence that the missile was made by Russia. They "could not independently identify from where the missile was launched, nor by whom."

"Information on the trajectory provided by Ukrainian authorities indicates it was launched within the territory of the

Russian Federation," they wrote in an April 25 report to the Security Council's North Korea sanctions committee.

"Such a location, if the missile was under control of Russian forces, would probably indicate procurement by nationals of the Russian Federation," they said, adding that this would be a violation of the arms embargo imposed on North Korea in 2006. The Russian and North Korean missions to the United Nations in New York did not immediately respond to a request for

comment on the report by the sanctions monitors. The US and others have accused North Korea of transferring weapons to Russia for use against Ukraine, which it invaded in February 2022. Both Moscow and Pyongyang have denied the accusations, but vowed last year to deepen military relations. At a UN Security Council meeting in February, the US accused Russia of launching DPRK-supplied ballistic missiles against Ukraine on at least nine occasions. The UN monitors said the Hwasong-11 series ballistic missiles were first publicly tested by Pyongyang in 2019. Russia last month vetoed the annual renewal of the UN sanctions monitors - known as a panel of experts - that has for 15 years monitored enforcement of UN sanctions on North Korea over its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The mandate for the current panel of experts will expire on Tuesday. Within days of the Jan. 2 attack, the Kharkiv region prosecutor's office showcased fragments of the missile to the media, saying it was different from Russian models and "this may be a missile which was supplied by North Korea."

## Dhulu Mahto, Vidyut Baran Mahto file nominations for Dhanbad, Jamshedpur LS seats respectively

**RNS I Ranchi:** In the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections, BJP candidates Dhulu Mahto and Vidyut Baran Mahto filed their nominations for the Dhanbad and Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seats, respectively. Dhulu Mahto, the BJP candidate for the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat, submitted his nomination papers on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Jharkhand BJP chief and former chief minister Babul Marandi, outgoing Dhanbad MP PN Singh, Dhanbad Sadar BJP MLA Raj Sinha, and advocate Narendra Trivedi at the collectorate. The deadline for filing nominations for the Dhanbad constituency, which falls in the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections (third phase in Jharkhand), is May 6, with the election scheduled for May 25. Mahto has been representing the Baghmara Vidhan Sabha



constituency since 2009. He first won the seat with a margin of 19,960 votes in 2009 and then served as an MLA for the Jharkhand Vikas Morcha-Prajatantrik (JVM-P) from 2009 to 2014, winning by a margin of 29,623 votes. Subsequently, from 2014 to 2019, he represented the constituency as a BJP MLA, winning by a narrow margin of 824 votes. In a significant development, the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat has been allocated to the

Congress under the I.N.D.I Alliance. Congress nominee Anupama Singh, wife of Bermo MLA Jayamangal Singh alias Anup Singh, is scheduled to file her nomination on May 1. Meanwhile, Vidyut Baran Mahto, the NDA candidate, filed his nomination for the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday. Mahto, a two-time MP from the Jamshedpur seat, was accompanied by Central ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Arjun

Munda, along with BJP and AJSU workers, during the nomination paper-filing procedure at the Jamshedpur collectorate. "I will definitely achieve victory in the elections once again with the blessings of the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency and thus strengthen the hands of revered Narendra Modi in achieving his target of 400 plus seats in this general election," said Vidyut Baran Mahto while talking to the media.

## Rajasthan CM backs BJP candidate Dhulu Mahato in Dhanbad rally



**RNS I Dhanbad:** Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma addressed an election public meeting in support of BJP candidate Dhulu Mahato at the Golf Ground in Dhanbad on Tuesday. The meeting was organized by Mahato's campaign team, with Sharma as the chief guest. The event was attended by State President Babul Marandi, AJSU supremo Sudesh Mahato, MPs PN Singh and CP Chaudhary, Leader of Opposition

Amar Bauri, MLA Raj Sinha, and others. Marandi highlighted the issues of corruption and crime in Jharkhand, particularly in Dhanbad, urging the public to vote for the BJP candidate. Meanwhile, the Rajasthan CM called on the crowd to support Dhulu Mahato and help the BJP achieve its target of 400 seats. Dhulu Mahato, the BJP candidate for the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat, submitted his nomination papers on Tuesday.

## Nilendu Kumar Singh takes charges as CMD, CCL



**RNS I Ranchi:** Nilendu Kumar Singh has assumed charge as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) today, following directives from the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, and Coal India Limited, after being selected by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). Earlier, Singh served as the Director Technical (Projects & Planning) at Eastern Coalfields Limited. He holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in Mining Engineering (B.Tech.) from IIT-ISM in Dhanbad, which he obtained in 1989, and obtained a First Class Mine Manager Certification in 1994. Beginning his career in 1989 with Central Coalfields Limited, a division of Coal India Limited, Singh held various positions at CCL until 2011. During this period, he served as Mine Manager for projects such as Piparwar, Ashoka, Urimari, and Kalyani. He then moved to SECL in January 2012, where he worked as Mine Manager at Gevra, Deputy Area Manager (Agent) in the Deepka and Chhal Projects, and General Manager for SECL's Deepka, Korba, and Raigarh areas. Singh brings extensive expertise in managing large open-cast mines, executing FMC projects, commissioning sidings, implementing new mining technologies, and handling the largest HEMMs. He also visited Australia in 1997 to study mining processes and has a passion for athletics and drawing, having played volleyball at the All-India University level. With nearly three decades of experience in the coal sector, Singh has made significant contributions to introducing new mining methods and enhancing the company's operations. His broad experience includes working with various labor unions and company stakeholders in the coal industry. Singh's vast experience is expected to greatly benefit Team CCL. Under his leadership, the organization is poised to achieve its set goals. Notably, CCL set new performance records by achieving its highest-ever generation and dispatch in FY 23-24.

## ESL Steel Limited inspires Knowledge Pursuit through inter-centre Quiz Competition

**RNS I Bokaro:** Bokaro: ESL Steel Limited, a Vedanta Group Company known for its commitment to community development, organized an inter-centre quiz competition aimed at fostering a thirst for knowledge among students. The event was part of ESL Steel Limited's efforts to support the overall development of children, particularly those enrolled in the company's educational programs like Project Prerna Centres (Tutorial & Drawing) and Excel 30 Classes. The quiz competition, organized in collaboration with Sarthak Sustainable Development Foundation, aimed to encourage students to go beyond textbooks and apply their knowledge practically. ESL Steel Limited frequently organizes such events, including science exhibitions, art shows, and quizzes, to provide interactive platforms for students to gain knowledge, develop teamwork skills, and excel beyond academics. The competition attracted around 100 attendees, including students, guardians, teachers, and local dignitaries, who came to support the contestants. The dignitaries praised ESL Steel Limited and its part-



ner for organizing the event and were impressed by the enthusiasm of the participating children. "ESL Steel Limited is committed to the holistic development and happiness of the communities around our plant. We aim to provide a platform for creativity and expression among our students," said Ashish Ranjan, Head of CSR, ER & PR at ESL Steel Limited. "Initiatives like these nurture talent, encourage teamwork, and foster a vibrant learning environment," he added. Rakesh Mishra, Deputy Head of CSR at ESL Steel Limited, noted the confidence of the contestants and the enthusiasm of the spectators. He expressed his happiness with the event's success and pledged to organize more such events

in the future. The winners in various categories of the competition were: Group A (Prerna Tutorials): 1st - Prerna Tutorials, Modidih; 2nd - Prerna Drawing Centre, Chandaha; 3rd - Prerna Tutorials, Kumtand; Group B (Prerna Centre): 1st - Prerna Centre, Chandaha; 2nd - Prerna Centre, Siyaljori; 3rd - Prerna Centre, Yogidih. In Group C (Vedanta ESL Excel 30 Centre): Team 1. Notably, Sarthak Sustainable Development Foundation, in collaboration with ESL Steel Ltd., aims to strengthen primary and secondary education under the "Prerna" project. The project aims to provide quality education opportunities to students from socio-economically weaker sections, ensuring their holistic development.

## CCL bids farewell to its 43 retiring employees



**RNS I Ranchi:** In a heartfelt gesture, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) bid farewell to 43 retiring employees, including three from different departments of CCL Headquarters, Darbhanga House, Ranchi. Dr. Chhaya Rani, CMO of Gandhinagar Hospital, Amar Nath Jha, Senior PA of the A-1 CMC Department, and Suraj Mahato, Head Security Guard of the Security Department, were given a warm send-off through an "Honor-cum-Farewell Ceremony" organized by CCL on Tuesday. The event, held at the CCL Headquarters, was attended by General Manager (CMC) Rajeev Singh, Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS) Dr. Suman Singh, Chief Manager

(Personnel) of the Welfare Department Keya Mukherjee, along with Heads of Departments, General Managers from various departments, family members of the retired employees, and other dignitaries. General Manager (CMC) Rajiv Singh congratulated the retiring employees on the successful completion of their service, acknowledging their contribution to the company's success. He wished them all the best for the next phase of their lives. CMS, CCL, Dr. Suman Singh, extended wishes for a healthy life to the retiring employees, advising them to devote more time to family and pursue activities of their choice in their retirement.

A short film featuring the work experiences of the retiring personnel was screened during the event. In the video, the employees shared memorable moments from their entire service period. All three retired employees expressed their gratitude towards the company, emphasizing its integral role in their lives during their service. The retiring employees were honored with shawls, mementos, and gifts. Chief Manager (Personnel) of the Welfare Department, Smt. Keya Mukherjee, conducted the event and delivered the vote of thanks. The Welfare Department and other related departments played a crucial role in organizing the successful program.

## BSL honors retiring employees with Farewell Ceremony

**RNS I Bokaro:** Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) bid farewell to its retiring employees with a heartfelt ceremony at the Main Auditorium of the Human Resource Development Department. The event honored employees retiring in April 2024, with Chief General Manager (Materials Management) Harsh Nigam as the chief guest. The ceremony began with a welcome address by Assistant General Manager (Personnel) Dr. Nanda Priyadarshini, who provided retiring employees with information regarding their final settlement and Maitri Bhawan. She also presented the biodata of each retiring employee. Nigam congratulated the retirees for their dedicated service and wished them a happy life ahead. He presented service certificates and gifts to the retirees. In April 2024, a total of 6 executives and 55 non-executives retired from BSL. The farewell ceremony for Chief General Manager (Refraactories) Ved Prakash Upadhyay was held separately in the conference room of the Director-in-charge. All attendees extended their best wishes to Shri Ved Prakash Upadhyay for his future endeavors.

## NEET Exam to be Conducted at Five Centers in Bokaro on 5 May

**RNS I Bokaro:** The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET UG) 2024, a crucial examination for medical education admissions, will take place on May 5th (Sunday) for aspiring doctors. The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct the exam from 2:00 pm to 5:20 pm. Five schools in Bokaro have been designated as examination centers. Dr. A S Gangwar, the City Coordinator of NTA and Principal of DPS Bokaro, announced that a total



of 2884 candidates will appear for the NEET exam across all five centers in the district. This year, NEET-UG will be held in

pen-and-paper (offline) mode in 13 languages. The examination will take place in 557 cities across India and 14 cities outside India on May 5 from 2 pm to 5.20 pm. Registered candidates can download their city intimation slip from the official NTA website exams.nta.ac.in/NEET/ using their date of birth and application number. The admit card is expected to be released before May 2nd.

## Farewell Ceremony Held for Retiring Class IV Employee of DAV Sector-6

**RNS I Bokaro:** The teachers and staff of DAV Public School, Sector 6, bid farewell to Bhuski Di, a class IV employee, upon his retirement. Principal Brij Mohan Lal Das addressed the farewell ceremony, praising Bhuski Di's dedication and hard work during his more than three and a half decades of service at the school. He highlighted Bhuski Di's simplicity and honesty in his



work. During the ceremony, the Principal honored Bhuski Di with a flower bunch and gifts, acknowledging his

contributions. He wished him good health and success in his future endeavors. Other speakers at the event, including Nagendra Prasad, Prashant Kumar, Kumar Samresh, Jhanvi Banerjee, and Bal Shekhar Jha, shared their thoughts and memories. The event was conducted by Abha Kumari, and all teachers and staff were present to bid farewell to their colleague.

## JAC releases 12th exam results; Sneha tops in Science, Pratibha Commerce & Zeenat in Arts streams



**RNS I Ranchi:** Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) has released the results of all three streams of 12th examination. Girls have once again won in the examination results. A total of 3 lakh 44 thousand students appeared in the examination. Sneha was the state topper in the science faculty. Whereas Pratibha Saha has won in commerce.

Zeenat Parveen topped in Arts. In the released results of JAC, 68,203 students from the Faculty of Science have been successful. Whereas in Science, a total of 94,433 students took the exam. 72.70% students have passed the examination with 1st division. The result of commerce was slightly better than that of

science. Is. 25,907 students appeared for the commerce examination. Out of which 23,235 students have passed. The result of the exam was 90.60%. Out of the total passed students, 61% percent students have passed in 1st division. Talking about the results of Arts exam, a total of 2 lakh 24 thousand 502 students appeared for the exam, out

of which 2 lakh 6 thousand 685 students passed. 93.7% students who appeared for the examination were successful. Of these, 40.78 students passed in 1st division. Let us tell you that for the first time JAC has released the examination results of all three faculties together. The exam results were released by JAC Chairman Anil Mahato."

## AstraZeneca admits COVID-19 Vaccine can cause rare side effects

**RNS:** AstraZeneca has admitted in court documents that its COVID-19 vaccine, developed with the University of Oxford, can lead to a rare side effect known as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), as reported by a British newspaper. This admission comes in the midst of a class-action lawsuit alleging numerous deaths and injuries, with claimants and their families seeking up to £100 million in damages, according to the UNI news agency. The lawsuit was initiated by Jamie Scott, a father of two, who suffered a permanent brain injury after developing a blood clot and brain hemorrhage following his vaccination in April 2021, as reported by Telegraph UK. The legal battle has intensified, with 51 cases now filed in the High Court, highlighting the devastating impact of TTS on individuals and families. Kate Scott, Jamie Scott's wife, stated to the Telegraph via UNI, "The medical world has acknowledged for a long time that VITT was caused by the vaccine. It's only AstraZeneca who have questioned whether Jamie's condition was caused by the jab." "It's taken three years for this admission to come. It's progress, but we would like to see more from them and the Government.



It's time for things to move more quickly. "I hope their admission means we will be able to sort this out sooner rather than later. We need an apology, fair compensation for our family and other families who have been affected. We have the truth on our side, and we are not going to give up." AstraZeneca had previously acknowledged a link between the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine-induced immune thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (VITT) in March 2021, shortly after the vaccine rollout commenced. This development raises concerns

about vaccine safety and emphasizes the challenge of balancing public health concerns with potential vaccination risks. Thrombocytopenia is a condition characterized by a low blood platelet count, according to the Mayo Clinic website. Platelets are colorless blood cells that aid in blood clotting by clumping and forming plugs in blood vessel injuries.

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# Amit Shah says BJP backs reservation, blames Congress for his fake video

**Accusing the Congress of spreading fake videos, Amit Shah asserted that the BJP backs reservations and will always be a protector of them.**

**New Delhi:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated on Monday that the BJP backs reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. He blamed Congress for spreading a fake video of him and said that the saffron party will be a "protector" of reservation. "Congress is spreading misinformation that the BJP will end reservations after crossing 400 seats. These claims are baseless and unfounded... I want to make it clear that the BJP supports reservations for SCs, STs, and OBCs and will always play its role as a protector," he said in a press conference in Guwahati. Recently, an edited video of the Home Minister was widely shared on social media, in which he was depicted as promising to end reservations for SCs, STs, and OBCs. Several Congress officials' social media handles shared the video, claiming that the BJP is preparing to scrap the reservation. "Their [Congress] frustration reached to such a

level that they have spread fake videos of me and several other BJP leaders. Chief Ministers, State president and others have also done the work of forwarding this fake video... Today a prominent leader of the Congress Party is facing a criminal offence. This action is indicative of their frustration and disappointment," Amit Shah charged. An FIR was filed on a complaint regarding the "doctored video". According to BJP, the footage was from a 2023 speech in Telangana, where the Home Minister talked about the 4 percent "unconstitutional" reservation for Muslims in the state. "Ever since Rahul Gandhi took charge of the Congress, he has been working to take the level of politics to a new low... I believe that the attempt to get public support by circulating fake videos is condemnable and should never be done by any major party in Indian politics," Amit Shah continued. On the apparent delay in finalising the candidature of Rahul

Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi from Amethi and Raebareilly, Shah said it shows their "lack of self-confidence". "I don't know whether they will contest elections or not but the amount of confusion shows that they lack self-confidence. The situation in Uttar Pradesh is that they have left their traditional seats and ran away," the Union Home Minister said. Meanwhile, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hit back saying, "They (BJP) have the expertise to make videos and defame people through social media." "Whatever work they do to ruin the image of people, we will never do it. We only want the country should remain one, and everyone should work together. There should be no hate speech. PM Modi always gives hate speech... PM Modi should not talk like this at least in elections. But they are doing it. That's why I appeal, at least have a little patience, don't talk like this with frustration," the Congress chief said.



- **Amit Shah asserts BJP supports reservations for SCs, STs, OBCs**
- **Accuses Congress of spreading fake video due to "frustration"**
- **BJP expert in making videos to defame people, Mallikarjun Kharge says**

## Deve Gowda's Grandson Suspended From JDS As Sex Scandal Row Deepens

**Prajwal Revanna - grandson of JDS chief and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda - has also been issued a show cause notice by the party amid a row over sex scandal.**



**Bengaluru/New Delhi:** Karnataka MP Prajwal Revanna was today suspended from the Janata Dal (Secular) or JD(S) amid a row over explicit videos - allegedly showing him sexually assaulting multiple women. Prajwal Revanna - a sitting MP from Karnataka's Hassan constituency - has also been issued a show cause notice by the party. The video clips, allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna, surfaced on social media a day after his constituency went to polls.

The scandal involves hundreds of explicit videos that were allegedly shot by the Mr Revanna - grandson of JDS chief and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda - and were circulated widely in the Hassan constituency. This was followed up by a woman filing a police case against Prajwal Revanna, accusing him of sexual assault. She alleged she had been sexually abused multiple times between 2019

and 2022. The complainant also claimed that Prajwal Revanna misbehaved with her daughter over a video call and had "vulgar conversations" with her. The woman alleged that Prajwal's father HD Revanna also sexually assaulted her when his wife was not at home. Prajwal has denied the allegations and filed a complaint claiming that the videos being circulated are doctored. The 33-year-old left for Germany Saturday morning, shortly after the videos emerged online. Prajwal's father HD Revanna, who is also an accused in the case, is MLA from Holenarasipur constituency. HD Revanna too accused political rivals of creating a conspiracy out of "old videos". The Karnataka government has formed a special investigation team (SIT) to look into the obscene videos case. The decision to set up the SIT came after the state women's commission recommended the Siddaramaiah government to take action. On reports of Prajwal leaving the country pending.

## Amit Shah hits back at Priyanka Gandhi over sex tapes: 'Why no action taken?'

**New Delhi:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday hit back at the Congress-led Karnataka government for not taking any action in the sex scandal involving Karnataka MP and NDA's Hassan Lok Sabha candidate Prajwal Revanna. Prajwal Revanna, the grandson of former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, has been suspended from the JD(S). While underscoring that the BJP was in favour of an investigation, Shah questioned Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi over the government's delay in taking action. Addressing a press conference in Assam, Amit Shah said the case was a law and order issue of the state, where Congress is in power.

"BJP's stand is clear that we stand with the 'Matri Shakti' of the country. I want to ask Congress whose government is there (Karnataka)? The government is of the Congress party. Why have they not taken any action till now? Priyanka Gandhi should ask their Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister," Amit Shah said. "We do not have to take action on this as this is a law and order issue of the state. The state government has to take action on it," he further said. Amit Shah's retort came a day



after Priyanka Gandhi questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Home Minister how Prajwal Revanna was able to leave the country after committing atrocities against women. "They get to know where I or opposition leaders have gone, but this kind of criminal, this type of demon leaves the country, and they do not get to know this," Gandhi had said at a rally in Karnataka's Kalaburagi. Prajwal Revanna was suspended from the JD(S) till a probe by the Special Investigation Team was completed. Last week, explicit clips depicting Revanna allegedly engaging in acts of sexual abuse against multiple women started doing the rounds on social media. A woman who worked in Prajwal's household also accused the MP and his father - JD(S) MLA and former minister HD Revanna - of sexual harassment. Following the woman's complaint, a case has been registered against the duo.

## Won't Protect Him": HD Kumaraswamy, Uncle Of Karnataka MP In Video Scandal

**Karnataka obscene videos case: In an interview to NDTV, JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy said he will not protect anyone, including Prajwal Revanna, if found guilty.**

**New Delhi:** Prajwal Revanna, the Janata Dal (Secular) MP who has been suspended from the party and grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, faces the risk of being forsaken by his uncle HD Kumaraswamy after purported obscene videos - hundreds of them - of Prajwal Revanna went viral. In an interview to NDTV, Mr Kumaraswamy said he will not protect anyone, including Prajwal Revanna, if found guilty. The former Karnataka Chief Minister, however, distanced himself from the scandal on the grounds that it was Prajwal Revanna's "personal matter" which the Congress is using to malign the entire family.



Yet, in a bizarre turn, Mr Kumaraswamy directed questions on who released the video. "Who is the culprit? Who released the video? Who are the persons behind it? Are they saviours of women? Don't worry, we will take action," he told reporters when confronted with questions on a huge number

of extremely obscene videos in circulation. He quickly amended, "Not only as an uncle, but as a citizenship, a common man, we have to move further. This is a shameful issue. I am not protecting any person. We have protested." He declined to comment whether Prajwal Revanna would be suspended from the Janata Dal (Secular),

or JD(S), which is an ally of the BJP for the Lok Sabha elections. Prajwal Revanna is the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate from Hassan. "Who is running the government? The government must take the responsibility to investigate and come out with the real picture. That has to be exposed by the government, not by me," Mr Kumaraswamy said. Mr Kumaraswamy alleged the video scandal is meant to "malign our family". "This issue they will not take any decision I know. These people have done several times like this. Their only intention is to malign our family... finish the JD(S) and destroy the alliance between JD(S) and BJP," he said. Prajwal Revanna has denied the allegations and filed a police complaint too, saying the obscene videos in circulation were morphed. He left for Germany on Saturday morning after voting in the Lok Sabha elections.

## AAP leader on Raghav Chadha: 'Could have lost eyesight, had surgery in UK'

**Raghav Chadha has been conspicuous by his absence at a time when AAP has been battling a political storm triggered by Arvind Kejriwal's arrest.**

**New Delhi:** Amid speculation over AAP leader Raghav Chadha's prolonged absence from the political scenario, Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said the Rajya Sabha MP underwent a major eye surgery in the UK. Bharadwaj said Chadha's condition was critical and there was a possibility of him losing his eyesight. "There was a complication in his eyes, and I was told that it was quite critical that he might have lost his eyesight as well. He has undergone major eye surgery in the UK," the AAP leader said. "As soon as he gets better, he (Chadha) will come back to India and join us in the election campaigning," he further said. AAP had previously said Chadha went to the UK to undergo

vitrectomy surgery to prevent the eye's retinal detachment. Raghav Chadha has been in London since March 8, and he has been conspicuous by his absence at a time when AAP has been battling a political storm triggered by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest in the liquor policy case. His last post on X was on April 28 when he retweeted a video of Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal holding a roadshow in West Delhi. Last month, the BJP slammed the Rajya Sabha MP for meeting controversial UK Parliamentarian Preet Kaur Gill. BJP IT cell chief Malviya had alleged that the UK MP had advocated for Khalistani separatism and mobilised funds for



Khalistanis. "MP Raghav Chadha is in London, apparently for eye surgery (what happened to Delhi's Mohalla Clinics and Health Model?), but has

been in the news for meeting people inimical to India's interest. What is interesting is that Pariniti Chopra, who was also in London, has returned, but Chadha hasn't. One

would have thought she would have wanted to be around at a time when he was being operated. But looks like she has other important things on mind. Or is the surgery just an excuse to stay away?" Malviya had tweeted. Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar also questioned the "intriguing absence" of Chadha. "In this politically surcharged atmosphere lots of reasons are being attributed to the intriguing absence of Sh Raghav Chadha at this juncture," Jakhar had tweeted. Amid the speculation, Delhi minister Atishi claimed earlier this month that four other AAP leaders, including Raghav Chadha, would be arrested by the ED in the next two months.

## Maldives moving closer to China

THE results of the recent parliamentary elections in the Maldives threw up a big surprise. While President Mohamed Muizzu's People's National Congress (PNC) was expected to win, the scale of the victory was unprecedented. Voters of the tiny island-nation (population of about 500,000) in the Indian Ocean gave an overwhelming majority to Muizzu's party in the 93-member House. The PNC won 66 seats, while its allies bagged another nine, thereby giving Muizzu a super-majority of 75. The electoral mandate gives him the licence to make changes in the Constitution and muzzle the Opposition. In a complex domestic political churn, Maldivian elections in recent years have seen the emergence of a pro-China faction, thereby posing a challenge to India — which for decades was the principal aid donor and security provider. In a setback for India, then President Abdulla Yameen, who was in office from 2013 to 2018, favoured Beijing over New Delhi. He was accused of embezzlement of funds and corruption and indicted for bribery just before the September 2023 presidential election; the verdict debarred him from contesting.

A last-minute nomination saw then mayor of Male, Muizzu, throwing his hat into the ring against Ibrahim Solih (President from 2018 to 2023) of the Maldivian Democratic Party and winning the election with a slim lead in the second round. Solih was perceived to be empathetic to India. One of the major foreign policy issues was the tussle between the pro-India and pro-China factions. It is instructive that Muizzu won the election last year on the back of his 'India out' campaign. Soon after assuming office, he directed that the Indian presence in the Maldives be reduced. As a first step, the new President compelled New Delhi to withdraw the few military personnel who were stationed in the island nation. Muizzu's January visit to Beijing, where Chinese President Xi Jinping welcomed him as an 'old friend', was testimony — if it were required — to the extent to which the Maldives was now looking at China as an alternative to India. Clearly, despite its long-standing ties with the political leadership in Male, India had dropped the ball in late 2012, when a major infrastructure project awarded to the GMR Group was suddenly cancelled. India was no longer the preferred partner for the Maldives. China, which has long sought a foothold in the Indian Ocean, methodically invested in the strategically located island nation. The latest development will pose a challenge to Indian security planners and hobble PM Modi's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All) in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The docking of Chinese research ship Xiang Yang Hong 3 in Male on April 25 and the disclosure that this vessel had been inside or near Maldivian waters since January would suggest that Chinese naval/maritime presence in this part of the Indian Ocean will animate the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific. Soon after taking charge as President, when asked if his foreign policy would see a tilt towards China, Muizzu said he would follow a pro-Maldives policy. Major infrastructure projects with Chinese assistance are on the anvil, and the people will be monitoring the tilt towards Beijing to see how this will impact their lives and human security indicators.

The most critical and urgent threat to Maldivian security — nay, its very physical existence as a nation — is the danger of a rise in sea levels. The worst-case scenario is that the Indian Ocean archipelago can disappear when the danger mark is crossed. Experts say that by 2050, as much as 80 per cent of the Maldives will become uninhabitable due to global warming. And the dire warning sounded by the World Bank is that if prevailing regional trends of global warming and sea rise are not addressed in an urgent and effective manner, sea levels could increase by 10-100 cm in the future. The net result: by 2100, the entire country could be submerged. Fortunately, this issue came into focus amid the declaration of results of the Maldivian parliamentary elections. On April 23, the World Meteorological Organisation released its Climate Asia 2023 Report. The findings are ominous for all forms of life on earth, and the gravity of the threat is stark.

## Poll-time focus on aspirations of J&K, Ladakh residents

Sonam Wangchuk's campaign has brought global attention to environmental concerns of Ladakh.

POLLING has been completed in parts of the Jammu region, which has two Lok Sabha seats (Jammu and Udhampur), while the three constituencies primarily in Kashmir (Baramulla, Anantnag-Rajouri and Srinagar) and one in Ladakh will go to the polls in May. One needs to pay attention to the issues that have arisen in this border region during the ongoing elections — the first parliamentary battle in J&K and Ladakh since the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

Though the state-turned-UT has only five seats, J&K's electoral impact on national politics is, at times, disproportionate. It provides an entire mosaic of issues that are leveraged in the Hindi heartland. National security concerns impacted the national elections in 2019 as well as in 1999. The Balakot airstrikes after the Pulwama terror attack gave an edge to the BJP in some states in the 2019 polls, while the victory in the Kargil War helped the party in the General Election held in September-October 1999. Many soldiers serving in J&K come from electorally significant states like Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Bihar. While the BJP has repeatedly described the abrogation of Article 370 as its achievement, the narrative on this issue was relatively muted during campaigning for the Udhampur and Jammu seats that went to the polls on April 19 and 26, respectively. The matter has minimal resonance in these areas. The Congress narrative revolved around issues mentioned in its manifesto, including the promise of the restoration of J&K's statehood.

With regard to the Lok Sabha seats primarily in the Kashmir valley, the implications of the Delimitation Commission report, released in 2022, are becoming evident. The panel merged parts of the Anantnag parliamentary seat with the Muslim-majority Rajouri and Poonch districts, which were earlier included in the Hindu-majority Jammu-Poonch parliamentary constituency. De facto, two culturally distinct Muslim-majority areas on either side of the Pir Panjal mountain range were combined to form a parliamentary constituency (Anantnag-Rajouri). Some observers viewed the previous seat, comprising Hindu-majority Jammu district and Muslim-majority Rajouri-Poonch belt, as a secularising and stabilising force in a sensitive region.

Moreover, the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, which goes to the polls in the third phase on May 7, is proving to be a logistical nightmare for the candidates and their parties. For instance, if someone has to travel from Poonch to Anantnag, it takes around 11 hours by road, through the Jammu-Udhampur National Highway 1A or through Reasi district. The only road that connects Jammu's Rajouri-Poonch with the Kashmir valley's



Anantnag is the historic Mughal road, but it remains snow-clad for nearly seven months.

The main stakeholders, the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP), have strongly opposed the demand to defer the May 7 poll in Anantnag-Rajouri, even as some parties, including the BJP — which doesn't even have a candidate for this seat — are keen on a postponement. Within the segment, the contest is between NC candidate Mian Altaf, a scion of an influential Gujjar family, and former CM and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti. Gujjars, with at least one-third presence in Rajouri-Poonch, had opposed the granting of ST status to the Paharis, as they feared that it would eat into their reservation pie. The BJP has not fielded any candidate on the three Muslim-majority seats in J&K.

The NC is the favourite for the Baramulla and Srinagar seats. Party president Omar Abdullah, who is contesting from Baramulla, faces People's Conference leader Sajad Lone, who has electoral influence particularly in the Kupwara area of the constituency. He and the Apni Party's Altaf Bukhari have tried to cobble up a coalition on both seats, but the NC as well as the PDP have labelled them as proxies of the BJP. In Srinagar, the NC has fielded Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, a Shia cleric, who faces the PDP's Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra, who was arrested in 2020 and jailed for 19 months under the UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act). The NC and the PDP are seeking votes to "restore the dignity of Kashmiris" in Parliament. After a long time, Kashmir-centric issues, such as the release of political prisoners, are part of the poll

discourse. Separated from J&K as a consequence of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the Ladakh parliamentary segment, facing the China-controlled Tibetan plateau and Pakistan-controlled Gilgit-Baltistan, has its own issues. The Ladakhi population includes 46.4 per cent Muslims, 39.7 per cent Buddhists and 12.1 per cent Hindus.

In terms of tangible political goals, the leadership in Leh and Kargil demands the application of a North East-centric Sixth Schedule of the Constitution for Ladakh to protect the fragile ecosystem of the region, as they fear being inundated by outsiders and industrial development. Activist Sonam Wangchuk's campaign, which has given vivid details of the receding glaciers that feed the entire Indus basin and the impact on regional ecology, has brought international attention to the environmental issue. The impact is visible, as the BJP has dropped MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and given the ticket to Tashi Gyalsong, who is the chairman-cum-chief executive councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council in Leh. Hectic efforts among various stakeholders within the Opposition — Kargil's prominent institutions Islamia School and Khomeni Trust School, and the Congress — are continuing to pick a joint candidate.

A cohesive and participatory relationship between the heartland and the periphery is necessary as an antidote to secessionist demands or ethnic fissures and to ensure sustainable peace. This can only be done by being sensitive to the issues that have been highlighted during the elections and that should inform policymaking in the future.

## UK's Rwanda plan

A temporary solution to a festering problem

LAST week, the British House of Lords approved a plan, first proposed by then PM Boris Johnson in 2022, to send refugees to Rwanda. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak reckons that the first flight to Kigali will take off in June. An air bridge is being set up to deport 75,000 refugees who had fled for their lives from war, famine and injustice in their countries. Rwanda has swallowed its pride and accepted £50 million for accommodating the UK's 'undesirables'. Whether all or some of the refugees finally get deported remains to be seen. The Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act, 2024, however, could be a useful diversionary tactic in the upcoming local polls in Britain, with Sunak battling unemployment and rising inflation.

The British plan is not only presumptuous but also small-minded. In contrast, some Third World countries have been large-hearted. Colombia, Uganda and Pakistan figured among the top refugee-hosting countries in 2022, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Arguably the only



Western country that has proved to be compassionate

during the ongoing migration crisis is Germany. A bigger question is the safety of the people being sent to Rwanda, which is not exactly a beacon of hope when it comes to the protection of human right

The fundamental issue is that 10 crore people worldwide have fled to safer shores due to food insecurity, the climate crisis and wars. People's desperation is making the situation worse — around one lakh Indians trying to enter the US illegally were caught or expelled in 2023 alone. Foreign ministers of European nations have privately expressed concern over the huge influx of undocumented Indians. Instead of a quick fix, the UK should lead the international community in finding a permanent and unbiased solution to the migrant problem.

## How Iran took centre stage in Palestinian movement

Iran specialists of that era say that the creation of Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps

According to the Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Washington DC, residents of the West Bank and Gaza are almost totally of Palestinian-Arab origin: 92 per cent West Bankers and 99 per cent Gazans are Sunni Muslims and the rest are Christians. These are 2002 figures. The PRB says that 2,14,000 Jewish settlers also live in these areas. The demographics might have changed due to the presence of large-scale 'illegal' Jewish settlers, as the US calls them, since February 2024, reversing former US President Trump's policy. However, the religious composition of the Palestinians remains almost the same, according to the CIA's 'World Fact Book' (2024). The question is how Iran, with almost 95 per cent Shia population, assumed leadership of the Palestinian struggle against Israel.

The Iran-Israel relations were friendly in 1948, when Israel was born. A 2019 Brookings paper says that historically, Persian-Judaic interactions were friendly as Israel was the only country which did not join the Muslim-majority states in opposing its creation. Also, Iran fitted into Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's 'Periphery Doctrine', which aimed at "a political-security goal of countering Arab hostility through relations with alternative regional powers and potential allies," according to Israeli author Yossi Alpher.

Ben-Gurion forged relationships with non-Arab countries, like Turkey and Iran, whose rulers, like Ismet Inonu and Mohammed Reza Pahlavi (The Shah), had pro-Western orientations. During the Arab-Israeli wars in 1967 and 1973, the Iran-Israel relations assumed strategic depth, with joint projects like Trans-Atlantic Oil, set up in Panama and Switzerland, and a secret Eilat-Ashkelon Oil Pipeline, at a time when Arab oil producers had imposed embargoes on Israel. Apart from 'Savak'

Mossad intelligence cooperation, a secret Israel-Iran project named 'Project Flower' on advanced missile systems was also reportedly going on, according to The New Arab of October 23, 2023, quoting The New York Times (April 1, 1986).

Around this time, Iranian leftist guerrillas led by the Tudeh Party, and 'Fedaian guerrillas', who were persecuted by Savak, joined the Palestinian pro-left Fatah movement's camps in Jordan and Lebanon for training in guerrilla warfare. They also participated with al-Fatah during the armed combat with the Israeli army. However, this leftist revolution petered out. On the other hand, religious groups led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini started agitating after the failure of Pahlavi's 'White Revolution', which was meant to modernise the Iranian society. The Shah had to leave Iran on January 16, 1979, and Khomeini entered Iran on February 1 to lead a theocratic nation.

The first foreign leader to visit Iran was Yasser Arafat, al-Fatah leader, on February 17, 1979. Arafat, who had suffered a crushing defeat in 1970 while attempting to take over Jordan ('Black September'), was looking for a country to support him, although Lebanon had allowed him to operate from its soil. This was based on the November 2, 1969, Cairo agreement, supported by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, through which Lebanon permitted Arafat's PLO to administer 16 official refugees' camps under the United Nations Relief & Works Agency, where three lakh Palestinian refugees lived. Gradually, these camps became the training ground of revolutionaries of all hues, including Iranian religious revolutionaries like the Liberation Movement of Iran, also called the Islamic modernists, Islamic-Marxist Mujahidin-e-Khalk and



Islamic followers of Ayatollah Khomeini. Iran specialists of that era say that the creation of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) was a result of Arafat's suggestions through Lebanese PLO leader Anis Naccache, who had led the 1975 Vienna kidnapping of OPEC oil ministers through Carlos the Jackal. Naccache worked with Jaleleddin Farsi, who was then close to Khomeini, to prevent a coup against the latter in the unsettled conditions in Iran. Naccache later recruited Imad Mughniyeh, who rose to become Hezbollah's top man and organised the Argentinian bombings in 1992 and 1994.

The IRGC is Iran's leading fighting force now, numbering nearly two lakh, with overseas responsibilities through the Quds Force. A Council on Foreign Relations paper, updated on April 17, 2024, says that it has regional allies in Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon (Hezbollah), Palestinian territories (Hamas and Islamic Jihad), Syria and Yemen. The paper quotes a 2020 assessment by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies that "the IRGC has become the most powerful controller of all important economic sectors across Iran" for funding covert

was a result of Arafat's

activities. A December 2023 paper by the Combating Terrorism Centre (CTC) at US West Point Military Academy says that the IRGC does the crafting of its overseas activities through umbrella groups and joint operations centres. It enlists al-Fatah splinter groups and leftist and Islamist groups into a more loyal, militarily cohesive and politically responsive network under the IRGC control. The first experiment was in 1991, when it created the Ten Resistance Organisation at the Tehran-sponsored "World Conference in Support of the Islamic Revolution in Palestine".

In September 2023, Hamas and Palestinian Jihad started a joint operations room (JOR) in Beirut. Another joint operational centre of the Hezbollah and Hamas had been functioning since 2021. As per the CTC, this JOR utilises Lebanese Hezbollah as a coordinator between Iran, other Iranian proxies in Iraq, Syria and Yemen and Palestinian groups.

The CTC paper also quotes Yahya al-Sinwar, Hamas' Gaza lead military commander, proclaiming in November 2018 that the JOR would form the 'nucleus of the Army of Liberation'. Consequently, the JOR undertook joint operations by firing rockets at Israel in November 2018 and in 2019.

Surprisingly, the CTC also reproduces impressive propaganda papers circulated through JOR Telegram Channels communications, dated December 29, 2020, on the types of exercises, including launching rockets, simulating taking IDF hostage from a tank, raiding small structures, deploying an Iranian-made Misagh MANPADS and using Iranian-made AM 50 rifles.

## सूचीम कोर्ट भिडिपिअटि मामलार राय संरक्षण करलो

सूचीम कोर्ट आज इलेक्ट्रॉनिक डेटा (मेसिज) एर डेटा गणनाय डेटा टेरिफायरबल पेपार अडिटे ट्रेल (भिडिपिअटि) पेपार लिपिगुलिंर सहजेई पांच मास पर्यंत पुरो प्रतिरोध करी विचार करी हछे एकटि तालिका प्रतिरोधक पेटिशनर। मामलाटि निर्ये सूचीम कोर्टेर एकटि वेष्, याते न्यायविचारक सञ्जीब खान्ना एवम् दीपकर दत्त उपस्थित छिलेन, इडिअम एर काङ्गेर सम्पर्के निर्देश दिये एक धाराविशेष प्रश्न करेछिलेन। शूनानिर समये, वेष्पटि इडिअम एवम् भिडिपिअटि एवम् तादेर निरापत्ता वैशिष्ट्य सम्पर्के इन्साई कर्मकर्तादेर साथे व्यापकभावे इन्टारआक्स्टि करे। इन्साई निश्चित करेछे ये इडिअम कौनओ पर्याये पांच मास पर्यंत परिवर्तन करी असम्भव। एटि आरौ स्पष्ट करेछे ये माइक्रोकॉन्ट्रोलरगुलिं शारीरिकभावे अक्सेस करी याय ना एवम् एकवार प्रोग्राम तादेरक फ्लाना ह्येछे। इन्साई ह्ये छि दियेछे ये एखन पर्यंत 81,629 घण्टा कर्मबर्मान प्रमाण रयेछे, एवम् प्राय चार कोटि भिडिपिअटि पेपार लिपि म्याच ह्येछे। इन्साईके विश्वास करार साथे साथे, वेष्पटि एही मन्तव्य दियेछिल ये वर्तमान डेटा प्रणालीके सशक्त करार जन्य ये सञ्चार संस्कार प्रयोजन ता पर्यालोचना करवे। तवे, सूचीम कोर्ट पेपार ब्यालटे फिरे येतेर धारणाके मन्तव्य करेछे ना। इन्साई एक्छुणि असम्पूर्ण भिडिपिअटि लिपिगुलिंर पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय बले एकटि अडिभोग करेछे। इन्साई आरु दावि करेछे ये, भिडिपिअटि लिपिगुलिंर पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय। वर्तमाने, प्रति सभासदकेन्द्रे पांचटि वेधावे अव्याहृत इडिअम एर भिडिपिअटि लिपि याचाई करी ह्ये।

पेटिशनारीकार्री, यारा गणताञ्चिक संस्कार एवम् इडिअम वा बिना इडिअम सह एकटि आरु स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकारी दावि करेछे, तादेर मते देशेर 99 कोटि निश्चित डेटागणनेर एकटि आरु स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकार रयेछे।

### Ways to protect yourself from Dengue





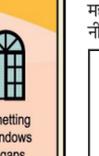
Remove mosquito habitats



Use mosquito repellent



Keep your home clean



Use netting for windows and gaps



Clear clogged drain



Light up your home and use air conditioning



Wear long clothing

## बैंक ब्याज वसूली में उचित तरीका अपनाएं, ग्राहकों का अतिरिक्त शुल्क लौटाएं : आरबीआई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) ने कुछ बैंकों और गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय संस्थानों (एनबीएफसी) के ब्याज वसूलने में अनुचित तौर-तरीके अपनाने पर चिंता जताई है। आरबीआई ने इसके लिए बैंकों को सुधारात्मक कदम उठाने और अतिरिक्त शुल्क लौटाने का निर्देश दिया है। आरबीआई ने सोमवार को इस संबंध में एक परिपत्र जारी करते हुए कहा कि इसके निर्देश तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू होंगे। रिजर्व बैंक ने जारी परिपत्र में कहा कि 31 मार्च 2023 को समाप्त अवधि के लिए बैंकों या एनबीएफसी जैसे विनियमित इकाइयों



को भौतिक जांच के दौरान आरबीआई को शिकायतों द्वारा ब्याज वसूलने में कुछ अनुचित गतिविधियों का सहारा लेने के उदाहरण मिले। ऐसे में केंद्रीय बैंक ने सभी

इकाइयों को ये निर्देश दिया है कि वे ऋण वितरण के तरीके, ब्याज लगाने और अन्य शुल्कों के संबंध में अपने तौर-तरीकों की समीक्षा करें। साथ ही बैंक नियामक ने कहा कि जरूरी होने के बीच भारत की राजकोषीय प्रोफाइल संरचनात्मक रूप से स्वस्थ हो गई है। इसमें कहा गया है कि अगर वैश्विक चक्र प्रतिकूल हो जाता है तो एक स्वस्थ जुड़वां घाटा भारत को उभरते बाजार के बड़े झटकों से बचाता है। जब तक कोई वैश्विक या घरेलू झटका न लगे, राजकोषीय लक्ष्य से कोई विचलन नहीं होना चाहिए। इस बीच, कोविड के बाद से सीएडी/जीडीपी का औसत 1.3 प्रतिशत रहा है, यह तक कि ब्रेंट 85

## वैश्विक आर्थिक झटकों से लड़ने के लिए भारत की राजकोषीय प्रोफाइल बेहतर स्थिति में

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एमके ग्लोबल फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज के अनुसार, बेहतर कर अनुपालन, बेहतर आधार और गुणवत्तापूर्ण खर्च पर ध्यान देने के बीच भारत की राजकोषीय प्रोफाइल संरचनात्मक रूप से स्वस्थ हो गई है। इसमें कहा गया है कि अगर वैश्विक चक्र प्रतिकूल हो जाता है तो एक स्वस्थ जुड़वां घाटा भारत को उभरते बाजार के बड़े झटकों से बचाता है। जब तक कोई वैश्विक या घरेलू झटका न लगे, राजकोषीय लक्ष्य से कोई विचलन नहीं होना चाहिए। इस बीच, कोविड के बाद से सीएडी/जीडीपी का औसत 1.3 प्रतिशत रहा है, यह तक कि ब्रेंट 85



और नीति राजकोषीय अनुशासन बनाए रखते हुए निवेश की गतिशीलता को बढ़ावा देने सहित विकास क्षमता में सुधार पर केंद्रित है।

## प्रधानमंत्री के नेतृत्व में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था में तेज वृद्धि हुई : सीतारमण

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व वाली सरकार में भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था में तेजी से वृद्धि हुई है। उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्र की मोदी सरकार की दृढ़ इच्छाशक्ति और दूरदर्शी नेतृत्व ने देश के तेज विकास का मार्ग प्रशस्त किया है, जो आने वाले कुछ वर्षों में बड़ी उपलब्धियां हासिल करने के लिए तैयार है। विशाखापत्तनम के गांधी प्रौद्योगिकी एवं प्रबन्धन संस्थान (गीतम) विश्वविद्यालय में विकसित भारत एक्सप्रेस कैम्पस संवाद को संबोधित करते हुए सीतारमण ने कहा कि भारत 2014 में यूपीए के कार्यकाल में 10वें स्थान पर था, अब 2024 में सिर्फ 10 वर्षों के भीतर 5वें स्थान पर आ गया है। उन्होंने जोर दिया कि भारत सरकार



ने अनुसंधान कोष के लिए लगभग एक लाख करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए हैं। जाने के पीछे कुछ कारणों में भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ लड़ाई, लालफीताशाही को कम करना और व्यापार करने में सहूलियत जैसी सुविधाओं को मिलना बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि आज भारत 5वीं सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था है, जिसकी जल्द ही तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनने की उम्मीद है।

## सर्फी बाजार में कमजोरी, सोना और चांदी की फीकी पड़ी चमक

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सप्ताह के पहले कारोबारी दिन घरेलू सर्फी बाजार में गिरावट का रुख नजर आ रहा है। आज सोने की कीमत में 150 से 200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक की कमजोरी दर्ज की गई है। इस गिरावट के कारण ज्यादातर सर्फी बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना 73 हजार रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर के करीब कारोबार कर रहा है। सोने की तरह आज चांदी के भाव में भी गिरावट आई है। इस गिरावट के कारण आज दिल्ली सर्फी बाजार में चांदी 83,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 73,070 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह जयपुर में 24 कैरेट सोना 73,070 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। कर्नाटक, तेलंगाना और ओडिशा के सर्फी बाजार में भी सोने की कीमत में आज गिरावट आई है। इन तीनों राज्यों की राजधानियों बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद और भुवनेश्वर में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,920 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। वहीं, इन तीनों शहरों के सर्फी बाजारों में 22 कैरेट सोना 66,840 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है।

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## जून के अंत तक चौथे दौर की नीलामी में 20 महत्वपूर्ण खनिज ब्लॉक की बिक्री करेगी केंद्र सरकार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार जून के अंत तक चौथे दौर की नीलामी में लगभग 20 महत्वपूर्ण खनिज ब्लॉक की बिक्री करेगी। पहले दौर में बिक्री के लिए रखे गए महत्वपूर्ण खनिज ब्लॉक की नीलामी प्रक्रिया पूरी हो चुकी है। उसके परिणाम एक महीने में घोषित किए जाएंगे। खान सचिव वीएल कांथा राव ने नई दिल्ली के इंडिया हैबिटेड सेंटर में महत्वपूर्ण खनिज शिखर सम्मेलन के उद्घाटन पर कहा कि हमने महत्वपूर्ण खनिज के 38 ब्लॉक नीलामी में रखे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि



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नीलामी की जाएगी। केंद्र सरकार ने कमजोर प्रतिक्रिया के कारण महत्वपूर्ण खनिजों की पहले चरण में बिक्री के लिए रखे गए 20 ब्लॉक में से 13 की नीलामी रद्द कर दी है। प्रस्ताव पर रखे गए 20 ब्लॉक में से 18 ब्लॉक के लिए 56 भौतिक बोलियां और 56 ऑनलाइन बोलियां प्राप्त हुईं। रद्द किए गए 11 ब्लॉक में से सात खदानों को तीसरे दौर के तहत नीलामी के लिए अधिसूचित किया गया है, जबकि 6 ब्लॉक की दूसरे दौर की नीलामी तय कार्यक्रम के अनुसार पूरी हो चुकी है।

## भारती एयरटेल ने एफसीसीबी धारकों को 246 करोड़ रुपये के शेयर जारी किए

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारती एयरटेल ने हाल ही में एक नियामक फाइलिंग में खुलासा किया कि उसने फरवरी 2025 में परिपक्व होने वाले विदेशी ऋण बांधधारकों को लगभग 246 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के इक्विटी शेयर आवंटित किए हैं। यह कदम 2025 में 1,000 मिलियन डॉलर 1.50 प्रतिशत परिवर्तनीय बांड जारी करने के बाद है। जनवरी 2020 में, जिसे कंपनी के पूर्ण-भुगतान वाले इक्विटी शेयरों में परिवर्तित किया जा सकता है। भारती एयरटेल ने कहा, यह बताना चाहते हैं कि कुछ एफसीसीबी धारकों को 34,281,000 अमेरिकी डॉलर के मूल मूल्य के एफसीसीबी के रूपांतरण के लिए नोटिस प्राप्त होने पर, फंड जुटाने के लिए निदेशकों की विशेष समिति ने आज यानी 29 अप्रैल, 2024 को नए एफसीसीबी के ऐसे धारकों को 518 रुपये प्रति इक्विटी शेयर के रूपांतरण मूल्य पर 5 रुपये अंकित मूल्य के 4,766,663 पूर्ण चुकता इक्विटी शेयरों के आवंटन को मंजूरी दे दी। यह कदम भारती एयरटेल की अपने वित्तीय दायित्वों को प्रबंधित करने और अपनी इक्विटी स्थिति को मजबूत करने की रणनीति को दर्शाता है, जिसे बांधधारकों को अपनी होल्डिंग्स को कंपनी शेयरों में बदलने का एक स्पष्ट मार्ग प्रदान किया जाता है। इस तरह की पहल कानूनी के वित्तीय लचीलेपन और भविष्य के दायित्वों को प्रभावी ढंग से पूरा करने की क्षमता में योगदान करती है।

2024 के अंत तक 15 डीलरशिप लॉन्च करने और अगले साल तक अपने नेटवर्क को 50 तक विस्तारित करने की है। ब्रिक्सटन इस साल के अंत में अपनी एजेंसी मोटरसाइकिल प्रदर्शित करने की तैयारी कर रहा है, जो भारतीय बाजार के लिए ब्रांड की पहली पेशकश हो सकती है। कंपनी इस साल के अंत में होने वाले ब्रांड लॉन्च से पहले एक मार्केटिंग अभियान शुरू करेगी।

## ऑस्ट्रिया स्थित ब्रिक्सटन मोटरसाइकिल जल्द ही भारत में 4 बाइक लॉन्च करेगी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। यूरोप में दोपहिया वाहनों के प्रमुख आयातकों में से एक, ब्रिक्सटन मोटरसाइकिल ने जल्द ही भारतीय बाजार में आने की घोषणा की है। ऑस्ट्रिया स्थित बाइक निर्माता ने KAW वेल्स मोटर्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी की है। लिमिटेड भारत में एक अनुसंधान एवं विकास (आरएंडडी) केंद्र स्थापित करेगा। कंपनी ने

घोषणा की है कि वह देश में चार मॉडल लॉन्च करेगी जो ऑस्ट्रिया में ब्रिक्सटन के डिजाइन में एक सुविधा में निर्मित किए जाएंगे। कंपनी ने यह भी कहा है कि भारत भविष्य में दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया और अफ्रीका के लिए निर्यात के लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी की है। लिमिटेड भारत में एक अनुसंधान एवं विकास (आरएंडडी) केंद्र स्थापित करेगा। कंपनी ने

समूह के पास है, जो बदले में यूरोप में दोपहिया वाहनों के प्रमुख आयातकों में से एक है। 50 तक विस्तारित करने की है। ब्रिक्सटन इस साल के अंत में अपनी एजेंसी मोटरसाइकिल प्रदर्शित करने की तैयारी कर रहा है, जो भारतीय बाजार के लिए ब्रांड की पहली पेशकश हो सकती है। कंपनी इस साल के अंत में होने वाले ब्रांड लॉन्च से पहले एक मार्केटिंग अभियान शुरू करेगी।

## एप्पल ने स्टोर से हटाए तीन ऐप

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। हाल ही में हुवावे फोन में एआई फीचर द्वारा कपड़े हटाने की खबर आने के कुछ ही दिनों बाद, एप्पल के संबंध में भी ऐसी ही खबर (404 मीडिया के माध्यम से) सामने आई है। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, एप्पल ने कथित तौर पर ऐप स्टोर से तीन ऐप हटाए हैं, जिन्हें 'आर्ट जेनरेटर' के रूप में एडवर्टाइज किया गया है, लेकिन इंस्टाग्राम और एडल्ट साइट्स पर इन ऐप्स ने इन ऐप्स को प्रमोट करते हुए यह दावा किया था कि वे किसी भी लड़की के मुफ्त में कपड़े उतार सकते हैं। दरअसल, इन ऐप्स ने कपड़े पहने व्यक्ति की फेक न्यूड इमेज बनाने के लिए एआई का उपयोग किया। हालांकि तस्वीरें वास्तविक न्यूडिटी को चित्रित नहीं करती हैं, लेकिन ये ऐप ऐसी तस्वीरें बना सकते हैं, जिनका उपयोग हैरेसमेंट, ब्लैकमेलिंग और प्राइवैसी का उल्लंघन करने के लिए किया जा सकता है।

गौर करने वाली बात यह है कि एप्पल की प्रतिक्रिया 404 मीडिया द्वारा ऐप्स और उनके डिजाइनरों के लिए प्रतिष्ठा बना रहा है। इसके विपरीत, गूगल और ओपन एआई को कथित तौर पर अपने एआई सिस्टम को ट्रेन करने के लिए कॉपीराइट कंटेंट का उपयोग करते हैं। रिपोर्ट यह भी बताती है कि इन ऐप्स को शुरू में ऐप स्टोर पर रहने की अनुमति दी गई थी, यदि वे एडवर्टाइज साइट्स से विज्ञापन हटा देते थे।

## घरेलू शेयर बाजार में तेजी, सेंसेक्स-निफ्टी में 1 प्रतिशत से अधिक उछाल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। बैंकिंग सेक्टर के शेयरों में हुई जोरदार खरीदारी और वैश्विक सपोर्ट के कारण घरेलू शेयर बाजार में आज पूरे दिन जोरदार तेजी का माहौल बना रहा। शुरुआती कारोबार में बिकवाली का मामूली दबाव भी बना लेकिन थोड़ी देर बाद ही तेजियों ने पूरी तरह से बाजार पर अपना कब्जा कर लिया। इस वजह से सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों सूचकांक 1 प्रतिशत से अधिक की मजबूती हासिल की पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 1.27 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 1 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ बंद हुए। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान बैंकिंग, एनर्जी और ऑयल एंड गैस सेक्टर के शेयरों में लगातार खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज, इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और मेटल इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए। दूसरी ओर आईटी, रियल्टी और ऑटोमोबाइल

सेक्टर के शेयरों पर दबाव नजर आया। बॉन्ड मार्केट में भी आज आमतौर पर तेजी बनी रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.80 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने भी 0.07 प्रतिशत की बढ़त के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज बाजार में आए उछाल के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में 2 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 406.44 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थायी) हो गया। पिछले सप्ताह के आखिरी कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 404.04 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 2.40 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा

हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,088 शेयरों में निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 26 शेयर तक लिवालों और बिकवालों के बीच खींचतान नजर आई, जिसकी वजह से इस सूचकांक की चाल में भी उतार-चढ़ाव होता दिखा। इसके बाद लिवालों ने पूरी तरह से बाजार पर अपना जोर बना दिया, जिसके कारण इस सूचकांक की चाल तेज होती गई। लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक 990.99 अंक उछल कर 74,721.15 अंक तक पहुंच गया। इंट्रा-डे सेलमेंट की वजह से सूचकांक आज के ऊपरी स्तर से थोड़ा नीचे फिसल कर 937.88 अंक की तेजी के साथ 74,668.04 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज 55.60 अंक की बढ़त के साथ 22,475.55 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। शुरुआती कारोबार में मामूली उतार-चढ़ाव का सामना करने के बाद तेजियों पूरी तरह से बाजार पर हावी हो गए, जिसके कारण इस सूचकांक की चाल में तेजी आ गई। लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के कारण आज का कारोबार खत्म होने के थोड़ी देर पहले ये सूचकांक 235.85 अंक उछल कर 22,655.80 अंक तक पहुंच गया। पूरे दिन की खरीद बिक्री के बाद निफ्टी 223.45 अंक की तेजी के साथ 22,643.40 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद स्टॉक मार्केट के दिग्गज शेयरों में से आईसीआईसीआई बैंक 4.72 प्रतिशत, स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया 3.14 प्रतिशत, इंडसइंड बैंक 2.82 प्रतिशत, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट 2.72 प्रतिशत और एक्सिस बैंक 2.56 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ आज के टॉप 5 गेनर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए। दूसरी ओर एचसीएल टेकनॉलॉजी 5.87 प्रतिशत, अपोलो हॉस्पिटल 4.64 प्रतिशत, बजाज ऑटो 2.39 प्रतिशत, एचडीएफसी लाइफ 2.17 प्रतिशत और एलटी मांड्री 0.92 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ आज के टॉप 5 लूजर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए।

## पीएनबी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस का चौथी तिमाही का मुनाफा 57 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 444 करोड़ रुपये हो गया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। पीएनबी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस ने सोमवार को मार्च 2024 को समाप्त चौथी तिमाही में अपने शुद्ध लाभ में 57 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी के साथ 444 करोड़ रुपये की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की। हाउसिंग फाइनेंस कंपनी ने एक साल पहले इसी तिमाही में 283 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ कमाया था।

पीएनबी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस ने एक नियामक फाइलिंग में कहा कि तिमाही के दौरान कुल आय पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान तिमाही में 1,628 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़कर 1,806 करोड़ रुपये हो गई। मार्च 2024 को समाप्त चौथी तिमाही के अंत में शुद्ध ब्याज आय 7 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 632 करोड़ रुपये हो गई। हालांकि, शुद्ध ब्याज मार्जिन 28

खरब 23 में 3.74 प्रतिशत की तुलना में घटकर 3.65 प्रतिशत हो गया। इसमें कहा गया है कि मार्च 2023 के अंत में सकल गैर-निष्पादित संपत्ति (एनपीए) 3.83 प्रतिशत की तुलना में 1.5 प्रतिशत कम थी। मार्च 2024 के अंत में शुद्ध एनपीए ऋण परिसंपत्तियों का 0.95 प्रतिशत था। प्रबंधन के तहत संपत्ति (एयूएम) 31 मार्च 2024 तक 7 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 71,243 करोड़ रुपये हो गई। पूरे वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 के लिए, हाउसिंग फाइनेंस ने अपने शुद्ध लाभ में 44 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि के साथ 1,508 करोड़ रुपये की वृद्धि दर्ज की, जो पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष में 1,046 करोड़ रुपये थी। वर्ष के दौरान कुल आय पिछले वित्त वर्ष में दर्ज 6,492 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़कर 7,024 करोड़ रुपये हो गई।



## इस देश में रहती है दुनिया की सबसे खूंखार जनजाति, अजीबोगरीब हैं रस्मों रिवाज

दुनिया में आदिवासियों की कई जनजाति मौजूद हैं, कुछ जनजाति काफी खूंखार मानी जाती है। आज भी यह अपने पुरानी परंपराओं को पूरे सम्मान से निभाते चले आ रहे हैं। आम इंसान से हटकर यह जंगलों में रहना पसंद करते हैं, सरकार भी इनकी निजि जिदगी में दखल देना सही नहीं समझती, इनके अधिकारों की पूरी रक्षा की जाती है। पूरी दुनिया में सबसे खतरनाक मुर्सी जनजाति मानी जाती है, यह इथियोपिया के जंगलों में रहते हैं।

### वयों है सबसे खतरनाक जनजाति?

दक्षिण इथियोपिया और सूडान बॉर्डर पर स्थित ओमान घाटी में रहने वाली यह जनजाति दुनियाभर की खतरनाक जनजातियों में गिनी जाती है, इस जनजाति के लोग किसी की भी हत्या करने से पहले नहीं सोचते, उनके लिए यह एक गौरव की बात होती है। यह जनजाति कई साल पुराने खास तरीके से बने हथियारों का इस्तेमाल करती है, इनसे किसी भी व्यक्ति को मिनटों में मारा जा सकता है। यह एक खास वजह है जो इस जनजाति को दुनिया में सबसे खतरनाक बनाता है।



### ऐसे अजीबोगरीब हैं इनके रस्मों रिवाज

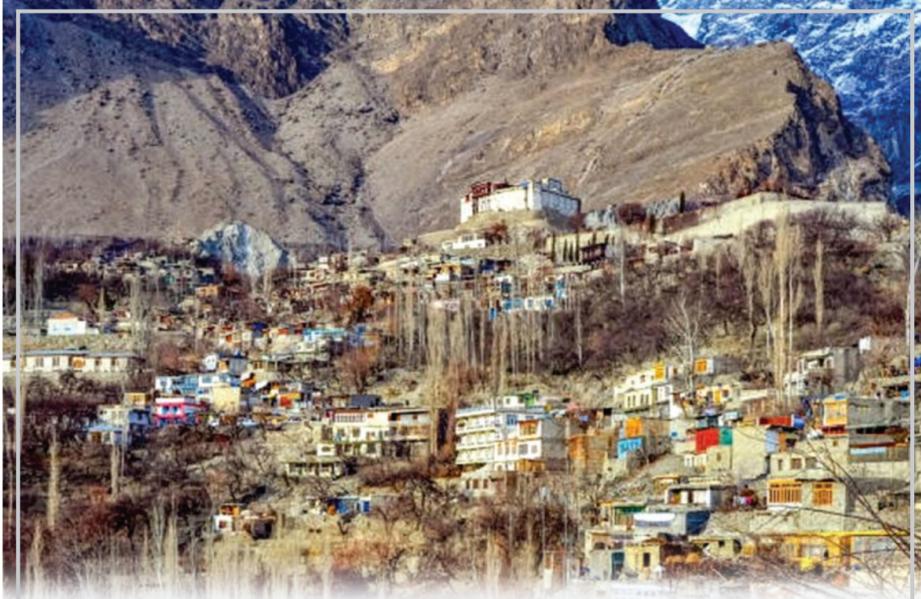
मुर्सी जनजाति आज भी सलों से चली आ रही परंपरा को मानती है, इनके यहां दिलदहलाने देने वाली बॉडी मॉडिफिकेशन प्रक्रिया की जाती है औरतों के साथ, उनके निचले होंठ में एक गोल लकड़ी या मिट्टी से बनी डिस्क पहनाई जाती है। ऐसा करने की वजह चौकाने वाली है कहा जाता इससे महिलाएं कम खूबसूरत दिखेंगी और उन्हें किसी की बुरी नजर नहीं लगेगी।

### बिना इजाजत क्षेत्र में जाने से मिलती है मौत

लगभग 10 हजार आबादी वाले इस मुर्सी समुदाय के लोग काफी खतरनाक होते हैं, इनकी इजाजत लिए बिना आप इनके इलाके में कदम नहीं रख सकते हैं। यह मानते हैं कि दूसरों को मारे बिना जीवन चक्र नहीं चल सकता है, अगर वह ऐसा नहीं कर पाते हैं तो उनके जीवित रहने का कोई मतलब नहीं है इससे बेहतर होगा की वह खुद को खत्म कर लें। अभी तक इस जनजाति ने 100 से ज्यादा लोगों की जान ले ली है, अगर आप गलती से भी इनके इलाके में चले जाते हैं तो यह आपको मार डालेंगे।

### सरकार ने लगाया है बैन?

मुर्सी जनजाति के खूंखार व्यवहार को देखते हुए सरकार ने लोगों को इन से संपर्क करने पर बैन लगाया दिया है। बाहर आए राष्ट्रप्रमुख सरकारी मेहमानों को एक खास आर्म्ड गार्ड के सुरक्षा घेरे इन्हें देखने के लिए भाजा जाता है। यह सुरक्षा घेरा लोगों को इस समुदाय के गेरों से बचाता है।



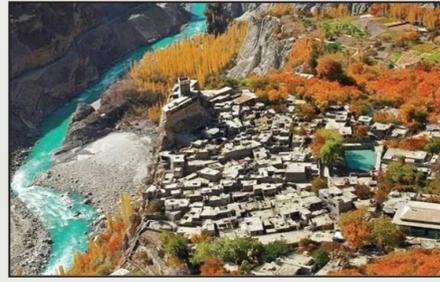
# रहस्यों से भरी है ये घाटी यहां रहने वाले लोग 150 साल तक रहते हैं जिंदा

दुनिया में कई रहस्य छिपे हुए हैं। वैज्ञानिक इन रहस्यों के बारे में लगातार जानने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। पड़ोसी देश पाकिस्तान की एक घाटी भी रहस्यों से भरी हुई है। गॉर्थ पाकिस्तान की हुंजा वैली में लोग 120 साल से लेकर 150 साल तक जिंदा रह सकते हैं, तो वहीं पाकिस्तान में लोगों की औसत आयु सिर्फ 67 साल है। यहां पर हुंजा समुदाय के लोग रहते हैं।

हुंजा वैली में रहने वाले लोगों की सेहत का राज क्या है? यह अभी दुनिया के ज्यादातर हिस्सों तक नहीं पहुंच पाया है। हुंजा समुदाय के लोगों की आयु बहस का विषय भी रही है। विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि यहां रहने वाले लोग दुनिया से दूर एक प्रकार के आइसोलेशन में रहते हैं और वह अपनी कुछ खास आदतों की वजह से अधिक सेहतमंद हैं। आखिर पाकिस्तान की इस घाटी के लोग इतने सालों तक कैसे जिंदा रहते हैं यह अभी रहस्य है। माना जाता है कि इस घाटी में रहने वाले हुंजा समुदाय के लोग ज्यादा उम्र तक बच्चे पैदा कर सकते हैं जो कि असाधारण है। यहां पर न तो लोग कभी बीमार होते हैं और न ही उन्हें कैंसर जैसी घातक बीमारियां होती हैं। एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, मुताबिक हुंजा समुदाय की महिलाएं 60 से 90 वर्ष की आयु तक गर्भधारण कर सकती हैं। इस दावे पर शायद किसी साधारण व्यक्ति को यकीन हो। उतर पाकिस्तान के बिल्कुल सूनसान इलाके में हुंजा घाटी स्थित है। यहां रहने वाले लोग किसी भी प्रकार का प्रोसेस्ड फूड नहीं खाते हैं। वह सब्जियां, दूध, अनाज और फल खासतौर पर खूबानी को खाते हैं। ग्लेशियर का पानी पीने के साथ-साथ उनके नहाने के काम भी आता है।

### लोगों की नहीं होती हैं जानलेवा बीमारियां

हुंजा समुदाय के लोग खूबानी फल को बहुत शौक से खाते हैं। माना जाता है कि इस फल के जूस को पीकर वहां के लोग कई महीनों तक जिंदा रह सकते हैं। खूबानी के बीज में एंटीबायोटिक पाया



### रहस्यों से भरा है समुदाय

यह समुदाय रहस्यों से भरा हुआ है। माना जाता है कि आज तक यहां पर परियां हैं। लोगों का मानना है कि हुंजा वैली के आसपास आज भी परियां रहती हैं और यह स्थानीय लोगों की बाहरी खतरों से रक्षा करती हैं। भेड़, बकरियां जैसी घातक बीमारियां होती हैं। एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, मुताबिक हुंजा समुदाय की महिलाएं 60 से 90 वर्ष की आयु तक गर्भधारण कर सकती हैं। इस दावे पर शायद किसी साधारण व्यक्ति को यकीन हो। उतर पाकिस्तान के बिल्कुल सूनसान इलाके में हुंजा घाटी स्थित है। यहां रहने वाले लोग किसी भी प्रकार का प्रोसेस्ड फूड नहीं खाते हैं। वह सब्जियां, दूध, अनाज और फल खासतौर पर खूबानी को खाते हैं। ग्लेशियर का पानी पीने के साथ-साथ उनके नहाने के काम भी आता है।



जाता है जो विटामिन बी-17 का सोर्स होता है। इसकी वजह से लोगों को कैंसर जैसी घातक बीमारियां भी नहीं होती हैं। यह लोग अपने खाने-पीने में कच्चे फल और सब्जियों को प्रमुखता देते हैं। यह लोग मीठ कम खाते हैं। यह स्थान बाकी दुनिया से कटा हुआ है और इस वजह से लोगों को साफ हवा भी आसानी से मिलती है। बताया जाता है कि हुंजा समुदाय के लोग हर दिन नियमित रूप से योगा करते हैं जिसमें सांस लेने की टेक्निक और ध्यान भी शामिल होता है। यहां के लोग एनर्जी मैनेजमेंट और रिलेक्सेशन

पर भरोसा करते हैं। लगातार काम करने के बीच यहां के लोग आराम करने को प्राथमिकता देते हैं और इमोशनल स्ट्रेस को बढ़ाने वाली चीजों से दूर रहते हैं।

### हॉलीवुड फिल्म में हुआ है घाटी जिक्र

साल 1930 में हॉलीवुड फिल्म लॉस्ट होराइजन रिलीज हुई थी जिसमें हुंजा समुदाय का जिक्र था। फिल्म जेम्स हिल्टन के एक नॉवेल पर बनी थी और इसमें शंगरी-ला को पहली बार दिखाया गया था। फिल्म में अंग्रेजी सेना का काफिला चीन से आते समय हिमालय के क्षेत्र में आकर रुक जाता है। फिल्म में स्थानीय लोगों की मुलाकात उस कू से होती है और बर्फीले तूफान की वजह से उन्होंने हुंजा में शरण ली।

मोती एक शिकारी कुत्ता था। पतला-दुबला, लंबा, देखने में जरा भी खूबसूरत नहीं लगता था। पर उसकी आंखें बड़ी थीं। हमेशा प्यार से चमकती रहती थीं। दादी को वह बहुत प्यार करता था। दादी भी उसे बहुत चाहती थीं। दादी गांव में रहती थीं। परिवार बड़ा था। मकान भी बहुत बड़ा था और गांव में उन दिनों डाकू भी खूब आते थे। रात को अकसर कहीं न कहीं डाका पड़ ही जाता था। इसीलिए लोग कुत्ते पालते थे। शिकारी कुत्ता डाकूओं को देखते ही पहचान लेता था। फिर तो वह खतरनाक हो उठता था। उसके हमले से बचना कोई मामूली बात नहीं थी। इसीलिए मोती को बहुत प्यार होता था। वह सबका प्यारा था। वह घर के किसी आदमी पर कभी हमला नहीं करता था। प्यार इतना करता कि लोग परेशान हो जाते। वह गांव, गंगा नदी से कुछ ही दूर था। कार्तिक के महीने में वहां बड़ा मेला लगता था। दादी हर साल उस मेले में हम सब बच्चों को भी लेकर जाती थीं। उनकी रखवाली के लिए मोती भी जाता था। बच्चों को वह खूब पहचानता था। उनका दोस्त जो बन गया था। एक बार ऐसा हुआ कि मोती उस मेले में गायब हो गया। बहुत ढूँढा, लेकिन कहीं पता नहीं लगा। किसी ने कहा कि उस पार चला गया है, उसने उसे नदी में घुसते देखा था। मेला खत्म हो गया, लेकिन मोती नहीं आया। हमने समझ लिया कि कोई उसे पकड़कर ले गया है या वह नदी में डूब गया है। सभी बहुत दुखी थे, लेकिन दादी के दुख की मत पूछो। रोत-रोते उनकी आंखें लाल हो गईं। सब लोग लौट आए। रुकते भी कब तक! फिर बहुत दिन बीत गए। शायद तीन महीने बाद की बात है। जाड़े के दिन थे। अचानक आधी रात को दरवाजे पर खड़खड़ाहट शुरू हुई। हां, एक बात बताना तो मैं भूल ही गया था। मकान का दरवाजा बहुत बड़ा था और वह लकड़ी का नहीं था, टीन का था। इसलिए जरा सी भी आहट होती, तो बहुत शोर होता था। रात का सन्नाटा था। टीन के दरवाजे पर जो खड़खड़ाहट शुरू हुई, तो सब जाग उठे। समझ गए कि डाकू आ गए हैं। सब डर गए, लेकिन यह क्या? खड़खड़ाहट हुए जा रही है, हुए जा रही है, रुकती ही नहीं। कभी कम, कभी तेज। डाकू तो ऐसा नहीं कर सकते। वे तो गया था। फिल्म में अंग्रेजी सेना का एकदम दरवाजा तोड़ देते हैं। कौन है यह? आदमी है, तो आवाज क्यों नहीं देता? तभी दादी एकदम चिल्ला पड़ीं, मेरा मोती आया है। सबने दादी की ओर देखा। उनकी आंखों में आंसू थे, लेकिन भला मोती कहाँ से आता? वह दरवाजा कैसे खड़खड़ाएगा? लेकिन दादी ने तुरंत लालटेन उठाई और दरवाजा खोलने के लिए चल पड़ीं। उन्हें रोकना चाहा, लेकिन वह नहीं रुकीं। अब तो सबको ही पीछे-पीछे चलना पड़ा। भला, उन्हें अकेले कैसे जाने देते। अगर डाकू हुए तो! बस आगे-आगे हाथ में लालटेन लिए दादी थीं और पीछे थे कोई पंद्रह-बीस औरतें और आदमी हाथों में लाटियां लिए हुए। एक-दो के पास छुरे भी थे। पर डर सब रहे थे। जैसे-जैसे दरवाजे के पास आ रहे थे, एक ओर आवाज उनके कानों में पड़ रही थी। वह मोती की आवाज थी। हां, हां, वह मोती ही है। तभी किसी ने तेजी से आगे बढ़कर दरवाजा खोल दिया।

सचमुच वह मोती था। दरवाजा खुलते ही वह तीर की तरह लपका और दादी से आ चिपटा। वह पागलों की तरह कभी इस कंधे पर झपटता, कभी उस कंधे पर चढ़ता, कभी मुंह चूमता और कभी अपना सिर उनकी गोद में रख देता। और दादी थीं कि रोए जा रही थीं। बोल रही थीं, मेरा मोती, मेरा बेटा मोती, तू कहाँ गया था? मैं तुझे रोज याद करती थी और जानती थी कि तू एक दिन आएगा। मोती केवल दादी से ही नहीं मिला, वह घर के हर सदस्य के पास गया। उनके पास भी गया, जो अभी तक सोए पड़े थे। सबके साथ उसने वैसा ही प्यार दिखाया। वह रात कब बीती, कब सवेरा हुआ, किसी को पता नहीं चला। लेकिन यह बात सभी जानते हैं कि अगले दिन दादी ने देवी के मंदिर में प्रसाद चढ़ाने के बाद सबको दो-दो पेड़े दिए थे। पूरे एक हफ्ते तक मोती की जो आवभगत हुई थी, उसकी चर्चा तो बच्चे बड़े हो जाने पर भी किया करते थे। लेकिन यही मोती एक दिन पागल हो गया। गांव में डाकू आते थे, तो गौदड़ भी आते थे। मोती अकसर उन गौदड़ों को मार भगाता था। कभी-कभी गौदड़ भी उसे काट लेते थे। एक दिन उन गौदड़ों में शायद कोई पागल गौदड़ भी आ गया था। उसी ने मोती को काट लिया और मोती पागल हो गया। उसके मुंह से बराबर राल टपकने लगी। उसकी आंखों का रंग बदलने लगा, लेकिन उसका प्यार अब भी कम नहीं हुआ था। अब लोग उससे डरते थे। दादी भी डरती थीं, रोती थीं। जिसे वह इतना प्यार करती थीं, उसे अब गोद में नहीं ले सकती थीं। मोती ने अभी तक किसी को काटा नहीं था, लेकिन काट तो सकता था। पागल कुत्ते चुपचाप काट लेते हैं। भीकते तक नहीं। मोती ने किसी को काट लिया तो! पागल कुत्तों के काटने का उन दिनों कोई इलाज भी नहीं था। इसीलिए लोटे में कहा, मोती को मार डालो। कैसी बुरी सलाह थी। दादी रोने लगीं। सब लोगों के दिल भर आए, लेकिन और कोई रास्ता भी तो नहीं था। मोती को मारना ही होगा। फिर भी दो-तीन दिन बीत गए। इसी बीच में क्या हुआ कि घर का एक छोटा बच्चा अकेला सड़क पर निकल आया। वह धीरे-धीरे बाजार की ओर चल पड़ा। शाम का वक्त था। बैलागाड़ियां आ-जा रही थीं। अचानक एक गाड़ी के बैल भड़क उठे। वे तेजी से दौड़ने लगे। उनके ठीक सामने ही वह बच्चा चल रहा था। लोगों की निगाह उस पर पड़ीं। वे चिल्लाए, बच्चे को बचाओ, बच्चे को बचाओ। दौड़ते बैलों को रोकना आसान काम नहीं था। एकाएक कोई आदमी सामने नहीं आया। लेकिन मोती यह सब देख रहा था। वह तेजी से झपटा। पहले जब कभी ऐसा होता था, तो मुंह से कपड़ा पकड़कर खींच लेता था और बच्चे को सड़क से दूर ले जाता था, लेकिन अब तो वह पागल था। देखने वाले डर गए। कहीं उसके दांत बच्चे के बदन में गार तो। लेकिन हुआ क्या? मोती तेजी से झपटा और उसने अपनी पीठ से धक्का देकर, बच्चे को सड़क से बाहर धकेल दिया। उसे मुंह से नहीं पकड़ा। लोगों ने यह सब देखा, तो अचरज से दांतों तले उंगली दबा ली। सब कहने लगे, इतना समझदार कुत्ता! बीमार है, फिर भी बच्चे को बचा लिया।



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Spinners need variation to survive: Kumar Kartikeya amid run-fests in IPL 2024

New Delhi. MI bowler revealed the strategy for the spinners to survive the carnage being carried out by the batters in the ongoing edition of IPL 2024. He reckoned that spinners needed to have variations to get the batter of batters. This season of the cash-rich league has witnessed 29 200-plus runs being scored in 43 matches. While talking to the media ahead of MI's clash against LSG at the Ekana Stadium, Lucknow on April 30, Kartikeya reckoned that seeing the latest trends of the league, where 200-plus runs are being scored and chased at ease, the spinners need to bring variations in their bowling. He pointed out that the pitches have not been offering any help to the bowlers and hence, the onus comes on them to put their skills to the test.

"I have been seeing that in this season of IPL, 200-plus runs are being scored and also being chased down easily. For spinners, if you have a variation, you have an extra weapon in your arsenal. I feel that variation should be there. As there is no help for the spinners on the wicket, not even bowlers, then it becomes important to add more variation for the spinners. That is the only way to survive," Kartikeya said in the pre-match press conference. The likes of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal have found some success in the tournament because of the variation they brought while bowling. These 2 have been the only spinners in the race for the Purple Cap, with the list being dominated by the pacers. Kartikeya also suggested that it is important to keep things simple to reap benefits against the batters. He also gave the example of KKR bowler Sunil Narine and his bowling against DC. "I saw the match and the areas in which Sunil Narine bowled, no matter how good the wicket is, no matter how much help there is for the batters or the bowlers, if you won't bowl in the good areas. He kept it simple and reaped benefits. Hence, we also try to do the same. The simpler you keep, the more benefits you will get. If we complicate it more that a lot of runs are being scored, then we are creating problems for ourselves. If we keep it simple, it is easier," Kartikeya added.

T20 World Cup squad: Should Indian selectors get swayed by IPL form

New Delhi. There is a super selector in each one of us as cricket fans and every IPL whenever we see young players dazzle, that guy wakes up as we try to convince ourselves and others that those performers should be picked for India. As this year's IPL precedes a marquee global competition like the T20 World Cup, there is a familiar clamour building up to pick may be an Ashutosh Sharma or a Shashank Singh as finishers, as they have engineered a couple of stunning heists for Punjab Kings.

In the IPL, some of the Indian batters do not face four or five quality international bowlers for their full quota. Also, the wickets in the Caribbean and America, may not be as flat as they are in the IPL and may require batting skills and not just hitting skills as we are currently witnessing in the IPL. India's matches are all going to be day games to suit the broadcast timings for an Indian audience which means dew won't be a factor and the wickets may offer some grip for the spinners and clearing one's front leg and depositing the ball into the stands may not be so easy. May be, we will see lower scores and there may be place for someone who plays the role of a traditional sheet anchor. Also, players shining for their franchises in certain positions may not get to bat at that position for the national team as India already have proven performers in those roles. Abhishek Sharma (SRH) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK), who have done well as openers, are competing against Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal. At No.3 and No.4, India have players who answer to the name of Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav. In two back-to-back T20 World Cups, the selectors paid a heavy price of going for a couple of IPL performers. In 2021, when the event was held in the UAE, they opted for Varun Chakravarthy, who had a great season for KKR, but was ineffective in the same conditions for India when he played in the World Cup.

Hardik Pandya explains 'art of finishing' matches with foodie analogy

New Delhi. Hardik Pandya hasn't had a memorable time since his return to the cricket field after recovering from an ankle injury he suffered during the ODI World Cup last year. Neither his bowling nor his batting has clicked amid furore over his appointment as the Mumbai Indians' captain, replacing Rohit Sharma.

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While the MI captaincy debate has largely settled despite the five-time IPL champions' indifferent show so far this season, Hardik now waits to know his fate as far as India's T20 World Cup squad is announced as he leads MI in their next IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants on Tuesday. Ahead of the game, in the 'Captains Speak' segment on Star Sports, the allrounder made an interesting comment on the "art of finishing" matches, using an analogy related to food.

"If you go to a fancy restaurant and they present you something, the taste might be amazing; but if they don't add the finishing touch (to presentation), it does not add to the charm to the dish, no matter how good it is.

# 'Hurt' KKR proud of strong comeback: Vaibhav Arora emotional after win vs DC

← **KKR bowling unit made a tremendous comeback in the Indian Premier League. After getting thrashed for 262 against DC a few nights back, KKR bowlers choked DC to a 153-run total in Kolkata.**

Kolkata KKR bowlers staged a tremendous comeback in the Indian Premier League. After getting smashed by Punjab in their previous fixture, KKR bowlers restricted DC to just 153 runs. Vaibhav Arora and Varun Chakravarthy spoke to the IPL website after their win against DC and revealed that the team was really hurt after conceding 262 runs against Punjab in their previous game. KKR bowlers put in an incredible shift in the first innings against DC playing a crucial role in the side's 7-wicket win in the IPL at Eden Gardens. Vaibhav said that KKR showed incredible mettle to make a comeback after the PBKS



game. "We were hurt. We were very much hurt after we lost to PBKS while defending 261 runs. These things happen in cricket and what matters is how you come back from a loss like that," Vaibhav Arora said after the

match. KKR mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy spoke about the trend of high scoring games in the IPL and how the bowling unit have been left unprepared for the assault that they are facing in the

majority of the matches. "This season has definitely taken all the bowling units by a storm. The amount of runs that are being scored, the size of the boundaries, all those things have been playing a part," Varun Chakravarthy said in a video on the IPL website.

Last game against PBKS few shots that Baird hit, any other ground, it would have gone to someone's hand," Chakravarthy further added. Chakravarthy was named the player of the match for his 3-wicket spell. KKR pacer Vaibhav Arora was also proud of how the pacers set up the game for the rest of the bowlers in the first innings of the match. "It was quite a satisfying game because we restricted the other team to 150, something that has not been happening in the tournament too often. I was able to execute my role of getting wickets in the powerplay, which made me very happy in today's game," Vaibhav concluded. KKR are currently in the 2nd spot in the points table with 12 points from 9 games.

## Angkrish Raghuvanshi gets valuable tips from Ricky Ponting after KKR vs DC

New Delhi. KKR's young batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi received some valuable batting lessons from Ricky Ponting after KKR's match against DC at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata on April 29, Monday. IPL has always been seen as a platform where youngsters get an opportunity to interact with international stars and learn some valuable cricket tips. KKR registered a thumping win over DC by 7 wickets to climb to the 2nd spot in the points table. The official social media of IPL shared a special video on their social media handle featuring Ponting and Angkrish. DC team's head coach Ponting took out some time to give some priceless input to the 18-year-old batter. Ponting shared his batting tips as they worked on Angkrish's pull-shot. Australia's 2-time World Cup winning captain and one of the greatest batters of his era, Ponting did not shy away from passing on his knowledge of the game to Angkrish. The youngsters look to make the



most out of the opportunity they get while interacting with coaches and players of opposing teams. While they do get to work with world-class coaches within their own team, the newbies ensure they also interact with the opposing team after the match.

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Raghuvanshi has strengthened his position at the No. 3 position for KKR after Nitish Rana suffered an injury. On his debut for KKR, Angkrish played a gem of an innings, where he scored 54 runs in 27 balls in Vizag. The 18-year-old was roped in by KKR during the IPL 2024 auction at the base price of Rs 20 Lakh. He became the 2nd youngest player in the KKR team to hit a half-century after Shubman Gill. His performance was also praised by KKR team's co-owner Shah Rukh Khan, who stood to applaud the young batter. In IPL 2024, Angkrish managed to score 118 runs at a strike rate of 161.64 at an average of 23.60. He stepped into the limelight with his performance in the 2022 Under-19 World Cup, where the batter accumulated a total of 278 runs in only 6 innings to finish as the leading run-scorer in the tournament.

## Injured Anmol Kharb in tears as India lose to host China in Uber Cup

New Delhi. India qualified for the quarter-finals of the Uber Cup in the second spot of Group A after losing to China 5-0 on Tuesday. The young Indian women's team were not able to match the host's experience and guile on Court 1 in Chengdu.

India had rested Ashmita Chaliha on Tuesday and started with Isharani Baruah. Baruah was not able to give a winning start to the tie and lost her match in straight games 21-12, 21-10 to Chen Yu Fei. The first doubles pairing of Priya Konjebam and Shruti Mishra also lost in straight games to Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan 21-13, 21-12. The promising Anmol Kharb was up next but she was bested by Han



Yue in the first game - 21-4. In the second game of the tie, Kharb rolled her ankle and was seen in agonising pain. Tears rolled down her eyes as she was helped off the court, forcing her to retire hurt from the fixture.

There was not much left in the game after India lost the first three matches. The second doubles pairing of Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker lost in straight games to Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning. Possibly the most impressive show came from the 15-year-old Tanvi Sharma, who was playing the final tie of the match. After losing 21-7 to Wang Zhi Yi, Sharma brought her cool head to the game and tried to dictate terms against a much higher ranked player. Sharma even led for a little bit in the first half of the second game but eventually lost 21-16.

INDIA'S WIN VS SINGAPORE AND CANADA

Indian women's team had assured themselves of quarterfinal spot in the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup 2024 with a dominating 4-1 win over Singapore in their Group A clash in Chengdu, China, on Sunday, 28 April. The young squad, which had defeated Canada 4-1 in their group opener, came back after Yeo Jia Min got the better of Ashmita Chaliha 21-15, 21-18 in the first singles. The Asian champions had registered a winning start to their Uber Cup campaign thanks to a spirited display by their young squad.

## LSG tease Mayank Yadav's return with latest social media post

← **IPL 2024: LSG have teased the much-anticipated return of Mayank Yadav ahead of their clash against MI. The speedster was declared fit and would be expected to return for the team in Lucknow on April 30.**

New Delhi. LSG have teased the much-anticipated return of speedster Mayank Yadav in their latest social media post. Lucknow's bowling coach, Morne Morkel, had informed that Mayank is fit and available for the match against MI at the Ekana Stadium, Lucknow on April 30, Tuesday. The fast bowler had missed out on LSG's last 5 games and will be expected to make a return to the side. The official social media handle of the LSG franchise posted a special video featuring Mayank where he is



roaring. The video had background music from the Tamil movie, Vikram Vedha's popular track Karuppu Vellai. The caption in the video had a timer emoji on it. This could mean that the clock is ticking for Mayank's comeback. The new Indian fast-bowling sensation made headlines for his fierce speed. Mayank made his debut against PBKS and scalped 3 wickets in his very first outing to win the Player of the Match award. However, what caught everyone's attention

was Mayank's speed. The bowler was continuously clocking over 150 kph in his 4 overs. He went on to bowl the then-fastest delivery of IPL 2024 at 155.8 kph. The youngster went on to break his own record in the very next match by bowling at a scorching speed of 156.7 kph. He turned out to be LSG's hero yet again as he picked 3 wickets against RCB and won back-to-back Player of the Match awards. WHY MAYANK MISSED LAST 5 MATCHES FOR LSG?

During LSG's match against GT, the gun bowler managed to bowl only one over, where he conceded 13 runs. He walked off the field during the match, and later it was revealed that he had experienced soreness in his lower abdominal area. Morkel, while speaking to the media ahead of LSG vs MI, gave a much-needed update on Mayank's fitness. "Mayank Yadav is fit. He has passed all his fitness tests. We are excited to have him back in the squad and in the potential playing 12 tomorrow," Morkel said in the pre-match press conference.

# Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam puts cake on Birthday boy Andre Russell

← **IPL 2024: Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam took part in the birthday celebrations of Andre Russell. In an adorable manner, AbRam put chocolate cake on Russell with his fingers.**

New Delhi. The KKR team had double the reason to celebrate on Monday, 29 April at the Eden Gardens. After the team registered a thumping win over DC, KKR side celebrated Andre Russell's 36th birthday. It was a joyful night for the Kolkata team as they celebrated the special day of the legendary West Indies

player. The celebrations doubled up as the team was joined by team's co-owner Shah Rukh Khan and his son AbRam Khan in the dressing room. The official social media handle of the Kolkata-based franchise shared a special video of the birthday party. What caught everyone's attention was AbRam's adorable gesture of putting cake on Russell's face. In a super cute manner, AbRam took the chocolate cake's frosting and smeared it on Russell with an infectious smile on his face. Bollywood Superstar Shah Rukh also hugged Russell and wished him Happy Birthday as the duo posed for pictures together. In the video, Russell had specifically mentioned earlier that he did not want the cake to be smothered on his hair. However, his West Indies and KKR teammate, Sunil Narine, did the complete



opposite. He had a separate cake altogether, especially for Russell's hair, which was smeared all over his head. He was also smothered with cake all over his face as the Knights enjoyed the birthday bash. WHEN ABRAM STOLE LIMELIGHT DURING KKR VS DC AbRam had accompanied his father, Shah Rukh, for the match against DC at the Eden Garden Stadium on April 29, Monday. The

father-son duo cheered for KKR as they registered a comfortable win by 7 wickets against DC.

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Shah Rukh's adorable son stole all the limelight during the match for his cute antics and reactions. Junior Khan also followed his dad's lead for the victory lap after the match. The franchise completed their home stretch of 5 matches. KKR will return for the last home game against MI on May 11. KKR will be travelling to Mumbai to face the 5-time champions at the Wankhede Stadium on May 3, Friday.

The Knights are keeping up in the race to the playoffs as they stand in the 2nd spot in points table with 6 wins in 9 matches, which include losses in 3 matches.

# Taapsee Pannu

**Says She Can't Be Overtly Submissive To Paps: 'I'm Allowed To Have A Life Beyond work'**

Taapsee Pannu is currently one of the leading stars of the Bollywood industry. Known for her power-packed roles in films like Pink and Badla, the talented actress has proven time and again what she is capable of. While she continues to enjoy massive praise for her films, she is often subjected to trolling for her reactions to the paparazzi. She recently opened up about the same. In an interview with the Hindustan Times, the actress shared that paps often push and press buttons, something she is not comfortable with. "Paps feel I'm difficult, whereas I'm just being real. In an urge to get clickbait photos and captions for their Instagram pages, they sometimes push and press the buttons of all celebrities, which I am not comfortable with. As a pap, if you talk to me, and I'll have a conversation, but if you press my buttons saying, "Your last film didn't work, how does it feel?" or 'Itni der se khade hain, photo to de do', then I'm not going to indulge you. There needs to be mutual respect."

She further added that she learned a new word, 'Lajvanti' while navigating paparazzi culture. "It's for those people who try to be overtly



submissive and sweet with whatever paps are saying and just laugh it off, acting dumb, and that's considered sweet, cute, and adorable. Sorry, but I can't be Lajvanti," she chuckles, adding, "If you shove the camera in my face without my consent at places where I'm not in a professional capacity, it's not fair to expect me to be suddenly entertaining you. I feel I am allowed to have a life beyond my work as an entertainer, too," she shared. Meanwhile, on the work front, Taapsee Pannu will appear in director Mudassar Aziz's upcoming comedy film Khel Khel Mein. It also features Akshay Kumar, Fardeen Khan, and Vaani Kapoor in pivotal roles.



**Varun Dhawan Wishes Citadel Co-star Samantha Ruth Prabhu Happy Birthday, Calls Her 'Honey'; See Pics**



Samantha Ruth Prabhu is celebrating her birthday. She has been getting wishes from all corners. Varun Dhawan, who will be seen with her in Citadel, also took to his social media handle and wished the actress. He shared an old photo and wrote a sweet note for Samantha. The actor wrote, "My honey so happy to see you happy and helping so many may this be a beautiful year for u." Varun shared the photos in June last year. In the photo, they are seen eating a dessert together on one plate. Varun is spotted wearing a blue shirt and Samantha kept it simple in a black top. She is looking stylish with her hair open. Directed by Raj and DK, Citadel is the Indian adaptation of the International series of the same name which was created by the director duo, the Russo Brothers. According to strong reports, the actress is performing high-octane action sequences in the film along with Varun Dhawan. Varun will also be seen in John Baby. The film marks the Hindi film debut of Keerthy Suresh. The electrifying star cast also includes Jacky Shroff and Rajpal Yadav in the action entertainer. Baby John is an S. Thaman musical. Besides Atlee, the film is produced by Murad Khetani, Priya Atlee, and Jyoti Deshpande. The project is also presented by Jio Studios in association with A for Apple Studios and Cine1 Studios. Talking about the film with Pinkvilla, Varun Dhawan said, "All I can say is it's a mass-action entertainer. There is a lot of entertainment in the film, which I love as well. And I'm just going on her birthday, Samantha gave a surprise to her fans. She shared the poster of her next film Bangaram. The initial glimpse of the film depicted Samantha in a fierce stance, clutching a double-barrel gun and showcasing a bloody visage. Samantha Ruth Prabhu turned to Instagram to give a sneak peek of her upcoming project with the caption, "Not everything has to be glitter to be golden." #Bangaram @tralalamovingpictures. Production starting soon."

**Kajol Drops BTS Video From Do Patti Photoshoot Featuring Kriti Sanon, Fans Say 'Excited'; Watch**



Kajol and Kriti Sanon will be seen in the crime thriller film Do Patti. The teaser has already left everyone excited and fans are eagerly waiting for its release. Well, today Kajol shared a behind-the-scenes video that has gone viral on social media. To note, the film will be released on the OTT platform. Taking to her Instagram handle, Kajol shared the video and wrote, "Behind the scenes, ahead of the curve. #bts #lightscameraaction." In the video, we can see Kajol wearing a golden brownish dress and walking towards the photo shoot venue. She is looking gorgeous in the outfit. Kriti Sanon is also seen in the video. They are getting ready for the photoshoot. As soon as the video was shared, fans rushed to the comment section. Many wrote they were excited about the film. While some also praised the Kajol's look.

The teaser opens with an aerial view of Manali and Kajol is seen as a cop riding a bike. Her voice can be heard in the background throughout the video. She is talking about wrong and right situations in life. Kriti Sanon's character is also shown as a glamorous one. She is seen in a grey shade.

Looks like it is a murder mystery but still nothing is clear. The film will surely keep you on the edge of your seat. Last year, Kriti Sanon announced her first film as a producer. She took to her Instagram handle to share the first photo featuring her, Kajol along with others.

Taking to her Instagram handle, the actress shared the photo featuring Kajol and wrote, "Thrilled to announce DO PATTI! Alongside 3 very strong-headed, inspiring and immensely talented women Monica, we couldn't have found a better platform than Netflix to tell this story! @netflix in Superr duperr excited to reunite with Kajol ma'am after 8 years! @kajol. Kanika - I've always loved your writing & I'm so happy to be co-producing my first with you! Ufff.. this is a special one! @kanika.d @kathapictures."

# Arijit Singh Sings Zaalima, Apologises to Mahira Khan

**After Failing to Recognise Her At Concert**

Mahira Khan is a Pakistani actress but she holds a huge fan following across the globe. A video has been going viral on social media. She was spotted enjoying a musical concert of Bollywood singer Arijit Singh in Dubai. The singer has sung Zaalima song from the film Raees in which Mahira was paired with Shah Rukh Khan. In the viral video, which was shared by Shahzadi Sipra, we can see Arijit Singh introducing Mahira Khan to the audience. The singer was not able to recognise Mahira at first instance. He said, "You guys must be surprised, should I reveal. I should reveal in a very nice way. Can we have camera there. I have been trying to recognise this person, then remembered I have sung for her. Ladies and gentlemen Mahira Khan sitting right in front of me. Think about I was singing her song Zaalima and it's her song and she was singing and standing and I couldn't recognise her. I am so sorry. Maam gratitude and thank you so much."

Mahira Khan was looking gorgeous in black outfit and she also waved at the audience. The actress, in October 2023, got married for the second time to a Pakistani businessman, Salim Karim. Recently, a news about her pregnancy went viral. A post surfaced on the social media platform, Reddit, which claimed that Mahira Khan might be pregnant with her second child. It further added that the actress has taken a step back from her esteemed projects, Netflix's Jo Bachey Sang Samait Lo and another yet-to-be-titled film.

The post read, "So, I got this news from a close source that she opted out of the esteemed Netflix project alongside a big film as she's expecting her second child somewhere in August or September. An announcement could be made soon or not if she chooses to announce it after birth but as she's a big celeb and can't keep it lowkey for long, I personally feel that she will announce." Mahira Khan is known for her impeccable and versatile performances in various Pakistani shows and projects, such as Humsafar, Bin Roye, Hum Kahan Ke Sachay They, Razia. She made her Bollywood debut in 2016 with the action-thriller Raees, alongside Shah Rukh Khan, which made her a prominent actress in India as well.

