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Aviation department initiated probe, official death toll only after DNA test: Amit Shah on Air India plane crash

The Ahmedabad-London Air India flight with 242 people onboard, crashed within seconds of taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport.

New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the temperature in the ill-fated Air India plane that crashed in Ahmedabad on Thursday was so high due to burning fuel that there was no chance to rescue people. Shah also said the Ministry of Civil Aviation has initiated a probe into the tragic incident that claimed 241 lives. The Ahmedabad-London Air India flight with 242 people onboard, crashed within seconds of taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport on Thursday afternoon.

The plane brushed past one of the buildings in Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College (BJMC) compound before crashing and bursting into flames. Of the 242 people onboard, only one survived, Air India said in a statement. While Air India has confirmed that 241 people were killed in the deadly crash, Shah said that. The official number of deceased will be declared only after DNA testing is completed.

Meanwhile, the airline confirmed in a post on X that 241 lost their lives in the crash. "Air India confirms that flight AI171, operating from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick on 12 June 2025,



was involved in an accident. The 12-year-old Boeing 787-8 aircraft departed from Ahmedabad at 1338 hrs, carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew. The aircraft crashed shortly after take-off. We regret to inform that, of the 242 aboard, there are 241 confirmed fatalities. The sole survivor is being treated in a hospital," it said.

Key points from Amit Shah's press conference:

- The entire nation is shocked by the unfortunate incident involving Air India flight number AI-171. All citizens of the country stand in solidarity with the families of the passengers who were affected by this tragedy.

- On behalf of the Government of India, the Government of Gujarat, and the Hon'ble Prime Minister, I express deep condolences to all those who lost their lives.
- The Government of India and the Government of Gujarat are jointly engaged in relief and rescue operations.
- There was 1.25 lakh litre of fuel inside the plane and it caught fire so it was impossible to save anyone
- I met the injured survivor of the accident at the hospital.
- The official number of deceased will be declared only after DNA testing is completed.
- Immediately after the incident, the Government of Gujarat alerted all disaster management units, including the Health Department, Fire Brigade, Police Department, and also involved CAPF units of the Government of India. All agencies jointly began relief and rescue efforts.
- Visited various parts of the incident site.
- The DNA sampling process for relatives who have reached the incident site will be completed within the next 2-3 hours. Families whose relatives are abroad have already been informed, and their DNA samples will be taken upon arrival.

Karnataka CM writes to union agri minister for timely intervention to help mango farmers

New Delhi. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday requested Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shivaraj Singh Chouhan for an urgent Price Deficiency Payment and Market Intervention Scheme for mango farmers in Karnataka.

He has written to the union minister drawing his attention to the "severe distress" being faced by mango farmers across Karnataka due to a sharp and unsustainable decline in market prices during the current harvest season. "Mango is one of Karnataka's major horticultural crops, cultivated over an area of approximately 1.39 lakh hectares with estimated production of 8-10

lakh metric tonne this Rabi season, particularly in Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Chikkaballapura, Kolar, and Bengaluru South districts," Siddaramaiah said in a letter. Noting that during the peak harvest months of May to July, heavy market arrivals have led to substantial price fluctuations, he said market prices, which earlier hovered around Rs 12,000 per quintal, have now plummeted to as low as Rs 3,000 per quintal, while the Karnataka State Agriculture Price Commission has recommended the cost of cultivation at Rs 5,466 per quintal. "This sharp mismatch between production costs and market



realisations has placed the farming community under acute financial stress," he added. Highlighting that thousands of small and marginal mango growers are unable to recover even their basic input costs, leading to widespread protests and growing agrarian anxiety, the CM said unless prompt and effective intervention is

undertaken, this crisis may lead to serious socio-economic consequences in the region.

"In view of this grave situation, I earnestly request that immediate steps be taken to implement a Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for mangoes, as an urgent policy response. Necessary directions may also be issued to designated central procurement agencies such as NAFED and NCCF to initiate procurement operations immediately at an appropriate intervention price, ensuring that farmers receive at least the minimum cost of cultivation as a safety net," he said.

Air India Crash: For Vijay Rupani, 1206 Was A Lucky Number — Until His Final Flight

New Delhi. For years, 1206 was more than just a number to Vijay Rupani. It was the former Gujarat chief minister's talisman, a symbol of fortune that had guided him through the pivotal moments of his life—from his rise in Gujarat politics to personal milestones. However, on June 12, that very number—which had once brought him success and fortune—would come to mark his untimely end.

On Thursday, when Rupani boarded Air India AI171, bound for London, a routine flight that would take him to his family quickly turned into a nightmare. The plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad, taking the lives of 241 people on board and leaving just one miracle survivor. Among them was the former chief minister, whose relationship with 1206 seemed almost prophetic in its tragic irony.

For decades, 1206 had appeared in some of the most significant moments of Rupani's career, from his entry into politics to his tenure as chief minister. It



had been the number on his election forms, the number of his personal cars, and even the one he used to sign personal documents. Rupani had often spoken of it with reverence, describing it as his "lucky charm," the key to his success. His supporters, too, came to see it as a good omen—something that would continue to steer

him toward a bright future. However, now, the number that once signified prosperity will forever symbolise an unfathomable loss.

Confirming Rupani's death, Gujarat BJP state president CR Patil called it a "great loss" for the party. "Our leader, former Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, was also on that flight. Vijay Rupani died in this tragedy. May God grant peace to his soul. This is a great loss for the BJP family as well," Patil said.

The ill-fated Air India flight struggled to gain altitude and slammed into a hostel for doctors of a medical college, immediately killing five students. What seems to have compounded the impact was the fact that the airliner was loaded with aviation fuel since it was set to fly all the way to London.

It was also revealed that shortly after takeoff, the pilot sent out a "Mayday" call, but when Air Traffic Control tried to make repeated attempts to get in touch with the flight, there was no response.

'Unity against terrorism lauded at BRICS forum'

NEW DELHI. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh said on Thursday that India's stance on key issues, including the recent tragic attack in Pahalgam and its ongoing advocacy for global unity in combating terrorism, was widely acknowledged during the recently concluded 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum. Speaking to reporters, the Deputy Chairman noted, "These positions were unanimously reflected in the Forum's final joint declaration. In particular, India's firm and principled stance on countering terrorism received strong endorsement."

He further emphasised that the Indian delegation, led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, unequivocally condemned terrorism in all its forms and robustly called for the adoption of a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. Harivansh highlighted that the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, held in Brasilia with participation from the Parliaments of all 10 member countries, including India, marked a significant success for the country. He noted that this year's event saw delegations from India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Indonesia. Representatives from these Parliaments actively contributed to the discussions and played a key role in shaping the joint declaration.

He pointed out that the joint declaration strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India, with the member Parliaments pledging to take collective action against terrorism. Sharing his views, the Indian delegation stressed the urgent need for coordinated efforts to cut off financial support to terrorist organisations, enhance intelligence sharing, prevent the misuse of emerging technologies, and strengthen cooperation in investigations and judicial processes.

Ahmedabad Plane Crash: Jaishankar In Touch With UK, Portuguese, Canadian Counterparts

New Delhi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said that he is in touch with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy, Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Rangel, and Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand in connection with the Ahmedabad plane crash. Jaishankar added that he has expressed condolences to the families of the deceased and offered full support in this hour of grief.

"In touch with FS @DavidLammy of the UK, FM @PauloRangel_pt of Portugal and FM @AnitaAnandMP of Canada regarding the Ahmedabad plane crash. Expressed our profound condolences and offered fullest support in this hour of grief," Jaishankar said on X.

Meanwhile, authorities are conducting DNA sampling for the identification of deceased passengers of the Air India 171 flight is underway at the Civil

Hospital in Ahmedabad. Earlier today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a review meeting with the officials in Ahmedabad in connection with the incident. He also visited the plane crash site in and took stock of the situation. Prime Minister Modi has directed the Minister and authorities to ensure all necessary support is extended immediately and asked to be kept regularly updated on the situation, as per media reports. Union Home Minister Shah has also met with the injured in the hospital and chaired a meeting with the Civil Aviation Minister, the Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and others to take stock of the situation.

Following the crash, Tata Group announced an ex gratia of Rs. 1 crore for the families of the individuals who were killed in the tragedy. The plane crash occurred on Thursday afternoon, just minutes after it took off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. 169 Indian nationals, 53 British nationals, 1 Canadian national and 7 Portuguese nationals were killed in the crash.

In Jharkhand, trouble mounts for Sita Soren as ex-PA files abduction case

Patna. A Dhanbad court has admitted a criminal complaint filed by Jharkhand BJP leader Sita Soren's ex-aide Devashish Manoranjan Ghosh, who has accused her of abducting, assaulting, looting, and framing him in an Arms Act case earlier this year. Ghosh, who was a former PA to Soren, alleged that on March 6 he was taken to Dhanbad at Sita's behest under the pretext of attending a wedding. He alleged he was "diverted from Wedlock Hotel to Sonotel Hotel in Dhanbad, where the conspiracy unfolded".

"On the evening of March 6 while I was taking rest in the hotel (Sonotel Hotel), I was asked to come out of the hotel, where nearly 15 people assaulted me, looted money from my ATM and UPI apps, and planted weapons including a pistol (desi katta) near me," Ghosh alleged. "They filed an FIR against me the same night at Saraidhela police station under the Arms Act and I was arrested soon afterwards. I spent 31 days in jail," he said.

Ghosh claimed that "the real reason behind Sita Soren's fallout with me was political". He said Sita had accused him of "aligning" with Congress leader Irfan Ansari in the Jamtara seat during the November 2024 Jharkhand polls in an alleged attempt to "sabotage" her campaign. After his release on bail, Ghosh said he refrained from approaching the police and has now chosen to directly move a Dhanbad court with his complaint against Sita.

Tragedy Above Ahmedabad: Air India Flight AI171 Crash Claims Hundreds

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On 12 June 2025, Air India Flight AI171, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner (VT-ANB), bound for London Gatwick, crashed mere seconds after takeoff from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport.

There were 242 people on board (230 passengers, 12 crew).

At least 241 individuals on the aircraft and 28+ on the ground perished, making it India's deadliest air crash in decades, with total fatalities exceeding 269. The aircraft slammed into the hostel block of B.J. Medical College, devastating the campus and severely injuring dozens of students. The sole survivor, Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, seated at 11A by an emergency exit, managed to leap out and walk away with injuries.

Who Was at Fault? Early Indications

Initial investigations suggest technical failure, eyewitnesses reported the landing gear was still down and flaps were up—highly

irregular for climb-out—combined with engine "thrust loss".

Preliminary focus is on the aircraft systems, engine control, landing gear, and fuel actuators—but with the cockpit voice recorder still missing, the full cause remains under investigation. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is leading the inquiry with technical assistance from the US NTSB, FAA, Boeing, GE Aerospace, and UK authorities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately visited Ahmedabad, inspected the crash site, met survivors and families, and held a high-level review meeting with central and Gujarat officials.

The Civil Aviation Ministry (DGCA) ordered urgent enhanced safety inspections of all Air India Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft, focusing on engine controls, hydraulic systems, flaps, and landing gear.

Six NDRF teams and BSF units were



deployed for rescue and recovery; the state government set up family support and DNA identification centers.

Parent group Tata Sons pledged ₹1 crore

(~\$117,000) in compensation for each passenger, covering medical and funeral expenses. External agencies (US, UK, Boeing) have offered full cooperation; DGCA has "ordered additional maintenance actions" on the fleet to prevent repeat incidents.

Prime Minister Modi has taken a hands-on role:

1. On-site presence in Ahmedabad, meeting the survivor and grieving families.
2. Coordinated rescue relief by directing deployment of NDRF, BSF, forensic and medical teams.
3. Immediate safety directives via DGCA inspections on the Boeing fleet.
4. Support for affected families, ensuring compensation, counseling, and mental health services by central and state governments.

With black boxes recovered, AAIB will attribute fault—technical or human error—before recommending action. Boeing and GE Aerospace face strict scrutiny; if manufacturing or design flaws emerge, Modi's government is expected to pursue legal, regulatory, and financial penalties.

Air India staff, including maintenance and operations teams, may come under investigation for regulatory compliance lapses. In the event of negligence, the government could initiate criminal prosecution, tighten civil aviation regulations, and prohibit key personnel from flying until full reconciliation of standards.

The AI171 crash is a profound national tragedy. While preliminary findings hint at technical failure, comprehensive AAIB findings are awaited. The swift interventions by PM Modi, DGCA, Tata Group, and international agencies reflect leadership intent but justice and prevention require unwavering diligence.

NEWS BOX

Kerala nurse's dream to settle at home meets tragic end in Ahmedabad crash

PATHANAMTHITTA. A pall of grief descended on Pullad in Pathanamthitta on Thursday as news broke that Ranjitha Gopakumaran Nair was among the victims of the Air India flight crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Ranjitha, 39, a nurse, was returning to the UK, where she worked, after a brief visit to her home.

The tragedy has left her two children — Induchoodan, and Idhika — and elderly mother, Thulasi, devastated. As news about her death was confirmed by the district administration around 4.30pm, a large number of people gathered at her ancestral home in Vadakkekavala.

Ranjitha, who had worked as a nurse in Salalah, Oman, and later in the UK, was on the cusp of fulfilling her life's aspirations. She had been working in the UK for the past eight months and returned to India recently to complete the formalities for renewing the government job she had in Kerala.

She had secured a job at the Pathanamthitta General Hospital five years ago and was on long leave during which she worked abroad. She had been constructing a new house at Pullad and was planning to move into it along with her children soon. "Ranjitha's visit home was brief. After completing the paperwork for her government job, she was returning to the UK when the tragedy struck," said Aneesh Varikkannamala, KPCC secretary and close associate of the family. Ranjitha left home on Wednesday afternoon. She travelled to Ernakulam from Tiruvalla on a train and flew from Nedumbassery to Chennai and then to Ahmedabad, from where she boarded the ill-fated flight to London.

Telangana HC bars demolition of heritage structures for Metro works in Old City

HYDERABAD. The Telangana High Court on Thursday barred the state government and Hyderabad Airport Metro Ltd from demolishing or altering any archaeological or heritage structures along the proposed Metro Rail Corridor-6 from MGBS to Chandrayangutta, until a comprehensive report is filed. The directive came from a division bench, comprising Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara, while hearing a petition filed by the Act Public Welfare Foundation, represented by Rahim Khan. The petitioner alleged that several heritage sites in the Old City were being targeted for demolition as part of the Metro project.

In April, the Additional Advocate General (AAG), Imran Khan, had assured the court that no declared heritage structures would be touched, and sought time to submit a report based on heritage conservation committee notifications. On Thursday, the AAG sought more time again. Opposing the plea, petitioner's counsel, MA Basith, accused authorities of deliberately stalling and misleading the court. He also submitted RTI replies questioning whether statutory clearances were obtained for the project. Taking serious note of the delay, the court gave the government three weeks to file the report and barred any demolition or alteration of heritage structures in the meantime.

VIMSAR, OUHS warned by UGC for flouting anti-ragging norms

BHUBANESWAR. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has warned two state government-run institutions of regulatory action for failing to submit the mandatory anti-ragging compliance reports and undertakings from students not to indulge in ragging, for the year 2024. The two institutions are Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) at Burla and Odisha University of Health Sciences (OUHS) in Bhubaneswar. The UGC on Thursday asked 89 universities and institutions across the country including the two in Odisha to submit the anti-ragging compliance and get online undertakings from all students directly under them or in their affiliated institutions, within 30 days.

Under the National Ragging Prevention Programme of the Ministry of Education, it is mandatory for all colleges, standalone higher education institutions and universities - both public and private - to submit anti-ragging undertaking by students through UGC's anti-ragging website and file undertakings of compliance with UGC's anti-ragging regulations, 2009.

In a letter to the institutions, UGC secretary Manish R Joshi pointed out that despite multiple advisories, follow-up calls from the anti-ragging helpline and direct interventions by its anti-ragging monitoring agency, the institutions have failed to submit the documents which is a violation of the regulations.

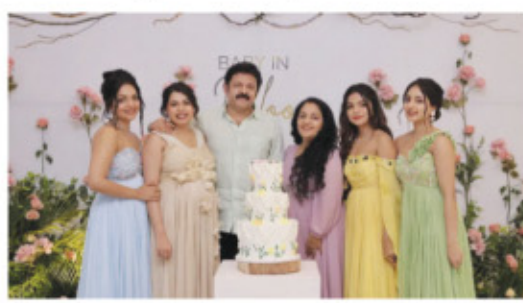
He directed the defaulters to ensure that all enrolled students complete their online anti-ragging affidavits and submit their compliance reports within 30 days, along with a comprehensive account of the preventive measures taken to stop ragging on campuses. Failure to comply would lead to listing of the institutions as non-compliant on the UGC website and consideration for de-recognition or withdrawal of affiliation, Joshi warned.

An episode of trust and betrayal : Father — daughter duo Krishnakumar-Diya exposes the 'QR-code' mafia

Thiruvananthapuram. In a case that has stirred public emotion and political discourse alike, the Kerala police is under fire for allegedly filing a false and politically motivated FIR against actor-politician and BJP leader Krishnakumar, his pregnant daughter Diya Krishna, and four others. Krishnakumar alleged that the FIR containing non-bailable sections, was filed without proper inquiry, following a counter-petition by three employees accused of massive financial fraud. Krishnakumar, a public figure, an actor, politician has alleged that the entire FIR was a deliberate move to intimidate and silence him due to his political leanings. According to him and his daughter Diya — who is in an advanced stage of pregnancy — the charges came after they exposed a major financial crime within Diya's business, OH By Ozy.

What is the case all about?

In the first week of June, there were two cases that was filed in the Museum police station — one by Krishna Kumar and her daughter Diya Krishnan for defrauding Rs 69 lakhs and the other by three employees of their firm for allegedly abduction, extortion and later insulting them



using caste slurs.

What Diya said:

Diya and her father claimed the scam was uncovered when a friend tried to pay at the store and the money failed to reach the business account. According to Diya, the employees convinced customers that the shop's QR code was "corrupted" and directed payments to their personal accounts.

Diya says she has submitted CCTV footage and a video where one of the employees confesses to splitting the money. The family also claimed the employees returned around Rs9 lakh, with over Rs60 lakh still unaccounted for. Diya out-rightly denies the abduction charge, saying the employees voluntarily travelled with her and

her family from her flat to her father's office.

What the employees say:

The accused employees told the media they had worked at the boutique for a year and regularly handed over money received from customers to Diya in cash. Since these were off-the-record transactions, they claim to have no proof. They allege that on May 29, they were forcibly taken to Krishnakumar's office and insulted based on their caste. The next day, they resigned.

The couple had earlier chosen not to pursue police action when Diya discovered that three employees — Radhakumari, Divya R., and Vineetha Julius — had siphoned off money from the firm using unauthorized QR codes. However, when they were threatened late at night by the accused individual's husbands, Diya and Krishnakumar brought the matter before the police. However the father-daughter duo alleged that they faced intimidation from various quarters instead of support. As per Krishna Kumar what followed was shocking: Museum Circle Inspector Mr. Vimal registered a non-bailable FIR against the victims themselves, ignoring clear evidence of the crime. However, he stated that truth has now come to light.

How I survived: Vishwas Kumar, on seat 11A, recounts miracle escape from crash

Vishwas Kumar Ramesh was in seat 11A of the doomed Air India flight. After the plane crashed and exploded, he was the only person pulled out alive from the wreckage.

Mumbai. The sole survivor of the Air India Flight AI171 crash in Ahmedabad, which left 265 people dead, has revealed how he miraculously escaped the inferno that followed the disaster. Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, a British national, was seated in 11A, next to the emergency door on the left side of the aircraft. He said the plane broke apart shortly after take-off, and his seat was flung clear of the wreckage. As a result, he was shielded from the flames that engulfed the rest of the aircraft. "The plane broke, and my seat came off," he told doctors treating him at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. "That is how I was saved." Ramesh told doctors that he did not jump from the plane but was thrown out while still strapped to his seat when the aircraft disintegrated. "The place where I landed was low... I took off the seat belt and for a moment, I was scared for my life. But I was near ground level, so I tried to get out," he told DD



News. Seeing the doors of the aircraft were broken, Ramesh said he was able to walk out on foot, even as he saw passengers and crew dying around him. "I can't believe how I survived," Ramesh said. "I thought I would die. People died in front of my eyes." A now viral video shows a bruised and bloodied Ramesh limping towards an ambulance as bystanders assist him with questions about the fate of the rest of the people on the flight. At present, he is under

observation in the trauma ward. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, bound for London's Gatwick airport, crashed into a medical college hostel shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday. The aircraft was carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members. The 11-year-old aircraft could be seen from miles away, losing altitude rapidly and combusting in a fiery blaze that sent plumes of thick black smoke spiralling up in the air. The aircraft climbed just about 600-800 feet before plummeting to the ground almost immediately. Images of the aftermath showed parts of the plane embedded into BJ Medical College, with pieces of its landing gear, fuselage and tail protruding from the building. The pilot of the twin-engine wide-bodied aircraft issued a 'Mayday' distress call, denoting a full emergency, soon after takeoff at 1.39pm, the Air Traffic Control.

Kerala nurse's dream of new home, life back in India ends with Gujarat air crash

Kerala. A 39-year-old nurse, Ranjitha Gopakumar, from Thiruvalla in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, was among the 241 passengers and crew killed in a catastrophic plane crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Ranjitha, a mother of two, was working as a nurse in the United Kingdom and had returned to India just four days earlier. According to sources close to her, she had hoped to complete formalities related to her government job here, and resume service in Kerala.

She was planning to quit her job in the UK and rejoin the service in India. Having briefly worked in Salalah, Oman, before moving to the United Kingdom, Ranjitha had taken leave from the Kerala government health service to pursue better opportunities overseas.

Her return to India was filled with purpose: she intended to finalise the construction of a new house and bring her children and elderly mother into a safer, more stable life. Ranjitha is survived by her mother, Thulassykuttyamma, and her children: 15-year-old Induchoodan, a Class 10 student, and 12-year-old Idhika, who is in Class 7. She also leaves behind two brothers. Before her Ahmedabad-London flight on Thursday, Ranjitha had boarded a connecting flight from Chennai to Ahmedabad, intending to continue her journey to the UK to collect her release certificate.

"She was happy and hopeful when she left," said a close relative. "There were so many plans. So many dreams," he added.



Sri Lanka Tapu: Uttarakhand's 'Monsoon Island' braces for three months of isolation, new helipad offers hope amid challenges

Dehradun. As monsoon sets to hit Uttarakhand in the coming few days, the remote village of Sri Lanka Tapu, located in Nainital district's Bindukhatta area, is preparing for three months of complete isolation. Every year, 115 families residing in this unique settlement find themselves cut off from the mainland, battling flooding, lack of infrastructure, and limited access to essential services.

Stockpiling for survival

With rising waters making travel impossible, residents have begun stockpiling food and supplies to sustain themselves through the monsoon. A local resident explained, "We have to ensure we have enough to last us through the entire monsoon." The Gaula River, which surrounds the village on three sides, becomes dangerously swollen, making crossing impossible. The fourth side is dense forest, further isolating the community.

Government steps in

Recognizing the annual crisis, Haldwani



Sub-Divisional Magistrate Rekha Kohli visited the village, accompanied by departmental officials. Acting on her directives, the food supply inspector distributed rations to last until August, while the health department provided a three-month supply of life-saving medicines. SDM Kohli stated, "We have ensured residents receive crucial supplies to sustain them through the monsoon, including rations and medicines."

New helipad offers hope

In a major development, a helipad has been constructed in Sri Lanka Tapu, offering a lifeline for medical emergencies. Officials confirm that this

Uttarakhand weather update: Heavy rain likely in Dehradun, Nainital, other districts till June 17, orange alert for Char Dham areas



Dehradun. Uttarakhand is witnessing a major shift in weather, with heavy rainfall cooling the mountains while humidity continues to trouble residents in the plains. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for heavy rain in the Char Dham area, warning of thunderstorms and gusty winds in several districts like Dehradun and Nainital.

Heavy rainfall in hills, humidity persists in plains

The mountainous regions of Uttarakhand, including Chamoli, Rudrapur, and Bageshwar, have been experiencing heavy rainfall, leading to a drop in temperature. However, in the plains, including Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar, the humidity remains intense, making daily life uncomfortable.

In Dehradun, the weather fluctuated throughout Thursday, with partial cloud cover and intermittent sunshine. Light to moderate rain was recorded in Rajpur Road, Sahasradhara Road, Raipur, Malsi, and Lacchiwala, offering temporary relief from the humidity. However, areas like Ghantaghar, ISBT, and Clementown continued to experience high humidity levels, leaving residents struggling with the heat. IMD issues orange and yellow alerts

The IMD has issued an orange alert for heavy rain with thunder and lightning in Rudrapur, Bageshwar, and Chamoli, warning of potential disruptions in these areas. Additionally, a yellow alert has been issued for lightning, thundershowers, and gusty winds in other districts, including Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar.

facility will enable timely evacuations, ensuring residents receive urgent medical care when needed.

A village forgotten by development

Despite state-wide infrastructure projects, Sri Lanka Tapu remains largely neglected. The population of 356 people, including 200 registered voters, struggles with basic amenities. Residents must cross knee-to-waist deep water in the Gaula River to access schools, hospitals, and polling stations. Wild animals have devastated local farming, further worsening economic conditions.

The story behind the name

Originally known as Khuriya Khatta, the village was split in two after the 1985 Gaula River floods. The isolated portion was nicknamed 'Sri Lanka Island' by journalists who, during an aerial survey, noticed its striking resemblance to the island nation. Residents have been demanding embankments for eight years, but no action has been taken. Electricity remains unreliable.

'Land grab' by shrimp farms threatens Pulicat sanctuary

The study area, Thangalperumbulam in Ponneri Taluk of Tiruvallur, is inhabited largely by Scheduled Caste communities.

CHENNAI. A grassroots movement committed to protecting wetlands in Chennai has flagged large-scale violations and alleged land grab by aquaculture farms in the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of the Pulicat bird sanctuary in Tiruvallur district.

A report titled "Aquaculture Land Grab" released by the 'Save Ennore Creek Campaign' on Thursday claimed 309 acres, equivalent to 34 cricket stadiums, have been occupied by aquaculture farms, of which 62 acres are poramboke common lands classified as grazing grounds (Meikal poramboke) and floodplains (Kazhuveli poramboke). The study area, Thangalperumbulam in Ponneri Taluk of Tiruvallur, is inhabited largely by Scheduled Caste communities. The residents largely rely on cattle rearing, agriculture, and fishing, all of which depend on access to common lands and the Kosasthalaiyar-Pulicat wetland system.

According to the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Act, 2005 (as amended in 2023), aquaculture farms must not be

established within 100m of rivers, creeks, backwaters, or agricultural lands. Section 13(8)(b) prohibits farm siting in buffer zones of waterbodies. Guidelines under Section 3 require that common property resources such as canals, creeks, and sea must not be used in ways that interfere with traditional activities like fishing. Despite these rules, the report found that 173 acres of shrimp farms are located within prohibited buffer zones — 50 acres near agricultural land, 110 acres near the Kosasthalaiyar River, and 13 acres in both zones.

When contacted, a senior bureaucrat from the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said the government will look into the allegations. "A thorough check should be done on the veracity of the claims since many of these shrimp farms would be old and existing before the CAA Act came into force, and the land grab issues are dealt by revenue department," the official said. Tiruvallur collector M Prathap was not



available for comments. The report contended that of the nine operators registered by CAA, eight were registered despite the farms located within the prohibited buffer zones. According to the CAA website, 178 acres were registered with renewed certification. Local residents say farms have affected their access to grazing lands. "By taking over poramboke lands, these farms are taking away our livelihood. The government should remove these," said Mary, a cattle-rearer of

Thangalperumbulam. Around 700 cattle are reared by women in the village, and they rely on the Meikkal poramboke. Cattle rearers from nearby villages like Kadapakkam, Sirupazhaverkadu, and Edayankulam also use these common resources.

Farmers reported increased salinity

in soil over the past four years. "The salinisation of our local food security is caused by the illegal siting of farms within agricultural land buffers. They should be removed," said S Devan, a resident.

The report documented bird habitats within the ESZ, including sightings of flamingos and painted storks.

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Himachal govt to declare support price for potato soon: Sukhu

Shimla, June 13: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said the state government would announce a support price



for purchase of potatoes shortly apart from setting up a Rs 20 crore potato-processing plant in Una district. The Chief Minister chaired the state-level multi-stakeholder consultative conference organised by Himachal Pradesh Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network here today. "The state government is constantly striving to strengthen the rural economy and a support price for potato would

be soon declared to support the farmers," he said. Sukhu said the state government was promoting green energy and natural farming

in a big way. "Minimum support price has already been fixed for crops produced through natural farming and it would be further increased in the coming time," he said. Highlighting the importance of natural farming, he said that many new schemes would be implemented in the coming year to boost the rural economy. The Chief Minister said that 80 per cent of the state's population depends

on agriculture for livelihood and this sector contributes 14 per cent to the state's GDP. He expressed concern over the changing pattern of weather which was adversely affecting the agriculture sector. "This challenge of climate change could be faced effectively by taking steps like climate-tolerant agriculture, promotion of pulses, extensive animal husbandry, more use of traditional seeds, laying emphasis on water security and soil conservation," he added. Sukhu said traditional seeds and crops grown through natural farming were rich in nutrition and also required less water. "We need to reuse such traditional crops and these had to be further improved through research to ensure nutritious food and clean environment to the future generations," he said. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also released a book based on the experiences of natural farming. He praised the farmers engaged in natural farming and also detailed the efforts being made by the state government in promoting this system of agriculture. Padma Shri awardee Nek Ram Sharma apprised the Chief Minister about the conference and discussed the importance of millets along with conservation of water, forest and land. MLA Harish Janartha, Padma Shri awardee Hariman, agriculture expert Dr Sabyasachi Das, agriculture experts, senior officials of the Agriculture Department, stakeholders and representatives of the agricultural university were present.

Complete engineer development plans in a timely manner: Dhami

Dehradun, June 13: Dehradun Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami called upon the engineers working in all the departments of the state to complete every scheme related to the development of the state on time and to reach the common people with 100% benefits. Engineers are modern day geniuses who are making life simple, convenient and safe. On Friday, in the twelfth biennial convention of the Uttarakhand Diploma Engineers Federation, after listening to the 23-point demand, the Chief Minister also said that today the union will not make two or three announcements, but after brainstorming the entire demand letter positively, every legitimate demand will be tried to be fulfilled. Along with the Chief Minister, all officers and diploma engineers observed two minutes of silence to pay their respects to the victims of the accident. The Chief Minister said that he had postponed most of his programs due to the accident. But the federation decided to come here due to hundreds of people coming from all over the state. Said that where doctors work to save life, teachers work to improve life, engineers make life simple, easy and safe. He said that since he got the responsibility of chief servant of the state, he is trying to solve every prob-

lem. Many demands of engineers have already been met. Referring to his historic decisions like Uniform Civil Code, Anti-copcat Law, Anti-Forcible Conversion Law etc., the Chief Minister said that today Uttarakhand is rapidly moving towards joining the leading states of the country. The decisions of the state are becoming an inspiration for other states as well. Chief Secretary Anand Vardhan while congratulating the engineers on the occasion appealed to them to continuously inspect the construction site and pay special attention to the quality. He said that taking precautions while creating the plan is also better. The Chief Secretary advised that all people keep updating their knowledge and skills as per time. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released the Sangh book. General Secretary Mukesh Raturi read the letter of honor of the CM and the demand letter of the union. Union President SS Chauhan, State Employees Council President Arun Pandey, General Secretary Shakti Bhatt, PC Joshi, Harish Nautiyal, Vehicle Drivers Association President Sabar Singh, PS Rawat, Ministerial Association Mukesh Bahuguna, VS Ragandh, VD Joshi, Bharat Singh Dangli etc. were present on this occasion.

Manusmriti will not be taught in any course: DU VC

New Delhi, 13 June: Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh has reiterated that Manusmriti will not be taught in any course at the university, following criticism over its mention in a Sanskrit department paper. "Earlier also, the administration has said that Manusmriti will not be taught in any course. Last year too the administration made it clear that it will not be taught in any form. However, the Sanskrit department suggested a reading containing Manusmriti under 'Dharmashastra Studies'. The reading stands deleted. If the department wants to teach Manusmriti, then they have to make it differently and they will do it accordingly," Singh said. The university also issued a statement on X saying, "University of Delhi will not teach Manusmriti text in any course of the University. 'Dharmashastra Studies', the DSC of the Sanskrit Department, where Manusmriti is mentioned as a 'recommended reading' stands deleted." The move comes after Manusmriti was listed in a four-credit Sanskrit course titled Dharmashastra Studies, introduced under the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The course also included texts like the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Puranas and Arthashastra. However, the inclusion of Manusmriti, a text long debated for its views on caste and gender, sparked protests from students and teachers alike. This is not the first time Delhi University has distanced itself from the controversial scripture. In July last year, the university had rejected a proposal to include Manusmriti and Baburnama in the history syllabus, stating that such additions would not be entertained in the future either.

DU orders structural, safety inspection in all its colleges

New Delhi, 13 June: The Delhi University administration has ordered a comprehensive structural and safety inspection in all its colleges, hostels and departments during the summer vacation, after multiple infrastructure-related accidents across campuses were reported. In an official circular issued by the Office of the Proctor, the university directed authorities to begin inspections of "all the rooms and toilets in your institution" after examinations end, as part of a survey under the Board of Residence, Health and Discipline, Ordinance XV (Chapter VI). The move comes after several accidents, including a fire at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, another at the University Science Instrumentation Centre and an incident where a fan fell on a teacher at Kalindi College, were reported. There have also been repeated complaints about falling ceilings and deteriorating infrastructure in various colleges. "Please see that all the roofs and walls are in proper and safe condition, all the electrical fittings, like fans, lights are in working condition and there is ample supply of drinking water and water in the toilet," the letter states.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I hitherto known as RAMAN KUMAR S/O B S PRABHAKAR R/O H.No-3141, Gali No- 71-A, Block-E2, Molarband Extn., Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAMAN PRABHAKAR.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as BIJENDER KUMAR MANDAL S/o MAHAVIR MANDAL R/o A-137, Gali No-3, Vikas Nagar, Hastal Village, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VIREN MANDAL.

NAME CHANGE
I, SUMEET OHRI S/o SUBHASH CHANDER OHRI R/o Flat No-C-303, Plot No-38, Sector-6, Dwarka, West Delhi, Delhi-110075, have changed the name of my minor son DEVAKASH OHRI aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as DEVAKASH SUMEET OHRI.

NAME CHANGE
I, MAYA STEPHIN is legally wedded spouse of No. 15728138K Rank-NAIK Name-STEPHIN FRANCIS R/O VALIA VEETIL HOUSE, KIZHAKKE ANGADI, KUNNAMKULAM, P O KUNNAMKULAM, H O THRISSUR, KERALA-680503 have changed my name from MAYA STEPHIN to MAYA VARGHESE for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 13/06/2025. Before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, KHEM RAJ GAUTAM S/o GOPAL R/o 9, MAN SINGH ROAD, NIRMAN BHAWAN, CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110011 have changed my minor daughter name from SUNAKSHI to SUNAKSHI GAUTAM for all future purposes

PUBLIC NOTICE
GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT BACK CHAIN I.E. ORIGINAL SALE DEED DT. 06.11.2020 EXECUTED BY OM DUTT SHARMA HUF THROUGH KARTI MR. OM DUTT SHARMA IN FAVOUR OF MRS. ARTI SRIVASTAVA IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. 135, LAND AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YARDS, PART OF KHASRA NO. 439, SITUATED AT SHIVA FILM CITY COLONY IN THE VILLAGE ACHEJA, PARGANA AND TEHSIL DADRI DISTRICT GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR U.P, DULY REGD. AS VOL. NO. 20517 IN BOOK NO. 1, VOL. NO. 16165 ON PAGES NO. 261-280. ON DT. 06.11.2020 IN THE OFFICE OF SRO- DADRI, HAS BEEN LOST BY THE CURRENT OWNER MRS. ANITA SINGH W/O MR. HEMANT SINGH, R/O P 135, KH. NO. 439, SHIVA FILM CITY, ACHEJA, U.P. AND SAID OWNER MRS. ANITA SINGH PURCHASED THE SAID PROPERTY VIDE SALE DEED DT. 17.06.2021 EXECUTED BY MRS. ARTI SRIVASTAVA NOW MR. ANKIT SON OF MR. RAMESH KUMAR, R/O SANTOR SARUPGARH (160) BHWANI HARYANA IS GOING TO PURCHASE THE SAID PROPERTY, FROM OWNER / SELLER MRS. ANITA SINGH, WHICH WILL BE MORTGAGED WITH TRU HOME FINANCE LIMITED AS SECURITY AGAINST HOUSING LOAN FOR PURCHASING OF SAID PROPERTY. PLEASE SUBMIT THE SAID ORIGINAL SALE DEED DT. 06.11.2020 IF FIND BY ANY PERSON. ALSO PLEASE CONTACT WITH WRITTEN OBJECTION LETTER WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WITH UNDERSIGNED IF HAVING ANY OBJECTION IN RESPECT OF SAID PROPERTY/SALE DEED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION. ITS USE BY ANYONE IS ILLEGAL.
ADITYA VERMA, ADVOCATE E-16, MANSAROWAR PARK, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032 MOBILE NO. 9999042521

Yogi government committed to turning the state's tourism potential into a reality

Lucknow, June 13: Tourism in Uttar Pradesh is poised for significant growth, thanks to the concerted efforts of the Yogi government. The latest projections by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) regarding India's tourism landscape provide strong indicators of this potential. The state government is strategically and proactively working to convert these promising signals into tangible outcomes. As the influx of domestic and international tourists continues to rise, it will not only boost the local economy through spending on travel, accommodation, food, and souvenirs but also contribute to the growth of local businesses. Still, it will also generate employment across related sectors, including transportation, hospitality, homestays, and tour guiding. The Yogi government is fully committed to developing world-class infrastructure focused on tourist safety and convenience, especially at sites with high tourism potential. This development is being carried out in a phased and mission-mode approach. The central government is also playing a pivotal role in this transformation through various flagship schemes. WTTC estimates that 2025 could be a record-breaking year for India's tourism sector, with the potential to contribute ₹22 lakh crore to the national economy and generate employment for over 48 million individuals. By 2030, this contribution is expected to rise to ₹42 lakh crore, with employment exceeding 64 million. As Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath aptly stated, "Efforts to promote religious tourism not only reinforce the spirit of devotion but also catalyze economic growth." He added, "Government initiatives, such as Swadesh Darshan, PRASAD, and the development of the Ramayana, Krishna, and Buddhist Circuits, have significantly accelerated tourism development in the state. The double-engine government has implemented concrete measures to improve roads, transport, accommodation, and security in key tourism zones." Due to increasing interest in tourism and the practical implementation of government policies, there has been a remarkable surge

NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that We, KRISHAN PAL aged about 46 years S/o Mr. LAKHMI CHAND & Mrs. JAGRITI aged about 48 years W/o Mr. KRISHAN PAL, BOTH RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 3, GALI NO. 6/C, MOLAR BAND EXTN. BADARPUR, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110044, have separated/debarred our disobedient son namely "DEEPESH" aged about 25 years & his wife namely "SONIYA PANCHAL" aged about 24 years, they have been residing separately from our home. We have discovered/disinherited them from our moveable and immovable properties. If any person's deal with any consideration amount they have sole responsible.

NAME CHANGE
I, KRISHNA BAHADUR THAPA is legally father of No. 13776553W Rank-NK Name-ROSHIT THAPA, R/o VILL- GLENBURN TEA ESTATE, VIL NO-08, PO-SINGRIMTAM, PS-RANGLI DIST-DARJEELING, (WEST BENGAL)-734213 have changed my name from KRISHNA BAHADUR THAPA to KRISHNABAHADUR MANGAR THAPA for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit No. IN-DL00839254454158X Dated 11/06/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, SHASHIKALA THAPA is legally mother of No. 13776553W Rank-NK Name-ROSHIT THAPA, R/o VILL- GLENBURN TEA ESTATE, VIL NO-08, PO-SINGRIMTAM, PS-RANGLI DIST-DARJEELING, (WEST BENGAL)-734213 have changed my name from SHASHIKALA THAPA to SASHIKALA MANGER for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit No. IN-DL00839254477561X Dated 11/06/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, ANNEY THAPA is legally wedded spouse of No. 13776553W Rank-NK Name-ROSHIT THAPA, R/o VILL- GLENBURN TEA ESTATE, VIL NO-08, PO-SINGRIMTAM, PS-RANGLI DIST-DARJEELING, (WEST BENGAL)-734213 have changed my name from ANNEY THAPA to ANNEY TIRAMANG for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit No. IN-DL00839254477561X Dated 11/06/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

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NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as PAWAN S/O HARPAL R/O 108/3 MADANGIR VILLAGE DR AMBEDKAR NAGAR SOUTH DELHI 110062 NEW DELHI 110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PAWAN GILL S/O HARPAL FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE
I, PRITI DEVI wife of Army No 15712141A Rank HAV, Name-AJAY KUMAR residing at VIL- SAAGOLI, PO-BHARKHINI, DIST-HARDOI, UTTAR PRADESH-241001, have changed my name from PRITI DEVI to PRITI DUBEY for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, LOKKOWA mother of NO- 25089197M, Rank-HAV Name-AJEET HALINGALI residing at VIL-GOLAHAWI, TEHSIL-JAMAKHADI, DIST-BHAGALKOT, KARNATAKA-587315, have changed my name from LOKKOWA to LAKKAWA APPASAB HALINGALI for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as DIMPLE daughter of GOVIND PRASAD GOEL wife of JASVINDER SINGH R/O H NO-8-11, NEW GOBIND PURA, GALI NO-9, VISHWAS NAGAR, KRISHNA NAGAR, DELHI-110051 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DIMPLE KAUR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in the connection

NAME CHANGE
I, NO-4283316L Rank-HAV Name-JAY PRAKASH SINGH residing at VILL-LODIPUR, PO-BEAPUR, DIST-PATNA, BHAR-801503, in my service record my minor son's AAYUSH KUMAR SINGH date of birth now mentioned as 17/06/2009 instead of his correct date of birth as 17/03/2009 Vide Affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, MEDHA TIWARI BHARDWAJ W/O SREEJAN BHARDWAJ R/O FLAT NO-703, TOWER-6, EMAAR IMPERIAL GARDEN, SECTOR-102, BASAIKESHI, GURGAON, HARYANA-122005 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEDHA TIWARI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

receiving renewed recognition and market access. The expansion of tourism is also paving the way for startups and young entrepreneurs to explore new avenues. The Yogi government is implementing a comprehensive tourism development plan with a strong focus on religious and cultural destinations. As part of this, 272 routes connecting key pilgrimage sites are being developed at a cost of ₹4,560 crore. Major spiritual destinations are being upgraded to offer world-class amenities to both domestic and international tourists. Heliport services have already been launched in Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Kapilvastu, with plans to extend this facility to other prominent tourist destinations soon. In Ayodhya, the Ayodhya Research Institute is being modernized, while a new International Ramayana and Vedic Research Institute is under development. Major projects, such as the Buddha Theme Park in Kushinagar, the Veda Science Study Centre in Sitapur's Naimisharanya, and the revitalisation of Naimishar Tirtha and Shukra Tirtha, are also underway. Heritage conservation efforts include the development of the birthplace of Paramahansa Yogananda in Gorakhpur, and Shringverpur in Prayagraj, the site of Lord Ram's historic meeting with Nishadraj Guhya during his exile. The government is also actively developing all major locations in Uttar Pradesh's Vanagaman route, the path Lord Ram traveled with Sita and Lakshman. Notably, native saplings mentioned in Tulsidas' Ramcharitmanas and other scriptures will be planted along this route, adding authenticity and ecological value. To further attract tourists, ropeway projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model have been launched in Chitrakoot, Barsana, and Ashtabhuj-Kalikhok, with

NAME CHANGE
I hitherto known as Mukesh S/O Chamto R/O F/B-25A, Ground Floor Madanpur Khadar Extn 3, South Delhi-110076 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mukesh Kumar.

PERMANENT WAY MAINTENANCE AND ANCILLARY WORK
E-Tender Notice No.: 49/W-2/APDJ; Dated: 11-06-2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No: 14-AP-III-2025. Name of Work: "Permanent way maintenance and ancillary work for the safety of track from Km 60/7-113/2 of SSE/P. Way/Banarhat under the jurisdiction of ADE/NW/est/Alipurduar Jn.". Tender Value: ₹2,28,78,824.20; Earnest Money: ₹2,64,400.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 04-07-2025 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 04-07-2025. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.irps.gov.in>.
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E-Tender Notice No.: EL_TRD_21_25-26 Dated: 11-06-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. EL_TRD_21_25-26. Name of work: Electrical TRD work in connection with Balurhat-Construction of a stabilizing line at Balurhat station. Tender Value: ₹1,53,38,014.75/-; Earnest Money: ₹2,26,700/-; Date & Time of closing of E-Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 03-07-2025 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 03-07-2025. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website www.irps.gov.in.
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YARD IMPROVEMENT OF RANINAGAR JALPAIGURI - NEW COOCHBEHAR
E-Tender Notice No.: 43/W-2/APDJ; Dated: 11-06-2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No: 17-AP-I-2025. Name of Work: Yard Improvement: Raninagar Jalpaiguri - New Coochbehar, Total 12 Yards. Tender Value: ₹2,97,17,544.01; Earnest Money: ₹2,98,600.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 03-07-2025 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 03-07-2025. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.irps.gov.in>.
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plans for similar projects in Prayagraj and Kashi. To preserve and promote traditional local festivals, the Yogi government has provincialized key regional fairs, ensuring their continued cultural and economic impact. These include, Makar Sankranti and Basant Panchami in Ayodhya, Kartik Purnima in Anupshahr (Bulandshahr), and Ganga Snan Mela and Lakkhi Mela of Shri Dauji Maharaj in Hathras. The Deoptasv in Ayodhya, launched under the Yogi government, has become a globally recognised event that significantly enhances Ayodhya's cultural identity and branding. The Chief Minister's participation in Krishna Janmashtami in Mathura and Holi in Barsana has further enhanced the global visibility of these festivals, driving increased tourist interest and foot traffic. Government data show a remarkable surge in tourist numbers, with Ayodhya increasing from 5.76 crore visitors in 2023 to 16.44 crore in 2024, Kashi from 10.18 crore to 11 crore, Mathura from 7.79 crore to 9 crore, and Prayagraj from 5.06 crore to 5.12 crore.

NAME CHANGE
I hitherto known as Shiphalka Shirma W/O Kuldeep Raman R/O H-370, Second Floor, Rohini Sec-11, PO Rohini, Sector-7, Dist North West Delhi-110085 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shiphalka Sharma.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that our client (1) Mr. Harish Sharma S/o Mr. Om Prakash Gaur & (2) Mr. Lavish Gaur S/o Mr. Satish Gaur are the owner of Freehold Residential Plot No. C-38 area measuring 250 sq. Yds. i.e. 209 Sq. Mtrs. out of Killa No. 11 & 12 Mu. No. 10, Situated at Revenue Estate of Village Masatila Delhi State Delhi Colony Known as Mansa Ram Park, in Block-C, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 10.01.2025 Vide Doc. No. 2025/25/1104, Vol. No. 13626, Book No. 1, Pages No. 69-88, SR- West Janakpuri, now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and Third Floor with Roof Rights Back Side LHS Portion area measuring 55 sq. Yard, sold too be Mr. Chetan Madan & Mr. Shrik Madan and same has been finance by Indusind Bank Ltd. Branch: Janakpuri New Delhi. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained
[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocate F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09958871432

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Corp. Off.: ROF Group, Building No. 80, First Floor, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003, Ph. 0124-4399399

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Application No.	Carpet Area(Sq. Ft.)	Apartment No.
1114	645, 3 BHK (TYPE-13)	J-503

Therefore, all the person/allottee (s) are hereby informed to submit claims/objections in writing, if any, for the cancellation of the said apartments to the undersigned company/developer along with the relevant documents to support their claims/objections within 7 days from the date of publication hereof.

In the absence of any claim within the stipulated period above, it shall be presumed and/or deemed that the allottee (s) or concern has no such claims/objections by virtue of this notice and, if any, the same have been waived or abandoned without any reference to such claims/objections made thereafter and necessary action will be taken as per rules for the process of re-allotment.

For NANI RESORTS & FLORICULTURE PVT.LTD
Place: Gurugram (Haryana) Director

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Information is given to general public at large that our client Mr. Prince Tomar S/o Mr. Naresan Kumar & E K owner of Freehold Residential Upper Ground Floor without roof rights Built-on House No. A-98 land area measuring 97 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 22/24, Situated at Block-A, Hardey Nagar Gali No.-1, in the area of Village Jilardoa Mazra Burari Delhi-110084, by virtue of Gift Deed dated 04.06.2025 as Doc. No. 2025/19/17029, in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 12303, on Pages 133-148, on Dated 04.06.2025, SR- I, Kashmere Gate, now our client is declaring that that any other person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been financed by SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited Branch: Moti Nagar New Delhi. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained
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British couple posted 'Goodbye India' video from airport before boarding ill-fated Air India flight

world. A British couple heading home after a 10-day wellness retreat in India ended up in the ill-fated Air India flight. The couple was among the 245 onboard the flight that crashed shortly after take-off killing almost all on board except one miracle survivor at Ahmedabad on Thursday. The couple, Jamie Ray Greenlaw-Meek (45) and Fiongal Greenlaw (39), had posted a video from the airport about their "magical experience" in India as they waited to board the ill-fated flight. The couple was running a spiritual wellness company in London. According to the Independent, in a video shared onto their company The Wellness Foundry's Instagram account, Fiongal, a former fashion designer, said: "We are at the airport, just boarding, goodbye India". His husband then joked about the lengthy 10-hour flight.

In another clip shared to social media, they described their trip as a "magical experience" and promised to share a vlog with their followers of their "mind blowing things". "We really have been on quite a journey and then just spending the last night here in this most amazing hotel, we've just had the most delicious Thali food. It was the perfect way to round up the trip," Jamie said. The Wellness Foundry, which is located in Vauxhall, offers psychic readings, tarot cards and aura readings, and has partnered with major brands such as Netflix, Google and Dior. On its webpage, it details that Fiongal founded the company in 2018 after experiencing a spiritual awakening following a mysterious illness.

His husband joined the team in 2023 as co-director and head of events, and he also offered psychic readings and life coaching.

"Remain Vigilant": India Issues Advisory For Citizens In Iran Amid Air Strikes

Tehran. Indians in Iran on Friday were advised by the embassy here to remain vigilant, avoid all unnecessary movements and observe safety protocols following the launch of Israel's strikes on the country. Israel attacked Iran's capital early Friday in strikes that targeted the country's nuclear programme. The Indian Embassy in Tehran in an advisory posted on X said, "In view of the current situation in Iran, all Indian nationals & persons of Indian origin in Iran are requested to remain vigilant, avoid all unnecessary movements, follow the Embassy's Social Media accounts & observe safety protocols as advised by local authorities."

Declaring the launch of Operation Rising Lion aimed at foiling Iran's nuclear ambitions, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed on Friday that his country has struck at the heart of the Islamic regime's nuclear programme, including its main enrichment facility in Natanz.

US Transport Secy Expresses Condolences On Air India Crash, Announces US Probe

world. Secretary of US Department of Transportation Sean Duffy on Thursday (local time) expressed condolences for the loss of lives in the Air India crash. Duffy said that the department was working with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to assist India in the investigation of the crash. In a post on X, he said, "We're deeply saddened by the crash in India. Our prayers are with the families who lost loved ones. As always, safety is paramount. That's why we're working with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to assist India in the investigation of the crash. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) investigators are deploying to the crash site. We are prepared to send additional resources to get the data we need to ensure the safety of the flying public. The FAA has already engaged Boeing and GE to review any necessary information as part of the investigation. As the NTSB leads the investigation, we will not hesitate to implement any safety recommendations that may arise. We will



follow the facts and put safety first." National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), an independent US government agency tasked with investigating transportation accidents and incidents, said that they will lead a team of US investigators to probe the Air India crash in Gujarat.

The NTSB stated that as per protocols, all information on the investigation will be provided by India.

In a post on X, it said, "The NTSB will be leading a team of US investigators travelling to India to assist the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau with its investigation into the crash of an Air India Boeing 787 in Ahmedabad, India, Thursday. Per international protocols under the International Civil Aviation Organization's Annex 13, all information on the investigation will be provided by the Government of India." US President Donald Trump, while talking about the Air India plane crash, said that it was a "horrific" crash. Trump added that India is "a big country, a strong country, and they'll handle it, I'm sure, but I let them know that anything we can do will be over there immediately."

"It was a horrific crash. It looks like most are gone. Maybe you have a couple of survivors that we just heard of. That was a horrible crash.

Israel attacks Iran's nuclear and missile sites, kills top military officials

IRGC chief Gen. Hossein Salami and Co. of Iran's armed forces Gen. Mohammad Bagheri were confirmed dead by state television, along with other top military officials and scientists.

DUBAI. Israel attacked Iran's capital early on Friday in strikes it claims targeted the country's nuclear program and killed at least two top military officers, raising the potential for an all-out war between the two bitter Middle East adversaries. It appeared to be the most significant attack Iran has faced since its 1980s war with Iraq. The strikes came amid simmering tensions over Iran's rapidly advancing nuclear program and appeared certain to trigger a reprisal, with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warning that "severe punishment" would be directed at Israel.

Israel said Iran had launched drones in an

initial response. Multiple sites around the country were hit, including Iran's main nuclear enrichment facility, where black smoke could be seen rising into the air. The leader of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, Gen. Hossein Salami, was confirmed dead, Iranian state television reported, a development that is a significant blow to Tehran's governing theocracy and an immediate escalation of its long-simmering conflict with Israel.

The chief of staff of Iranian armed forces, Gen. Mohammad Bagheri, was also confirmed dead by Iranian state television. Other top military officials and scientists were believed to have been killed.

In Washington, the Trump administration, which had cautioned Israel against an attack during continued negotiations over Iran's nuclear enrichment program, said that it had not been involved and warned against any retaliation targeting US interests or personnel. Still, it seemed likely the US suspected an attack could be in the offing, with Washington on Wednesday



Netanyahu said as he vowed to pursue the attack for as long as necessary to "remove this threat." "This is a clear and present danger to Israel's very survival," he said.

Israel is believed to have carried out numerous highly secretive attacks on Iranian soil over the years, though it has rarely acknowledged them. Most have been aimed at Iran's nuclear program, though Iran has also accused Israel of targeting its natural gas pipelines and of assassinating Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran. Over the past year, Israel has also been targeting Iran's air defenses, hitting a radar system for a Russian-made air defense battery in April 2024 and surface-to-air missile sites and missile manufacturing facilities in October. Some 200 Israeli aircraft took part in Friday's operation, hitting about 100 targets, Israeli army chief spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said, adding that the attacks were ongoing.

pulling some American diplomats from Iraq's capital and offering voluntary evacuations for the families of US troops in the wider Middle East.

Israel calls attacks preemptive strikes

Israeli leaders cast the preemptive assault as a fight for the nation's survival that was necessary to head off an imminent threat that Iran would build nuclear bombs, though it remains unclear how close the country is to achieving that or whether Iran had actually been planning a strike soon.

"It could be a year. It could be within a few months," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Democratic Sen. Padilla is forcefully removed from Noem's news conference on immigration raids and handcuffed

Video shows a Secret Service agent on Noem's security detail grabbing the California senator by his jacket and shoving him from the room as he tried to speak up during the DHS secretary's event.



away but planned to stay and increase operations to "liberate" the city from its "socialist" leadership. "I'm Sen. Alex Padilla. I have questions for the secretary," he shouted in a halting voice. Scuffling with officers outside the room, he can be heard bellowing, "Hands off!" He is later seen on his knees and then pushed to the ground and handcuffed in a hallway, with several officers atop him. The shocking scene of a U.S. senator being aggressively removed from a Cabinet secretary's news conference prompted immediate outrage from his Democratic colleagues. Images and video of the scuffle ricocheted through the halls of Congress, where stunned Democrats demanded an immediate investigation and characterized the episode as another in a line of mounting threats to democracy by President Donald Trump's administration. Senate Democratic

leader Chuck Schumer said what he saw "sickened my stomach."

"We need immediate answers to what the hell went on," the New York senator said from the Senate floor. "It's despicable, it's disgusting, it's so un-American." In a statement, DHS said that Padilla "chose disrespectful political theater" and that Secret Service "thought he was an attacker." The statement claimed erroneously that Padilla did not identify himself — he did, as he was being pushed from the room. "Padilla was told repeatedly to back away and did not comply with officers' repeated commands," the statement said, adding that "officers acted appropriately." The fracas in Los Angeles came just days after Democratic U.S. Rep. LaMonica McIver was indicted on federal charges alleging she assaulted and interfered with immigration officers outside a detention center in New Jersey while Newark's mayor was being arrested after he tried to join a congressional oversight visit at the facility. Democrats have framed the charges as intimidation efforts by the Trump administration. It also follows days of rising tension between Trump and Democratic California Gov. Gavin Newsom over the federal military intervention in California.

US state's Diwali gift: Now Hindus can freely display religious symbols

world. Hindus in US's Nevada now be allowed to celebrate Diwali with decoration of religious symbols such as toran and other religious door displays, as Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo signed a bill, SB 201, into law. The law will come into effect on October 1, while the festival will be celebrated in the same month. The governor on Thursday signed Senate Bill 201, protecting the right to religious door displays, such as the Hindu toran and Jewish mezuzah, according to an advocacy group, Hindu American Foundation (HAF). The bill was a joint initiative between HAF and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), two of US's largest Hindu American and Jewish American advocacy organisations, HAF said in a statement. It was introduced by Senators Pazina, Neal, Flores, Scheible, and Krasner, and Assembly members Roth and Nguyen. Per the bill, religious displays in

dwellings that are no larger than 12" x 36" are permitted.

NEVADA BILL SETS PRECEDENT FOR RESPECTFUL HANDLING OF RELIGIOUS DISPLAYS

The bill also set a new standard by mandating respectful handling of religious displays during home maintenance. "Unlike similar bills in other states, the Nevada bill goes further by requiring maintenance workers to store religious displays in a way that preserves their sanctity until they can be safely returned after maintenance is complete," the statement read. Expressing his happiness, HAF Managing Director Samir Kalra said, "This bill is a significant win for Nevada Hindus because it ensures residents' right not only to observe their Hindu faith unencumbered, but also to bless their homes and everyone who enters them with the display of a toran, as their faith

calls them to."

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Jolie Brislin, Desert Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League, said the law safeguards religious expression at home and is backed by bipartisan support and interfaith advocacy. Nevada Senate Bill 201 will protect all faith communities. Ensuring that individuals can display religious items on their doorways without undue restrictions allows them to freely express their faith in their homes. We are grateful for the bipartisan support in the Legislature and to our partners at the Hindu American Foundation for championing this bill," Brislin said. The bill passed the Senate on April 18, and the Assembly on May 23, according to a report in Nevada-based newspaper.



Breyer said. The White House called the order "unprecedented" and said it "puts our brave federal officials in danger." The district court has no authority to usurp the President's authority as Commander in Chief," White House spokesperson Anna Kelly said in a statement. "The President exercised his lawful authority to mobilize the National Guard to protect federal buildings and personnel in Gavin Newsom's lawless Los Angeles. The Trump Administration will immediately appeal this abuse of power and looks forward to ultimate victory on the issue." Newsom's case was solely focused on the National Guard, and the judge said when the state attorney asked about whether this could apply to the Marines that he would not rule on that because they were not on the streets yet.

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Appeals court temporarily blocks judge's ruling to return control of National Guard to California

SAN FRANCISCO. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday temporarily blocked a federal judge's order that directed President Donald Trump to return control of National Guard troops to California after he deployed them there following protests in Los Angeles over immigration raids. The court said it would hold a hearing on the matter on Tuesday. The ruling came only hours after a federal judge's order was to take effect at noon Friday. Earlier Thursday, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer ruled the Guard deployment was illegal and both violated the Tenth Amendment and exceeded Trump's statutory authority. The order applied only to the National Guard troops and not Marines who were also deployed to the LA protests. The judge said he would not rule on the Marines because they were not out on the streets yet. California Gov. Gavin Newsom, who had asked the judge for an emergency stop to troops helping carry out immigration raids, had praised the earlier ruling. "Today was really about a test of democracy, and today we passed the

test," Newsom said in a news conference before the appeals court decision.

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Typically the authority to call up the National Guard lies with governors, but there are limited circumstances under which the president can deploy those troops. Trump federalized members of the California National Guard under an authority known as Title 10. Title 10 allows the president to call the National Guard into federal service under certain limited circumstances, such as when the country "is invaded," when "there is a rebellion or danger of a rebellion against the authority of the Government," or when the president is unable "to execute the laws of the United States." Breyer said in his ruling that what is happening in Los

Angeles does not meet the definition of a rebellion. "The protests in Los Angeles fall far short of 'rebellion,'" he wrote. California sued the federal government. Newsom sued to block the Guard's deployment against his wishes. California later filed an emergency motion asking the judge to block the Guard from assisting with immigration raids. The governor argued that the troops were originally deployed to protect federal buildings and wanted the court to block the troops from helping protect immigration agents during the raids, saying that involving the Guard would only escalate tensions and promote civil unrest. Maj. Gen. Scott Sherman, commander of Task Force 51, which is overseeing the Guard troops and Marines sent to Los Angeles, said that as of Wednesday about 500 of the Guard troops had been trained to accompany agents on immigration operations. Photos of Guard soldiers providing security for the agents have already been circulated by immigration officials.

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**Want to clear waste from streets?
WhatsApp the pic to BSWML**

BENGALURU. The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML), a BBMP offshoot, has come up with a dedicated WhatsApp helpline (9448197197) to report and address issues related to waste. As per the officials, the residents may send a message with photographs to this number. Upon receipt, the officials concerned will take necessary action within a stipulated time and update the complainant on the resolution.

"Within the BBMP limits, door-to-door waste collection is carried out daily through auto-tippers. However, many residents fail to hand over waste to these vehicles and instead resort to dumping garbage at night or during early hours on roadsides, footpaths, empty spaces, stormwater drains, and other public areas adversely impacting the city's aesthetics. This apart, construction debris is also being dumped by the roadside or in vacant plots, along with other unwanted items discarded indiscriminately across the city. To address this issue, permanent measures are being implemented across all wards in the eight zones of the BBMP," said an official.

Eliminating black spots is the key objective. To support this mission, a dedicated complaint centre has been established, and a WhatsApp helpline has been introduced.

Cuttack residents beware! CMC to impose penalty for littering roads

CUTTACK. To address the growing garbage menace in the city, the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has planned to impose fine on the residents who litter the roads.

As per the decision taken by the civic body, individuals throwing garbage on roads will have to pay fine of '100 each while traders/shopkeepers will have to shell out '200 for the same. Mayor Subhas Singh said the move has been planned in view of the deteriorating sanitary condition of the city. "The proposal submitted by the CMC's health standing committee has been approved in the council and the civic body will soon implement the fine to streamline the waste management system in the city," he added.

While the minimum fine will be levied on the first-time violators, the penalty would be doubled for repeated violators. A team of 15 members headed by the sanitary inspector will be formed to collect the fine from the violators, Singh said.

"Even though the roads and streets are being swept twice a day, and garbage collection vehicles mobilised to collect waste directly from the households, people continue to mindlessly litter them. Even roadside vendors and eateries throw waste directly into drains which lead to choking, as a result of which the issue of waterlogging worsens during heavy rains," the mayor said.

He further informed that the CMC would first hold awareness camps for the same in all 59 wards following which fine collection would be taken up.

Purchases for schools: Vigilance raid at Thiruvananthapuram corporation office uncovers irregularities

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau sleuths on Thursday conducted a raid at the Thiruvananthapuram corporation in connection with an investigation into alleged irregularities in the purchase of computers and allied equipment for schools between 2022-24. The raid, conducted at the people's plan wing, began at 11am and lasted till 5.30pm.

The scheme for supplying computers to schools within city limits was implemented with Rs 1.35 crore from the development fund of the corporation. Vigilance had received information about massive irregularities in the execution of the project. Sleuths were tipped off about anomalies in preparing specifications for the purchase materials and in the tendering process. Contrary to the government directive, desktop computers were believed to have been purchased, instead of laptops. As many as 244 desktop computers and 193 UPS devices were purchased from private firms, allegedly resulting in a loss of Rs 20 lakh to the corporation. During the raid, it was found that the tendering process did not fully conform with norms. Gadget specification, warranty and quality check papers, besides the delivery challan and GST documents of firms that were part of the project were found to be missing from the files.

It also emerged that the purchase of computers contravened existing government rules that mandated purchase of laptops, instead of desktops, for students. The vigilance department had earlier received complaints that technical and purchase committees were not formed to implement the project.

Also, the project was reportedly implemented without the ratification of the technical committee, which is responsible for ascertaining the quality of materials. Another grave allegation was that the firms that supplied the UPS devices did not have GST registration at the time the project was implemented. However, despite this they were paid '92,973 as GST, which translated to a loss of that amount for the corporation.

Stir as Avadi garment unit plans Tambaram shift

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CHENNAI. Over 500 women, working in a garment manufacturing unit for the past three years in Avadi, have been on a protest since Monday as the company informed them all of a sudden that the operations will be shifted to its unit in Madras Export Processing Zone (MEPZ) in Tambaram, located around 35 kilometres away, from July. The workers, who are in their thirties and forties and largely come from areas in and around Red Hills and Minjur, said the shift would result in them spending around 15-16 hours away from their homes, which is unsustainable, considering their family responsibilities.

"We are not just 500 workers, we are 500 families, and many of us are single parents. If we are to spend our whole day working and travelling, who will take care of our families? We have to manage our homes too," said 41-year-old R Jansi from Minjur. The workers are now demanding that the company should either drop its decision to shift or pay a fair final settlement of at least three months of their salaries, for the workers will have no option but to collectively resign. At present, the

company arranges vans to pick up the women from 32 points. Although the company has said it will continue to provide this facility, the workers said they would end up spending around five hours in travel, as the travelling distance will increase from roughly 13 to 25

km (one way) at present to 40 to 60 kms (one way), once shifted. The workers said they clock around nine hours a day at present at the unit, besides on occasions when they have to do overtime, and earn somewhere between Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per month. "No one will recruit women for

garment production after their mid-thirties," said Dharani V (33) from Red Hills, adding the workers are concerned whether they would get another job soon to sustain their families. According to the workers, the company has agreed only to encash their earned leave balance, if any, if they were to resign by this month. Sujata Mody, president of Garment and Fashion Workers Union (GAFWU), who has taken up the issue with the labour department along with the workers, contended that the company, Celebrity Fashions Limited, has violated provisions of the Industries Dispute Act with its sudden retrenchment announcement. "The GAFWU contends that the company is in the process of closing, and it is a closure case. Neither the government nor the employer (Celebrity Fashion) is taking any steps to redress the grievances of the workers within a fixed period, and neither of them has agreed on any solutions to the workers' problem," Mody said, adding another round of discussion is expected on Friday. The company could not be reached for a comment despite multiple attempts.



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Edakochi terminal to become key hub for Water Metro's suburban expansion

KOCHI. In a significant step toward expanding Kochi Water Metro services to the city's outskirts, construction of the Edakochi terminal—envisioned as the main operational hub for the region—is set to begin soon. Though the Water Metro terminals at suburban locations such as Kumbalam and Nettoor have long been completed, pending power connections and final touches have delayed the launch of boat operations. Crucially, services in these areas can commence only after the Edakochi terminal becomes functional. "The Edakochi terminal will serve as the hub for boat operations in the city's suburban belt. It will be equipped with electric charging facilities and other infrastructure, similar to the High Court terminal. The required land has

already been handed over to us," Sajjan P John, chief operating officer of Kochi Water Metro Ltd (KWML), told.

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official. **High Court-Mattancherry service pushed to August**

The launch of services along the High Court-Mattancherry route, originally planned for April, has now been delayed to

the first week of August due to extended construction at the Mattancherry terminal. "The service will include a stop at Willingdon Island but will not extend to Fort Kochi, as that is a separate route already in operation," said Sajjan John. "Unlike Fort Kochi, which has just one berth, Mattancherry will have three, providing a better operating environment," he pointed out. KWML is optimistic about reaching operational break-even once the High Court-Mattancherry route goes live. Since its official launch on April 25, 2023, daily ridership has been steadily rising, inching close to the 7,000 target. "We need one more active route to hit the 7,000 mark, and we are aiming to achieve that before Onam," he added.

Rs 40-crore proposal mooted to desilt Bengaluru's Madiwala Lake

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BENGALURU. To tackle flooding in the BTM Layout area during monsoon, the BBMP lake wing has plans to remove silt from the Madiwala Lake. Officials from the lake wing said that a Rs 40-crore proposal to remove silt has been sent to BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao for approval.

"If silt is removed from the 250-acre lake, its water holding capacity will increase. This will help avoid floods in future," an official said. The lake has not been desilted for the last 20 years. Once desilting work is done, areas downstream of the lake will not get flooded even

if it rains heavily. A sluice gate will be installed 250 metres away from the lake to control the flow of water, he said. The Palike is now



developing pathways and parks, adding gazebos at a cost of Rs 15 crore. Removal of silt and hyacinth will add to Madiwala Lake's beauty and improve its

ecosystem. "We will start work as soon as the Rs 40-crore proposal is cleared," an engineer said. Expressing concern over silt and sewage entering the lake whenever it rains heavily, Anthony Raj, a fisherman, said about 116 families are dependent on the water body. Whenever it rains, sewage enters the lake, killing aquatic life. "We cleared five coracle loads of dead fish from the lake after the heavy rain on May 19. This was because sewage entered the water inlet," Raj said.

Palike officials, however, allege that the pipelines of BWSSB leak and manholes overflow at many places. Thus, sewage enters the open drains and flows into the lake.

SCTIMST to resume surgeries after deal with HLL

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) is set to resume surgeries that were postponed due to a shortage of implant devices, following a new agreement with HLL Lifecare. Under the deal, Amrit Pharma—a division of HLL—will supply the necessary devices to the institute. "To address the immediate requirements, SCTIMST has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amrit Pharma. The hospital will now procure essential supplies through them to ensure smooth and uninterrupted operations," said Dr Kavita Raja, medical superintendent of the institute.

However, the hospital has not yet announced when the delayed procedures will be rescheduled. The current arrangement with HLL is viewed as a temporary measure, while the hospital works on streamlining its procurement process.

Earlier this week, the Department of Imaging Sciences and Interventional Radiology (IS & IR) at SCTIMST had suspended all

peripheral and neuro-interventional procedures due to a critical shortage of devices. The disruption affected patients from across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and other regions referred to the hospital. The delay in procurement was further aggravated by a Union government directive mandating purchases



through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal. Though intended to improve transparency, doctors have criticised the policy for slowing down the supply chain and impacting patient care. As some of the surgeries were suspended, the Union Minister Suresh Gopi called an emergency meeting to arrange the materials through HLL Lifecare. Youth wing of Congress and CPM staged protests against the apathy of the authorities of the premier institute.

Investors accuse Bengaluru builder firm of cheating in Kakkanad project

KOCHI. Around 50 people have approached the Kochi city police accusing Bengaluru-based real estate developer Hoysala Projects Ltd of defrauding them of over Rs 30 crore that they collectively invested in new apartment projects at Kusumagiri along Infopark Road in Kakkanad.

Based on the complaint of Sathyanarayanan Gopinathan Nair from Aluva, one of the investors, the Infopark police have registered a case of cheating and criminal breach of trust under the IPC. As per the complaint, Hoysala Projects allegedly deceived investors, causing them financial distress, and without timely intervention, their lives would be ruined. Sathyanarayanan alleged the issue dates back to 2013-2014, when Hoysala Projects launched a development project featuring two 13-storey towers comprising a total of 128 flats. He said the builder promised modern amenities, including a shopping mall.

At the time, construction of around 11 floors had been completed, attracting numerous investors, who paid 25% of the flat's cost as

part of the initial payment schedule, but the builder failed to complete the project even after collecting the money, he alleged.

"After getting no response from the developer for nearly five years, we approached the Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) in 2021. The authority directed the developer to complete the project and later appointed a commission to investigate the delay. However, upon learning about the investigation, the developer unilaterally cancelled the agreements and allotments, and issued cancellation notices to 50 investors," Sathyanarayanan alleged.

"Many of us invested our retirement savings, personal funds and bank loans, with the assurance the apartments would be handed over by 2016. I paid '58.32 lakh for a 2BHK apartment of 1,512 sq ft, with only around '2.5 lakh remaining at the time of handover. This was my entire life's savings, supplemented by loans from multiple



banks," said Sathyanarayanan, a retired chief engineer from the shipping sector. An officer with the Infopark police station said they initially received a mass petition from the Flat Allottees Association, followed by an individual complaint. "Based on this, we registered a case naming the builder firm as the primary accused, and its MD T S Satheesh and CEO Vinod Kumar as the second and third accused," the officer said, adding, "The investigation

is in its preliminary stage and further details cannot be disclosed at this point."

Developer denies allegations

Denying the allegations, Hoysala Projects Ltd said the complainants did not pay the remaining amount and the case is now before K-RERA.

"We informed the customers on more than two occasions in 2023 that the Occupancy Certificate (OC) was ready and they needed to pay the balance amount to receive the keys. Instead, they approached K-RERA after one-and-a-half years claiming they were cheated."

Even after completing most of the payments, they are now seeking relaxation to adjust the remaining amount as delay compensation," said Satheesh T S, MD, Hoysala Projects Ltd.

As per the RERA Act, customers must pay the remaining amount within two months of receiving the OC or the agreement will be cancelled. Since they failed to do so, we terminated the agreements, Satheesh said.

Calling a rapist 'family' is not just

The Supreme Court recently used its special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to uphold the conviction of a 25-year-old man for raping a 14-year-old girl without imposing a sentence. Some hailed the decision as a 'landmark', but it has raised serious concerns about the message it sends on child protection and justice. In 2018, a child was kidnapped in West Bengal. Later, she was found married to the man who had raped her and gave birth to his child. The court acknowledged that a crime had taken place and upheld his conviction under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, but reasoned that sending him to jail would make the victim the "worst sufferer" because she had now built a life with the accused.

The bench of Justices A S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan made the decision based on the report of a committee consisting of a clinical psychologist, a social scientist and a child welfare officer, which found that the woman, now 21, is emotionally attached to the accused and protective of her "small family". Has the court interpreted her trauma-based dependence as 'consent' and survival as 'choice'?

In another recent case, the Orissa High Court adopted a similar approach. Justice S K Panigrahi granted bail to a 26-year-old man accused of raping a girl he had allegedly been in a relationship with since 2019, when she was 16. The complainant said the accused had physical relations with her on the false promise of marriage and that she became pregnant twice, in 2020 and 2022, but was forced to terminate both pregnancies. A case under the POCSO Act was filed in 2023. In 2024, the accused sought bail, claiming both families had agreed he should marry the complainant. The judge, while granting bail, remarked that the allegations, though serious in statutory terms, arose out of a "consensual relationship" between two individuals who were close in age and shared a personal bond before the case was filed and did not prima facie exhibit characteristics of force, coercion or exploitation. While the Supreme Court's judgement attempts to insulate itself by stating it is not to be treated as a precedent, exceptions like these rarely stay as such. Such orders seep into trial court reasoning, police investigations, and cultural discourse that already leans towards victim-blaming. It only takes one such judgement to fuel hundreds of similar pleas by offenders claiming to be part of a "small family" with their victim. The POCSO Act leaves no room for interpretation: a child under 18 cannot consent to sex. Section 2(d) defines a child as any person below 18. Section 3 defines penetrative sexual assault. Section 29 creates a presumption of guilt. And Section 42A overrides all other laws. Similar judgements by several Indian courts over the years have legitimised unequal relationships. These are not adolescent romances. These are situations of unequal power, age, access and agency. The law exists precisely to address that imbalance.

In the West Bengal case, the crime itself is only a part of the story. What followed reveals a deeper systemic failure. The girl's current situation is the result of abandonment at every level: first by her family, then by the state, and finally by the court. She was failed at every turn. She did not receive legal aid, counselling or rehabilitation. Her emotional dependence on the man who harmed her was not a choice; it was a trauma response.

Private agencies in space race has its perils

Overdependence of NASA on private entities like SpaceX and Axiom has global implications

THE public spat between US President Donald Trump and his former advisor Elon Musk, triggered by the latter's criticism of the Congressional tax bill, has captured global attention. After Trump threatened to terminate government contracts and subsidies to Musk-owned SpaceX, the maverick billionaire issued a counter-threat to 'decommission' the Dragon spacecraft used by NASA. Musk made a U-turn and withdrew his threat a few hours later. Trump's warning to cancel government contracts to SpaceX and Musk's threat to withdraw Dragon from service — both have serious implications for the space sector in America and globally. An immediate point of concern was the flight of the Falcon rocket and crew spacecraft Dragon to fly the four-member crew, including Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of India, to the International Space Station (ISS). Though Musk could not have possibly carried out his threat to decommission Dragon at such short notice, given the complex web of contracts involving multiple players, the threat did create temporary uncertainty and anxiety. In a related development, Trump has withdrawn the nomination of Jared Isaacman to lead NASA. Isaacman, a billionaire aerospace entrepreneur, was widely known to be Musk's pick for the top job.

Unlike the 1984 space flight of the first Indian astronaut, Rakesh Sharma — conducted free of cost as per a bilateral deal between India and the Soviet Union — Shukla is going to the ISS in a private mission costing each passenger \$55-60 million (about Rs 550 crore). The flight results from a set of agreements involving the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), NASA, SpaceX and Axiom Space. NASA operates the ISS, while it has hired the services of SpaceX for transporting astronauts to the space station, and Axiom Space provides astronaut training and other facilitating infrastructure.

Shukla's co-passengers on this trip are two astronauts from Poland and Hungary, and the flight is commanded by former NASA astronaut and Axiom official Peggy Whitson. Astronauts from Canada, Israel, Spain, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Sweden have flown to the ISS during previous missions of Axiom Space. Since the decommissioning of the Space Shuttle programme of NASA over two decades ago, SpaceX has become a centrepiece in America's space infrastructure. The company is responsible for satellite launches, crewed missions to the ISS as well as the launch of national

security payloads for the Pentagon and intelligence agencies. The total value of contracts awarded to SpaceX, according to reports in the American press, is \$22 billion. Several important missions of NASA, like the launch of the Nancy Grace Roman Telescope in May 2027 and future lunar missions, depend on the launch services of SpaceX. NASA's next-generation Space Launch System is running behind schedule and faces budgetary cuts.

If Trump follows through on threats to slash contracts to Musk's companies, it will not only slow down SpaceX's growth but also create gaps in the national capabilities of America. SpaceX and NASA are interdependent. There are other players like Boeing and Blue Origin too, but they are yet to reach the same level as SpaceX.

The overdependence of NASA on private entities like SpaceX and Axiom has global implications, including for



India, as demonstrated in the brief uncertainty over the impending Axiom mission. This apart, India signed the Artemis Accords with NASA during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2023. The Accords are a set of non-binding multilateral agreements launched in 2020, aimed at establishing principles for cooperative space exploration, especially concerning the Moon and Mars. While SpaceX is not a signatory to the Accords (only national space agencies or countries can sign it), it is vital for turning the Accords' vision into reality. SpaceX will build space vehicles and systems needed to make cooperative lunar missions possible. India and other

signatories to the Accords should consider this critical role of private entities in its execution.

Musk's threat to decommission Dragon and his conflict with Trump over space contracts should be a cause of concern globally on another count — satellite Internet services provided by Musk's Starlink. The company has been marketing its services to security agencies and armed forces globally. In America, several military commands are said to be using Starlink services, and it has been deployed in Ukraine too. Should Starlink customers trust someone like Musk who can threaten his own President and national space agency to decommission a vital space asset? It is known that Starlink's global satellite-based Internet service can be turned off or on in specific regions at will. Ironically, amid the Trump-Musk spat, the Central Government cleared Starlink to provide its services in India.

The conflict between Trump and Musk, while rooted primarily in politics and ego clashes, raises larger strategic questions for national space agencies. It underscores the risks and implications of relying heavily on billionaire space entrepreneurs like Musk or Jeff Bezos (Blue Origin) for critical national and international space objectives. National and space agencies like ISRO, European Space Agency (ESA) and Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency should watch out and chalk their future collaborations with America accordingly. The European Commission is already emphasising 'strategic autonomy' in its space plans. The dependence of European countries on Falcon 9 of SpaceX has led to calls for reducing reliance on US launchers. France and Germany are pushing for a Europe-led mega-constellation to compete with Starlink.

It is being realised that sovereign control is a must since Starlink controls vast real-time data networks. Musk's influence over NASA's capabilities is a reminder that space access sovereignty is essential for every spacefaring nation. It is a wake-up call that space is not insulated from political power games. ISRO must diversify partnerships, strengthen its own launch ecosystem and advocate a global space governance framework to ensure that the future of space does not rest in the hands of a few powerful individuals. Technological sovereignty should be kept in mind as India also plans to open its space sector to private players.

Manipur needs lasting political solution, not a patchwork

The conflict has torn apart its rich mosaic of diversity, with ethnic communities asserting their space and identity over the resource-rich landscape.

A fresh wave of violence tore the fragile calm in Manipur after protestors demanded the unconditional release of Ashem Kanan Singh, leader of the armed Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol. Singh, a former head constable whose service was terminated this March, was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation at Imphal airport on June 8 for his involvement in various criminal activities linked to the 2023 Manipur violence. Clashes with the security forces across several districts of the Imphal valley and roadblocks that followed his arrest come on the heels of severe flash floods that have affected over about 56,000 people. The unrest has led to the imposition of curfew across five valley districts of Manipur along with the suspension of mobile internet services for five days.

The state has been grappling with deadly violence since May 2023, when clashes broke out between the Meitei and Kuki communities during a tribal solidarity march in the areas bordering Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts to protest the Meiteis' demand for scheduled tribe status. Manipur has been on the boil since then, with very



brief periods of peace marred by sanguinary violence. Former Union Home Secretary, Ajay Bhalla, a retired IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was appointed Governor of Manipur this January to help assuage a society deeply divided on the issue of ethnic identity and

dominance. Former Chief Minister Biren Singh resigned in February after his tenure became untenable and Manipur was placed under the President's rule on February 13. Despite the political rearrangements, the state continues to bleed on a razor's edge of distrust. The conflict has torn apart its rich mosaic of diversity, with ethnic communities asserting their space and identity over the resource-rich landscape. The demands for ST status by the Meiteis, and for an even distribution of resources, equal representation and separate administration or state for their tribal areas by the Kukis have deepened the ethnic faultline. The conflict has claimed hundreds of lives, displaced around 60,000 people, bled the economy and led to a mass exodus. Manipur needs a healing hand, with a trustworthy and strong-willed political solution that opens communication lines between the warring ethnic factions. Peace will return with a cohesive law and order situation and economic development. Any short-sighted patchwork can be even more damaging.

How India is countering Pakistan's false propaganda

SAARC may be fading, but India must have robust and dynamic alternatives like BIMSTEC.

IN recent weeks, the irony of Pakistan chairing key UN counter-terrorism committees has not been lost on the Indian public or its leadership. But lamenting irony is not enough. India must rise not just in protest but also in purpose. As terrorism continues to cast a long shadow over South Asia, our response must be anchored in clarity, vision and constructive engagement. The task ahead lies not only in exposing duplicity but also in shaping solutions that uphold truth, strengthen diplomacy and ensure regional stability. As part of the Global Outreach Programme, seven delegations were dispatched to engage with nations across the globe. I had the privilege of being in the delegation that visited Qatar, South Africa, Ethiopia and Egypt.

Our mission was clear: present India's perspective with conviction and counter misinformation. We highlighted the threat of cross-border terrorism and India's measured response to the Pahalgam attack — targeted action to dismantle terrorist infrastructure, not escalate conflict.

India counters global misinformation with action, not words. Post 1971, we returned 13,000 sq km and released 93,000 POWs — strength through statesmanship. I was part of Prime Minister Vajpayee's 1999 bus diplomacy to Lahore. This act of peace met with betrayal in Kargil and the 26/11 attack on Mumbai. Yet, India never closed the door on dialogue. Our stand: respond to falsehood with facts, betrayal with resolve and always pursue peace from strength. The problem, as we established, is not episodic. It is structural. Pakistan functions as a dual state: a shaky civilian government overshadowed by a deep state-military intelligence nexus that operates as a rogue force.

Since 1947, no civilian government in Pakistan has completed a full term. Democratic institutions remain hollowed out, manipulated by Generals and agencies. And then came the moment of truth. Pakistan's own former Foreign Minister admitted on BBC: "Yes, we have been doing this dirty job for 40 years, at the behest of the West — namely the US and UK." The admission should have jolted global conscience. Instead, it was met with silence, with realpolitik burying accountability yet again.

The results are clear. Today, 52 Pakistani individuals and entities are listed on the UN Security Council's Sanctions List for terrorism. These are not claims; they are official international designations.

Diplomacy, too, must adapt. In today's world, social media is a battlefield. False narratives about Kashmir, India's democracy and its minorities are amplified by networks seeking to destabilise us. We need a proactive, multilingual and digitally agile strategy. The government must work with civil society, tech firms and influencers to debunk propaganda in real time. A single timely fact can silence a thousand lies. Equally vital is the role of think tanks and public intellectuals. India must invest in narrative power — supporting those who can engage with global media, academia and multilateral forums and a well-informed diaspora empowered with verified data and regular briefings. We must not let the conversation on South Asia be hijacked by agenda-driven voices. We must shape the global discourse with facts, transparency and moral clarity. India, by contrast, showed immense patience. It granted Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan in trade. It opened the Integrated Check Post at Wagah to

promote people-to-people contact. But goodwill was weaponised against us. After the 2019 Pulwama attack, in which 40 Indian paramilitary personnel were martyred, India revoked Pakistan's



MFN status. Trust had bled dry. If international media truly wishes to understand Kashmir, they must see the smiling faces of children in Baramulla, the bustling hotels of Gulmarg, and the girls studying freely in Kupwara. The change is visible — but only if you dare to look beyond the narrative spun in Rawalpindi. Since the abrogation of Article 370, over \$5 billion was pumped into infrastructure, tourism has been at an all-time high, and thousands of young people in Kashmir are now employed in startups, tourism, and traditional crafts. Amid all this, India has stayed committed to No First Use (NFU) in nuclear doctrine. It is not a doctrine of timidity but of strength. In the face of persistent provocation — from Kargil to Pulwama to Pahalgam — India has chosen restraint, an act of leadership. India must also lead in building

multilateral platforms for truth and engagement. India should propose a South Asia Peace and Development Forum — bringing together political leaders, diplomats, scholars, bureaucrats and business voices. This forum could serve as a counterweight to misinformation while advancing dialogue on counter-terrorism. SAARC may be fading, but India must have robust and dynamic alternatives like BIMSTEC. At the global executive level, India must institutionalise joint task forces with democracies such as the EU, the US, South Africa, Egypt and others. These coalitions should prioritise critical issues like counter-radicalisation, cybersecurity and intelligence-sharing, with Pakistan's duplicity. The world must be made aware of the facts India possesses through incontrovertible evidence. Simultaneously, addressing the false narrative that India is overly aligned with Israel at the expense of Palestine, India reaffirmed its principled stance. India's support for the Oslo Accords, its \$40 million humanitarian aid contribution, and its vote in favour of 10 out of 13 UN resolutions — including abstaining on resolutions related to the ICJ and trade — clearly underscores its commitment to a balanced approach. India does not seek domination; it seeks responsible leadership. Our vision is one of roads, railways and opportunities, not rockets and radicals. The African Union has robust measures against terrorism, addressing the growing nexus between terrorism, transnational organised crime, illicit financial flows and the use of advanced technologies like satellites and drones.

You can use strawberries, banana peel or even coconut oil to get sparkling white teeth, but try these options only after proper research, suggests an expert.

Guidelines for getting pearly white Teeth Naturally



Uchenna Okoye, clinical director at London Smiling Dental Group, doles out guidelines, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

-Strawberries

Claim: Mash up a ripe strawberry, dip your toothbrush in it and brush carefully over teeth. Within two weeks, your teeth will be whiter.

Dentist's Verdict: True. Strawberries contain citric acid, which can weaken the surface hardness of your teeth. But it also contains the more gentle malic acid, and the riper the strawberry becomes, the higher the concentration of malic acid compared to the more harmful citric acid.

So choose a really ripe strawberry, rub it on your teeth and just like exfoliating the skin, it does remove superficial debris. The malic acid won't actually break down the stain molecules, but the surface clean gives your teeth a whiter appearance. A gentle and effective natural whitener.

- Turmeric powder

Claim: Mix half a teaspoon of dried turmeric

powder with a few drops of water and stir to create a thick paste. Dip your toothbrush in (it will be stained yellow) and clean teeth. The usual cleaning time of two to three minutes is doubled, because of the time it takes to rinse the yellow from your teeth and gums. The abrasive qualities of the bright yellow spice (derived from a root) will clean your teeth.

Verdict: False. This is a recipe for disaster. The rule in dentistry is that anything that will stain a white shirt will stain your teeth. All spices stain teeth but yellow spices are the worst. Far from whitening

your teeth, using turmeric will make them even more discoloured.

-Banana peel

Claim: High levels of potassium, magnesium and manganese in bananas can help remove stains from teeth.

Simply peel a ripe banana, and rub your teeth with the insides of the peel for about two minutes. After three weeks, your teeth will have whitened.

Verdict: True. If you rub the skin it can act as a

gentle exfoliator and will remove some surface stains, but the banana will not reach inside the pores on the surface of your enamel - so no true 'deep' clean will take place.

- Cider Vinegar

Claim: Rinsing with apple cider vinegar (mixed two parts of water) will make teeth whiter and protect teeth and gums from bacteria.

Verdict: False. Cider vinegar is a favourite of 'detox' devotees. Once swallowed, it mixes with pancreatic secretions in the intestines and turns alkaline, but when it hits your teeth, it is an acid, albeit a weak one. This makes the enamel on your teeth less resistant to damage - like wetting a chalk and then scraping off the surface.

- Coconut oil

Claim: A 3,000-year-old Ayurvedic way to clean teeth is to swish a tablespoon of oil (usually coconut, sesame or olive oil) around your mouth for 20 minutes every morning. The coconut oil sticks to the oil in the cell membranes of any bacteria in your mouth, so when you spit it out, you are ridding your mouth of unwanted micro-organisms. Used by stars including Gwyneth Paltrow, who claim it whitens teeth and improves complexion.

Verdict: False. There is no scientific evidence at all that 'oil pulling', as it's called, will whiten teeth, or even remove bacteria. It's possible that the act of swishing the oil around your mouth will dislodge some bacteria or debris, so followed by a careful brushing session, your teeth may look cleaner. But no science shows that oil pulling will make your teeth any whiter.

A natural solution to Backache

Many of us are afflicted with back pain, which we tend to ignore or pay very little attention to, during the course of a busy day.

But you cannot overlook the fact that back pain can make it difficult for you to stand up, sit down or even walk around comfortably. So it's best you try some of the following natural remedies and get yourself some relief.

Increase your intake of Vitamin D -

A study looked at the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in 150 people with chronic musculoskeletal pain and found that 93 per cent of patients had vitamin D deficiency! So all people with persistent, non-specific musculoskeletal pain should get themselves screened for vitamin D deficiency.

Indulge in some music

therapy -

Low cost and enjoyable, music has been found to reduce the disability, anxiety, and depression associated with chronic back pain. It has an immediate effect on reducing pain, although the results are not statistically significant.

Try some breathing techniques -

To reduce pain, try some breathing techniques that make use of the mind-body connection. These techniques integrate body awareness, breathing, movement, and meditation. The best thing about them is that they are safe, free of cost and you can do them at home!

Get a soothing massage -

The first thing that comes to your mind when you think of a backache is to get a nice massage. Massages may be effective for sub acute and chronic pain. What's more, they reduce anxiety and depression associated with chronic pain. In fact, massage therapy is the most popular therapy for low back pain during pregnancy.

Listening to heavy metal makes you calmer

The study is in contrast to previous studies, which claimed that loud and chaotic music was associated with aggression and delinquency. However, the new research, done by student Leah Sharman and Dr Genevieve Dingle showed listeners mostly became inspired and calmed when they listened to extreme music. "We found the music regulated sadness and enhanced positive emotions. When experiencing anger, extreme music fans liked to listen to music that could match their anger. The music helped them explore the full gamut of emotion they felt but also left them feeling more active and inspired. Results showed levels of hostility, irritability and stress decreased after music was introduced, and the level of inspiration they felt," explained Sharman.

The study involved regular listeners of extreme music, aged 18-34 years. Participants were monitored during a baseline period, after a 16-minute 'anger induction.' They spent 10 minutes listening to songs of their choice, or 10 minutes of

A research says that extreme music - such as heavy metal - can positively influence those experiencing anger.

silence, and were monitored once more. The 'anger induction' involved the interviewees describing angering events in their life, with prompts around relationships, employment and finances.

"A secondary aim for the study was to see what music angry participants would select from their playlist. Half of the chosen songs contained themes of anger or aggression. Yet, participants reported they used music to immerse themselves in feelings of love and enhance their well-being. All responses indicated that extreme music listeners use their choice of music for positive self-regulatory purposes.



Home remedies to treat stomach Ache

Here are simple home remedies to treat stomach ache

- ☞ Add honey in your lemon tea and have it twice a day.
- ☞ Take one teaspoon of lemon juice and mint juice, add a few drops of ginger juice and black salt. Drinking this mixture will cure stomach pain.
- ☞ Extract some juice after grating a few pieces of ginger. Massaging this juice on your tummy will give you relief from stomach ache.
- ☞ Drink water. It will cleanse the body of toxins and guarantee better bowel movements.
- ☞ Processed foods like chocolates and dairy products will only aggravate your problems. Opt for healthier options like leafy vegetables or fruits.
- ☞ If you regularly suffer from stomach ache, trying going for a daily walk. It will make your digestive system healthier.
- ☞ Mix one teaspoon of ajwain, some lemon juice and a pinch of black salt in warm water and drink it.



Rajasthan, UP, Delhi to reel under sweltering heat as IMD predicts heatwave till June 14

The IMD has forecast heatwave conditions in many/some places over Himachal Pradesh and east Rajasthan till June 14, with severe heatwave conditions in some parts.

New Delhi. Heatwave to severe heatwave conditions are likely to continue over northwest India including Western Himalayan region till June 14 next 2 days and reduce thereafter, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The weather office also predicted heavy rainfall in Kerala, Karnataka, and Goa.

The IMD has forecast heatwave conditions in many/some places over Himachal Pradesh and east Rajasthan till June 14, with severe heatwave conditions in some parts. Heatwave conditions are also likely at many/some places over west Rajasthan till June 15, with severe heat wave conditions at isolated/some parts till June 14, the Met department said. According to IMD, similar conditions are likely to prevail in some many places over Jammu and Kashmir, west Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi till June 14. The weather office has also forecast hot and humid weather over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on June 14. Warm night conditions are likely in isolated pockets over



Punjab, Haryana, West Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh among others, it said.

The IMD said that there will be no significant change in maximum temperatures over northwest and central India during next two to three days. It further said that there will be no significant change in maximum temperatures over east India during next 24 hours.

The IMD has also predicted heavy rainfall in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana during the next seven days. "Isolated heavy

rainfall is likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh Kerala, Karnataka and Telangana till June 18 with extremely heavy rainfall likely over Kerala till June 17, coastal and south interior Karnataka till June 16," the weather office said.

Heavy rainfall is also likely to lash Maharashtra on June 14 and 15 and Goa on June 16 and 18. Extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Goa till June 15. The IMD has also forecast heavy rainfall in Madhya Pradesh from June 15 to 18, in Chhattisgarh till June 18 and in West Bengal till June 15. Jharkhand and Odisha are also expected to receive rainfall till June 18.

Northeast India may also experience rainfall during next seven days, the IMD said. "Isolated heavy rainfall is expected over Arunachal Pradesh during 14th-18th, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura during 12th-18th with very heavy rainfall on Arunachal Pradesh on 18th, Assam & Meghalaya during 16th-18th, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura on 17th & 18th June," the weather office said.

Air India crash blaze reached 1,000°C, even dogs, birds couldn't escape

New Delhi. The temperature in and around the crashed Air India plane rose to around 1,000 degrees Celsius, which made the rescue operation extremely difficult, officials said on Thursday night. Even dogs and birds at the site could not escape, they said. A London-bound Air India plane carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed in a residential area in Ahmedabad minutes after taking off from the city airport on Thursday afternoon.

"There was 1.25 lakh litres of fuel inside the plane, and it caught fire so it was impossible to save anyone," Union minister Amit Shah told reporters. A State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) official said their personnel reached the hostel and residential quarters of doctors and staff members of the BJ Medical College, where the aircraft crashed, between 2 to 2.30 pm. Before that, locals had pulled out some people alive but their teams did not get anybody alive. A senior fire official said, "As the (aircraft's fuel) tank exploded it created an inferno where the temperature rose to 1,000 degrees Celsius in no time. This left little chance for anyone to escape."

An SDRF personnel, who joined the force in 2017, said he has handled crisis situations before but has never seen such a disaster.

"We came here with PPE kits. But the temperature was so high that it made operations difficult. There were debris everywhere. So we had to clear the debris that were already simmering," he said. The official, who said he was not allowed to speak to the media, claimed his team removed 25-30 bodies including those of children. "DNA tests will have to be done for recognition of bodies," he said.

Another SDRF official claimed he lost the count of bodies he removed. "It was so quick that even animals and birds got little time to escape," he said, pointing to the carcasses of dogs and birds in the residential complex.

Deeply concerned: India calls for restraint as Israel, Iran trade airstrikes



New Delhi. India on Friday expressed deep concern over escalating tensions between Iran and Israel, urging both sides to de-escalate and prioritise dialogue, as Israel launched unprecedented strikes and Iran responded with drones.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated it is "deeply concerned at the recent developments between Iran and Israel," adding, "We are closely monitoring the evolving situation, including reports related to attacks on nuclear sites." India called on both nations to "avoid any escalatory steps" and that "existing channels of dialogue and diplomacy should be utilised to work towards a de-escalation of the situation and resolving underlying issues."

The MEA said that India shares close and friendly relations with both Iran and Israel and "stands ready to extend all possible support." The government also said Indian embassies in both countries are in touch with the Indian community, and urged Indian nationals in the region to exercise caution. Indian missions in Tehran and Tel Aviv on Friday issued advisories urging Indian nationals to remain vigilant and avoid unnecessary movement amid rising tensions between Iran and Israel. "In view of the current situation in Iran, all Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin are requested to remain vigilant, avoid all unnecessary movements, and observe safety protocols," the Indian Embassy in Tehran said in a post on X. The embassy also urged people to follow its official social media channels for updates.

NDMC approves key proposals on health, employee welfare and infra

NEW DELHI. The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Thursday approved a series of welfare and infrastructure development proposals during its second council meeting held under the chairmanship of PWD Minister Parvesh Verma. One of the key decisions was the approval of a one-time policy relaxation for regularising Type-I and Type-II municipal quarters in the names of spouses or wards of former NDMC employees. The decision applies even to cases where applications were delayed. Penalties for overstay, including cases with dues up to Rs 24 lakh, will also be waived, Verma said, calling the move "a just reward for service and dignity." NDMC will also withdraw related court cases where proceedings are ongoing.

In a major welfare boost for healthcare staff, the Council approved Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) and conveyance allowances for doctors and other health workers serving in NDMC-run hospitals and dispensaries.

The benefits will be granted with retrospective effect from July 1, 2017. To improve power infrastructure, the Council approved the replacement of all 33 kV electric cables and feeders that are more than 35 years old under the Scheme-33 kV Division, citing frequent faults due to ageing systems. To tackle waterlogging, the civic body cleared the purchase of hydraulic jetting and rodding machines for stormwater drainage maintenance, with a budget of Rs 5.2 crore sanctioned for procurement via the Government e-Marketplace portal.

Monsoon Likely To Reach Delhi, Northwest By June 25: Weather Office



New Delhi. The southwest monsoon, which regained momentum this week, is expected to cover most parts of northwest India, including Delhi, by June 25, well ahead of the usual dates, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The primary rain-bearing system reached Kerala on May 24, marking its earliest onset over the Indian mainland since 2009, when it arrived on May 23.

Aided by strong low-pressure systems over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the monsoon advanced quickly over the next few days, covering parts up to central Maharashtra, including Mumbai, and the entire northeast by May 29. However, it stalled from May 28-29 until June 10-11 before becoming active again. The lack of rainfall since early June led to a sharp rise in temperatures, triggering heatwave conditions across large parts of northwest and central India since June 8-9.

According to the IMD's extended range forecast, the monsoon is now likely to cover the remaining parts of central and eastern India and some areas of northwest India by June 18. It is expected to advance over most of northwest India between June 19 and June 25.

An IMD official said the system is likely to reach Delhi by June 22-23, ahead of the normal onset date of June 27. Meteorologists say the date of monsoon onset does not directly correlate with the total seasonal rainfall. An early or delayed arrival in Kerala or Mumbai does not necessarily indicate similar progress in other parts of the country. They say the monsoon is influenced by complex global, regional and local factors, marked by significant variability.

In May, the IMD forecast that India is likely to receive 106 per cent of the long-period average rainfall of 87 cm during the June-September monsoon season. Rainfall between 96 and 104 per cent of this 50-year average is considered "normal".

Air India plane crash: Newlywed on way to London to meet husband onboard ill-fated flight

New Delhi. A newlywed bride from Rajasthan was among the victims who lost their lives in the Air India plane crash incident on Thursday. Khushboo

was going to London to meet her husband, a UK-based doctor, onboard ill-fated Air India plane that crashed shortly after takeoff in Ahmedabad Thursday afternoon.

The 21-year-old from Rajasthan's Balotra district got married to Vipul in January this year. Her husband went back London just two months after the wedding. She was also heading to London to meet him on Thursday, just two days after her passport was renewed. Khushboo reached Ahmedabad on

Wednesday night with her father and cousin. Her father, Madan Singh, who had come to the airport to drop her had taken a picture with her before



departure and shared it on WhatsApp status with the message: "Ashirwad Khushboo beta, going to London." Khushboo's family got the tragic news

of the crash when they were driving back. An emotional video has surfaced where her family members can be seen bidding her farewell.

The Ahmedabad-London flight crashed on Thursday afternoon, seconds after it took off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport. Of the 242 people onboard, only one survived, Air India said in a statement. The plane brushed past one of the buildings in Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College (BJMC) compound before crashing and bursting into flames.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the official number of deceased will be declared only after DNA testing is completed.

Ahmedabad plane crash: Doctor family on way to London to begin new life clicked selfie before tragedy

New Delhi. A doctor couple from Rajasthan boarded the ill-fated Air India plane with their three children with a hope to start a new chapter of life in London. Dr. Kaumi Vyas, her husband Pratik Joshi and their three little ones — eight-year-old Miraya Joshi and five-year-old twin boys Pradyut Joshi, Nakul Joshi — were among the passengers who lost their lives in the deadly Air India plane crash. The family of five who were from Banswara district of Rajasthan had clicked a selfie with a big smile on their faces, before the flight took off.

What could be the beginning of a new life, turned into the last chapter of their lives. Kaumi Vyas, who worked at a private hospital in Banswara, shared the family picture on social media as they sat on the plane — the couple smiling and the three children in the frame behind sitting in

another row, facing the camera. Left job to start new life in London Kaumi had resigned from her position last month so she could begin a new life with her husband Pratik, a



London-based doctor, and their three children. While Pratik had been living in London for the past six, Kaumi was a pathologist at the Pacific Hospital. She had resigned from the job and had been excitedly preparing for the journey for a month.

Besides the doctor family, six other Rajasthan natives were among those onboard the Air India flight that crashed shortly after takeoff from the Ahmedabad airport. They were residents of Udaipur Bikaner and Balotra districts.

Ahmedabad plane tragedy

The Ahmedabad-London flight crashed on Thursday afternoon, moments after taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport on Thursday afternoon. Of the 242 people onboard, only one survived, Air India said in a statement.

The plane brushed past one of the buildings in Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College (BJMC) compound before crashing and bursting into flames. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the official number of deceased will be declared only after DNA testing is completed.

Sumeet Sabarwal, pilot of crashed Air India plane, wanted to quit job

The two pilots Sumeet Sabarwal and Clifford Kunder started flying an Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, with 230 passengers and 10 crew members on board to London's Gatwick Airport. However, the plane crashed within 32 seconds of take-off. Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, a British-Indian passenger was the only one to survive. They had approximately 9,300 hours of flying experience.

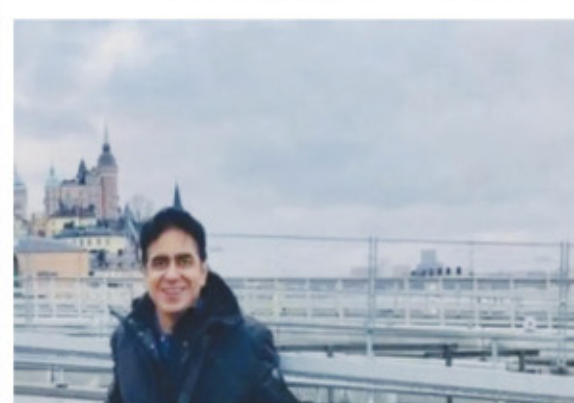
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Sabarwal wanted to quit job

Captain Sabarwal (54) had a flying experience of nearly thirty years. Sabarwal had lodged nearly 8,200 hours in the cockpit, as per the Indian aviation regulator DGCA. Colleagues are of the view that his original experience is far more than that, noting that the DGCA's current software won't be able to present the entire work life. Captain Sabarwal, who was a resident of Powai, in Mumbai, stayed with his 82-year-old father. A few days ago, the pilot told his father that he would be quitting his job to look after him. The Sabarwal family has deep links with the aviation industry. Sabarwal's father is retired from the Directorate

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), while his two nephews are also pilots. A neighbour told the Hindustan Times, "Whenever he flew out, Sumeet would ask us to keep an eye on his father. He has



now been left devastated." **Actor Vikrant Massey expresses condolences to Uncle Clifford**

Captain Clive Kunder who was the co-pilot and First officer had a flying experience of

1,100 years. His family too have had a history of aviation. His mother is a former Air India flight attendant. Captain Kunder's parents are currently in Sydney, at their daughter's place. Actor Vikrant Massey expressed his condolences for the death of Mr Kunder, son of his uncle, Clifford Kunder. In a post on Instagram, Mr Massey wrote, "My heart breaks for the families and loved ones of the ones who lost their lives in the unimaginably tragic air crash in Ahmedabad today. It pains even more to know that my uncle, Clifford Kunder, lost his son, Clive Kunder, who was the first officer operating on that fateful flight. May god give strength to you and your family, uncle and to all deeply affected."

The pilot, Captain Sabharwal, issued a "Mayday" call to Air Traffic Control shortly before the plane lost contact, said DGCA. It is a call, primarily made in an aviation setup to indicate a life-threatening emergency.



After all, who amongst us doesn't have fond memories of dancing or playing games in the rain, sipping a cup of steaming tea, munching on fresh home made pakoras, or just sitting in the veranda happily watching the rain pouring down - a welcome relief from the scorching summer heat. However, over the past few years our relationship with the monsoon season has soured. We no longer want ourselves or our kids to get wet in the rain for fear of catching a cold or infection. The monsoon munchies we used to savour earlier, now threaten to upset our stomach, and most of all, the rainwater we used to enjoy dancing in, is no longer safe and free of pollutants. What's more, most doctors too warn that the monsoon season brings with it a

Ways to improve immunity during Monsoons

plethora of illnesses, infections, and digestive ailments, which is why we it is critical to take extra precautions to be fit during this season. So what's the reason behind us not being able to enjoy monsoons? Weak immunity - the increased pollution, humidity, and moisture reduces our metabolic rate and thus

suppresses the body's ability to fight diseases. A lower metabolic rate also means that our digestive system's ability to break down and absorb food is weaker, leading to stomach ailments from constipation and bloating to diarrhoea. That said, we can take adequate steps to increase our immunity and metabolic rate

and not miss out on our favourite monsoon activities. Here are 5 tips to help us do so:
1. Stay Hydrated:
 Drink plenty of water and water-based drinks such as green tea during monsoons because the increased humidity makes us sweat more and leaves our bodies dehydrated and more susceptible to falling ill.

The arrival of the Monsoon season always tends to stir a feeling of nostalgia and excitement in our hearts.

- 2. Increase Fibre Intake:**
 Increase consumption of light fibrous grains such as oats, brown rice, and barley that are easy to absorb by the body and also have high fibre contain that cleanses our stomach and intestines. Avoid watery cereals such as curried rice which can cause bloating during Monsoons.
- 3. Switch to Light Cooking Oils:**
 As much as you love eating pakoras during monsoons - avoid deep fried foods as they make one feel heavy, slow metabolic rate, and are difficult to digest. If you still want to indulge in a few monsoon munchies use lighter oils such as Corn oil or Olive oil instead of heavy cooking oils such as Mustard or Sesame oil.
- 4. Use Natural Immunity Boosters:**
 Take a leaf from your grandmother's remedy book, literally! Herbs such as neem, turmeric powder, and methi seeds boost metabolic rate and are natural antibiotics - great at increasing immunity and digestion.
- 5. Add Lime and Honey:**
 To further boost our metabolic rate and immunity, add lemon juice and honey as they assist in the digestion process and help the intestines carry out their functions properly and effectively.

What your Eyes say about Your health

Here is what a few common eye symptoms could reveal about your body's health

Is there more to your health than meets the eye? According to experts, your peepers may hold clues to undiagnosed health problems and a routine eye test could reveal the truth. Eyes are the window into the body, offering a great pre-warning for many life-threatening illnesses. Most of us think we only need their eyes checked for vision problems, but all of us should have regular examinations, as conditions such as diabetes can be detected in the eye before they start to cause problems in the body. Here are some common eye symptoms that can be detected by opticians and what they could reveal about your health.

Red eyes
Could be: High Blood pressure
 When an optician shines a light into your eyes, they see the tiny blood vessels in your retinas - the sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. High blood pressure can make these blood vessels appear twisted - or even cause them to burst so the eyes look red. A quarter of adults with high blood pressure don't know they have the condition, which can cause strokes. Yellow deposits behind the eye

could be: Diabetes
 Yellow deposits of fat, or small tears in the retina, are signs of Type 2 diabetes. A big change to your glasses prescription is another. Early diagnosis is key to avoiding long-term, sometimes fatal, complications.

Iris rings
Could be: High cholesterol
 White rings around the iris — the coloured part of the eye — are a sign of high cholesterol levels. Another clue is 'xanthelasma' — flat, white fat deposits under the skin on or around your eyelids. Studies show people with both these symptoms have a higher risk of heart disease.

Pale inner eyelids
Could be: Anaemia
 If the inside of your lower eyelids look pale when pulled down, you may be anaemic - lacking iron, which helps makes red blood cells. Anaemia can be treated with iron supplements, but can be a sign of internal bleeding, so see your GP.

Bulging eyes
Could be: Thyroid problems
 Prominent-looking eyes can run in families, but eyes that appear to bulge may be evidence of an overactive thyroid. Abnormal levels of thyroid hormone cause the tissues around the eye to swell, making it appear the eye is popping outwards.

Droopy eyelid
Could be: Bell's Palsy or Stroke
 A drooping eye can indicate Bell's Palsy, a temporary facial paralysis. It can also be a symptom of a stroke, especially if the speech is slurred. More rarely, it could also be evidence of a brain tumour or an autoimmune disease that is known as myasthenia gravis.

Yellow eyes
Could be: Liver disease

Liver conditions, including hepatitis and cirrhosis, can turn the whites of your eyes yellow — a symptom which requires an immediate doctor's trip. The colour is caused by bilirubin, a chemical created by the breakdown of hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying molecule inside red blood cells. Pale optic nerve

Could be: MS or Brain tumour
 The optic nerve, which transmits information from the retina to the brain, is visible at the rear of the eye to an optician. A pale optic nerve can be an early manifestation of MS or evidence of a brain tumour.

Different sized pupils
Could be: Stroke or tumour
 Healthy pupils are around the same size and react similarly to light. If this is not the case with you, check yourself for problems such as stroke, brain or optic nerve tumour, a brain aneurysm or MS.

How kids respond to differently Foods

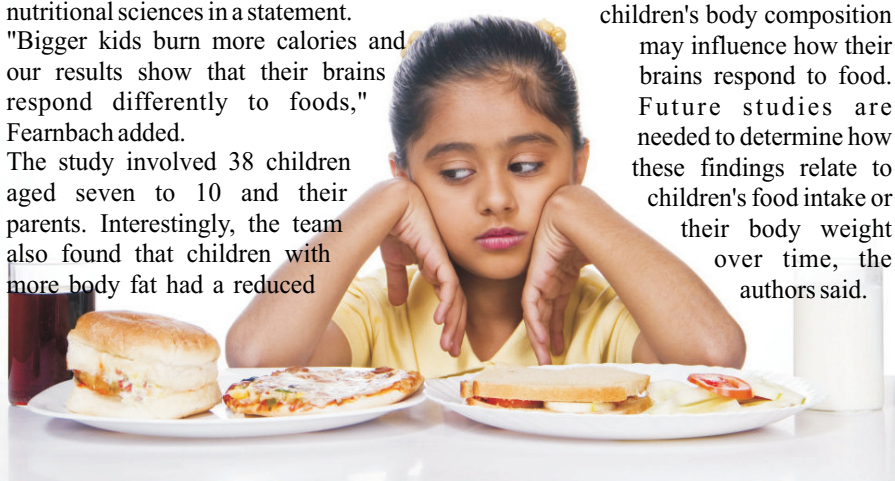
How children perceive high-calorie foods depends on how much fat have accumulated around their waistlines, a new study says.



So lean children will have more powerful brain responses while looking at high-calorie foods compared to children with lower lean body weight. On the contrary, the researchers found that children with higher body fat had lower activity in this same brain area when they saw pictures of healthier, low-calorie foods. "Kids with more lean body weight might have a greater reward response to higher calorie foods, in part because they have greater energy needs compared to children with less lean body weight," said Nicole Fearnbach from Pennsylvania State University's department of nutritional sciences in a statement. "Bigger kids burn more calories and our results show that their brains respond differently to foods," Fearnbach added. The study involved 38 children aged seven to 10 and their parents. Interestingly, the team also found that children with more body fat had a reduced



brain response to healthy foods. It might be that kids with higher body fat find those healthier foods to be less rewarding. The results suggest that children's body composition may influence how their brains respond to food. Future studies are needed to determine how these findings relate to children's food intake or their body weight over time, the authors said.



Crude oil prices surge amid tension between Israel and Iran

NEW DELHI. Crude oil prices soared by more than 12% on Friday following an escalation in tensions between Israel and Iran. Israel launched a series of coordinated airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, triggering fears of broader disruptions to global oil supplies. As a result, Brent Crude prices surged nearly 13%, reaching \$77.77 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the benchmark US oil contract, climbed 12.6% to \$76.61 per barrel.

However, by 11:10 AM IST, the rally had cooled somewhat, with Brent Crude trading at \$74.86 per barrel and WTI at \$73.73. The spike in crude prices was driven by concerns that the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran could disrupt oil supplies from the energy-rich region, which accounts for roughly one-third of the world's oil production. Oil prices are now on track for their largest weekly gain since 2022. A report from JPMorgan warned that an escalation in the conflict could push oil prices to as high as \$120 per barrel, potentially driving the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) to 5%. However, the report also noted that the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil shipping route, is considered a low-risk event, as Iran would damage its own economic and political position by antagonizing its main oil customer. According to brokerage firm ICICI Securities, crude oil prices have risen amid growing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. The escalating situation between Israel and Iran could affect oil supplies, further adding to the uncertainty in global energy markets. In addition, the US is preparing a partial evacuation of personnel from the region after Iran threatened to target US military bases if nuclear talks fail.

Gold sees sharp rise in price as investors turn to safe-haven assets

CHENNAI. Gold prices in India witnessed a sharp rise on Friday, reflecting global market trends as investors turned to safe-haven assets amid escalating geopolitical tensions and macroeconomic uncertainty. The price of 24-carat gold jumped by ₹840 per 10 grams, while 22-carat gold rose by ₹770 per 10 grams compared to the previous day. This sharp uptick pushed domestic gold prices to record levels, mirroring gains in international markets where spot gold has been buoyed by rising safe-haven demand. The surge comes on the back of renewed tensions between Israel and Iran, along with lingering concerns over inflation and potential shifts in interest rate policies by major central banks. The US dollar and bond yields remained volatile, further supporting gold prices. Analysts note that the current geopolitical environment and financial market volatility are likely to keep gold demand strong in the near term, especially among cautious investors and



central banks increasing their reserves. With gold hitting fresh highs, both retail buyers and investors are advised to stay informed and monitor market cues closely. While gold continues to be a favored hedge in times of crisis, price volatility remains a key risk factor in the short term.

Zuno Smart Drive: India's first real-time crash detection motor insurance

New Delhi. Zuno General Insurance has achieved a milestone in the Indian motor insurance space with the launch of the first of its kind Zuno Smart Drive Policy. The newly launched policy has a feature that allows automatic crash detection on a real-time basis. The ability to detect the accident in real time is set to change the complete landscape of motor insurance in India. The Zuno Smart Drive Policy includes the feature of automatic detection that is enabled through advanced mobile telematics, which bridges the gap between technology and emergency response. The policy aims to transform the traditional insurance practices into smart, intelligent, and proactive ones. The new proactive safety solutions automatically sense accidents and give the inputs to the emergency response team, thereby eliminating the need for customer inputs. The new measure aims to accelerate response time and provide the safety solution on a real-time basis. This would help save the lives of customers while simultaneously reducing post-crash stress. With real-time crash detection, we're taking a decisive leap forward—moving from reactive support to proactive safety,” MD & CEO of Zuno General Insurance, Shanai Ghosh, said. “Zuno Smart Drive is an insurance that watches out for you, supports you in critical moments, and puts your safety first,” he added.

A lot of road accidents. The feature comes at a critical time, as the country is already reeling with higher casualties in road accidents. As per the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, India witnessed 168,000 fatalities and 461,000 road accidents, around a 12 percent increase from the previous year. The need for faster emergency responses amid critical situations like these is more required than ever. Zuno already possesses the unique and India's first “Pay How You Drive” model with no extra cost. The model pays the driver with higher ratings in safety incentives and policy discounts. Behavioral analysis, such as speed braking and driving consistency, is being tracked.

Oil shock hits Dalal Street: BPCL, ONGC, IOC, other crude-sensitive stocks fall

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New Delhi. Shares of oil marketing companies, paint makers, tyre companies, and other businesses that depend on crude oil dropped sharply on June 13. This came after oil prices rose quickly following military strikes by Israel on Iran, raising fears of more tension in the Middle East.

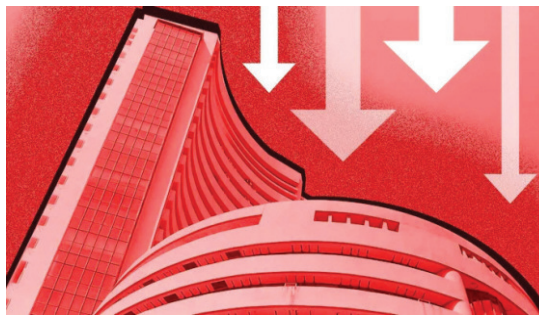
Brent crude oil futures jumped more than 9% to touch around \$75.61 per barrel, reaching a multi-month high. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures also rose over 9% to trade near \$74.39 per barrel. These gains came after Israel said it had launched what it called “preemptive strikes” against Iran.

Reports said that Israel's airstrikes were aimed at parts of Iran's nuclear and missile programmes. Multiple explosions were reported in Tehran, according to Iran's state news agency IRNA, as cited by CNN. Iran has promised to respond, adding to concerns that oil prices could rise even more if tensions continue to grow.

OIL MARKETING COMPANIES DROP

Shares of India's major oil marketing companies fell sharply in early trade. Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) lost more than 4%, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) declined around 4.5%, and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)

dropped nearly 3%. The sharp rise in oil prices is bad news for these companies, as they have to buy oil at higher rates, which increases their costs and affects profit



margins. At the same time, oil-producing companies like ONGC and Oil India saw their shares rise. ONGC and Oil India both gained up to 3% in early trade. Higher oil prices often help such companies because they sell crude at better rates. “Sectors that use oil derivatives as inputs like aviation, paints, adhesives and tyres will be hit

hard. Oil producers like ONGC and Oil India will remain resilient. Investors can wait and watch how the situation unfolds,” said Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

PAINT STOCKS UNDER PRESSURE

Paint companies also felt the pressure of rising oil prices. Crude oil is a key input in paint production, so higher prices make it more costly to manufacture paint.

Shares of Asian Paints dropped around 2% in early trade. This came just a day after the stock

had gained sharply following a large block deal where equity worth Rs 7,703 crore changed hands.

Other paint companies also saw their shares fall. Indigo Paints and Berger Paints each lost about 4% in morning trade, as traders turned cautious about the impact of higher input costs.

RBI steps in to contain fallout of oil price jump on rupee: Report

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New Delhi. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intervened in the currency markets on Friday, selling dollars to arrest a sharp fall in the rupee after Brent crude prices spiked following Israel's military strikes on Iran, traders told Reuters.

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central bank's likely intervention. Currency dealers at two state-run banks told the news agency that RBI sold dollars around the 86.05 mark to stabilise the market. The pressure on the rupee came as oil prices surged nearly 12% to \$78 a barrel after Israel targeted Iranian nuclear facilities in what it described as a preemptive strike to prevent Tehran from developing

atomic weapons. Iran has vowed to respond, raising fears of prolonged conflict in the Middle East and potential disruption to global oil supply routes, including the critical Strait of Hormuz. Any escalation in the region could lead to higher crude prices, a key risk for oil-importing countries like India, which relies on imports for over 85% of its energy needs. A sustained rise in oil prices not only widens India's trade deficit but also adds pressure on the rupee and complicates the inflation outlook. While the RBI does not officially comment on currency market operations, it has consistently intervened in the past to curb excessive volatility, especially when global events disrupt capital flows or commodity prices. Friday's intervention underscores the central bank's focus on containing imported inflation risks and ensuring currency stability amid fresh geopolitical uncertainty.

Indian equities sink as Israel-Iran tensions rattle investors

CHENNAI. Indian equity benchmarks tumbled sharply in early trade on Friday as rising geopolitical tensions between Israel and Iran spooked global investors and triggered broad-based selling across sectors.

At 9:33 AM, the BSE Sensex plunged 896.5 points, or 1.10%, to 80,795.44, while the NSE Nifty slumped 278.5 points, or 1.12%, to 24,609.70. Market sentiment remained jittery amid a risk-off mood in global equities and weakness in Asian peers. Slightly recovered from the interim, Sensex at 80931.11 was down 760.87 points or 0.93% at 11.12



AM. Selling pressure was pronounced in key sectors including auto, IT, financial services, and PSU banks,

reflecting concerns over potential disruptions in oil supply chains and heightened global uncertainty. The Nifty Bank index shed 633.80 points, or 1.13%, to trade at 55,448.75. Broader markets were also under pressure, with the Nifty Midcap 100 dropping 603.90 points, or 1.03%, to 57,836.95, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 declined 192.75 points, or 1.04%, to 18,272.30. Volatility is expected to remain elevated through the day as investors track further developments in West Asia, along with cues from global markets and crude oil prices.

experience a dip of up to 6–15%, creating an opportunity for traders and investors to explore,” said VLA Ambala, Co-Founder of Stock Market Today. The fall was not limited to airline companies alone. Adani Enterprises, which manages the Ahmedabad airport where the crash took place, also saw a drop in its share price.

Shares of Adani Enterprises fell nearly 2% in early trade. The ill-fated Flight AI171 was headed for London's Gatwick Airport when it went down in the densely populated Meghaninagar residential area, just minutes after lifting off.

Air India's Parent company Tata Group announced Rs 1 crore compensation for the families of those killed, full medical expense coverage for the injured, and assistance to rebuild the impacted medical college infrastructure.



Rupee vs Dollar: Indian currency drop 56 paise to reach 86.08 against the greenback

Mumbai. Rupee declined 56 paise to 86.08 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday due to a spike in global oil prices and a firm dollar amid rising tensions in the Middle East following a fresh Israel attack on Iran's nuclear sites. A weak opening in domestic equity markets and heavy FII outflows further contributed to the fall in the local unit, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the local unit opened at 86.25 against the greenback before inching up to 86.08, down 56 paise from its previous close. The rupee had settled at 85.52 on Thursday.

“The rupee opened weak as hostility in the Middle East kept tensions boiling and risk appetite taking a hit with Gift Nifty down 285 points,” Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said. As Israel struck Iran, explosions were heard in Tehran with tensions mounting over US efforts to win Iran's agreement to halt production of material for Nuclear bombs,” he added. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose

0.31 per cent to 98.22. Meanwhile, at least 265 people were killed on Thursday when a London-bound Air India plane carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed into a medical college complex in Ahmedabad less than a minute after takeoff. The dead in the country's worst air disaster in recent times included several people on the ground. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 1,337.39 points to 80,354.59 in early trade on Friday, while the Nifty tumbled 415.2 points to 24,473. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose sharply by 8.59 per cent to USD 75.32 per barrel in futures trade. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,831.42 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

Further, retail inflation in the country dipped to an over six-year low of 2.82 per cent in May due to subdued food prices, remaining below the Reserve Bank of India (RBI's) median target of 4 per cent for the fourth consecutive month, according to government data released on Thursday.

The range for the rupee is expected between

85.70 and 86.25 (for Friday), but it could be an opportunity for exporters to sell their receivables as the RBI will surely

step in to curb the volatility. Importers need to wait and watch the situation as it develops,” Bhansali added.

Mark Zuckerberg Just Paid \$14.3 Billion To Hire THIS AI Company CEO



New Delhi. Alexandr Wang, the founder and CEO of Scale AI, told his employees that he's leaving the company to join Meta (the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp). This news came right after reports that Meta was making a huge investment in Scale AI—about \$14.3 billion—which gives Meta a 49% stake in the startup, but without any voting rights or control

over its business decisions. In his message to staff, Wang said that big chance sometimes require tough choices, and for him, that meant stepping down as CEO. He called his time leading Scale AI the best experience of his life. Jason Droege, who was Scale AI's chief strategy officer and previously worked at Uber and Benchmark, will take over as the new CEO. A few Scale AI employees will also move to Meta as part of this deal. Wang will be heading a new AI research lab at Meta, focusing on building advanced AI that could one day match or even surpass human abilities. Meta confirmed the partnership and said they'll be working even closer with Scale AI to improve data for their AI models, and that more details about the new team will be shared soon.



Huma Qureshi's

New Instagram Photos Are A Perfect Blend Of Bold And Boss

Huma Qureshi just served another look worth bookmarking. Turning up the heat on Instagram, the actress dropped a series of photos from her latest shoot, blending boss-lady vibes with bold glamour. She rocked a tailored grey blazer with delicate lace detailing, paired with sheer pants that added just the right touch of sultry. One word: breathtaking. Are you thinking it too? Posing confidently, Huma Qureshi stole all our hearts with just her gaze, and we are not even complaining. The side note of the post read, "Hi (sic) a little lace a little business like."

On the work front, Huma Qureshi is all set to make a powerful comeback to the digital screen with the much-awaited fourth season of *Maharani*. She will once again step into the role of Rani Bharati, the fierce and determined protagonist at the heart of the political drama. Originally premiering in 2021 on SonyLIV, the series has won audiences over with its gripping narrative and compelling performances.

Created by Subhash Kapoor and helmed by director Saurabh Bhavde, *Maharani 4* also features an impressive ensemble cast, including Amit Sial, Vineet Kumar, Pramod Pathak, Kani Kusruti, Anuja Sathe, Sushil Pandey, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, and Sohum Shah. Talking about *Maharani*'s success with the *Hindustan Times*, Huma Qureshi earlier said, "I can definitely define my career before and after *Maharani*. That was the show where everyone stood up and took note of my talent. Its success inspired people to think about me in positions they hadn't considered before. And now, *Maharani* is going to have a season 4." She further added, "More than me, my OTT success has increased the creators' trust in me."

The critically acclaimed show chronicles Rani Bharti's unexpected rise to power after her husband, the incumbent Chief Minister, gets injured. As she forays into the complex world of politics, the political drama dives deep into the theme of power, leadership and betrayal. Directed by Karan Sharma, the gripping political drama is loosely inspired by real-life events in Bihar's political history. Apart from *Maharani 4*, Huma Qureshi will also be seen in *Jolly LLB 3*, a courtroom drama directed by Subhash Kapoor. The film features a star-studded cast including Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, Amrita Rao and Saurabh Shukla.

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 2, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge 2 In The Works? Kajol REVEALS Truth



Kuch Kuch Hota Hai and Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge remain two of Kajol's most iconic films. In a time in Bollywood when sequels like *Gadar 2* and *Bhool Bhulaiya 2* are becoming massive hits, and *Dostana 2* and *Dhadak 2* are generating immense buzz, will there be sequels to *KKHH* and *DDLJ* as well? Kajol opines that these sequels are not needed. Talking to *Pinkvilla*, Kajol said, "People say you should make *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 2* when you grow older and fall in love again with Shah Rukh Khan and I'm like... the thing is, that *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* was great because it was a different set of people, it was a different world. You still had people who believed in that kind of love."

She explained, "Like that eternal, once-in-a-lifetime kind of love. If you ask someone today, they say that if this (relationship) doesn't work out, we have ten other options standing on that track over there so it's difficult in today's time to conceive a story that has the same belief pattern."

Kajol also dismissed the idea of *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge 2*. "Like I can't imagine a *DDLJ 2*. Like what happened after the train? No one wants to know. Do you really want to know if they fought over the diapers or not? It's just wonderful that it's just left at the end and you know that the train left and it said 'the end'. Now you can just leave it to imagination. They lived happily ever after, it's one sentence, it's not a marriage so it's perfect," she said.

In the same conversation, Kajol also spoke about rejecting films that went on to become huge blockbusters. Kajol said, "Lots of times, prime example is *3 Idiots* (laughs)." The *DDLJ* actress mentioned that she has no regrets about rejecting these movies. "I feel that those films were theirs, you know, jaise bolte hain na jiska likha hua hai usko hi milta hai...toh, I think that I have done very well for myself without them," Kajol said.

Dalljiet Kaur Enjoys An 'Impromptu' Trip To Disneyland With Son



Dalljiet Kaur, who is known for her work in television series *Kulvaddhu*, *Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?* and *Kaala Teeka*, has been balancing her responsibilities as a single mother as well as an actor. Recently, the dotting mother made full use of her son Jaydon's school's summer vacation and took him on a trip to Hong Kong. The two of them visited iconic tourist spots and posed for some of the lovely frames, which Kaur later posted.

On Instagram, Dalljiet Kaur posted a series of pictures from her lovely vacation with her son Jaydon in foreign land. The carousel began with the mother-son duo posing with the majestic Disneyland in the background and flaunted their widest smiles. For the day, Kaur donned a red top teamed with a white skirt while her boy opted for a casual T-shirt. The diva also wore a headband featuring the *Stitch*, also known as Experiment 626, a genetically engineered alien plush toy from Disney's *Lilo & Stitch* franchise, while her son flaunted a *Chip and Dale* cute plush headband, with a small acorn in the middle, cementing their status as pure Disney fans.

The television actress also visited the *Madame Tussauds*, a wax museum in Hong Kong. There she posed with a few of the wax statues, including that of Chris Hemsworth, an Australian actor and Pia Wurtzbach, a Filipino model and actress, among others. The carousel ended with the mother-son duo being leisurely spending some quality moments in black nightgowns while lying down on their couch.

"Impromptu plans are as perfect as they can get! Disneyland, Hongkong was a perfect way to plan the end of summer vacations. I go back to work and Jaydon starts school!" read her caption. Reacting to Kaur's lovely post, *Kumkum - Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan* star Shweta Kawatra wrote, "Wow super fun." *Pyaar Kii Ye Ek Kahaani* fame Vahbiz Dorabjee penned, "Jaydon, have a blissful and eat lots of ice cream candies," adding, "Fun pictures." One of her fans commented, "Jaydon must be proud to have a mother like you." Another mentioned, "So girl you are almost back on track with your boy. I know complete healing will take time. Never ever leave things for anyone else," hinting at the turbulence she faced in her personal life.

Anushka Sharma

Expresses Grief Over Ahmedabad Plane Crash: 'Thoughts And Prayers...'

Anushka Sharma mourned the tragic Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad that allegedly claimed the lives of all 242 passengers on board. She is joined by numerous Bollywood celebs who expressed their thoughts on the plane crash. For the unversed, an Air India flight bound for London crashed near Ahmedabad airport on Thursday, June 12. Taking to her Instagram story, Anushka Sharma joined her colleagues in the film industry and expressed her grief. "Saddened to hear about the plane



crash today. Thoughts and prayers with the passengers and their families," she posted. Take a look:

Her co-star of many films, Shah Rukh Khan, took to X (formerly Twitter) and extended his prayers to the families of the victims who lost their lives in the plane crash. "Absolutely heartbroken with the news about the crash in Ahmedabad... my prayers for the victims, their families and all affected," he wrote.

The Ahmedabad plane crash incident unfolded at 1:17 pm as an Air India flight, on the way to London, took

off with 242 passengers and 10 crew members on board. Among the passengers were 169 Indians, 53 British nationals, 7 Portuguese citizens, and one Canadian. Thick smoke was seen rising from Dharpur near the Meghaninagar area of Ahmedabad after the crash. Fire brigade units were immediately called, and emergency response teams are being mobilised. The cause of the crash has yet to be confirmed by the authorities. Following the accident, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel reportedly travelled from Surat to Ahmedabad to assess the situation. An IANS report mentions that Union Home Minister Amit Shah discussed the incident with Patel, and the central government has pledged full support in managing the aftermath.

Air India took to X and confirmed the mishap in a post on X. "Flight AI171, operating Ahmedabad-London Gatwick, was involved in an incident today, 12 June 2025," the post read. A note from the Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu read, as per ANI, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the Minister of Civil Aviation, Rammohan Naidu, and took stock of the Air India flight crash incident in Ahmedabad."

The Minister informed the Prime Minister that he is rushing to Ahmedabad to oversee rescue and relief operations on the ground.

The Prime Minister has directed the Minister to ensure all necessary support is extended immediately and asked to be kept regularly updated on the situation. All relevant agencies are on high alert, and coordinated efforts are underway."



NEWS BOX

Consistency will be crucial in England: Morne Morkel

BECKENHAM (Kent): Consistency will be key in English conditions, according to India bowling coach Morne Morkel, who admitted to being "a little bit nervous" about the squad's lack of red-ball time ahead of the Test series against England, starting June 20. India kickoff their new World Test Championship cycle with the five-match away series, under the leadership of newly-appointed captain Shubman Gill.

"I think consistency is crucial in England and there is consistency when we practice, there's consistency off the field, finding your process, what's going to work for you as an individual," Morkel said on the sidelines of India's training session here. "We've got a great variation, variety in our attack, guys with different skill sets so they can do that and still execute the basics well," he added.

India last played red-ball cricket in early January, during the Sydney Test against Australia. Additionally, several players in the current squad, including Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai Sudharsan, will be featuring in their maiden Test series on English soil.

"All in all, happy with the start so far. I was a little bit nervous in terms of the lack of red



ball we've played but seeing how the guys are moving around and training in the last three days is a pleasing sight." "We have a fantastic group. There's some quality energy and that's what you need. You need to go into a Test series confident and have that team spirit." India will play a four-day intra-squad warm-up game against India A starting here, starting Friday. Reflecting on the team's practice sessions, the former South African pace great noted that the conditions have largely favoured the fast bowlers so far.

"In the two-day practice so far, the conditions suited the fast bowlers. It was testing for the batters which also in a way helps them to prepare for what's to come," Morkel said.

The South African doesn't think that the Test pitches are going to be as spicy as the once they have experienced so far.

"There's been a lot of good banter between bat and ball but I think it's only because the wickets are a bit bit spicy. As soon as the wickets go flat, the bowlers tend to back off. I'm going to tell them not to only talk when the wickets are nipping around but when its flat, that's where we're going to need the character at all times."

Pat Cummins hungry for more after 300 Test wickets: Got lots of miles in my legs

New Delhi. Pat Cummins feels that he still has a long way to go after breaching the 300 Test wicket milestone on Day 2 of the World Test Championship (WTC) final at Lord's on Thursday, June 12. The Australian skipper reached the landmark during his fantastic spell of six for 28 to help Australia bundle out South Africa for 138 runs in the first innings. Speaking after the econd day's play at the press conference, Cummins reflected on how far he had come in terms of his career. Despite making his debut in 2011, he then played his next Test six years later due to multiple injury concerns during this period. But now, Cummins is a cornerstone of the success of Australian cricket in recent times.

"I've had a really good run the last half a dozen



years or so of not missing too many games. For the first few years, I didn't know where my second test match was coming. So yeah, I still feel like I've got lots of miles in my legs," Cummins commented. I remember when Gaz (Nathan Lyon) was up past 500. It felt like, yeah, back in the day, 300 felt like you're close to the end. Starc is still, what, he's almost 400. So yeah, hopefully I don't feel like I'm going to end any time soon," he added. Cummins lauded the efforts of the medical team, which helped him break out of his injury spell in his early years and built him up to be able to handle the rigorous demands of Test cricket, especially as a fast bowler.

"But again, I think the medical staff, I really need to thank the way they looked after me in the early years and continually to get through a test match, the way they managed the fast bowlers. I think a lot of that is a nod to them as well," he shared.

Cummins-Hazlewood-Starc better than McGrath-Lee-Gillespie: Matthew Hayden's big claim

- Matthew Hayden praises current Australian pace trio over legendary McGrath era
- Cummins took 6 wickets for 28 runs, breaking multiple records
- South Africa bowled out for 138 runs on Day 2 of WTC final

Matthew Hayden has claimed that the bowling trio of Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc is better than the iconic Australian pace attack of Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee and Jason Gillespie after their performance on Day 2 of the World Test Championship final on Thursday, June 12. Cummins broke all sorts of records as he picked up figures of 6 for 28, while Starc took 2 and Hazlewood 1 as Australia bundled out South Africa for 138 runs.

Speaking after the end of Day 2, Hayden said that Cummins does everything right and the trio have bowled together more and in different combinations as compared to the legendary trio. The former Aussie opener



felt that Australia did well to pull ahead despite pressure, with the game being evenly poised heading into Day 3. "Cummins does everything right—he challenges the off stump, uses the slope, and targets the top of the stumps, making batters play constantly. He now has over 300 Test wickets despite not bowling for five and a half years due to

injury. That's extraordinary." "The trio of Hazlewood, Cummins, and Starc might just be Australia's best-ever pace attack—even better than McGrath, Gillespie, and Lee—because they've bowled more together, in more combinations. Add Nathan Lyon to the mix, and it's an 'awesome foursome.' Australia did well to pull ahead

India bowling coach Morne Morkel admits he was nervous ahead of England tour

India bowling coach Morne Morkel felt nervous going into the England tour due to the limited red-ball game time the team has had in the past few months. India last played a Test match in January this year.

New Delhi. India bowling coach Morne Morkel said he was a little bit nervous going into the tour of England due to the lack of red-ball cricket the side has had in the past few months. India last played a Test match in January during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the players have since been occupied with white-ball assignments, including the Champions Trophy and the IPL.

The England tour will be the start of the new World Test Championship cycle for India,



having missed out on the 2023-25 final. Speaking to the BCCI's official website, Morkel said he is happy with the start so far to the training camp in England. The bowling coach is happy with the progress of the players and feels that confidence and team spirit is needed heading into the Test series. "All in all, happy with the start so far. I was a little bit nervous in terms of the lack of red ball we've played but seeing how the guys are moving around and training in the last three days is a pleasing sight. We have a fantastic group. There's some quality energy and that's what you need. You need to go into

a Test series confident and have that team spirit," said Morkel. Morkel feels that consistency will be crucial in England and is happy with the variety in the bowling lineup this time around for the tour. "I think consistency is crucial in England and there is consistency when we practice, there's consistency off the field, finding your process, what's going to work for you as an individual," said Morkel. "We've got a great variation, variety in our attack, guys with different skill sets so they can do that and still execute the basics well." India will be playing an intra-squad match, starting from Friday, June 13. Morkel feels the conditions so far have suited the bowlers more. The bowling coach said his key advice to the bowlers will be to show character when the wicket goes a bit flat. "In the two-day practice so far, the conditions suited the fast bowlers. It was testing for the batters which also in a way helps them to prepare for what's to come," said Morkel. "There's been a lot of good banter between bat and ball but I think it's only because the wickets are a bit bit spicy. As soon as the wickets go flat, the bowlers tend to back off."

MLC 2025: Finn Allen shatters multiple records en route 51-ball 151 for San Francisco

New Zealand batter Finn Allen rewrote the record books with his breathtaking innings of 151 (51) during the opening game of Major League Cricket 2025 (MLC 2025) for San Francisco Unicorns.

New Delhi. New Zealand batter Finn Allen shattered the record books with his breathtaking innings for San Francisco Unicorns against Washington Freedom in the opening match of Major League Cricket 2025 (MLC 2025) on Friday, June 13 at Oakland Coliseum, California. Allen played a blistering innings of 151 (51), smashing five fours and 19 sixes as he helped his team



post a massive score of 269/5 in their allotted 20 overs. Allen brought up his half-century in just 20 balls and later registered the fastest hundred in MLC history, reaching the milestone in just 34 balls. His six-hitting exhibition helped him etch his name in the record books for the fastest 150 recorded in T20 cricket in just 49 balls.

The Kiwi batter treated the bowlers with utter disdain, whacking them all round the park as he also broke the record for most sixes in T20 cricket (19 sixes). He stitched a quick-fire 88-run stand for the third wicket off 37 balls with Sanjay Krishnamurthi, taking San Francisco past the 150-run mark in the 12th over. Later in the second innings, Washington also got off to a blistering start as openers Rachin Ravindra (42 off 17) and Mitchell Owen (39 off 20) added 80 runs for the first wicket off just 32 balls. Liam Plunkett finally managed to break the threatening partnership by dismissing Ravindra. Owen also departed shortly, courtesy of an unfortunate run out which left Washington on 97/2 in 6.4 overs.

Was never loved like Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal: Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic has claimed that he was never loved like Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal during their playing days and felt like the third guy in tennis. Djokovic shared legendary rivalries with both Federer and Nadal.

New Delhi. Novak Djokovic admitted that he was the third guy in tennis and wasn't loved like Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal during their playing days. Djokovic, along with Nadal and Federer, formed the Big 3 in tennis, and they have won a total of 66 grand slam titles between the trio. The Serbian is a year younger than Nadal and five years

younger than Federer and reached the top level a bit later than his Big 3 counterparts. He was able to climb to the top of the standings by 2011 and has surpassed all the major records held by Nadal and Federer, but admitted that he acted like an unwanted child and thought the fans would accept him if he acted differently.

Tennis news: Full coverage "I acted and still felt like an unwanted child. I asked myself why that was. It hurt me. Then I thought the fans would accept me if I acted differently. But that wasn't the case either," said Djokovic. Djokovic said that he was the little guy in the trio and many people didn't like his confidence when he said he



would be World No.1. "I was never as loved as Federer and Nadal because I wasn't supposed to be there. I was the little guy, the third guy who came along and said, 'I'm going to be number one.' Many people didn't

despite pressure. South Africa fought back hard, making this a seesaw contest. It's been a fantastic Test match so far, and Day 3 promises more drama," said Hayden.

'Bowlers have dominated WTC Final so far' A total of 14 wickets have each fallen on first two days and Hayden feels that the batters have been a bit rusty. The former Aussie opener feels that South Africa will need to get a hundred-run stand and a fifty partnership in the second innings to help them stay in the game. "Looking at Day 2 performance, an equal number of wickets have fallen over the two days. Batters seem a bit rusty in terms of Test match batting. The lateral movement has made footwork difficult—they're getting hit on the pads, edging deliveries. Bowlers have dominated this match. There hasn't been a single century partnership yet, and that could make a huge difference in the fourth innings. Even if Australia gets a lead of 250, South Africa will need a 100-run stand and another 50-run partnership to stay in the game. Ironically, more wickets have fallen when the sun's been out, not under overhead conditions. It speaks more about batting rust than exceptional bowling."

Pat Cummins hungry for more after 300 Test wickets: Got lots of miles in my legs

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when Gaz (Nathan Lyon) was up past 500. It felt like, yeah, back in the day, 300 felt like you're close to the end. Starc is still, what, he's almost 400. So yeah, hopefully I don't feel like I'm going to end any time soon," he added. Cummins lauded the efforts of the medical team, which helped him break out of his injury spell in his early years and built him up to be able to handle the rigorous demands of Test cricket, especially as a fast bowler. "But again, I think the medical staff, I really need to thank the way they looked after me in the early years and continually to get through a test match, the way they managed the fast bowlers. I think a lot of that is a nod to them as well," he shared. Cummins will look to maintain his focus on the task at hand, that is the WTC final, where the game still can go both ways. South Africa have clawed their way back into the contest thanks to the collective efforts of their bowling unit.

like that," said Djokovic.

'Always got along better with Nadal' Despite sharing an intense rivalry with Federer and Nadal, Djokovic said that he never hated them and wished harm on them.

"Just because someone is my biggest rival doesn't mean I wish them harm, hate them, or want to do anything else on the court to defeat them. We fought for the win, and the better player won." Djokovic also said that he respected the duo but always got along better with Nadal.

"I've always respected both him and Federer; I've never said a single bad word about them and never will. I looked up to them and still do. But I've always gotten along better with Nadal."