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Hundreds flee violence-hit Murshidabad, take shelter in

New Delhi (Agency): Hundreds of people displaced by the communal tensions in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal have crossed the Bhagirathi river and taken shelter in adjoining district Malda. The displacement of people occurred after protests rocked the Muslim-majority Murshidabad against the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025, which was passed in parliament last week. The demonstrations soon devolved into communal violence in Suti, Dhulian, Jangipur, Shamsherganj and many other areas, leaving 3 people dead and several injured.

Five people from three generations of a happy family died

Lucknow (Agency): A speeding trailer coming from the wrong direction collided with a car in Jamwarangarh, Jaipur on Sunday. In the accident, software engineer Abhishek Singh (32), resident of Musahibganj, Thakurganj, his wife Priyanshi (33), daughter Shree (six months), Abhishek's father Satyaprakash (65) and mother Ramadevi (63) died on the spot. Satyaprakash lived with his family. He was a manager in a vacuum cleaner company located in Hazratganj.

Nine arrested following communal clashes in MP's Guna

Bhopal (Agency): Nine people have been arrested following communal clashes that erupted in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district Saturday night during a Hanuman Jayanti procession, police said. The violence occurred around 7:45 pm in Colonelganj and left 13 people with minor injuries. The incident unfolded near a mosque when members of two communities confronted each other as the procession passed through, leading to a violent exchange.

Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah addressed the state level cooperative conference

Agreement between NDDB and MPCDF to increase the contribution of cooperative dairy societies in milk production in Madhya Pradesh



Bhopal (Agency): In the presence of Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav and BJP State President and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma, a cooperative agreement was concluded between the National Dairy Development Board and Madhya Pradesh Dairy Federation at the State Cooperative Conference held at Ravindra Bhawan Bhopal on Sunday. Addressing the state level cooperative conference, Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah said that there are a lot of possibilities in the three sectors of agriculture, animal husbandry and cooperatives in Madhya Pradesh and a lot of work needs to be done to exploit them 100 percent. He said that for years the cooperative movement in the country was becoming moribund and was divided at different levels in the country. The reason for this was that the necessary changes did not take place in the cooperative laws with time. Union Cooperative Minister Amit Shah said that in our Constitution, except for multi-state cooperatives, all cooperatives are a subject of the states. No initiative was ever taken to make laws in accordance with the changing circumstances in the country. Keeping in mind the geographical conditions of each state, rainfall conditions, rural development, agricultural development and animal husbandry, no thought was ever given at the national level. How could this thought have happened, because

there was no cooperative ministry at the national level. He said that 75 years after independence, the Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation and he had the privilege of becoming the first cooperative minister. Union Cooperative Minister Amit Shah said that after the formation of the Cooperative Ministry, there has been a big change in the cooperative sector under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and now this sector is progressing rapidly. The limits that were in our Constitution are still there. Even today, cooperation is a state subject. The Government of India cannot make any legal changes in the field of cooperation. But still efforts have been made to revive the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), promote the dairy sector, take cooperation to the field of production, smooth management of urban cooperative banks, district cooperative banks and rural banks. He said that the Ministry of Cooperation first prepared the model bylaws for PACS and sent it to the state governments for approval. Today the whole of India has accepted these model bylaws. Expressing gratitude to the states for accepting the model bylaws, Amit Shah said that this step has brought new life to the cooperative sector. Unless PACS are strengthened, the three-tier cooperative framework cannot be strengthened. Earlier PACS used to provide only short-term agricultural loans, in

which they had to pay about half a percent. But today PACS are providing more than 20 types of services and the new reforms will also increase the income of PACS. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that today PACS have been allowed to provide services like Jan Aushadhi Kendra, water distribution, common service center. Today more than 300 schemes are available to the people on the computers of PACS. No one needs to go out of the village to get railway tickets, electricity bills, water bills, birth and death certificates, all these facilities are now available in PACS. Many PACS have earned income from these services. PACS can now also become fertilizer dealers, can also start petrol pumps, can also distribute cooking gas and can also manage the 'Har Ghar Nal' scheme. Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that under the new bylaws, the work of merging PACS, dairy cooperatives and fisheries cooperatives to form Multipurpose PACS (MPACS) was done. The Government of India has computerized all the PACS in the country by spending Rs 2500 crore. Madhya Pradesh ranks first in the whole country in computerization of PACS. Now the District Cooperative Bank and State Cooperative Bank are connected to NABARD through computer network. Now due to the arrangement of online audit, transparency has also come in the field of cooperation. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that the

computerized PACS are working in the language of the farmer in 13 languages of India. The Government of India has developed such software for PACS that if a farmer has to open a bank account, then in Madhya Pradesh the work will be done in Hindi, in Gujarat if it is Gujarati, in Bengal if it is Bengali and in Tamil Nadu if it is Tamil. Union Cooperative Minister Amit Shah said that three new national level cooperative societies have been formed. National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL) was established to sell the farmers' produce in the global market and National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL) was established with the objective of getting higher prices for the farmers for their organic produce. Due to these two initiatives, both these institutions are going to become bigger than Amul and other institutions in the next 20 years. A national cooperative institution named Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has been formed for the conservation and promotion of India's sweet seeds and non-hybrid seeds. Earlier, only big farmers could cultivate seeds, but now farmers with 2.5 acres of land are also being given the opportunity. Through the multi-state cooperative NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL formed by the Modi government, farmers are getting a fair price for their produce, a platform for export and the profit is reaching directly to their bank accounts.

Explosion in fireworks plant in Andhra's Anakapalli, 8 workers killed

New Delhi (Agency): At least eight workers died after an explosion at a fireworks manufacturing plant in Andhra Pradesh's Anakapalli district on Sunday, authorities said. The fire broke out at around 12:45 pm, and officials are currently focused on recovering the bodies and shifting the injured to hospitals. Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed shock over the incident, adding that all the injured were shifted to the hospital and are being treated. "Eight people,

including two women, died, and seven others were injured in the fire accident. The injured are being shifted



to hospitals here, she said, adding that details are awaited. The CM directed Anitha and district officials to ensure better medical care to the injured, an official

said. Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic fire accident at a firecracker manufacturing unit in the Anakapalli district, which claimed eight lives. He has also urged the state government to extend full support to the victims and their families. Upon learning about the tragedy, Jagan instructed the party leaders to visit the accident site and offer all necessary support to the victims and their families.

Over 1.14 lakh children suffering from malnutrition identified in J-K

Jammu (Agency): Sanjeev Verma, the social welfare department commissioner secretary, said 9,14,031 (9.14 lakh) persons were being covered under a supplementary nutrition scheme and Aadhaar verification of 99 per cent of the total beneficiaries had been achieved, thus plugging any chances of pilferage or malpractice. Verma was briefing a meeting convened by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo to review the impact and reach of several beneficiary-oriented schemes being run by the department across Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesperson said.

Heat waves forecast for 30 mandals across Andhra Pradesh on Sunday

Amaravati (Agency): The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has forecast severe heat wave conditions in 30 mandals across the state on Sunday. "Out of the 30 mandals, seven in Vizianagaram, 11 in Parvathipuram Manyam, 10 in Srikakulam, and one each in Eluru and NTR districts are expected to suffer severe heat waves," said APSDMA managing director R Kurmanadh in a press release. Additionally, heat wave conditions are expected to impact 67 mandals, which also include 7 mandals in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram (11), and Parvathipuram Manyam districts (10) among others, said the release. Further, he



noted that on Saturday maximum temperatures were recorded at 43.7 degree celsius in Ravipadu of Palnadu district, 43.4 degree celsius in Darimadugu of Prakasam district, and 43 degree celsius in Inkollu of Bapatla. High temperatures were also recorded in Renigunta (Tirupati) at 42.8 degree celsius and 42.6 degree celsius in Chinnayigudem (East Godavari), with 119 locations crossing the 41 degree celsius on Saturday.

PM Modi to launch several development projects in Haryana on Ambedkar Jayanti

New Delhi (Agency): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch several development projects in Haryana on April 14 on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. According to the Prime Minister's Office, he will travel to Hisar, where, at around 10:15 AM, he will flag off a commercial flight from Hisar to Ayodhya and lay the foundation stone of the new terminal building. He will also address a public meeting. At around 12:30 PM, he will inaugurate and

lay the foundation stone of development projects in YamunaNagar and address the gathering on the occasion. In line with his commitment to make air travel safe, affordable, and accessible to all, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of the new Terminal Building of the Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar, worth over ₹410 crore. It will include a state-of-the-art passenger terminal, a cargo terminal and an ATC building.

8 including 4 minors held for raping 13-year-old girl for months in Sikkim

Gangtok (Agency): Eight people, including four boys, were apprehended for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl for months in Sikkim's Gyalshing district, police said on Sunday. The action was taken on the basis of a complaint filed by the Child Welfare Committee on Friday after the girl's school alerted them about her condition. During counseling, the girl who always remained sick and lowly in class named a woman from her locality who would regularly call her to assist with domestic work. The woman allegedly coerced her into having sexual acts, involving her husband, police said. It was also revealed that two other men were brought in and the girl was allegedly forced to engage in having sex with them in exchange for money, they said. The survivor named four boys who were also allegedly involved in sexually assaulting her during the last one year, they added. On the basis of her statement, police arrested the woman, her husband and the two men, besides taking the four juveniles into custody. The girl is at present with the Child Welfare Committee and receiving counseling and medical treatment.

'We are a welfare state'

Uttarakhand HC stays demolition of slums in Dehradun

Dehradun (Agency): Hearing an urgent matter, the Uttarakhand High Court on Saturday stayed an ongoing drive to free water bodies and seasonal streams of encroachments in Dehradun, saying arbitrary action under the cover of court orders will not be allowed. During the last hearing, the court had asked the state to install CCTV cameras and the DGP to inform the SHOs in the respective area to take action against those dumping debris into water bodies. The matter was listed on April 15. However, on April 5, the administration started the serving notices to residents in slums in Vikasnagar, and

demolitions were initiated later, prompting an urgent hearing. Chief Justice G Narender said that the state should have sent notices, conducted a survey, and proceeded. "All this is done to force the court to tie its own hands. We won't appreciate this conduct from the officials," he said. Three PILs had flagged encroachments on water bodies and drains in Rajpur, Doon Valley. Another petition flagged private encroachments on a rivulet and prayed that the seasonal streams in Sahasradhara should be freed of encroachment.

An intervenor was filed by and on behalf of the villagers from Vikasnagar on Friday. On April 5, they received a



notice stating that their properties were ordered to be "demolished as they were built on water bodies". The intervenor said the applicants would file

property documents showing ownership as per the government records by April 15. "That now all of a sudden, the administration has started taking action against the properties without giving them an opportunity to being heard and verify their documents of

title of the properties, which is completely in contravention to judgment passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Manoj Tibrewal Aakash case and hence as per the same chance may be afforded to applicants to be heard on their part. That the respondent administration has started taking coercive action against the applicants which is against the principle of natural justice," it said. It prayed for a stay on demolitions and asked for an urgent hearing. The court was apprised that the site was granted in a housing scheme and over 100 houses have been granted under the Indira Awas Yojana and PM Awas

Yojana. "If sites have been allotted under these schemes, then how do you justify your demolition? We will not burden the state exchequer; we will make the officers responsible and they will pay from their pockets. We will not allow such arbitrary actions under the cover of court orders. There is a due process, and you have to complete the due process. What were you doing all these days? Why suddenly on the weekend (demolition)? Sham action, let the court pass the stay order and we will sit 'aram se'. If we find that they have not acted with a clean hand, they will have to pay the

price," the Chief Justice said. Further, the court asked how the site was granted if they were in river beds. "We are a welfare state, you admit the sites are allotted to them by the state, who allotted the sites in the riverbed? Who is responsible for that? Don't take any coercive action till April 15, convince the court and then proceed," the court said. The counsel for the petitioner in the original case, Abhijay Negi, said that the only urgency the petitioner had raised before the court through a supplementary affidavit was pointing out that two streams were being filled up with sand.

Grand procession taken out after worshipping Lord Shri Chitragupta



Manoj Srivastava, the convener of the Nationalist Forum, in the procession of Lord Sri Chitragupta

“Lord Chitragupta is not a caste, but whole human society is deity : Manoj Srivastava”

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur. On the Chaitra Purnima, on the occasion of the Prakash Day of Lord Shri Chitragupta ji, a grand procession of Lord Chitragupta started after worshipping in an ancient temple of about 150 years at Baria Ghat. Through various routes of the city the ceremony of Shobha Yatra took place at Chitragupta Temple itself.

On the occasion, the convener of the Nationalist Forum, Manoj Srivastava, said that Lord Shri Chitra, who keeps an account of the

karma of all beings, is the god of all castes, communities, not of any one caste.

In the Shobha Yatra, mainly Legislative Council Member Ashutosh Sinha, Chaudhary Raghavendra Singh, President of KP Trust, Anand Srivastava, Dilip Srivastava, Sanjay Srivastava, Shobhayatra Samiti convener Shivam Srivastava, Kayastha Mahasabha President Ratnesh Srivastava, KSP Trust President Shakti Srivastava, Vishwa Hindu Parishad President Raj Maheshwari, Satsang chief of the province, Mahesh Tiwari, Nationalist Manch city president Anand Aggarwal, Santosh Goyal, Ravi Shankar Sahu, Santosh Goyal, Hundreds of people including Srivastava were included.

Demonstration against commercialisation of education

“In the meeting, a humble tribute paid to the creator of Constitution to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and well-known nation devotee actor Manoj Kumar”

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur. International Judicial Human Rights Protection of Human Rights Protection of Education by Bazarization and Commercialization and Private Educational Institutions in the name of educational fees and purchase of book copy, there will be a large movement in Mirzapur against the loot being done by parents. The said announcement, Sunil Kumar Pandey Advocate, National Vice President of International Judicial Human Rights Protection, today expressed the Chief Guest while addressing the huge district and divisional activist conference held in Vinayak Sadan New Colony, Mahuvariya. Camp Office of Protection and 20 new in the meeting. The officer was given the responsibility giving appointment letters and I cards. It was decided in the meeting that International Judicial Human Rights

Protection will be "associated with human rights and fight for their rights in Mirzapur district from 20 April to 20 May 2025. Under which two hundred and fifty workers and officials will be added with protection and the human rights camp on chambers located in the court to help the



National Vice President of Judicial Human Rights Protection Sunil Kumar Pandey Advocate addressing the meeting

poor and the Majloomas. There will be an event, in which the poor and the victims will be assisted free of cost. International Judicial Human Rights Protection will organize a blood donation camp in Mirzapur district in the coming days. In the meeting, he was remembered by paying tribute to the constitution maker Bharat Ratna Doctor Bhimrao Ambedkar and the famous film actor Manoj Kumar. Protection addressing the meeting National Vice President of Sunil Kumar Pandey Advocate said that private educational institute

education has been manufactured in Mirzapur district. Everyday school management is doing the work of looting parents by imposing new Jiziya tax. International Judicial Human Rights Protection will demonstrate at the district headquarters. Addressing the

meeting, District President Jayaprakash Seth said that international judicial human rights protection is the strongest registered human rights organization in India. We directly help the poor and the victims through protection, conservation in Mirzapur district is very strong. We will run a campaign to bring the organization of protection to the block and village, District In -charge of Conservation Sujit Verma Advocate said that Protection will also organize legal camps, State Secretary of Protection Ravindra Kumar Srivastava said That the International

Judicial Human Rights Conservation Board is constantly helping the poor at the level. We will pave the way for the upliftment of the poor by conservation on the principle of service and struggle. In the meeting, Shivnarayan Tiwari State General Secretary Mahendra Nath Sonkarz Executive District President Gulabchand, Rajesh Srivastava Ziauddin Ansari, Siddharth Tripathi, Avinash Kumar Mishra, Anand Kumar Singh, Sandeep Kumar Gautam, Anurag Dwivedi, Arif Ansari, Ilyas Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Manoj Kumar, Kailash Nath, Kanhaiya Lal, Ajay Kumar Kushwaha, Vishal Kumar, Mohammad Mustafa, Bholanath Dahar, Kamlesh Kumar, Anil Kumar, Khushboo Bin, Shyam Lal Maurya, Nandlal Pandey, Shivam Singh, Rahul Kumar Gupta, Omprakash Jaiswal, Vishal Kumar Mishra, Without Aslam, Pawan Kumar Yadav, Azad Ejazuddin, Shubham Singh, Akash Agarhari, Hundreds of activists were present, Tohid Alam Ansari, Mohammad Cass, Akash Bharti, Dr. Ramnath Bind, Ramroop Bind, Advocate Ramakrishna, Journalist Om Prakash, Jaisal Aslam, Dilip Kumar Maurya, Mohammad Yasin, Shyamal Maurya, Nandlal Pandey, Dilip Kumar, Salman Nagar Vice President etc.

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Farewell with moist eyes of students passed



Staff Reporter
PHULPUR: The annual festival was celebrated at Composite School Babuganj Phulpur. Sharada seminar and class 8 passed children with moist eyes made by the school family. In which parents were called and honored under the Sharda seminar.

Ram Bahadur who is operating requested the parents and said that all the children who are out of school, all of us will join all the staff together and do their best to give them better education to learn their good arrangements have been made for their studies in the school, as well as all the children who are passing from class 8, giving them blessings, they will be given a tablet in the classes. At the beginning of the program Rishi Kumar, Basanti Kushwaha and Anil Kumar appealed to the parents and said that digital class and computer lab have been arranged in the school, all of you should get their children admitted in the government school. In the end the in-charge headmistress Aziz Fatima concluded the program, blessing the children. All staff and parents were present in the program.

“Will do your best to provide better education: Ram Bahadur”

Three shops burnt down causing loss of lakhs



Staff Reporter

Sumerpur. Last night at around 10 o'clock, a hotel, a tyre tube puncture shop and an electric shop were burnt to ashes due to unknown reasons in the shops opened on the highway in front of JK Cement Factory. The roofs of the shops also burnt down. The loss due to the fire is estimated to be around four lakhs. The tyre-tube shop of Mumtad Ali, son of Siraj Ali, resident of Ingohta, was burnt to ashes. Material worth about two lakh rupees was destroyed in the fire. The electrician shop of Habib Khan located nearby also caught fire, due to which material worth one lakh was burnt. Apart from this, a fire in the hotel of Anita wife of Baldev located nearby also caused a loss of one lakh rupees. The reasons for the fire have not been known yet. Local people told that despite giving information, by the time the fire brigade reached the spot, all the three shops were completely burnt. The affected shopkeepers have demanded financial assistance from the government and administration. The loss due to the fire is estimated to be around four lakh rupees.

The young man committed suicide by hanging himself

Staff Reporter

Baberu. A 20-year-old youth living behind the tehsil of Baberu town committed suicide by hanging himself due to unknown reasons. On receiving the information, the police reached the spot and took the body in custody and sent it for postmortem. Ritesh Yadav, son of Harishankar Yadav, age about 20 years, living behind the Baberu tehsil, committed suicide by hanging himself in his house with the help of an electric wire in the ring between Saturday and Sunday midnight. When the family members saw him on Sunday morning, there was an uproar. At the same time, the family informed the Baberu Kotwali police, on receiving the information, Baberu Kotwali police and forensic team reached the spot and investigated. After that, the body was taken into custody and sent for postmortem after filling the Panchnama. At the same time, Kotwali in-charge Inspector Balram Singh said that the body has been taken into custody and sent for postmortem. Further action will be taken after the postmortem report comes, while in view of this incident, investigation is being done. According to the information, the deceased is the youngest among two brothers and a sister. His mother Kamala Devi is a Shiksha Mitra (education friend). Seeing this incident, the whole family is in a bad state and is crying.

“There was chaos in the family after the incident”

Sleep has vanished from the eyes of farmers

Staff Reporter

Baberu. Nature's attack has once again taken away the sleep of the farmers. The wheat crop ready in the fields has been damaged a lot due to strong winds and rain. The farmers are heartbroken to see the crops lying in the fields. The farmers who did farming by taking loans have lost their sleep. Strong winds also blew along with thunder and lightning in the early morning, due to which the remaining wheat crop was destroyed. The farmers are getting restless seeing the crops fallen on the ground.

7355 houses will get electricity, Saubhagya Yojana Phase-3. Union Minister of State inaugurated event

“Gol providing electricity in every corner of country : Anupriya Patel”

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur. Union Minister of State for Health Family Welfare and Chemical Fertilizer, Government of India Anupriya Patel visited the district. During the rural areas, new houses built outside Majro and Majro in rural areas where electrification has not been done. For the purpose of electrification there, inaugurated the program organized under the Saubhagya Yojana Phase-3 RDSS organized by the Electricity Department today.

Addressing the people present, the Union Minister of State said that two schemes of the Government of India, in which the first Saubhagya Yojana which is also called Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana and there are other RDSS schemes which work for electrification and transformer in the deprived mazo and houses. He said that it is the effort of the Government of India that there should not be any corner of the country where there is no electric light. He said that there were crores of houses in India, where electricity did not reach and through this scheme, the Government of India has been trying that whatever is a family that has not taken up electricity till date. We have to provide electricity. He said that electricity is not only facility

but electricity is the path of our progress, then there will be security, there will be



Union Minister Anupriya Patel addressing the program organized under RDSS scheme

security because unpleasant incidents happen in the dark. If the sun can teach after the sun sets up, then the same business and industry will also flourish, if there will be electricity, then today's younger generations will be able to connect with the

means of mobile, internet etc., that is, electricity paves our all-round paths. MaThe Union

Minister said that work was done in the field of electricity continuously by our government. Now the third phase of Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana is going on, in which even after giving connections to many houses, some new houses are still being built

outside the Majro, they are deprived of connections, such people also reach their public relations office with an application. Now the connection in such disadvantaged houses due to the commencement of this schemewill be. He informed that the Electricity Department has been identified by the Electricity Department to provide connections in 7355 houses of 429 Majro, but in addition to which there is no connection here. If they receive our Public Relations Office application, then they should also be included and electrified. He informed that under this, transformers of KBA transformers also be installed at 453 places, line 117 of 11 k.A. CKMM will also be installed, the foundation stone of

electricity was laid under Phase-3, costing a total of crores. He directed the officials of the electricity department to complete the work in a quality manner under the stipulated time limit, any house being deprived of electricity should be deprived of electricity, whoever gives his application, should also provide electricity connection. MLA Chanbe Rinki Cole, District on this occasion Chairman BJP Brij Bhushan Singh, District President Apna Dal (S) Engineer Ram Lauton Bind, Chairman Cooperative Jagdish Singh Patel, Superintendent Engineer Electricity, Executive Engineer Electricity Rural and urban and other concerned officers were present.

Shrimad Bhagwat week commences, Dr. Brahmanand Shukla claims Muslims too attend his event



Spiritual thinker Salil Pandey carried out Kalas with hundreds of devotees of Srimad Bhagwat

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur. Speaking from Vyaspeeth on the first day of Srimad Bhagwat week, narrator Dr. Brahmanand Shukla Bhagwat Highlight the greatness. Dr. Shukla said that the virtue of listening to Bhagwat Katha in the Dham Vindhya region of Shri Krishna's sister Yogmaya is many times more fruitful than the story in other areas. Dr. Shukla said that Lord Shri Ram's Dham is the city of Saket and Shri Krishna's abode is Vrindavan, but the area of devotion is Manipur, the area of Maa Vindhya vasini. Bhagwat Katha was organized here only by the grace of Mother

Vindhya vasinis. On the first day of the week organized at Dr. Bhavdev Pandey Research Institute located in Tivarane Tola locality of Dr. Shukla Nagar, he said that this story is an absolute story of caste-religion. It should not only listen to this story, not only small and big, but also Muslims. He said that people of Muslim community come to listen to their discourses in many places and are happy to hear the story. Doctor Shukla narrated Bhagwat Katha Started, Devarshi spoke of Narada's glory and said that Narada had veto power. They reach Sakshat Narayan, Brahma and

Bholenath at an uninterrupted pace while other gods and sages need permission. When Devarshi Narada saw two old people near a mourn in Vrindavan in unconsciousness, the woman asked the woman's reason for the mourning, then the woman introduced herself both devotion and unconscious introduced the elders as their knowledge and disinterest son. Dr. Shukla said that devotion to God is done not only by devotion but with knowledge and disinterest, then it is meaningful. Dr. Shukla said that Bhagwat does not listen to the story but drinks. Dr. Shukla told the householders that they should hear the story in the courtyard of their house. This makes the coming generations famous. Before the start of the story A Kalash- Yatra was taken out under the leadership of Shukla. In which a large number of male and female were present. The Kalash Yatra was completed, considering the sudden storm and rain as the grace of Prakriti Devi. Dr. Shukla was welcomed by Prof. Shishir Pandey, Vice Chancellor of JRD State University.

110 children awarded in Academic Excellence Award Ceremony

Staff Reporter

Varanasi: 110 children were awarded in Academic Excellence Award Ceremony organized on Saturday at Arya Mahila Nagarmal Murarka Model School. Students from Nursery to 9th and Class 11 of the school participated in it. The children who received the award were very happy. On this occasion, member Mrs. Pooja Dixit said that this is the era of competition and we organize this program every year with the aim of awakening this competition within the children so that they are also inspired to move ahead and perform better. In the category in which the awards were given to the children, first of all the children who got first, second and third place of all the classes were awarded. For this, the Student of the Year Award was specially given to Kumari Sagun Maurya from Senior Wing and Kumari Shrishti Yadav from Junior Wing. For outstanding attendance performance, Aadyashree from junior wing and Jahnvi Jaiswal from senior wing were awarded the prize. All these prizes were distributed among the children by the members of Arya Mahila Hitkarini Mahaparishad. Welcoming the guests at the prize distribution ceremony, Mrs. Pooja Dixit of the school said that the children who have received prizes for performing well, their parents as well as the teachers who gave them the right guidance deserve congratulations. Addressing the parents on this occasion, Dr. Anurag Dixit of the school said that with the aim of preparing the children according to the current environment, better education is being provided by our teachers. He said that the children who have received prizes for



performing well deserve congratulations but those who have not received the prize need not be disappointed, rather they will work harder and receive the prize in the next session. At the end of the program, the Principal of the school, Anjana Dixit gave the vote of thanks. On this occasion, Rajesh Rai, Dr. K.P. Aggarwal, Ashok Singh, Prof. Shambhunath Upadhyay, Shambhunath Chauverdi, Rakesh Gupta, Rajiv Raman Rai, Ambrishi Aggarwal, Bhal Shastri along with all the teachers and non-teaching staff of the college including students and their parents were present.

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Carbon tax to be imposed on global shipping industry

New Delhi (Agency). India and 62 other countries have approved the United Nations Shipping Agency's first global carbon tax on the industry. Accordingly, ships will have to take action to reduce carbon emissions. This decision is an important step to promote clean technologies. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) took a decision on this matter after a week of intense negotiations held in London. According to this agreement, from 2028, ships will have to use low-emission fuel or pay a fee for pollution. This can raise an amount of about 40 billion US dollars by 2030. This agreement is considered a major success for international climate policy and through this, an attempt will be made to achieve the goal of making the maritime sector carbon free.

Number of investor accounts in NSE crosses 22 crore

New Delhi (Agency). The total number of investor accounts i.e. Unique Client Codes (UCC) of India's leading stock exchange National Stock Exchange (NSE) has crossed the 22 crore mark in April 2025. NSE said on Friday that this achievement was achieved with the addition of two crore new accounts in the last six months as NSE crossed the 20 crore account mark in October 2024. Along with this, the number of unique registered investors is also increasing continuously, which reached 11.3 crores by March 31, 2025. This figure had crossed 11 crores on January 20, 2025. It is worth noting that an investor can open an account with more than one broker, which can create multiple client codes.

India's electronics production will reach new heights

New Delhi (Agency). The Government of India made a historic effort to rapidly advance its Semiconductor and Artificial Intelligence (AI) mission. Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav announced that India has moved towards excellence in electronics production worth \$500 billion by 2030. To achieve this objective, several schemes and initiatives have been launched in India. The minister said that 25 such chipsets are being designed in India whose intellectual property will be with India. These chips will be used in security related devices. The government has also provided advanced chip design tools to 240 colleges and institutions across the country. Using these tools, the students have manufactured the first 20 chips which will now be prepared at the Semiconductor Lab in Mohali.

Rupee rallies against dollar amid US-China trade tariff tensions



Mumbai (Agency): The Indian rupee rallied by 64 paise against the US dollar, settling at 86.10 on Friday as the dollar declined sharply against major currencies following US President Donald Trump's surprise decision to pause certain tariffs, causing the dollar index to fall below 100 levels for the first time in three years. The dollar weakened as Trump surprised financial markets by reversing steep tariff measures that had been enacted just a day earlier. However, tariffs on Chinese imports were sharply increased to 145 per cent, effective immediately, and Beijing responded to US tariffs with a 125 per cent. Trump's surprise decision to pause certain tariffs has created uncertainty, causing investors to reassess their positions. The rupee opened at 86.22, up 46 paise against the US dollar. During the intra-day trade, it rose to 85.95 before settling at 86.10, up 59 paise against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, crashed 1.52 per cent to 99.335. The intensity of the US-China trade war will be crucially viewed by the market, which can have the potential to offset the impact of the current pause on trade tariffs on other emerging markets, said an analyst. "The Indian rupee appreciated after three days of decline following stronger regional currencies and risk-on sentiments. The US government's decision of pausing reciprocal tariff for 90 days and tit-for-tat approach between US-China weighed on the greenback," said Dilip Parmar, Senior Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. However, the currency market is expecting more fluctuations as the trade war is unlikely to abate in the near future. Worries over a recession in the US and declining Treasury yields have also weighed on the dollar, boosting the rupee's gains. Jateen Trivedi, VP, Research Analyst, LKP Securities, said, "the rupee traded positive with strong gains, supported primarily by a weaker dollar index and a significant sentiment boost from the US decision to relax tariffs on Indian goods by 10 per cent for the next 90 days."

Dollar slumps as US faces loss of confidence – impact on Indian rupee, other currencies

New Delhi (Agency): US President Donald Trump may have hit the pause on his trade vacillations, but there seems to be a lingering deleterious effect on the American Dollar, which has slumped sharply. Reason: waning confidence in the American economy is leading to a huge flight out of the greenback to other safe haven currencies and gold. This is reflective of a breakdown of a fundamental assumption underpinning global finance – that when there are serious bouts of

volatility in the forex markets and a spike in the VIX (volatility index), it normally

exactly the opposite. On Friday, the dollar slumped as investors ditched US assets in



leads to a surge in demand for dollar assets. Over the last week, the trend has been

favour of other alternate safe havens including the Swiss franc, the Japanese yen and

the euro, as well as gold. Gold recorded a new all-time peak, and the Swiss franc notched a fresh decade high, according to Reuters data. Also, investors dumped Wall Street stocks overnight after the strong relief rally on Wednesday in the aftermath of Trump's pause. Longer-dated US Treasuries are also selling off, putting 10-year yields on course for their biggest weekly jump since 2001, Reuters said. The rupee opened weak on Friday, even though it is projected to strengthen if the sharp decline

in the dollar index and a slide in oil prices continue. The dollar's slide "will obviously" lend support to the rupee at open, an FX spot trader at a Mumbai-based bank quoted by Reuters said, adding that it is unlikely that the rupee will move past 86. The dollar index, a tracker of the US dollar value relative to a basket of foreign currencies, was down over 3 per cent Thursday, falling to the 99.70 level – its biggest dip in over 12-months that took it below the 100 level for the first time since July 2023.

Decision to recall some units of bike CB300R

New Delhi (Agency). Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India has decided to recall some units of its premium bike CB300R due to a technical defect related to the headlight. This recall will be applicable to units manufactured between 2018 and 2020. The company has taken this step in line with similar corrective action taken globally. The company says that this action is purely precautionary and under this, the defective parts of the affected units will be

replaced. The company has advised customers to visit the 'Honda BigWing' website and



enter the unique vehicle identification number (VIN) of their bike to find out whether their bike comes under this recall campaign or not. If the VIN

number matches the affected batch, customers can go to the nearest service center and get it repaired for free. The Honda CB300R is a premium category bike whose ex-showroom price in Delhi is around Rs 2.40 lakh and the on-road price goes up to around Rs 2.73 lakh. The updated CB300R, launched in March 2022, has a new BS-6 engine, although the rest of the features and specifications of the bike are almost the same as before. Such technical problems could have affected the brand's reputation, but the company took timely action.

US sanctions UAE-based Indian national, his four firms for over alleged involvement in Iran's oil trade

New Delhi (Agency): A United Arab Emirates-based Indian national and four of his firms have been sanctioned by the United States for their alleged involvement in trade and transportation of Iranian crude oil and petroleum products. According to the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the Indian national—Jugwinder Singh Brar—owns multiple shipping companies that cumulatively have nearly 30 vessels, many of which operate as part of Iran's "shadow fleet". Apart from Brar, four of his companies—India-based Global Tankers and B and P Solutions, and UAE-based Prime Tankers and Glory International—have also been sanctioned by Washington as part of the Trump administration's "maximum pressure campaign" on Iran,

which has now seen five rounds of sanctions against individuals and firms in less than three months. For instance, in February, the OFAC and the US Department of State had imposed sanctions on over 30 persons and vessels in various countries, including four India-based firms. Then in March, the US sanctioned a Chinese refinery for buying and processing large volumes of Iranian oil, which is under US sanctions that were imposed in 2018 during the first Trump presidency. According to the OFAC, Brar's four firms that have been sanctioned own and operate vessels that "transported Iranian oil on behalf of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) and the Iranian military". According to the Registrar of Companies (RoC) database, both Global Tankers and B

and P Solutions are Chandigarh-based companies and share the same registered address in the city. The OFAC claimed that Brar's vessels engage in high-risk ship-to-ship (STS) transfers of Iranian

coordinating with the "illicit shipping associates" of Sa'id al-Jamal, who is claimed to be an Iran-backed financier for the Yemen-based Houthi militia. "The Iranian regime relies on its network of



petroleum in waters off Iraq, Iran, the UAE, and the Gulf of Oman, following which these cargoes reach other facilitators who blend the oil or fuel with products from other countries and falsify shipping documents to conceal links to Iran. The US agency also accused Brar of

unscrupulous shippers and brokers like Brar and his companies to enable its oil sales and finance its destabilizing activities... The United States remains focused on disrupting all elements of Iran's oil exports, particularly those who seek to profit from this trade," said US Treasury

Secretary Scott Bessent. "OFAC is committed to aggressively targeting Iran's oil supply chain, including imposing sanctions on those enabling Iran's export of its oil to key third countries and the wider international market. These shipments rely on an intricate and extensive web of shell companies, clandestine smuggling, STS transfers, oil storage and blending, and document falsification," the OFAC said. The shadow fleet refers to vessels involved in Russian, Iranian, and Venezuelan crude oil and petroleum products trade. With Western fleet operators loath to get involved in the oil trade of these countries due to sanctions of varying degrees, obscure operators from countries like Greece, Russia, and China, and tax havens like Marshall Islands, Liberia, and Panama have emerged as the major players.

Insider trading? The allegations against Donald Trump amid tariff pause

There is no historical precedent of a sitting US President weighing in on when to buy or sell stocks, especially when the administration is about to announce such significant changes to economic policies

New Delhi (Agency): Just hours before he announced the 90-day tariff pause, US President Donald Trump posted messages on his social media platform, Truth Social, that seemed to be a stock tip for his followers: "THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!!" Trump wrote, signing off with his initials "DJT". DJT incidentally is also the stock symbol for his company, the Trump Media and Technology Group Corp. This came at a time when stocks were still in negative territory over an intensifying trade war, especially with China. Also, Trump signed off the post with his initials—something that he generally does not do in his posts. After the announcement of the tariff reversal on Wednesday, Trump Media and Technology Group saw its stocks shoot up over 20 per cent, as did other stocks. "BE COOL! Everything is going to work out well. The USA will be bigger and better than ever before!" Trump had said in yet

another Truth Social post as the markets opened Wednesday, just a few hours before he posted his decision to pause his tariffs for 90 days. These posts are now at the centre of a stock manipulation charge levelled by opposition Democrats, who say the post, coming just hours before the Trump administration's decision to pause, was tantamount to insider trading. "We need to get to the bottom of the possible stock manipulation that is unfolding before the American people, including what if any advanced knowledge did members of the House Republican Conference have of Trump's decision to pause the reckless tariffs that he put into place, there are several members of Congress who will be aggressively demanding answers and transparency, particularly as it relates to stock purchase decisions that may have occurred over the last few days, there will be several avenues that we will be able to pursue and will do

so aggressively," Hakeem Jeffries, House of Representatives minority leader and leader of the House Democratic Caucus since 2023, said in a conversation with reporters

Representatives will have to disclose any stock trades that they have made 30 days from the date of those trades, and this has to be done no later than 45 days as the outer limit. So, that information is



in Washington DC. **Reporting obligations** The question really is, whether these charges will stick? There are two aspects to this: one, the release of privileged information itself and if that falls foul of procedures. Secondly, and more importantly, if someone made money from that. According to current US congressional rules, members of the House of

anyway set to come out in the public domain. **No real precedent** There is no historical precedent of a sitting US President weighing in on when to buy or sell stocks, especially when the administration is about to announce such significant changes to economic policies that could have a stock impact globally. But the crime here would not

be merely posting the statement, but if Trump or the White House insiders told anybody else in advance of his putting that post up, that he was going to do this. That could potentially involve the insider trading laws in the United States. The White House did refer to a meeting that happened involving Trump, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, that eventually led to the decision for the 90-day pause. The timelines of that meeting are unclear. The Democrats, though, do not have a particularly strong case here politically, because they had vociferously defended the then House Speaker Nancy Pelosi when she and her husband was trading in stocks, and they refused to pass a bill in the US Congress that would have prohibited members from trading in stocks while voting on bills that affect those stocks. It remains to be seen where this latest charge goes.

Cars priced between Rs 10 and 20 lakhs have made their place in the market

New Delhi (Agency). Cars in the range of Rs 10 to 20 lakhs have now made their special place in the Indian car market. These cars not only have strong features, but are also attracting buyers in terms of size, performance and economy. The special thing is that in this price range, models of many segments are available from compact SUVs to MPVs. The recently launched Kia Siroos in the compact SUV segment has made its strong presence in the market. Its price starts from Rs 9 lakh and goes up to Rs 17.80 lakh. It has features like Trinity Panoramic Display, Dual Sunroof and Level-2 ADAS. Siroos is available in both petrol and diesel options, including manual and automatic transmission. Talking about mid-size SUVs, Hyundai Creta has been the king of this segment for a long time. Starting from Rs 11.11 lakh to Rs 20.50 lakh, this SUV has three engine options and is available in both petrol and diesel. On the other hand, Volkswagen Virtus is a great option for those who like sedans. Its price ranges from Rs 11.56 lakh to Rs 19.40 lakh. It has more than 40 safety features as well as great interiors and two options of turbo petrol engine. If someone wants a 7-seater MPV, then Maruti Suzuki Ertiga is the most trusted name. Its price ranges from Rs 8.84 lakh to Rs 13.13 lakh. Available in both petrol and CNG options, Ertiga has excellent mileage and has become the country's best-selling MPV.

Equity mutual fund inflows decline 14.4% month-on-month in March: AMFI data



Mumbai (Agency): Inflows into equity mutual funds declined by 14.4 per cent on a month-on-month basis to Rs 25,082.01 crore in March, compared to Rs 29,303.34 crore in February, the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed. The inflows in equity schemes in March were lowest in 11 months. The decline in inflows was witnessed despite the Sensex and Nifty rising 5.76 per cent and 6.3 per cent, respectively in March. During the reporting month, inflows through systematic investment plan (SIP) stood at Rs 25,926 crore compared to Rs 25,999 crore in February 2024. This was the third consecutive month of declining SIP inflows. Net assets under management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry increased by 2 per cent to Rs 65.74 lakh crore in the reporting month compared to Rs 64.53 lakh crore in February. This increase was led by mark-to-market (MTM) gains in equity. "The March 2025 AMFI data shows gross equity sales up by approximately Rs 2,100 crore though net flows down by 14 per cent to Rs 25,000 crore from Rs 29,300 crore mainly because of higher redemption in sectorial and thematic funds," said Jatinder Pal Singh, CEO, ITI Mutual Fund. Within equity mutual fund schemes, inflows into small cap funds rose 10 per cent to Rs 4,092.12 crore in March, compared to Rs 3,722.46 crore in February. Flows into mid cap funds was Rs 3,438.87 crore as against Rs 3,406.95 crore in the previous month. Inflows into large cap funds dipped 13.49 per cent to Rs 2,479.31 crore compared to Rs 2,866 crore in February. Inflows into sectorial/thematic declined 97 per cent to Rs 170.09 crore in March from Rs 5,711.58 crore in the previous month. Flexi cap mutual funds witnessed inflows of Rs 5,615 crore, as against flows of Rs 5,104.22 crore last month. Debt mutual fund schemes saw outflows of Rs 2.02 lakh crore in March as against outflows of Rs 6,525.56 crore in February. These outflows can be attributed to a higher redemption pressure from corporates to meet quarterly payments for advance tax. Liquid funds saw highest outflows of Rs 1.33 lakh crore in March, compared to inflows of Rs 4,976.97 crore in the previous month.

EDITORIAL

Monetary Pushback

India's central bank has once again stepped in with a measured response to the growing economic uncertainty by cutting the repo rate by 25 basis points, bringing it down to 6 per cent. While this move may appear modest on the surface, it signals a strategic shift in the Reserve Bank of India's stance - from "neutral" to "accommodative" - indicating a willingness to use more tools to support growth amid global headwinds. This cut comes at a time when India's economy, though still the fastest-growing among major economies, is losing steam. The downward revision of GDP growth projections to 6.5 per cent is telling. Just a year ago, the economy was growing at over 9 per cent. The slide may not be dramatic in statistical terms, but the implications are significant, especially when compounded by the fallout from escalating global trade tensions.

The renewed tariff offensive - though temporarily paused - by the United States, this time targeting Indian exports, has added an external shock that India could ill afford at a time when domestic demand remains fragile, private investment is tepid, and fiscal space is constrained. Unlike in the past, when

global slowdowns were cushioned by strong domestic fundamentals, India today faces both external and internal pressures. Exports are under strain, and with foreign capital inflows slowing, the ripple effect on the rupee, markets, and corporate investment sentiment could be considerable. This is not just an economic moment - it is a test of policy agility, resilience, and foresight in steering India through one of the most volatile global trade environments in years. The RBI's move, in this context, is prudent. Lower borrowing costs can spur consumption and investment, giving businesses and households alike a much-needed breather.

However, the effectiveness of monetary policy is not unlimited. A rate cut cannot, by itself, reverse the effects of trade disruption or revive business confidence in an uncertain global environment. What's needed is a more coordinated approach. Monetary easing must be complemented by clear, targeted fiscal measures - especially those that boost infrastructure, manufacturing, and export competitiveness. The government must resist the temptation to adopt populist spending that does little for long-term productivity. Instead, it should focus on policies that reduce the cost of doing business, improve logistics, and provide regulatory certainty. Meanwhile, India must also adopt a smarter trade strategy. While retaliation has been the global norm in the face of protectionist measures, India's restrained approach and willingness to negotiate a bilateral trade deal with the US is pragmatic. But trade diplomacy should not mean passive acceptance. India must secure better terms and push for greater access to key markets. The RBI's signal is clear: the central bank stands ready to support the economy. But unless supported by structural reforms and fiscal prudence, interest rate cuts alone won't be enough. The onus is now on policymakers to ensure India's growth story regains momentum and doesn't become a casualty of a turbulent global order.



How Saturn beat Jupiter to become the Moon King

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A team of astronomers has announced the discovery of 128 new moons of Saturn. Astronomy will go even farther

The inventory of moons in our solar system went up by many notches in one go last month. A team of astronomers has announced the discovery of 128 new moons of Saturn, bringing its total count of moons to a prodigious number of 274. No other planet in the solar system can match this bounty, not even Jupiter, the biggest planet. Why this is so is a question that has given astronomers much to think about in the coming years. The discovery did not come as a total surprise, though. Studies from two decades ago had enough hints that prodded scientists to look closely at regions around the ringed planet. There were faint signs of small objects around Saturn in an observational study from 2004-2007, carried out with the Subaru telescope in Hawaii, but their orbits couldn't be tracked, and their identification remained unconfirmed. For the last five years, a team of astronomers have used the Canada France Telescope at Hawaii to track these objects, and come up with a large haul of confirmed satellites of Saturn. Discovering moons or planets is by no means an easy task. A single snapshot wouldn't suffice: One would have to take sequential pictures and then stack them

by appropriately shifting the images to account for the movement of the objects. It is necessary to stack images so that faint objects become discernible. To give you an idea of the faintness of these moons: Detecting one is comparable to finding the light of a bunch of candles on the Moon from the Earth! All these mean a patient and meticulous study that can take years. The newly found Saturn's satellites are certainly not like our Moon. They are tiny in comparison, perhaps a few kilometres across, compared to the Moon's radius of 1,737 km. Such an abundance of mini-moons says a lot about the dangerous traffic in the region around Saturn, or even Jupiter, which has 95 moons at the last count. These small objects are likely the result of collisions between bigger objects, probably tens of kilometres across in size, which moved in chaotic orbits. In fact, many of the newly discovered moons have been found to be clustered in groups, hinting at their common origin. One can even hazard a guess regarding the epoch of these collisions because if it had occurred too long ago, then the small ones would have been smashed into smithereens by now. These newly found moons were, therefore, produced rather

recently, say around a hundred million years ago. In the yardstick of the time that the solar system has been around, for roughly 4.65 billion years, these events are, indeed, recent.

It is also possible that the collisions took place somewhere else in the solar system and parts of the debris have been gobbled up on their paths by Saturn. Located farther away than Jupiter, Saturn's orbit is closer to the outer parts of the solar system, which is teeming with icy objects, small and large. It is, therefore, likely that these newly found moons of Saturn are icy objects that have been collected by the giant planet. The fact that icy objects are easily fragmented in collisions, compared to the rocky satellites of Jupiter, may also help in explaining why Saturn appears to have a larger share of satellites than Jupiter. It could also be that astronomers have been lucky with observing the region around Saturn. Jupiter is closer to us, so its sphere of gravitational influence appears to be bigger than the Earth. Scanning such a large portion of the sky around Jupiter is certainly more difficult than carrying out a similar study on Saturn. The path of Saturn has also helped astronomers during their observations. Moving in its orbit, Saturn has recently shifted to a location, which, from the Earth's perspective, has a background that is not crowded with stars. At the beginning of the recent campaign, around 2019, Saturn moved out of the portion of the sky that looks towards the centre of the Milky Way.

A CHECK ON BUDGET 2025

A country with foreign debt of 717.9 billion US dollars.

Urges to plan the development, 100 percent employment, the encouragement of youth with startups, and beneficial policies for farmers with 70 percent women participation.

The ground reality shows the another aspect of the budget with the rise of tax policies on basic consuming products. The rise in gst policies, import duties and the rising inflation along with the unemployment rate of 9.2% leads to unhealthy competition and corruption based employment.

Where as Our finance minister Nirmala Sitharman, planned the entire economic plan for the year 2025-26 while encouraging exports, investments for innovation, People and economy, financial sector reforms, and MSME policies. The budget passed with the initiative of balanced growth "SABKA SATH SABKA VIKAS".

The government estimates to collect total receipts of more than 50 lakh crores from the current year and plans to spend estimated more than 60 lakh crores of revenue along with the estimated GDP growth rate of 6.7% by RBI in 2025.

Famous economist NK Singh have praised our finance minister as the budget are estimated to generate disposable income and could stimulate the demand and consumption. While another economist Abheek Barua analyse the slight inflation in the economic plan. Where as famous economist Rumki majumdar concludes the budget to create an economy for sustainable investment with an employment generating market along with a balanced growth.

Furthermore, the budget 2025-26 will be a great boost to Indian economy and the balanced growth for world's largest population.

Tariff war knocks at the door of economic recession and inflation in the world

The ongoing tariff war between America and China has now become a serious threat to the global economy. This conflict is not limited to only two superpowers, but its ill effects are being felt in countries all over the world. In response to America imposing tariffs of up to 125 percent on Chinese goods, China has also imposed heavy duties on American products. This trade war has now reached a point where its solution is not easy. The biggest impact of this tariff war is coming in the form of global economic recession. When two big countries impose heavy taxes on each other's products. This not only increases the cost of production, but also puts an economic burden on consumers. Due to heavy taxes on cheap products coming from China in America, inflation has started increasing in America. At the same time, the prices of American technology and agricultural products have started increasing in China too. Its effect is being felt by the common people. The report of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is clearly pointing towards this. The pace of global trade is slowing down.

Regional Cooperation

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The Bay of Bengal Initiative for MultiSectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) has emerged as a prominent regional organization with increasing geopolitical and economic clout in the Indo-Pacific. The 2025 BIMSTEC Summit, recently held in Bangkok, Thailand, signaled potential shifts in regional cooperation strategies. Here, we argue that a paradigm shift is essential for BIMSTEC to evolve into a more effective regional body.

Using a theoretical framework based on Regional Integration Theory and Constructivism, we can explore key dimensions to demonstrate the urgency and direction of this much-needed transformation. The geopolitical landscape of South and Southeast Asia is rapidly evolving, necessitating a rethink on regional cooperation mechanisms. BIMSTEC, comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, was initially established to promote economic and technical cooperation.

However, persistent institutional weaknesses and inconsistent political will have limited its potential. The 2025 BIMSTEC summit in Bangkok took place at a crucial time when member states were grappling with post-pandemic recovery, environmental crises, and significant geopolitical realignments. These include internal turmoil in Bangladesh and Myanmar on one hand, and on the other, the shadow of war between Russia and Ukraine, the unresolved Palestinian issue, and the resurgence of Donald Trump's tariff-centric policies affecting global trade, all adding to a growing sense of a looming conflict narrative.

Against this backdrop, the 2025 summit provides a strategic opportunity to rethink and reframe BIMSTEC's vision and

functions. The need for a paradigm shift, therefore, is not merely notionally wishful but pragmatic and imperative, necessitated by the demands of a changing world. For any discussion to be meaningful, we link it to two theoretical perspectives: Regional Integration Theory and constructivism. RIT derived from the works of Ernst Haas and others, posits that economic interdependence leads to political cooperation, eventually fostering supranational institutions.

BIMSTEC's evolution mirrors this trajectory as it gravitates increasingly from technical cooperation to broader political coordination. Constructivism, on the other hand, emphasizes the role of identities and shared values in international relations. The rise of cultural diplomacy and people-to-people contact within BIMSTEC exemplifies this approach of shared history and prosperity. These theories thus help us understand BIMSTEC's transformation. In 2025, BIMSTEC has assumed newfound significance due to several interrelated factors.

As SAARC remains paralyzed by Indo-Pak recrimination, BIMSTEC emerges as a promising alternative free from such bilateral impasse. Strategically located around the Bay of Bengal, the organization is poised to become a hub for regional trade and connectivity. The Bangkok Vision 2030, adopted during the 2025 Summit, articulated a shared roadmap that emphasized resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability, reaffirming the commitment to deeper integration. Natural disasters like the Myanmar-Thailand earthquake prompted calls for better-coordinated efforts towards disaster management. In response, India has proposed and subsequently established the BIMSTEC centre of excellence

for disaster management.

Besides, under Prime Minister Modi's stewardship, India has also proposed

- the establishment of a sustainable maritime transport centre,
- a maritime agreement was also concluded to ensure a free, open, safe Indian Ocean,
- upskilling of the youth through BODHI initiative, and,
- establishment of a BIMSTEC chamber of commerce.

Through this flurry of initiatives, India wants to transform BIMSTEC as a bridge between South and Southeast Asia, thereby making it a linchpin in the Indo-Pacific regional order. India's proactive role and Thailand's centrality have made the group strategically relevant, especially as the global community increasingly views the Indo-Pacific as vital to global stability. The identification of priority areas like financial inclusion demonstrates a growing seriousness in institutional capacity-building.

The summit also signified a paradigm shift in how BIMSTEC seeks to upgrade and recalibrate regional cooperation. Departing from earlier declarations, the organization has embraced time-bound, actionable strategies across diverse areas such as maritime security, climate resilience, digital connectivity, and traditional medicine. Importantly, the inclusion of non-state actors - civil society, think tanks, private sector - reflects a move toward inclusive and participatory governance.

The organization is gradually transitioning from a realist, state centric model to a constructivist framework grounded in shared norms and collaborative policy-making. The issue of China's ab-

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sence from BIMSTEC remains central to debates on the organization's future. While some view China's exclusion as a missed opportunity for financial investment and connectivity, others argue that it provides BIMSTEC a unique chance to chart its own course, independent of hegemonic pressures.

By forging partnerships with Japan, the EU, and Gulf nations, BIMSTEC can maintain strategic autonomy while attracting alternative sources of investment. However, the re-emergence of President Trump's protectionist economic policies introduces uncertainties. For BIMSTEC nations, many of which are export-dependent and rely on a stable global economic order, such policies could pose challenges.

However, these constraints also offer a silver lining in terms of a renewed quest to strengthen intra-regional trade, reduce overdependence on western markets, and cultivate self-reliance. To strengthen collaboration and coordination among BIMSTEC business communities, PM Modi has called for an annual BIMSTEC business summit. A critical theme at the 2025 summit was environmental sustainability. Rapid urbanization in cities like New Delhi, Dhaka, and Colombo has led to increased pollution and infrastructural strain.

The Green City initiative can be a panacea insofar as sustainable urban planning is con-

cerned. The dual challenges are to decide the modus operandi to integrate renewable energy and eco-friendly architecture while promoting cultural connectivity as a soft power tool, reinforcing bonds through shared traditions, language, and heritage. These socio-cultural linkages, if institutionalized, can serve as the bedrock for regional solidarity. Economic rejuvenation remains a pressing priority. The pandemic and natural calamities have left economies fragile and fragmented.

BIMSTEC should take up appropriate action plans to revitalize growth by revamping its long-pending free trade area and investing in regional infrastructure. Streamlined trade procedures and integration of MSMEs into value chains can accelerate economic recovery. In this regard, special attention must be given to financial mechanisms and capacity-building initiatives to support smaller economies. Developmental disparities among member states continue to hinder progress.

Landlocked and resource-constrained countries like Nepal and Bhutan require targeted support. A dedicated BIMSTEC development fund could offer financial backing for critical projects, while educational exchanges and vocational training programs could help bridge skill gaps. Emphasizing asymmetrical responsibility would ensure equitable contributions based on capacity. Lastly, the simmering tension between Bangladesh and Myanmar, largely due to the unresolved Rohingya crisis, threatens to derail collective efforts. Without addressing this humanitarian concern, trust and transparency within the organization will remain fragile.

Similarly, the controversial presence of Myanmar's military leader underscored the delicate balance between pragmatism and diplomacy. The leadership handover from Thailand to Bangladesh also highlighted the importance of equitable representation in the organization's leadership structure. With structured dialogue and active civil society engagement, BIMSTEC has to fulfill its mission and affirm its credibility. The 2025 summit marks a critical turning point in the evolution of the organization. It illuminated both the latent potential and persistent limitations of regional cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region.

While the Bangkok Vision 2030 and new areas of collaboration signaled a renewed commitment, the implementation gap remains a core concern. Drawing upon regional integration theory and constructivism, we can say that the progress of BIMSTEC is fair, although it must transition from a state-centric, declaration-oriented approach to a more inclusive, norm-driven, and action based framework. Such a transformation requires greater involvement of academia and private stakeholders, as well as the institutionalization of mechanisms for conflict resolution, equitable development, and environmental sustainability.

To move forward, BIMSTEC must not only navigate the complex geopolitical environment marked by great power competition, economic uncertainty, and regional tensions but also build internal cohesion based on shared values, mutual respect, trust, transparency, and strategic interdependence. Only through this multidimensional paradigm shift can BIMSTEC emerge as a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready regional architecture capable of addressing 21st-century challenges.

Reclaiming Stability

Germany stands at a pivotal crossroads, and the recent coalition agreement between the Christian Democrats (CDU) and Social Democrats (SDP) is a bold attempt to steer the nation out of political uncertainty. With CDU leader Friedrich Merz set to be Chancellor, there is a renewed promise of stability, reform, and strength - both domestically and on the global stage. But beneath the surface of this optimistic narrative lies a deeper tension: can this alliance truly deliver long-term transformation, or is it merely a temporary patch on a fractured political landscape? The agreement, forged after months of stalemate, is being marketed as a symbol of strength and decisiveness. It comes at a time when Germany has been grappling with a recession, declining infrastructure, and a visible drop in military readiness. The promise of increased defence spending and large scale infrastructure investment speaks of a desire to reclaim Germany's position as a powerhouse within Europe. Yet, the question remains: will these measures be enough to counter the economic inertia and rising political extremism? Mr Merz's commitment to fulfilling defence obligations and supporting Ukraine aligns with the shifting dynamics of European security. As global alliances face strain and isolationist policies gain traction elsewhere, Germany's pivot toward a stronger military stance appears timely. However, the decision to follow a voluntary military model rather than reintroducing conscription reveals the government's delicate balancing act between assertiveness and public sentiment. Perhaps the most contentious part of the coalition's plan involves immigration reform and border control. The intention to curb irregular migration is a direct response to voter anxieties - many of which have been skillfully exploited by the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD).

While Mr Merz's proposals aim to strike a middle ground, they risk appearing insufficient to both progressive and conservative blocs. The AfD's rise in the polls underscores the growing appetite for more radical solutions, highlighting the fragile consensus within mainstream politics. The new government's legitimacy will hinge not just on its policies, but on its ability to communicate a clear, unified vision. A coalition by nature invites compromise, but Germany's current moment calls for more than political convenience. It demands courageous leadership that goes beyond appeasing opposing forces to articulate a bold path forward. Yet, beyond the policies and political maneuvering, this coalition must also confront the psychological fatigue that has set in among many German citizens. Years of economic stagnation, global uncertainty, and leadership voids have eroded public faith in traditional parties. The sense that established leaders are out of touch or slow to act has fuelled the rise of extremes on both ends of the spectrum. To counter this, the new government must show not only competence but empathy - demonstrating that it understands the daily struggles of ordinary people and is willing to act swiftly and transparently. This is not merely a test for incoming Chancellor Merz or his coalition partners - it is a test for Germany's democratic resilience.

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Vandalism at Indian Embassy in Melbourne

Canberra (Agency). The Indian Consulate in Melbourne has been vandalised once again. Marks made in red colour were seen on the main gate of the embassy. After the incident, the Indian High Commission in Canberra raised the issue with the Australian authorities. Such incidents have happened in this embassy earlier as well. During international tensions, provocative slogans were written on the walls here earlier as well. A spokesperson of Victoria Police said that we think someone has made marks on the main gate of the building at some time during the night. The investigation into this damage is still going on.

Israel evacuated 1000 soldiers

Tel Aviv (Agency). Israel Defense Forces has sacked about 1000 of its reserve soldiers. Israel's military chief Eyar Zamir and the Air Force have decided to sack the reservists. However, it is not yet known when this sacking will take place. These soldiers had raised their voice against the ongoing war in Gaza and demanded an immediate ceasefire to give priority to the release of hostages. For the first time in Israel, such a large number of soldiers have been sacked for such a reason. Most of the soldiers who were dismissed are reserve soldiers, who were involved in the recent war in Gaza and Lebanon.

Earthquake struck Pakistan twice in 29 minutes

Islamabad (Agency). Two strong tremors of earthquake were felt in Pakistan on Saturday at an interval of half an hour. Its intensity was measured 5.5 and 5.8 on the Richter scale. The first tremor was felt at 12.31 pm and the second tremor was felt at 1 pm. According to the National Center for Seismology, the epicenter of the earthquake that occurred at 1 pm was at a depth of about 10 kilometers from the ground. The effect of the earthquake was felt in India including Jammu and Kashmir and some other parts. However, till now there is no information about any kind of damage due to the earthquake. The National Earthquake Monitoring Center (NSMC) said that the first tremor came at 12.31 minutes. The epicenter of the earthquake was 60 kilometers north-west of Rawalpindi at a depth of 12 kilometers from the ground surface.

Plane crash in Florida, three killed, one injured

Washington (Agency). A small plane crashed near Boca Raton Regional Airport in the US state of Florida, killing three people on board and injuring one person on the ground. The US Federal Aviation Administration said the plane crashed on Friday after taking off from Boca Raton Airport in Florida. There were three people on board the plane. The plane was heading to Tallahassee International Airport. In a media report, Boca Raton Fire Rescue Assistant Chief said three people on board the plane were killed and one person on the ground was injured.

Supreme Court says Trump administration must work to bring back mistakenly deported Maryland man

The court acted in the case of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran citizen who had an immigration court order preventing his deportation to his native country over fears he would face persecution from local gangs.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday said the Trump administration must work to bring back a Maryland man who was mistakenly deported to prison in El Salvador, rejecting the administration's emergency appeal.

The court acted in the case of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran citizen who had an immigration court order preventing his deportation to his native country over fears he would face persecution from local gangs.

US District Judge Paula Xinis had ordered Abrego Garcia, now being held in a notorious Salvadoran prison, returned to the United States by midnight Monday.

"The order properly requires the Government to 'facilitate' Abrego Garcia's release from custody in El Salvador and to ensure that his case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador," the court said in an unsigned order with no noted dissents. It comes after a string of rulings on the court's emergency docket where the conservative majority has at least partially sided with Trump amid a wave of lower court orders slowing the president's sweeping agenda.

In Thursday's case, Chief Justice John Roberts had already pushed back Xinis' deadline. The justices also said that her order must now be clarified to make sure it doesn't intrude into executive branch power over foreign affairs, since Abrego Garcia is being held abroad. The court said the Trump administration should also be prepared to share what steps it has taken to try to get him back — and what more it could potentially do.

The administration claims Abrego Garcia is a member of the MS-13 gang, though he has never been charged with or convicted of a crime. His attorneys said there is no evidence he was in MS-13.

The administration has conceded that it made a mistake in sending him to El Salvador, but argued that it no longer could do anything about it. The court's liberal justices said the administration should have hastened to correct "its egregious error" and was



"plainly wrong" to suggest it could not bring him home.

"The Government's argument, moreover, implies that it could deport and incarcerate any person, including US citizens, without legal consequence, so long as it does so before a court can intervene," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote, joined by her two colleagues.

Abrego Garcia's wife, Jennifer Vasquez Sura, said the ordeal has been an "emotional rollercoaster"

for their family and the entire community.

"I am anxiously waiting for Kilmar to be here in my arms, and in our home putting our children to bed, knowing this nightmare is almost at its end. I will continue fighting until my husband is

Abrego Garcia was once in the MS-13 street gang, Xinis wrote.

The 29-year-old was detained by immigration agents and deported last month. He had a permit from the Homeland Security Department to legally work in the US and was a sheet metal apprentice pursuing a journeyman license, his attorney said. His wife is a US citizen. Tricia McLaughlin, assistant DHS secretary for public affairs, said Thursday that the justices' order for clarification from the lower court was a win for the administration. "We look forward to continuing to advance our position in this case," she said.

A Justice Department spokesman said the court had "directly noted the deference owed to the Executive Branch" in foreign affairs. An immigration judge had previously barred the US from deporting Abrego Garcia to El Salvador in 2019, finding that he faced likely persecution by local gangs.

A Justice Department lawyer conceded in a court hearing that Abrego Garcia should not have been deported. Attorney General Pam Bondi later removed the lawyer, Erez Reuveni, from the case and placed him on leave.

Obese people are at a higher risk of diseases than lean people



London (Agency). People suffering from severe obesity are at a much higher risk of 16 common health problems than people with normal weight. In a recent research conducted in America, it was found that as a person's BMI (body mass index) increases, the chances of getting various diseases also increase.

In this research conducted by Johns Hopkins University, data of more than 2.7 lakh people of America was analyzed.

According to experts, when a person's BMI is 40 or more, or more than 35 and any obesity-related disease is present, then it is called severe obesity or class 3 level obesity. Obesity of this level has a negative effect on almost every part of the body and can give rise to many serious diseases. According to the study, the 16 diseases which increase the risk of obesity the most include sleep apnea, type 2 diabetes and fatty liver. Apart from these, problems like high blood pressure, heart disease, irregular heartbeat, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, blood clot, gout, gallstones, asthma, gastric reflux and osteoarthritis were also found to be directly related to obesity.

Trump wants to bow down to China, but Jinping is not ready to bow down

Washington (Agency). US President Donald Trump wants to bow down to China, but Jinping is not ready to bow down. According to the report, Trump has clearly told his team that China will have to take the first step. America believes that China has further inflamed this war by retaliating. Trump wants Chinese President Xi Jinping to call himself and initiate the talks. Two months ago, America had asked China to do so, but China has repeatedly refused to make such calls. The problem for China is that Xi Jinping does not want to appear weak. If he offers to negotiate first, it can be considered his weakness. On the

other hand, Trump feels that China will eventually bow down. Trump said at an event in the White House on Wednesday, China wants to make a deal, but it does not understand how to start. They are proud people. Let us tell you that US President Donald Trump has given tariff relief to many countries of the world. He relaxed the tariff for 90 days. After this announcement by Trump, there was a wave of happiness in the markets around the world. Trump's team has started talking on trade deals with countries like Japan, South Korea and Vietnam. But China has not held any talks with America. On which Trump has



now increased the pressure and increased the tariff on all goods to 145 percent. In response, it banned American films and increased the tariff by 84 percent. This is a sign of a big trade war between the two

countries. No country is ready to bow down. Some talks are going on at a small level between the two countries, but there is no contact between the big leaders. China has tried to hold back channel

talks with America. Just like it was happening with the Biden administration. But Trump's team did not consider China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi to be the right person for talks. America suggested some other names, but China is not agreeing to them. There is a lack of trust between the two countries. China has found many ways to put pressure on America. It tried to reach Trump through businessmen like Tesla owner Elon Musk, but was unsuccessful. At one point, China also considered imposing restrictions on American companies like Apple and Starbucks, but later backed off

from it. It feared that this could anger the Chinese people, which would harm the Communist Party. China is now planning to buy less from America. It can buy soybean and other goods from countries like Brazil. Also, it has banned the export of some rare minerals, which are necessary for American industries. If China takes more strict steps, like selling American bonds or banning all rare minerals, then this war can become more dangerous. Experts believe that China has more power in this war. Xi Jinping has maintained a strong position in his country and he is ready to bear economic losses.

China is building the world's tallest bridge

Beijing (Agency). Engineers in China have built the world's tallest bridge. The name of this bridge is Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge. It is twice as high as the Eiffel Tower in Paris. This bridge will be opened this year. It is built over the Beipan River. It is 2.9 km long and is at a height of 2050 feet from the river. This bridge is so high that even clouds can be seen flying under it. The weight of this bridge is 22 thousand tons. The advantage of building this bridge is that the journey which used to take 1 hour will now be reduced to just 1 minute. The purpose of building the Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is to improve transportation in rural areas.



In Athens, forensic officers investigate the area of the bomb blast outside the Hellenic Trains offices.

Train based on fuel cell technology developed in China in controversy

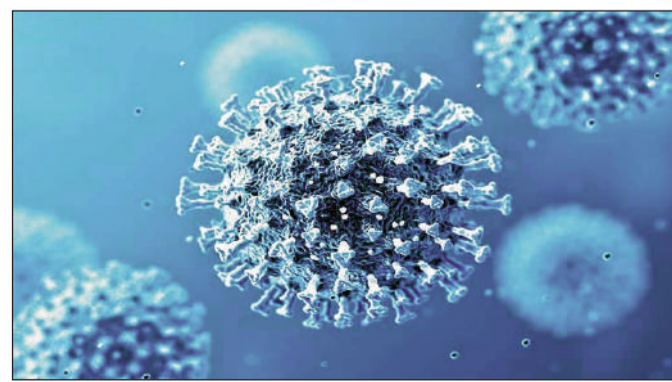


Washington (Agency). The latest futuristic train recently launched in America has been surrounded by controversies at the international level. The biggest reason for this is that it comes from China. This train is based on fuel cell technology developed in China and has been imported to the US from there. While it is technologically advanced and environmentally friendly, global politics has hindered its spread. Many countries are hesitant to adopt this technology due to tense relations with China. These countries argue that they do not want to invite any potential security threat to their railway network. This is the reason why this train is getting more criticism and less appreciation. Hydrogen fuel cell technology uses the chemical reaction of hydrogen and oxygen to produce energy, which produces only electricity and water vapor. This process is considered completely safe for the environment and there is no emission of greenhouse gases in it. Despite this, this clean and green

technology seems to be a victim of global politics. Many countries believe that their system can be hacked through Chinese technology, due to which they are avoiding adopting it. This case highlights that issues such as technological progress and environmental protection are not beyond the grasp of international politics. In such a situation, it is natural to raise the question whether global politics is taking precedence over environmental interests? Will the dreams of sustainable development be able to break political boundaries or will they be stopped there? At present, this hydrogen train has come to the center of these questions. Let us tell you that America has recently launched its latest futuristic train, which runs on hydrogen fuel cells and gives zero emissions. This train is considered an important initiative from the environmental point of view because it replaces conventional diesel engines and does not cause any kind of pollution during operation.

New virus spreading in Hungary, Austria and Slovakia, borders sealed

London (Agency): A virus is spreading in the European countries Hungary, Austria and Slovakia, due to which these countries have sealed their borders. An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been reported in Hungary after 50 years, due to which there is panic in Europe. This disease is spreading through animals. This is the reason why animals are being killed. There is also a suspicion of a big conspiracy behind this.



Staff of Hungarian PM Viktor Orban, Gergely Gulyas, said that we cannot say that the virus is not natural. We may be dealing with an artificially created virus. Their

suspicion is based on verbal information received from a foreign lab. It has not been fully confirmed yet. The World Animal Health Organization says that this virus

first appeared in March on a cattle farm near Hungary's northwestern border. Then about a thousand farms were examined across the country, out of which the virus was confirmed in four samples. Hungary had 8.61 lakh cattle as of December 2024, which is 1.2 percent of the total cattle stock of the European Union. So far thousands of animals have been killed to prevent the spread of this disease. It is also spreading in the southern part of Slovakia. Then Austria has closed 21 borders with Hungary and two with Slovakia. Disinfectant stations have been set up on the borders.

Hema Malini endorses Sunny Deol's Jaat, says 'Dharmendra is happy with it'; Esha Deol congratulates him on big opening



Hema Malini and Esha Deol recently shared some words of praise for Sunny Deol's Jaat and said that Dharmendra has also really enjoyed the film. Hema is the second wife of Sunny's father Dharmendra. Hema praised the film's big opening, and Esha said that Jaat's success shows people's love for Sunny. Hema told Instant Bollywood, "I heard it has opened with bumper number. It is nice to know that people are liking his film. Dharam ji khush hain (Dharm ji is very happy.) The film is so good, I believe." Esha added, "I am so happy. It is all his hard work and people's love for him. I am so happy that the film has opened big and that is how it has to be with him. Always."

Jaat opened at the box office with Rs 9.5 crore and has managed to earn Rs 16.5 crore in the first two days. Jaat was announced shortly after the success of Gadar 2, which managed to earn Rs 525.7 crore during its theatrical run. Alongside Jaat, Sunny announced two other films — Border 2 and Lahore 1947.

Lahore 1947 brings him back with his Ghayal and Ghatak director Rajkumar Santoshi. Sunny even won a National Award for his appearance as a supporting actor in Rajkumar's Damini. The two fell apart in the early 2000s when they were making their respective Bhagat Singh films. Aamir Khan is producing the film, and Preity Zinta will share the screen space with Sunny here.

Border 2, directed by Anurag Singh, also stars Diljit Dosanjh and Varun Dhawan. Sunny recently revealed that uch like the original film, this will also be set in 1971.

Farhan Akhtar wanted someone who could look like Shah Rukh Khan's boss; Rajesh Khattar recalls his casting in Don

Actor Rajesh Khattar, who has appeared in films like Don, Sooryavansham, Khiladi 786, among others, recently recalled when Farhan Akhtar brought him on board for Don. Rajesh played the role of Singhania, who was supposed to be the boss of Shah Rukh Khan's character in the film. Rajesh said that he had certain misgivings

about the character and wasn't fully convinced with the way he was styled, and was being presented in the film. When he shared his doubts with Farhan, the director told him that he was cast because they wanted someone who could pull off being Shah Rukh's boss. In a chat with the YouTube channel Friday Talkies, he recalled that he was called in



to audition for a different character, and when he got to know that he was being cast, he assumed it would be for the same role that he auditioned for. He further recalled that his character Singhania wasn't a part of the

original film and shared, "Don was a remake, but Singhania wasn't a part of the original film. The other characters were all there. So I didn't know anything about Singhania." He said that at one point, there was some chatter that Singhania might not even be in the film. "Then at one point, I think Javed saab was also involved with Farhan, if I am remembering

correctly, there some conversation that Singhania might not be a part of the script," he said. Rajesh said that even during the shoot, he was not satisfied because he wanted the larger role. "Then, all my clothes and shoes were white so I thought I am looking like Ajit, the veteran actor. I thought that whatever is happening, it's not correct."

Han So Hee breaks silence months after Hyeri-Ryu Jun Yeol controversy: 'There were moments when...'

After months-long silence following the controversies that plagued her rising career in 2024, My Name star Han So Hee has finally shared an update about her life and comeback plans. On April 11, the South Korean actor penned a heartfelt letter on her personal blog, reflecting on her personal growth. The post didn't directly mention the controversies, but it carried the weight of everything she's been through, especially the backlash involving her brief relationship with Ryu Jun Yeol, the public tension with his ex-girlfriend Hyeri, and the online fallout, including the bullying accusations that followed. "Because the past shapes the present, I tend to reflect often. There were moments when I was lacking, and many times I was convinced I was right when I wasn't," she

wrote. The Gyeongseong Creature Star admitted that she's been trying to stop herself from dwelling on past mistakes. Instead, she's focusing on accepting her limits and living a more practical life. "These days, I try to live within my means and capabilities. We can't always aim for the best or perfection," she shared. As someone constantly in the public eye, she also acknowledged the pressure to always be better, but now she just wants to create a space where people can connect with her honestly. "What I can offer is a space where you can stop by, smile at my messy, unstructured posts and photos, and reflect on your own day. If that brings you even a little closer to me, that's more than enough," she said.



After months of silence, Han So Hee opens up about healing, regrets, and her plans to return to acting, following the backlash over her brief relationship with Ryu Jun Yeol.

The actor had previously expressed frustration with her then-partner, Ryu Jun Yeol, for remaining silent and not clearly addressing their relationship or the situation with his ex-girlfriend, Hyeri, as she was caught up in "transit relationship" claims before they parted ways. Toward the end of the post, she admitted the tone got "a bit heavy," and summed up her letter by saying she'll try to share more once her film shoot wraps.

Cristiano Ronaldo launches film studio with Matthew Vaughn



Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo and filmmaker Matthew Vaughn have joined forces to establish the film studio UR-MARV. Ronaldo announced the news on X (formerly Twitter) on Thursday, revealing that the duo has already bankrolled two action films and is currently working on a third movie. A statement shared on Ronaldo's X account read, "Cristiano loves movies; Matthew Vaughn loves sport — and they both love a good story. Both have been disruptive champions at their game and will now combine the world of sport and storytelling through the launch of UR-MARV, an independent joint venture film studio embracing innovative technology, with a nod to tradition." Talking about the film studio, Cristiano Ronaldo said, "This is an exciting chapter for me as I look to new ventures in business." Matthew Vaughn remarked, "Cristiano has created stories on the pitch that I could never have written, and I look forward to creating inspiring movies with him — he's a real-life superhero."

Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey put a lot of internal work into The Last of Us: 'You have to step into complete vulnerability...'

Bella Ramsey and Pedro Pascal talk about The Last of Us' hiatus, the increased stunt work and lessons from the latest season.

Five years after the end of the first season's events, The Last of Us picks up in Wyoming, where Joel and Ellie — played by Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey — are settled into everyday life alongside an ensemble of returning characters and new faces protecting their fortress from the infected. Ellie is at the centre of Season 2, premiering Sunday on HBO, as she sets out on a quest for vengeance (to tell you more would be a spoiler). But Season 2's new cast members also include some of young Hollywood's rising stars: Isabela Merced (Alien: Romulus), Young Mazino (Beef), Danny Ramirez (Top Gun: Maverick) and Kaitlyn Dever (Apple Cider Vinegar) as the long-awaited Abby, a character introduced in The Last of Us: Part II video game who is set on avenging her father's death. Dever, who played the game with her own father, was originally in talks with series co-creators Neil Druckmann and Craig Mazin to portray Ellie in the

first season. But Abby, she now says, was the role she was meant to play. "It sort of just felt like everything fell into place the way it was supposed to," Dever says. Bella Ramsey and Pedro Pascal spoke with The Associated Press about the show's hiatus, Ramsey's increased stunt work and lessons Pascal took away from this season. **RAMSEY:** What I was most excited about, about going into Season 2, was getting to train and be strong. It's nice to have a reason to exercise that isn't just for your own personal health. I got so battered and bruised. The stunt team did everything they could to protect me, but I still somehow managed to get bruises every time. I think I commit a bit too much. It was a great time. I was absolutely exhausted the whole time but had a lot of fun doing it. **RAMSEY:** Those moments happened quite frequently, not necessarily because of the actual stunt, but because you'd piled up months of exhaustion. And then there were days where I would wake up and be like, "I don't know how I'm going to do today."



Mandira Bedi felt 'dismissed, disrespected' as a cricket presenter, recalls feeling 'powerless, belittled': 'I told myself it must be me'

Mandira Bedi, who had already established herself as an actor, debuted as a television presenter during the 2003 Cricket World Cup. She had appeared in popular films like Dilwale Dulhania



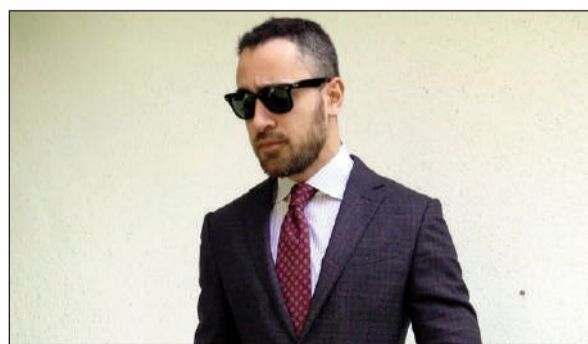
Le Jayenge, but cricket was uncharted territory for her. In those days, there weren't many female cricket presenters in India, and Mandira had to face a lot of sexism from her male colleagues. In a recent interview, she said that she felt "dismissed" and "disrespected." She shared that while things have changed a bit now, the world of cricket presenters is still largely a boys' club. In a chat with Yuvaa, Mandira shared, "I felt dismissed and I felt disrespected. I felt powerless and I felt like I don't know what am I doing here. I questioned myself and belittled myself saying, 'It must be me'." Mandira said that after a while, when she realised that her questions for the panel of experts were being ignored, she decided to stand her ground and make herself known. Earlier, when veterans on the panel ignored her questions, she felt disrespected but later, she decided that she will keep asking the question until she gets her answer.

"Somewhere along the way, when I realised that there's no pressure on me and nothing is off the table and I need to ask what I want to ask, whatever question is in my head could be a question in somebody else's head, nothing is off the table and if someone disrespects me, I will repeat that question till they give me an answer, and everything changed. The dynamic changed. And literally, after one week of being in absolute hell, when I realised that, 'You know what, it's life and I am sitting in the presenter's chair and I am the one who is supposed to ask the questions, I am going to ask them'," she said. Mandira said that unfortunately, not much has changed more than two decades later. "When you say it was a boys' club, it still is a boys' club," she said, and added, "I did a tournament recently. Things have changed but not completely. Anyone who is on the outside, whether she has any knowledge of the game or not, they will be given a certain treatment. You have to be able to hold your own. You have to believe in yourself and keep it going."

Imran Khan recalls the 'unfortunate facet' of his relationship with ex-wife Avantika that made him decide to separate

Actor Imran Khan had a great run at the movies in the 2000s, and for a few years, he was earmarked as the next big star of Bollywood. Unlike the other stars of his generation, who typically pretended to be single, Imran got married to his then girlfriend Avantika when he was a popular leading man in films. The marriage fell apart a few years later, and in a recent interview, Imran said that since they started dating in their teens, a lot of the patterns

in their relationship never evolved. He shared that he was already on a journey to work on his mental health when he decided to separate. He shared with Filmfare, "I entered this relationship when I was very young. I was 19, and in all good faith and good intention. But as is sometimes the case with these kinds of long-term relationships, particularly when you start at a very young age, a lot of the interpersonal dynamics and patterns get set in how you



were as a teenager and as you those did not grow and evolve grew, perhaps, I think all of enough and in some way, we

were not supporting or empowering each other to be the healthiest version of ourselves." Imran acknowledged that this was "an unfortunate facet of our dynamic." He added, "So, I was a couple of years into my mental health journey and in the middle of that, is where I made the choice to separate." Imran and Avantika were married for almost eight years. He also spoke about his relationship with his 10-year-old daughter, and said that they

have built a very "open relationship" with each other. "My daughter and I have formed a tremendously close and open relationship, which is something that I have really wanted to grow and develop my relationship in that way. I wanted her to have a sense of comfort and security, to have the sense that I am there for her, I got her back, but also the sense that she should feel easy and open about talking to me without the fear of judgement," he said.

Bowlers showed strong performance in IPL 2025

New Delhi (Agency). The IPL 2025 season has seen a great performance from the bowlers, especially in terms of maiden overs. A total of four maiden overs have been seen in the matches played so far and it is interesting that the bowlers have also taken wickets in all these overs. Bowlers like Jofra Archer, Vaibhav Arora, Mukesh Kumar and Moeen Ali did this amazing feat and their teams also won these matches. The first maiden over of season 2025 was bowled by Jofra Archer when Rajasthan Royals faced Chennai Super Kings. In this match, Archer not only bowled a maiden over but

also dismissed Rachin Ravindra to give the team victory. Rajasthan Royals

took an important wicket in this over and Kolkata defeated Hyderabad by 80



defeated Chennai by six runs in this match. After this, Vaibhav Arora also bowled the second maiden over of IPL 2025 when Kolkata Knight Riders faced Sunrisers Hyderabad. Arora

runs. Mukesh Kumar bowled the third maiden over against Royal Challengers Bangalore in Bengaluru on 10 April.

During this over, Mukesh took a wicket and Delhi

Capitals defeated RCB by six wickets in this match. Finally, Moeen Ali bowled the fourth maiden over in the match played in Chennai on 11 April. During this over, he took a wicket and put Kolkata Knight Riders in a strong position and his team defeated Chennai Super Kings by eight wickets. These four maiden overs proved that when bowlers play with hard work and precision, it becomes possible to win the team. The brilliant bowling of these bowlers put the opposition teams in trouble along with creating pressure during the match, which helped their teammates towards victory.

Yuvraj was surprised to see Abhishek's innings

Hyderabad (Agency). Former all-rounder of the Indian cricket team, Yuvraj Singh, has praised the young opener Abhishek Sharma, who played a fiery innings for Sunrisers Hyderabad. After failing in the opening match of this season, Abhishek made a strong comeback with a century of 141 runs and led his team to victory. Yuvraj has been Abhishek's mentor, so he is happy as well as surprised to see this innings of his disciple. Abhishek

scored 141 runs in just 55 balls in this innings. After



Abhishek's innings, Yuvraj wrote on social media,

"Wow, Sharmaji's son. Single on 98 and then single on 99. I can't digest so much maturity. Played a brilliant innings, enjoyed watching it." Abhishek was lucky in this match because he was caught by Shashank on the fourth ball of Yash Thakur in the fourth over of the innings, but this ball was declared a no ball. Then this batsman had not even scored fifty runs. Abhishek took full advantage of this opportunity and made a new record.

I was taking advice from Yuvraj and Suryakumar during bad form: Abhishek

Hyderabad (Agency). Sunrisers Hyderabad's young batsman Abhishek Sharma has regained his form by playing a stormy innings of 141 runs in 55 balls against Punjab Kings in IPL. In this match, Abhishek's innings has given Sunrisers a spectacular victory. This is the first time in this season of IPL that Abhishek has played a good innings. He was unsuccessful in the initial matches of this season. Abhishek has said that when he was not able to score runs, during this time he also talked to his mentor Yuvraj Singh as well as Suryakumar Yadav.

It was due to Abhishek's aggressive innings that the Hyderabad team was successful in achieving the target of 246 runs given by Punjab Kings. After playing a brilliant innings in the match, Abhishek said, "This victory is very special because I wanted to break the losing streak. The team has lost four consecutive matches before this victory." He said, "During his bad form, he also talked to Yuvraj. Apart from this, I have been getting constant support from Surya as well.

Half-centuries by Kohli and Salt, Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Rajasthan

Jaipur (Agency): Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Rajasthan Royals by 9 wickets thanks to Virat Kohli's hundredth half-century in 20-20 cricket. Batting first, Rajasthan Royals scored 173 runs for the loss of four wickets. In response, Royal Challengers Bangalore achieved the target by scoring 175 runs in 17.3 overs losing just one wicket. After losing the toss, Rajasthan Royals, who came to bat first, had a good start and did not lose any wicket in the powerplay. However, during this time they could score only 45 runs. Sanju Samson was out on a score of 49 in the seventh over, who scored only 15 runs in 19 balls. Jaiswal was standing at the other end and he got the support of Riyan Parag.



However, Parag also went out after scoring 30 runs in 22 balls. On the other hand, Jaiswal completed his half-century. Josh Hazlewood

dismissed him in the 16th over and his innings ended at 75 runs in 47 balls. Dhruv Jurel scored an unbeaten 35 runs in 23 balls to take his

team to a respectable score. Salt gave a blazing start to Royal Challengers Bangalore chasing the target and the team scored 65 runs in the first six overs without losing a wicket. Salt completed his third half-century of this season in just 28 balls. By the time he was out in the ninth over, Royal Challengers Bangalore had scored 92. Salt scored 65 runs in 33 balls and hit six sixes in addition to five fours in his innings. On the other hand, Kohli played in his own style and completed his 100th half-century in 20-20 cricket. He now has the joint highest (66) 50 plus scores in IPL history. Kohli returned unbeaten after scoring 62 runs in 45 balls. Padikkal came in as an impact player and contributed an unbeaten 40 off 28 balls.

Delhi lost due to three run outs, Mumbai won by 12 runs

New Delhi (Agency). In the second match of the day in the Indian Premier League on Sunday, Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals by 12 runs at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. Three run outs in the 19th over proved costly for Delhi. Abhishek Porel was out after scoring 33 runs, while Karun Nair missed the century and was out after scoring 89 runs. At the same time, Axar Patel was out after scoring 9 runs. Karun Nair has scored a half-century in IPL after seven years. Earlier, Jake Fraser-McGurk became the victim

of Deepak Chahar on the very first ball. Earlier,



Mumbai Indians set a target of 206 runs for the host team to win. After being invited to

bat by Delhi, Rohit (18) and Ryan Rickleton (41) together gave Mumbai a start of 47 runs. Rohit was out soon. After this, Suryakumar Yadav (40 runs, 28 balls, 5 fours, 2 sixes) and Tilak Verma (59 runs, 33 balls, 6 fours, 3 sixes) took Mumbai's innings forward very well. Later, Naman Dheer (38 runs, 17 balls, 3 fours, 2 sixes) also contributed well, due to which Mumbai Indians were able to reach 205 runs for 5 wickets. Vipraj Nigam and Kuldeep Yadav took two wickets each for Delhi.

Kavya hugged Abhishek's mother

Hyderabad (Agency). Sunrisers Hyderabad owner Kavya Maran is very excited about the innings played by young batsman Abhishek Sharma against Punjab Kings. Abhishek has given Sunrisers a big win against Punjab Kings by playing an aggressive innings of 141 runs. In this match, Sunrisers got a big target of 246 runs to win, which they achieved easily. Seeing this, Kavya could not control her emotions and hugged Abhishek's mother. On this, she also congratulated Kavya by kissing her hand in happiness. Abhishek had scored 141 runs in 55 balls in this match. Thus, despite scoring 245 runs, Punjab team lost this match. On the other hand, Hyderabad got its first victory after 4 consecutive defeats. Kavya went and hugged Abhishek's parents Manju Sharma and Raj Kumar Sharma. When Kavya hugged Abhishek's mother, she also kissed her hand lovingly. A video of this has also come on social media. Abhishek scored a century in this match in just 40 balls. This was the third fastest century by an Indian in the history of the tournament. The batsman showed a note while celebrating, on which it was written, "This is for Hyderabad fans.



Barcelona's Pedri playing in La Liga football in Spain.

Head said, it was not a dispute with Stoinis and Maxwell, it was just a joke and banter



Hyderabad (Agency). In the Indian Premier League (IPL) match between Punjab Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad, there was an argument between three Australian players Travis Head, Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell. Head has now described this as a normal thing. In this match, Sunrisers won over Punjab Kings due to Abhishek Sharma's aggressive innings of 141 runs. In the match, Head had an argument with Maxwell and Stoinis in the ninth over. During the ninth over of this innings, Maxwell was bowling. In such a situation, Head hit consecutive sixes on Maxwell on the third and fourth balls of the over. This upset Maxwell. After this Maxwell said something to Head. After the completion of the over, Head expressed his displeasure over this.

After this, Head and Maxwell started arguing. When this kept increasing, the umpire intervened and calmed the matter. After this Stoinis also came in between, due to which the argument started once again. After the match, Head tried to explain the debate as normal. This opener said, "When you know someone well, you say the best and the harshest things to each other. This time too, there was nothing serious in the match, just a little laughter and fun. He also said that we needed this victory which we achieved. We had completed our work in half the time. We gave ourselves an opportunity, showed a little more patience in the beginning. We knew what plan they were going to come up with. We gave ourselves a little more time and started well."

Lucknow Supergiants and CSK will face off in IPL today



Lucknow (Agency). In IPL, Lucknow Supergiants will face Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on their home ground here on Monday. In this match, the goal of the Supergiants will be to win at their home ground and move up the points table as well as maintain the winning streak. On the other hand, it remains to be seen whether captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni can lead the CSK team, which is at the last position in the points table due to continuous poor performance this season, to victory. The CSK team has lost the last five matches in a row. Even in their home ground, they have lost three matches. The team's regular captain Rituraj Gaikwad is out of the tournament due to

injury. In such a situation, Dhoni has once again got the responsibility of captaincy. Dhoni's path as a captain is not easy. Most of the players of the team are not in form and their morale is also low. At the same time, the host team Lucknow Super Giants will try for their fourth consecutive win. He had registered a good win in the last match, which has boosted the morale of the players. His bowlers Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi and Shardul Thakur have bowled well. In the absence of Mitchell Marsh in the last match, captain Rishabh Pant came out to open the innings with Aiden Markram. Now it remains to be seen whether he will come in the top order

after Marsh's return in this match or will come at his fixed number. Talking about the pitch, the pitch of the stadium here has been better for batting due to its slowness. In such a situation, it will not be easy for CSK bowlers to put a check on aggressive batsmen like Nicholas Pooran. The pitch here is considered good for both batting and bowling. On the other hand, CSK's batting will be based on players like Rachin Ravindra, Shivam Dubey, Devon Conway. Dhoni has come in the lower order so far and he is likely to come in the same way in future as well. Overall, Lucknow seems to have the upper hand in this match because Rituraj Gaikwad, who scored the most runs for

CSK this season, is out of the entire tournament due to an elbow fracture. **Lucknow Super Giants Team:** Rishabh Pant (Captain and Wicketkeeper), David Miller, Aiden Markram, Aryan Juyal (Wicketkeeper), Himmat Singh, Matthew Breetzke, Nicholas Pooran (Wicketkeeper), Mitchell Marsh, Abdul Samad, Shahbaz Ahmed, Yuvraj Chaudhary, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Arshin Kulkarni, Ayush Badoni, Shardul Thakur, Avesh Khan, Akash Deep, Manimaran Siddharth, Digvesh Rathi, Akash Singh, Shamir Joseph, Prince Yadav, Mayank Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi. **Chennai Super Kings:** Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Ravindra Jadeja, Shivam Dubey, Mathisha Pathirana, Noor Ahmed, Ravichandran Ashwin, Devon Conway, Syed Khalil Ahmed, Rachin Ravindra, Rahul Tripathi, Vijay Shankar, Sam Curran, Sheikh Rashid, Anshul Kamboj, Mukesh Choudhary, Deepak Hooda, Gurjanpreet Singh, Nathan Ellis, Jamie Overton, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Ramakrishnan Ghosh, Shreyas Gopal, Vansh Bedi, Andre Siddharth.

Abhishek was roaming around with a slip for the last five matches: Head

Hyderabad (Agency). Sunrisers Hyderabad opener Travis Head has said that his partner Abhishek Sharma was roaming around with a slip for the last five matches. After scoring a century, Abhishek took out this slip from his pocket and showed it to the audience on which he had written a special message for the team. The fans have liked it a lot. Regarding this, Head said that Abhishek was already ready for this. Now he has scored a century in the sixth match. He was roaming around with this slip in his pocket from the beginning. It is known that the fans of Sunrisers Hyderabad are known as Orange Army. For the last few seasons, this franchise has attracted the attention of millions of fans with its excellent game.

Sophie reached Dhawan's house

New Delhi (Agency). Former Indian cricket team opener Shikhar Dhawan has been seen with a foreign girl for some time, which has also given strength to the discussions of his affair. After this it was revealed that this girl is Sophie Shine from Ireland. Now a video of Dhawan has come on social media. In this, Sophie is telling him that I want to stay with you. Dhawan is very active on social media and usually shares his videos. Now he has shared a reel with Sophie. During this, Sophie was seen making a video. During this, she is telling Dhawan, I don't want to leave from here, I want to stay with you. Dhawan had told a few days ago, "Yes, I have decided to move forward. I would not say that I was unlucky in love, rather, my choices came from inexperience but now I have experience and it will come in handy. It was a learning phase for me." It is worth noting that Sophie is an Irish product consultant. Dhawan has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket and now he does many other things including cricket commentary apart from advertisements.

Madhya Pradesh is first in the country in computerization of primary credit cooperative societies: Union Minister Shah



Cooperative societies will now also conduct activities like ticket booking, bill submission, running petrol pumps and gas agencies

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- Modi government stands like a rock with the farmers of the state
- Income from cooperative activities will come into the accounts of farmers: Profit will go to farmers, not traders
- Revolutionary change has come in the cooperative movement under the guidance of the central government: Chief Minister Dr. Yadav
- Expansion of cooperative and dairy activities to 50 percent villages of the state is necessary
- Cooperative contracts exchanged between National Dairy Development Board and Madhya Pradesh Dairy Federation

Bhopal (Agency): Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah has said that the work of computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) is going on in the states. In this, Madhya Pradesh is at the first place in the country. The Union Minister praised the 100

percent achievement in Madhya Pradesh. He said that 5.5 crore liters of milk is produced in Madhya Pradesh which is 9 percent of the total production of the country. The period of good governance is going on in the state, this is a golden opportunity to revive the cooperative sector. The Central Government is

standing like a rock with the farmers of the state. It is necessary to expand cooperative and dairy activities to at least 50 percent of the villages in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board. Necessary policy making and planning will also have to be done for this. Financial assistance will also be provided by the Central Government. Activities will have to be conducted on a wide scale to ensure 100 percent benefit of milk production to the farmers. NDDV and the state government will move together towards increasing the income of farmers by producing various products from milk production and its processing in the state. This road is currently two-lane, which will have to be expanded to 6 lanes. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shah was addressing the state level cooperative conference at Ravindra Bhawan in Bhopal on Sunday. In the presence of Union Minister Shah and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, contracts were exchanged between the National Dairy Development

Board and Madhya Pradesh Dairy Federation. Union Minister Shah said that there are immense possibilities of working in the field of agriculture, animal



husbandry and cooperation in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made important changes in the cooperative sector in the last three and a half years. Special attention was given to the empowerment of PACS, promotion of dairy sector, cooperation in the field of production, expansion of activities, smooth functioning of urban cooperative banks, district cooperative banks and rural banks. After its formation, the Union Ministry of Cooperation first developed model bylaws for primary

agricultural cooperative credit societies and shared them with the states. It is a matter of happiness that these bylaws have been implemented all over India.

Union Minister Shah expressed gratitude to all the states for adopting the model bylaws and said that this step has given new life to the cooperative movement. Cooperative societies are now also conducting activities like operating petrol pumps and gas agencies, booking railway tickets, paying bills. There was a time when PACS used to provide only short-term agricultural loans in which they got only half a percent profit. Currently PACS are engaged in more than 30 activities, due to which their

income is also increasing. Union Minister Shah has said that the cooperative movement was gradually dying in different states of the country. The scenario of the cooperative movement was different across the country. The cooperative movement has gained momentum in six states, in some places it was nationalized, but in some places it also suffered losses. The basic reason for this situation was that the changes that should have been made in the laws with time did not happen. In the constitutional system, cooperation is a state subject, the law was not changed according to the changing circumstances and neither were laws made. The country's political-geographical situation, rural, agricultural development and animal husbandry dimensions were never considered in totality at the central level. This was not even possible, because there was no cooperative ministry at the central level. 75 years after independence, Prime Minister Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation at the central level. Union

Minister Shah said that to empower primary cooperative institutions, it is necessary to strengthen the three-tier cooperative system.

Union Minister Shah said that the creation of M-PACS by combining primary agricultural cooperative credit society and dairy and fishery activities was made possible by the new bylaws. Along with this, computerization of all PACS was done by the central government with an amount of 2500 crores. Now PACS are connected to District Cooperative Bank, State and Cooperative Bank as well as NABARD. Along with this, arrangements for their online audit have also been ensured. For the convenience of farmers, software was developed to work in local language. Union Minister Shah said that three new farmer cooperative societies were formed at the national level. Export cooperative was formed to ensure that the farmers' products get a place in the global market, organic cooperative was formed. This initiative was taken with the aim of promoting organic products and getting farmers

a higher price for their produce. Both these institutions will emerge as bigger institutions than Amul in the next 20 years. To connect farmers with seed production, farmers with two and a half acres of land were also recognized under the cooperative. The income from these cooperative activities will go directly to the farmers' accounts and the profit will go to the farmers, not the trader. Also, a cooperative university has been established for training in cooperatives. Union Minister Shah said that farmers do not get a fair price when they sell milk in the open market, so a target will have to be set to produce various milk products by connecting as many farmers of every village with dairies as possible. It is necessary to ensure that curd, whey, buttermilk, paneer, cheese are produced from milk and the profit goes to the farmers. For this, there is a need to increase milk production, improve the breed of animals and develop a better network for milk collection. The contracts being made today will prove to be important in these activities.

BRIEF NEWS

Akhilesh's mistake in hurry to corner BJP and Kejriwal's imitation

Delhi (Agency): Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal made a big mistake today in hurry to corner BJP. Kejriwal made this mistake while reacting to a news shared by Akhilesh Yadav, whereas that news is two years old. Social media users have started cornering him over this. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday targeted the BJP ruling at the center and accused it of ruining education. Taking a dig at BJP over Gujarat model, Kejriwal said that BJP wants to keep the whole country 'illiterate'. It is also 'ruining' the education system in Delhi. Former Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal posted on Instagram and said, this is Gujarat model. This is BJP model, which they want to implement in the whole country. This is double engine model. They want to keep the whole country illiterate. You tell me one state where they have a government and they have not ruined education there. Under this model, they are now engaged in destroying the education system of Delhi as well. Kejriwal was reacting to a post shared by Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, which had a news report that read, "No student passed in class 10 in 157 schools." Akhilesh Yadav had posted on X, "Gujarat model hi fail gaya... Not a single student passed the 10th board exam in 157 schools in Gujarat. BJP hatayenge, bhavishya bachayenge!" Kejriwal said on Friday that the education system in the capital Delhi has completely "fallen into the clutches" of the mafia under the BJP government after the recent alleged fee hike in several private schools. Reacting to the protests in schools over the recent fee hike, Arvind Kejriwal said in a post on X, "The people of Delhi are once again completely at the mercy of the education mafia. How dare the education mafia misbehave with our children?" Because the leaders and ministers are in their pockets - just like they used to be before our government came to power. Delhi AAP president Saurabh Bhardwaj also launched a scathing attack on the BJP government, saying that the ruling party ministers have no idea about the situation in Delhi.

CCTV video of Madhu Vihar accident in Delhi is frightening

Delhi (Agency): While the change in weather in Delhi two days ago, on April 11, brought relief to people from the heat, one person lost his life in Madhu Vihar area. The accident is from the night of the storm, but its CCTV footage has surfaced now. In this video of less than 1 minute, it is clearly visible how a person was walking and suddenly the debris of the wall broke and fell on him. The person died on the spot. During a dust storm in Delhi, a person died due to the collapse of a wall in Madhu Vihar, Delhi. The debris fell on him. News agency PTI has shared a video today in which this horrific incident has been captured on camera. In the video, a person is seen walking in a narrow lane of Madhu Vihar in Delhi. Suddenly the debris of the wall broke and fell on him. This accident was so terrible that the person died on the spot. East Delhi ADCP I Vineet Kumar said that we got a PCR call at around 7 pm. When we reached the spot, we came to know that the construction of a 6-storey building was going on and a wall of the building has collapsed. One person died and two were injured. The injured have been taken to the hospital. In another incident, a 13-year-old boy was injured after a newly built balcony of a building collapsed after a dust storm in Karol Bagh, Delhi on Friday evening. According to the police, the balcony built on the third floor of the four-storey under-construction building collapsed amid strong winds. This recently built balcony fell on the road and hit the boy passing by. Let us tell you that on Friday, Delhi received rain after a strong dust storm and stormy winds, due to which trees were uprooted in many parts of Delhi-NCR.

Shri Adishwar Mahavir Tirthdham is taking shape in the capital, idols will be installed today

Bhopal (Agency): In the capital Bhopal, with the holy blessings of the memorable Pt. Pt. Acharya Gururav 108 Shri Vidyasagar Ji Mahamuniraj and with the inspiration of Sarakouddhark Samadhista Acharya 108 Shri Gyansagar Ji Maharaj and under the guidance of Jagat Pujya Niryapak Shramana Muni Pungav 108 Shri Sudhasagar Ji Maharaj, Shri Adishwar-Mahavir Tirthdham, whose idea is being given shape by the High Court Justice Abhay Gohil family. A new unique Tirthdham in which the replica of these idols is kept in the museum of London, which is the world's only Khadgasan Jain couple idol of the 11th century, bought by an Englishman named John Bridge from our Orissa state in 1830, in which the first Tirthdham Shri Adinath Bhagwan, the founder of Jainism and the last Tirthdham Shri Mahavir Swami, the current ruling hero, are depicted together. After the death of John Bridge, his wife donated that statue to the London Museum in 1872. This statue is very beautiful, worshipable, timeless, supernatural, amazing and the only such unique statue in the world. Spokesperson Anshul Jain said that now

these couple statues are being constructed in Bhopal on 31 feet high granite stone which will take the form of an



unforgettable pilgrimage as a world class, world heritage. A supernatural, unimaginable Chaubisi, with trees and feet of the Keval Gyan Kalyanak of twenty-four Gods is being constructed at this pilgrimage. Along with this, as per the imagination of internationally renowned Bhaktamar healer Dr. Mrs. Manju Jain, Nagpur, Bhaktamar healing center and yogashala, theatre, natural treatment center, library, e-library, research center museum, gurukul, saint residence, guest house, traveler residence and dining hall etc., the entire complex will be filled with natural

beauty, decorated with musical fountain and light and sound system, such a plan has been made. A

unique pilgrimage area is being built in about 6 acres of land behind the Sanskriti Garden, in front of Patel Nagar on Raisen Road, 10 km from Bhopal. Both the couple statues are ready, which will be placed on a 25 feet high pedestal, the height of the lotus and the statues will be about 29 feet. Thus the total height of the pedestal and the statues will be 55 feet. Both the big statues have been made in granite from Karnataka, by the grace of God, high quality granite has been obtained in which there is not even a mole. The work of Chaubisi is also almost complete, only the construction of the grand hall is going to start soon and the work of Bhaktamar Healing Center will also start with it. The work of Chaubisi and Bhaktamar Healing Center will be done with pink colored stone inlay and the interior decoration will be done with white marble. The builders of the pilgrimage are trying to get the Panch Kalyanak of this grand pilgrimage done in the coming February-March 2026. On Monday, 14th April, both the above mentioned couple idols will be installed on a 25 feet high throne in the auspicious presence, presence and guidance of Muni Shri 108 Praman Sagar Maharaj Sangh.

Shortage of Accounts Officers in Government Departments

Bhopal (Agency): There is a shortage of Accounts Officers, who are considered the backbone of the administrative system in Madhya Pradesh. The situation is such that the shortage of Accounts Officers is also affecting the departments. But the irony is that the government has not conducted the Subordinate Accounts Service Examination in 11 years. This is affecting the work of government departments.

It is worth mentioning that the clerical force strengthens the government's documentary administrative structure. But the irony is that it has been 11 years, the department has not conducted the Subordinate Accounts Service Examination to fill this post. In a way, this post has been abolished unofficially. Due to this, there is a shortage of Accounts Officers in the departments. It is worth mentioning that under the rules of the government, it is the job of the Accounts Officer to monitor all the financial matters in the departments. All the transactions and liabilities are given a green signal only after the Accounts Officer's note is put on the related liabilities. The accountant's job is to examine the bills prepared by the clerks, and if there is any flaw in it, correct it and forward it.

The Subordinate Accounts Service Examination is conducted every three years by the Treasury and Accounts Department under the Finance Department. Only clerks who have passed the account training and are proficient in computers are eligible to appear in this exam. People skilled in all three categories of clerks have been passing the exam and becoming accountants. No exam has been conducted since 2013, due to which posts are lying vacant in every department. This is affecting the activities of the departmental work. Departments like Water Resources, Public Works, Public Health Engineering, Rural Engineering, Panchayat and Rural Development, Public Health Welfare have also written letters to the Treasury, but this exam has not been conducted till date.

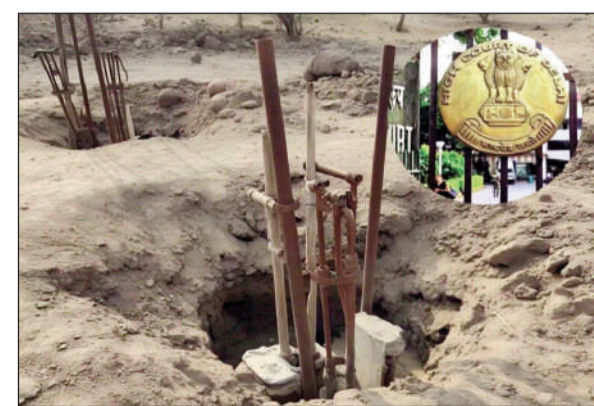
When will the summer holidays start in government schools of Delhi



Delhi (Agency): The academic calendar for the academic session 2025-26 of the students studying in government and government-aided schools of the capital Delhi has been released. According to the new academic calendar, the students will have summer vacation from May 11 to June 30. Teachers will have to report to schools from June 28. Admissions for classes VI to VIII will continue at the school level throughout the year, while non-planned admissions will be in three cycles and registration for these will also be in three phases. The result of compartment examination for classes V, VII, IX and XI will come on May 8. Apart from this, mid-term exams will be conducted from September 15 to October 10. The Delhi Directorate of Education (DOE) has released the annual school calendar for schools. According to this, autumn holidays will be from September 29 to October 1. At the same time, winter holidays will be from January 1 to January 15.

Extracting water from borewells in an illegal manner is a sin

Delhi (Agency): The Delhi High Court has said that extracting water from borewells illegally is no less than a sin, there is a need to put some kind of curb on such people. The High Court expressed grief that if these illegal borewells are not stopped, then the condition of Delhi can also become like Johannesburg in South Africa a few years ago. Let us tell you that after a time there the water was exhausted. A bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said on April 9, it is necessary to put some kind of curb. The way illegal borewells are reducing the water level is no less than a sin. Do you know what happened in Johannesburg? A few years ago there was no water in that



city for many months. They faced a huge water crisis. Do you want a similar situation to come in Delhi? The court asked the municipal officials how they allowed borewells for construction work. The court was hearing a petition filed by advocate Sunil Kumar Sharma, in which he said that several illegal borewells or submersible

pumps were installed in a building under construction on Goenka Road in Roshanara area and demanded their removal. The petitioner also told the court that the Delhi Municipal Corporation has said in response to an RTI application that six borewells were found in the building.

Will e-rickshaws continue to run on Delhi's roads or will they be banned?

Delhi (Agency): The government is not in favor of giving concessions to e-rickshaws which have become a nuisance. E-rickshaws are currently banned on Delhi's main roads, while there is no such ban on CNG autos. The Delhi government is not going to lift the ban on e-rickshaws under the new EV policy, nor will e-rickshaws be seen running on major roads. E-rickshaws are weaker than CNG autos in terms of speed, so it is also believed that they can cause traffic jams and accidents on major roads. Due to this, they are banned on 236 roads. But they are still running on these roads. Action is being taken against such e-rickshaws and challans are also being issued, but their drivers are not ready to improve.