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Ministry of Ayush Promotes 'Yoga for Unity' on National Unity Day 2026

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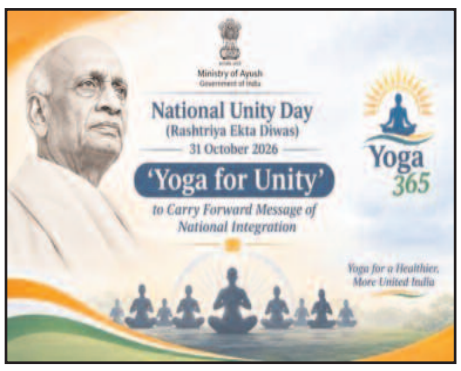
Delhi : On the occasion of National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) 2026, commemorating the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Ministry of Ayush is promoting the message of 'Yoga for Unity', highlighting the role of Yoga in fostering national integration, social harmony and collective well-being. The initiative, integrated with Yoga 365, aims to encourage citizens to make Yoga an integral part of their daily lives while strengthening the spirit of togetherness and shared responsibility towards health and well-being. The Ministry is encouraging its Yoga and Naturopathy institutions across the country to undertake activities that take the message of Yoga for Unity to communities and promote wider public participation. Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge)

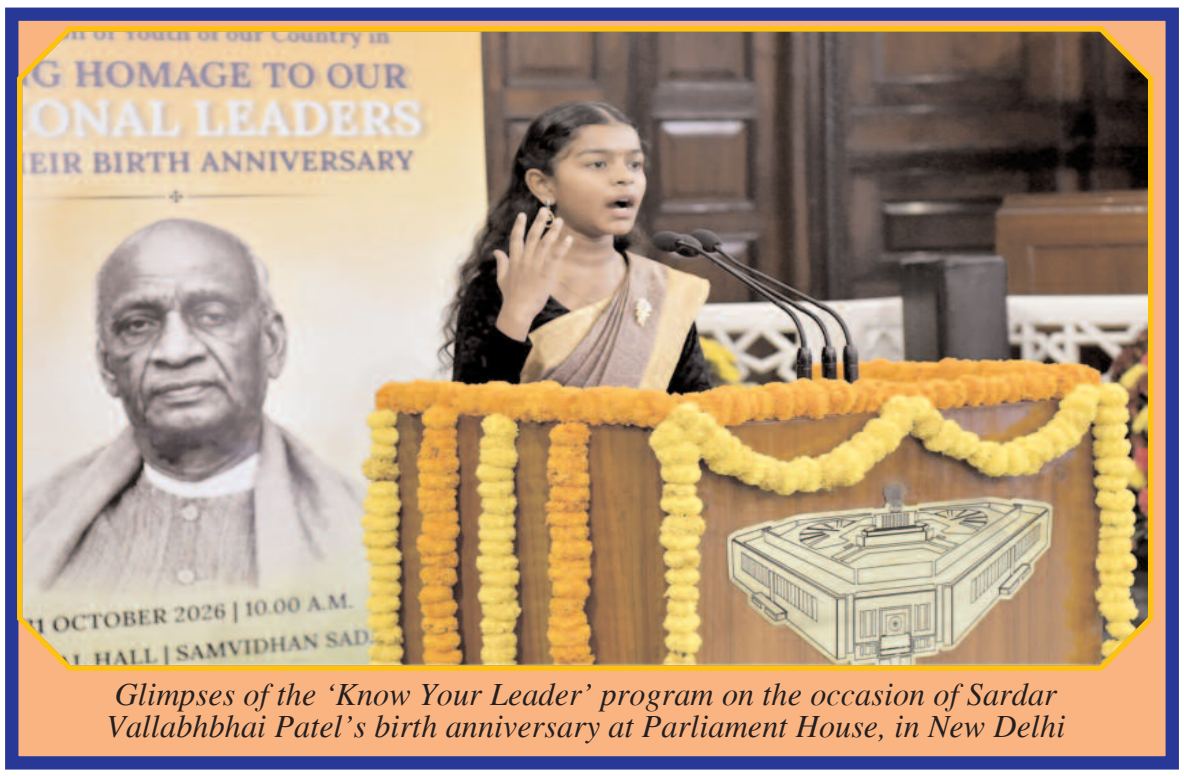


for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, said, "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel united the nation through his vision and determination. On National Unity Day, we must carry forward his message of unity through collective action. Yoga brings people together beyond differences of age, region and background, promoting physical and mental well-being. Through Yoga for Unity and Yoga 365, we encourage every citizen to embrace Yoga as a daily practice and contribute towards building a healthier and more united India."

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, said, "Yoga offers a simple and accessible means of improving physical and mental well-being while fostering a sense of connection among individuals and communities. The Yoga 365 initiative encourages people to practise Yoga throughout the year, making preventive healthcare a part of everyday life. Through Yoga for Unity, we aim to strengthen this message and encourage wider community participation in building a culture of health, harmony and collective well-being." The campaign underscores that Yoga is not limited to a particular day or occasion but can be adopted as a sustainable daily practice that promotes individual health and strengthens community bonds. Collective Yoga sessions and public participation will help connect the spirit of national unity with preventive healthcare and healthy living. As part of the initiative, Yoga and Naturopathy institutions under the Ministry are being encouraged to organise activities to promote regular Yoga practice, community participation and awareness of its benefits. The campaign will also highlight Yoga 365 as an initiative to sustain public engagement with Yoga throughout the year, extending its reach beyond commemorative occasions. Through 'Yoga for Unity', the Ministry of Ayush reaffirms its commitment to promoting Yoga as an accessible practice for healthy living and collective well-being, while carrying forward the spirit of national integration and unity envisioned by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

'Khadi Diwali Fest-2026' organized at Connaught Place

Delhi : To disseminate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Swadeshi in every home,' 'Vocal for Local,' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' among the masses, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) organized the 'Khadi Diwali Fest-2026' at NDMC Palika Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi (opposite Regal Cinema). The event featured a special interaction with media representatives and a 'Diwali Milan' (Diwali get together). KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Goel joined the event as the chief guest. Held under the theme 'Khadi-wali Diwali,' the event aims to encourage citizens to adopt Khadi and Swadeshi products during Diwali and other festivals, provide greater recognition to the creations of Indian artisans and rural entrepreneurs, and, in particular, connect the youth with the Swadeshi movement. Speaking on the occasion, KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Goel opined that the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, envisioned Khadi not merely as a fabric, but as a symbol of self-reliance, self-respect, and economic independence. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Khadi and *Swadeshi* (indigenous) movement has gained new momentum and widespread public participation.



Glimpses of the 'Know Your Leader' program on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary at Parliament House, in New Delhi

EPFO's 74-Year Journey Built on Trust, Service and Commitment to Workers: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Delhi : Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) celebrated its 74th Foundation Day today at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, marking its journey from a statutory provident fund organisation to one of India's foremost social security institutions, with a renewed commitment to technology-enabled service delivery, compassion in governance and the welfare of millions of workers and pensioners. The celebration was presided over by Dr. Mansukh Mandviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth & Sports Affairs and Chairman, Central Board of Trustees (EPF). Shri Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment and Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi, Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Members of the Central Board of Trustees, workers, employers and other stakeholders also graced the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya highlighted that over its 74-year journey, EPFO has emerged as a trusted institution for the workforce of the country. He noted that the trust reposed in the Organisation is reflected in the ₹32 lakh crore corpus accumulated through contributions from more than 8 crore members, made possible by the dedication, hard work and commitment of the EPFO workforce. Emphasising that social security must be driven by human sensitivity, Dr. Mandaviya stressed that every concern and grievance of workers must be addressed with compassion and empathy, viewing each worker with the respect and dignity they deserve as nation-builders. Commending the relentless efforts behind technological transformations like CITES 2.01, he called upon every official to focus on the welfare of the worker at the last mile. He urged officials to take inspiration from the 'Panch Pran' articulated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. "Seva is our sanskaar," Dr. Mandaviya underlined, and encouraged all to contribute towards accomplishing the goal of Viksit Bharat. The Union Minister urged officials to focus on worker-centric innovations across domains in the run-up to EPFO's 75th year, adapting, building resilience, and evolving processes in tandem with changing times. He also extended Diwali greetings and wished for the light of success and prosperity in the lives of all EPFO officials, members and beneficiaries.

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उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, महाराष्ट्र और कर्नाटक की 28 विधान परिषद सीटों के चुनाव संपन्न हो चुके हैं। सर्वाधिक 11 सीटों वाले राज्य उत्तर प्रदेश का चुनाव परिणाम आ चुका है जो भाजपा तथा सपा के बीच 6–5 के परिणाम से समाप्त हुआ। यह था तो छोटा चुनाव किंतु इस पर सभी रा. जनैतिक विश्लेषकों की दृष्टि थी कि 2027 विधानसभा चुनाव के पहले कौन क्लीन स्वीप करता है किंतु शिक्षकों व स्नातकों ने स्पष्ट संदेश दे दिया है कि आगामी चुनाव किसी भी दल या गठबंधन के लिए बहुत आसान नहीं होंगे। मुकाबला कांटे का होगा। जिस दल के प्रत्याशी व कार्यकर्ता धरातल पर उतर कर अपने मतदाताओं के साथ गहन संपर्क व संवाद में रहेंगे उन्हीं को लाभ होगा।विधान परिषद चुनावों में भाजपा मात्र छह सीटों पर पर अपनी साख बचाने में सफल रही जबकि समाजवादी पार्टी अपने पीडीए के बल पर पांच सीटें जीतने में सफल रही और यही नहीं उसने वाराणसी, आगरा व लखनऊ में बीजेपी के गढ़ों में परचम फहराकर भाजपा के माथे पर चिंता की लकीरें खींच दीं। अब सपा में उत्साह का वातावरण है। उसके नेता व प्रवक्ता कह रहे हैं कि वर्ष 2024 में अयोध्या में भगवान राम का आशीर्वाद उन्हें प्राप्त हुआ और अब 2026 में काशी की नगरी में महादेव और लखनऊ में प्रभु श्रीराम के अनुज लक्ष्मणजी का भी आशीर्वाद मिल चुका है। सफलता से उत्साहित समाजवादी पार्टी अब इसी नैरेटिव को आगे बढ़ाएगी।भारतीय जनता पार्टी के लिए अत्यंत सतर्क हो जाने का समय आ गया है। यदि वर्ष 2024 में लोकसभा चुनाव के दौरान प्रदेश के मतदाताओं ने जो रवैया दिखाया था और सपा –कांग्रेस गठबंधन ने प्रदेश में लोकसभा की सर्वाधिक सीटें जीत ली थीं अगर वही रुख अभी भी बरकार है तब यह परिस्थितियों को और भी कठिन बना सकता है। भारतीय जनता पार्टी को सबसे बड़ा झटका रक्षामंत्री राजनाथ सिंह के संसदीय क्षेत्र लखनऊ की स्नातक सीट पर लगा है। यहाँ पार्टी के प्रत्याशी इंजीनियर अवनीश सिंह को सपा प्रत्याशी कांति सिंह ने बहुत आसानी से पराजित कर दिया। यह स्पष्ट संकेत है कि अगर भाजपा ने अपना चुनावी प्रबंधन और कार्यकर्ताओं व मतदाताओं के मध्य अपना संवाद, संपर्क, व्यवहार नहीं सुधारा तो फिरऔर भी नुकसान उठाना पड़ सकता है। वाराणसी का परिणम भी स्थिति को गंभीर बना रहा है। प्रदेश के संगठन पर सवालिया निशान भी उठ रहे हैं। वाराणसी का जनमानस प्रश्न कर रहा है कि जो उम्मीदवार पिछले चुनावों में पराजित हो चुका था, जनता के मध्य कभी नहीं रहता, केवल चुनावो के छह महीने पूर्व गणेश परिक्रमा करके पार्टी का टिकट कैसे लेकर आ जाता है? ऐसी परिस्थितियों में उन कार्यकर्ताओं का मनोबल गिरता है जो धरातल पर उतरकर पार्टी के लिए कड़ी मेहनत कर रहे होते हैं। वाराणसी में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के कार्यकाल में जितना विकास हुआ है उतनी किसी ने कल्पना भी नहीं करी थी फिर भी वहां भाजपा के वोट प्रतिशत में लगातार गिरावट और विधान परिषद की दोनों सीटों पर हार भाजपा के लिए चिंता का विषय है। काशी विश्वनाथ मंदिर का भव्य कारिडोर बना, जिससे पर्यटकों की संख्या में भारी वृद्धि हुई, रोप–वे बन रहा है, वाराणसी को अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट स्टेडियम मिलने जा रहा है, रुद्राक्ष कन्वेंशन सेंटर क्रियाशील है, काशी को सांस्कृतिक–आध्यात्मिक गतिविधियों पूरे भारत से से जोड़ा जा रहा है, निवेशक आ रहे हैं, काशी –तमिल संगमम का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। इस सबके बाद भी वाराणसी में एमएलसी चुनावों में दोनों सीटों पर पराजय स्थानीय नेतृत्व पर सवाल खड़े कर रही है। वाराणसी की पराजय से यह बात भी उठ रही है कि वाराणसी नगर भाजपा में सब कुछ ठीक नहीं चल रहा है। भाजपा के लिए अच्छी बात ये है कि विधानसभा चुनावों के पूर्व एक लिटमस टेस्ट हो गया। अभी भी भाजपा के पास कार्यकर्ताओं में उत्साह जागरण तथा अपनी रणनीति नए सिरे से गढ़ने के लिए पर्याप्त समय है। प्रदेश भाजपा की नवगठित कर्यकारिणी की बैठक होने जा रही है जिसमें हर बिंदु पर चर्चा होगी। यहाँ अमित शाह जी की अध्यक्षता में कड़े कदम भी उठाए जा सकते हैं। दीपावली के बाद प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की रैलियां तथा भाजपा का चुनाव अभियान प्रारंभ होगा। भाजपा के सामने सबसे बड़ी समस्या यह है कि जनमानस तो योगी–योगी कर रहा है किंतु कार्यकर्ताओं में उत्साह नहीं है। भाजपा के लिए अपने कार्यकर्ताओं में उत्साह जगाने का समय है क्योंकि विभिन्न कारणों से उणमें धरातल पर उत्साह नहीं दिखाई दे रहा है। अगर बीजेपी का कार्यकर्ता उत्साहित हो गया और घरों से निकल पड़ा तो फिर भाजपा आसानी से तीन सौ पार जा सकती है। भाजपा अपने कार्यकर्ताओं की नाराजगी जितनी जल्दी जितना कम कर लेगी, टिकट वितरण सही होगा, योगी आदित्यनाथ सरकार चुनावों से पूर्व एक लाख नौकरी देने का वादा सफलतापूर्वक पूरा कर लेगी और साथ ही अगर 69,000 शिक्षकों की भर्ती का मामला सुप्रीम कोर्ट से सुलझ जाएगा तो विधानसभा चुनाव भाजपा के नियंत्रण में आ जाएगा।

भविष्य के लिए भारत की रणनीतिक तैयारी

अरुणाचल प्रदेश की सियांग नदी पर प्रस्तावित 11,200 मेगावाट की सियांग अपर मल्टीपर्पज परियोजना ैन्डच) के विरोध में उठे स्वरों का लगातार तेज होना केंद्र और राज्य सरकार के लिए मुश्किलों का सबब बन गया है। हालांकि यह बात भी सही है कि जब चीन तिब्बत में ब्रह्मपुत्र पर दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं में से एक बना रहा है, तब भारत के लिए चुप बैठना आसान नहीं है। लेकिन इस परियोजना के खिलाफ सड़कों पर उतरे स्थानीय लोगों की नाराजगी भी नजर. अंदाज नहीं की जा सकती। देखा जाये तो एक तरफ चीन की चुनौती है, तो दूसरी तरफ अपनी जमीन, जंगल और पहचान बचाने की लड़ाई है। सवाल यह है कि चीन की बढ़ती ताकत का मुकाबला करने के लिए भारत को क्या करना चाहिए और इस कोशिश में अपने ही सीमावर्ती नागरिकों का भरोसा कैसे बनाए रखना चाहिए?हम आपको बता दें कि तिब्बत में ब्रह्मपुत्र की ऊपरी धारा यारलुंग त्सांगपो पर चीन लगभग 60,000 मेगावाट क्षमता की विशाल जलविद्युत परियोजना बना रहा है। यह भारत के लिए इसलिए महत्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि यही नदी अरुणाचल प्रदेश में सियांग और आगे असम में ब्रह्मपुत्र कहलाती है। नदी के ऊपरी हिस्से पर चीन की बढ़ती क्षमता भारत के सामने जल प्रवाह, बाढ़ प्रबंधन और क्षेत्रीय सुरक्षा से जुड़े सवाल खड़े करती है। वहीं भारत की प्रस्तावित सियांग परियोजना चीन की बढ़ती जलविद्युत ताकत का जवाब देने की दिशा में एक अहम कदम है। अरुणाचल प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री पेमा खांडू के मुताबिक, इस परियोजना में करीब 9.2 अरब घन मीटर पानी जमा करने की क्षमता होगी, जबकि चीन की परियोजना की अनुमा. नित भंडारण क्षमता करीब 5.5 अरब घन मीटर है। यानी बिजली उत्पादन में चीन का बांध बड़ा हो सकता है, लेकिन पानी जमा करने के मामले में भारत की प्रस्तावित परियोजना अधिक सक्षम हो सकती है। यही इसकी सबसे बड़ी रणनीतिक ताकत है। अगर चीन भविष्य में ब्रह्मपुत्र के पानी के प्रवाह में बदलाव करता है, तो सियांग परियोजना भारत को जल प्रबंधन और बाढ़ नियंत्रण के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण विकल्प दे सकती है। इसलिए यह परियोजना केवल बिजली बनाने तक सीमित नहीं, बल्कि भारत की जल सुरक्षा मजबूत करने और चीन के मुकाबले अपनी रणनीतिक स्थिति बेहतर बनाने का भी अवसर है।जहां तक इस परियोजना के विरोध की बात है तो आपको बता दें कि 23 अक्टूबर की रात पासीघाट में परियोजना विरोधी प्रदर्शन हिंसक हो गए। छभ्ब्ब् कार्यालय और पुलिस थाने में आगजनी हुई तथा राजनीतिक प्रति. निधियों के आवासों में तोड़फोड़ और लूटपाट की घटनाएं सामने आईं। पु. लिसकर्मियों के घायल होने के बाद प्रशासन ने सुरक्षा व्यवस्था कड़ी की और सार्वजनिक जमावड़े पर प्रतिबंध लगाए। इस घटनाक्रम ने सरकार और स्थानीय संगठनों के बीच पहले से मौजूद अविश्वास को और उजागर किया। रिपोर्टों के मुताबिक स्थानीय संगठनों ने यहां तक आरोप लगाया है कि केंद्र की परियोजना संबंधी पहल सियांग क्षेत्र को भारत–चीन रणनीतिक प्रतिस्पर्धा का मैदान बना रही है। आदि बाने केबांग–यूनाइटेड नामक संगठन के प्रवक्ता दातिक रतन ने परियोजना के सर्वेक्षण, स्थानीय सहमति और पैतृक भूमि के अधिकारों को लेकर सवाल उठाए। संगठन ने दावा किया कि प्रभावित गांवों के लगभग 80 प्रतिशत परिवार परियोजना का विरोध कर रहे हैं। संगठन ने मुख्यमंत्री पेमा खांडू को सार्वजनिक बहस की चुनौती भी दी और कहा कि वह विकास के खिलाफ नहीं, बल्कि स्थानीय लोगों की अनदेखी करके विकास थोपे जाने के खिलाफ है। देखा जाये तो इस विवाद का सबसे संवेदनशील पहलू स्थानीय लोगों की पहचान, सम्मान और सुरक्षा की भावना है। साथ ही आदि और गालो समुदायों के लिए सियांग नदी सिर्फ पानी का स्रोत नहीं, बल्कि उनकी कृषि, सांस्कृतिक पहचान, पारंपरिक जीवन और पूर्वजों की भूमि का आधार है। विरोधी संगठनों का दावा है कि प्रस्तावित जलाशय से 27 गांव डूब सकते हैं और लगभग डेढ़ लाख लोग विस्थापित हो सकते हैं। इसके अलावा, सीमावर्ती समुदाय भारत की सुरक्षा और संप्रभुता के महत्वपूर्ण साझेदार हैं। यदि उन्हें लगता है कि उनकी जमीन, संस्कृति और भविष्य के बारे में निर्णय उनकी आवाज सुने बिना लिए जा रहे हैं, तो अविश्वास बढ़ सकता है। देखा जाये तो चीन के सामने भारत की स्थिति मजबूत करने के लिए स्थानीय नागरिकों के साथ विश्वास का रिश्ता कमजोर करना किसी भी रणनीति के लिए नुकसानदेह होगा। हम आपको यह भी बता दें कि इस परियोजना के विरोध पर सवाल भी उठ रहे हैं। सियांग परियोजना पर अरुणाचल की राजनीति में अलग–अलग रुख दिखाई दे रहे हैं। कुछ नेता और संगठन इसे चीन की चुनौती का जवाब मानते हैं, जबकि दूसरे समूह इसे स्थानीय अस्तित्व और पर्यावरण से जुड़ा खतरा बताते हैं। बांध बनने के फायदे और न बनने की संभावित कीमत की यदि बात करें तो परियोजना के संभावित लाभों में बड़े पैमाने पर बिजली उत्पादन, रा. जगार, बुनियादी ढांचे का विकास और जल भंडारण की अतिरिक्त क्षमता शामिल हैं। चीन की विशाल परियोजना के संदर्भ में यह भारत को एक महत्वपूर्ण रणनीतिक विकल्प दे सकती है। दूसरी ओर, हिमालयी क्षेत्र में भूकंप, भूस्खलन और अत्यधिक वर्षा जैसे जोखिम हैं। विस्थापन, उपजाऊ खेतों, जंगलों और ऐतिहासिक धरोहरों पर प्रभाव का निष्पक्ष मूल्यांकन भी जरूरी है। हम आपको यह भी बता दें कि सियांग परियोजना अभी पूर्व–व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन के चरण में है, लेकिन इसे केवल आज के फायदे–नुकसान के नजरिये से देखना पर्याप्त नहीं होगा। सवाल आने वाली पीढ़ियों की सुरक्षा का भी है। तिब्बत में ब्रह्मपुत्र की ऊपरी धारा पर चीन जिस विशाल जलविद्युत परियोजना का निर्माण कर रहा है, उसके मद्देनजर भारत को भी अपनी जल सुरक्षा मजबूत करने के लिए समय रहते तैयारी करनी होगी। रणनीतिक चुनौतियों का जवाब संकट सिर पर आने के बाद नहीं, बल्कि पहले से तैयारी करके दिया जाता है। सियांग परियोजना भारत को बिजली उत्पादन, जल भंडारण और बाढ़ प्रबंधन की अति. रिक्त क्षमता दे सकती है। इसलिए इसके हर पहलू का गंभीरता से अध्ययन करना और इसकी संभावनाओं को आगे बढ़ाना देश के दीर्घकालिक हित में महत्वपूर्ण है। यह सही है कि स्थानीय लोगों की जमीन, आजीविका, संस्कृति और पर्यावरण से जुड़ी चिंताएं अपनी जगह महत्वपूर्ण हैं। सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है कि वह इन चिंताओं को दूर करे, प्रभावित परिवारों के अधिकारों की रक्षा करे और किसी भी संभावित नुकसान के लिए उचित पुनर्वास तथा मुआवजे की व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करे। लेकिन लोगों को भी यह समझना होगा कि किसी परियोजना से जुड़ी आशंक. ाओं और उसके वास्तविक परिणामों में अंतर हो सकता है। अधूरी जानकारी, अफवाहों या राजनीतिक दावों के आधार पर फैसला करने के बजाय उन्हें तथ्यों, वैज्ञानिक आकलन और व्यापक राष्ट्रीय हित को ध्यान में रखना चाहिए। आज की तैयारी कल की सुरक्षा बन सकती है। यदि वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन यह साबित करते हैं कि सियांग परियोजना सुरक्षित और उपयोगी ढंग से बनाई जा सकती है, तो उसके रास्ते में आने वाली समस्याओं का समाधान खोजने के लिए सरकार और स्थानीय समुदायों को मिलकर काम करना चाहिए। देशहित में कभी–कभी कठिन फैसले लेने पड़ते हैं, लेकिन उन फैसलों का बोझ किसी एक समुदाय पर नहीं डाला जाना चाहिए। संभावित स्थानीय नुकसान को कम करना और प्रभावित लोगों को न्याय देना भी उतना ही जरूरी है जितना देश की सामरिक क्षमता बढ़ाना। बहरहाल, चीन की चुनौती का सामना करने के लिए भारत को मजबूत बुनियादी ढांचे, बेहतर जल प्रबंधन और दूरदर्शी रणनीति की जरूरत है। सियांग परियोजना इस दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण विकल्प हो सकती है। इसलिए स्थानीय लोगों को विरोध और समर्थन के बीच किसी एक पक्ष को आंख मूंदकर चुनने के बजाय तथ्यों को समझना चाहिए, अपने अधिकारों के लिए आवाज उठानी चाहिए और साथ ही देश की सुरक्षा से जुड़े व्यापक सवालों पर भी विचार करना चाहिए। आने वाली पीढ़ियों को सुरक्षित जल संसाधन, मजबूत सीमाएं और विकास के अवसर देना आज की जिम्मेदारी है।

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Ex-CM Mamata is now fighting from New Delhi after being rejected by Glorious Bengal

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NABANNA (WEST BENGAL): The First Woman Chief Minister was Mamata Banerjee in the State. She was earlier involved with Indian National Congress as an important leader. She along with her faithful followers left the Congress party and formed Trinamool Congress in 1998. As a TMC leader Mamata came to power with massive mandate. Her party was in power from 2011 to 2026. Mamata had been elected three times as State Chief Minister in West Bengal. Miss Mamata is always a controversial political personality in the eyes of the common people. She is, however, familiar among different politicians as eccentric and uncontrolled ignoring constitutional and parliamentary rules. It was found during West Bengal Legislative Assembly session on the Floor of the House. She always likes to go on with her own style. Mamata was accustomed for using irrelevant words and undemocratic language on the Floor of the House. On this ground, she had been severely criticized frequently by a section of thinking personality in our society.

TMC leaders and workers of grass-root level in village areas including Kolkata City became allegedly very horrible. Those horrible political persons were allegedly more dreadful than previous Communist Party of India (Marxist)-led Left Front Government. The Marxist Government was in power from 1977 to 2011. The Marxist Party was known among the common people as "Friend of Poor". Gradually, Marxist Party was building up close relationship with Capitalist group for its vested interest. Naturally, a distance between Party and common people was being focused then. Common persons were being allegedly neglected from all sorts of Government allotted rights and facilities. People of West Bengal could not tolerate any more and was compelled to leave following massive movements by TMC and other bereaved political parties through Elections.

During TMC regime, Chief Minister Mamata was familiar as extreme high. Her popularity was reportedly remarkable. Particularly, role of Mamata was once unquestionably beyond the question. A section of working media persons could have seen most of the time surrounding Mamata motivatedly. Those identified persons including women were often travelled with Chief Minister Mamata in abroad. The reason of travelling has not allegedly yet known. Three times elected TMC ruled Government was defeated shockingly by the Bharatiya Janata Party. People became very aggrieved upon Mamata ruled biased administration. Some administrative senior officials and senior police officials were feeling unhappy following misbehavior of CM Mamata and her alleged obedient political leaders. TMC party was defeated by BJP shockingly through Assembly Elections.

On the counting day on 4 May in 2026, when asked by this Journalist of a New Delhi based English Newspaper, she would be able to organize movement against BJP ruled new Government in West Bengal. Known as a dynamic leader in politics, Mamata certainly told this Correspondent with determinedly that she would start again her movement against BJP ruled Government in State and in Central. On 1 November, ex-CM Mamata went to New Delhi to participate in a mass rally, organized by Opposition group. Purpose is for fair country wide Elections and removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. It is true that CPI)M) and TMC both have been rejected tremendously by the People of West Bengal State following their political failure shamefully. Leaders, workers, MPs', and MLAs' of newly elected BJP ruled Government from West Bengal should allegedly be avoided arrogance and wrongful attitude towards the common people and faithful working Media persons.

The Cockroach Revolt: Political Awakening or a Manufactured Opposition?

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Indian politics is entering a period of profound uncertainty, where political loyalty is no longer synonymous with unquestioning obedience and dissent is emerging from quarters once considered firmly aligned with the establishment. Rahul Gandhi's increasingly assertive opposition, controversies surrounding electoral integrity, growing student activism and the emergence of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) have complicated the BJP's political calculations. Yet beneath this apparent democratic resurgence lies an uncomfortable question: is India witnessing a genuine rebellion against entrenched power, or another sophisticated exercise in managing public discontent?The Cockroach Janta Party is an intriguing political phenomenon. Its unconventional identity and confrontational activism have attracted attention, but its ambiguous political positioning has also invited suspicion. Critics have questioned whether CJP functions as the BJP's unofficial B-team, potentially fragmenting opposition sentiment while maintaining the appearance of independent resistance. Such allegations remain unsubstantiated, but the political question is legitimate. Who finances its activities? Who determines its strategy? Why do its interventions sometimes appear to complement established opposition movements while simultaneously provoking doubts about their political consequences? These questions require transparent answers, not conspiratorial assumptionsThe perception that CJP enjoys unusual official tolerance has strengthened such speculation among its detractors. Yet reports of police restrictions and detentions involving its activists complicate the allegation of uninterrupted governmental indulgence. Neither police action nor permission to protest conclusively establishes political independence or covert patronage. The real test is consistency. An authentic movement must demonstrate that its principles remain unchanged regardless of which political party benefits from its agitation.The emergence of activists such as Neha Bora reflects a wider impatience among young Indians who are increasingly unwilling to remain passive spectators in a political system dominated by familiar personalities. Their assertiveness has attracted attention across ideological boundaries, including among citizens who have traditionally supported Modi. But visibility is not credibility, and public admiration is not political legitimacy. A movement that begins with defiance must eventually establish its intellectual foundation, financial transparency and constructive purpose. Otherwise, rebellion risks becoming another marketable political spectacle.□

Rahul Gandhi and the opposition face a different but equally demanding challenge. Their sustained criticism of the Modi government has sharpened debates concerning electoral accountability, institutional independence and unfulfilled promises. However, opposition unity cannot survive indefinitely upon shared hostility towards one individual. Regional rivalries, ideological contradictions and leadership ambitions remain formidable obstacles. Removing a government is an electoral objective; presenting a credible alternative is a democratic responsibility. The opposition must demonstrate that its political imagination extends beyond Modi.The controversy surrounding the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls has further deepened public distrust. Allegations of voter exclusion, demands for ballot-paper voting and accusations of vote chori have brought electoral administration under intense scrutiny. These concerns deserve independent examination, but suspicion cannot substitute for evidence. The Election Commission must ensure transparent procedures, accessible appeals and verifiable safeguards. Equally, political parties must distinguish documented irregularities from allegations that remain unproven. Electoral credibility cannot rest upon institutional assurances alone, but neither can it be destroyed through unverified accusations.□

The BJP, meanwhile, confronts a question that its formidable electoral machinery cannot indefinitely evade: what comes after Narendra Modi? The party's earlier emphasis on generational transition around the age of seventy-five, although never an absolute constitutional rule, sits uneasily beside its continued dependence upon Modi's leadership. The contradiction is political rather than legal. A party that once celebrated organisational discipline and leadership renewal must eventually demonstrate that its institutional strength is not inseparable from one personality.Modi's dominance has given the BJP a distinctive political identity, but excessive centralisation carries an inherent succession dilemma. Amit Shah, Yogi Adityanath and other prominent leaders possess different organisational and political strengths, yet replacing a leader whose image has become virtually synonymous with the party requires more than selecting a successor. It demands internal consensus, coalition management and a coherent political vision. Speculation about Modi stepping aside remains speculation, but the absence of an openly articulated succession framework invites legitimate scrutiny. A political party that cannot comfortably imagine its future beyond one individual has already exposed the limitations of its institutional confidence.

भाजपा के रणनीतिकारों के सामने कई सवाल छोड़ गया एमएलसी चुनाव!

देश के चार राज्यों (उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, महाराष्ट्र और कर्नाटक) की 28 विधान परिषद (एमएलसी) सीटों पर चुनाव सम्पन्न हो चुके हैं, सभी राजनीतिक दल व विश्लेषक परिणामों का अध्ययन करके उसके अपने–अपने लाभ–हानि के हिसाब से मायने निकाल रहे हैं। लेकिन इस बार का यह चुनाव कई ऐसे सवाल छोड़ गया है जिनका जवाब राजनीतिक दलों के रणनीतिकारों के साथ विशेषकर उत्तर प्रदेश के संदर्भ में भाजपा के शीर्ष नेतृत्व को जल्द से जल्द तलाश ना होगा। क्योंकि भाजपा को अन्य दलों से अलग मानते हुए किसी व्यक्ति या परिवार की जागीर की जगह संगठन को सर्वोपरि मानने वाला राजनीतिक दल माना जाता है और वैसे भी अंदरूनी गुटबाजी से दूर अनुशासन वाली पार्टी मानने का दावा भाजपा के शीर्ष नेतृत्व के द्वारा हमेशा सार्वजनिक रूप भी किया जाता है। लेकिन एमएलसी के चुनावों के परिणामों पर गौर करें तो उत्तर प्रदेश की हॉट सीट वाराणसी, लखनऊ व महाराष्ट्र में नागपुर जैसी हाईप्रोफाइल सीट पर हारने के पीछे भाजपा के कुछ राजनेताओं की अति महत्वाकांक्षा व अनुशासन का तार–तार होना बहुत बड़ी वजह माना जा रहा है। पहले पार्टी के अधिकांश राजनेता व कार्यकर्ता निस्वार्थ भाव से कार्य करते हुए धरातल पर नजर आते थे, लेकिन लंबे समय से सत्ता का सुख लगातार भोगने के कारण अब पार्टी के कुछ रा. जनेताओं का अहंकार अपने चरम पर है और वह सत्ता के मद में चूर होकर के जनता को ठेंगा दिखाकर चिढ़ाते हुए पार्टी के केंद्रीय व प्रदेश नेतृत्व तक के भी दिशा–निर्देशों की आये दिन अनदेखी करने का कार्य कर रहे हैं।

जबकि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी व गृहमंत्री अमित शाह के दौर की भारतीय जनता पार्टी की पहचान एक ऐसे राजनीतिक दल के रूप में होती है, जिसके कार्यकर्ता व नेता किसी भी स्तर के चुनाव को हल्के में नहीं लेते हैं। लेकिन जिस तरह से उत्तर प्रदेश के एमएलसी चुनावों में पार्टी का प्रदर्शन रहा है, उसने तो पार्टी के रणनीतिकारों को जीती हुई व हारी हुई सभी ही सीटों के परिणाम पर विस्. तार से विश्लेषण करने के लिए सोचने पर मजबूर कर ही दिया है। क्योंकि उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 2027 में विधानसभा चुनाव हैं, पार्टी के शीर्ष नेतृत्व को योगी सरकार के कार्यों के दम पर चुनावों में जीत की हैट्रिक लगाने की पूरी उम्मीद है। जिस वक्त में यूपी के विधानसभा चुनाव सर पर हैं उस वक्त में पार्टी के शीर्ष रणनीतिकार एमएलसी चुनावों में हर सीट पर भा. जपा प्रत्याशी की जीत का अंतर बढ़ाकर के विपक्षी दलों के जनता की अदालत से पैर उखाड़कर के भाजपा के पक्ष में माहौल बनाना चाहते थे। लेकिन सूत्रों के अनुसार लगातार मी.ि टंग व ईटिंग के बाद भी कुछ भाजपा नेताओं की ही चीटिंग के चलते भाजपा के शीर्ष नेतृत्व का यह दांव जन अदालत में उल्टा हो गया है, जिसका खामियाजा भारतीय जनता पार्टी को एमएलसी चुनावों की रणभूमि में कुछ सीटों पर हार के रूप में उठाना पड़ा है।प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की सीट वाराणसी, रक्षामंत्री राजनाथ सिंह की सीट लखनऊ और राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के गढ़ नागपुर के एमएलसी सीटों के इन चुनाव परिणामों के बाद अब पार्टी में ही संगठन की रणनीति और प्रत्याशी चयन पर सवाल उठाने की गुपचुप सुगबुगाहट शुरू हो गई है। वहीं कुछ राजनीतिक विश्लेषकों की मानें तो हाईप्रोफाइल सीटों के साथ–साथ बाकी सीटों पर भी जीत

का अंतर भाजपा के कुछ अपने ही ला. `गों का भीतरघात, दावेदारों व अन्य जिम्मेदार लोगों के द्वारा सही ढंग से वोट नहीं बनवाने, प्रत्याशी चयन पर सवाल, संगठन के द्वारा बनाई गई जीत की रणनीति और कुछ अपनों के ही द्वारा चुनाव में की गयी चीटिंग की चीख–चीखकर के स्वयं ही पोल खोलने का कार्य रही है। ऐसी स्थिति में विचारणीय तथ्य यह है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में आगामी वर्ष 2027 में विधानसभा के चुनाव हैं, भाजपा के केंद्रीय व प्रदेश नेतृत्व आये दिन चुनावी रणभूमि के लिए सटीक कारगर रणनीति बनाने के लिए छोटी व बड़ी मीटिंग करते रहते हैं और इन मीटिंग में केंद्रीय व प्रदेश स्तर के नेताओं से लेकर के भाजपा के मंडल स्तर के ने. ताओं व कार्यकर्ताओं तक की भी मौज. ूदगी समय–समय पर रहती है, मीटिंग में पार्टी के नेताओं के द्वारा चुनावी रणभूमि के लिए एक चाक–चौबंद रणनीति बनायी जाती है। लेकिन सूत्रों के अनुसार पार्टी में अब एक ऐसा लंबा–चौड़ा धड़ा तैयार हो गया है जो मीटिंग के बाद में ईटिंग कर निकलने के बाद से ही गुटबाजी व अपनी महत्वाकांक्षाओं के चलते संगठन सर्वो. परि के भाव का त्याग करके चीटिंग करने में लग जाता है। इसका ताजा उदाहरण हाल ही में सम्पन्न हुए उत्तर प्रदेश के 11 एमएलसी सीटों के चुनाव भी हैं, इन 11 सीटों में भाजपा 6 सीटें और समाजवादी पार्टी 5 सीटें जीती है। लेकिन सबसे बड़ी चिंता की बात यह है कि हार के साथ–साथ कुछ सीटों पर तो जैसे–तैसे ही भारतीय जनता पार्टी को जीत मिली है। हालांकि चुनाव परिणामों में दस सीटों पर सिटिंग एमएलसी ही दोबारा चुन लिए गए हैं। केवल लखनऊ स्नातक सीट पर ही बड़ा उलटफेर हुआ है, यहां भाजपा के मौजूदा एमएलसी अवनीश कुमार सिंह को सपा की कांति सिंह ने हरा दिया है। वैसे देखें तो वर्ष 2020 में इन सभी 11 सीटों के चुनाव में भाजपा ने छह, समाजवादी पार्टी ने तीन और निर्दलीय उम्मीदवारों ने दो सीटों पर जीत हासिल की थी, वहीं इस बार भाजपा की सीटें तो छह ही रह गई, लेकिन सपा की सीट तीन से बढ़कर के पांच सीट हो गई हैं। चुनावों के यह परिणाम उत्तर प्रदेश की रा. जनीति में भाजपा में अंदरुनी गुटबाजी और भविष्य में चुनावी रणभूमि में कांटे की टक्कर होने का संकेत दे रहे हैं। जो स्थिति उत्तर प्रदेश में हैट्रिक लगाने का सपना देख रही भाजपा हाईकमान के लिए एक गहन आत्ममंथन का विषय है।

हालांकि उत्तर प्रदेश की योगी सरकार के चुनावी तरकश में हैट्रिक लगाने के लिए जन अदालत में बताने के लिए कानून व्यवस्था में लेकर के बहुत सारे सरकार के शानदार कार्य हैं, लेकिन इन कार्यों पर पार्टी के कुछ शीर्ष रा. जनेताओं की अंदरूनी खींचतान, जबरदस्त आपसी गुटबाजी व महत्वकांक्षाएं भारी ना पड़े, इसके लिए समय रहते ही भाजपा के केंद्रीय नेतृत्व को ठोस व प्रभावी उपाय धरातल पर करने होंगे।वहीं कुछ राजनीतिक विश्लेषकों की मानें तो हाईप्रोफाइल सीटों के साथ–साथ बाकी सीटों पर भी जीत का अंतर भाजपा के कुछ अपने ही लोगों का भीतरघात, दावेदारों व अन्य जिम्मेदार लोगों के द्वारा सही ढंग से वोट नहीं बनवाने, प्रत्याशी चयन पर सवाल, संगठन के द्वारा बनाई गई जीत की रणनीति और कुछ अपनों के ही द्वारा चुनाव में की गयी चीटिंग की चीख–चीखकर के स्वयं ही पोल खोलने का कार्य रही है।

श्रीकृष्ण पर विवादित बयान की सपा ने की निंदा, दंडात्मक कार्रवाई की मांग

लखनऊ, दो नवंबर समाजवादी पार्टी (सपा) के अध्यक्ष अखिलेश यादव ने कथावाचक धीरेंद्र कृष्ण शास्त्री का नाम लिए बिना भगवान श्रीकृष्ण पर उनकी कथित टिप्पणी की सोमवार को कड़ी आलोचना की और इस मामले का उच्चतम स्तर पर संज्ञान लेकर दंडात्मक कार्रवाई किए जाने की मांग की। मीडिया में आई खबरों के अनुसार, मध्य प्रदेश में शिवपुरी जिले के करैरा में श्रीराम कथा के दौरान बागेश्वर धाम के पीठाधीश्वर धीरेंद्र कृष्ण शास्त्री ने भगवान श्रीराम और भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की तुलना करते हुए कथित तौर पर विवादित टिप्पणी की थी, जिसका वीडियो सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल हुआ है। इस टिप्पणी पर संत समाज के एक वर्ग की आपत्ति के बाद शास्त्री ने सफाई देते हुए कहा था कि उनका राम और कृष्ण के बीच भेद पैदा करने का कोई इरादा नहीं था।अखिलेश ने सोमवार शाम सोशल मीडिया मंच 'एक्स' पर सुदर्शन चक्रधारी भगवान श्रीकृष्ण का एक वीडियो साझा करते हुए लिखा, ''बेहद दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण और आ. पत्तिजनक है कि कोई राजनीतिक प्रश्रय प्राप्त 'लघु–बंधु' बनकर घूम रहा व्यक्ति सनातन समाज की एकता को तोड़ने का अति निंदनीय कार्य कर रहा है।'' उन्होंने कहा कि पूज्य अवतारों के बीच अपमानजनक तुलना कर एक अवतार को दूसरे से बेहतर बताने की साजिश सनातन समाज के विरुद्ध गहरी चाल है। यादव ने कहा, ''लोकरक्षक और लोकरंजक दोनों एक ही के अवतार हैं, फिर ऐसी गरिमाहीन तुलना का तर्क क्या है, यह स्पष्ट किया जाए। ईशनिंदा का अपराध करने वाले ऐसे व्यक्ति के पीछे उसके किसी संगी–साथी की कुटिल मंशा काम करती दिखती है।'' उन्होंने कहा, ''ऐसे निंदात्मक विषय पर तो हर राजनीतिक दल और उसके समर्थक भी इस तथाकथित वाचक के विरुद्ध एकजुट हो गए हैं। अगर इसे नहीं रोका गया तो इससे समाज में अशांति और असंतोष का वैमनस्यकारी वातावरण बनेगा। ये अक्षम्य पाप है, ऐसे व्यक्ति को समाज, सनातन, देश हित में निरुद्ध–अवरुद्ध करना ही एकमात्र उपाय है।'' उन्होंने सनातन धर्म के खिलाफ कुछ घटनाओं का उल्लेख करते हुए सवाल उठाया कि ''ये सब अनायास ही नहीं हो रहा, इसके पीछे कोई तो है जो इस छल–कुचक्र को रच रहा है। अब वे सब कहां हैं जो अपने को सनातन का ठेकेदार मानते हैं, क्या वो अपने परंपरागत भूमिगत निवास में जाकर छिप गए हैं।'' सपा प्रमुख ने कहा कि हर सच्चा सनातनी दोनों अवतारों का उपासक होता है और इस अनुचित तुलना से सनातन समाज के साथ–साथ अन्य समाजों के लोग भी आहत हुए हैं।

चुनाव हारे तो क्या होगा?

अमेरिका में मिड टर्म इलेक्शन होने जा रहे हैं और इस चुनाव पर सिर्फ अमेरिका ही नहीं भारत समेत पूरी दुनिया की नजरें हैं। इसकी वजह है कि इस चुनाव से तय होगा कि अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डा. `नाल्ड ट्रंप को अगले 2 साल तक संसद का साथ मिलेगा या फिर उनके सामने विपक्ष की ऐसी दीवार खड़ी हो जाएगी जिसे पार करना आसान नहीं होगा। ट्रंप ने अपनी रिपि. ब्लकन पार्टी को जिताने के लिए पूरी ताकत झोंक दी है। लेकिन मुकाबला दिलचस्प है। एक तरफ रिपब्लिकन पार्टी अपना बहुमत बचाने में जुटी है तो दूसरी तरफ डेमोक्रेटिक पार्टी संसद के दोनों सदनों में वापसी की कोशिश कर रही है। अब सवाल है कि आखिर अमेरिका में राष्ट्रपति का चुनाव 4 साल में होता है। दरअसल अमेरिका में राष्ट्रपति का कार्यकाल 4 साल का होता है। लेकिन वहां संसद यानी कांग्रेस के चुनाव हर 2 साल में होते हैं। जब यह चुनाव राष्ट्रपति के 4 साल के कार्यकाल के बीच में होते हैं तो इन्हें मिड टर्म इलेक्शन कहा जाता है। अमेरिका की संसद के दो सदन हैं। पहला हाउस ऑफ रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्स दूसरा सीनेट। हाउस ऑफ रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्स को आप भारत की लो. कसभा की तरह समझ सकते हैं और सीनेट को राज्यसभा की तरह।लेकिन दोनों देशों के चुनावी सिस्टम में एक बड़ा अंतर है।

भारत में लोकसभा सांसद 5 साल के लिए चुने जाते हैं। जबकि अमेरिका में हाउस ऑफ रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्स के सदस्यों का कार्यकाल सिर्फ 2 साल का होता है। इसलिए इस बार हाउस की सभी 435 सीटों पर चुनाव होगा। वहीं सीनेट में कुल 100 सीटें होती हैं। यहां सेटर 6 साल के लिए चुने जाते हैं। लेकिन सभी सीटों पर एक साथ चुनाव नहीं होता। हर 2 साल में लगभग 1ध्3 सीटों पर चुनाव होता है। इस बार 33 नियमित और दो विशेष चुनावों के जरिए कुल 35 सीटों पर वोटिंग होगी। यानी 3 अक्टूबर को अमेरिकी जनता यह तय करेगी कि कांग्रेस के दोनों सदनों में किस पार्टी का दबदबा रहेगा और यही वजह है कि यह चुनाव डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के लिए बेहद अहम है। फिलहाल रिपब्लिकन पार्टी के पास हाउस और सीनेट दोनों में बहुमत है लेकिन यह बहुमत बहुत मामूली है और हाउस में रिपब्लिकन पार्टी के पास 218 सीटें हैं। जबकि सीनेट में उसके पास 53 सीटें हैं। अब अगर डेमोक्रेटिक पार्टी इन दोनों सदनों में से किसी एक में भी बहुमत हासिल कर लिया, तो ट्रंप के लिए मुश्किलें बढ़ सकती हैं। क्योंकि अमेरिका में कानून बनाने का काम कांग्रेस करती है। राष्ट्रपति अपनी योजनाएं जरूर पेश कर सकते हैं, लेकिन उन्हें लागू करने के लिए कई मामलों में संसद का समर्थन जरूरी होता है। ऐसे में अगर डेमोक्रेटिक हाउस या सीनेट पर नियंत्रण आसानी से कर लेते हैं, तो वह ट्रंप के प्रस्तावों को रोक सकते हैं। सरकारी बजट पर सवाल उठा सकते हैं और उनकी पॉलिसीज को लेकर भी जांच शुरू कर सकते हैं। यहां तक कि ट्रंप प्रशासन के फैसलों की जांच के लिए संसदीय कमेटियों का इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है। भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप हो, वाइट हाउस में बाल रूम बनाने का विवाद हो या आईसी एजेंट्स की कारवाई विपक्ष इन मुद्दों पर ट्रंप प्रशासन से जवाब मांग सकता है। डेमोक्रेटिक पार्टी में ट्रंप के खिलाफ महाभियोग की मांग को लेकर भी बहस होती रही है। हालांकि महाभियोग की प्रक्रिया शुरू करना और राष्ट्रपति को पथ हटाना दो अलग–अलग संवैधानिक प्रक्रियाएं हैं। लेकिन अगर रिपब्लिकन पार्टी दोनों सदनों में अपना बहुमत बचा लेती है तो ट्रंप को अपने एजेंडे को आगे बढ़ाने में संसदीय स्तर पर ज्यादा सहयोग मिलेगा। अब बात करते हैं उन मुद्दों की जिन पर इस बार अमेरिकी जनता वोट करेगी। अमेरिका में क्या है चुनावी मुद्दे? पहला महंगाई और अर्थव्यवस्था। अमेरिका में आम लोगों के लिए रोजमर्रा की चीजों की कीमतें, घर का खर्च और रोजगार जैसे सवाल अहम बन गए हैं। दूसरा ट्रंप की टेरिफ पॉलिसी। ट्रंप दूसरे देशों से आने वाले सामान पर टेरिफ लगाने की नीति अपना रहे हैं।

Microfinance recovery agents accused of causing 39-year-old man's death in Nelamangala

Vinod M Jain

Agents allegedly kicked moving motorcycle while attempting to seize it;victim succumbed to injuries.A 39-year-old man died after allegedly being knocked off his moving motorcycle by recovery agents of L&T Microfinance who were attempting to seize the vehicle over non-payment of loan instalments in Nelamangala.The deceased, Murali,a resident of T.Begur in Nelamangala taluk,succumbed to his injuries at Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru late on Saturday night.According to the complaint,the incident occurred last Wednesday when Murali was travelling from Nelamangala towards his native village. Near Budihalu,three recovery agents of L&T Microfinance allegedly intercepted his motorcycle over pending loan instalments.Murali reportedly told the agents that he would stop the vehicle ahead and continued riding. However,the agents allegedly chased him and kicked the moving motorcycle,causing him to lose control and fall on the road.He sustained serious injuries in the fall.His wife,Lalitha, rushed him to Victoria Hospital for treatment. Murali was already suffering from kidney failure and undergoing regular dialysis after both his kidneys had failed. His existing health condition,coupled with the injuries sustained in the incident, reportedly complicated his treatment.

He succumbed late on Saturday night despite medical intervention.His body has been kept in the mortuary at Victoria Hospital.Accusing the recovery agents of being directly responsible for her husband's death,Lalitha and other family members demanded action against those involved.The Nelamangala Rural police have registered a case in connection with the incident.Police have formed a special team to trace and arrest the three accused agents, who are reportedly absconding.

Three SIT officers who probed Prajwal Revanna case receive Union Home Ministry medals

Sunil Lohan

Three officers of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which investigated the sexual abuse cases against former Hassan MP and JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna, have been selected for the Union Home Ministry's Grihmantri Kendriya Dakshata Padak-2026 in recognition of their investigative work.

The awardees from Karnataka are Inspector Shobha M., the investigation officer in the case;Assistant Sub-Inspector,Rathnamma K.;and Civil Police Head Constable Balakrishna Y.The SIT was constituted by the State government in 2024 following the circulation of videos allegedly showing Prajwal Revanna sexually abusing several women,ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. The team was headed by B.K.Singh,then Additional Director-General of Police,Criminal Investigation Department.Four FIRs were registered against Prajwal in connection with the allegations. In a significant development,he was convicted in the first case in 2025,little over a year after the investigation began,and sentenced to life imprisonment. The trials in the remaining three cases are under way.

In January 2026,the State government announced a cash reward of Rs.25 lakh for the SIT personnel in recognition of their work. The announcement had drawn criticism from former Prime Minister H.D.Deve Gowda and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.The three SIT officers have now received national-level recognition through the Union Ministry of Home Affairs' medal.Three other police inspectors from Karnataka, Bavuddeen Rukmuddeen Gaddekar,Manjunath and M. Srinivasa Rao and Deputy Director,Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL), Mysuru,was honoured for his contributions to scientific investigation.

CCB raids Rakesh Shetty's residence, office in Siddaramaiah sting video case

Speical Correspondent

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bengaluru police on Monday conducted searches at the residence and office of Power TV Managing Director Rakesh Shetty in connection with the alleged fabrication and circulation of a sting video targeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.The searches were carried out by multiple teams of investigators after obtaining a search warrant from a court. More than 30 CCB personnel were reportedly involved in the operation.Rakesh Shetty is a key suspect in the case and,along with expelled Congress leader Kripa Alva,is accused of being involved in the creation of the allegedly fabricated video.Both had earlier been questioned by the police.The searches come a day after the CCB disclosed that the mobile phone used to upload the controversial sting video had allegedly changed hands at the official residence of Union Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy in New Delhi.Investigators are now seeking to establish the chain of custody of the mobile phone and the circumstances under which it was used to upload the video.The police have also issued a notice to another suspect, Prajwal Prasad,directing him to appear for questioning. His statement is expected to be crucial in establishing how the mobile phone was procured and handed over to those allegedly involved in uploading the video.According to the investigation,the mobile phone was allegedly handed over to Ritesh Pandey at Kumaraswamy's official residence in New Delhi. The CCB is probing the alleged role of various individuals in the conspiracy and the subsequent circulation of the video.The possibility of questioning Kumaraswamy or examining his official residence in Delhi will depend on the findings of the investigation and the statements of the suspects.

Siddaramaiah sting row:Phone used in 'changed hands at Kumaraswamy home in New Delhi Says Commissioner

Siddarth Sethia

The CCB has also found that the mobile phone used for uploading the video was purchased in Karol Bagh,Delhi, specifically for the alleged operation. Investigators have further traced financial transactions between Prajwal Prasad and Ritesh Pandey,which are being examined as part of the probe.Based on these findings,the police have issued notices to Prajwal Prasad and Vinod Sharma to appear for questioning.However,both are reportedly absconding.

Ritesh Pandey was arrested for allegedly uploading the fabricated video,which purportedly showed a sting operation targeting Siddaramaiah. He is the only person arrested in the case so far, and his statement has been recorded by the investigators.The CCB has questioned several other persons in connection with the case,including Congress leader Kripa Alva and local news channel Anchor,MD,Rakesh Shetty,as part of its efforts to establish the sequence of events and identify those behind the alleged operation.The investigation is continuing, with the police trying to trace the absconding suspects and establish the financial and digital links behind the circulation of the video Says Commissioner of Police Seemant Kumar Singh.

Two Notorious Chain Snatchers arrested by Bandepalya police within 24 hours & cracked 8 cases & recovered 8 gold chains

Special Correspondent

The Bandepalya police have arrested a man and apprehended a juvenile in connection with a chain-snatching incident in the Kudlu Gate area.According to the complaint,Shilpa,a tailor working at Mamatha Garments near Kudlu Gate,was walking towards her workplace around 10.55 am on October 20 when two unidentified men riding a motorcycle approached her and snatched her mangalya chain weighing 39.5 grams,valued at Rs.4 lakh.The incident occurred on the service road near Kudlu Gate. Based on her complaint,the police registered a case under Section 309(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.The police arrested the first accused,Anish,on October 22.Based on information provided by him,a juvenile, identified as Thiruvannakarasu,was apprehended on October 23 and produced before the Juvenile Justice Board.Investigations revealed that the duo were allegedly involved in Eight Chain-snatching incidents within the limits of Bandepalya,Parappana Agrahara and Hebbagodi police stations.The police recovered the complainant's 39.5-gram gold chain,another gold chain weighing 10 grams and imitation jewellery weighing 24.48 grams, 44.31 grams and 15.9 grams.Anish was produced before the IX Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate court.Finally Bengaluru Police Commissioner,Seemant Kumar Singh,Joint CP East,Ramesh Banoth,DCP Electronic City,Narayana M has appreciated whole team and the operation was carried out by a team led by Police Inspector,Manjunath R.V,PSI Sangamesh Hosamani,ASI Mahesh D,Head Constable, Dattatreya and other police personnel has nabbed the chain snatchers within 24 hours and cracked 8 chain snatching cases which took place during recent Festival a special reward and appreciation letter was given to whole team for their tremendous work.

Halasuru police booked Conrad Hotel management for negligence after electrocution deaths

The Halasuru police have registered a case against the management of Conrad Hotel for alleged negligence following the electrocution deaths of two foreign nationals in the hotel's swimming pool on October 30.The case was registered based on a complaint reportedly lodged by one of the Foreign Nationals who died in the incident. The complaint details the sequence of events leading to the tragedy at the swimming pool on the third floor of the hotel.According to the complaint,the complainant,Mrs Silvia Hotuatova,47,a foreign national,and her husband,Juraj Horvat,45,had arrived in India on October 20 for a holiday.The couple checked into Conrad Hotel on October 30.At around 5.15 PM,Horvat went swimming in the hotel's pool.After hearing a loud noise from near the pool,Silvia went to check on him and found him motionless in the water.When hotel staff attempted to rescue him,they too sustained injuries. Another person noticed an electric current in the pool, following which the hotel staff immediately switched off the power supply.Matthew Phelan,an American national,attempted to rescue the victims and administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).The victims were subsequently shifted to a hospital in an ambulance.Horvat and Alexander,a German national,died in the incident,while two others sustained injuries.The complainant sought a detailed investigation and necessary legal action.The Halasuru police have registered a case under Section 106 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against hotel management and are investigating.

Uttarakhand helicopter crash Five Bengaluru residents,including CCB inspector,killed DNA tests to identify six victims; bodies charred beyond recognition

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Five people from Bengaluru,including a Crime Branch (CCB) police inspector,were killed after a helicopter crashed in Uttarakhand while they were on a trip to the Char Dham pilgrimage circuit.The deceased have been identified as CCB Inspector Arun Salunke,Nataraj,Pratap,advocate Sudheer and Shankaragowda. The five friends had travelled to Uttarakhand for the Char Dham pilgrimage.The helicopter, operated by Trans Bharat Aviation,had taken off from Badrinath for Sahastradhara in Dehradun around 1.14 pm on Friday.It reportedly lost contact while flying over the Joshimath valley in Chamoli district.The wreckage was subsequently located near Chayee village,close to Joshimath.The bodies of all six people killed in the helicopter crash in Uttarakhand have been recovered in a severely charred and mutilated condition,making visual identification impossible.Uttarakhand Police have informed the families of the deceased about the recovery of the bodies. However,the mortal remains will be handed over to the families only after DNA profiling confirms the identities of the victims.Police have initiated steps to collect DNA samples from the family members of the deceased.Relatives are being called to the accident site to provide samples for forensic examination.Teams from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)will collect and examine samples from the recovered human remains. The police will match these samples with those provided by the relatives to establish the identity of each victim.

ED Attaches Assets Worth Rs.23.35 Crore in K.C. Veerendra Online Betting Case

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED),Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs.23.35 Crore belonging to K.C.Veerendra and his associates in connection with an alleged illegal online betting and money laundering racket.The attachment includes movable assets valued at Rs.13.76 crore and immovable properties worth Rs.9.18 crore,taking the total to Rs.23.35 crore. The attachment was made under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002,through a Provisional Attachment Order dated October 23,2026.According to the ED,its investigation has uncovered a nationwide network of alleged illegal online betting platforms,including King 567,operated through payment gateways,shell companies and mule bank accounts. Players were allegedly induced to deposit money into these platforms and subsequently cheated through manipulated betting operations and blocked withdrawals.The agency has traced suspected proceeds of crime exceeding Rs.2,300 crore. The funds were allegedly routed through multiple bank accounts, hawala channels and offshore entities before being used to acquire luxury assets,make business investments,transfer money abroad and meet personal expenses.The ED alleged that Veerendra and his associates concealed, possessed and projected the proceeds of crime as untainted property,attracting the provisions of Section 3 of the PMLA.Investigators also found that Fonepaisa Payment Solutions Private Limited,beneficially owned by Gulshan Khattar,had received proceeds of crime as compensation for providing payment gateway and financial intermediary services to the alleged betting network. Assets worth approximately Rs.30 crore had previously been attached in connection with the company through an attachment order dated January 29,2026.The investigation further revealed that SunTech IT Solutions Private Limited had received credits from identified mule bank accounts linked to King 567. Neha Tandon,a director of the company,allegedly had no active role in its management,which was handled by her husband,Gulshan Khattar,according to the ED.The agency suspects that properties held in Tandon's name represent proceeds of crime, citing the receipt of allegedly tainted funds by SunTech and Khattar's alleged control over the financial transactions and movement of the proceeds through Fonepaisa.Earlier,the ED had conducted search and seizure operations at more than 60 premises across several States under Section 17 of the PMLA. Cash,gold bullion,gold and silver jewellery,balances in mule accounts,vehicles,digital devices and incriminating documents were seized or frozen.Veerendra was also arrested under Section 19 of the Act.The ED filed a prosecution complaint on October 18, 2025,followed by a supplementary prosecution complaint on February 20, 2026.The Special Court under the PMLA took cognisance of the case on May 4,2026.Before the latest attachment,the agency had provisionally attached properties worth Rs.177.30 crore, which were subsequently confirmed by the PMLA Adjudicating Authority in New Delhi.With the latest attachment, the aggregate value of properties attached,seized or frozen in the case has exceeded Rs.343 crore, the ED said.The latest attachment is intended to safeguard the value of the alleged proceeds of crime.Further investigation is underway.

Bengaluru South Division police crack 257 cases, recover property worth Rs.13.76

Pramesh S Jain

211 accused arrested;gold jewellery worth Rs.10.65 crore,175 two-wheelers and 410 mobile phones among recoveriesThe Bengaluru City Police's South Division have detected 257 criminal cases and arrested 211 accused, recovering stolen property worth approximately Rs.13.76 crore in a major crime detection drive.The recovered property includes 8 kg and 269 grams of gold jewellery valued at Rs.10.65 crore,410 mobile phones worth Rs.79.10 lakh,175 two-wheelers worth Rs.71.10 lakh and cash amounting to Rs.92.40 lakh.The police have also recovered 18 kg and 221 grams of silver articles worth Rs.36.89 lakh,15 three-wheelers,a six-wheeled canter vehicle,dry fruits and grocery items, gas cylinders,laptops and copper wire.Among the police stations,Jayanagar police detected the highest number of cases at 60,followed by Girinagar police with 42 cases. Puttenahalli police arrested the highest number of accused at 32,while Banashankari police reported recoveries worth nearly Rs.3 crore.Girinagar police recovered property worth approximately Rs.3.82 crore, followed by Banashankari police,which recovered property worth nearly Rs.3 crore. J.P.Nagar police recovered property worth Rs.1.54 crore, while Puttenahalli police recovered property worth Rs.1.53 crore.In a separate initiative, 57 mobile phones worth approximately Rs.10 lakh were recovered through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal.

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National Zoological Park marks 67th Foundation Day with Creative Outreach Activity and Bird Walk

Delhi : The National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on 01.11.2026 with an engaging doodle activity for visitors, reaffirming its commitment to wildlife conservation, biodiversity awareness and environmental education. The activity received an enthusiastic response, with approximately 1,500 visitors appreciating and participating in the initiative. It provided an interactive and creative platform, particularly for children and families, to express their ideas and connect with the importance of protecting wildlife and nature. On the occasion, Dr. Sanjeet Kumar, Director (NZP) highlighted, "The 67th Foundation Day is an important milestone in the Park's journey and an occasion to renew our commitment to wildlife conservation, animal welfare, biodiversity protection and public engagement. A modern zoo is not merely a place to see animals; it is a centre for conservation, learning, research and inspiration. Every visitor, especially every child can become an ambassador for nature through informed and responsible choices". He invited citizens to connect with the National Zoological Park, learn about rich biodiversity and join in protecting wildlife and the natural world for future generations. As part of its ongoing efforts to encourage public participation in biodiversity monitoring and wildlife conservation, the National Zoological Park organised the 19th edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' today, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The walk was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. Paritosh Ahmed, Ornithologist, with the support of dedicated volunteers. A total of 18 participants, including bird enthusiasts, nature lovers, students, wildlife photographers and citizens interested in biodiversity, took part in the programme. During the walk, participants recorded 46 bird species and observed more than 500 individual birds in the designated area. The observations contributed to field-level biodiversity documentation and provided participants with a practical opportunity to engage

in citizen science. The expert shared insights into bird ecology, behaviour and conservation, highlighting the role of birds in maintaining ecological balance including through natural pest control and their value as indicators of ecosystem health. Addressing the participants, Director (NZP) emphasised that nature walks strengthen field-identification skills, deepen understanding of ecological relationships and food webs, support biodiversity documentation and foster a lasting appreciation of wildlife conservation. 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. The link is available on the official website of the National Zoological Park and through the NZP Saathi mobile application. On the occasion, Dr. Sanjeet Kumar, Director (NZP) highlighted, "The 67th Foundation Day is an important milestone in the Park's journey and an occasion to renew our commitment to wildlife conservation, animal welfare, biodiversity protection and public engagement. A modern zoo is not merely a place to see animals; it is a centre for conservation, learning, research and inspiration. Every visitor, especially every child can become an ambassador for nature through informed and responsible choices". He invited citizens to connect with the National Zoological Park, learn about rich biodiversity and join in protecting wildlife and the natural world for future generations. As part of its ongoing efforts to encourage public participation in biodiversity monitoring and wildlife conservation, the National Zoological Park organised the 19th edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' today, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The walk was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. Paritosh Ahmed, Ornithologist, with the support of dedicated volunteers.

Indian Railways Observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026

Delhi : The Ministry of Railways observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and organised activities under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 – Special Campaign 6.0 at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, on 30 October 2026. To mark the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the 'Iron Man of India', Shri Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO of the Railway Board, administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge at Vichar (Conference Hall), Rail Bhawan. Members of the Railway Board, Directors General, senior officers and staff of the Ministry of Railways were present on the occasion. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed every year on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He played a pivotal role in the integration of the princely states into the Union of India and made an enduring contribution towards strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation. As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 – Special Campaign 6.0, various activities were organised at Rail Bhawan to promote cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation. Health check-up camps were organised for Safai Mitras, recognising the importance of their health and well-being. On the occasion, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, felicitated Safai Mitras in recognition of their dedicated services and contribution towards maintaining cleanliness at Rail Bhawan. The felicitation acknowledged their hard work and commitment to maintaining cleanliness and upholding the spirit of Swachhata in Indian Railways. The event recognised the contributions of day-to-day maintenance staff, with senior members of the Railway Board felicitating employees for their dedication and hard work. The felicitation included staff from housekeeping and horticulture, reflecting the deep sense of unity within the Rail family and the spirit of working together as One Family. The occasion also coincided with the felicitation of 11 employees who retired after

dedicating a significant part of their lives to the service of Indian Railways and the people of the country. The celebrations reinforced the message of keeping offices clean and green while fostering a culture of teamwork, mutual respect and collective responsibility. It highlighted the spirit of Indian Railways as One Family, working together as One Team to serve the people of India. As India moves forward towards the vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, Indian Railways continues to play a vital role in strengthening the unity and integration of the nation. As the country's national transporter, connecting every part of India and carrying millions of passengers to their destinations every day, Indian Railways remains a symbol of national unity, bringing people, regions and states closer together.

Digi Yatra Begins International Passenger Trials at Seven Airports

Delhi : Digi Yatra has commenced trials for international passengers at seven airports across India, marking a further step in the adoption of digital technology in the country's aviation sector. The trials, scheduled to run from November to December 2026, will allow eligible Indian nationals holding e-passports to use the Digi Yatra at designated airport touchpoints while travelling on select international flights operated by Air India and IndiGo. The trials are being conducted at Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar airports. Eligible passengers will be able to use the facility at terminal entry points, Security Hold Areas (SHA) and boarding gates, wherever the required infrastructure is available. Feedback received during the trial period will inform the planning of a wider rollout in 2027. To access the facility, eligible Indian nationals must create an e-passport-based Verifiable Credential (VC) through the Digi Yatra mobile application. The process involves scanning the Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) of the e-passport, reading the embedded chip using the Near Field Communication (NFC) feature of a compatible smartphone, capturing a selfie and verifying the details. The credential is stored in the passenger's Digi Yatra wallet on the device and can be used at airport touchpoints enabled for the trials. The facility is intended to complement, and not replace, existing travel processes. Passengers must continue to carry their travel documents and complete all mandatory airline document checks, immigration procedures and other applicable travel formalities. The Digi Yatra's adoption continues to expand across India's aviation network. The platform has over 26.5 million users and has enabled more than 110 million journeys across 39 domestic airports, serving domestic airlines. A further 25 domestic airports are planned to be covered by 2027. The Ministry of Civil Aviation remains committed to leveraging technology to improve airport operations and facilitate seamless air travel, in line with the Government of India's vision of Digital India and Ease of Flying.

Avoiding Tax by Design: How Tata Trusts Ring-Fenced Their Exemption

On 19 February 2013, an official at the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust sent an internal e-mail to a colleague in the Tata group. The e-mail is short and businesslike. The colleague had asked whether any charities had given up their right to buy new shares in Tata Consultancy Services or TCS, a Tata Group flagship company. The reply says TCS never offered such shares. But Tata Sons did, in 1995-96, and three charitable Trusts of Tata Group gave up that right in favour of other Tata companies. Then comes the sentence that matters. The e-mail says these three charities were set up with gifts of Tata Sons shares from older Tata charities, and that they "were created with the knowledge that they would be taxable Trusts".

That is an unusual thing for a charity to say about itself. Charities normally exist to do good work free of tax. Here, the charities' own office was saying that these three were designed from day one to be the kind that pays tax. They were never meant to be ordinary charities. They were set up to hold something the main charities could no longer keep. The rest of this story explains what that was, and why it mattered.

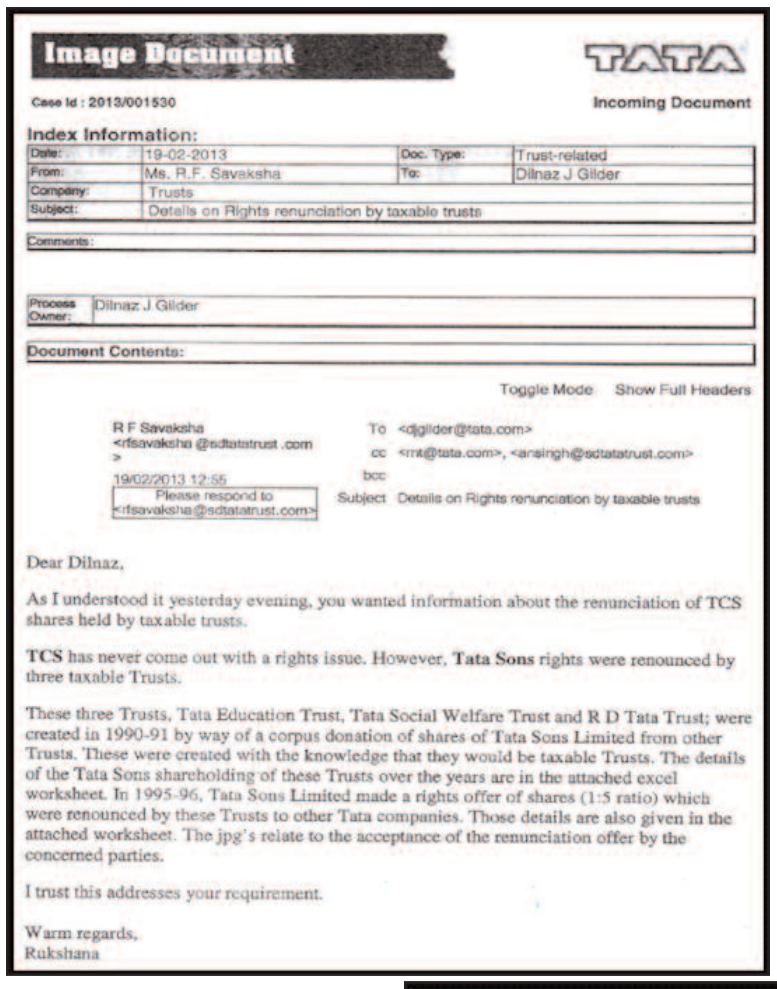
Why the shares had to go

Charities in India do not pay income tax, as long as they follow certain rules. One rule is about where a charity keeps its money. The law wants it kept safe, in bank deposits, government bonds and similar places. Shares in a private company like Tata Sons are not on that list. In 1989 this rule was tightened for the big national charities. At the time, the three oldest Tata charities, named after Sir Dorabji Tata, Sir Ratan Tata and J.R.D. Tata, together owned more than half of Tata Sons. They could keep shares they had owned since 1973. But shares acquired after that had to go by March 1993. If they kept them, they risked losing their tax-free status entirely. The trusts' own records show that the trustees sought advice from the eminent lawyer N.A. Palkhivala. He told them to get rid of the newer shares. For the Tata Sons shares, he suggested the trustees "might consider donating them to a new Trust created for the purpose".

That is exactly what happened, within a single week of March 1990. The older charities gave away exactly the Tata Sons shares they had acquired after 1973. Three new charities were created on 29 March 1990 to receive them. Largely the same people ran both the old and the new charities.

The problem was not solved. It was simply moved. The big charities now looked clean and kept their full tax exemption. The rule-breaking shares sat in three small charities that owned nothing else. That is what the 2013 e-mail confirms in a single line. Interestingly, as per sources available, these three charities have also continued to claim tax benefits.

What the attached sheet shows



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Dear Dilnaz,

As I understood it yesterday evening, you wanted information about the renunciation of TCS shares held by taxable trusts.

TCS has never come out with a rights issue. However, **Tata Sons** rights were renounced by three taxable Trusts.

These three Trusts, Tata Education Trust, Tata Social Welfare Trust and R D Tata Trust; were created in 1990-91 by way of a corpus donation of shares of Tata Sons Limited from other Trusts. These were created with the knowledge that they would be taxable Trusts. The details of the Tata Sons shareholding of these Trusts over the years are in the attached excel worksheet. In 1995-96, Tata Sons Limited made a rights offer of shares (1:5 ratio) which were renounced by these Trusts to other Tata companies. Those details are also given in the attached worksheet. The jpg's relate to the acceptance of the renunciation offer by the concerned parties.

I trust this addresses your requirement.

Warm regards,
Rukshana

The accompanying worksheet reportedly lists initial holdings of 1,625 shares each for the Tata Education Trust and Tata Social Welfare Trust, and 948 shares for the R.D. Tata Trust. It says bonus shares and subsequent gifts increased those holdings to 15,075, 15,075 and 8,838 shares, respectively.

The worksheet also records a 1995–96 offer under which the trusts could purchase one additional Tata Sons share for every five shares held. According to the material, the trusts did not exercise the rights and passed them to other companies, including Indian Hotels, Bambino Investment and Trading, Cyrus Investments, Tata Industries and the Investment Corporation of India. The material estimates that those companies paid Tata Sons approximately ₹8.66 crore for the shares. It does not establish whether the trusts received consideration for transferring the rights.

A rule understood, but not followed

The material states that the shares remained with the three trusts after a March 1993 deadline referenced in the records. It also says tax authorities did not treat the trusts as tax-exempt from 1996–97, and that disputes over their tax status continued.

The source material refers to a 2014 tax tribunal decision concerning the trusts' shareholdings and says the law was subsequently amended. The precise findings and legal effects should be confirmed from the full text of the relevant orders and legislation. **2015: giving up instead of selling**

Things changed in 2014. A tax tribunal confirmed that holding Tata Sons shares broke the charity rules, and Parliament changed the law so that breaking them could get a charity's registration cancelled? Within months, in February 2015, all three trusts, understanding now they cannot remain obscure, wrote nearly identical letters to the tax department and said they "no longer wished to remain registered as charities". Although, department argued that there is no provision in Income tax Act to "relinquish charitable status", especially when nothing changed in the charities' own founding documents which say they are charitable. Each one tells the trustees to use the charity's money in a way that keeps it tax-free.

In June 2016 a new tax came into force. When a charity's registration is cancelled, it must now pay tax on the full value of everything it owns, at the highest rate. Since nearly ten per cent of Tata Sons is worth an enormous amount, the bill could be very large. When tax department asked to pay the bill, now Tata says that it had already relinquished charitable status in 2015, whereas there is no provision in Income tax Act to quit charitable status and therefore, charitable status ends only when the department formally cancels it. The charitable status was not cancelled by 2016.

2019: cancelation of Trusts charitable Status

The material states that six Tata charities, including the three trusts, approached the Bombay High Court in 2018 to challenge steps toward cancellation of their registrations. It says the cases were later withdrawn and that the tax department cancelled the registrations in October 2019. The trusts then appealed to the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). According to the material, the tribunal ruled in their favour on certain procedural grounds in March 2021, after which the tax department appealed to the Bombay High Court. The current status and any subsequent orders should be confirmed from the court record before publication. A second rule, under state law

The source material raises a separate question under Maharashtra law concerning the investment of charitable funds and whether permission from the Charity Commissioner was required. It cites auditors' reports for 2005–06 to 2018–19 as noting the absence of such permission.

The legal significance of those observations, and whether permission or reporting was required or obtained, should be verified against the relevant statutory provisions and official records.

What it means

The documents described in the material raise questions about the purpose and legal treatment of the share transfers, the trusts' tax status, and the effect of their requests to relinquish charitable registration. These matters are disputed, and the pending litigation is relevant to their resolution.

The material does not establish a final judicial finding that the trusts were created to evade tax or that any person committed wrongdoing. The trusts' position, the tax department's submissions and the full text of the relevant court and tribunal orders should be reviewed before drawing conclusions. The outcome of the proceedings rests with the courts.

Period	Tata Education Trust: Particulars	Holding	Book Value Rs.	Tata Social Welfare Trust: Particulars	Holding	Book Value Rs.	R D Tata Trust: Particulars	Holding	Book Value Rs.
1989-1990	Gifted by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	1,623	19,94,667	Gifted by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	1,623	19,94,667	Gifted by J. R. D. Tata Trust	948	7,15,550
		2	2,000		2	2,000			
		1,625	19,96,667		1,625	19,96,667		948	7,15,550
1992-1993	Bonus (1:1)	1,625	Nil	Bonus (1:1)	1,625	Nil	Bonus (1:1)	948	Nil
		3,250	19,96,667		3,250	19,96,667		1,896	7,15,550
1994-1995	Bonus (1:1)	3,250	Nil	Bonus (1:1)	3,250	Nil	Bonus (1:1)	1,896	Nil
		6,500	19,96,667		6,500	19,96,667		3,792	7,15,550
							Gifted by J. R. D. and Thelma J. Tata Trust	68	68,000
1994-1995	Gifted by J. R. D. Tata Trust	200	2,00,000	Gifted by J. R. D. and Thelma J. Tata Trust	200	2,00,000	Gifted by J. R. D. Tata Trust	68	68,000
		6,700	21,96,667		6,700	21,96,667		3,928	8,51,550
1997-1998	Bonus (1:2)	3,350	Nil	Bonus (1:2)	3,350	Nil	Bonus (1:2)	1,964	Nil
		10,050	21,96,667		10,050	21,96,667		5,892	8,51,550
1999-2000	Bonus (1:2)	5,025	Nil	Bonus (1:2)	5,025	Nil	Bonus (1:2)	2,946	Nil
	Total Holding as on date	15,075	21,96,667	Total Holding	15,075	21,96,667	Total Holding	8,838	8,51,550
Details of renunciation of Rights Shares of Tata Sons Limited (offered in the ratio of 1 : 5) The Board had agreed to renounce the shares in favour of Tata companies									
1995-1996	Against the holding of 6700 shares	1,340	3,35,00,000	Against the holding of 6700 shares	1,340	3,35,00,000	Against the holding of 3928 shares	785 plus 3	1,96,40,000
	Renounced to			Renounced to			Renounced to		
	Indian Hotels Co Ltd	560	1,40,00,000	Cyrus Investments Limited	1340	3,35,00,000	Tata Industries	785	1,96,25,000
	Bambino Investment And Trading Co. Ltd	780	1,95,00,000				Investment Corporation of India	3	15,000

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