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Tsunami hits Russia, Japan



A powerful 8.8-magnitude undersea earthquake struck off Russia Far Eastern Kamchatka Peninsula early on Wednesday, triggering tsunami waves of up to four metres and forcing evacuations along coastal areas in Russia and across large parts of Japan east coast.

The quake, which struck at a shallow depth of 19.3 kilometres, sent four-metre-high waves crashing into shorelines near Kamchatka and the Kuril Islands. Russia regional authorities confirmed that several buildings were damaged, although no major injuries or fatalities have been reported so far.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said the epicentre was located about 125 kilometres east-southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a port city with around 1,65,000 residents on Avacha Bay. The USGS initially recorded the quake at magnitude 8.0 but later upgraded it to 8.8.

Soon after the main tremor, a 6.9-magnitude aftershock struck roughly an hour later, about 147 kilometres southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, at a depth of just 10 kilometres. The aftershock heightened concerns of structural damage and possible secondary tsunami waves.

Russia regional minister for emergency situations, Minister Lebedev, said tsunami waves between three and four metres were observed in parts of Kamchatka. All need to move away from water peaks, Lebedev urged, asking coastal residents to take immediate precautions.

Governor Vladimir Solodov confirmed in a video message posted on Telegram that a kindergarten had suffered damage but said there were no reports of injuries. Today earthquake was serious and the strongest in decades of tremors, Solodov said.

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Appointments

Shri Vishal Gupta, IAS (GJ: 2012) is Private Secretary to Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Culture.

Shri Yogendra Singh, IAS (BH: 2013) is Private Secretary to Minister Shri Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textiles.

Shri Vyas R, IAS (NL : 2007), is Joint Secretary, D/o Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

Ms. Smita Srivastava, IRSEE (1997) is Joint Secretary, D/o Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

Shri Milind Dharmrao Ramteke, IAS (TR : 2009) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro. Small & Medium Enterprises.

Shri Parveen Kumar Thind, IAS (PB : 2007) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Shri Krishna Kumar Nirala, IAS, (GJ:2005) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Shri Ashutosh A T Pedneka, IAS (RJ : 2002), is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, IAS (MN : 2004), is Joint Secretary, D/o Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Ms. Latha Ganapathy, IAS (TN : 2007) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Shri Daya Nidhan Pandey, IAS (BH : 2006), is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel.

Shri Amod Kumar, IAS, (UP:1995) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Shri Raman Kumar, IAS, (BH:2009) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation.

Shri Sanjeev Chopra, IAS (OR : 1990), is Secretary (A/C), Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Shri More Ashish Madharao, IAS (UT : 2005), is Joint Secretary, D/o Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.

Ms. Meera Mohanty, IAS (HP : 2005), is Joint Secretary, D/o Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.

Shri Ajit Kumar, IAS, (KL:2006) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Shri Anbalagan P, IAS, (CG:2004) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

Shri Muthukumarasamy B, IAS (UP : 2007), is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Animal Husbandry And Dairying.

Ms. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, IES (1999), is Joint Secretary & Add. FA, Ministry of Defence.

Ms. Manisha Chandra, IAS (GJ : 2004), is Joint Secretary, D/o Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.

Shri Sandeep Raj, IRS (IT: 1998), is Joint Secretary & FA, Department of Atomic Energy.

Ms. Alarmelmangai D, IAS (CG: 2004), is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush.

Shri P.S. Karthigeyan, IFS (2004), is Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy.

Om Prakash: New Jodhpur Police Commissioner



From Journalism to Top Cop: IPS Om Prakash's Inspiring Journey of Discipline and Public Service

IPS Om Prakash Paswan, a 2004-batch officer of the Rajasthan cadre and native of Vaishali district in Bihar, has been appointed as the new Police Commissioner of Jodhpur. Renowned across the state for his calm demeanor,

sharp administrative acumen, and relentless fight against organized crime, Om Prakash is seen as both a terror for criminals and a symbol of trust for the public.

Track Record of Impact: From Bikaner to Jodhpur-Before taking charge in Jodhpur, Om Prakash served as Inspector General (IG) of the Bikaner Range. His tenure was marked by aggressive operations against drug syndicates, illegal arms networks, and mafia elements — earning him widespread appreciation for restoring law and order.

A Unique Journey: From Journalist and Poet to Police Leader- Om Prakash's professional path is as unconventional as it is inspiring. He began his career in journalism and spent over a year in the field before joining the Indian Police Service. He is also a poet, known for his compositions in Hindi and Sanskrit, a passion nurtured during his student days at St. Stephen's College. He studied at the prestigious Natarhat Vidyalaya and comes from a modest background. His father, the late Yogendra Paswan, was an administrative officer, and his mother, Maheshwari Devi, a homemaker.

NHRC Appoints Anand Swaroop as Director General (Investigation)



Transition in NHRC's Investigation Wing

Mr. Swaroop will take over from R Prasad Meena (1993 batch, Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories cadre), who has held the position since December 7, 2024, and is set to retire on July 31, 2025. Swaroop's tenure is scheduled to commence on or after August 1, 2025, and continue until his superannuation on August 31, 2029, unless modified by future orders.

Seema Agrawal Likely to Become Tamil Nadu's First Woman DGP



Senior IPS Officer Emerges as Frontrunner Ahead of Key Appointment Tamil Nadu is on the cusp of a historic change in police leadership, with senior IPS officer Seema Agrawal (1990 batch) leading the race to become the next Director General of Police (DGP) — the Head of Police Force (HoPF). Her potential elevation follows the impending retirement of current DGP Shankar Jiwal, scheduled for August 31. If selected, Seema Agrawal would be only the second woman ever to head the state police force, after Letika Saran (IPS:1976:TN), who served as DGP from January 2010 to March 2011.

Seniority as the Deciding Factor-Currently serving as Director General of Fire and Rescue Services, Seema Agrawal is the senior-most eligible officer. Should the state government follow the principle of seniority, she would be the natural choice for the top role.

Retired IRS Officer Posted as Chairperson of NFRA – 3 Full-Time Members Also Named



ACC Revamps NFRA Leadership with Senior Retired Officers from IRS, IDES, and IA&AS

In a major step toward bolstering financial regulation and corporate governance in India, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of a new Chairperson and three Full-Time Members to the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). The appointments will be for a term of three years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier.

Nitin Gupta Appointed as NFRA Chairperson

Nitin Gupta, a retired 1986-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer and former Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), has been appointed as the new Chairperson of NFRA. Gupta is widely respected for his expertise in tax administration and regulatory affairs. His appointment is expected to enhance the strategic and supervisory capacity of India's apex audit and financial reporting authority.

Tech-Savvy Leader Takes Charge Amid Rising Vehicular Gridlock

In a strategic move to tackle Bengaluru's mounting traffic woes, IPS officer Karthik Reddy has been appointed as the Deputy Inspector General and Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), succeeding M.N. Anucheth. The Karnataka government's decision underscores a push toward tech-driven and locally attuned urban mobility solutions.

Grounded in Karnataka, Equipped to Lead
Born on August 2, 1985, in Anekal Taluk, Reddy is a 2011-batch IPS officer with deep-rooted familiarity of the state's terrain and urban dynamics.

His prior postings across Karnataka are expected to aid in sensitive and targeted traffic interventions in the city's congested corridors.

CBDT Transfers 7 Senior IRS Officers, Assigns Additional Charges to 6 Others

IRS Reshuffle: Key Moves Involving Vatsalya Saxena, Krishan Kumar Across Kochi, Delhi, Hyderabad, and More

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has announced a fresh round of transfers and postings affecting seven senior officers of the Indian Revenue Service (IRS), specifically in the grades of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax (Pr. CIT) and Principal Director of Income Tax (Pr. DIT). The reshuffle, aimed at enhancing administrative efficiency, comes into immediate effect.

In addition, six officers have been assigned additional responsibilities to ensure smooth operations across various key zones.

Key Appointments in Pr. CIT and Pr. DIT Ranks
The new postings cover several critical jurisdictions: Vatsalya Saxena, formerly Pr. CIT (OSD), Mumbai, is appointed as Pr. CIT-1, Kochi.

Krishan Kumar, who served as Pr. ADG (Vigilance HQ-5), Delhi, has been posted as Pr. DIT (Investigation)-2, Delhi.

S. Murali Mohan, earlier Pr. CIT (OSD), Mumbai, has taken charge as Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Hyderabad.

T. Diwakar Prasad, earlier Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Coimbatore, has now been transferred as Pr. CIT-1, Coimbatore.

Ritesh Parmar, who served as Pr. CIT (OSD), Ahmedabad, has been appointed as Pr. ADG, NADT-RC, Ahmedabad.

Sathyamoorthy N, formerly Pr. CIT-1, Coimbatore, will now serve as Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Coimbatore.

Kumar Ajeet, previously Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Burdwan, has been posted as Pr. CIT (AU)-3, Kolkata.

Additional Responsibilities for Six Senior Officers
To ensure continuity in key operations, six officers have been entrusted with dual roles:

Vatsalya Saxena will also hold additional charge as Pr. CIT, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala region).

Jagdish P. Jangid has been given additional charge of Pr. CIT (AU)-1, Kolhapur (Pune region).

Abhijit A. Patankar will also oversee Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Pune.

Kumar Ajeet retains additional charge of Pr. CIT (VU)-1, Burdwan (West Bengal & Sikkim region).



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DGP Greets Supreme Court CJ

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Justice B.R. Gavai was received by the Director General of Police Dr. Jitender, IPS at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.



Women Should Be Self-Dependent

The Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma met with various bank officers and TRLM officer from Tripura on training for National Rural Livelihood Mission at Hyderabad. He enquired about the SHG movement in Tripura. He said that it is always my priority to make the Women atmanirbhar.

In the another news the Governor appraised of the steps being taken to eradicate TB in Hanumakonda, Warangal districts as part of TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan program. District Collectors, medical health officials and the Red Cross Society to take action with a plan to eradicate tuberculosis.



CS Greets Home Secretary

Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS welcomed Home Secretary, Gol Govind Mohan during his visit to Hyderabad. Mr. Mohan participated in a review meeting with all Sr. Secretaries & Police Officials.

US CG visited Pratt & Whitney India Training Center



“Excited to visit Pratt & Whitney India Training Center in Hyderabad to celebrate the company’s 100th anniversary. The iconic U.S. company is building links through India’s aviation ecosystem and elevating US India ties.” Said Consul General Jennifer Larson.

In another news She addressed at the Amaravati Quantum Workshop hosted by Andhra Pradesh today, highlighting the U.S.-India TRUST initiative that aims to enhance cooperation on strategic technologies, including quantum computing, to a create safer, stronger, and more prosperous India and United States.

CS & DGP Inaugurated Udbhav School



Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS and DGP Dr. Jitender, IPS Inaugurated new Udbhav School Campus in Fatehnagar Hyderabad. The initiative, undertaken by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad Alumni Association – Hyderabad Charitable Trust (IIMAA HCT).

Speaking on the occasion, K. Ramakrishna Rao lauded the effort and said that education is the highest form of service to society. Dr. Jitender underscored the importance

of identifying and nurturing the innate talents of students, likening it to the legendary strength of Hanuman that was revealed only upon realization. Retired IPS officer S.V. Ramanamurthy and fellow IIMA alumni and board trustees—Shanmukh, Harish Kumar, Sitaram, and Harsha—who have collectively taken the initiative to establish the school as part of their commitment to societal development.

DGP Harish Gupta Warns Maoists To Surrender



“Surrender within seven months, otherwise you will be neutralised,” Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta warned Maoists on following the surrender of a Maoist couple.

Citing ideological disillusionment, lack of public support, and internal discontent, a Maoist couple has joined the mainstream. Jorige Nagaraju alias Kamalesh, State Zonal Committee Member, and incharge of East Bastar Divisional Committee, and his wife Medaka Jyoteeswari alias Aruna, Divisional Committee Member and incharge of Mobile Academic Political Organisation School, East Bastar, surrendered before Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta. The couple handed over a cache of arms

to police. Speaking on the occasion, the DGP said the surrender of Maoist couple marks a major operational gain for security forces, who are combating Left Wing Extremism in the State. Both Kamalesh and his wife Aruna hail from Krishna district, and served in the banned CPI (Maoist) for over 30 years. Police announced a reward of Rs 25 lakh on Kamalesh in Chhattisgarh, and Rs 20 lakh in Andhra Pradesh, while Aruna carried a bounty of Rs 5 lakh on her head.

Apne Kotwal Saab Ka Jawaab Nahi !



Bonalu festival concluded peacefully, whereas huge crowds participated in the festival and in the procession, the extra alert and pre-cautions of the khakis has to be appreciated, not a single incident and stampedes occurred in the city. The credit goes to DG & City Police Commissioner CV. Anand, his style of working, monitoring, policing and planning has brought the proud time for entire city police.

Another news is, the restoration of 125-year-old historic commissioner’s office at Purani Haveli in old city is the another historical step from the Kotwal CV. Anand, who has taken the initiative and pain to bring the glory back. Maan gaye kotwal saab, aap aur aap ka andaz , app ka jawab nahi !!

UK Dy. High Commissioner Visited Andhra



Gareth Wynn Owen , UK Dy. High Commissioner had a productive visit to Tirupati & Vijayawada, exploring Trans-National Education with Universities & Government. Exciting potential for joint degrees, student exchange & Centres of Excellence in research. Looking forward to collaborations! Whereas the diplomat has insightful meeting with Minister Nara Lokesh exploring UK-AP collaboration on skills & education and the development of centres for excellence - leveraging emerging tech for inclusive growth.

Victory Of Turkiye



‘July 15th 2016’ is the day that the Turkish people answered the question, ‘ How does a nation defend its homeland’. At the cost of their lives , they flooded the streets and squares to stop this treacherous coup attempt. On the occasion , the martyrs will be remembered with respect and mercy with all veterans with gratitude.

On the occasion , Democracy and National Unit Day is marked and martyrs and heroes are honored. In the event the Turkey Consul General Orhan Yalman Okan addressed the gathering , where the known personalities of the town were present.

New Beginning



“I was honoured to be invited by the Government of Telangana to participate in Investopia Global – Hyderabad, held at HICC, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy, United Arab Emirates, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), as the industry partner.” Said Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. Khan had a meeting with Dr. Jean Fares, Senior Advisor to H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, United Arab Emirates, during the event.



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FIRE MOCK DRILL CONDUCTED AT TGiCCC TOWERS

A Fire Mock Drill under the supervision of V.B.Kamalan Reddy, IPS (Retd.), Director, TGiCCC was conducted at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGiCCC) Towers, Banjara Hills as part of the emergency preparedness protocol to respond to fire-related incidents.

The building has state-of-the-art firefighting system with advanced Building Management System (BMS) where automatic lift circuit breaking system, etc., are present. During the mock drill, emergency departments like Fire Services, Police (L&O, Traffic), Revenue, HYDRAA, Medical & Health, TGSPDCL, HMWS&SB, etc., responded promptly within a short notice and reached the spot. Sandeep Shandilya, IPS (Retd.), Director, EAGLE (Anti Narcotic Bureau) emphasized the need for active participation of employees in self-evacuation during emergencies.



#SayNoToBettingApps

Join the movement ! After the overwhelmed response , youth and influencers are all set to take part in the awareness drive against betting apps. In this context the happening and versatile IPS officer Addl. DGP ,VC & MD, TGSRTC Mr.VC.Sajjanar said in his post that it's a good cause , so no one needs to take any kind of permissions to create a awareness, one can participate with their own themes. The only intention is to reach out the society to make the people aware about the horrifying results of the betting apps in the end. He said lets all come together and join the hands to fight

against illegal betting promotions to protect lives. Applauds to the officer for saving the lives. Life protector !



The Best SP

What's happening at Adilabad ! Strict law & Order and the peaceful atmosphere. The district SP Akhil Mahajan is making rounds with his best performance. One update is enough to know his dedication. "we Adilabad police believe in community policing. Visited few far flung tribal hamlets of gond, kollams tribes. Grievances were heard. Will definitely work to our level best to improve their living- agniveer trainings, job melas, health camps will follow soon". Great SP garu !



Good Initiative

A good initiative from Kothagudem district. As a part of development in LWE areas ,Bhadradri Kothagudem Police along with district administration took up the initiative of establishing mobile hospital and ambulance services worth 1 crore in Pusuguppa village of Cherla mandal. With this establishment villagers can avail medical facilities. Whereas mobile hospital can reach the door steps of the patients , that's amazing. The district SP Birudaraju Rohith Raju, IPS is doing the best when it comes to maintaining of law & order and also providing social facilities to the people. Well done SP garu !

Cyber Warriors Felicitated



The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) organized a focused capability enhancement session for cyber warriors and officers of TGCSB. The interactive session aimed to boost the skill sets of the officers and equip them with the latest tools, techniques, and strategies in cybercrime investigation and digital forensics. During this session a total of 25 Cyber Warriors from

across Telangana and 15 personnel from TGCSB headquarters and Cyber Crime Police Stations were also felicitated. Speaking on the occasion, Shikha Goel, IPS, Director, TGCSB emphasized the importance of continuous learning, collaboration, and swift action in tackling the growing menace of cyber crime. The officers and cyber warriors were encouraged to use the latest tools and technologies to tackle cyber crimes.

Now Easy To Lodge The Grievances



Appreciations to Hyderabad Collector Harichandana Dasari for coming out with a amazing idea ! Yes now citizens of Hyderabad can lodge their grievances via WhatsApp. Recently the lady collector has informed the citizens about the initiative. Citizens can send their complaints to 7416687878 and the issue will be addressed. That's really amazing !

The Collector is on her toes, since she took over the charge. Recently to ensure safe & hygienic food, she visited welfare hostel. Said that training sessions will be conducted for cooking teams of Welfare Hostels on food safety & hygiene practices. Hygienic and healthy food has to be provided to every child.

2023 Batch IAS Officers Posted

The Government of Telangana has issued postings for 2023 batch IAS Officer Trainees (Telangana Cadre) as Sub-Collectors in various districts, including Narayankhed (Sanga reddy district), Bhainsa (Nirmal district), Nizamabad, Khammam, and Mancherial. These postings follow the completion of their Phase-II training at LBSNAA, Mussoorie.

Specific postings for 2023 batch IAS Officer Trainees (Telangana Cadre) as Sub-Collectors:

- Sri Ajmera Sanketh Kumar: Bhainsa, Nirmal district.
- Sri Abhigyan Malviya: Nizamabad district.
- Sri Ajay Yadav: Khammam district.
- Sri Mrinal Shreshtha: Mancherial district.
- Sri Uma Harathi N.: Narayankhed, Sanga reddy district.

Additionally, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) allocated two IAS officers from the 2023 batch, Mr. Saurabh Sharma and Ms. Saloni Chhabra, to the Telangana cadre. The Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana is also conducting a practical training program for these Assistant Collectors.

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GAIL signs LNG SPA with Vitol Asia Pte. Ltd. for supply of 1 MMTPA LNG



Pursuant to the binding Term Sheet signed in January 2024, GAIL (India) Limited and Vitol Asia Pte. Ltd. have executed a long-term LNG Sales and Purchase Agreement (SPA) for the annual supply of approximately 1 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) over a period of about 10 years, commencing in 2026. Under the agreement, Vitol will deliver LNG to GAIL from its global LNG portfolio.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Kumar, Director (Marketing), GAIL, stated that "GAIL is expanding its long-term LNG portfolio to meet demand growth. We are pleased to partner with Vitol Asia Pte. Ltd., and this agreement represents a key milestone in reinforcing GAIL's capability to reliably serve its diverse and evolving customer base."

Jay Ng, Chief Financial Officer, Vitol Asia and Executive Committee member, said: "Vitol is honoured to extend its relationship with GAIL to a long term LNG supply contract. The growing Indian market is core to Vitol's strategy and Vitol's diversified portfolio enables it to offer India a stable supply of cleaner and competitive energy."

India emerged as the world's fourth-largest LNG importer in 2024, with demand expected to rise steadily over the next decade. The Government of India has set an ambitious target to increase the share of natural gas in the country's primary energy mix from the current 6% to 15% by 2030. Supporting this vision, India's LNG regasification capacity has seen substantial growth, nearly doubling from 21 MMTPA in 2014.

EIL achieves major milestone in Urja Ganga Pipeline Project



Engineers India Limited (EIL), a leading engineering consultancy company, has marked a key milestone in India's clean energy journey by successfully delivering project management services for the Durgapur – Kolkata section (132 km) of the Durgapur-Haldia Natural Gas Pipeline, which has been laid as a part of ambitious Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga (PMUG) Project.

The Durgapur-Kolkata section of the pipeline was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on 18th July, 2025 at Durgapur, West Bengal, heralding a new era of sustainable energy access for industries and households in the state.

The Urja Ganga pipeline network, comprising the Dohi-Durgapur, Durgapur-Haldia, and Dhamra-Haldia pipelines, now extends over 1,030 km, consisting of 303, 243, 183 & 123 diameter pipelines. EIL, acting as the Project Management Consultant (PMC), played a pivotal role in ensuring timely and efficient execution of this challenging project.

In addition to overcoming critical Right of Use (RoU) acquisition challenges, this landmark project required approx. 130 nos. of crossings through the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method including the crossing of the Roopnarayan River executed through HDD by Intersect Method of an approx. length of 2.8 km. The completion of this vital segment of the Urja Ganga pipeline reinforces EIL's commitment to supporting India's energy transition and infrastructure development goals. This is another achievement of EIL for the execution of pipeline projects in different terrains.

Indian Overseas Bank's profit jumps 76 pc to Rs 1,111 crore in Q1, NII rises 13 pc



Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) on Friday reported a strong 75.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth in its net profit for the June quarter (Q1 FY26), reaching Rs 1,111.04 crore. This is a sharp increase compared to Rs 632.81 crore profit the bank earned in the same quarter previous year (Q1 FY25), according to its stock exchange.

The bank's total income for the quarter rose 17 per cent to Rs 8,866.47 crore, which includes Rs 1,480.92 crore earned as other income. Net interest

income (NII), which is the difference between interest earned and interest paid, also saw a healthy 13 per cent rise to Rs 2,747 crore from Rs 2,441 crore a year ago.

IOB's operating profit before provisions and contingencies stood at Rs 2,357.95 crore, up 41 per cent from Rs 1,675.86 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year, as per its filing. Meanwhile, provisions and contingencies came down to Rs 844.05 crore in Q1 FY26 from Rs 937.87 crore previous year. The bank also reported an improvement in asset quality. Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) fell to 1.97 per cent from 2.14 per cent in the March quarter, while net NPAs improved to 0.32 per cent from 0.37 per cent during the same period. Provisions were also lower sequentially, dropping to Rs 844 crore at the end of June, compared to Rs 1,063 crore in March. This drop in provisions also helped boost the bank's profit.

Government approves Rs.7000 crore investment in NIRL of NLCIL



NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Coal, has received a landmark approval from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The CCEA has granted an exemption from the existing investment guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), empowering NLCIL to invest ₹ 7,000 crore in its wholly owned renewable energy subsidiary, NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL), and to enable NIRL to invest in projects independently or through Joint Ventures.

This significant decision exempts NLCIL and NIRL from the 30% net worth ceiling imposed on CPSEs for investment in subsidiaries and JVs, ensuring enhanced operational autonomy and financial agility. The move is poised to catalyse NLCIL's growth in the renewable energy sector, aligning with India's national energy transition agenda.

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REC extends CSR support of ₹ 20 Crore



REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading Non-Banking Financial Company, has contributed ₹ 20 crore through its CSR arm, REC Foundation, to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF). The grant will support the education of 16,667 children of ex-servicemen, martyrs, and war widows from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The contribution was formalised through a Memorandum of Agreement signed between Pradeep Fellows, Executive Director (CSR), REC Limited, and Brigadier D.S. Basera, Secretary, Kendriya Sainik Board, in New Delhi.

In the past two financial years, REC Foundation has extended ₹ 30 crore in support to the AFFDF. This initiative reiterates REC's long-standing commitment to nation-building and social equity through meaningful CSR initiatives.

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Damodar Valley Corporation celebrates 78th Foundation Day



Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), India's first multipurpose river valley project and a power behemoth of Eastern India, proudly celebrated its 78th Foundation Day on 7th July 2025 with immense pride and enthusiasm at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. The event brought together dignitaries, employees, their families, and stakeholders to commemorate nearly eight decades of unwavering commitment to nation-building, sustainable development, and energy excellence.

The evening began with the invocation of Lord Ganesha, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chairman, the Member (Finance), the Member (Technical) and the CVO, DVC and the rendition of the soul-stirring DVC Geet. In his opening address, the Additional Secretary, DVC, welcomed the gathering and reflected on DVC's inspiring journey—from its inception in 1948 to its present-day standing as a powerhouse of progress and innovation.

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NTPC Bongaigaon Spreads Plastic-Free Awareness Among GEM Girls



NTPC Bongaigaon's Environment Management Group (EMG) organised a special awareness session for the participants of the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) 2025, to mark the International Plastic Bag Free Day. The session aimed to sensitise the young girls about the harmful effects of plastic use and the importance of adopting sustainable alternatives in daily life. As part of the initiative, eco-friendly jute bags

were distributed to the GEM girls by Arnab Maitra, Head of Project, NTPC Bongaigaon, in the presence of Kasturi Maitra, President, Bardwi Shikla Ladies Club, along with office bearers of the ladies club. Trainers from M/s Tusti Foundation, who are actively engaged in skill development programmes related to Areca leaf nuts and jute products for the females of Project Affected Villages, displayed their range of sustainable products and interacted with the girls. The session encouraged the young participants to understand the significance of sustainability and inspired them to make conscious choices that contribute to a greener future. Through such activities, NTPC Bongaigaon continues to promote environmental responsibility while empowering young minds to become ambassadors of change in their communities.

ONGC develops Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas complexes

Energy major ONGC is developing Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas complexes in Baltal, Nunwan, Bijbehara and Sidhra along the Amarnath Yatra Route. This infrastructure project has been undertaken as part of ONGC's CSR initiative. The Baltal complex, spanning 6,315 square meters, is now operational, including a Yatri Niwas, VIP Guest House, security blocks, and advanced disaster-management facilities. The Baltal facility was inaugurated on 4 July 2025 by Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri (virtually) and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Manoj Sinha, in the presence of ONGC Chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh and Engineers India Limited Chairperson and Managing Director Vartika Shukla.



Can fiber help you lose weight? Dietitian answers 5 key questions



When it comes to weight loss, many people track their macros — i.e., their proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. However, as a humble nutrient, fiber is often overlooked. But what if this is the missing ingredient to weight loss success? Can fiber supplements replace whole foods? In this podcast, a nutritionist answers readers' questions about fiber and more. Nowadays, the internet is awash with articles, charts, and recipes centered around eating more protein — anything from a 30-gram-protein breakfast to high-protein drinks and more — to naturally lose weight. And although the key to achieving good weight loss results is indeed a higher protein intake, there is a

nutrient that is often overlooked: fiber. Fiber is crucial not only for digestive functioning but overall health. Studies have shown it can lower LDL cholesterol, reduce blood pressure, and protect against heart disease. Newer research also shows that fiber may promote weight loss and enhance sensitivity to insulin. However, statistics show that less than 5% of Americans realistically meet their recommended daily fiber intake, which is on average up to 34 grams (g) for adult men and about 28 g for adult women. So, how can we eat more fiber?

In this episode of *In Conversation*, we'll be tackling burning questions such as: What is fiber, and why is it important for our bodies? How can we tell whether we are eating enough fiber? Is it right to call fiber nature's Ozempic?

We'll differentiate between soluble and insoluble fiber while discussing the ideal daily intake for different people. We'll also touch on how fiber supplements like psyllium husk compare with whole foods, weighing their benefits for our well-being. We will also look at how fiber plays a crucial role in fighting insulin resistance and its potential role in supporting weight management goals.

To discuss this and more, we're joined by registered dietitian Lisa Valente, MS, RD. Lisa holds a Master of Science in nutrition communications from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and she completed her dietetic internship at Massachusetts General Hospital.

What are the best high-fiber foods?

After the podcast recording, for the readers of *MNT*, we also asked Lisa what her top favorite high fiber foods were.

"I will say frozen berries, fresh too, but frozen berries tend to be a little bit higher in fiber for a fruit. And when you buy them frozen, they're just more affordable and easier to have on hand. [T]hey don't go bad on you in a day — so, you can add those to smoothies or mix them into oatmeal or yogurt," she said.

Lisa said her second choice would be whole wheat pasta and shared a fun fact about fiber.

"Brown rice only has one gram more of fiber than white rice, but whole wheat pasta has significantly more than white pasta. [It creates] like this nice fiber-rich carbohydrate base to your dinner to add some vegetables or protein to," she said. Her third choice was chia seeds.

"I sprinkle them on oatmeal, but you can also make chia seed pudding where you soak them with some milk or non-dairy milk and add a little bit of fruit. They're very filling and they not only have fiber, but they also have omega-3 and a little bit of protein. So I feel like they're sort of this tiny but mighty little seed where you can check off a lot of nutrition boxes at once. So if I had to pick three, that's a good starting place for me," she told us. Add more fiber to your diet. Maybe you've heard that advice before. But do you know why dietary fiber is so good for your health?

Fiber is found mainly in plant foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and members of the bean family called legumes. Fiber may be best known for its ability to prevent or relieve constipation. But foods with fiber can have other good effects as well. They can help you stay at a healthy weight and lower the risk of diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

Choosing tasty foods that provide fiber isn't hard. Find out how much dietary fiber you need, which foods have it, and how to add them to meals and snacks.

What is dietary fiber?

Dietary fiber is a nutrient known as a carbohydrate. Fiber includes the parts of plant foods that the body can't digest or absorb. This makes it different from nutrients such as fats, proteins, and other carbohydrates including starches and sugars. The body breaks down these nutrients and absorbs them. Instead, fiber passes somewhat intact through the stomach, small intestine and colon and out of the body.

There are two main types of fiber:

Soluble fiber. This type of fiber dissolves in water. It forms a gel-like material in the stomach that slows down digestion. It can help lower cholesterol and blood sugar. Soluble fiber is found in oats, peas, beans, apples, bananas, avocados, citrus fruits, carrots, barley and psyllium.

Insoluble fiber. This type of fiber doesn't dissolve in water. It supports the movement of material through the digestive system and adds bulk to stool. So it can be helpful for people who have constipation or don't regularly pass stool. Some good sources of insoluble fiber are whole-wheat flour, wheat bran, nuts, beans, and vegetables such as cauliflower, green beans and potatoes.

Most high-fiber plant foods contain both soluble and insoluble fiber. The amount of each type of fiber varies with the type of plant, such as whether it's a fruit, vegetable or whole grain. But you can get both types of fiber by eating a variety of fiber-rich foods.

How much fiber do you need?

The National Academy of Medicine gives the following daily fiber recommendations for adults:

- 21 grams for women older than age 50.
- 25 grams for women age 50 or younger.
- 30 grams for men older than age 50.
- 38 grams for men age 50 or younger.

Benefits of a high-fiber diet—A high-fiber diet may support good health in a number of ways.

High fiber and less chance of constipation

Dietary fiber increases the weight and size of stool and softens it. In general, bulky stool is easier to pass, and this lowers the chance of constipation. If you have loose, watery stools, fiber may help make them solid. That's because fiber absorbs water and adds bulk to stool.

Bowel health and fiber

A high-fiber diet may lower the risk of swollen veins in the anus and lower rectum called hemorrhoids. Eating plenty of fiber also may help lower the risk of a condition called diverticulitis that involves small, inflamed pouches in the colon wall. A high-fiber diet is linked with a lower risk of colorectal cancer as well. Some fiber also serves as food for "good" bacteria in the gut. It's known as fermented fiber. It may play a role in lowering the risk of diseases of the colon.

Why are colorectal, other GI cancers on the rise in younger people?



Increasing age is the greatest risk factor for all types of cancer, with most cases being diagnosed in people over the age of 60.

However, in people under 50, there has been a rapid, worldwide increase in cancers of the digestive system,

or gastrointestinal cancers.

Although still far less common than in older people, early-onset colorectal cancer is now the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men, and the second in women, in the United States.

The exact cause is unknown, but the authors of a new review published in the *British Journal of Surgery* suggest that obesity, a Western-style diet, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, smoking, excessive alcohol use, and even exposure to microplastics, may all be contributing to the rise.

Another study, published in *Nature Medicine*, has further estimated that, without early intervention, as many as 15.6 million gastric cancer cases may occur in the next few decades, most of which, are attributable to infection with a common bacterium, *Helicobacter pylori*.

The risk of all types of cancer increases with age, with, according to the National Institutes of Health, more than 1 in every 100 people over the age of 60 being diagnosed with cancer.

However, in recent years, there has been a worrying increase in cancers of the digestive system — known as gastrointestinal or GI cancers — in people under the age of 50, and experts have yet to identify a reason.

A new analysis of studies notes that between 2010 and 2019 early-onset colorectal cancers increased by 14.8% in the United States, and rates are increasing worldwide.

The comprehensive review, which is published in *The British Journal of Surgery* suggests that, while the exact cause is unknown, environmental factors, diet and lifestyle, may be responsible for the increase.

Anton Bilchik, MD, PhD, surgical oncologist, chief of medicine and Director of the Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary Program at Providence Saint John's Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, CA, not involved in the review, suggested some possible reasons for the rise in early-onset GI cancers.

"While the increase in obesity is associated with a major increase in early-onset colorectal cancer, the majority of patients are not obese, do not have a family history or any other obvious risk factors," Bilchik told.

Greatest rises in colon and rectal cancers

The researchers note that early-onset cancers of the colon and rectum had increased the most. People born in 1990 are more than twice as likely to develop colon cancer, and more than four times as likely to develop cancer of the rectum than those born in 1950.

They identified global increases in colorectal cancers. A study of 20 European countries showed that between 2004 and 2016, colorectal cancers had increased by almost 8% for those aged 20–29, almost 5% for people aged 30–39, and by 1.6% in the 40–49 age band.

Even more shocking are figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Wonder database in the U.S., which identified a 333% increase in the incidence of colorectal cancers among 15-19 year olds and a 185% increase among people aged between 20 and 24.

Despite these apparently huge percentage increases, the authors emphasize that the absolute numbers of cancer diagnoses are still very much lower in those under 50 than in older people.

However, the researchers on this study highlight the need for targeted awareness and interventions, particularly among younger age groups.

Can experts explain the increase in colorectal cancers?

"Though the rates of colorectal cancer are rising fastest in the youngest age groups — ages 15-24 — the absolute number of cases in this age group is relatively low compared to those aged 40-49, which makes it challenging to isolate risk factors specific to this younger group," joint first author of the review Sara K. Char, MD, Clinical Oncology Fellow at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, told *MNT*.

"Several factors, including obesity, excessive alcohol intake, intake of a Western-pattern diet, sedentary lifestyle, and consuming sugar-sweetened beverages have been associated with increased risk of early-onset colorectal cancer," Char suggested.

"Other factors, such as exposure to microplastics and changes in the gut microbiome have also been implicated," she told us. "However, we know that not all patients with early-onset colorectal cancer have these risk factors. Ongoing research efforts are needed to better understand these rising trends."

Gastric cancers preventable by stopping bacterial infection

Another recent study, led by researchers from the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Lyon, France, and published in *nature medicine* around the same time as the comprehensive review, found a link between gastric cancers and infections with a common bacterium. The study was concerned with preventable gastric cancers, and it analyzed data from participant cohorts across 185 countries, focusing on individuals born in 2008–2017.

The researchers concluded that an estimated 15.6 million gastric cancer cases are likely to develop among people from these birth cohorts.

Of these cases, a staggering 76% are attributable to infections with the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*, which are very common but also preventable.



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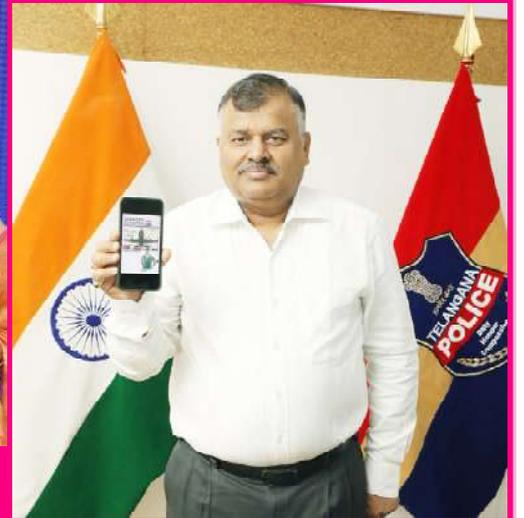
Anuradha Thakur's 'Unwritten Earthsongs' Solo art exhibition held

Renowned Indian painting artist and TEDx speaker Anuradha Thakur, hailing from Maharashtra, unveiled her solo art exhibition titled "Unwritten Earthsongs" at Hyderabad. Unwritten Earthsongs, a stunning collection by Anuradha Thakur, is a visual symphony that transcends brushstrokes, inviting viewers into a realm of soul-stirring beauty and profound storytelling. Exhibition was inaugurated by Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to Govt. Anuradha Thakur said that, Unwritten Earthsongs is more than an exhibition—it is an invitation to pause, reflect, and reconnect. It's a tribute to the unseen threads that link us to our heritage, our inner selves, and the mysteries that surround us.



'Social Impact Award' For Touch A Life Foundation

"Honored to receive the Social Impact Award for Girl Education at the 7th edition of TSFA – The Social Media & Film Awards. Receiving this from Adhuri Laxman Kumar, CABINET MINISTER, Telangana and Addanki Dayakar, MLC – Telangana is a heartfelt encouragement for the work we do at Touch A Life Foundation." Said Rina Hindocha and Vibhuti Jain. "Our mission is simple yet powerful to empower girls through education and foster a culture of dignity, opportunity, and belief. Grateful to our dedicated team, who walk this journey with us every day." They added. "Let's keep creating Stories That Inspire." Congratulations Rina & Vibhuti !



DGP Dr. Jitender Releases Midnight Reporter's June Edition

Midnight Reporter's June edition is out with a bang released by happening & versatile Sr. IPS officer Telangana State DGP Mr. Dr. Jitender. Click the link for epaper : <https://midnightreporter.com/June-2025.pdf>



'Run for SMA' on 10th August

Cure SMA Foundation of India, a parent-led non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), is organizing the 3rd edition of Run for SMA – 2025 on Sunday, August 10 at Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad. Avinash Mohanty, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, along with Cyberabad Jt. CP Traffic Dr. Gajarao Bhupal, IPS., who unveiled the official poster of the Run for SMA and extended his support to this important public health awareness initiative. Also present were leading medical and research experts including Dr. Radha Rama Devi, Senior Geneticist and Pediatrician at Rainbow Children's Hospital, Dr. Giriraj Chandak, Former Chief Scientist at CSIR-CCMB, Mr. Naved Alam Khan, CEO, Society for Cyberabad Security Council and Cure SMA India trustees Ms. Srilakshmi and Ms. Archana and representatives, launch held at held at Cyberabad commissioner office. Cyberabad Avinash Mohanty, IPS., emphasize that Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) treatment is important, prevention through awareness and early screening is even more critical. Srilakshmi Nalam, Co-founder and Trustee of Cure SMA India, Run for SMA is part of global SMA Awareness Month observed in August.



Talk of the Trend Exhibition Organised

The first edition of the "Talk of the Trend" 1 - day exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. CH. Preeti Reddy, Vice Chairman of Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth and Kavya Kishan Reddy, Chairman of ABV Foundation at Our Palace, Banjara Hills. Conceptualized and organized by Kavita Jain and Payal Saraf, this curated show brings together leading designers, artisans, and lifestyle brands under one roof—celebrating fashion, tradition, and contemporary trends. Kavita Jain and Payal Saraf, said that, With a festive theme centered around Rakhi and Teej, the exhibition showcased a vibrant mix of Designer and ethnic wear, jewellery, accessories, home décor, and festive gifting ideas—making it a one-stop destination for seasonal shopping, this edition featured exclusive collections for Women, Men, and Kids.



Country Condos Celebrates International Yoga Day

In celebration of the 11th International Yoga Day, Country Condos, a subsidiary of Country Club Hospitality & Holidays Ltd., proudly hosted a grand wellness event in alignment with this year's global theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." The Yoga day was led by Yoga Brand Ambassador Simran Ahuja, former Miss India and internationally renowned yoga trainer. The session commenced with the Founder & Chairman, Y. Rajeev Reddy, who passionately advocates for a healthy, mindful lifestyle. He believes that, "When individuals thrive, society and the planet benefit. That is the true power of yoga – and it's also the foundation of Country Condos." Simran Ahuja conducted a live yoga session demonstrating Hatha Yoga, Pranayama, Yoga Nidra, Surya Namaskaras, and Chandra Namaskaras, guiding participants through a rejuvenating experience that merged ancient practice with modern wellness. Country Club is thrilled to announce the nationwide launch of 'Country Condos', a unique residential concept promoting holistic living, sustainability, and togetherness.



Padma Shri Padmaja Reddy Inaugurates 'D Sons Patola Art Expo'

Indian Kuchipudi Exponent, Padma Shri Dr G. Padmaja Reddy inaugurated the five-day D Sons Patola Art Exhibition at the Labels Pop-up Space, Road No. 1, opposite Taj Krishna, Banjara Hills. Speaking at the launch, Padmaja Reddy said, "It's wonderful to see a diverse collection of apparel, especially Patola art sarees, pure handloom, and silk products, showcased under one roof in the city." The exhibition features a rich variety of traditional textiles and handcrafted items from across India. Collections including Patan Patola, Bandhani, Banarasi, Maheshwari, Zari Kota, Chanderi, Kashmiri, Lucknowi, Ajrak Sarees, dress materials, Kurtis, bedsheets and jewellery.



National Silk Expo Organised

Tollywood Upcoming Actress & Annapurna Talkies movie fame Hima Varma Inaugurated a 5-day National Silk Expo-2025 at Kalinga Cultural Hall, Road no 12, Banjara Hills which is organized by Jagdishwar Hastkala. Organizer of the Exhibition Jayesh Kumar, speaking to media said that, Main social objective of the handloom exhibition was to promote weavers and encourage and provide a market to the handloom industry. Through these exhibitions, we have been able to create good market for the weavers and their handloom woven ware, even in places where exhibitions are not feasible.



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How to Decorate Your Space With Mirrors: Ideas and Tips

Mirrors are more than mere reflections; they are an expression of artistry and a testament to functional elegance. At Robern, we understand that the right mirror is pivotal in bringing your design vision to life, whether you prefer traditional charm or contemporary flair. Whether gracing a cozy living space or a sleek bathroom, our mirrors are crafted to not only enhance the aesthetic appeal but also to create an ambiance of expanded space and amplified natural light.

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Just like wall art, the right frame can help a mirror stand out, giving it a compelling and artistic look. For contemporary or evolving interior themes, the understated elegance of a robust black mirror frame can provide a stable focal point that pairs well with multiple color schemes and styles. Paired here with warm wood and a woven chair, the result of decorating with mirrors is an inviting transitional design with a subtle contrast.

Look for mirrors with artisan details to add a touch of elegance to your design. From antique designs with opulent curves to more modern frames with textured edges, there are a wide variety of mirror frame styles to choose from, allowing you to add subtle details that fit cohesively into your overall design.

While rectangular mirrors are a timeless choice, unique shapes give you an opportunity to express your personal style and create a look that stands out. From ovals and circles to pill-shaped bathroom mirrors, the right shape can add something special to your room's aesthetic.



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कमी दुनियाभर के रईसों के लिए पसंदीदा देश रहा ब्रिटेन अब उनके लिए 'नरक' बनता जा रहा है। ब्रिटेन की राजधानी लंदन से अमीरों का पलायन बढ़ता ही जा रहा है। हाल ही में अरबपति शिपिंग टायकून जॉन फ्रेडरिकसन ने भी लंदन छोड़ने का ऐलान कर दिया। फ्रेडरिकसन का कहना है कि लंदन में अब रहना मुश्किल हो गया है। वह अब UAE शिफ्ट हो रहे हैं और लंदन में अपनी 300 साल पुरानी प्रॉपर्टी भी बेच रहे हैं। उनसे पहले अरबपति क्रिश्चियन एंगरमेयर और एस्टन विला फुटबॉल क्लब के मालिक नासेफ साविरिस भी ब्रिटेन को अलविदा कह चुके हैं।

ऐसे में सवाल ये है कि आखिर क्यों लंदन जो कमी अरबपतियों का घर कहलाता था, अब उन्हें रोक नहीं पा रहा है? लंदन से अमीरों के पलायन की रफ्तार इतनी तेज है कि इस मामले में इसने रूस की राजधानी मॉस्को को भी पीछे छोड़ दिया है। न्यू वर्ल्ड हेल्थ और हेनली एंड पार्टनर्स की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक 2024 में ही करीब 11,300 मिलियनेयर लंदन छोड़ चुके हैं। लंदन अमीर शहरों की लिस्ट में छठे नंबर पर खिसक गया है। लॉस एंजेलिस और न्यूयॉर्क जैसे शहर इसे पीछे छोड़ चुके हैं।

क्यों मोहमंग हो रहा अमीरों का?

टैक्स का बोझ: ब्रिटेन में टैक्स दुनिया के सबसे ऊंचे टैक्स में से एक है। एस्टेट ड्यूटी, कैपिटल गेन टैक्स समेत कई टैक्स अमीरों को परेशान कर रहे हैं। दूसरी तरफ दुबई, पेरिस, जेनेवा जैसे शहर टैक्स छूट और बेहतर अवसर दे रहे हैं।

ब्रेक्सिट की मार: यूरोपीय यूनियन से अलग होने के बाद लंदन का ग्लोबल कनेक्शन पहले जैसा नहीं रहा। यूरोपीय बाजारों तक सीधी पहुंच में दिक्कत आ रही है।

आर्थिक कमजोरी: 2008 के वित्तीय संकट के बाद ब्रिटेन की इकोनॉमी अभी तक पूरी तरह पटरी पर नहीं लौटी है। पाउंड की वैल्यू भी लगातार गिर रही है। लंदन स्टॉक एक्सचेंज कमी दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा था, अब वह 11वें पायदान पर लुढ़क गया है।

टेक्नोलॉजी का पलायन: धन स जन के लिए अमेरिका और एशिया नए केंद्र बन गए हैं। सिंगापुर, सिलिकॉन वैली और मिडल ईस्ट के हब टेक्नोलॉजी उद्यमियों को ज्यादा मौके दे रहे हैं।

लंदन में इतना पैसा आया कैसे?

लंदन में अरबपति बैंकर, हेज फंड मैनेजर, प्रॉपर्टी टायकून और निवेशकों की लंबी लिस्ट है। कई पीढ़ियों से अमीर ब्रिटिश परिवार भी अपनी संपत्ति को संभाले हुए हैं। ग्लोबल कनेक्टिविटी, स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम और हाई क्वालिटी एजुकेशन सिस्टम ने अमीरों को लंदन खींचा। लेकिन अब वही अमीर रुख मोड़ रहे हैं। रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक 2025 तक लंदन में अरबपतियों की संख्या घटकर सिर्फ 36 रह सकती है, जबकि पिछले साल ये आंकड़ा 89 था।

गाजा में पूरी पीढ़ी का अस्तित्व खतरे में, भारत की दुनिया को दो टूक



गाजा पट्टी में हालात दिन-ब-दिन बदतर होते जा रहे हैं। इजरायल की नाकाबंदी और लगातार हो रहे हमलों ने वहां लोगों को भुखमरी के कगार पर पहुंचा दिया है। 100 से ज्यादा अंतरराष्ट्रीय संगठनों और मानवाधिकार समूहों ने चेतावनी दी है कि अगर तुरंत राहत के रास्ते नहीं खोले गए तो गाजा में एक पूरी पीढ़ी का अस्तित्व खतरे में पड़ जाएगा। इस भीषण मानवीय संकट के बीच भारत ने भी संयुक्त राष्ट्र में गाजा में तुरंत पूर्ण संघर्षविराम की मांग दोहराई है।

भारत ने कहा है कि बीच-बीच में होने वाला संघर्षविराम फिलिस्तीनी लोगों के दुख-दर्द को कम करने के लिए बिल्कुल भी पर्याप्त नहीं है।

भूख से बच्चे और मांएं सबसे बड़े शिकार -

एमएसएफ, सेव द चिल्ड्रन और ऑक्सफैम जैसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय समूहों ने अपने बयान में कहा है कि गाजा में न केवल स्थानीय लोग बल्कि राहतकर्मी भी खाने की कमी से जूझ रहे हैं। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के मुताबिक, हर पांच में से एक गर्भवती या स्तनपान कराने वाली महिला कुपोषण का शिकार है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र की यौन एवं प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य एजेंसी के अनुसार, भुखमरी और स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के अभाव में बच्चों का जन्म मुश्किल होता जा रहा है। एजेंसी ने बताया कि इस साल जनवरी से जून तक गाजा में 220 माताओं की मौत प्रसव के दौरान हुई यह आंकड़ा 2022 के मुकाबले 20 गुना ज्यादा है।

भारत ने कहा-शांति ही एकमात्र रास्ता

संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद में भारत के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि पर्वतनेनी हरीश ने साफ कहा कि गाजा में लोग हर दिन भूख, ईंधन की कमी और चिकित्सा संकट से जूझ रहे हैं। ऐसे में अस्थायी संघर्षविराम काफी नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि "शांति का कोई विकल्प नहीं है। संघर्षविराम तुरंत लागू हो, सभी बंधकों को रिहा किया जाए और बातचीत के जरिए ही हल निकले। भारत ने उम्मीद जताई कि आने वाला संयुक्त राष्ट्र सम्मेलन इजराइल-फिलिस्तीन मुद्दे पर "द्वि-राष्ट्र समाधान" की दिशा में ठोस पहल करेगा। हालांकि, बढ़ते तनाव के चलते यह सम्मेलन स्थगित हो गया है।

राहत संगठनों की अपील

राहत संगठनों ने कहा है कि युद्ध तुरंत रोकना चाहिए, सभी सीमा पार रास्ते खोले जाएं और संयुक्त राष्ट्र की निगरानी में खाद्य सामग्री, दवाइयां और ईंधन बिना रोकटोक लोगों तक पहुंचे। उन्होंने चेतावनी दी कि अगर हालात ऐसे ही रहे तो आने वाले दिनों में गाजा में हजारों बच्चों की जान खतरे में पड़ जाएगी।

ट्रंप का डबल गेम: ताइवान को रक्षा का वादा, जिनपिंग से भी मुलाकात की तैयारी



अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की एशिया नीति एक बार फिर सुर्खियों में है। एक तरफ उन्होंने अपने ताजा बयान में चीन की तारीफ कर संकेत दिया है कि उनका बीजिंग दौरा अब ज्यादा दूर नहीं है, वहीं दूसरी तरफ वे ताइवान को भरोसा भी दिला चुके हैं कि हर हाल में अमेरिका उसके साथ खड़ा रहेगा। ट्रंप ने व्हाइट हाउस में फिलीपीन के राष्ट्रपति फर्डिनेंड मार्कोस जूनियर से मुलाकात के दौरान कहा कि "अब चीन की यात्रा बहुत दूर की

बात नहीं", जिससे साफ है कि दुनिया की दो सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्थाएं फिर से संबंधों को पटरी पर लाने की कोशिश में हैं।

ट्रंप ने कहा कि अमेरिका और चीन के रिश्ते "बहुत अच्छे" हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि चीन ने अमेरिका को दुर्लभ धातुओं से बने चुंबक बड़ी मात्रा में भेजा फिर शुरू कर दिया है। ये मैग्नेट आईफोन और इलेक्ट्रिक गाड़ियों जैसे हाईटेक प्रोडक्ट्स में इस्तेमाल होते हैं। ट्रंप के दोबारा सत्ता में आने के बाद से उनके और शी जिनपिंग के बीच मुलाकात को लेकर लगातार अटकलें लग रही हैं। अब उन्होंने खुद साफ कर दिया है कि बीजिंग यात्रा जल्द हो सकती है। चीन को लेकर नरमी के संकेत देने से ठीक पहले ट्रंप ने ताइवान के राष्ट्रपति फर्डिनेंड मार्कोस जूनियर से भी मुलाकात की और हर परिस्थिति में ताइवान के साथ खड़े रहने का भरोसा दिया। ट्रंप ने फिलीपीन के साथ "बेहतरीन सैन्य संबंधों" की भी तारीफ की। दरअसल अमेरिका इंडो-पैसिफिक में चीन के बढ़ते प्रभाव को रोकने के लिए फिलीपीन, ताइवान और दक्षिण कोरिया जैसे सहयोगियों को साथ लेकर चल रहा है।

इसी महीने मलेशिया में अमेरिकी विदेश मंत्री मार्को रुबियो और चीन के विदेश मंत्री वांग यी की मुलाकात भी हुई थी। कहा जा रहा है कि ट्रंप और जिनपिंग दक्षिण कोरिया में होने वाले एशिया-प्रशांत आर्थिक सहयोग शिखर सम्मेलन में आमने-सामने आ सकते हैं। वहीं चीन की तरफ से इस प्रस्तावित दौरे पर कोई आधिकारिक बयान नहीं आया है। ट्रंप का चीन दौरा ऐसे समय पर सामने आया है जब वे पहले ही चीन के खिलाफ टैरिफ वॉर को ठंडे बस्ते में डालने के संकेत दे चुके हैं। उधर चीन भी रिश्तों में नरमी के संकेत दे रहा है। माना जा रहा है कि यह मुलाकात दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार और रणनीतिक संबंधों को फिर से पटरी पर लाने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम हो सकती है।

अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे में चौंकाने वाला खुलासा, एयर इंडिया ने की बड़ी गड़बड़ी



अहमदाबाद में हुए भीषण एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे के बाद मृतकों के शव अभी तक उनके परिवारों तक नहीं तरीके से नहीं पहुंच पाए हैं। अब इस हादसे को लेकर एक चौंकाने वाला खुलासा हुआ है। ब्रिटेन में पीड़ित परिवारों के वकीलों ने दावा किया है कि एयर इंडिया ने जिन शवों को ब्रिटिश परिवारों को सौंपा था, उनमें से कम से कम 12 शव गलत लोगों के थे। जब ये शव ब्रिटेन भेजे गए तो पश्चिमी लंदन के वरिष्ठ कोरोनर डॉ. फियोना विलकांक्स ने पीड़ित परिवारों से प्राप्त डीएनए से उनका मिलान कराया। इस जांच में पता चला कि कई शवों के डीएनए परिवारों के डीएनए से बिल्कुल मेल नहीं खाते। इससे साफ हो गया कि कई ताबूतों में जो शव हैं, वो असली परिजनों के नहीं हैं।

इस खुलासे के बाद कई ब्रिटिश परिवारों को अपने प्रियजनों का अंतिम संस्कार रोकना पड़ा। कुछ शवों के अवशेष वापस भी भेज दिए गए हैं। इस वजह से परिवार गहरे सदमे में हैं क्योंकि वे अब भी नहीं जानते कि उनके अपनों के असली अवशेष कहां हैं। वकील जेम्स हीली ग्रेट ने दावा किया कि एक ताबूत में दो अलग-अलग व्यक्तियों के अवशेष भी पाए गए। ऐसे में अंतिम संस्कार से पहले शवों के हिस्सों को अलग करना पड़ा। कुछ शवों की पहचान होने के बाद अब उन्हें धार्मिक रीति-रिवाजों से दफनाया या जलाया गया है।

यह हादसा अहमदाबाद में हुआ था, जिसमें एयर इंडिया के विमान के दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने से 269 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी। इसमें 52 ब्रिटिश नागरिक भी शामिल थे। विमान इमारत से टकराने के बाद आग का गोला बन गया था। हादसे में शव इतनी बुरी तरह जल गए कि उनकी पहचान करना बेहद मुश्किल हो गया। बाद में डीएनए जांच से शवों की शिनाख्त कर उन्हें परिवारों को सौंपा गया था।

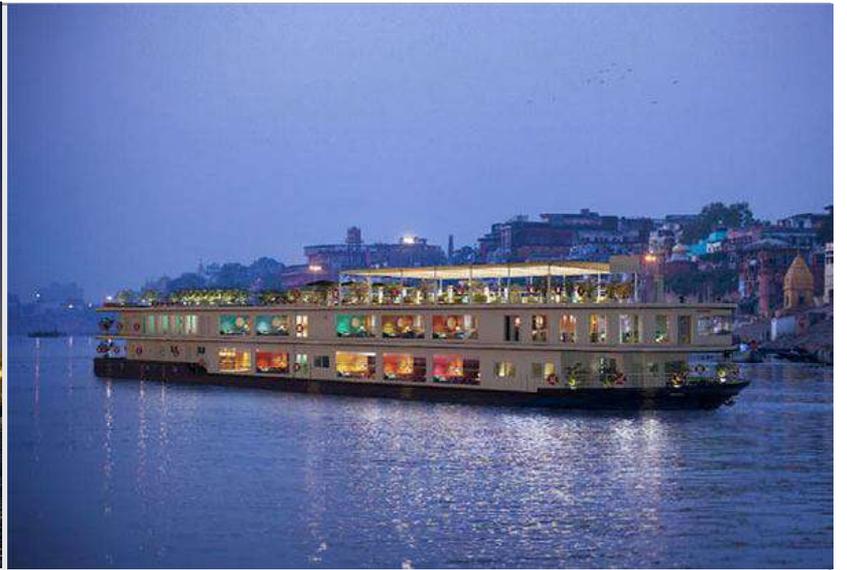
कई परिवारों को अपने परिजनों के अवशेष प्लास्टिक कंटेनर में सौंपे गए। हादसे के दौरान 1500 डिग्री सेल्सियस तापमान में शरीर पूरी तरह जल गए थे, जिससे केवल अवशेष ही बच पाए थे। वकील जेम्स हीली ने कहा कि यह एक बहुत बड़ी लापरवाही है और पीड़ित परिवारों को इसका जवाब चाहिए। उन्होंने उम्मीद जताई है कि ब्रिटेन के प्रधानमंत्री कीर स्टार्मर, जब भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात करेंगे तो इस मामले को उठाएंगे। एयर इंडिया की तरफ से अब तक इस बड़ी गड़बड़ी पर कोई औपचारिक प्रतिक्रिया नहीं आई है। लेकिन इस खुलासे ने सवाल खड़े कर दिए हैं कि कहीं बाकी शव भी गलत तो नहीं हैं?

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Cruise Tourism in India: Govt announces 51 new cruise circuits across 14 states

The river cruise tourism sector in India has witnessed notable growth. On Monday, the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways announced that it plans to develop 51 new river cruise circuits on 47 national waterways across 14 states and three union territories (UTs) by 2027. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is making strides in promoting river cruise tourism and developing sustainable water transport system in India.

With the launch of the Cruise Bharat Mission, the government aims to increase river cruise passengers from 0.5 million to 1.5 million, according to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The mission focuses on upgrading cruise terminals, ports, and related infrastructure, promoting eco-friendly tourism practices using green vessels, and creating numerous employment opportunities in the cruise industry in the coming two years.

The river cruise tourism sector in India has witnessed notable growth, with the number of river cruise voyages on National Waterways increasing from 371 in 2023-24 to 443 in 2024-25. This 19.4 per cent growth underscores the rising appeal and operational efficiency of river cruises in India's inland waterways. Adding to this momentum, Viking Cruises has announced its entry into India's river cruise market with Viking Brahmaputra, an 80-guest vessel scheduled to begin operations in late 2027, signalling heightened interest and investment in India's river cruise tourism sector. Viking Brahmaputra, to be indigenously developed by Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kolkata, will operate on National Waterway-2. The sector has witnessed exceptional growth over the last 11 years. From just five vessels on three waterways in 2013-14, river cruise operations have expanded to 25 vessels across 13 national waterways in 2024-25.

Goa sees record tourist surge in first half of 2025



Goa recorded 54.55 lakh tourist arrivals in the first half of 2025, with domestic travellers accounting for a staggering 51.84 lakh visitors, according to data released by the Goa Tourism Department on Saturday. The remaining 2.71 lakh arrivals were international tourists, signalling strong momentum in both segments.

"January proved to be the strongest month, registering 10.56 lakh tourists, including 9.86 lakh domestic and nearly 70,000 foreign arrivals. February followed with 9.05 lakh tourists, comprising 8.44 lakh domestic and over 61,000 international travellers. March saw a footfall of 8.89 lakh tourists, with 8.32 lakh from within India and around 56,000 from abroad," the department said in a statement.

The trend continued into the summer months despite seasonal concerns. "In April, Goa received 8.42 lakh visitors, including 8.14 lakh domestic and 28,000 international arrivals, followed by 9.27 lakh tourists in May, comprising 8.97 lakh domestic and nearly 30,000 foreign visitors. June recorded 8.34 lakh total arrivals, with 8.08 lakh from within the country and around 25,000 international visitors," the department added.

"The graph of tourist footfalls in Goa has scaled remarkable heights in the first half of 2025, registering a record-breaking surge in both domestic and international arrivals, reinforcing its status as one of India's most preferred and evolving travel destinations," the statement noted.

"Preliminary data reveals that tourist footfalls have reached historic levels, with notable increases across all categories — solo travellers, families, FITs, and group tours. Despite the onset of summer, tourism activity remained consistent," the spokesperson said.

Uttar Pradesh Tourism Set to Boost Economy with Record Tourist Arrivals



Tourist industry The tourist trade is growing at a fast rate in Uttar Pradesh, serving as a major source of revenue for the state. By 2028, the state anticipates receiving 80 crore additional tourists for a jaw dropping Rs 70,000 crore revenue contribution. Religious, and cultural tourism have fueled the spike in footfall, with places like Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura and Prayagraj overtaking as primary attractions. This development is complemented probably by the state's focus on in-

rastructure makeover and connectivity-upgrade, to make tourists feel at home when they visit these spiritual centres.

The state is gradually evolving into a major Indian and international tourist destination and its scope is broadening from religious destinations to encompass other products, he said. Strategic traffic infrastructure, an extensive expressway and airport system and the improvement of local tourism circuits are paving the way for a sustainable tourism future. The tourism industry in UP will be a major factor in contributing to the economic growth of the region and the country by 2028, with ease of access, infrastructure and safety well in place.

The two sectors in Uttar Pradesh that are paying rich dividends are hospitality sector and transportation sector as these and local commerce are driven by tourism in the state. With millions of tourists visiting the state's holy cities, Uttar Pradesh plans to leverage the great opportunity to contribute to the regional and national economy. It is India's playground and by the end of the decade, the state will emerge as one of the leading global tourism destinations in the country attracting domestic as well as overseas tourists.

Tourism in Uttar Pradesh has witnessed exceptional growth in recent years, particularly in religious and cultural tourism. The state has seen an impressive increase in tourist footfall, with significant contributions from both domestic and international visitors. In 2023, Uttar Pradesh welcomed an estimated 48 crore tourists, with a substantial number visiting renowned cities like Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura, and Prayagraj. These spiritual centers have become magnets for pilgrims, domestic tourists, and international travelers seeking cultural immersion.

To curb chaos & overtourism, Mussoorie makes tourist pre-registration mandatory



In a significant move aimed at managing the growing influx of tourists and ensuring a smooth and sustainable visitor experience, authorities have made mandatory pre-registration a requirement for all travellers entering Mussoorie. The hill station, often referred to as the "Queen of Hills", has witnessed a rise in tourism over the past two years, with footfalls doubling to over 2.1 million in 2024 alone, resulting in overtourism.

The newly introduced digital system, as per an official notice, is designed to ease congestion and improve the travel experience, especially during weekends and peak tourist seasons. Visitors are now required to register online before entering Mussoorie, a move that authorities believe will bring much-needed discipline and planning to tourism in the region. Notably, all visitors must register on an online portal before entering Mussoorie. Travellers can submit contact, vehicle, and passenger details through a quick and user-friendly interface. Registration is authenticated via a one-time password (OTP) sent to the traveller's phone. Once registered, visitors receive a QR code, which must be presented at the checkpoint for entry into the town. This digital mechanism aims to streamline inflows, reduce long traffic jams, and protect the fragile hill ecology while also enhancing the overall visitor experience. Authorities say that the new system will be instrumental in maintaining safety and order amid Mussoorie's growing popularity.

India's First Mining Tourism Project in Jharkhand



Jharkhand is set to become the first Indian state to launch a Mining Tourism Project, aiming to showcase its rich mineral heritage through guided mine tours and cultural experiences. This initiative, led by the state government and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), seeks to diversify tourism while educating the public about mining practices and local history.

Background- Jharkhand, holding nearly 40% of India's mineral resources, has long been known as a mining hub. Inspired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren's visit to the Gava Museum of Mines in Barcelona, the state is now opening parts of its mining sector to public tourism through formal partnerships like the MoU with CCL.

Objectives

The project aims to,

- Promote alternative tourism in Jharkhand
- Offer educational exposure to students and general visitors
- Highlight industrial heritage and local culture
- Create employment opportunities and boost the economy

Key Features

- Pilot phase to start with North Urimari (Birs) open-cast mine in Ramgarh

Significance and Impact

This project is a first-of-its-kind tourism model in India, combining industry, ecology, and culture. It is expected to,

- Enhance tourist footfall in lesser-known areas
- Boost local employment and economic activities
- Build awareness about mining history and environmental practices
- Strengthen the cultural identity of the region