

11 dead, 47 injured in stampede outside Bengaluru stadium during RCB event

At least 11 people died in a stampede during the Karnataka government's felicitation of Royal Challengers Bengaluru for their IPL 2025 win. The crowd surge which led to the stampede occurred outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium.



Bengaluru. At least 11 people died, and nearly 50 were injured in a stampede outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday, during an event to felicitate the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team after their maiden IPL title win. The event, organised by the Karnataka State Cricket Association, drew an overwhelming crowd. Even though it was for people with valid tickets and passes, fans thronged the premises to catch a glimpse of their team's cricketing heroes.

According to preliminary information provided to the government, a temporary slab placed over a

drain near the stadium premises collapsed under the weight of people standing on it, said sources. The sudden collapse caused panic and a stampede ensued, resulting in multiple fatalities and injuries. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in a press conference, confirmed that 11 people died in the stampede, and confirmed that a Deputy Commissioner-level enquiry was ordered into the incident. He also announced compensation of Rs 10 lakh each to the families of those who lost their lives. He also assured free treatment for the injured.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar acknowledged the deaths, but did not divulge any further information.

"I can't confirm the numbers yet. I'm going to the

stadium, now. Lot of emotional fans... we had deployed 5,000 personnel," he told India Today TV, about the security arrangement.

Speaking to reporters, Shivakumar said, "We finished the event in 10-15 mins because of the stampede and death."

The deceased include young men and women from 13 to 35 years old. At Bowring Hospital, six people were confirmed dead, including three women, and three men. Vydehi Hospital reported four deaths and Manipal Hospital confirmed one death.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar visited the hospital and met with those injured.

Visuals from the scene showed the injured being rushed for medical support. Ambulances were seen making their way through the heavy crowd, moving the injured to the hospital.

B J P B L A M E S C O N G R E S S F O R 'ADMINISTRATIVE FAILURE'

Following the news of the stampede and deaths, BJP Karnataka demanded the resignation of Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, blaming the Congress-led state government for not putting in proper crowd control measures.

"7 dead. Many are battling for life after a stampede due to the irresponsibility of Congress govt. No crowd control measures. No basic arrangements. Just chaos," the post read.

Many stampedes...: Siddaramaiah's Kumbh reference after Bengaluru tragedy



Bengaluru. "Many stampedes have occurred," Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Thursday, even as he said he will not be defending the stampede that broke out in Bengaluru today, killing 11 and injuring nearly 50.

Addressing a press conference in light of the tragedy, Siddaramaiah also referenced the Kumbh Mela stampede that took place earlier this year, but maintained that he wasn't defending.

"These kind of many stampedes have occurred. Even worse ones have happened. Using that I am not defending... it happened... in Kumbh Mela also... in Kumbh Mela

about 50-60 people died," Siddaramaiah said.

In January, a major stampede occurred at Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj where 30 people were killed and 60 injured.

The chief minister further emphasised that the event at the stadium was

organised by the cricket association, not the state government, though police support had been provided. "The government only gave permission and deployed the entire Bengaluru police force for security. We did not host the event in the stadium," he said.

"More than one lakh people gathered in front of Vidhan Soudha, but thankfully, no untoward incident happened there. However, in the stadium, where the capacity is 35,000, around two to three lakh people turned up. This was entirely unexpected," he added.

He further said 47 people were injured in the stampede, of whom many had

only minor injuries and were not admitted to hospitals. "All the injured are out of danger," he said.

The deadly stampede took place outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium during the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) IPL victory celebrations today. The event, organised by the Karnataka State Cricket Association, drew an overwhelming crowd.

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Chirag Paswan's Poll Message In Letter To Nitish Kumar On Bihar Rape-Murder



New Delhi. Union Minister and BJP ally Chirag Paswan has written to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, also a BJP ally, on the Muzaffarpur rape-murder case, raising serious questions on the state's law and order situation and public health infrastructure.

This letter assumes significance when seen against the political backdrop. Assembly polls in Bihar are due later this year, and Mr Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) and Mr Kumar's JDU are key players in the state. Also, despite the two leaders' show of bonhomie in recent times, their bitter rivalry in the past has not been forgotten. Mr Paswan has referred to the gruesome rape-murder of a nine-year-old Dalit girl in Muzaffarpur and said the heart-rending incident exposes the failure of Bihar's law and order, social awareness and public health.

The nine-year-old, whose throat was slit, was first admitted to a hospital in Muzaffarpur and then rushed to Patna. It is alleged that she had to wait

hours for a bed at Patna Medical College and Hospital, Bihar's largest healthcare centre. The next day, she died. While her family has accused hospital authorities of negligence, the hospital administration has rejected these allegations.

Mr Paswan has written that the victim had to wait for six hours to be admitted to the hospital. He says the doctors and administrative staff of the

hospital are as guilty as the accused in the heinous crime. "They did not provide urgent treatment and lost precious time. This is not just negligence, but a crime against humanity," he wrote.

The 42-year-old leader, who is Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, leads the LJP (Ram Vilas) and made headlines when his party won all five seats it contested during the Lok Sabha polls last year. Recently, he announced his intention to contest the upcoming state polls, prompting a buzz in Bihar's political circles. Mr Paswan said his party's representatives met the victim's family and assured them justice. "But justice will be incomplete and unacceptable unless the guilty face strict and transparent action on the administrative level," he said, demanding tough action against the accused and an inquiry against the healthcare staff. "This incident is not just a death.

Amid stampede criticism, Shivakumar says RCB felicitation finished in 15 minutes

Amid criticism over crowd mismanagement following a stampede outside the stadium that killed eleven, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the RCB felicitation event was wrapped up within 10-15 minutes.

New Delhi. Amid the criticism for mismanagement of crowd which led to a stampede, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that the state government wrapped up the felicitation event for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in 10-15 minutes. He said that following the news of the stampede outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru that left at least seven people dead and several others injured, the event was concluded.

"We shortened the program. The program ended within 10 minutes. We are trying to make everything normal," he told the mediapersons.

Defending the police deployment, the Bengaluru Minister said,

"lakhs of people came." "I have spoken to the Police Commissioner and everyone. I will also go to the hospital later. I do not want to disturb the doctors who are taking care of the patients."



The exact number cannot be told now. We appeal to the people to remain calm," Shivakumar told reporters. On his official social media handle, he also expressed shock and condolences for the deaths.

"People who were supposed to witness RCB's IPL victory celebrations The tragedy and death have brought deep pain and shock. My condolences to the deceased. My condolences to their family," he wrote on X. Shivakumar also appealed to the people to stay safe. "Let there be pride, but not bigger than life," the post said.

Earlier in the day, the Bengaluru Metro had announced via social media platform the sudden closure of a few stations near to the Vidhana Soudha and the Chinnaswamy stadium. They cited the extremely high footfalls for the RCB team felicitation function at the two venues, and stated that from 4.30 pm trains would not stop at Cubbon Park, BR Ambedkar Vidhana Soudha till further notice.

Tejashwi Yadav Slams Nitish Kumar Over Muzaffarpur Rape Case

Patna. Bihar Leader of the Opposition, Tejashwi Yadav, launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his government on Monday over the Muzaffarpur rape case and medical negligence at PMCH that led to the death of a 10-year-old Dalit girl. Speaking to the media, Tejashwi Yadav said, "Whether it's law and order, healthcare, education, or employment, this double-engine government has failed completely. The Chief Minister has never expressed regret on any such issue. I doubt if he even knows about this brutal rape case." Tejashwi Yadav strongly criticised the Chief Minister and his two deputies for allegedly being preoccupied with political events and election preparations, saying they were ignoring public grievances and justice. "Criminals are dominant in Bihar. Bullets are being fired near the Secretariat and even outside the Chief Minister's residence. There is no law and order left in Bihar," Yadav added, pointing to recent violent crimes across the state. On the victim's death, Yadav claimed the child was left in an ambulance for over four hours without treatment at PMCH, which he described as an inexcusable administrative failure.

No one from the government met the victim's family. This shows the insensitivity of the ruling alliance," he said.

When asked about his brother Tej Pratap Yadav's controversy and comments involving the term "Jaichand," Tejashwi said the matter has been handled by RJD national president Lalu Prasad Yadav, and he would not comment on personal issues.

Delhi High Court Issues Stern Orders to DSGMC on Staff Salary Dues Amid Intra-Akali Rift

Special Correspondent

New Delhi, June 4, 2025:

The long-standing legal battle over the non-payment of salaries to staff in Sikh educational institutions run by the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) has taken a significant turn, with the Delhi High Court passing a strong order directing DSGMC to comply with its financial responsibilities. For years, the teaching and non-teaching staff of various schools and colleges under the aegis of DSGMC have struggled without timely salaries. Despite repeated protests and internal committee assurances, no concrete resolution was achieved, pushing the matter to the judiciary.

The Delhi High Court, in its latest ruling, has firmly directed the DSGMC to release pending dues to its staff, citing constitutional obligations to ensure employee welfare and uphold the right to livelihood. The Court observed that "running educational institutions without timely payment of salaries violates the dignity and rights of the employees" and questioned the financial priorities and transparency of the Committee. The DSGMC has been contesting the case in the High Court for several years, citing limited funds and alleged obstructions from former leadership. However, recent political infighting among Akali leaders has further complicated the situation. Prominent leaders from rival factions have begun openly accusing each other of financial mismanagement, policy failures, and betrayal of the Sikh community's educational interests. A senior DSGMC member told, "The Court's verdict is a wake-up call. It's no longer about politics—this is about the future of Sikh students and the dignity of our educators. Unfortunately, our internal divisions are overshadowing the community's needs." Opposition Akali factions are now calling for a comprehensive audit of DSGMC's financial operations and an independent monitoring committee to ensure full implementation of the High Court's directives. Sikh intellectuals and community activists have also expressed concern, urging all Akali groups to stop politicizing the educational institutions and instead work jointly to restore stability and trust in DSGMC's operations. As the DSGMC leadership plans its next legal move, the future of hundreds of employees and thousands of students remains uncertain. Meanwhile, the Sikh community across Delhi and beyond watches closely, demanding not just compliance with the Court's order, but also a renewed commitment to educational excellence and integrity.

KC Venugopal explains pension remark, says it was directed at Kerala government

Kerala. All India Congress Committee general secretary KC Venugopal on Wednesday clarified that his recent remarks on the welfare pension disbursement by the Kerala government were intended to highlight the delay in payments and the tendency to clear arrears close to the elections. He said his comments had been misinterpreted and were not directed at pension beneficiaries, but rather at the government's priorities. "I did not say anything against the beneficiaries who deserve to get the pension on time. I only intended to point out the state government's priority with regard to its payment," he explained.

He said, "Last year, two out of seven months arrears were paid just before the Lok Sabha polls. This year, one month's arrears are being paid just before the by-poll." Venugopal's clarification followed strong criticism from the Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI(M),



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Safety committee appointed by NDSA inspects Mullaiperiyar, baby dams

THENI. The reconstituted sub committee appointed by National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) inspected the Mullaiperiyar dam, baby dam, shutter and other places on Tuesday. Led by NDSA regional director R Giridhar, the team members including Periyar Vaigai Basin circle superintending engineer J Sam Irvin, Periyar Dam special division executive engineer C Selvam, Kerala Minor Irrigation Division executive engineer Lewins Babu Cottur, MI Sub Division, Kumily, assistant executive engineer MK Siji reached Thekkady, and proceeded to Mullaiperiyar dam by boat. The team inspected Mullaiperiyar dam, baby dam, shutter areas, water level, storage capacity etc., Also, they collected water samples for testing. Sources said this was a routine inspection that is held once in two months. Sources said the members discussed the type of maintenance work that is needed during the monsoon, etc. The team will submit its report to NDSA chairman Anil Jain.

Andhra govt drops appeal against acquittal in Tuni arson case

VIJAYAWADA. The Andhra Pradesh government has decided not to proceed with an appeal against the acquittal of all accused in the high-profile Tuni arson case of 2016.

The case, registered as Crime No. 77/2016 at Tuni Police Station, involved charges under Sections 146, 147, 153, and 174(a) and (c) of the Railways Act. The VII Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Court for Railways, Vijayawada, acquitted the accused in its judgment dated 1 May 2023. Initially, the state government had issued orders (G.O.Rt.No.852 dated 2 June 2025) instructing the Public Prosecutor to file an appeal. However, following a review of the judgment, the decision was reversed. As per G.O.Rt.No.869 issued on 3 June 2025, the government has now decided not to pursue the appeal. The Public Prosecutor at the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, has been directed to implement the new decision accordingly. The case dates back to 31 January 2016, when protesters attending the 'Kapu Garjana' rally, led by former minister Mudragada Padmanabham and other leaders, stormed the Tuni railway station. The demonstrators set fire to the Ratnachal Express and other public property in a violent escalation of their demand for reservation for the Kapu community.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) had registered cases against 41 individuals under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code — including unlawful assembly (143), rioting (147), rioting with deadly weapons (148), assault on a public servant (353), mischief by fire or explosives (438), and criminal conspiracy (120B) — along with provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1989, and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984. In its 2023 verdict, the Vijayawada Railway Court acquitted all 41 accused, citing insufficient evidence and procedural lapses. The court also ordered disciplinary action against three RPF officials for conducting a flawed investigation.

Unable to arrange Rs 5,000 for surety, Telangana labourer remains in jail for 110 days

HYDERABAD. Though the Nampally Court granted bail to a 25-year-old labourer accused in a theft case, he has remained in judicial custody for over 110 days as he could not afford to furnish the bail amount. The court, during a second hearing on May 30, declined to reduce the bail amount. The accused, Satish (25), was arrested in a theft case registered at the Borabanda police station in January 2025. On May 7, the court granted him bail, directing him to furnish a surety of Rs 5,000 along with two guarantors. However, as Satish was reportedly unable to arrange the amount, he remained in jail and later filed a plea requesting a reduction in the surety amount.

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At a cost of Rs 3810 crore, the Angamaly-Sabarimala rail section to have 14 stations

The Sabari railway proposal that was pending for more than 25 years was getting delayed owing to differences between the state and center over cost sharing. The project cost escalated by over 35 percent touching around Rs 3,800 crore.

Angamaly. It took 25 long years for the Angamaly – Sabari railway project to take-off with the central railway ministry informing the state government on the land acquisition procedures to begin from the second week of July. The central railway ministry has conveyed the decision to the southern railway officials and have directed to escalate the formal procedures. An expert committee from the railway ministry will visit the site in the coming week to assess the situation and look at the various feasibilities. Land acquisition of the much awaited project was completed 10 years ago. However, due to various bureaucratic hurdles, the project did not become a reality.

Features of the project

- 1) There are 14 stops between Angamaly to Erumeli.
- 2) The Angamaly-Sabari line is designed to connect Angamaly in Ernakulam district to Erumeli in Idukki district.
- 3) The line will pass through 14 stations: Angamaly Junction, Kalady, Perumbavoor, Odakkali, Kothamangalam, Muvattupuzha, Vazhakulam, Thodupuzha, Karimkunnam, Ramapuram, Bharananganam, Chemmalaattam, Kanjirappalli road and Erumeli.
- 4) It aims to improve connectivity to the Sabarimala temple, one of South India's most



prominent pilgrim sites, by easing travel for millions of devotees annually.

5) As part of the revival process, Southern Railway has written to the Centre requesting that ₹20 crore from the ₹142 crore budget allocation be released immediately, while the remainder is retained for upcoming project activities. The central railway ministry observed that the alternative Chengannur-Pamba railway line, although shorter at 58 kilometres, has been deemed unviable as it could incur a huge cost. While Kerala has expressed no objection to the Centre proceeding with the Chengannur-Pamba line, the state government has made it clear that it is not possible to bear the financial cost which is Rs 9000 crores.

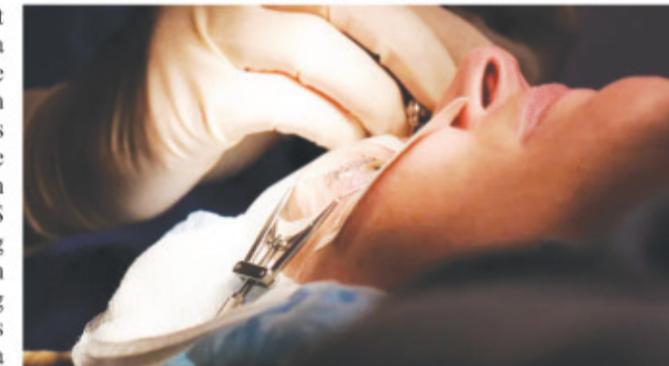
With the Sabarimala green field project set to become a reality, the green signal for the Sabari railway project set to embark a new journey of development for Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Idukki districts which are widely dependent on agriculture and allied activities.

Kerala: Government doctor suspended after administering injection to the wrong eye of patient

The government eye hospital dean has confirmed that there was mistake on the part of the assistant professor who conducted the eye procedure

Thiruvananthapuram. Call it callousness or a last minute hurdle, a senior professor at the government eye hospital in Thiruvananthapuram government eye hospital administers injection to the wrong eye. The office of the directorate of medical education confirms that assistant professor SS Sujesh has been suspended pending investigation. A case has also been registered against the doctor following a complaint filed by the patient's family members. "We received a complaint from the patient's son today alleging that his mother's injection had gone wrong and the doctor is responsible. Prima facie we understand that there is substance in his complaint as we did a preliminary inquiry. A case has been registered", said police sources.

The 65-year old patient, Assor Beevi, a native of



Beemapally, had sought treatment for vision problems caused by high blood pressure. She was supposed to receive an injection in her left eye, but it was mistakenly administered in her right eye. Her son, Majeed, said that Asoor had been undergoing treatment at the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in the government

eye hospital for over a month.

"The doctor had prescribed an injection for her eye and instructed him to purchase the medicine from a private party, as it was not available in nearby medical stores. I had to pay Rs 6000 for a private party for medicine as directed by the doctor", said Majeed.

Asoor was later taken to the operation theatre for the injection. Although her left eye was cleaned, the injection was taken on the right eye, and her relatives noticed the error when she was moved to the ward. When the doctor was alerted to the mistake, Majeed alleged that he claimed the injection was given in the right eye because it appeared slightly red. This allegation was supported by a report from the Head of the Ophthalmology Department, which confirmed that the injection was administered in the wrong eye.

Woman's Body Found Stuffed In Trolley Bag In Hyderabad: Police



Hyderabad. The body of an unidentified woman was found stuffed in a trolley bag and dumped in bushes in Bachupally area here on Wednesday, police said.

The deceased seems to be in the age group of 25 and 35 and is suspected to have been killed somewhere else and her body was put in the trolley bag, they said, adding the body was found in a highly decomposed condition.

"It seems the body was put in the trolley bag around 10-15 days back," a senior police official said.

Some people who were walking near the bushes noticed the distinctive smell and alerted the police. The police reached the spot and after opening the bag found the body, the official said. The nearby police stations were also informed to see if any missing cases were reported under their limits. The cause of death is still not known, police said, adding the body was shifted to a state-run hospital for postmortem. A case was registered at Bachupally police station.

World's largest container ship MSC Irina set to make its maiden call at Vizhinjam port

Thiruvananthapuram. Kerala's maritime sector can be proud when the world's largest container ship, MSC Irina will make its maiden call at the Vizhinjam port, with Captain Willy Antony, a native of Thrissur, at the forefront. Captain Willy, 47, hailing from Puranattukara, is thrilled to bring the mammoth vessel equivalent in length to four football fields and capable of carrying cargo stacked as high as a 22-storey building — to his home state.

The vessel that has reached the outer anchorage is drawing excitement from the public as it is the first time the ship is calling at a port in South India. Given its enormous size, the vessel owned by Mediterranean Shipping Company and flying the

Liberian flag will require four tugs to assist in mooring, compared to the usual two. An estimated 4000 containers will be handled by the ship during its stay in the Vizhinjam coast. Willy Antony has been commanding MSC Irina since its commissioning in

Singapore.

"Berthing is going to be challenging considering the monsoon condition. But the port has experienced people, including two of my former colleagues, to handle it," said Willy Antony to News9. The port authorities are

preparing a special welcome for Captain Willy, including a custom-made memento, similar to the one presented to the captain of San Fernando, the first mother vessel to visit Vizhinjam in July last year.

Vizhinjam has steadily gained prominence in the global maritime map, having received some of the biggest

vessels such as MSC Claude Girardet in September 2024 and MSC Turkiye in April 2025.



March 2023. The vessel's voyage included stops in Singapore, China, and South Korea before returning to

'Fundamental right to practice religion, faith of one's choice': Kerala HC directs to change man's name, religion in school records

Certificate. The High Court said the Constitution of India gives freedom to the citizens of India of their conscience, faith and religion and guarantees freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion, subject to public order, morality and health etc.

He has the fundamental right to practice religion and faith as of his choice: High Court

"Article 25 of the Constitution of India guarantees freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion, subject to public order, morality and health etc. If a person has changed his religion without any coercion, fraud, undue influence etc, such an act would be protected under the Constitution of India under the preamble as well as Article

25," the High Court said. "He has the fundamental right to practice religion and faith as of his choice. Therefore, when it is not the case of the respondents that the



person has changed his religion because of fraud, undue influence and coercion etc.,

then the citizen must be allowed to practice the faith and religion of his choice," the High Court added while directing the respondent state authorities to correct the name and religion of the petitioner in his School Leaving Certificate book.

What did the petitioner say?

The petitioner, whose father is a Muslim man and mother a Hindu woman, was born in Palani, Tamil Nadu, but was brought up in Kerala's Palakkad District and he also completed his secondary school at a school there. At the time of admission in the school, his name was 'Mohammed Riyazudeen CS' and his religion was mentioned as 'Islam, Mappila'. As per the petitioner, when his name was entered as 'Mohammed Riyazudeen CS' in the school books, he was a minor and it was his father who entered his particulars, including his name and religion, in the school.

NEWS BOX

US expected to block Gaza ceasefire vote at Security Council

UNITED STATES. The UN Security Council will vote Wednesday on a resolution calling for a ceasefire and unrestricted humanitarian access in Gaza, a measure expected to fail due to a US veto. It is the 15-member body's first vote on the subject since November, when the United States -- a key Israeli ally -- also blocked a text calling for an end to fighting. The new resolution, seen by AFP, "demands an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire in Gaza respected by all parties." It also calls for the "immediate, dignified and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and other groups." Underlining a "catastrophic humanitarian situation" in the Palestinian territory, the resolution additionally demands the lifting of all restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. It will be put to vote at 4:00 pm Wednesday (2000 GMT), but several diplomats indicated to AFP that they expected the United States to wield its veto power. They added that the representatives from the 10 elected members of the Council, who will introduce the text, tried in vain to negotiate with the American side. Israel has faced growing international pressure to end its war in Gaza. That scrutiny has increased over flailing aid distribution in Gaza, which Israel blocked for more than two months before allowing a limited number of UN vehicles to enter in mid-May. But that, the United Nations said, was not enough to meet the humanitarian needs. A US-backed relief effort called the Gaza Humanitarian Fund has also come under criticism for going against long-standing aid principles by coordinating relief efforts with a military belligerent. Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian ambassador to the UN, on Tuesday urged the Council to act. "All of us will be judged by history as to how much have we done in order to stop this crime against the Palestinian people," he said.

Artem Tymofieiev: Meet Ukraine's Alleged 'Spider's Web' Mastermind Behind USD 7B Russian Bomber Strike

World. A retired businessman-turned-secret agent, Artem Tymofieiev, has been identified as Ukraine's suspected mastermind of its brazen drone attack on Russia's strategic bomber fleet—an operation now known as "Spider's Web." The June 1 attack, touted as one of the most consequential strikes since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war, hit five airbases in Russia and destroyed or damaged at least 41 military aircraft, according to reports. Tymofieiev, 37, a Ukrainian national, was allegedly staying in Chelyabinsk, Russia, when he introduced himself as a logistics businessman. News18 sources reported that Tymofieiev utilised his haulage company to use drones with the guise of mobile homes to smuggle them across Russian borders. The drones were eventually employed in the simultaneous, multi-base attack on Russian air assets. Russian spymasters have now initiated a country-wide manhunt for the capture of Tymofieiev, whose photo and personal information is being distributed extensively. The wife of the alleged suspect, Ekaterina Timofeeva, is also believed to have been involved in the top-secret operation.

Operation 'Spider's Web': How The Strike Unfolded The operation, as reported, took months to prepare and involved the use of 117 first-person-view (FPV) drones that cost around \$400 each. The low-cost drones were hidden inside flatbed trucks, which were disguised to look like wooden cabin structures. Russian drivers who were unaware of their mission, working under the guise of legitimate cargo transportation, drove the trucks to locations around five key airbases:

Moscow security chief in Pyongyang for talks with Kim Jong Un: Russian news agencies

MOSCOW: Moscow's top security official Sergei Shoigu arrived Wednesday in Pyongyang, where he will meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for talks, Russian news agencies reported. Shoigu arrived on orders from Russian President Vladimir Putin, TASS reported, with RIA Novosti saying it expected current affairs "including the situation surrounding Ukraine" to be among topics of discussion. Wednesday's visit is



Shoigu's second to Pyongyang in less than three months. Traditional allies Russia and North Korea have drawn closer in recent years, with Pyongyang sending troops and weapons to support Moscow's war against Ukraine. Pyongyang has defended its military cooperation with Russia, saying on Monday that ties were aimed at "ensuring peace and stability" in Europe and Asia. Around 600 North Korean soldiers have been killed and thousands more wounded fighting for Russia, according to South Korean lawmaker Lee Seong-kweun, citing the country's intelligence service.

Averted war: Trump team repeats Pak ceasefire claim in court to defend tariffs

World. The Trump administration once again brought up the India-Pakistan conflict and the subsequent ceasefire before a US court while defending the President's controversial tariff decisions. In a June 2 filing before the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Trump's legal team claimed that tariffs imposed under his presidency were not only economic tools but also part of successful diplomatic efforts, referring to the India-Pakistan truce. Trump has repeated on several occasions that he helped broker the ceasefire between the nuclear powers after the countries exchanged fire for three days following India's Operation Sindoora. The court filing stated that Trump's use of trade powers under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) sent a message to other nations that "certain conduct, whether economic predation, trade manipulation, or narcotics trafficking — will incur serious consequences". It warned that restricting presidential

authority under IEEPA would have wide-ranging consequences.

"Diluting this authority would not only unravel the current IEEPA actions but would also undermine future deterrence. Allies and adversaries alike monitor US courts for signs of constraint on presidential power. A ruling that narrows IEEPA would have ripple effects across every domain in which economic instruments are used for strategic effect," it said. To support its argument, the administration pointed to the recent ceasefire, saying, "India and Pakistan — two nuclear powers engaged in combat operations just 13 days ago — reached a tenuous ceasefire on May 10, 2025. This ceasefire was only achieved after President Trump interceded and offered both nations trading access with the United States to avert a full-scale war."

The legal team stressed that an adverse ruling would jeopardise the ceasefire, threatening the security of an entire region and the lives



of millions.

"An adverse ruling that constrains presidential power in this case could lead India and Pakistan to question the validity of President Trump's offer, threatening the security of an entire region and the lives of millions," it said.

This legal battle — Learning Resources Inc and Hand2Mind Inc vs Donald Trump, et al — centres on the legality of tariffs Trump imposed in 2025 under emergency powers. The plaintiffs, two educational companies, challenged the move, following which a

lower court blocked the tariffs. The Trump administration is now appealing that decision.

Trump has repeatedly claimed credit for preventing an escalation between India and Pakistan, tying his actions directly to trade deals. At a May 22 press conference with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, he said, "If you take a look at what we just did with Pakistan and India — we settled that whole thing. I think I settled it through trade. We're doing a big deal with India. We're doing a big deal with Pakistan."

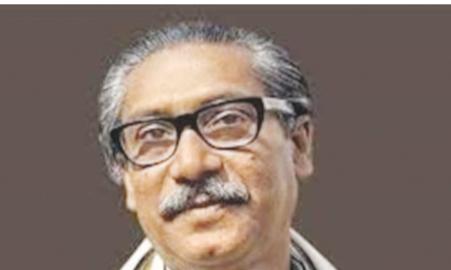
Again, on May 31, flanked by Elon Musk in the Oval Office, he said, "We stopped India and Pakistan from fighting. I believe that could have turned out into a nuclear disaster." Earlier, during a speech at the US-Saudi Investment Forum in Riyadh on May 14, Trump called himself a "peacemaker" and added that India and Pakistan should "have a nice dinner together" to ease tensions.

Bangladesh advisers junk claims Mujibur Rahman's freedom fighter status cancelled

World. The Muhammad Yunus-led Bangladesh government has dismissed several media reports claiming that the freedom fighter status of the country's founding President, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who is also Sheikh Hasina's father, has been revoked. In a statement issued on Facebook by the Chief Adviser Press Wing, it called the reports "completely baseless, false and confusing".

"The news published on several media... says the cancellation of freedom fighters of more than hundreds of leaders, including Mansoor Ali and AHM Qamaruzzaman is completely baseless, false and confusing," the statement, roughly translated from Bengali, read.

Quoting Bangladesh's Liberation War Affairs Adviser Faruk E Azam, the statement further said that everyone who was part of the Mujibnagar government were freedom fighters. However, those who were employees of the government are allied freedom fighters, even as he clarified that "allies don't mean their respect has been cut



off".

"The definition of freedom fighters was implemented in 1972. It was changed in 2018 and 2022. Respect, dignity and facilities of both the freedom fighters and the partners of the freedom war will remain the same," the Facebook post read. The clarification came amid confusion over an ordinance that redefined the freedom fighter term and introduced a special category for 'Liberation War' associates. The media reports also claimed that the recognition had been revoked for more than 400 elected politicians from the 1970 polls, who played a significant role in Bangladesh's independence movement, the Dhaka Tribune

reported. Azam explained that while officials and employees who worked under the Mujibnagar government would now be dubbed as "associates of Liberation War", it did not apply to its core political leadership, whose status remained unchanged, the Dhaka Tribune reported.

The adviser highlighted during a special briefing that Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders - Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, M Mansur Ali, and AHM Qamaruzzaman - will retain their freedom fighter status for their role in the 1971 Liberation War.

Often known as the provisional government of Bangladesh or government-in-exile, the Mujibnagar government was founded by Mujibur Rahman and operated from Kolkata, India. Syed Nazrul Islam was the acting President at the time of its inception, and Tajuddin Ahmad was the Prime Minister. It was established after Bangladesh - known as East Pakistan at the time - proclaimed independence from Pakistan in 1971.

Pak media tycoon thrashes Hindu man, lands in jail after



World. Karachi-based media entrepreneur Salman Farooq and his armed bodyguards brutally assaulted a Hindu man while his sister kept pleading for mercy. A video of the road-rage incident went viral on social media and sparked massive outrage, leading to the arrests of Farooq and his accomplices. Following Farooq's arrest, the Hindu man's sibling's home was found locked, and the police are attempting to reach them by phone to record their statements.

According to the FIR, the incident occurred on Sunday in Karachi's Defence Society.

The victim, identified as Sudhair Dhun Raj, was on his way to pick up his youngest sibling after picking up his sister Kalpana, who works at a beauty parlour, when his motorcycle lightly brushed against Farooq's car. Farooq

and his armed guards brutally thrashed Raj, even after he apologised and Kalpana begged for mercy.

In a widely-circulated video, Farooq, owner of Bionic Films, can be seen holding the hands of the man as his bodyguards, seated inside the vehicle, repeatedly slap him.

Kalpana could be seen and heard pleading for mercy with folded hands, begging Farooq to stop beating her

brother. Her pleas were ignored and Farooq continued to assault the man belonging to the minority community, according to a report in The Express Tribune, a Pakistan-based daily.

The video sparked widespread public outrage on social media, prompting law enforcement to take action against the media mogul.

FAROOQ ARRESTED FOLLOWING FIR BY EYEWITNESS

A senior police official confirmed that Farooq was arrested in connection with the public assault near the Ittehad area, according to the report. The FIR was lodged at the Gizri police station based on the complaint of an eyewitness, Muhammad Saleem. The FIR includes charges of issuing death threats, physical assault, harassment of a woman, and verbal abuse.

Indian students are rushing to delete posts for US visa, but that's risky too



World. Manya (name changed on request), who was selected for a master's programme at an Ivy League university, deleted her Instagram and LinkedIn profiles after her visa counsellor warned her that the political posts could put her visa at risk. Diljeet (name changed on request) turned his handles to private settings. Manya and Diljeet are among the growing number of Indian students who aren't just deleting their posts, but removing their social media accounts altogether. This comes amid growing anxiety among Indian students as the Trump administration plans to mandate social media vetting for all international students seeking to study in the US. Fearing that their political views, jokes, or activism might be misinterpreted during visa interviews, Indian students are proactively avoiding any potential risks by scrubbing their digital footprints. Many applicants fear that even seemingly harmless posts, such as political opinions or casual comments, could be misinterpreted during the visa review process.

Visa counsellors, however, suggest that sudden deletion of content might raise red flags as well. They also warn that even liking or sharing content considered illegal could lead to visa rejections by US authorities.

Education consultants are stressing the significance of having a responsible digital footprint to avoid any problem. Another expert said what constitutes "objectionable" content remains vague; he suggests that content related to pro-Palestinian views or perceived anti-American sentiments are likely to invite extra scrutiny. Social-media vetting involves reviewing a visa applicant's online presence and activity to assess their suitability for entry into the US. This includes screening of social media platforms like Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and TikTok, among others. This move is viewed as part of the broader efforts under the Trump administration to tighten scrutiny of international students, especially in the

aftermath of widespread pro-Palestine demonstrations and anti-Semitic incidents on US college campuses last year. The protests took place after Israel pounded Gaza after the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack.

EVEN THE SMALLEST HINT OF POLITICAL ACTIVISM CAN HARM STUDENTS: EXPERT

Mamta Shekhawat, founder of Gradding.com, said that even the smallest hint of political or violent activism might

lead to the rejection of a US visa, and that has led many Indian students to delete posts or social media accounts.

"Immigration authorities require student visa applicants to provide their social media handles for the previous five years, allowing them to make character evaluations and determine whether and how the applicant's professional and academic background matches the visa objectives," Shekhawat told India Today Digital.

Pointing out that most people don't give much thought about humorous posts, Shekhawat also said, "Such casual approach would not be deemed appropriate across borders. Even the smallest hint of political or violent activism, or controversial remarks, can be counted as suspicious when piled together during the scrutiny of the visa application."

Shekhawat gave the example of Manya, who deleted her social media profiles after she was advised that the political posts could put her visa at risk.

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Madras HC reserves order on NEET-UG retest plea over power outage, refuses to extend stay on releasing results

CHENNAI. The Madras HC on Tuesday reserved orders on the petitions filed by the candidates appearing for the NEET-UG examination at three centres in the city and its suburbs seeking retest as they were allegedly affected by the power outage caused by sudden storm and heavy rains. Justice C Kumarrappan, before whom the petitions came up for hearing, refused to extend the interim stay, granted already by the court, on the release of the results. As a result, there is no legal bar on publishing the results which was scheduled for June 14.

The petitions were filed by some of the candidates who appeared for the examination at the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Avadi, Government Higher Secondary School in Kundrathur and Padma Seshadri School in KK Nagar.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) ARL Sundaresan, appearing for the Centre, filed a report on behalf of the National Testing Agency (NTA), saying inquiries revealed that a brief power outage was caused by sudden natural storm and rain in the respective places, but the power supply was restored quickly.

During this period, there was sufficient natural daylight in the classrooms; no contemporaneous complaint or representation was raised by any of the candidates including the petitioners regarding lighting or adverse conditions. Neither the centre superintendent nor any observers or invigilators recommended for compensatory time or reported any procedural.

Tirupati cop held in drug trafficking case in Telangana; MP denies links

TIRUPATI. A constable from the Tirupati Armed Reserve, identified as Gunasekhar, has absconded after allegedly being implicated in a high-value drug trafficking case uncovered in Hyderabad. Telangana police arrested six persons, including Gunasekhar, while they were transporting narcotics worth approximately Rs 2 crore from Addanki in Bapatla district to Kukatpally in Hyderabad.

The Cyberabad Special Operations Team (SOT) seized 840 grams of cocaine, other synthetic drugs, and cash in the operation. Among the arrested are Unnam Surendra of Tirupati Rural and four others from Prakasam and Bapatla districts.

The case sparked political controversy after a social media handle affiliated with the TDP alleged that Gunasekhar had served as the personal security officer for YSRCP Tirupati MP Dr M Gurumoothy for five years. In response, Dr Gurumoothy clarified that Gunasekhar was relieved from his duties on February 26 and had reported back to the Tirupati SP for reassignment. A new gunman was officially posted to him thereafter. Dismissing the allegations as politically motivated, the MP accused the TDP's IT wing of spreading misinformation. He announced that he has written to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), requesting a thorough inquiry into the drug network, and urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to intervene.

Minister warns YSRCP against provocative banners

VIJAYAWADA. Minister for Labour Vasamsetti Subhash sharply criticised YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, during a press conference on Tuesday, accusing him of a history of betrayal and ineffective governance. Marking the first anniversary of YSRCP's electoral defeat, Subhash extended mock greetings to the party leaders, alleging that Jagan's political career is rooted in deceit. Subhash accused Jagan of betraying his own family, including his mother and sister, by sidelining them after coming to power. The Labour Minister referenced the YSRCP's controversial banners, stating that a complaint has been filed in Ramachandrapuram under IPC Sections 504 and 505, warning that failure to remove the banners could lead to legal consequences.

He lambasted the YSRCP's governance, alleging that it dismantled schemes for SC and ST communities, supplied spurious liquor that endangered lives, and destabilised the State's economy. Subhash accused the YSRCP of resorting to divisive politics and manipulating caste tensions, citing the Tuni train incident as an example of their attempts to stoke communal discord. Challenging Jagan to a 10-minute debate with TDP leader Nara Lokesh, Subhash claimed that it would expose the former Chief Minister's lack of knowledge.

He also alleged that former YSRCP MP Vijayasai Reddy had turned approver, distancing himself from the party. Subhash criticised Jagan's mental state, accusing him of resorting to "beggarly tactics" and "divisive politics" to remain relevant.

The Labour Minister urged YSRCP workers to avoid putting up provocative banners to evade legal trouble. Highlighting the TDP-led coalition government's achievements, Subhash contrasted their proactive governance with the YSRCP's alleged failures on all fronts, accusing the latter of betraying marginalized communities and mismanaging the State resources.

K Kavitha calls summons to father KCR in Kaleshwaram project political vendetta

BRS legislator K Kavitha led a protest in Hyderabad, slamming the judicial summons to her father KCR over Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS). She called the summons politically motivated and accused the Congress government of trying to tarnish his legacy.

Telangana. Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC K Kavitha staged a protest at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad today, condemning the judicial summons issued to her father, former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR), in connection with the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), calling it a politically driven attempt to target him.

Organised under the banner of Telangana Jagruthi, the cultural organisation led by Kavitha, the protest saw party supporters gather in large numbers to oppose the Justice PC Ghose Commission's summons to KCR over alleged irregularities in the multi-crore irrigation project. "The so-called judicial commission is nothing but a Congress commission," Kavitha said, accusing the Congress-led state government of trying to "erase KCR's legacy" and discredit his pro-farmer initiatives. She alleged that the probe was part of a larger political conspiracy and

insisted that the Kaleshwaram project, which aims to irrigate 40 lakh acres when fully operational, has been a lifeline for farmers

reportedly requested a new date and is now expected to depose on June 11.

targeted current Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, questioning his silence on Andhra Pradesh's proposed Polavaram-Banakacherla project, which aims to divert 200 TMC of surplus Godavari water to drought-prone areas in Andhra Pradesh.

She claimed the Telangana government was ignoring serious inter-state water issues while focusing on what she called a "political witch-hunt." In response, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had earlier said that the Polavaram-Banakacherla plan would only utilise surplus Godavari water that would otherwise flow into the sea, and urged Telangana not to worry.

The Kaleshwaram project, once touted as the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation scheme, has come under scrutiny over cost escalations, design flaws, and substandard construction, allegations the BRS strongly denies.



across Telangana. The entire intent of this notice is to tarnish the image of a leader who gave Telangana water, power, and self-respect," she added.

KCR, who was initially summoned to appear before the commission on June 5, has

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis says Nashik Kumbh to begin October 31, 2026; first holy dips on August 2, 2027

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela will commence with a flag hoisting at Ramkunda on October 31, 2026. The first Amrit Snans are scheduled for August 2, 2027, in both Nashik and Trimbakeshwar.

NASHIK. Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis declared the Simhastha Kumbh Mela in Nashik will commence with a flag hoisting ceremony at Ramkunda on Oct 31, 2026, while the first Amrit Snans in both Nashik and Trimbakeshwar are planned for Aug 2, 2027. The declaration was made after Fadnavis consulted with leading seers from the Vaishnav and Shaiva sects in Nashik city, accompanied by state ministers Girish Mahajan and Dada Bhuse. Fadnavis said, "After discussions with the seers, we finalised the dates for the Amrit Snan at both Nashik and Trimbakeshwar, which will start on Aug 2, 2027. This time, there are a large number of Parvasan (bathing dates) spread across 2027-28 and, therefore, we will see a large number of visitors to Nashik. Govt is taking up all the measures for this."



The Amrit Snan schedule for both venues—Nashik (Vaishnav gathering) and Trimbakeshwar (Shaiva gathering)—is confirmed for Aug 2 and Aug 31, 2027. The subsequent Amrit Snans have been

scheduled on Sept 11 in Nashik and Sept 12 in Trimbakeshwar.

Fadnavis said, "The meeting with the mahants and all-important office-bearers of all 13 akhadas was held cordially, and we patiently heard all their demands. We brought to their notice that we have already processed tenders for more than Rs 4,000 crore in developmental works (including roads, construction, and beautification of ghats etc.), of which a few are in the last stage. Besides, tenders for works worth Rs 2,000 crore will also be issued soon." He said the Nashik corporation's plan to set up sewage treatment plants is moving ahead.

Related ministers are working on rolling out steps for effective crowd management and to ensure provision of facilities.

Key Bridge In Arunachal Pradesh Washes Away Amid Heavy Rain, Locals Stranded

Northeastern states have been witnessing heavy rainfall over the past few days, causing floods and landslides.

Dibang Valley. A key suspension bridge in Arunachal Pradesh was washed away in the Dri River amid heavy rainfall last week, leaving villagers stranded for days. The two-foot bridge in the Mawali village used to serve as a means of communication and travel for the villagers.

According to officials, at least six people, including three children, were stranded under the Etalin circle in Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh. Following this, the Dibang Valley administration launched a rescue mission on May 30 and tried to communicate with the villagers. The administration even tried to drop cooked food packets using drones, but incessant rainfall led to the failure of the mission.

Mawali village is 139 kilometres from Anini, the district headquarters of the Dibang Valley district. Additionally, a team of officials visited Athunli and

Echanli villages which suffered heavy damage due to heavy rainfall triggered flash floods and landslides, and took stock of the situation. The team also distributed relief materials during the visit.

Northeastern states have been witnessing heavy rainfall over the past few days, causing floods and landslides. Over 30 people have died in rain-related incidents so far. Multiple agencies have been engaged in providing relief and rescuing stranded people using various means, including an Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopter and boats, according to officials.

The flood situation in Arunachal

Pradesh remained grim on Wednesday with incessant rain causing fresh landslides and floods across the state - affecting over 3,000 people in 23 districts, officials said. At least 12 people died, while search operations are underway for two missing persons. Out of the deaths, seven were reported from East Kameng, two from Lower Subansiri, and one each from Longding, Lohit, and Anjaw districts. Changlang is the worst-affected district in Arunachal Pradesh, with six villages flooded and 2,231 people left homeless. Flash floods washed away half of the Makantong bridge on the Trans-Arunachal Highway, cutting off road connectivity between Miao and Bordumsa. Additionally, the swollen Noa-Dehing river has caused damage to agricultural and horticultural fields in the Dharmapur block under the Namphai circle, officials said.

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"You Are Panting": Mother-In-Law's Last Call With Missing Indore Woman In Meghalaya

Bhopal. The body of a Madhya Pradesh man, who was on a honeymoon in Meghalaya, was found after 11 days on Monday, with the police suspecting he was murdered with a machete. The victim, Raja Raghuvanshi, and his wife, Sonam, both from Indore, went missing on May 23. The search for the woman is underway. An audio clip has now gone viral of the purported conversation between Sonam and her mother-in-law, reportedly hours before they went missing. The couple, who arrived at Mawlkhat village on a rented scooter, had trekked 3,000 steps down the gorge to visit the famous living rootbridges at Nongriat village. In the audio clip, the mother-in-law can be heard asking her, "How are you, daughter?" "I was preparing food, and I remembered that today is your fast. You have fasted, right?" she asked her. Sonam, in response, can be heard saying, "Yes. I clearly told them that I will not break my fast because of travelling."

The mother-in-law then told her to have some food, to which Sonam, who said she was trekking at that time, "won't get anything in the

jungle". "You are panting," the mother-in-law then told Sonam as she was trying to catch her breath during the two-minute call. "It was a tough trek," Sonam purportedly said. "I'll call you after climbing," she added. Cannot confirm the authenticity of the audio clip. According to police, the couple arrived in Mawlkhat village on May 22 and then went to Nongriat, where they stayed the night. They left the homestay the following morning, and on May 24, their scooter was found outside a cafe along the road from Shillong to Sohra, also known as Cherrapunji. The body of 29-year-old Raja Raghuvanshi was recovered in a gorge some 20 kilometres from the Nongriat village.

Train To Kashmir: Dogra Ruler Maharaja Hari Singh's Dream Turns Into Reality

Reasi. A train to the Kashmir valley through the arduous Shivalik and Pir Panjal mountain ranges is more than a century-old ambitious plan that is set to turn into reality on Friday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off a Vande Bharat train from Katra to Kashmir. PM Modi will also inaugurate the Chenab bridge, which will be the world's highest railway arch bridge. "What was once a vision proposed in the 19th century by the Dogra maharajas is now transforming into one of the most significant infrastructure achievements in independent India's history," a senior railway official said.

Vikramaditya Singh, grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh and son of former Sadr-e-Riyasat Karam Singh, said he feels proud that the Dogra ruler's plan conceived over 130 years ago has finally materialised. "The railway line project to the Kashmir Valley was first envisaged and drawn up during Maharaja Pratap Singh's rule. It is a matter of great pride not only for the people of Jammu & Kashmir but for the entire nation that this dream will be realised by our prime minister," Mr Singh, who has

been a legislator in Jammu and Kashmir, told PTI. The Dogra ruler had commissioned British engineers to survey the rugged terrain for a railway route to Kashmir, an ambitious project that remained unrealised for over a century.

He appointed three British engineers to prepare and execute detailed reports. However, two of the three reports prepared in 11 years between 1898 and 1909 were rejected.

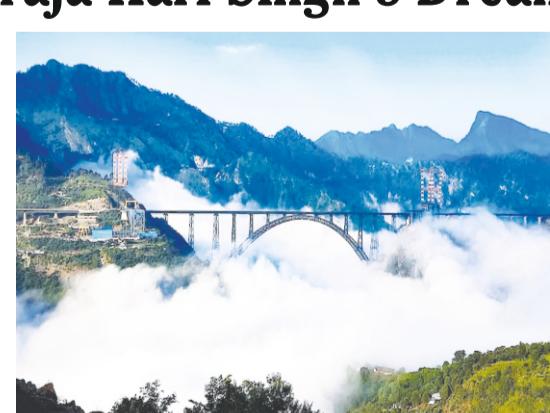
According to special documents from the Jammu and Kashmir archives department, the idea of a rail link to Kashmir was first proposed on March 1, 1892 by the Maharaja. Subsequently, in June 1898, British engineering firm S R Scott Stratten and Co was engaged to conduct surveys and execute the project. The first report, submitted by D A Adam, recommended an electric railway between Jammu and Kashmir regions, featuring steam locomotives on a narrow two-feet-six-inch gauge line. This proposal was rejected due to the challenging elevation levels. Another proposal, submitted in 1902

by W J Weightman, suggested a railway line connecting Kashmir from Abbottabad (now in Pakistan) along the Jhelum river. This, too, was turned down. The third proposal, by Wild Blood, recommended a railway alignment along the Chenab river through the Reasi area. This report was approved. Later, plans for powering electric trains and establishing power stations near Udhampur, Ramsu, and Banihal were also examined but ultimately rejected. Following this, British engineer Col D E

Bourel was tasked with submitting a detailed report on local coal reserves. Additionally, a report was commissioned from T D La Touche, the then deputy superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, on the Sangarmarg and Mehowala coal mines.

In December 1923, S R Scott Stratten and Co was re-engaged to implement the coal extraction project. However, the death of Maharaja Pratap Singh in 1925 and the growing Indian independence movement led to the project being shelved permanently, the documents said. The idea was revived nearly six decades later, when the then prime minister Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone for the Jammu-Udhampur-Srinagar railway line in 1983.

At the time, the project was estimated to cost Rs 50 crore and was expected to be completed in five years, officials said. However, in 13 years, only 11 km of the line could be constructed, which comprised 19 tunnels and 11 bridges - at a cost of Rs 300 crore, they said.



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8 Snakes Rescued From UP House 2 Days After Villagers Kill 52 Serpents

Meerut. Two days after the residents of Samouli village in Meerut district killed 52 snakes that crawled out of the courtyard of a farmer's house, forest officials rescued eight snakes from the same house under the Daurala police station limits, officials said on Wednesday. According to the forest department, the non-venomous snakes were safely removed by a rescue team after they were found at the residence of Mahfooz Saifi on Tuesday night.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Rajesh Kumar told PTI on Wednesday that the rescued snakes appeared to be of non-venomous species.

"It is likely that the snakes laid eggs in the house earlier, which are now hatching in phases," Kumar said.

Aditya Tiwari, a herpetologist who runs an NGO, said the snakes likely belonged to the checkered keelback species, a water snake. This species is non-venomous, and a female can lay up to 40-50 eggs at a time," he said. The recurring incidents have triggered panic in the village, with locals demanding a permanent solution to the issue.

The forest department has urged residents not to harm snakes and to report such sightings to the authorities immediately.

Lesson from Kerala shipwreck: Balancing risk and revenues

Kerala is like a beautiful home in front of a highway. Once in a while, a truck may turn turtle in front. So if you want to, say, open an eatery and make some money, you would be bearing the risk of such an event. Singapore has very large crude carriers or VLCCs regularly passing through its congested sea lanes. The city-state is balancing the attending risks and revenues well. In shipping, multi-million-dollar assets may pass by without touching the ports of a coastal state, without adding a dime to that country's economy. But when one of these vessels goes belly up, the problem lands on its shores. This risk is built into the destiny of every coastal state abutting busy shipping lanes. Vessels are flagged in different flag states, have different technical third-party inspectors, different ship managers and are vetted by different vessel charterers. Understandably, they have different levels of compliance to the same international conventions they follow—such as Safety of Life at Sea or Prevention of Pollution from Ships—in letter and spirit. Only vessels that call your ports can be subjected to physical scrutiny under a 'port state control' protocol.

Vessels, typically, do not carry oil spill response equipment. They flash their third-party insurance cover to compensate for the spills they cause. The wherewithal for this response must be stockpiled by the coastal state. Tackling an oil spill demands quick-response capabilities, and it is practically difficult to extend this cover to every inch of the coastline across various terrains. Capacity building for stockpiling response equipment is an exercise funded by port operators. The approach is a tiered response strategy. Equipment is pooled between players in geographic proximity for bigger spills. No country is ready for the worst-case scenario.

The US, with all its resources, took time to cope with the Deep Water Horizon spill. That was an oil well. Oil leaked from the seabed over a period of time, giving space for the response machinery to understand and improvise on its strategy. This luxury of time will not be available for a tanker foundering on the coast. The deluge of oil will hit quickly. On the positive side, tankers are double-hulled now, increasing the threshold for when an accident becomes a polluting incident. There is no dedicated response equipment available within the country for a major tier-3 accident. The nearest stockpiles are of an international subscription-based 'co-operative', OSRL, located in Bahrain and Singapore. Ideally, this should be in front of an Indian 'highway'. Heavy equipment weighing tonnes should be truckable to any part of the coast within 24 hours. Locating a tier-3 stockpile within India will address an important strategic vulnerability.

Oil spill response technology has been 'imported' solutions so far. Slow to evolve, and not necessarily brilliant, but they are well engineered to be reliable, but with high costs. Time to get off this imported technology horse and let Indian technologies show the way. This sector is not really rocket science. We are lucky. The vessel that sank on the Kerala coast is not an oil tanker—it had oil only in its fuel tanks. Lighter elements like diesel evaporate after a spill from the sea surface. Furnace oil is present in every vessel. This can become a 'mousse' or greasy and viscous in ambient temperature. Current response gear cannot handle that. A vessel sunk can be out of sight, but not out of mind. The steel corrodes, and after a period of time, the oil will surface. Oil from the sunken vessel 'Prestige' was removed by unmanned intervention from a depth of 4 km. This set a new benchmark in human ingenuity. Oil which floats can be contained, but the chemicals will dissolve into the water column and cannot be contained. Curtailing fishing to prevent its ingress into the human food chain is the only mitigating measure.

US President Trump's ceasefire claim is alive and well

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's declaration in a court runs counter to India's firm denial of US involvement in Indo-Pak ceasefire

THE controversy over US President Donald Trump's claim that he mediated a ceasefire between India and Pakistan refuses to die down. Though India has refuted his claim, Trump is insistent that he played the peacemaker. On May 30, he said, "I think the deal I'm most proud of is the fact that we're dealing with India, we're dealing with Pakistan and we were able to stop potentially nuclear war through trade as opposed through bullets". This comment encapsulates his three assertions on the ceasefire that was announced on May 10. One, he was responsible for it; two, the hostilities could have potentially led to a nuclear conflict; and three, he threatened to snap trade ties with both countries, thus prompting them to agree to a ceasefire. India has stated that the cessation of hostilities happened after Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) called up his Indian counterpart on May 10. During this conversation, the two DGMOs agreed that all military action would cease from 5 pm that day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has clarified that Operation Sindo has only been paused. India has also emphasised that the conflict remained in the conventional domain and there was no nuclear signalling by Pakistan. Significantly, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on May 13, "From the time Operation Sindo commenced on May 7, till the understanding on cessation of firing and military action on May 10, there were conversations between Indian and US leaders on the evolving military situation. The issue of trade did not come up in any of these discussions".

After his attention was drawn on May 29 to US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's declaration in a US court that Trump cited trade to bring about a ceasefire, the spokesperson said, "I hope you have seen the court order as well". Thereafter, Jaiswal went on to repeat his May 13 comment. It was premature for him to mention the court order, for a superior court stayed it on May 29 itself. The spokesperson should not have relied on a lower court's decision to try to validate his country's position. Pakistan has stated that the ceasefire was the result of intervention of several countries. During the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore last week, Pakistan's Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Gen Sahir Shamshad

Mirza, named six in this context: the US, UK, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye and China. This would hardly please Trump, who is claiming entire credit for the best 'deal' he has made.

Islamabad has not said that this conflict was in danger of going beyond the conventional stage, but it has now reaffirmed its general concern that Indian kinetic action could lead to a nuclear exchange—unless foreign powers intervene. Pakistan has also not made any comment on Trump's claim of threatening to stop trade ties if the hostilities did not cease. Pakistan-US trade talks are set to begin.

Why has the Trump administration shown such disregard for Indian sensitivities on the trade issue that it has included it in an affidavit submitted by Lutnick

often contradicts his own statements. But a legal document is not to be trifled with. This puts the US at odds with the Indian stand on this matter at a time when both countries are negotiating a trade deal.

Considering the India-US differences on Trump's trade threat, it is worthwhile to give details of Lutnick's averment in his affidavit. Asserting that any curtailment of the President's powers under the IEEPA would adversely impact US security interests and foreign policy, Lutnick said: "A ruling that narrows IEEPA would have ripple effects across every domain in which economic instruments are used for strategic effect. For example, India and Pakistan—two nuclear-armed powers which engaged in combat operations just 13 days ago—reached a tenuous ceasefire on May 10." He added:

"The ceasefire was only achieved after President Trump interceded and offered both nations trading access with the US to avert a full-scale war. An adverse ruling that constrains presidential power in this case could lead India and Pakistan to question the validity of President Trump's offer threatening the security of an entire region and the lives of millions". In response to another question on May 29 on Lutnick's declaration, the MEA spokesperson bristled and said, "I have stated my position, and when I state my position, I do it as spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India with flags on both sides. That has an implication, it means a lot".

Of course, it means a lot if the Modi government is formally asserting that the US Commerce Secretary made a false declaration in a US court "under penalty of perjury". It will mean much more if the matter gains traction in America.

As for India, it cannot help feeling let down by Trump's actions and statements since Operation Sindo. Perhaps the popular song from the 1964 classic Sangam best sums up Delhi's current mood, "Dost dost na raha..." And the days of 'Howdy Modi' and 'Namaste Trump' are now a distant memory.



in a US court on May 23? The case pertains to a legal challenge to Trump's tariff policies, which he is justifying under his country's International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Technically, Lutnick has given a declaration, but as he states that he has done so "under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct", it is nothing but an affidavit. My diplomatic experience suggests that it is unprecedented for a country to convert a political statement of the kind Trump made on invoking trade to bring about a ceasefire into a legal document. Its implication is that the US cannot rescind from the President's claim on the issue. Trump talks loosely and

Bangladesh history closes a dark loop with case on Hasina

If Hasina must be held to account, let the law take its course. But dismantling an entire party—one with deep roots in Bangladesh's political consciousness—sets a precedent that undermines the very democracy Yunus claims to uphold.

The formal indictment of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for crimes against humanity marks a pivotal moment in Bangladesh's turbulent history. The prosecutors accuse her of ordering brutal crackdowns during the 2024 student uprising, causing mass casualties and widespread abuse. Backed by encrypted communications, damning videos and testimony from 81 witnesses, the evidence paints a chilling portrait of a leader long accused of wielding unchecked power in Bangladesh's chequered political landscape. But justice, if it is to be substantive, must stop short of vengeance. What should have been a legal reckoning for a leader's abuses has mutated into a wholesale political purge. The interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has not only charged Hasina, but banned the Awami League—the party that led Bangladesh to independence—from political activity altogether. History is coming full circle for the nation, but in a grotesque form. The Awami League, banned by the Pakistani regime in 1971 for demanding autonomy, now

finds itself outlawed by its own country in the name of democracy. The symbolism is stark and troubling. Yunus, once hailed as a visionary of social empowerment, now presides over an unelected regime that risks becoming a mirrored image of the autocracy it claimed to replace. His decision to reinstate Jamaat-e-Islami, a party complicit in the 1971 genocide, while erasing the Awami League,

reeks of opportunism masquerading as reform. This is not transitional justice—it is selective amnesia, if not outright political vendetta. If Hasina must be held to account, let the law take its course. But dismantling an entire party—one with deep roots in Bangladesh's political consciousness—sets a precedent that undermines the very democracy Yunus claims to uphold. Reform cannot be built on erasure. Institutions must evolve, not be extinguished. India must tread carefully in these troubled waters. While Hasina's authoritarian turn is undeniable, she also helped anchor crucial ties with New Delhi. The Yunus regime, which leans increasingly toward Pakistan and China while whipping up anti-India sentiment, threatens the region's hard-won stability. Bangladesh faces a stark choice: renewal through inclusive, representative politics, or regression into a cleansed, hollowed-out democracy. As history loops back on itself, the country must ask: is it correcting the past, or repeating its darkest patterns in a new guise?



Working India is sleepwalking into a crisis

We are discussing longer working hours, but not rest. Sleep deprivation is an endemic problem quietly eroding our productivity and health. It's time we woke up to it

How many hours did you sleep last night? Are you feeling rested? Do you feel sleep-deprived? As I work with companies of every kind and size—the big, the small and the micro, and of the brick-and-mortar and new-age startup varieties—there is one common complaint I hear all around. The working Indian is not rested enough—not able to sleep as well as he, she or they did in the past. Something's going totally wrong. India looks, sounds and feels sleep-deprived. Productivity at the workplace is getting impacted in the bargain. Bad sleep means bad decisions. Bad sleep means the grouchy employee at work. Imagine unleashing this employee in the space of customer complaint management, or at your hotel reception desk to check-in equally grouchy guests who have not caught enough sleep. The combination would be lethal. Just as corporate captains and business leaders are asking employees to work longer hours, not a single one is coming out to champion sleep. No leader is really coming out there and asking people to sleep more. Sleep seems to be a personal item that belongs to the employee. It is a 'home item'. You sleep as long or little as you want. I, the employer, am not concerned. Must the employer be concerned? Must the employer recruit sleep-specialists to coach employees on how to sleep better? Must your sleep hours and your pattern of sleep be the concern of your spouse and you alone? Is sleep affecting corporate productivity? Is lack of adequate sleep affecting overall health, sexual and reproductive health in particular, and eventually relationships? And are we addressing the sleep dragon adequately? Are we even acknowledging it as

an issue? Is lack of sleep the new pandemic?

The boss is asking them to stay up late and work. Working through calls is becoming a norm and employees are asked to take calls at the oddest of hours. The buzz and the light of the forever-on blue screen is killing the desire to sleep. The competitive workplace ethos is telling you subliminally that if you don't work as much as Basanti does, Basanti will go places and you will not. In the old days, when you left your place of work, work was done. In today's post-Covid age of working from home, work follows you wherever you go—in the office and home. There is just no difference between workspace and play-space. But when your sleep space becomes a workplace, trouble brews in your bed.

Employees are saying it out quietly to their therapists. Work never stops anymore. Your mind is forever alive to the reality of the workplace. You are not able to switch off like you used to. And those who are double-income families, with husband and wife working in similar spaces, the trouble doubles. You are hard at work in office, hard at work on the commute and hard at work at home. The weekend seems to be the only time when both try to recoup lost sleep. In many cases among the younger profiles, even this is difficult. The yen to party on the weekend bites many. You work hard; you party hard. In the bargain, it's hard to sleep altogether.

The sleep data thrown up from the 3,600-size sample of employees is scary. The age groups explored are ironed out across working age segments ranging from 25 to 60. The average sleep these employees confess to have recorded daily over a one-month period is 5

hours 20 minutes against their desire for an 8-hour pattern. A small number of them seemed to track their sleep patterns on fitness trackers (280). From this segment emerged richer data. Their awake-in-bed data is an average 20 percent of the total time in bed. The REM (rapid eye movement) period is 14 percent.



Light sleep average is 49 percent. And deep sleep is all of 17 percent. You are in bed, but you are not asleep. And that's a matter of worry. You can't sleep even when in bed. What's troubling sleep? A recent exercise we undertook across a 3,600-strong sample in 12 work environments is telling. Employees are sleeping less across all verticals of work. People in sales and retail are sleeping less than anyone else. People in banking are sleeping less as well. Everyone with a work target defined for themselves is sleeping less. Everyone who has a salary linked to a variable

remuneration pattern is sleeping that much less. The biggest item that is robbing sleep is this yen to achieve. While a bulk of it is boss-driven (67 percent), the balance (33 percent) is driven by the self-motivated and motivating employee. While the boss is ruining the sleep for some, in two thirds of the cases, the individual employee is robbing himself of sleep. The workplace today is competitive. Everyone is pitted against one another. The best of corporate workplaces who pride themselves to be 'good' and 'great' places to work, have the biggest of challenges. Employees probed for reasons why sleep eludes them as much as they need or want indicate a toxic workplace to be the prime reason that is poisoning their sleep. Sleep is, therefore, a big industry ahead. Sleep therapists, sleep consultants and sleep gurus are the future of this large industry. As many working people, that many sleep deprived folks (at least 21 percent of them who are already acknowledging the fact that they are sleep challenged). Bengaluru has just joined an elite global tech club as one of the 12 cities with a tech workforce of more than 1 million people. By sheer extrapolative logic, sleep is a big industry in this city for sure. Literally, 0.21 million of Bengalureans in the tech space are likely to be sleep-challenged. If not a pandemic, it sure sounds like an endemic. Whatever it is, is it not time all of us tackled the issue and held the sleep bull by its horns? Or does it just have one horn, like a 'unicorn'? I'm not sure.

To work or stay home — that's a decision many women need to make when they've had a baby. To ensure that their child is well taken care of, many mothers choose to stay home.



To stay or not to stay at

Home

On the contrary, a study by American Psychological Association points out, working mothers may actually be the ones who are better off at raising children when compared to those who stay at home. The study also reported that working mothers enjoyed better health, lesser signs of depression and contributed more to a child's overall learning opportunities. The ladies in Pune voice their opinions on the same.

Not true

Stay-home mums are the ones who have to let go of their ambitions and desires in order to take care of their child, say a few. Actor Manini

Mishra says, "The mother who stays home instead of working sacrifices her aspirations and career to ensure that her child is well taken care of. It is not easy to stay home, look after the house and also take care of the child." Manini feels that stay-home mums contribute as much as a working mother does or perhaps even more.

Absolutely right

Women are known to be good at multitasking, point out others. Multi-tasking directly relates more efficiency. Actor Poonam Dhillon explains, "Working women are always more capable and are good at multi-tasking. Working mums put in a lot more effort to ensure they get to

spend some quality time with their children too. This contributes to the overall development of the child."

SOS Mummy! Actor Smita Jaykar feels that stay-home mums make their children dependent on them for everything. She explains, "Stay-home mums tend to spoon-feed their children. This curbs their independence." Smita also says she finds that her children are a lot more independent than most kids their age.

Not applicable

A few others are of the opinion that since these studies are conducted abroad, they have no relevance in India. Actor Renuka Shahane stresses on the health aspect. "This study does

not hold good for the women in India. Whether a woman is working or not working, her work pressure remains the same. In the west, once women are back home, they relax and rejuvenate. That is not the case here. A woman has to handle

so many more things here, and that could lead to a lot of stress," she explains.

Work is happiness

Personal happiness is always a driving force while taking crucial decisions, feel others. Actor Manjari Phadnis

elaborates, "The mothers who stay at home tend to centre their lives around their children. Working mothers, on the other hand, learn to manage home and career and do both well. And managing them both gives them a sense of accomplishment."

Don't worry, be happy

Film-maker Chitra Palekar feels that is 'no such thing as this is better than that'. "If you are able to spend quality time with your child, then nothing like it. Being happy and the providing the space your child needs is the way to go about it." As long as both the mother and child are happy, it is bound to contribute to the growth of the child.



What's your style of Parenting?



children grow up to be extreme personalities - a total rebel or a doormat. TIP: Identify the first signs of losing your temper. See if it's the way your child talks or their mistakes that annoys you. Take precautions at this very stage.

Pushy parents:

Leads to suicidal adults Pushy parents who want their kids to be winners all the time put kids under extreme pressure leading to nervous breakdowns or even suicidal tendencies. Such parents find it hard to digest failure and they crush the child's personality. Even as an adult, such kids strive to conform to others expectations, which, when unfulfilled, will create a feeling of worthlessness. TIP: Share positive feelings with your children. Encourage kids even if they don't win a competition.

Comparing parents:

Leads to a show off Parents, who don't empathise with their child are quick to deform their child's personality. This leads to adults who harbour excessive feelings of worthlessness, low self-esteem and self-pity. TIP: Even if you disagree with your child, use positivity. Avoid comparing siblings and phrases that hurt.

Passive parents:

Leads to arrogant adults Parents, who don't participate in their child's activities or those who feel too sorry for being hard on their child, turn them into difficult adults. Such parents are often unable to say 'no' and the child grows up to be an overconfident person, who cannot accept mistake or accept criticism positively. TIP: Spend quality time with your kids. Do things together, such as painting, story telling, going to the park, etc. In case they make a mistake, point it out gently. Do not give in to your child's whining, crying or temper tantrum, as it only reinforces the behaviour.

intelligence. Give them an opportunity to explore the world without constant interference.

Suspicious parents:

Leads to lying, distrustful adults. It's okay to keep a check on your child, but overdoing it can hamper their trust instinct. The child will then panic at the sight of your call or message. To save

face, they may even resort to lying. Over suspicious parents envision fear by putting this fear in their child, they raise suspicious adults with low confidence.

TIP: If you have an excessive urge to check on your kids, have a frank talk with them and look for a solution. For instance, they can call you every time they reach their friend's house, instead of the other

way round.

Abusive parents:

Leads to an extreme personality. It's all right to point out your child's mistakes, but use of emotional or physical violence can scar them for life. Abusive parents permanently damage their child's cognitive development leading to low self-esteem and confidence. Such

Population count, caste census to begin from March 1, 2027

The census 2027 exercise will be conducted in two phases, and the reference date for the count will be March 1, 2027, the government notification said.

New Delhi. The Government of India will conduct the next nationwide population census in 2027, and for the first time, caste enumeration will be included as part of the exercise, according to an official announcement released on Wednesday. As per the notification, the census exercise will be conducted in two phases, and the reference date for the count will be March 1, 2027. However, for snow-bound and non-synchronous areas, including Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, the census will be conducted earlier, with a reference date set for October 1, 2026.

The official intent to carry out the 2027 Census with caste enumeration is expected to be published in the Gazette of India on June 16, 2025.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This marks the first time that the enumeration of castes will be part of the national census process, which is conducted every ten years under the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990. The move comes after years of demand from several political parties and states for a formal caste census to aid in policy

planning and welfare distribution. The last population census was conducted in 2011, with house listing done in 2010 and final enumeration in early 2011. The last census in 2011 recorded a population of over 121 crores in India, reflecting a growth rate of 17.7 per cent.

2020, before the country went into lockdown. Now, with this new announcement, India will take up the massive population and caste enumeration task in 2027, restarting a process that has been on hold for over a decade.

DELIMITATION LIKELY AFTER CENSUS

Once the 2027 Census is completed, a delimitation exercise — redrawing Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies — may also follow, based on the fresh population data. In simple terms, delimitation is the process of updating the number and boundaries of parliamentary and assembly constituencies based on the latest population data. This is done to ensure that each MP or MLA represents roughly the same number of people, and that growing populations are fairly represented. India usually conducts this exercise after every census, as per the Constitution. But since 1976, this reallocation of seats

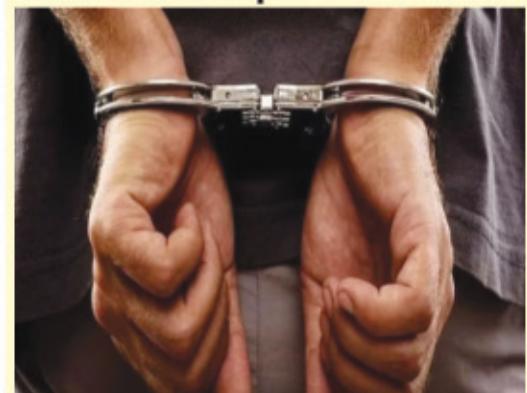
has been on hold. The reason: the government at the time wanted to promote population control and prevent states with higher birth rates — mostly in the North — from gaining more seats at the cost of southern states that had managed to slow their population growth.



The 2021 Census was fully prepared to launch, but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Preparations for the first phase of the 2021 exercise — including training and fieldwork logistics — had been completed, and data collection was scheduled to begin in April

2020. The reason: the government at the time wanted to promote population control and prevent states with higher birth rates — mostly in the North — from gaining more seats at the cost of southern states that had managed to slow their population growth.

Serial killer's son follows violent path, arrested for murder in Bhopal



New Delhi. Police have arrested a man for the murder of a co-worker at a liquor company in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal. The accused, Shubham Kmar, allegedly beat Kriparam Rajput to death following a minor dispute that escalated into a violent confrontation. Shubham, along with four others who worked at the same place as the victim, were taken into custody after the brutal attack near a bridge close to Mandideep on Sunday night. The altercation began with a heated argument between Shubham and Kriparam.

When Kriparam reportedly slapped Shubham, he retaliated by gathering his associates and launching a savage attack on Kriparam with sticks and rods.

Shubham and the other four accused have been charged under Section 103(1) of the BNS Act and other relevant laws.

During the investigation, police found out that Shubham is the son of Aadesh Kamra, a notorious criminal currently imprisoned in Bhopal. Aadesh had confessed to killing over 30 truck drivers and cleaners across multiple states over eight years.

Originally a tailor, Aadesh had turned to crime driven by financial struggles, preying on highway drivers by drugging and murdering them before stealing their vehicles. The police are investigating Shubham's background for any previous criminal cases and are continuing interrogations.

There is a gurdwara, let it be: Supreme Court rejects Delhi Waqf board's claim

NEW DELHI. The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed the Delhi Waqf Board's claim over a property as "waqf property", pointing out that a gurdwara was already functioning there. The petition was filed challenging a 2010 order of the Delhi High Court that held that the property in east Delhi's Shahdara was being used as a gurdwara since 1947 and the Waqf board could not establish it to be a "waqf property".

"Once there is a gurdwara, let it be. A religious structure is already functioning there. You should yourself relinquish that claim," the Supreme Court said.

The order comes at a time when another bench of the top court has reserved its decision on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf law, which expands government oversight in regulating waqf properties. In its petition, the Waqf board claimed the property in question was a mosque, named 'Masjid Takia Babbar Shah'. The board claimed the mosque had existed since time immemorial.

In its suit, the Waqf board said the defendant became the owner of the property through adverse possession. However, the defendant argued that the property was not a "waqf property" as its owner, Mohd Ahsaan, had sold it to him in 1953.

In 2010, the Delhi High Court dismissed the Waqf board's plea, noting that it failed to prove that the property was a "waqf property".

"Defendant was admittedly in occupation of this property since 1947-48. The defendant was not able to adduce any document of title to evidence the purchase of this property, yet this does not in any manner benefit the plaintiff, who has to establish his own case and prove it to enable him to obtain a decree of possession," the Delhi High Court had said.

From triumph to tragedy: When victory celebrations turned grim and fatal

New Delhi. Celebrations turned tragic as 11 fans died and several others left injured in a stampede as a special victory parade and felicitation ceremony was going on to mark Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) maiden IPL win. The tragedy occurred outside Bengaluru's iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday. Poor crowd management and overcrowding triggered the stampede. However, this is not for the first time that such a tragedy has happened during a victory parade.

Liverpool victory parade incident, 2025: More than 100 people were injured, some critically, on May 26 when a car drove into a massive crowd of jubilant Liverpool fans during their Premier League victory parade. The shocking incident occurred on Water Street in the heart of Liverpool's city centre. Thousands of fans had



gathered to celebrate their team's victorious season.

A 53-year-old man has been charged with multiple offences following the incident. The driver was believed to be the only one involved and the crash was not being investigated as an act of terrorism. Paul Doyle will appear in court on Friday, charged with dangerous driving, causing grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent,

wounding with intent to cause GBH and attempting to cause GBH with intent.

Ahvaz Military Parade Attack, Iran 2018: A military parade celebrating the anniversary of the Iran-Iraq War victory turned tragic on September 22, 2018. Armed militants attacked the parade and opened fire, killing at least 25 people, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) soldiers and civilian bystanders. The shooting continued for about 10 minutes.

Carnival Parade Tragedy, Belgium 2022: The local victory-themed parade in Strépy-Bracquegnies witnessed grim scenes when a car ploughed into a crowd, killing six and injuring dozens. The man was believed to be under the influence of alcohol. Terror was ruled out. National mourning was announced and scrutiny over parade security ordered.

NGT raps government, civic bodies over pigeon droppings

NEW DELHI. The National Green Tribunal has issued notices to the Delhi government and civic bodies over the growing problem of pigeon droppings on footpaths, pavements, and public spaces in the national capital. The action comes in response to a plea filed by a school student, highlighting health and environmental hazards caused by unchecked feeding and the rising pigeon population.

A bench led by NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Srivastava and expert member A Senthil Vel directed the Delhi government, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Public Works Department (PWD), and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to file their responses through affidavits at least

one week before the next hearing on October 18.

The responses must be submitted via e-filing. The student petitioner said that dried pigeon droppings, when

which leads to scarring and long-term breathing issues.

Appearing for the petitioner, advocate Ashish Jain highlighted a location where a food grain vendor feeds pigeons, resulting in heavy droppings. "When broom is in the morning, it makes the air toxic, especially for children and the elderly," he said.

The plea seeks immediate removal of such vendors from public pathways and urges civic authorities to act swiftly.

Taking note of the matter, the NGT said the issue involves "substantial compliance of environmental norms"

and needs urgent attention. "If any respondent files the reply directly, they must remain virtually present," the May 29 order stated.



disturbed during cleaning, mix with dust and release toxic particles into the air. This can cause lung diseases such as hypersensitivity pneumonitis,

IMD issues yellow alert for rain and thunderstorms in Delhi; heavy rainfall likely in Northeast states

IMD has issued a yellow alert for Delhi warning of possible rain and thunderstorms. Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms likely to hit the Northeast, while parts of Himachal may witness hailstorms.

New Delhi. The weather in Delhi has become humid as June began with rain and thunderstorms. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for Delhi for the next two days, warning of possible rain and thunderstorms. Meanwhile, Delhi's temperature is also going down. The maximum temperature on Wednesday is

expected to be around 33 degrees Celsius, while the minimum could be around 25 degrees Celsius.

Heavy rain likely in several parts of Northeast

Since the first week of June, rainfall continued across many parts of the country. From the plains to the hills, several regions experienced regular showers. The IMD predicted rain in most parts of Northeast India for this entire week. Very heavy rainfall is likely on Wednesday in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

Rain and strong winds are also expected in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Western Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi. On June 4, light to moderate rainfall may also occur in parts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. In Himachal Pradesh, there is

also a chance of hailstorm during this period. A dust storm may hit some areas of western Rajasthan on June 4. Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim are also expected to receive heavy rain for the next seven days. Between June 4 and 7, thunderstorms are likely in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Rain may hit Bihar, West Bengal

On June 4, rain alerts were also issued for Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, and Gangetic West Bengal. In Odisha and West Bengal from June 4 to 6. Hot and humid weather will continue in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during this period. Meanwhile, dry weather is expected in many parts of Jammu, Kashmir, Goa, Karnataka, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Jharkhand, Kerala, and Gangetic West Bengal.



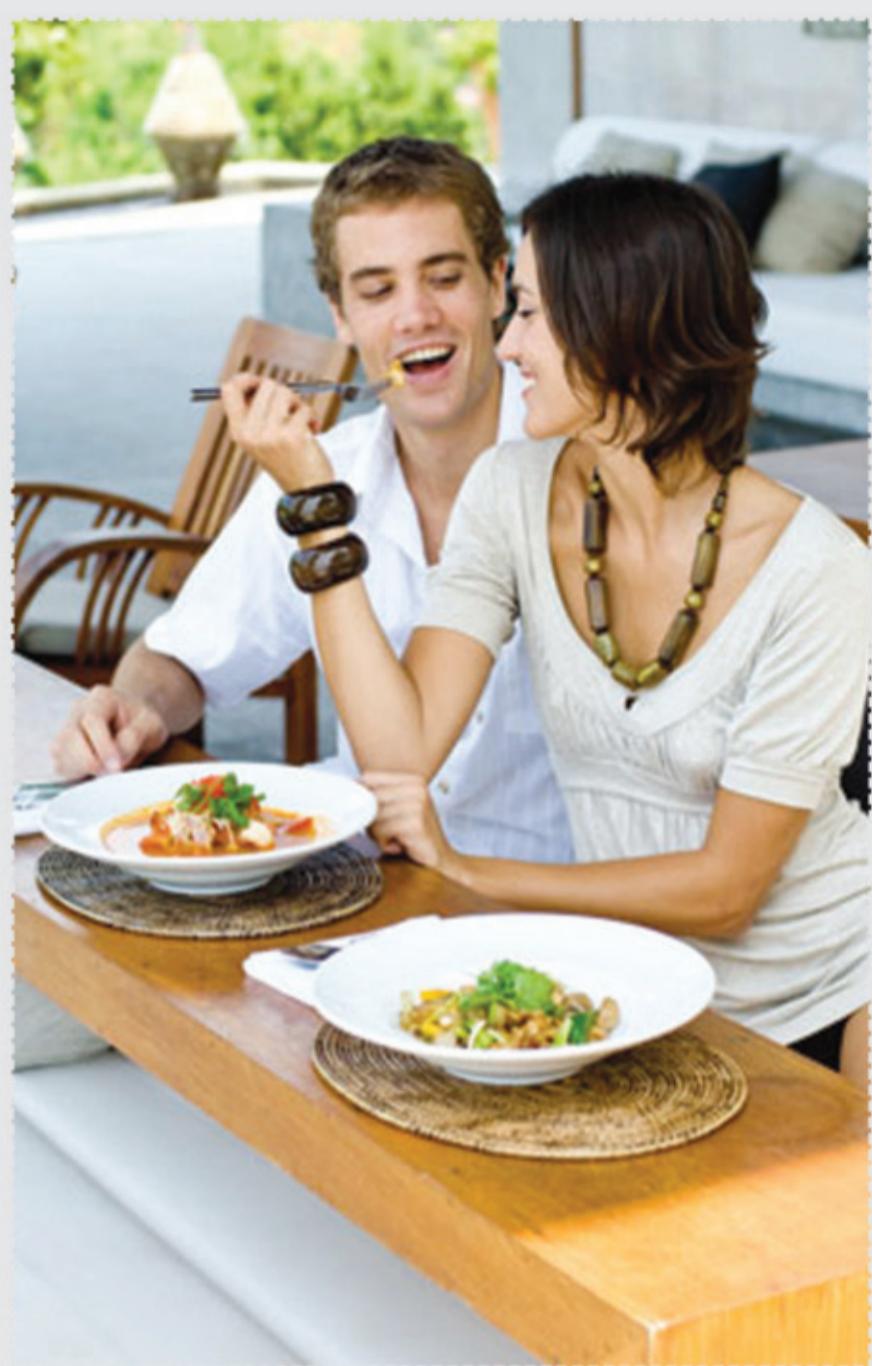
and Karnataka. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana may experience strong winds in the next 24 hours. In Northwest India, the maximum temperature is expected to fall by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius. However, after that, it may rise by 4 to 5 degrees over the following five days. In East India, the maximum temperature is expected to gradually increase by 2 to 3 degrees in the next two days. No major temperature changes are expected in the rest of the country.

Heatwave conditions are likely to continue in Odisha and West Bengal from June 4 to 6. Hot and humid weather will continue in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during this period. Meanwhile, dry weather is expected in many parts of Jammu, Kashmir, Goa, Karnataka, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Jharkhand, Kerala, and Gangetic West Bengal.

Old and polluting buses from other states add to Delhi's air pollution. Even though cleaner fuel buses are now more common, many buses coming into the capital still use dirty fuel. The commission had earlier told states including Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir to switch to clean fuel buses by mid-2024 or early 2025. However, many did not comply in time.

From November 1, 2026, only CNG, electric or BS VI diesel buses will be allowed into Delhi, the CAQM said. Delhi's Transport Department and Traffic Police have been asked to ensure strict compliance of this direction using automatic number plate recognition system and RFID at border entry points.

Other state governments have also been told to inform all bus owners and companies about the new rule well in advance.



Want to keep a pet? Go on, there are several benefits...

A recent study showed that there are more pets than children in American households. Amazed? Statistics say that there has also been an increase in the number of Indian families opting for pets. Keeping pets at home has several benefits — and if you're among those who has always wanted to keep a pet, let us convince you to go ahead and get one home!

Pets can enhance your mood

Whether you believe it or not, pets are a great way to improve your mood and temperament. Research has shown that people who suffer from various diseases have lesser chances of depression if they keep pets as compared to those who are suffering from similar diseases and don't keep pets.

Reasons why you should keep a pet



Help to control blood pressure

Health experts say that dog owners have less blood pressure and heart rates. This eventually reduces the need to take medicines and also helps reduce cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

A source of exercise

Want someone who will accompany you for

How to reveal your feelings to the guy you love

If you have feelings for that someone special, here's how to let him know

Surely, when you are in love with someone, you would want them to know your state of mind. And it's best that he knows about it because it will relieve you of the constant worry and make you feel better.

Talk to him about it

One of the best ways to approach the guy is by talking to him and letting him know how and what you feel about him. Don't be scared of the outcome. Realise that you are doing this so that it helps you feel better and nothing else. Whether he accepts it or not should not be your cause of worry at all.

Drop hints

If you are not the sort who can gather

courage to go out and talk to him about your feelings, don't worry. You can always drop subtle hints so that he knows that there is something that you wish to tell him. Whether you accept it or not, guys read into your feelings really well and these hints will go a long way in making him understand how you feel about him.

Say it to a common friend

If the two of you have common pals, it's best you acknowledge your feelings to that person. Be rest assured that the friend at some point of time will approach the guy and would tell him how you feel about him. But make sure that the friend has good intentions and does not end up bitching about you or making fun of your feelings.

stress and anxiety levels. Experts say that people can get relieve from stress and depression, if they spend time with their pets.

Long life

Several studies have revealed that people who tend to spend their time with pets are more likely to live longer than people who don't.

Better social skills

Want to improve your social skills? It is said that people who keep pets are said to be good in their social relations. Kids who grow up with pets at home are always respectful towards living things.

Safety

Having a dog at home is especially good because they also double up as caretakers. No burglar alarm can be better than a dog at home!

Work-life balance
"I've learnt to persevere"



years, I have stuck to what is achievable - 45 minutes of treadmill at home, five days a week. I am also regular with my annual health check-ups.

Energy high: Being optimistic by nature, I am rarely down for extended periods of time. My desire to constantly excel

professionally gives me a high. Simple things like a relaxing cup of tea with my family on a Sunday morning, watching my son leave home at the crack of dawn to play football and annual vacations give me a lot of happiness.

Spiritual diet: I am neither religious nor spiritual; I don't follow any daily practices or rituals. However, I believe in having a moral compass; a clear conscience is a must.

Handling failure and success: I try not to get too affected by success or failure. I'm blessed with a sunny disposition; I'm like a ball that kids try to submerge under water, but find it impossible to do! I've learnt to persevere and be tenacious.

Crisis management formula: I always have a plan B, so most problems fizzle out. On the personal front, I rely a lot on my immediate family members to help me out and that support is invaluable.

You cannot escape a Bad boss

Wearing a tie and a scowl, he walks in. Some of his colleagues who have missed deadlines try to disguise their apprehension with forced smiles. Others grin away, knowing that they will be praised very soon.

Bosses constitute an inseparable part of our lives. You can love them, or hate them. But you cannot escape them.

Some bosses you are likely to meet as you go along...

Divide-and-rule boss

If he inherits a team of eight, he divides them into two opposing units of four each within one week. Each group bitches about the other, making sure that the boss knows everything. The problem escalates when the team becomes an insecure bunch consisting of eight islands (read, people). Each fellow is insecure, leading to complete chaos. Such a fragmented team is bad news. At the centre of it all is a bad boss.



takes the responsibility for his team's mistakes, simply because all his work (that includes supervision) is done by his juniors. Not a good guy to work with, because you never know what will hit you and when.

Buy-my-dinner boss

He can be brilliant at his work. But he is a miser, and makes juniors pay the bills whenever he takes them out for dinner and drinks. Youngsters are scared of this kind, and especially when it's the end of the month and

they are broke anyway.

Hi - my - lovely boss

A bad case of being flirtatious simply because he is powerful. He makes passes, and gets away with murder if the junior colleague is mild and gentle. Known to do nepotism, which is terrible news for

team morale.

I-will-do-everything boss

If a boss has to succeed, the team must learn. But some bosses are so paranoid that they end up doing the work of their juniors. Not good, since dependence leads to incompetence. Having a boss is inevitable, if you don't own the company you work for. Praying for a good one is equally important, since a bad guy can change your life: and not in a way you want it to change.

How to be friends with your ex's family



Breaking up is hard and not only spoils your equation with the person concerned but with those two of you have been close to as a couple. This could include friends or his/her family.

Take some time

Right after you've broken up; maintain some distance not only from your ex but from his/her family as well. Do not worry about what the family would think about you, because if they have really known you, they would understand that you require some time to be on your own before you meet them again.

But keep in touch

Don't break your ties with his/her family altogether. Taking some time off does not mean that you move away

from their lives entirely. During the time that you wish to have on your own, keep messaging them or calling them every once in a while to find out how they've been and update on your situation as well.

Start with small gatherings

One way to reunite with them once again is by calling them over to your place or by going over to their place to meet them. But do this when your ex is not at home (if you are very close to the family and they are even comfortable chatting with you when he/she is not at home). This way you would avoid bumping into your ex and landing up in an awkward situation.

So the two of you have broken up but you would like to maintain your relationship with your ex's family. Here's how

Volkswagen to trim 35,000 jobs in Germany by 2030

New Delhi. German carmaker Volkswagen is planning to cut 35,000 jobs in Germany by the year 2030. The move is part of a larger plan to save money, especially as the company faces global challenges and possible new tariffs from the United States.

According to local media, more than 20,000 Volkswagen workers have voluntarily agreed to leave their jobs early. This came out of a recent meeting held at the company's main office in Wolfsburg. The company is offering early retirement and other voluntary options to soften the impact of the job cuts.

SEVERANCE PAY ON THE TABLE

To make the transition easier, Volkswagen is preparing severance packages for affected employees. These payouts could go up to \$400,000, depending on how long someone has worked at the company. The full cost of the severance plan hasn't been shared yet.

FEWER APPRENTICESHIPS, PAY FREEZE

From 2026, the company will also reduce its apprenticeship positions from 1,400 to just 600 each year. This is another way Volkswagen is trying to lower its labour costs, aiming to save nearly 1.5 billion euros every year.

Additionally, 13,000 workers will see a pause in their pay rise. A planned 5% salary increase will instead be moved into a company fund, which is meant to support flexible working options and long-term planning.

NO PLANT CLOSURES- FOR NOW

Despite the job cuts, Volkswagen says it won't shut down any of its factories. This is likely to keep peace with trade unions and regional leaders. The carmaker hopes these steps will help keep production in Germany competitive and stable.

Hyundai, Kia offload Ola Electric stakes via block deals

New Delhi. South Korean automakers - Hyundai Motor and Kia Corporation - have divested their entire shareholding in Ola Electric Mobility through block deals, marking a strategic exit from the loss-making electric two-wheeler manufacturer.

Hyundai sold 10.8 crore shares at Rs 50.70 apiece, amounting to Rs 552 crore, while Kia sold 2.7 crore shares at Rs 50.55 each, amounting to Rs 138 crores, showed NSE bulk deal data. Shares of Ola Electric closed 8.12% lower at Rs 49.33 on the BSE on Tuesday. As of March 2025, BSE data shows that Hyundai held a 2.4% public stake in the company. Citigroup Global Markets Mauritius purchased 8.61 crore shares at Rs 50.55 per share, thus investing 7437 crore investment in Ola Electric. The exit by Hyundai and Kia comes days after Ola Electric reported that its losses more than doubled to Rs 870 crore in the fourth quarter of financial year 2025 (Q4FY25) as against Rs 416 crore loss reported in the same quarter of last fiscal (Q4FY24). The company's revenue from operations dropped 59.5% year-on-year to Rs 716 crore.

The fall in and bottomline and topline performance is primarily attributed to a sharp decline in sales amid increasing competition from legacy players. Vehicle deliveries came down to 51,375 units in Q4FY25 from 115,000 units in Q4FY24. The company, however, claims to have retained market leadership for FY25, with full-year deliveries coming at 359,000 units, up from 329,000 a year earlier.

Yes Bank board gives nod to raising Rs 16,000 crore via mix of equity, debt

New Delhi: Yes Bank on Tuesday said its board has approved raising of Rs 16,000 crore through a mix of equity and debt to fund business growth.

The board approved raising funds by way of issuance of eligible equity securities through various permissible means, provided that the aggregate amount to be raised by issuance of such securities would not exceed Rs 7,500 crore and would not result in an aggregate dilution of more than 10 per cent (including dilution on account of issuance of equity securities in terms of this item and conversion of any convertible debt securities approved by the board), the private bank said in a regulatory filing. The board also gave its nod to raising funds by way of issuance of eligible debt securities in Indian or foreign currency, provided that the aggregate amount to be raised by issuance of such securities would not exceed Rs 8,500 crore and would not result in an aggregate dilution of more than 10 per cent, it said. According to the filing, the board also approved amendments to the Articles of Association of the bank pursuant to the terms of the share purchase agreement dated May 9 executed by and amongst the bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) and State Bank of India (SBI), which would be subject to approval of the Reserve Bank of India and shareholders of the bank.

The rights of SMBC and SBI that are proposed to be incorporated into the Articles of Association of the bank are subject to the fall-away thresholds of 10 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively. According to the revised Articles of Association, SMBC or any of its permitted assignees would have the right to nominate two non-executive and non-independent directors for appointment to the company board, subject to applicable laws. SBI will have the right to nominate one non-executive and non-independent director for appointment to the board, the filing said.

Last month, SBI and seven other lenders announced that they will sell 20 per cent of their combined stake in Yes Bank to Japan's SMBC for a consideration of Rs 13,483 crore, making it the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector.

Following the completion of the transaction, SMBC will become the single-largest shareholder of Mumbai-based Yes Bank. Of the 20 per cent stake, SBI will dilute a 13.19 per cent stake in Yes Bank in favour of SMBC for a consideration of Rs 8,889 crore, while 6.81 per cent shareholding will be offloaded by seven other lenders — Axis Bank, Bandhan Bank, Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank — for about Rs 4,594 crore. SBI and the seven other lenders invested in the bank as part of the YES Bank Reconstruction Scheme in March 2020, obal presence.

Government seeks lower energy costs for backing green steel incentives: Report

India's finance ministry calls for lower energy prices to facilitate incentives for green steel production, amidst concerns over high green hydrogen costs and inflation.

The finance ministry has called for reduced energy prices to support the incentive schemes for the production of green steel, reported news agency Reuters.

Sources quoted in the report indicated that the ministry wants prices of green hydrogen, a key component in producing green steel, to decrease before committing to financial support for clean energy-based steel manufacturing. This is part of a broader effort to curb inflation and



manage government spending.

The high costs associated with green hydrogen have been a sticking point for the finance ministry, which argues that these could render green steel production unviable and "potentially inflationary." Deliberations between the finance and

steel ministries have slowed, with the finance ministry warning against a "hasty approach" to implementing policies. The ministry's stance is to adopt a cautious strategy that carefully weighs economic growth against environmental sustainability.

"Steel is an intermediate product and manufacturing green steel would be costly," a source stated, echoing the finance ministry's sentiment for a "balanced approach between growth and sustainability." The finance ministry's caution underscores the complexity of transitioning to greener practices in industries that are traditionally reliant on coal, as is the case with most Indian steel mills.

A delay in federal financial support for green steel could slow India's progress towards its energy transition goals, notably its 2070 net zero target. The steel ministry's ongoing push for incentives reflects the broader national commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, despite the financial and logistical hurdles involved.

Neither the finance nor the steel ministries have responded to requests for comment regarding their deliberations or future plans. This silence leaves uncertainty over the timeline and feasibility of implementing the proposed green steel policies.

Is Rs 1 crore salary still a big deal? Depends on where you live and who you ask

New Delhi. A few years ago, earning 1 crore a year in India was something people proudly spoke about. It meant you'd arrived, financially and socially. But, Anurag Singal, an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad, has raised questions about the real value of a 1 crore annual salary in Mumbai. Once considered a marker of financial success, this figure now barely registers in the city's elite circles. He wrote on LinkedIn, "Is a 1 crore annual salary in Mumbai something to shout from the rooftops, or is it just another number in the city's high-flying circles?"

He added, "A Rs 1 crore salary puts you in the top 0.1% of earners in India—way above the Rs 50 lakh mark that defines the top 1%, according to a 2023 Economic Times report."

Singal explained that in a city where the average household earns around Rs

6-8 lakh per year (as per a 2024 IIM study), Rs 1 crore sounds massive—it's about 12-15 times the city average. But here's the twist: in Mumbai, context matters a lot. Where

you live and who you're surrounded by can change how rich you feel. He said that earning 1 crore annually places you in the top 0.1% of Indian income earners, far above the Rs 50 lakh mark that defines the top 1%. However, in a city like Mumbai, known for its soaring cost of living, this seemingly large income can vanish

quickly. Renting a flat in an upscale neighbourhood can cost anywhere between Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 3 lakh per month.

Singal further added that under the new income tax regime, your tax outgo alone could exceed Rs 38 lakh annually. Add to that international school fees of around Rs 5 lakh a year, regular dining bills that touch Rs 10,000 per outing, and family vacations costing Rs 5 lakh or more—and suddenly, that 1 crore doesn't stretch as far as it seems.

Singal remarked, "It's solid, but not 'buy a yacht' money."

He, however, pointed out that in areas like Borivali or Thane, a Rs 1 crore salary might still make one stand out, but in South Mumbai's boardrooms, where finance and tech executives frequently earn between Rs 1 crore and Rs 5 crore, this income is seen as average.

security has been strengthened with the help of external cybersecurity experts. Authorities have also been notified. This incident is the latest in a growing wave of cyberattacks targeting major retail and fashion brands. Other

recent victims include:- Victoria's Secret (VSCO.N), which temporarily shut down its website last week due to a security incident. The US lingerie brand said the event did not affect Q1 financial results but may lead to higher costs in Q2. Marks & Spencer (MKS.L) disclosed a "highly

sophisticated and targeted" April attack, estimating a 300 million (\$405 million) impact on profits. The North Face, owned by VF Corp (VFC.N), reported a "small-scale" breach involving credential stuffing, where

hackers reuse stolen login credentials from other breaches. Harrods and the Co-op Group also reported attempted intrusions in recent weeks. Julius Cerniauskas, CEO of web intelligence firm OxyLabs, commented that the Cartier breach underscores how no brand is immune, with attackers increasingly focused on harvesting valuable personal data beyond just payment information. As cyberattacks on retailers become more frequent and sophisticated, companies are being urged to bolster their digital defenses to protect customer trust and sensitive data.

gained 1.79%, while Tech Mahindra rose 1.25%. Reliance Industries rounded out the top five gainers with an increase of 1.23%. Bajaj Finserv plummeted 1.56%. Axis Bank also faced heavy selling, retreating 0.90%, while Tata Consultancy Services fell 0.72%. Titan Company Limited declined 0.60%, and Larsen & Toubro completed the list of worst performers with a loss of 0.58%.

The sectoral indices on NSE closed with broad-based gains across most segments. Nifty Midcap100 rose 0.71% and Nifty Smallcap gained 0.79%. The India VIX fell sharply by 4.89%, showing reduced fear in the market.

Most sectors ended in positive territory. Nifty Oil & Gas was the top performer, climbing 0.87%, followed by Nifty Smallcap 100 at 0.79% and Nifty Realty gaining 0.70%. Other gainers included Nifty Metal up 0.60%, Nifty IT rising 0.33%, Nifty Auto advancing 0.27%, Nifty Consumer Durables gaining 0.23%, Nifty Healthcare up 0.21%, Nifty Media rising 0.19%, Nifty FMCG gaining 0.13% and Nifty Private Bank up 0.08%. Only two sectors closed lower. Nifty Financial Services declined 0.10% and Nifty Pharma fell 0.02%.

Cartier confirms client data stolen in cyberattack

New Delhi. Luxury jeweller Cartier, owned by Swiss conglomerate Richemont (CFR.S), has confirmed a cybersecurity breach in which client data was stolen, according to an email seen by news agency Reuters. Cartier, whose watches, necklaces, and bracelets have been worn by celebrities like Taylor Swift, Angelina Jolie, and Michelle Obama, said "an unauthorised party gained temporary access to our system." "Limited client information", such as names, e-mail addresses and countries, had been obtained," the company said. "The affected information did not include any passwords, credit card details or other banking information," it added. The breach exposed customer names, email addresses, and countries of residence but did not compromise passwords, financial, or banking details. Cartier assured customers that the issue has since been contained and that system



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Why China's rare earth export curbs are shaking global supply chains

China's recent restrictions on rare earth exports are causing global industry disruptions, prompting urgent diplomatic and economic responses.

New Delhi. China's tight control over rare earth minerals (REEs) has once again caused concern across the world. Effective from April 4, 2023, these restrictions require special export licences for materials crucial to electric motors, smartphones, and defence systems, reported The Economic Times.

According to the International Energy Agency and the US Geological Survey, China still produces 60% of the world's rare earths and controls 90% of global refining. This gives Beijing enormous power over global supply chains.

WHY IT MATTERS

Key elements like samarium, gadolinium,

terbium, dysprosium, lutetium, scandium, and yttrium play a vital role in electric motors, brakes, smartphones, aerospace parts, and missile systems. The constraints have led to significant delays and stoppages, affecting industries worldwide. Diplomatic efforts are intensifying, with representatives from India, Japan, and Europe urgently seeking meetings with Chinese officials to expedite stalled export licences.

Japan is sending a business group to Beijing

in June, while European diplomats have asked for urgent meetings. German car industry leaders have warned that if the situation isn't fixed soon, vehicle production could slow down or even stop, reported Reuters.

INDIA FEELS THE HEAT

India, the world's third-largest car market, is facing one of the biggest risks. Local carmakers like Maruti Suzuki and Bajaj Auto have said their supply chains are being squeezed. Many of their electric and

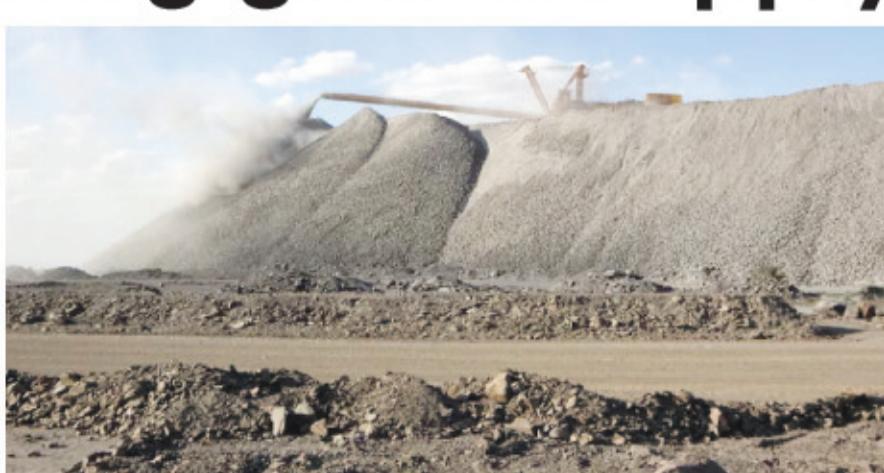
export-focused models rely on magnets from China.

Industry groups such as the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) are preparing to send a delegation to China to speed up clearances. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Heavy Industries is gearing up for talks with stakeholders to build a home-grown rare earth magnet industry, possibly with incentives and private partnerships.

Some Indian companies are even being pushed to buy entire motor assemblies from China just to bypass the red tape—raising costs significantly, reports mentioned. If the issue drags on, it could slow down India's electric vehicle ambitions.

GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS

The United States, heavily reliant on China for over 61% of its rare earth imports, faces potential production halts in key sectors. Big carmakers like Tesla and General Motors have warned that delays could stop production. The US's only rare earth mine, Mountain Pass, still depends on China for processing. Even its upcoming Texas facility won't produce much before 2027.



NEWS BOX

Inexperience cost us a bit but young group will win a lot in future: Ponting

AHMEDABAD. Head coach Ricky Ponting admitted that a lack of experience in Punjab Kings' middle order may have played a role in their narrow defeat in the high-stakes IPL final against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, but expressed strong confidence in the team's youthful core to achieve success in the future. Punjab Kings' impressive IPL 2025 campaign came to a heartbreaking end on Tuesday, as they fell just six runs short of RCB's total, with the latter finally ending an 18-year wait to claim their maiden IPL title. Chasing a target of 191, PBKS lost wickets at regular intervals. Despite a valiant unbeaten knock of 61 off 30 balls by Shashank Singh — which included three fours and six sixes — the team ultimately ran out of steam. "You can look at it tonight and say that perhaps a little bit of inexperience cost us," Ponting told reporters after the match. "Maybe a bit more experience in that middle order today might have helped us out. But what I do know is that these young players are going to win us a lot of matches going forward."

While the pitch at the Narendra Modi Stadium remained favourable for batting, Ponting acknowledged there were phases when it



slowed down slightly — but refused to use that as an excuse. "No, I don't think so," he said when asked if conditions had shifted during the second innings. "There are no excuses from us — certainly none from me. In fact, Shashank said at the end of the game that he felt it was the best pitch he'd batted on all season." Ponting pinpointed key moments where the momentum slipped from PBKS' grasp. "We lost a bit of momentum at a critical time — probably in the last couple of overs of the powerplay. You could just feel it start to fade. Then again, in the four or five overs just after the powerplay, we lost momentum and, more importantly, we lost crucial wickets."

He added: "RCB probably felt they were a little bit short with the bat in the first innings, and we were quite happy chasing 190. But as I said, I'll make no excuses — we simply weren't good enough on the night." Despite the final result, Ponting said he was proud of the team's campaign and the progress they had made.

French Open: Wildcard Lois Boisson stuns Andreeva, joins Coco Gauff in semi-final



New Delhi. Lois Boisson's remarkable Roland Garros journey continued on Wednesday as the world No. 361 French wildcard stunned sixth seed Mirra Andreeva 7-6(6), 6-3 to secure a place in the women's singles semi-finals. Boisson caused the biggest upset of the tournament when she shocked No. 3 seed Jessica Pegula in the quarterfinals. She backed up that stunning victory by overcoming the young Russian teenager in a tense two-hour battle under the roof of Court Philippe-Chatrier.

Boisson scripted history by becoming the first wildcard in the Open Era to reach the French Open women's singles semi-finals. Her incredible run now guarantees her a rise to at least world No. 61 in the rankings. She also becomes the first Frenchwoman to reach the Roland Garros semi-finals since Marion Bartoli in 2011.

Before Roland Garros, Boisson had never faced an opponent ranked inside the top 50, with her highest-ranked adversary being world No. 60 Moyumi Uchijima earlier this year. The 22-year-old earned her spot in the main draw through a wildcard, having missed last year's debut due to a torn ACL. Boisson also made headlines previously when opponent Harriet Dart made disparaging remarks about her during a match — a moment Boisson later handled gracefully on social media.

Earlier in the day, Coco Gauff battled into the semi-finals with a hard-fought 6-7(6), 6-4, 6-1 win over fellow American Madison Keys in a match notable for its high error count. Both players combined for over 100 unforced errors, with Gauff benefiting from 10 double faults by Keys. Gauff, ranked world No. 2 and a finalist here in 2022, will now face either Boisson or Andreeva for a spot in the Roland Garros final. The 21-year-old admitted she had to adjust her game mid-match to handle Keys' fast and low shots.

Bengaluru IPL celebrations: Virat Kohli, RCB teammates honoured with Mysore Peta

Virat Kohli and his RCB teammates were felicitated with traditional Mysore Petas—ceremonial turbans—and garlands of cardamom by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

New Delhi. The Karnataka government held a civic reception on Wednesday to honour the IPL 2025 champions, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), at the Vidhana Soudha. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah felicitated Virat Kohli and his teammates with traditional Mysore Petas and garlands made of cardamom, in a symbolic celebration of the team's maiden IPL title. The Vidhana Soudha, seat of the state legislature, served as the grand backdrop for the occasion. However, the festivities were marred by tragedy. At least seven people were killed in a stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy

Stadium later that evening, as massive crowds gathered to celebrate RCB's historic win. Despite the unfolding crisis, the felicitation ceremony proceeded inside the stadium, where players were honoured for their title-clinching victory over Punjab Kings in Tuesday's final. As fans thronged the venue in overwhelming numbers, inadequate crowd management led to chaos outside, resulting in a deadly crush. Earlier in the day, the RCB squad returned to Bengaluru to a hero's welcome. Thousands of fans lined the route from the airport to the stadium. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar received the team before they proceeded to Vidhana Soudha for the official reception. As the Royal Challengers Bengaluru team bus rolled in, thousands of fans who had gathered since morning erupted in celebration. Skipper Rajat Patidar held the IPL trophy aloft, flanked by Player

of the Final Krunal Pandya and senior statesman Virat Kohli, as the squad acknowledged the unwavering support.

At the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, the players

title. Later, the team bus made a grand entrance into the stadium, welcomed by raucous applause and a sea of flashing phone cameras. From the stadium balcony, Patidar lifted the trophy once more, surrounded by jubilant teammates. Veteran wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik, who played a crucial role in the campaign, looked on with a smile.

When Kohli stepped forward to address the crowd, his words were drowned out several times by deafening cheers. After a few attempts, the former captain finally spoke:

"I'm going to start off by repeating what our captain said: it's no longer Ee Sala Cup Namde, it's Ee Sala Cup Namdu. This is for all of you - the fans, the people of this city, everyone who has stood by RCB through thick and thin. I've never witnessed a fanbase like this anywhere in the world. And today, I want to give the loudest cheer for him [Patidar]."



were once again honoured with the traditional Mysore Peta and garlands. The ceremony, attended by senior government officials and throngs of passionate supporters, marked the culmination of an emotional journey to RCB's maiden IPL

Promptly amended program: RCB reacts to Bengaluru stampede, condoles deaths

New Delhi. Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) mourned the loss of lives in a stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday, June 4. 11 people died and 47 were injured in the stampede, which occurred during RCB's IPL victory celebrations with fans — a day after the team ended its 18-year-long wait for the coveted T20 league title.

In a statement, RCB expressed its condolences over the loss of lives and said the event, involving players and members of the coaching staff, was amended immediately after the franchise was informed of the stampede outside the stadium.

"We are deeply anguished by the unfortunate incidents that have come to light through media reports regarding public gatherings across Bengaluru in anticipation of the team's arrival this afternoon. The safety and



well-being of everyone is of the utmost importance to us," RCB said in a statement. "RCB mourns the tragic loss of lives and extends our heartfelt condolences to the affected families." Immediately upon being made aware of the situation, we promptly amended our programme and followed the guidance and advice of the local administration," the statement added.

KSCA ANNOUNCES RS 5 LAKH COMPENSATION

Meanwhile, the KSCA, which is facing

criticism over the organisation of the event, announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh for each of the families of those who lost their lives in the stampede. The Karnataka government had denied permission for an open-top bus parade that was planned from the Vidhana Soudha to the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium — a one-kilometre stretch — on Wednesday afternoon.

Over two lakh fans gathered to catch a glimpse of the victorious RCB team with the IPL trophy at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, which has a capacity of 35,000. Although entry was restricted via passes, supporters turned up in overwhelming numbers to join the celebrations. According to preliminary information shared with the government, a temporary slab placed over a drain near the stadium premises collapsed under the weight of people standing on it. The sudden collapse triggered panic, leading to a stampede that resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries.

New Delhi. IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal clarified that although the stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) victory celebration in Bengaluru was tragic, the event was not organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). He added that the IPL had officially concluded last night with RCB's win, and since the BCCI had no control or prior knowledge of the incident, it cannot be held responsible.

The city's celebratory mood turned somber just 24 hours after RCB ended their 18-year wait for an IPL title. Lakh of fans swarmed the stadium, overwhelming security and triggering chaos, as a stampede outside the venue claimed at least 11 lives and left nearly 50 injured. However, despite the tragedy, the felicitation event continued inside a packed stadium.

"It is sad and tragic. The celebrations turned into a tragedy. Our heartfelt condolences go to the families who lost their loved ones. For the BCCI, the IPL concluded last night. We had no knowledge of such an incident occurring, so how can we be held responsible for it?" Dhumal told.

"How can we be held responsible for something like this? It is indeed a very tragic incident, and we extend our deepest condolences. But we cannot be held accountable for something over which we had no control. I am not certain if the stampede occurred directly outside the stadium—I have no specific knowledge of that. Have you seen any IPL officials present at the gate, managing the crowd or facilitating the players' entry?" Meanwhile, the IPL chairman said that as soon as he was made aware of the tragedy unfolding outside the stadium, he instructed the organisers to wrap up the proceedings.

"As the IPL chairman, I can only speak for the league. RCB is a franchise and, while part of the IPL ecosystem, I have no knowledge about whether they were invited by someone or arrived on their own for the felicitation. Who called them? Who was responsible for facilitating them? These are questions the local administration must investigate. They need to identify what went wrong and ensure such incidents never happen again."



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PSG describe UCL win emotions with viral Gukesh-Carlsen reaction meme

NEW DELHI. Ligue 1 and UEFA Champions League 2025 winners Paris Saint-Germain gave a unique shoutout to Indian chess sensation and reigning World Champion D Gukesh, drawing a parallel between their historic UCL win and Gukesh's recent triumph over Magnus Carlsen at the Norway Chess tournament. Gukesh, 18, had earlier lost to Carlsen in the first round of the blitz event but made a stunning comeback in the sixth round of the classical format to defeat the former World Champion for the first time in his career. Carlsen's dramatic reaction — slamming the table in frustration — went viral across social media and has since become symbolic of

unexpected, high-stakes turnarounds. "What it felt like winning our first UCL," PSG wrote in their post of Gukesh's reaction.

PSG shared a picture of Gukesh's reaction from that match on their official social

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AHMEDABAD. Acquiring a potent bowling unit during the mega auction and targeting players with experience were "huge first steps" in Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) journey to their maiden IPL title, said head coach Andy Flower. RCB defeated Punjab Kings by six runs in a gripping final on Tuesday, finally laying their hands on the coveted trophy in the tournament's 18th edition. Flower credited the team's auction strategy for laying the foundation for this historic success.

"The auction is a huge first step — you have to try and get it as right as possible. One key aspect of (team director) Mo's [Mo Bobat] philosophy was to distribute value more equitably rather than spending heavily on big-name batsmen — although they are, of course, outstanding players," Flower told the media after RCB's win. "There was a strong, unwavering focus on assembling a quality bowling attack — that was recognised as absolutely essential from the very beginning." The victory also saw batting great Virat Kohli finally realise his long-cherished dream of lifting the IPL trophy.

"I know after day one of the auction, we were coping a bit of flak. People thought we were investing rather than spending. But that gave us an opportunity to extract real value on the second day," the former Zimbabwe captain explained. Flower highlighted some of the players the franchise secured during the auction, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, last November. "We had the funds available to

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Flower added that RCB's experienced core played a key role in handling the pressure of the final. "We spoke about it during our planning meetings yesterday and again in the huddle before the match — we had a good group of seasoned cricketers," he said. "Players like Virat (Kohli), (Josh) Hazlewood, and Krunal Pandya were key. Their recruitment was guided by their big-match experience. Hazlewood has played in World Cup finals. Virat is used to the biggest stages. And for Krunal, this is now his fourth IPL title — so bringing in players like him was crucial." Flower said while a total of 190/9 didn't seem massive at first glance, the team trusted their bowlers to defend it.

"Yes, 190 didn't feel like a huge score at this venue — the average winning score this season was something around 220. But I wouldn't call it below par. In a final, scoring 190 requires quality batting," he said.

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Is Back At Her 'Happy Place'. Any Guesses?



Jasmine Bhasin has finally revealed what her "happy place" is. No, it does not have any connection with Aly Goni. The actress, a true-blue fitness enthusiast, posted a picture of the gym on her Instagram stories. A regular at this particular gym, Jasmine Bhasin has been training in the centre for years now. Along with the glimpse of the gym, Jasmine added a note referring to the centre as her "happy place". She mentioned, "Back at my happy place," showcasing her love for staying fit.

Earlier, Jasmine Bhasin shared a video captured during her stretching sessions at the gym. In the video, the actress is performing a handstand with perfection. In an all-black athleisure look, she also made a case for gym wear fashion. Her caption of the post read, "Some Monday motivation."

Before this, she was seen performing a variety of high-intensity gymnastics workouts. The clip begins with Jasmine exhibiting squats with a spin. Next up, she indulged in skipping, followed by a stretching session and also aced the butterfly exercise with kettlebells.

On the work front, Jasmine Bhasin is all set for her appearance on Amazon Prime Video's reality show *The Traitors*, an Indian adaptation of an internationally acclaimed thrilling series. Hosted by Karan Johar, the show will feature 20 celebrity guests including Jasmine. Other contestants include Maheep Kapoor, Ashish Vidyarthi, Karan Kundrra, Raj Kundra, Apoorva Makhija, Lakshmi Manchu, Uorfi, Raftaar,

Mukesh Chhabra, Anshula Kapoor, Sudhanshu Pandey, Sufi Motiwala, Nikita, Sahil Salathia, Jannat Zubair, Elnaaz Nourozi, Harsh Gujral, Janhvi Kaur and Purav Jha among others.

In a press statement about the show, Karan Johar shared, "The Traitors is a show to watch out for! You will see me enjoy myself to the hilt, as I not only orchestrate the gameplay but also get a front-row seat to all the chaos, conflicts, and conspiracies that transpire between the 20 players. The drama gets way too real, and the stakes even more so."

The Traitors will be available to stream from June 12 onwards. New episodes will be released every Thursday at 8 pm.

On the personal front, Jasmine Bhasin is in a relationship with Aly Goni. The couple were friends for years before they confessed their love for each other during the *Bigg Boss*



Bhumi Pednekar's Weekend With Fam Album Gets A 'Cutie' Comment From Rhea

Bhumi Pednekar, who has been garnering mixed reviews for her latest appearance in the Netflix series *The Royals*, recently took some time out for a vacation last weekend. She went to spend some time with her family and teased her fans with lovely sneak peeks into her vacation diaries. The diva's post even got the likes of her *The Royals* co-star Lisa Mishra and close friend Rhea Chakraborty, among others. On Instagram, Bhumi Pednekar

and sister Samiksha Pednekar, were seen witnessing the setting sun. They were tripling in black T-shirts and enjoying the moment hand-in-hand, shedding pure family goals. Known for her cheerful nature, the *Dum Laga Ke Haisha* even captured a small video of her pouting towards the camera, followed by her mommy doing the same thing, and this melted many hearts. In one of the

snaps, we can spot a lovely bowl of custard garnished with pomegranate seeds that looked every bit scrumptious. Not only this, the diva ended her carousel with a video of the road journey they had, leaving her fans longing for such a beautiful weekend.

"Spent a weekend with the fam. Just us, a dream and a life we are building together," read Bhumi's caption alongside her carousel. Soon, her doting sister Samiksha said, "Love you." Many others reacted to her post, including Rhea Chakraborty, who commented, "Cutie," adding, "Love the tee @chapter2drip." Her *The Royals* co-star Lisa Mishra mentioned, "My fave girl." Director-writer Nupur Ashana dropped two red hearts.

One of Bhumi's fans wrote, "Sooo happy to see you happy." Another person said, "Family time is the best time." Coming to Bhumi's professional front, the 39-year-old was last seen in the role of Sophia Kanman Shekhar in the romantic comedy-drama television series *The Royals*. Although she received much criticism for her physical appearance, many of her fans expressed their love for the actress' work. Next, she will be reportedly seen in a Hindi-language TV series titled *Dalda*.



posted a series of photos, capturing heartfelt moments from her latest vacation with her family. The opening frame featured the actress, dressed in a white T-shirt teamed with minimal jewellery and dewy makeup. She was seen capturing a selfie while posing in a flowery garden. The next photo showcased how the Pednekar ladies, including the actress as well as her mother, Sumitra Hooda Pednekar



Aamir Khan Sings *Kholo Kholo* With Shankar Mahadevan At *Sitaare Zameen Par* Event



Taare Zameen Par, the Aamir Khan-directed 2007 drama film, has etched a special place in our hearts with its incredible storytelling, emotional moments and impressive cast performances. Now, as the actor is busy promoting the film's spiritual sequel, *Sitaare Zameen Par*, he brought back all the fond memories of the first part. Wondering how? The Bollywood's 'perfectionist' sang the popular track, *Kholo Kholo*, along with Shankar Mahadevan at an event. In a video shared on Instagram, Aamir is seen sharing the stage with the musical trio Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, Raman Mahadevan and comedian Harsh Gujral. As it progresses, we see Shankar and Raman crooning the song and later on, the 3 Idiots actor joins them, leaving the audience mesmerised. In the background, we can also see a painting of actor Darsheel Safary, which was also a part of the first part.

Kholo Kholo was originally composed by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy and sung by Raman Mahadevan. The lyrics were written by Prasoon Joshi. It received much love from the audience upon its release.

Coming back to *Sitaare Zameen Par*, the film is directed by RS Prasanna and will be hitting the big screens on June 20. The film is an official Hindi remake of the Spanish film *Campeones* (2018). While *Taare Zameen Par* depicts the story of a dyslexic boy who suffers from the traditional education system, the upcoming part, *Sitaare Zameen Par*, is about a person who works with kids dealing with Down syndrome. *Sitaare Zameen Par* follows the story of Gulshan (played by Aamir Khan), a disgraced basketball coach, who is ordered by the court to train a team of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Initially resistant, he gradually develops a bond with his players and transforms as he learns to embrace their unique talents and aspirations. During a recent podcast with Raj Sharmani, the actor revealed that the film will only be released in the theatres and not on any OTT platform. He said, "It is releasing in theatres only. I am a cinema guy and I do believe in cinema and theatres, hence I decided to only release it in theatres."

Neha Sharma, Sister Aisha Share Emotional Tribute For Their Beloved Pet Joy



Actress Neha Sharma is grieving the loss of her cherished dog, Joy. In an emotional message shared on social media, Neha reflected on the deep bond they shared, describing Joy as far more than just a pet—she was a loyal companion and an irreplaceable part of the family for the past 15 years. Her heartfelt tribute captured the profound emptiness left behind by Joy's passing and the beautiful memories they created together over the years. "The past week has been one of the hardest we've ever known. Watching Joy slip away felt like losing a part of ourselves. She wasn't just a dog — Joy was our baby. She stood by us through every high and low, holding us with her silent, unconditional love," Neha said on X, describing her grief over saying farewell to her furry companion.

"She saw every chapter of our lives — every tear, every celebration, every quiet moment in between. She brought joy to every life she touched — in the purest, most magical way. And even now, after she's gone, we know she'll keep spreading love... just in a different form," she added.

The actress considered the void Joy's loss had left behind as she wrapped up her moving homage, saying, "Now, the house feels quieter... emptier. But in every heartbeat, in every corner, her love still lingers. We will miss her more than words will ever be able to express. She didn't just live with us — she carried us. And we will carry her forever. Joy | 2010-2025."

Posted on June 2, the video has since attracted over 42,000 views and numerous heartfelt comments from fans and well-wishers, who joined Neha in mourning the loss and celebrating Joy's life.

Neha's sister, actress Aisha Sharma, also paid tribute by posting a heartfelt video on Instagram, filled with treasured moments spent with Joy throughout the years. Accompanied by the caption, "My whole heart (sic) Joy — 2010 to 2025," the emotional post beautifully reflected the special connection they shared and the love and light Joy brought into their lives. The bittersweet video captured tender moments of Joy playing with the sisters, always by their side as a constant source of love and comfort.