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Delhi's Waste Landmark Gets a Remarkable Second Life, Patel Chest Turns Waste into Wonder

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Delhi : Breathing new life into a forgotten space through circularity and community engagement, Patel Chest in Delhi – a dhalao ghar until recently has been re-imagined as an RRR Centre, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0. For years, a corner near Delhi University's Patel Chest was known for only one thing, waste. The old Dhalao Ghar served as a collection point for garbage, a place people passed by without a second glance. But under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, that forgotten space was destined for a remarkable second life. In a unique transformation led by DMSWSL in association with MCD Civil Lines Zone, the abandoned waste collection site was reimagined as an RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre and Selfie Point. What was once a symbol of disposal, became a celebration of



sustainability. The makeover itself told a powerful story. Around 45 discarded tyres and more than 3,000 used bricks were creatively repurposed to build an attractive public space. Materials once considered waste were transformed into colourful installations, proving that with creativity and purpose, yesterday's discards can become tomorrow's landmarks. Today, students walking through Delhi University stop not to avoid the site, but to admire it. The vibrant Selfie Point attracts visitors, sparking conversations about sustainability and encouraging people to rethink the value of items they often throw away. Beside it stands the RRR Centre, where citizens donate unused clothes, books, toys, and e-waste. Instead of ending up in landfills, these items are channelled towards reuse, refurbishment, and responsible recycling, extending their life and benefiting the community.

The transformation is more than a facelift. It is a living lesson in the circular economy, where waste is not an end point but the beginning of something new.

Today, the former Dhalao Ghar stands as a reminder that change is possible. A place once associated with waste now inspires action, awareness, and participation. Because in the spirit of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, even a waste collection point can become a destination, a conversation starter, and a symbol of how cities can turn waste into worth. Every discarded item has a story left to tell. At Patel Chest, Delhi, those stories have found a new stage.

IEPFA and SEBI to Organize 'Niveshak Shivir' in New Delhi to Empower Investors and Simplify sGrievance Redressal and Unclaimed Dividend Claims

Delhi : The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) is organising a full day 'Niveshak Shivir' in New Delhi on 17 November 2026, at Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre. The initiative is designed to help investors and shareholders resolve issues related to unclaimed dividends, shares transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF), and other claimant-related grievances. Shri Harsh Malhotra, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, have been invited to grace the occasion.

1: Direct facilitation for the recovery of unclaimed dividends and shares held for six to seven years with companies.

2: On-the-spot KYC updation and nomination-related services. 3: Immediate assistance and resolution of pending IEPFA claim-related issues.



The Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat lighting the lamp at the "Creative India: Collective Possibilities - A Conclave on India's Creative Economy" organised by the Ministry of Culture held at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi

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Focus on Strengthening Centre-State Collaboration Towards Viksit Bharat@2047

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will organise the Departmental Summit 'Samaveshi Niti Sankalp' on November 18–19 (Wednesday & Thursday) at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in the National Capital, as a significant step towards realising the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The Summit is the third in the series of Departmental Summits envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to foster collective ownership of national priorities and accelerate development outcomes through closer collaboration between the Centre and the States. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, is scheduled to grace the Valedictory Session. The two-day Summit aims to provide an institutional platform for meaningful dialogue, shared responsibility and coordinated action between the Union and State Governments on key policy priorities, programmes, initiatives and strategies for strengthening social justice and inclusive development. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice, Shri Sudhansh Pant said in preparation for the Summit, the Ministry has undertaken systematic consultations with field-level functionaries and stakeholders to ensure that ground-level experiences and implementation-related insights form policy deliberations. He said a series of video conferences were held with State and Union Territory officials, while feedback was invited on four thematic areas from stakeholders within and outside the Government. The consultation exercise received an overwhelming response, with more than 13,500 responses from over 450 districts, whileas these valuable inputs have been incorporated into the background notes prepared for the Summit, the Secretary said. Shri Pant said the Departmental Summit model brings together political leadership and senior officials from the Union and State Governments to deliberate on important issues relating to the Ministry's mandate. It provides an opportunity to share successful practices, address implementation challenges, explore innovative approaches and develop time-bound action plans to ensure effective implementation of government initiatives and delivery of their benefits to intended beneficiaries, he said. The Secretary said the Summit will focus on four key thematic areas, namely, 'Reimagining Prevention and Drug Demand Reduction Strategy for a Nasha Mukt Bharat', 'One Nation, One Scholarship Portal – Accessible Scholarships, Empowered Students', 'Early Intervention and Reduction of Disability Burden' and 'Sugamya Bharat for Viksit Bharat'.

सम्पादकीय

जनजातियों के संघर्ष की याद



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भारतीय समाज की स्मृति बहुत अल्प है। अपने नायकों और उनके कामों को भूल जाना यहां बहुत आसान है। ऐसे ही नायक हैं–भगवान बिरसा मुंडा। जिन्हें हमने लगभग भुला सा दिया था। कुछ अरसे पहले झारखंड के इस अप्रतिम नायक की राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर शायद ही कोई स्मृति बनती हो। किंतु नए समय में जब भारत अपने सांस्कृतिक नायकों को खोजकर उनके बारे में पढ़ रहा है, तब उसमें बिरसा की याद बहुत स्वाभाविक और मार्मिक हो उठती है। इसी बीच भारत सरकार ने वर्ष 2021 में यह निर्णय लिया कि प्रत्येक वर्ष भगवान बिरसा मुंडा की जयंती को 'राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय गौरव दिवस' के रूप में मनाया जाएगा। जाहिर है इसका उद्देश्य हमारे जनजातीय नायकों और जनजातीय समाज की समृद्ध कला, संस्कृति, बोलियों और परंपराओं को राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर रेखांकित करना तथा उनके त्याग–बलिदान को समाज के सामने लाना रहा।भगवान बिरसा मुंडा झारखंड के खूंटी जिले के एक गांव में जन्में। उनका बचपन प्रकृति की गोद में बीता। माटी से प्यार और प्रकृति का संरक्षण का पाठ उन्होंने अपनी संस्कृति से सीखा और जीवन में भी उतारा। अंग्रेजी राज में जनजातीय समाज की दुर्दशा, उनके दमन और स्थानीय साहूकारों द्वारा अपने समाज का शोषण देखकर उनकी आत्मा कांप उठी। अंग्रेजी राज की दमनकारी नीतियां उनके निशाने पर थीं। जनजातीय समाज की स्वायत्तता बची और बनी रहे इसी भाव से उनके मन में क्रांतिकारी विचार आए। इससे ही उलगुलान (महाविद्रोह) की भावभूमि बनी। 1899–1900 के दौरान भगवान बिरसा मुंडा के नेतृत्व में अंग्रेजी सरकार की दमनकारी नीतियों के विरोध में महान सशस्त्र विद्रोह हुआ, इसे ही इतिहास में उलगुलान के नाम से जाना गया। यह सिर्फ राजनीतिक विद्रोह नहीं था वरन जल,जंगल, जमीन पर जनजातियों के पारंपरिक अधिकारों की रक्षा के लिए शंखनाद भी था। इस आंदोलन ने सामाजिक कुरीतियों के उन्मूलन, एकता और सांस्कृतिक स्वायत्तता का भी आधार तैयार किया। अपने इन्हीं सार्थक प्रयासों के नाते भगवान बिरसा को धरती आबा (यानी धरती पिता) कहा गया। लोकमन में उनकी स्मृति इतनी सघन है कि वे तमाम युवाओं के आदर्श बन गए। संघर्ष के प्रतीक और अप्रतिम नायक तो बने ही। उलगुलान, निस्संदेह, एक विद्रोह से कहीं बढ़कर था। यह लड़ाई न्याय और सांस्कृतिक पहचान दोनों के लिए थी। भगवान बिरसा मुंडा की सूझबूझ ने एक ओर जनजातीय लोगों द्वारा बिना किसी हस्तक्षेप के अपनी जमीन पर स्वामित्व और खेती करने के अधिकार को, तो दूसरी तरफ जनजातीय रीति–रिवाजों और सामाजिक मूल्यों के महत्व को एक साथ जोड़ दिया। महात्मा गांधी की तरह, उनका संघर्ष भी न्याय और सत्य की खोज से प्रेरित था।जनजातीय समाज की मूल चेतना प्रकृतिजीवी है। प्रकृति का संरक्षण और प्रकृति से संवाद इस समाज की पहचान है। भारतीय चित्त के प्रकृति प्रेम को जनजातीय समाज ने अपने जीवन में उतारा है। अपने समाज के उत्थान, विकास, अधिकारों की रक्षा, उनके जीवन स्तर को सुधारने के लिए सिर्फ मुंडा समाज में ही नहीं बल्कि समूचे जनजातीय समाज में वे आदर प्राप्त कर सके। इस तरह वे जननायक ही नहीं बल्कि जीवन को बदलने वाले अवतार की तरह सामने आए। वे क्रांतिकारी हैं, समाज सुधारक हैं, प्रकृतिप्रेमी हैं,विद्रोही हैं। हर अवतार में पूर्ण। भगवान बिरसा की सोच साफ थी कि प्रकृति और वन संपदा पर जनजातीय समाज का पहला और अंतिम अधिकार है। अंग्रेजों द्वारा लाए गए वन कानूनों के माध्यम से जनजातियों को उनके ही मूल स्थान से बेदखल करने का उन्होंने ताजिंदगी विरोध किया। भगवान बिरसा के नेतृत्व में चले आंदोलनों का ही परिणाम था कि अंग्रेजी सरकार झुकी। इसके बाद उनकी शहादत रंग लाई और सरकार को छोटा नागपुर काश्तकारी अधिनियम (सीएनटी एक्ट,1908) लाना पड़ा। जिससे जनजातियों के अधिकार संरक्षित हुए। जनजातियों की जमीन का अवैध हस्तांतरण को रोकने के लिए यह कानून प्रभावी साबित हुए। यह कानून जनजातियों का सुरक्षा कवच बना। भगवान बिरसा एक चिकित्सक भी थे। उनके इस गुण पर राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने लिखा है– "बीमारों की सेवा करना उनके लिए मिशन था। उन्हें एक उपचारकर्ता का प्रशिक्षण मिला था, और अद्भुत घटनाओं की एक श्रृंखला ने लोगों में यह विश्वास पैदा किया कि ईश्वर ने उन्हें एक महान उपचारक का विशेष स्पर्श दिया है। उन्होंने लोगों से आग्रह किया कि वे किसी भी बीमार व्यक्ति को उनके पास लाएं, और कहा, ष्यदि यह संभव नहीं है तो मैं खुद बीमारों से मिलने आऊंगा।ष वे गांव–गांव बीमारों से मिलने जाते थे, और अपने कौशल और अपने उपचार करने वाले स्पर्श से असंख्य लोगों को स्वस्थ कर देते थे।" भगवान बिरसा मुंडा के अलावा अन्य जनजातीय नायकों को भी हम इस दिन याद करते हुए उनकी पावन स्मृति से संबल प्राप्त करते हैं। इनमें तिलका मांझी, सिद्धू और कान्हू मूर्मू, वीर बद्धु भगत, टंट्या भील मामा, अल्लूरी सीताराम राजू, रानी गाडगिन्यू और वीरनारायण सिंह जैसे महान सेनानी शामिल हैं। इन सबने अपने देश और धर्म की रक्षा करते हुए अंग्रेजी शासन की नींव हिला दी।

आर्थिक विकास में राज्यों को बढ़ानी होगी अपनी हिस्सेदारी

भारत को वर्ष 2047 तक विकसित राष्ट्र बनाने के लिए देश के समस्त राज्यों को देश के आर्थिक विकास में अपनी भागीदारी बढ़ानी होगी। विशेष रूप से उन राज्यों को, जिनकी आर्थिक विकास दर देश की औसत आर्थिक विकास दर से नीचे है। भारत को वर्ष 2047 तक विकसित राष्ट्र बनने के लिए औसतन 10 प्रतिशत प्रतिवर्ष की आर्थिक विकास दर हासिल करना आवश्यक है। वर्तमान में जनसंख्या की दृष्टि से उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, मध्य प्रदेश एवं राजस्थान सबसे बड़े राज्यों की श्रेणी में गिने जाते हैं। परंतु, 1980 के दशक में इन राज्यों को "बीमारु" राज्य की संज्ञा दी गई थी, क्योंकि इन राज्यों की जनसंख्या सबसे अधिक थी, भारत के 10 में से 4 नागरिक इन राज्यों में निवास करते थे। साथ ही, इन राज्यों की आर्थिक विकास दर तुलनात्मक रूप से बहुत कम थी जिससे इन राज्यों की प्रति व्यक्ति आय भी बहुत कम थी। ईंधन और बिजली की कीमतों में भारी उछाल से अक्टूबर में थोक महंगाई दर बढ़कर 12.29ः के स्तर पर पहुंची वर्ष 2000–01 में उत्तरप्रदेश, बिहार, मध्यप्रदेश एवं रा. जस्थान का भारत के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में कुल योगदान 22 प्रतिशत था जो वर्ष 2034–24 में घटकर 21 प्रतिशत हो गया। पिछले, लगभग 25 वर्षों के दौरान देश के इन चारों बड़े राज्यों का देश के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में योगदान लगभग उसी स्तर पर बना रहा है, जो एक चिन्तनीय विषय होना चाहिए। यदि देश के सबसे बड़े राज्यों का देश के आर्थिक विकास में योगदान नहीं बढ़ेगा तो भारत एक विकसित राष्ट्र की श्रेणी में किस प्रकार शामिल हो सकता है। अतः उक्त बड़े चारों राज्यों को अपने आर्थिक विकास को गति देना अब एक आवश्यक आवश्यकता बन गया है। वर्ष 2024–25 के प्रति व्यक्ति आय (ळैक्च) के आंकड़ों पर यदि नजर डालें तो ध्यान में आता है कि भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय का स्तर 234,859 रुपए प्रतिवर्ष था। जबकि बिहार में प्रति व्यक्ति आय 76,000 रुपए प्रतिवर्ष थी, उत्तर प्रदेश में यह 126,304 रुपए थी, मध्य प्रदेश में 170,320 रुपए थी एवं राजस्थान में 206,440 रुपए थी। भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय बिहार में प्रति व्यक्ति आय की तुलना में तीन गुणा अधिक है। जबकि उत्तर प्रदेश की प्रति व्यक्ति आय की तुलना में भी भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय लगभग दोगुनी है। मध्य प्रदेश एवं रा. जस्थान में प्रति व्यक्ति आय की तुलना में भी भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय बहुत अधिक है। पूरे भारत में बेरोजगारी की दर 5.1 प्रतिशत है जबकि, राजस्थान में 7.7 प्रतिशत एवं बिहार में 7.3 प्रतिशत है। विशेष रूप से बिहार एवं उत्तर प्रदेश से रोजगार पाने के उद्देश्य से नागरिकों का देश के अन्य प्रदेशों में पलायन 37 प्रतिशत है। अर्थात, पूरे देश में एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्यों में होने वाले नागरिकों के पलायन का 37 प्रतिशत हिस्सा केवल बिहार एवं उत्तर प्रदेश का होता है। क्योंकि, इन राज्यों में रोजगार के पर्याप्त अवसर निर्मित नहीं हो रहे हैं एवं इन प्रदेशों के नागरिक मजबूरी में अन्य राज्यों को पलायन करते हैं ताकि उन्हें अन्य राज्यों में रोजगार प्राप्त हो सके। उक्त कारणों के चलते ही, उक्त चारो राज्यों को "बीमारु" राज्यों की संज्ञा दी गई थी। परंतु, हाल ही के समय में इन राज्यों में, विशेष रूप से, आर्थिक क्षेत्र में, परिस्थितियां तेजी से बदल रही हैं। उक्त चारों राज्यों के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में कृषि क्षेत्र का योगदान, भारत में कृषि के औसत योगदान की तुलना में, बहुत अधिक है। अर्थात इन राज्यों में उद्योगों का विकास नहीं हो पाया है। मध्यप्रदेश के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में कृषि क्षेत्र का योगदान 47 प्रतिशत है, जबकि उद्योग क्षेत्र का योगदान 20 प्रतिशत एवं सेवा क्षेत्र का योगदान 33 प्रतिशत है। प्रदेश की अधिकतम आबादी ग्रामीण इलाकों में निवास करती है एवं अपने रोजगार के लिए कृषि क्षेत्र पर निर्भर है। अधिक आबादी के कृषि क्षेत्र पर निर्भर होने के चलते प्रदेश में प्रति व्यक्ति आय भी कम हो जाती है। उद्योग एवं सेवा क्षेत्र के विकसित नहीं होने के चलते इन क्षेत्रों में रोजगार के कम अवसर निर्मित होते हैं एवं मजबूरी में प्रदेश की अधिकतम जनसंख्या को कृषि क्षेत्र पर निर्भर होना पड़ता है अथवा रोजगार के लिए अन्य प्रदेशों को पलायन करना होता है। इसी प्रकार, राजस्थान में भी कुल सकल घरेलू उत्पाद का 31 प्रतिशत हिस्सा कृषि क्षेत्र से आता है, 26 प्रतिशत उद्योग क्षेत्र से एवं 43 प्रतिशत सेवा क्षेत्र से आता है। उत्तर प्रदेश के कुल सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में 28 प्रतिशत कृषि क्षेत्र, 28 प्रतिशत उद्योग क्षेत्र एवं 44 प्रतिशत सेवा क्षेत्र से आता है। बिहार में भी कुल सकल घरेलू उत्पाद का 25 प्रतिशत कृषि क्षेत्र से, 18 प्रतिशत उद्योग क्षेत्र से एवं 57 प्रतिशत सेवा क्षेत्र से आता है। जबकि, भारत के कुल सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में कृषि क्षेत्र का योगदान लगभग 16 से 18 प्रतिशत, उद्योग क्षेत्र का योगदान लगभग 18 से 20 प्रतिशत एवं सेवा क्षेत्र का योगदान लगभग 62 से 64 प्रतिशत है। हाल ही के समय में, उक्त चारों राज्यों में औद्योगिक विकास के लिए विशेष प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। जैसे उत्तर प्रदेश ने मोबाइल उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त कर लिया है। मध्य प्रदेश, ऑटोमोबा. ईल उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में एक हब के रूप में विकसित हो चुका है। इंदौर के आसपास विकसित किए गए ऑटोमोबा. ईल हब में 10 से अधिक चार पहिया उत्पादन करने वाली इकाईयां स्थापित हो गई हैं एवं 200 से अधिक ऑटो कम्पोनेंट का उत्पादन करने वाली इकाईयां स्थापित हो गई हैं। बिहार शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अव्वल माना जाता है एवं मखाना उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में बहुत तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहा है। बिहार ने गरीबी रेखा से नीचे जीवन यापन कर रहे नागरिकों की संख्या को बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में तेजी से कम करने में सफलता प्राप्त कर ली है। राजस्थान भी 10 वर्ष पूर्व ही गरीबी रेखा से नीचे जीवन यापन करने वाले नागरिकों की संख्या को कम करने में सफल रहा है। सकल घरेलू उत्पाद के मामले में आज उत्तर प्रदेश, देश में तीसरे स्थान पर आ गया है। राजस्थान 6ठे स्थान पर, मध्य प्रदेश 10वें स्थान पर एवं बिहार 14वें स्थान पर आ गए हैं। हाल ही के समय में उक्त चारों राज्यों में आर्थिक विकास ने कुछ गति जरूर पकड़ी है परंतु यह पर्याप्त नहीं है क्योंकि इन चारों राज्यों की तुलना में गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र, तमिलनाडु, कर्नाटक, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, दिल्ली आदि राज्य तुलनात्मक रूप से बहुत तेज गति से आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। विशेष रूप से औद्योगिक विकास के क्षेत्र में मध्य प्रदेश, राजस्थान एवं बिहार को विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। उद्योग जगत के लिए मित्रवत नीतियों को बनाकर औद्योगिक इकाईयों की स्थापना को इन राज्यों को बढ़ावा देना होगा, ताकि इन राज्यों में कृषि के क्षेत्र पर दबाव कम हो एवं उद्योग एवं सेवा क्षेत्रों का योगदान न केवल सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में बल्कि रोजगार के नए अवसर निर्मित करने में भी बढ़े। आज, उक्त चारों राज्य "बीमारु" राज्य की श्रेणी से तो बाहर निकल आए हैं, परंतु भारत को विकसित राष्ट्र बनाने हेतु अपने योगदान को बढ़ाने के लिए इन राज्यों को विशेष प्रयास करने होंगे। इन राज्यों के नागरिकों को आगे आने वाले कुछ वर्षों तक केवल अपने प्रदेश के आर्थिक विकास पर ही ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। इन राज्यों में विभिन्न समाजों को विशेष प्रयास करते हुए, प्रदेश में किसी भी प्रकार का आंदोलन नहीं होने देना चाहिए। दरअसल, भारत आज विकास के उस चक्र में पहुंच गया है, जहां किसी भी प्रकार का आंदोलन देश के आर्थिक विकास की गति को विपरीत रूप से प्रभावित कर सकता है। अतः समाज की सज्जन शक्ति को इस ओर विशेष ध्यान देकर समस्त समाज के नागरिकों को अपने कर्तव्यों के प्रति सचेत करते हुए प्रदेश में शांति स्थापित करने के प्रयास तेज करने की आवश्यकता है। प्रदेश की सरकारें तो आर्थिक नीतियों को लागू करने के प्रयास कर ही रही हैं परंतु, समाज को भी संगठित होकर अपने नागरिक कर्तव्यों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करने की महती आवश्यकता है। प्रदेश का आर्थिक विकास की गति को बढ़ाना, अर्थात मां भारती को पुनः विश्व गुरु के रूप में आरूढ़ करने की ओर एक कदम बढ़ाने का प्रयास माना जाना चाहिए। आज उत्तरप्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, तमिलनाडु, कर्नाटक, गुजरात द्वारा अपने प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था के आकार को एक लाख करोड़ अमेरिकी डॉलर के स्तर पर ले जाने के भरपूर प्रयास किया जा रहे हैं। इसी प्रकार के प्रयास, मध्यप्रदेश, रा. जस्थान एवं बिहार राज्यों द्वारा भी किए जाने चाहिए, ताकि शीघ्र ही भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था के आकार को 5 लाख करोड़ अमेरिकी डॉलर के स्तर के ऊपर लाया जा सके एवं भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था को विश्व की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनाया जा सके।

फेसबुक पर 'कंट्री एंड पालिटिक्स' की खबरें पढ़ने के लिए लाइक करें हमारा पेज
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BJP Govt. paying respect to Tribal leader Birsa Munda on his 150 Birth Anniversary



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BELPAHARI-JHARGRAM (WEST BENGAL): More than five months' Bharatiya Janata Party ruled Government observed with pleasure Birth Day celebration of 'Birsa Munda'. The day is on 15 November, Sunday afternoon at Belpahari of Jungle Mahal areas under Jhargram District of the State 200 k. m. away from Kolkata City. State Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikary and other tribal community leaders were present on this occasion. Attending personalities delivered spontaneously their speeches regarding dynamic contributions to country during British period on Birsa. A colourful and attractive function was organized at the initiative of State Government. According to Government official sources, DICO of Jhargram (District Information and Cultural Affairs) Ms. Angira Dutta was not allegedly present where a most important V.I.P. Chief Minister was there. Entire function passed off in a very pleasurable mood and peaceful circumstances. Chief Minister Suvendu assured Jhargram people. Pure drinking water would be supplied each home at the initiative of State Government. Suvendu admitted that different tribal communities in Jungle Mahal areas are spending days with broken houses. Suvendu, moreover, gave his word. This long standing problem would be solved by this Government. Chief Minister announced one hundred thirty seven schemes for better welfare of tribal people. Another five schemes also would be implemented over five schemes. A large number of tribal people from various Districts of the State gathered at the function. It is learnt that National Democratic Alliance led BJP Prime Minister Narendra Modi has officially described freedom fighter Birsa Munda during British regime as "Jana Jatiya Gourabmoy Day" that means Pride of Tribal Community. It happened by the Union Ministry on 15 November, 2021, on then Birsa's Birthday. At the



same time, BJP ruled Chief Minister Suvendu severely criticized previous Trinamool Congress Mamata Banerjee's alleged failure sides of its fifteen years Government. Suvendu blamed that TMC Government intentionally avoided Tribal community's daily problems for their personal vested interest. Suvendu strongly informed with grievance. Fake ST (Scheduled Tribe) certificate holders will be booked under judicial custody. BJP Government has been elected on 4 May and formed Government on 9 MaY. Newly elected with massive mandate, BJP has been trying to go forward with all community people. Suvendu participated to all community organized festivals with satisfaction. Non-political People are bringing serious allegations against newly elected Government due to failure of control anti-social activities. This picture is found allegedly in all over West Bengal State including Kolkata City. According to police sources, those unhealthy People are being identified mostly as previous Communist Party of India (Marxist) and Trinamool Congress protected harmful activists. Intellectual personalities of our society reminded that now common People including women are spending days with happiness and with safe. They are happy. They appealed BJP ruled Ministry to take drastic step immediately against them for building up a good society. They also gave advice that BJP should not be allowed for using those horrible persons as political leaders and workers in our society.

Abdul El-Sayed: When a Name Became a Political Battlefield



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Abdul El-Sayed's political journey exposes an uncomfortable paradox at the heart of American democracy. A nation that has spent generations presenting itself as the guardian of individual liberty still finds it difficult to separate a citizen's religious identity from his presumed political loyalties. El-Sayed, an American-born physician of Egyptian heritage, entered public life with an education, a professional record and a political philosophy open to examination. Yet his name became a controversy before his arguments could receive a fair hearing. His emergence as a major political figure is therefore not merely a story of minority representation. It is an indictment of a political culture in which ancestry can still be treated as evidence, faith as suspicion and patriotism as an obligation unequally distributed among citizens. What makes El-Sayed particularly interesting is that his political identity did not originate in religious mobilization. He came from medicine and public health, disciplines that confront the consequences of inequality in ways political rhetoric rarely acknowledges. As Detroit's health director, he encountered a city whose struggles reflected the complicated inheritance of American industrialization: racial segregation, economic decline, environmental injustice and unequal access to essential services. Public health offered him an understanding of government beyond electoral calculations. Disease does not recognize political affiliation, contaminated water does not distinguish between Republicans and Democrats, and poverty does not disappear because a president announces another program of national greatness. These realities shaped a political outlook concerned with the relationship between public institutions and the everyday dignity of citizens.Get Local Permits The political attacks directed at him revealed how effectively Islamophobia can be repackaged as a question of



national security. Donald Trump's description of El-Sayed as a jihadist was not an ordinary criticism of an opponent's legislative priorities. It was an attempt to attach the imagery of violent extremism to a Muslim candidate without establishing the factual basis such a grave accusation demands. The technique is familiar: introduce an inflammatory association, allow suspicion to circulate, and leave the accused person to spend valuable political energy disproving something that should never have been presumed. The accusation itself becomes the campaign instrument. Evidence becomes secondary. This method has a long and discreditable history in American public life. Religious minorities, immigrants and racial communities have repeatedly encountered demands for exceptional demonstrations of loyalty. Catholics were once suspected of placing allegiance to Rome above their obligations to the United States. Jewish Americans faced exclusion and conspiracy theories about divided loyalties. Black Americans endured generations of institutional discrimination despite constitutional guarantees of citizenship. The language changed with each period, but the underlying assumption remained remarkably consistent: those outside the dominant political or cultural identity could participate in national life only after satisfying conditions that others were never required to meet.

Buy Maps El-Sayed's experience belongs to this historical pattern, although his circumstances are distinct. The suspicion surrounding his candidacy was not primarily about what he had done. It was about what his name and faith supposedly represented. That distinction is crucial. When a politician is criticized for a decision, he can defend its reasoning. When he is attacked for his ancestry, the accusation becomes almost impossible to answer because the objection is directed at something he neither chose nor has any obligation to renounce. Such politics does not merely injure an individual candidate. It corrupts public judgement by replacing evidence with inherited prejudice. Michigan provided a particularly revealing setting for this confrontation. The state's political history is inseparable from immigration, manufacturing, organized labor and the difficult economic transformation of America's industrial heartland. Detroit's factories once attracted workers from across the country and beyond, while successive generations contributed to the social and economic character of the region. Michigan also contains some of America's most established Arab and Muslim communities. Their presence is neither recent nor incidental.

They are part of the state's commercial, professional and civic institutions, even as national political debates frequently portray people with similar backgrounds as outsiders.Follow Politics That contradiction makes El-Sayed's political rise more significant than the novelty of a Muslim candidate seeking high office. His life reflects the very process through which American society has developed: immigrant families establishing roots, children entering universities, professionals serving public institutions and subsequent generations seeking political representation. Yet the same society that benefits from these contributions can become remarkably uncomfortable when their descendants aspire to exercise national authority. Economic participation is welcomed; political influence is sometimes treated with suspicion. The problem is not simply prejudice against a religion. It is an unequal understanding of who is entitled to possess power.

मोदी के खिलाफ बोले इटली के नेता, भड़क गई मेलोनी की पार्टी!

वोट चोर गद्दी छोर वोट चोर गद्दी छोर ये नारा आपने कई बार सुना होगा विपक्षी पार्टियां खासतौर पर कांग्रेस इस नारे के जरिए प्रधानमंत्री मोदी और बीजेपी पर चुनाव में गड़बड़ी के आरोप लगाती रही है। कांग्रेस नेता राहुल गांधी भी कई मौ. कों पर इस नारे का इस्तेमाल करते रहे हैं। एक शख्स ने राहुल गांधी के सामने खड़े होकर ना सिर्फ यही नारा लगाया बल्कि इसका अंग्रेजी में अनुवाद करते हुए कहा वोट थीफ लीव योर सीट। दरअसल यह कोई आम शख्स नहीं बल्कि इटली के एक बड़े राजनीतिक चेहरे जियाकोमो फिलबेक हैं जो यूरोपियन सोशलिस्ट यानी पीएस के महासचिव हैं और हैदराबाद में आयोजित कांग्रेस के भारत समिट 2026 में हिस्सा लेने पहुंचे थे। फिलिबेक ने अपने भाषण में राहुल गांधी की तारीफ की। भारत में लोकतंत्र पर खतरा होने का दावा किया और अंतरराष्ट्रीय समुदाय से राहुल गांधी और कांग्रेस के समर्थन में खड़े होने की अपील भी कर दी। वहां सामने बैठे राहुल गांधी इस दौरान मुस्कुराते हुए और तालियां बजाते हुए भी नजर आए। लेकिन सवाल यह है कि भारत के एक रा. जनीतिक नारे को विदेशी नेता ने भारतीय मंच से क्यों दोहराया?अब इस बयान पर इटली की प्रधानमंत्री जॉर्जिया मेलोनी की सहयोगी पार्टी ने ही आपत्ति जता दी है। मेलोनी की पार्टी की एक नेता डेबोरा बर्गमिनी ने साफ कहा है कि यूरोप के लोगों को भारत को लोकतंत्र का पाठ पढ़ाने की जरूरत नहीं है। करोड़ों मतदाताओं वाले देश की अपनी लो. कतांत्रिक संस्थाएं हैं और न्यायपा. लिका है। यानी भारत में शुरू हुआ वोट चोर गद्दी छोड़ का विवाद अब इटली की राजनीति तक पहुंच चुका है और इस पूरे मामले में बीजेपी ने विदेशी नेता के खिलाफ शिकायत भी दर्ज की। आज मित्र देश में हम इसी विषय पर बात करेंगे। जियोकोमो फि. लिबेक ने क्या कहा वह बताएंगे। उनके खिलाफ मेलोनी की सहयोगी पार्टी ने आपत्ति जता दी वो भी



बताएंगे और बीजेपी ने क्या कुछ कहा वो भी इस वीडियो में हम आपको बताएंगे। नमस्ते जय हिंद मैं हूं ऋषि सिंह और आप देख रहे हैं मित्र देश। दरअसल कांग्रेस की ओर से हैदराबाद में भारत समिट 2026 का आयोजन किया गया था। इस कार्यक्रम में कई देशों के राजनीतिक प्रतिनिधियों और अंतरराष्ट्रीय संगठन से जुड़े नेताओं को बुलाया गया था। इन्हीं में एक नाम था जियोकोमो फि. लिपेक का। फिलिपेक यूरोपियन सा. `शलिस्ट यानी पीएस के महासचिव हैं। यह यूरोप की केंद्र वामपंथी रा. जनीतिक पार्टियों का एक बड़ा संगठन है। अब समिट के दौरान फि. लिबेक ने राहुल गांधी की तारीफ करते हुए कहा कि उन्होंने एक व्यक्ति एक वोट के सिद्धांत की रक्षा की है। फिलबेक का पूरा भाषण भारत में मतदाता सूची की पारदर्शिता और चुनावी प्रक्रिया को लेकर कांग्रेस की ओर से उठाए जा रहे सवालों के इर्द–गिर्द था। उन्होंने चुनावी सूची में कथित गड़बड़ी और लाखों मतदाताओं के नाम हटाए जाने को लेकर विपक्ष की चिंताओं का समर्थन किया। उन्होंने एसआईआर के खिलाफ हो रहे विरोध प्रदर्शन का भी जिक्र किया। इसके बाद फिलबेक ने ऐसा बयान दिया जिसने पूरे कार्यक्रम को राजनीतिक विवाद में बदल दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में लो. कतंत्र पर हमला हो रहा है और इसकी रक्षा करने के लिए राहुल गांधी और कांग्रेस के साथ खड़ा होना जरूरी है। अपने भाषण के अंत में उन्होंने राहुल गांधी के राजनीतिक नारे वोट चोर गद्दी छोड़ को दोहराया। इतना ही नहीं उन्होंने इसका अंग्रेजी अनुवाद करते हुए कहा कि वोट थीफ लीव योर सीट।

नई एसआईटी जांच की मांग

कांग्रेस ने अयोध्या स्थित श्रीराम मंदिर में चढ़ावे की कथित चोरी के मामले में जांच प्रक्रिया पर सवाल उठाते हुए सा. `मवार को सवाल किया कि क्या जांच के नाम पर देश की जनता और उच्चतम न्यायालय, दोनों को गुमराह किया गया। पार्टी महासचिव जयराम रमेश ने साथ ही कहा कि इस मामले में प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की ''चुप्पी'' देश को खल रही है। उन्होंने मामले की जांच के लिए उच्चतम न्यायालय की निगरानी में एक नयी और स्वतंत्र विशेष जांच टीम (एसआईटी) गठित किए जाने की मांग दोहराई। रमेश ने 'एक्स' पर एक पोस्ट में आरोप लगाया कि मामले में दो एसआईटी का गठन किया गया और दोनों की भूमिका को लेकर गंभीर सवाल उठते हैं। उन्होंने कहा, स्पष्ट है कि दो एसआईटी बनाई गईं– एक लोगों की आंखों में धूल झोंकने के लिए और दूसरी न्यायालय को दिखाने के लिए। रमेश ने सवाल किया कि जब सरकार की ओर से 20 जुलाई को उच्चतम न्यायालय में कहा गया था कि पहली टीम जांच नहीं कर रही थी, तो मुख्यमंत्री ने चार अगस्त को उत्तर प्रदेश विधानसभा में उसी टीम की शुरुआती जांच का हवाला किस आधार पर दिया था। उन्होंने पूछा, क्या सदन को गलत जानकारी दी गई या उच्चतम न्यायालय को गुम. राह किया गया? कांग्रेस महासचिव ने छह जुलाई को श्रीराम मंदिर ट्रस्ट द्वारा चंपत राय को कथित तौर पर क्लीन चिट दिए जाने पर भी सवाल उठाया। उन्होंने पूछा कि यदि पहली एसआईटी ने कोई जांच नहीं की थी, तो ट्रस्ट ने किस अंतरिम रिपोर्ट के आधार पर यह फैसला किया।रमेश ने पहली और दूसरी एसआईटी में पुलिस महानिरीक्षक किरण एस. की भूमिका को लेकर भी स्पष्टीकरण मांगा। उन्हा. `ने कहा कि किरण एस. पहली टीम में भी शामिल थे और उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेश के बाद गठित एसआईटी के प्रमुख भी बने तो ऐसे में यह स्पष्ट किया जाना चाहिए कि पहली टीम की क्या भूमिका थी।

रविशंकर दुबे के आवास पर सुंदरकांड संपन्न



मुंबई । कंट्री एंड पॉलिटिक्स, मुंबई से सटे बदलापुर में दीपावली के अवसर पर अटल जनशक्ति संगठन युवा प्रकोष्ठ के महाराष्ट्र प्रदेश अध्यक्ष रविशंकर दुबे के आवास पर सुंदरकांड पाठ एवं भजन का आयोजन हुआ। जिसमे कई श्रद्धालुओं ने हिस्सा लिया जिसमें प्रमुख रूप से बदला. पुर ईस्ट शिरगांव के नगरसेवक अरुण सुरवल,वरिष्ठ समा. जसेवी देवानन्द शर्मा,मिशन मोदी पी एम अगेन के मुंबई प्रदेश सचिव मनोज दुबे,सेंट्रल रेलवे के अधिकारी संजय पांडेय,प्रोफेक्स फार्मा के मालिक पंकज शुक्ला,वरिष्ठ समा. जसेवी रामप्रकाश सिंह,उद्योगपति ओमप्रकाश सिंह ,रिटायर्ड रेलवे अधिकारी विलास सावंत,उद्योगपति संतोष पवार,रियल स्टेट के कारोबारी देवीप्रसाद तिवारी,लोक गायक अखिलेश दुबे,बृजेश पांडेय,संजय सिंह,रामप्यारे राय,अजय सिंह,राहुल गुप्ता,जितेंद्र राय ,जितेंद्र वर्मा आदि उपस्थित रहे।

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अमेरिका की बदलती विदेश नीति से कैसे बचे

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने रूस से डीजल खरीदने का फैसला कर लिंडसे ग्राहम को मानो श्रद्धांजलि दे दी है! यह कटाक्ष इसलिए है, क्योंकि भारत रूस से तेल खरीदे तो उस पर सौ फीसदी टैरिफ लगा दिया जाता है, लेकिन अमेरिका वही काम करे तो उसे शानदार फैसला बताया जाता है। यही नहीं, नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार नहीं मिला, तो ट्रंप ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय अपराध न्यायालय पर ही प्रतिबंध लगा दिए। आखिर यह कैसी नीति है? दूसरों को नियमों का पाठ पढ़ाने वाले ट्रंप जब अपने देश के हितों की बात आती है, तो उन्हीं नियमों को भूल जाते हैं। भारत पर रूस से तेल नहीं खरीदने का दबाव बनाने वाले ट्रंप अब खुद रूस से डीजल खरीद रहे हैं, इस फैसले ने पूरी दुनिया को हैरान कर दिया है इसलिए सवाल उठ रहा है कि रूस से तेल खरीदना गलत है, या गलत सिर्फ तब है जब भारत खरीदे? यही है ट्रंप की नीति का दोहरापन और खोखलापन!अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने रूस से डीजल खरीदने का फैसला कर लिंडसे ग्राहम को मानो श्रद्धांजलि दे दी है! यह कटाक्ष इसलिए है, क्योंकि भारत रूस से तेल खरीदे तो उस पर सौ फीसदी टैरिफ लगा दिया जाता है, लेकिन अमेरिका वही काम करे तो उसे शानदार फैसला बताया जाता है। यही नहीं, नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार नहीं मिला, तो ट्रंप ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय अपराध न्यायालय पर ही प्रतिबंध लगा दिए। आखिर यह कैसी नीति है? दूसरों को नियमों का पाठ पढ़ाने वाले ट्रंप जब अपने देश के हितों की बात आती है, तो उन्हीं नियमों को भूल जाते हैं। भारत पर रूस से तेल नहीं खरीदने का दबाव बनाने वाले ट्रंप अब खुद रूस से डीजल खरीद रहे हैं, इस फैसले ने पूरी दुनिया को हैरान कर दिया है इसलिए सवाल उठ रहा है कि रूस से तेल खरीदना गलत है, या गलत सिर्फ तब है जब भारत खरीदे? यही है ट्रंप की नीति का दोहरापन और खोखलापन!देखा जाये तो रूसी ऊर्जा खरीद को लेकर भारत पर दबाव बनाने वाले ट्रंप का ताजा फैसला उनकी कथनी और करनी के बीच की खाई को उजागर करता है। उल्लेखनीय है कि ट्रंप ने रूस से तत्काल तीन लाख टन से अधिक डीजल की आपूर्ति के साथ नवंबर में पांच लाख टन, उसके बाद दस लाख टन और फिर कुछ ही समय में तीस लाख टन अतिरिक्त डीजल की आपूर्ति की घोषणा की है। अमेरिकी प्रशासन ने रूसी डीजल की आपूर्ति को सुगम बनाने के लिए अस्थायी सामान्य अनुमति भी जारी की है, जिसके अंतर्गत निर्धारित शर्तों को पूरा करने वाले कुछ माल पर अप्रैल 2027 तक प्रतिबंधों में छूट का प्रावधान किया गया है। गौरतलब है कि यह वही प्रशासन है जिसने रूस की युद्ध अर्थव्यवस्था पर दबाव बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से प्रतिबंधों को सख्त करने की नीति अपनाई थी। लेकिन जब अमेरिका में ईंधन की कीमतें बढ़ीं और किसानों, ट्रक चालकों तथा कारोबारियों पर दबाव बढ़ा, तो रूस से ऊर्जा खरीद अचानक स्वीकार्य हो गई। दरअसल अमेरिका में नवंबर की शुरुआत में मध्यावधि चुनाव होने हैं और ट्रंप की नीतियों के चलते वहां महंगाई अप्रत्याशित रूप से बढ़ गयी है जिसके चलते जनता नाराज है। रिपोर्टों के मुताबिक, सितंबर में अमेरिकी डीजल की कीमत 6.52 डॉलर प्रति गैलन के रिकॉर्ड स्तर तक पहुंच गयी थी और शुक्रवार को लगभग 6.28 डॉलर प्रति गैलन रही। तीन नवंबर को होने वाले मध्यावधि चुनावों से पहले महंगाई का सवाल ट्रंप के लिए बड़ा सिरदर्द बन चुका है। सर्वेक्षणों के मुताबिक, 78 प्रतिशत अमेरिकी नागरिकों ने बढ़ती जीवन–यापन लागत के लिए ट्रंप की नीतियों को जिम्मेदार माना है। इसलिए जब अमेरिकी मतदाताओं की जेब का सवाल आया, तो रूस से डीजल खरी. दना ट्रंप के लिए राष्ट्रीय हित बन गया। लेकिन भारत अपनी ऊर्जा जरूरतों और आर्थिक हितों के अनुसार रूसी तेल खरीदे, तो उसे टैरिफ का सामना करना पड़ता है। इसलिए सवाल उठता है कि यह कैसी निष्पक्षता है? यह कैसी नियम–आधारित व्यवस्था है, जिसमें नियम दूसरों के लिए हैं और छूट अपने लिए? दूसरी ओर, ट्रंप के इस फैसले ने यूक्रेन के राष्ट्रपति वोलोदिमिर जेलेंस्की की नाराजगी भी बढ़ा दी है। उन्होंने इसे अनुचित और बेईमानी भरा कदम बताते हुए कहा कि इससे पुतिन को जन्मदिन का उपहार मिलने जैसा संदेश जाता है। जेलेंस्की की आपत्ति इसलिए भी गंभीर है, क्योंकि यह घोषणा ऐसे समय हुई, जब ट्रंप के प्रतिनिधि यूक्रेनी और यूरोपीय अधिकारियों के साथ युद्ध समाप्त करने के प्रस्तावों पर बातचीत कर रहे थे। जेलेंस्की ने यह भी संकेत दिया कि यदि ऊर्जा प्रतिबंधों में ढील दोनों देशों की ओर से सर्दियों में ऊर्जा ढांचे पर हमले रोकने जैसे पारस्परिक समझौते का हिस्सा होती, तो उसका समर्थन किया जा सकता था। लेकिन बिना ऐसी शर्तों के रियायत देना रूस की युद्ध क्षमता को आर्थिक सहारा देने जैसा दिखाई देता है।

Man arrested for Car rent scam in Bengaluru by Hulimavu Police and recovered 12 Hi-End cars worth Rs.1.2 Crore

Yogesh K Porwar

The Hulimavu police have arrested a man for allegedly cheating several people by hiring their cars on rent under the pretext of using them to transport elderly residents of an old-age home to hospitals and other places. The accused allegedly mortgaged the rented vehicles to third parties and collected lakhs of rupees.Senior officer told reporters that Hulimavu Police have seized 12 cars belonging to different companies, collectively valued at Rs.1.20 crore,in connection with the case.He further said the complainant,a resident of Vijay Bank Layout within the Hulimavu police station limits,lodged a complaint at Kanakapura Main Road Police Station on September 17, 2026,alleging that a man approached him claiming to run an old-age home.The accused said he required cars to transport elderly residents to hospitals and other locations.Trusting his claims,the complainant and several others gave their cars to him on rent. However,the accused allegedly pledged the vehicles with other individuals and obtained substantial sums of money, thereby cheating the vehicle owners.Following an investigation,Hulimavu police gathered information from various sources and arrested the accused from his residence in BDA Layout,8th Phase,JP Nagar,on October 2,2026.He was produced before a court on October 3 and taken into eight days of police custody for interrogation.During the investigation,police discovered that the accused had pledged the vehicles at different locations in Kanakapura,Mandya and Bengaluru between October 3 and 8. With the assistance of those who had taken the vehicles as pledges,police recovered and seized all 12 cars and brought them to the police station.The total value of the seized vehicles is estimated at Rs.1.20 crore.The accused was produced before the court again on October 8,following which he was remanded to judicial custody.



Seven-member family murder:Accused Indushekhar shows no remorse;daughter also allegedly assisted him

Bureau Chief

The investigation into the gruesome murder of seven members of a family in Bengaluru has revealed that the prime accused,Indushekhar,has shown no remorse for the killings. His daughter has also allegedly admitted to assisting her father in the crime,according to police sources.During interrogation,Indushekhar reportedly told investigators,"I am at peace now." He allegedly claimed that he murdered his wife because she constantly belittled and insulted him,while other family members supported her.Police sources said his daughter had also admitted to helping her father.She reportedly told investigators that she assisted him because he had promised to transfer the property belonging to his wife's family in Srirampura into her name.Although she allegedly knew about her father's murder plan,she remained silent and did not alert anyone.She is also suspected of assisting in the killings,destruction of evidence and transportation of the bodies.Police are currently examining the statements of the accused and corroborating them with the available evidence.Luminol test to detect erased bloodstains :Meanwhile,police are awaiting the post-mortem examination reports of the deceased. Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) teams have collected scientific evidence from the accused's house.Investigators suspect that Indushekhar attempted to remove bloodstains from the hall,bathroom and grinding stone after the murders.To detect traces of blood that may have remained despite cleaning,forensic experts conducted a luminol test. The collected samples have been sent to the forensic science laboratory for further examination.

Karnataka DGP-IGP Orders to replace Khaki whistle guards to PCs & HCs across state

Police constables and head constables in Karnataka will soon replace the traditional metal whistle chains on their uniforms with new khaki-coloured whistle guards, following an order issued by Director General and Inspector General of Police Dr.M.A.Saleem.The DGP has directed all unit officers to take necessary steps to introduce the new whistle guards for lower-rank police personnel across the State.The move follows concerns that metal whistle chains fitted to police uniforms tend to rust due to weather conditions. The rust stains the uniforms,leaving permanent marks and damaging the fabric. Prolonged contact with rusted metal may also cause skin problems and other health-related issues,according to the representation submitted to the authorities.Several other States have already replaced metal whistle chains with whistle guards,using khaki or blue-coloured alternatives. The proposal for Karnataka police personnel was to introduce whistle guards in a colour matching the navy-blue peaked caps issued as part of their uniforms, or another colour selected by the department.Mohan Kumar Danappa,a member of the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority,had repeatedly written to the Home Department and the DGP, urging the introduction of whistle guards and matte-finish buttons for police personnel. He had also submitted photographs of police uniforms in other States where these changes had been implemented.The proposal was announced by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during the Police Martyrs' Day programme.Danappa thanked the Chief Minister and the Home Minister for considering his representations and taking steps towards implementing the change.



KPSC recruitment scam:ED attaches properties worth Rs.1.22 Crore belonging to former chairman,member and IAS officer



Pramesh S Jain The Enforcement Directorate (ED),Bengaluru Zonal Office,has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth ₹1.22 crore belonging to three former senior functionaries of the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) in connection with the veterinary officer recruitment scam.Those whose properties have been attached include former KPSC chairman Shivashankarappa Sahukar, commission member Geetha B.V.Shivamurthy and IAS officer Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar,who was then Controller of Examinations (CoE).The attachment order (PAO No.43/2026) was issued on November 13 under Section 5(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.According to the ED investigation,the three officials allegedly abused their official positions in conspiracy with Basavaraj Kannale and others to collect illegal gratification from candidates in exchange for assured selection through question paper leaks,supply of candidate-specific answer keys and manipulation of confidential marks during preparation of the 1:3 eligibility list.The investigation revealed that Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar allegedly leaked question papers, with correct answers marked, to his close associate Basavaraj Kannale on January 7,2026.Kannale allegedly circulated the papers among 10 candidates at villas on the outskirts of Bengaluru on January 8, a day before the examination.He reportedly demanded bribes ranging from ₹20 lakh to ₹40 lakh from candidates.A portion of the money was allegedly collected in advance, while the remaining amounts were secured through blank signed cheques and promissory notes.The ED found that the OMR answer sheets of these candidates matched the initial answer key published by KPSC,including answers that were subsequently declared incorrect in the revised answer key.

AI-powered 112 feedback initiative with VocalLabs AI, successfully collected feedback from over 1.5 lakh citizens in three months Says: Seemant Kumar Singh

Siddarth Sethia

The Bengaluru City Police has successfully completed a Proof of Concept (PoC) with Bengaluru-based startup VocalLabs AI to automate citizen feedback collection for the Bengaluru City 112 Emergency Response Support System (ERSS),marking a significant step towards technology-driven, citizen-centric policing. Traditionally,feedback calls to complainants following the closure of 112 emergency incidents were made by trained call centre operators. While the system was effective,its reach was limited by the availability of manpower,allowing feedback to be collected from only a portion of complainants.With the introduction of the AI-powered Voice AI-112 platform,the police department has significantly expanded its outreach, collecting feedback from more than 1.5 lakh citizens in the last three months.Developed by VocalLabs AI,a Bengaluru-based startup specialising in conversational artificial intelligence,the platform can conduct natural telephone conversations in multiple Indian languages on a large scale. The company provides AI-powered voice solutions to government departments, banks and enterprises across the country.Police officials said the initiative is designed to augment, rather than replace, human operators. While the AI system handles routine feedback calls, trained personnel continue to deal with sensitive and complex interactions requiring human judgement and empathy.



Proposal to establish new KSISF battalion in Kalaburagi; 1,170 posts envisaged

The Karnataka Police Department has proposed setting up a new battalion of the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) in Kalaburagi district to strengthen industrial security infrastructure in the Kalyana Karnataka region and create employment opportunities for local youth.Director General of Police (Internal Security Division) B. Dayananda has submitted a proposal to the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) for establishing the new battalion,following a representation by Mohan Kumar Danappa,member of the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority.In his proposal,Dayananda has stated that a separate KSISF battalion in the Kalaburagi region is necessary to provide security to various sensitive installations across Kalyana Karnataka and neighbouring districts.According to the departmental proposal,the new battalion would have a sanctioned strength of 1,170 personnel,including officers in the ranks of Commandant,Assistant Commandant,Inspectors,Police Sub-Inspectors and other police personnel.The estimated annual recurring expenditure for establishing and operating the battalion is Rs. 81,61,49,772 (approximately Rs 81.61 crore). The proposed non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 19,01,40,000 (approximately Rs 19.01 crore).Boost to Kalyana Karnataka:The proposed battalion is expected to strengthen security arrangements at industrial establishments and important public installations in Kalaburagi,Yadgir,Bidar, Raichur,Koppal,Ballari and Vijayanagara districts.Apart from improving regional security and administrative efficiency, the move is also expected to open up employment opportunities for youth in the Kalyana Karnataka region through recruitment to the force.

CCB busts unauthorised overnight party in Marathahalli, books organisers

Sunil Lohan



The Central Crime Branch (CCB) Women's Protection Wing has registered a case against the organisers of an unauthorised overnight private party allegedly involving liquor consumption,hookah smoking and other violations at a duplex house in Yamaluru,under Marathahalli police station limits.According to the FIR registered at Marathahalli police station on November 9,the police received credible information that a private party was being organised throughout the night at a house in Cross Winds, Kariyammana Agrahara Road,Yamaluru,without obtaining the mandatory permissions.Following verification of the information,CCB Women's Protection Wing Inspector,Praveen KY lodged a suo motu complaint. The party was allegedly held between 10 pm on November 8 and 5.30 am on November 9.The police have named Arihant Pandey and Abhinav Pandey,allegedly associated with FV Socials 404,and persons associated with the HOPZYX app,in the complaint. Anurag Chauhan,who was residing at the house,and the house owner have also been named.The FIR alleges that liquor bottles were brought into the premises, participants were allowed to consume alcohol and smoke,and prohibited hookah services were provided. Music was also played during the party.A case has been registered under Sections 32,34,38A and 15(A) of the Karnataka Excise Act,1965;Sections 102 and 105 of the Karnataka Police Act,1963; and Sections 7 and 8 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003.The case is being investigated.

Two held by Indiranagar police & recovered Stolen 1980 Olympic gold,7 medals intact of Former hockey star Somaya

Vinod M Jain

Somaya thanked the police for recovering the medals and other belongings.“I feel like I have won the medals all over again,”he said.Eight sporting medals,including a 1980 Moscow Olympic gold medal,stolen last month from the residence of former hockey player MM Somaya in east Bengaluru’s New Thippasandra,have been recovered, the city police said on Wednesday, announcing the arrest of two suspects.

The recovered medals include the Olympic gold medal won at the 1980 Moscow Games,a silver medal from the 1982 Asian Games,a bronze medal from the 1986 Seoul Asian Games,a bronze medal from the 1982 Champions Trophy in Amsterdam and a gold medal from the Loiano tournament in Italy. The collection also included participation medals from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and the 1988 Seoul Olympics,besides a silver medal associated with the 300th



birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh.Police also recovered a Kodagu dagger,a camera and an Olympic kit bag,along with the two-wheeler allegedly used to commit the offence.The theft took place when Somaya and his family were away in their native Kodagu district. According to the complaint filed on October 28,the family had left Bengaluru on October 25. When they returned,they found that the front door lock had been broken and unidentified persons had entered the house and stolen the medals,gold and silver articles and cash.The Indiranagar police registered a case and formed eight special teams under the supervision of DCP (East) Dr Vikram Amate and the leadership of Halasuru Sub-Division ACP Balakrishna C.During interrogation,the accused revealed that they had sold one gold medal and one silver medal to a gold-buying company in Rajajinagar. The remaining six medals and other stolen articles had been kept at the residence of one of the accused near H. Cross in Hoskote.The police recovered the two medals from the Rajajinagar establishment and the remaining six medals, Kodagu dagger,camera and Olympic bag from the accused's residence.Police said the theft was a random selection,with the accused allegedly breaking into the house without knowing the significance and value of the medals. Efforts are on to trace the third accused,who remains absconding.'

I feel like winning the medals all over again.Expressing gratitude to the Bengaluru City Police, Somaya thanked the City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh and the entire police team for recovering his prized possessions."I am particularly thankful to the Indiranagar Police Inspector,who reassured me from day one that the valuables would be recovered.I feel like winning the medals all over again,"Somaya said.City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh announced a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh for the police team for cracking the case.The operation was carried out by teams led by Indiranagar Inspector Anand N.,Hennur Inspector Balraj and Shivajinagar Inspector Somashekar,along with CCTV and technical analysis teams, crime records personnel and teams tracking stolen property.

Bengaluru's Bytarayanapura Traffic Police Forced to Fill Potholes as GBA’s Ward One Campaign Fails to Deliver

Special Correspondent

Despite the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) launching its Ward One campaign to address civic problems, including potholes,motorists in several parts of the city continue to struggle with damaged roads. In an unusual development,traffic police personnel themselves have stepped in to fill potholes,highlighting the failure of civic officials to address the problem despite repeated complaints.Traffic police Sub Inspector Nagaraj AR with police personnel attached to the Bytarayanapura Traffic Police Station took up the task of filling potholes with cement near the RR Nagar Arch Metro station,which falls under the GBA West City Corporation limits.According to sources,the potholes had been causing considerable inconvenience to motorists. Despite bringing the issue to the attention of the concerned civic officials several times, no action was taken to repair the damaged stretch. Frustrated by the continued inaction,traffic police personnel decided to fill the potholes themselves.The fact that traffic police personnel,whose primary responsibility is to regulate vehicular movement,have had to undertake road repair work has raised questions about the functioning of the GBA administration.Where is the Ward One campaign? :The GBA



launched the Ward One campaign with the objective of providing quick solutions to civic problems such as potholes, garbage clearance and streetlight-related complaints.However, potholes continue to plague major roads even as the campaign is underway.The continued neglect of complaints despite repeated reminders has raised questions about the effectiveness of the initiative.With potholes posing a serious risk of accidents,civic officials are expected to take immediate action.The fact that traffic police personnel have had to step in to carry out work that falls under the civic body's jurisdiction reflects a clear failure of the system.

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Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Arrive at Golden Pagoda, Namsai, Marking the Final Phase of Exposition in Arunachal Pradesh

Delhi : The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha arrived at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, on 14 November 2026, marking the commencement of the third and final phase of their exposition in the State. The Sacred Relics were ceremonially received and enshrined at the Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham), one of the prominent centres of Buddhist faith and heritage in eastern Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.), received the Sacred Relics at Nalung Helipad in Namsai. He was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, State Ministers, public representatives and religious leaders. Devotees and members of the local community gathered along the ceremonial route to the Golden Pagoda to pay their respects to the Sacred Relics. The exposition was formally inaugurated at the Golden Pagoda following the reception and enshrinement ceremony. The Governor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, Shri Raghav Prasad Bhatnagar, Director General, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), venerable members of the Buddhist Sangha and other distinguished guests were present on the occasion. Governor Highlights the Contemporary Relevance of Lord Buddha's Teachings Addressing the gathering, the Governor described the exposition as an occasion of profound spiritual and cultural significance. He observed that the Sacred Relics symbolise the life, enlightenment and timeless teachings of Lord Buddha.



The Governor highlighted the relevance of Buddhist teachings in addressing contemporary challenges. He noted that the message of peace, compassion, wisdom and non-violence assumes particular significance at a time when humanity faces conflict, intolerance and violence. He urged people to imbibe these values in their daily lives and contribute to building a society founded on harmony, dignity and mutual respect. The Governor appreciated the collective efforts of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the National Museum, New Delhi, the International Buddhist Confederation and all those associated with the exposition. He acknowledged their contribution in bringing the Sacred Relics closer to devotees across Arunachal Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein highlighted the rich and diverse Buddhist heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. He underlined the significance of the exposition in a State where Mahayana, Vajrayana and Theravada Buddhist traditions have flourished across generations. He described the arrival of the Sacred Relics at Namsai as a rare opportunity for devotees to offer prayers and reconnect with the teachings of Lord Buddha. On the occasion, two special exhibitions organised by the National Museum, New Delhi, and the International Buddhist Confederation were inaugurated at the Meditation Centre of the Golden Pagoda. The exhibition titled "Unearthing the Sacred Piprahwa: The Story of the Holy Buddha Relics and Their Discovery", organised by the International Buddhist Confederation, presents the historical, archaeological and spiritual significance of the Piprahwa Relics. It traces the archaeological discoveries at Piprahwa in Uttar Pradesh and the enduring tradition of Buddhist relic veneration. The exhibition also highlights the journey of the Piprahwa jewel collection and its return to India in 2025 after more than a century. It provides visitors with an opportunity to understand the importance of preserving and protecting India's Buddhist heritage. The second exhibition, titled "Crossroads of Dhamma: Classical Legacies, Living Art, and Anthropological Perspectives", curated by the National Museum, New Delhi, showcases the rich artistic, historical and cultural heritage of Buddhism. It highlights the evolution of Buddhist traditions and their continuing influence on art, culture and society. Together, these exhibitions complement the spiritual experience of the Sacred Relics Exposition. They offer devotees, students, scholars and visitors an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the life and teachings of Lord Buddha and India's rich Buddhist heritage.The arrival of the Sacred Relics at Namsai follows the successful conclusion of the six day exposition at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, also known as Lower Gompa, in Bomdila, West Kameng district.

The exposition, held from 8 to 13 November 2026, witnessed an overwhelming response from devotees. More than 35,000 devotees visited the monastery during this period to offer prayers, seek blessings and pay homage to the Sacred Relics. Buddhist monks, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and devotees from different parts of West Kameng district and neighbouring regions participated in the public darshan with deep faith and reverence. The district administration made arrangements for constituency wise participation to facilitate orderly public darshan and ensure that devotees from different areas had an opportunity to visit the exposition. The large turnout at Bomdila reflected the deep spiritual significance of the Sacred Relics and the enduring Buddhist traditions of the region. Following the conclusion of public darshan on 13 November, the Sacred Relics were accorded a ceremonial farewell on the morning of 14 November for their onward journey to Namsai. The exposition of the Sacred Relics in Arunachal Pradesh commenced at the historic Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery) on 31 October 2026. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu, venerable Buddhist monks and other dignitaries.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah performs Bhoomi Pujan of NHEC Multi-State Cooperative Society, virtually inaugurates Western Regional Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies and launches Bharat Taxi services in Pune, Maharashtra

Delhi : In a significant initiative towards realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' and further strengthening, modernising and making the cooperative movement in the country more inclusive, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today performed the Bhoomi Pujan for the revival of NHEC (National Heavy Engineering Cooperative) Multi-State Cooperative Society at Talegaon Dabhade in Pune district, Maharashtra. On the occasion, he also virtually inaugurated the Western Regional Office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) and launched Bharat Taxi services in Pune. Deputy Chief Ministers of Maharashtra Shri Eknath Shinde and Smt. Sunetra Ajit Pawar, Union Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Union Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Maharashtra Minister for Higher and Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Chandrakant Patil, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, and several other dignitaries were present at the event. In his address, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah paid tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and said that the land of Maharashtra has not only played a significant role in establishing and strengthening the spirit of Swaraj but has also given a new direction to the cooperative movement in the country. He said that Maharashtra, particularly Pune, can rightly be described as the fountainhead of the cooperative movement in western India. Pioneers of the cooperative movement, including Padma Shri Vitthalrao Patil and Vaikunthbhai Mehta, had endeavoured even before Independence to develop a system in which the maximum benefits arising from agriculture and trade would reach farmers. Shri Amit Shah said that farmers, rural women, milk producers and those associated with the cooperative movement had long been demanding the establishment of a separate Ministry of Cooperation at the Centre. He said that this demand remained unfulfilled during the tenure of previous governments, while the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi established a dedicated Ministry of Cooperation, giving a new direction to the cooperative sector. He said that Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), district-level cooperative institutions and the dairy sector are steadily becoming stronger. The Central Government has undertaken several significant measures, including providing relief of approximately Rs. 15,000 crore to cooperative sugar mills and extending income tax relief of approximately Rs. 3,000 crore annually. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that a major manufacturing facility producing machinery and equipment for sugar mills once operated on the very land where today's programme was being held. The factory had ceased operations during the tenure of a previous government. He said that the reconstruction of the same industrial complex is now being initiated, marking an occasion of pride and satisfaction for the cooperative sector. Shri Amit Shah extended his greetings to the people of the country, particularly mothers and sisters, on the occasion of Chhath Mahaparv.

National Zoological Park organises 21st Sunday Bird Walk to Promote Citizen Science and Biodiversity Documentation

Delhi : The National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, organised the 21st edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' on 15 November 2026, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM promoting public participation in biodiversity monitoring and wildlife conservation. The walk was conducted under the expert guidance of Shri Vineet Kumar, Bird Expert, with the support of dedicated volunteers. A total of eight participants, comprising bird enthusiasts, nature lovers, students, wildlife photographers and citizens with an interest in biodiversity, took part in the programme. The walk was also attended by the zoo officials and the resource expert, who interacted with participants and shared their knowledge and insights throughout the activity. During the walk, participants recorded 42 bird species, with more than 600 individual birds observed in the designated area. A significant highlight of this edition of Sunday Bird Walk was the addition of a new species to the bird checklist of the National Zoological Park —Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata). This addition represents a valuable contribution to the ongoing documentation of the Zoo's avian diversity and underscores the importance of systematic bird monitoring and citizen science in understanding and conserving biodiversity. The walk also provided participants with a hands-on learning experience in bird identification and field-based biodiversity documentation. Shri Vineet Kumar shared valuable insights into bird ecology, behaviour and conservation, highlighting the ecological significance of birds, particularly their role in natural pest control and their importance as indicators of ecosystem health. Through initiatives such as Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP, the National Zoological Park continues to foster environmental awareness, encourage citizen participation in biodiversity conservation and strengthen public engagement in documenting the rich avian diversity of the Zoo. To ensure meaningful learning and effective participation, each Sunday Bird Walk is limited to 20–25 participants. Prior registration is mandatory, and places are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration form remains open from Monday to Friday each week.

A Remarkable Confluence of Faith, Spirituality and Human Warmth: A Memorable Journey to Kukke Subramanya

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Some journeys are remembered not merely for the places visited, but for the emotions, experiences and human connections they leave behind. My visit to the sacred Kukke Subramanya Temple in Karnataka was one such memorable experience. Nestled amidst the lush greenery of the Western Ghats, this renowned pilgrimage centre offers a rare blend of spiritual tranquillity, natural beauty, ancient traditions and human warmth.

Kukke Subramanya is one of the most revered pilgrimage destinations dedicated to Lord Subramanya, also known as Kartikeya, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. According to popular religious beliefs and mythology, Lord Subramanya chose this sacred region as his abode after defeating the demon Tarakasura and other forces of evil. It is also believed that the divine serpent Vasuki sought refuge here from the threat of Garuda. Lord Subramanya is believed to have blessed Vasuki and granted him protection. This association is reflected in the temple's distinctive tradition of serpent worship.

The temple is particularly renowned for rituals associated with Naga worship. Devotees from different parts of the country visit this sacred shrine to perform religious ceremonies such as Ashlesha Bali, Sarpa Samskara and Nagapratishta. These rituals are performed in accordance with age-old beliefs and traditions. For countless devotees, the temple is a place of



deep faith, prayer and spiritual reassurance.

The temple's architecture and religious atmosphere leave a lasting impression on visitors. Its imposing entrance tower, traditional architectural features, sacred flagstaff and beautifully maintained premises reflect the richness of Karnataka's temple heritage. The steps leading towards the temple and the surrounding natural landscape create an atmosphere of devotion and serenity. The sound of prayers, the movement of devotees and the spiritual ambience make the entire experience deeply moving.

During my visit with fellow media colleagues, I had an unexpected and heart-warming encounter outside the temple. Two young girls, Niharika and Saksha, were resting on the temple steps after their visit. As someone whose professional and personal interests have always encouraged interaction with people, I naturally initiated a conversation with them. However, there was a language barrier, as they were not comfortable speaking Hindi.

Despite this limitation, Niharika responded with remarkable warmth and friendliness. Her willingness to interact, cheerful cooperation and innocent smile made the moment special. When I requested a photograph, she readily agreed and posed with a delightful smile. Her spontaneous response and affectionate demeanour transformed an ordinary meeting into a golden memory of the journey.

Saksha, on the other hand, was somewhat shy and hesitant. Because of the language barrier and her own comfort, she did not wish to be photographed. I fully respected her choice. A photograph is never more important than an individual's comfort and consent. Although she did not become part of the photograph, her presence remained an integral part of that pleasant encounter. Such small moments remind us that human relationships are built on respect, sensitivity and mutual understanding.

The natural surroundings of Kukke Subramanya further enhance its spiritual charm. The region lies in the picturesque Western Ghats, surrounded by hills, forests and rich greenery. The Kumaradhara River, flowing through this landscape, holds religious as well as natural significance.

Many devotees visit the river as part of their pilgrimage and regard its waters as sacred. The majestic Kumara Parvatha, a popular destination among trekking enthusiasts, adds to the region's scenic appeal. The Biladwara cave is also associated with local religious traditions and legends connected with Vasuki.

The journey to Kukke Subramanya itself is an experience of changing landscapes and natural beauty. The roads passing through green hills, forests and small settlements offer visitors glimpses of rural Karnataka. Pilgrims can reach the region by road from major towns and cities in Karnataka. Subrahmanya Road is the nearest railway station, while Mangaluru serves as an important transport hub for those travelling from farther destinations. Visitors should check local transport arrangements and temple timings before planning their journey.

Kukke Subramanya is not merely a temple; it is a living symbol of India's spiritual heritage, ancient traditions and enduring faith. Here, devotion meets nature, mythology connects with the present, and the atmosphere inspires inner peace. The experience also reminds us that the true beauty of travel lies not only in monuments and landscapes but also in the people we meet along the way.

My visit will remain memorable for the divine atmosphere of the temple, the natural beauty of the Western Ghats and, above all, the warm encounter with Niharika and Saksha. Niharika's cheerful smile and spontaneous cooperation added a special human touch to the journey, while Saksha's hesitation reminded me of the importance of respecting individual comfort and choice.

Ultimately, this journey reaffirmed a simple yet profound truth: faith gives a journey its spiritual meaning, nature enriches it with beauty, and human kindness makes it unforgettable. Kukke Subramanya will therefore remain not just a destination in my travel memories, but a place where spirituality, nature and human warmth came together in a truly remarkable way.

Mahadev Apartment's Chhath Festival Becomes a Unique Confluence of Faith, Folk Culture and Social Harmony

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One of the greatest strengths of Indian culture and folk traditions is that festivals are never confined merely to religious rituals. They also serve as powerful expressions of social harmony, family bonding and community solidarity. The grand festival of Chhath is a remarkable example of this cultural spirit. Dedicated to the worship of the Sun God, Chhath conveys the values of gratitude towards nature, discipline, purity, devotion and selfless dedication. Today, this festival has crossed geographical boundaries and established its distinctive cultural identity even in metropolitan cities and residential complexes. A beautiful reflection of this faith, devotion and social harmony was witnessed at Mahadev Apartment in Sector 73, Noida, where local residents celebrated Chhath with immense devotion, sincerity and traditional enthusiasm, offering Arghya to the setting Sun. Devotees standing in the water with folded hands, beautifully decorated Puja baskets, traditional soops filled with fruits and offerings, flower petals floating on the water and devotional songs in praise of Chhathi Maiya transformed the entire residential complex into a vibrant reflection of the cultural landscape of Purvanchal. The celebration at Mahadev Apartment was not merely a religious ceremony but also a festival of mutual goodwill, affection and togetherness among residents belonging to



diverse family and social backgrounds. The traditional attire of women, unwavering devotion of the fasting devotees, support from family members and enthusiastic participation of everyone, from children to senior citizens, added special dignity to the occasion. As the crimson hues of the setting Sun illuminated the evening sky, devotees stood in the water and offered Arghya to Surya Dev. It was a truly moving spectacle of faith and surrender. Every prayer carried heartfelt wishes for family happiness, a bright future for children, good health, peace, prosperity and the welfare of society. The successful organisation of this celebration was the result of months of dedicated preparation, collective effort and cooperation by the residents. Special appreciation goes to RWA President Mohit Singh, Vice-President Ranjit Singh Tomar, Secretary Advocate Amit Ojha, Treasurer Ravi Singh Rathore, Chhath Association members Ritesh Ji, Kishore Jha, Santosh Mishra, Kusum Gosain and Alka, along with the entire executive committee and all residents of the sector. Their collective commitment and wholehearted participation transformed the celebration into a memorable occasion. The event once again demonstrated that festivals like Chhath are not only symbols of religious faith but also powerful bridges connecting people through culture, tradition, mutual respect and social unity. The timeless Chhath songs of legendary Bhojpuri singer Sharda Sinha further enriched the atmosphere, reviving the emotional warmth and cultural fragrance of the festival. Her melodious voice reminded everyone of the deep-rooted traditions and folk heritage of Bihar and Purvanchal.

Indeed, the Chhath celebration at Mahadev Apartment emerged as a beautiful example of how faith, folk culture and collective social participation can bring a community together in an atmosphere of devotion, harmony and shared happiness.

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