



Appointments

Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration TK Sreedevi is transferred and posted as Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration (outside HMDA). She was also placed in FAC as Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, (for Municipalities & Corporations outside ORR limits). GHMC Commissioner Ilambarathi K was transferred and posted as Secretary to Government, Metropolitan Area & Urban Development Department (HMDA limits). Health & Family Welfare Director RV Karnan was transferred and posted as GHMC Commissioner in place of Ilambarathi.

State Flagship projects Commissioner K Shashanka was transferred and posted as Commissioner, Future City Development Authority (FCDA). He will continue in FAC as Director, Mines & Geology. I&PR Commissioner and EO Special Secretary, GA(I&PR) S Harish, was transferred and posted as GENCO CMD duly relieving Sandeep Kumar Sultania from FAC of the post. He was also placed in FAC as Joint Secretary to Revenue Department. TGIRD CEO K Nikhila was placed in FAC of the post of Secretary & CEO, Telangana Human Rights Commission.

Joint Secretary to Chief Minister S Sangeetha Satyanarayana was transferred and posted as Director, Health & Family Welfare as RV Karnan was transferred. She was also placed in FAC as the CEO, Arogyasri Health Care Trust duly relieving RV Karnan from FAC of the post.

Director, Protocol and Joint Secretary to Government (Protocol) S Venkata Rao was transferred and posted as Director, Endowments. He was also placed in FAC of the post of Executive Officer, Yadagirigutta Temple. State Finance Corporation Joint Managing Director P Katayani Devi was transferred and posted as Additional CEO, SERP. School Education Director EV Narsimha Reddy was transferred and posted as Additional CEO, Industry & Investment Cell & SPEED. He was also in FAC as Managing Director, Musi River Development Corporation Ltd(MRDCL) relieving Dana Kishore as FAC of the post.

TGMSIDC Director Bhorkhade Hemant Sahadeorao was transferred and posted as Zonal Commissioner, GHMC while Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad G Phaneendra Reddy was transferred and posted as Managing Director, Telangana Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGMSIDC) in his place.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies), Hyderabad P Kadiravan was transferred and posted as Joint Commissioner, PR & RD. OSD to Chief Secretary K Vidya Sagar (Non-Cadre) was transferred and posted as Additional Collector (Local Bodies), Hyderabad in his place. Vidya Sagar was also placed in FAC of the post of Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad in place of Phaneendra Reddy. On transfer, R Upender Reddy (Non-Cadre), was posted as Secretary, HMDA.

Nitin Kumar Yadav Assigned Addl Charge as CMD,MMTC



IAS Officer Nitin Kumar Yadav has received an Additional Charge as CMD of MMTC, PEC, and STC. Haryana cadre IAS officer Nitin Kumar Yadav (2000) has been given additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of three major public sector enterprises – MMTC Ltd, PEC Ltd, and STC Ltd. Mr. Yadav currently serves as Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

This additional assignment is effective immediately and will be in place for a period of one year. The move is seen as part of the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen the leadership and streamline the functioning of its key trading corporations to enhance operational efficiency and strategic focus.

Amit Kumar Agrawal Designated Member Secretary, Supreme Court Committee

IAS Amit Kumar Agrawal has been appointed as Member Secretary of Supreme Court Committee on Farmers' Protest.

Chandigarh: Senior bureaucrat Amit Kumar Agrawal, a 2003-batch IAS officer of the Haryana cadre, has been appointed as the Member Secretary of the High Powered Committee set up by the Supreme Court of India to address issues related to the ongoing farmers' protests. The appointment follows the Court's directive in the matter of *State of Haryana and Anr. vs Uday Pratap Singh and Others*. Currently serving as Commissioner & Secretary in the Departments of Development & Panchayats, Information, Public Relations, Languages and Cultural Affairs, and Foreign Cooperation in Haryana, Mr. Agrawal will take on this additional responsibility with immediate effect. He succeeds Bhupinder Singh, IAS (Retired), who previously held the post.

Nidhi Tewari appointed as Private Secretary to Prime Minister Modi



Indian Foreign Service officer Nidhi Tewari has been appointed as the private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved her appointment, and the Department of Personnel and Training issued the official order on March 29. Tewari, a 2014-batch IFS officer, has been serving as deputy secretary in the Prime Minister's Office since January 2023. She first joined the PMO as an under secretary in November 2022. Her new role as private secretary is at Level 12 of the pay matrix and will be co-terminus with her tenure in the PMO or until further orders.

Originally from Varanasi's Mahmoorganj area, Tewari cleared the Civil Services Examination in 2013 with an all-India rank of 96. Before joining the Indian Foreign Service, she worked as an assistant commissioner in the commercial tax department in Varanasi. Her career in the Indian Foreign Service includes a tenure in the Ministry of External Affairs, where she was part of the Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division. In the PMO, she has been closely involved in the foreign and security vertical, working under National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar's term extended



The central government has extended the tenure of T Rabi Sankar as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by one year. According to an official notification from the Secretariat of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, the re-appointment will take effect from May 3, 2025.

This marks the second extension for Sankar, who was originally appointed as Deputy Governor in May 2021 for a three-year term. His first extension was granted in May 2024.

Sankar currently oversees 13 departments at the RBI, including financial market regulation and the fintech department, which were added to his portfolio earlier this year. He also heads the departments of currency management, foreign exchange, and external investment and operations. He has played a leading role in the development of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

An RBI veteran, T Rabi Sankar joined the central bank in 1990 and has held several senior positions, including Executive Director responsible for payments systems, information technology, and risk management. He has also served as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Sankar holds an M.Phil in economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

He continues to serve under RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, who took office in December 2024. The RBI currently has four Deputy Governors: T Rabi Sankar, Poonam Gupta, Swaminathan Janakiraman, and M Rajeshwar Rao.

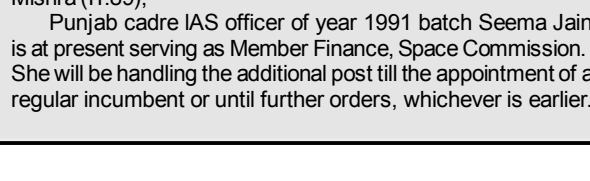
Seema Jain : Additional charge as Member Finance, Department of Atomic Energy

IAS Seema Jain has been assigned an additional charge of the post of Member Finance, Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Atomic Energy.

The competent authority has approved assignment of additional charge of the post of Member Finance, Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Atomic Energy to

Ms. Seema Jain. She has been given the upon relinquishment of the charge of the post by IRS officer Pankaj Kumar Mishra (IT:89).

Punjab cadre IAS officer of year 1991 batch Seema Jain is at present serving as Member Finance, Space Commission. She will be handling the additional post till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



Kartik Agrawal posted as Deputy Secy in the Ministry of Power

ICoAS officer Kartik Agrawal has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Power.

As per a recently issued notification by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), name of ICoAS officer Kartik Agrawal has been mandated for posting as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Power. A year 2016 batch of ICoAS officer Kartik Agrawal has been given the posting under the Central Staffing Scheme. With the new order now he will be serving for the period of four years from the date of joining the office.




Sunil Date designated Chairman, Troop Comforts Limited (TCL)



IRS officer Sunil Date has been appointed as Chairman, Troop Comforts Limited (TCL).

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of the Department of Defence Production for appointment of IAS officer Sunil Date. Now with the new order he has been appointed to the post of Chairman in the Troop Comforts Limited (TCL). He will also be serving as Chief Managing Director (CMD) of the TCL.

IRS officer Sunil Date is at present rendering services as Director (Operations), Gliders India Limited (GIL). w.e.f. the date of assumption of charge of the post till the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



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Southern State DGsP Coordination Conference.

During the conference Smt. Shikha Goel IPS, DG CID & Director, TGCSB (Telangana Cyber Security Bureau) stated that “to disrupt cybercrime ecosystems, we need to leverage new technologies like Artificial Intelligence and share actionable intelligence amongst ourselves to collectively stay ahead of emerging threats.” It was decided to create a regional coordination cell among the southern states to improve collaboration among the cyber wings of each state, yield faster investigation, facilitate sharing of intelligence, apprehend accused individuals, reduce delays and provide speedy justice to cyber victims.

DGP Dr. Jitender IPS stated that a united front across southern states is required to combat cybercrime. Our collective expertise should be leveraged to strengthen cybersecurity frameworks and protect our citizens from emerging threats. A safer digital ecosystem for our region can be created through our combined efforts. Telangana police organized the Regional Quarterly Meeting of the

K.Ramakrishna Rao , The New Chief Secretary of Telangana



Senior IAS officer K Ramakrishna Rao has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of the state. Currently serving as Special Chief Secretary of the Finance and Planning department, Ramakrishna is a 1991 batch officer and the third senior-most IAS officer in Telangana. Ramakrishna holds the record for preparing 14 state Budgets. Associated with the Finance department since 2016, he played a key role in mobilising funds for various schemes during the 10-year BRS regime and under the present Congress government. An engineering graduate from IIT Kanpur, Ramakrishna also holds a master’s degree from IIT Delhi and an MBA in investments. He joined the civil services in 1991 and served as the collector of Adilabad and Guntur districts in the undivided Andhra Pradesh. He

was also Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting from 2003 to 2016 during his central deputation before taking a six-year sabbatical to work with multilateral agencies. Ramakrishna is scheduled to retire in August later this year.



Santhi Kumari’s Second Inning

The Telangana government issued orders appointing senior IAS officer Santhi Kumari as vice chairperson, MCR HRD. Santhi Kumari, serving as the chief secretary of Telangana, has attained superannuation on April 30. “In exigency of administration, as Vice Chairman, Dr MCR HRD Institute, She is placed in full additional charge of the post of Director General, Dr MCR Human Resource Development Institute, until further orders,” reads a Government Order issued. Dr MCR HRD Institute is the premier administrative training institute of the Telangana government to create and sustain a dedicated workforce for the government. An IAS officer of

the 1989 batch, she was the first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.



Super Senior Is Always SUPER

Meanwhile the city police chief & DG CV.Anand addressed the 108 th anniversary function of Alma Mater , Osmania University at Tagore Auditorium. He told about the nostalgia of having done during MA Economics at the University. He told that studying for civil services and clearing in my first attempt at 22 age, playing for OU in the Vizzy and Rohinton Baria inter varsity cricket for 3 years in 1986-87-88 is again unforgettable happenings. And now as a CP had the opportunity to tackle several issues related to the University is again rare affair. He appealed to the students, student organisations and the faculty to help regain the past glory of OU and also to create a system for alumni to contribute to this effort. Students got impressed with the presence of Mr.Anand , as their super senior is always senior.



Sr.IAS Jayesh Ranjan @ CMO

Jayesh Ranjan was transferred to the special chief secretary to the Government and CEO, Industry and Investment Cell in CMO and SPEED. The officer also placed in the FAC of the special chief secretary to Government, YAT&C Department and the director, Archaeology. Mr.Ranjan, served in key post in IT and Industries departments for several years and gave his best performance for the state. Best wishes.



Best Wishes To Lokayukta & Upa-Lokayukta

In the presence of Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma , a Swearing-in Ceremony of the Lokayukta, Justice A.Rajasheker Reddy and Upa-Lokayukta, Justice B.S.Jag Jeevan of Telangana took place at Rajbhavan. During the event Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy and other dignitaries can also be seen.



Just Incredible !

Jennifer Larson, the US CG in Hyderabad sharing the memorable moment with Army officers. “This is my second time seeing the incredible US Navy and Indian Navy partnership in action for Tiger Triumph 2025. When our forces work together this effectively and collaboratively, we benefit lives and make the Indo-Pacific free and secure for all people”. She added.



HYD Is Buzzing With Innovation

UK Dy.High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen said that Hyderabad is buzzing with innovation and ambition! “Ceri Smith, Director General at the biztrade govt. of UKs office for Investment, met with leading companies. Also visited T Hub Hyderabad to discuss investment opportunities. Watch him reflect on the visit and the potential ahead.”



Turkish Cuisine Festival ‘On Cards’

Turkey Consulate , Hyderabad is all set to plan a exceptional event in the town. It’s a news for the food lovers that the Consul General Orhan Yalman Okan and his team is working to plan a amazing delicious Turkish Cuisine Festival very soon. In the picture Trident Hotel and Tol representatives can be seen with the CG.

Meeting Of The Month



Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Promoter & Managing Director, MAK Projects Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad had a meeting with Elliot Bogod, CEO of Broadway Realty New York. He stated that “We discussed potential collaborations on luxury housing projects in Dubai, focusing on funding and development of self-sustaining properties. As someone with 30 years of experience in real estate. “I was impressed by his expertise in promoting Dubai real estate in the US market. He graciously presented me with a personally signed copy of his book, “Get Rich in Real Estate: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Acquiring Property in NYC.” I’m looking forward to exploring the insights and strategies outlined in the book.”

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Marvelous Bhagwat : The Perfect MENTOR

Over 200 UPSC aspirants trained by Additional DGP Mahesh Bhagwat shine in 2024 results. In the results announced by UPSC, three candidates in top 10 ranks were mentored for personality test (interviews) by Bhagwat and his team of mentors. Continuing his service beyond uniform, Mr.Bhagwat aided over 200 candidates from across the country to crack Civil Services Examination 2024. Since 2015, Bhagwat and his team of mentors comprising officers from IRS, IPS and IFS among others have been a guiding force for civil services aspirants for their interview preparation. The aspirants are offered free training and guidance both in person and online via WhatsApp. Based on the candidate's profile. "Based on my biodata, Mahesh Bhagwat helped me with probable questions. His guidance has really been helpful for the interview," said a student. Bhagwat congratulated candidates expressed his gratitude to mentors who assisted him in the mentoring. "We are just giving back to society," he said.

Telangana Prisons Department Wins Prestigious SKOCH Award



Telangana Prisons Department Wins Prestigious SKOCH Award at 100th SKOCH Summit The 100th SKOCH Summit, themed "Navigating New Frontiers in Economic Justice and Legal Frameworks," was held in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in discussions on economic justice and legal reforms. The summit was inaugurated by Mr. Sameer Kochhar, Chairman of the SKOCH Group, with the inaugural keynote address delivered by Mr. Ajay Seth, Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. Out of 250 government initiatives from across India, the Telangana Prisons Department was honoured with the prestigious 100th SKOCH Award for its exemplary project on the "Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Prisoners into Society." Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Telangana, and Mr. M. Sampath, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Telangana proudly received the award on behalf of the department.

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Singareni Spreads Its Wings...



Telangana-based Singareni Collieries Company Ltd officially began coal production at the Naini Coal Block in Angul district of Odisha. This is its first ever mining venture outside the State in its 136-year history. Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday virtually opened the Naini mine of the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) in Odisha from his camp office in Hyderabad. He termed the event as a historic moment in the annals of the company with 136-year history. In Naini, Chairman and Managing Director of the SCCL N. Balaram, other officials and the

Chhendipada (local) MLA (Angul district) Agasti Behera and others participated in the launch of mining operations. In Hyderabad, Principal Secretary (Energy) Sandeep Kumar Sultania, CMD of TG-Transco D. Krishna Bhaskar and a few senior executives of SCCL were present. The mine, which holds an estimated 340 million tonnes of high-grade coal, was allotted in the same year, but faced delays due to pending clearances as it involves about 783 hectares of forest land in the mining lease area of 912.79 hectares.

RV.Karnan @ GHMC, Right Choice



IAS officer R.V. Karnan assumed charge as GHMC commissioner, earning praise for his prior work on food safety enforcement. IAS officer R.V. Karnan took charge as commissioner of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. He replaced K. Ilambarathi, now secretary, municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department. Karnan in his previous posting as director of the state health and family welfare department, was known for the conducted checks that the food safety wing initiated on restaurants, pubs and ice cream parlours. These checks helped raise awareness about food safety among the public. GHMC staff and officials greeted both officers and wished them all the best in their new roles.



Good Initiative by CtrlS Datacenters

CtrlS Datacenters are glad to assist Andhra Pradesh Police with a small contribution of 50 laptops to strengthen their investigation work. The laptops were handed over to the police officers at Vijaywada by Mr.Harish Gupta, IPS, DGP AP and Rajasekhar Babu, IPS, CP Vijaywada, in the presence of Rajiv Trivedi IPS retd., and Director, CtrlS Datacenters. Mr.Trivedi sincerely thanked Mr.RP Thakur IPS retd., Advisor, Government of AP, for coordinating the successful conclusion of this project. Good initiative !



Prominent Dancers Felicitated

On International Dance Day Indian Classic dance doyen and Padma Vibhushan awardee Sonal Mansingh and other prominent dancers were felicitated. IRS officer Ashok Babu Nelapatla and Director of National River Conservation Directorate with other guests felicitated the dancers.



IPS Officer Sunil Kumar Suspension Period Extended

IPS officer Sunil Kumar was placed under suspension under Rule 3(1) of AIS (D&A) Rules, 1969, on the allegations of undertaking multiple foreign visits without permission from Government and for deviation from the travel plan approved by Government in certain foreign visits.

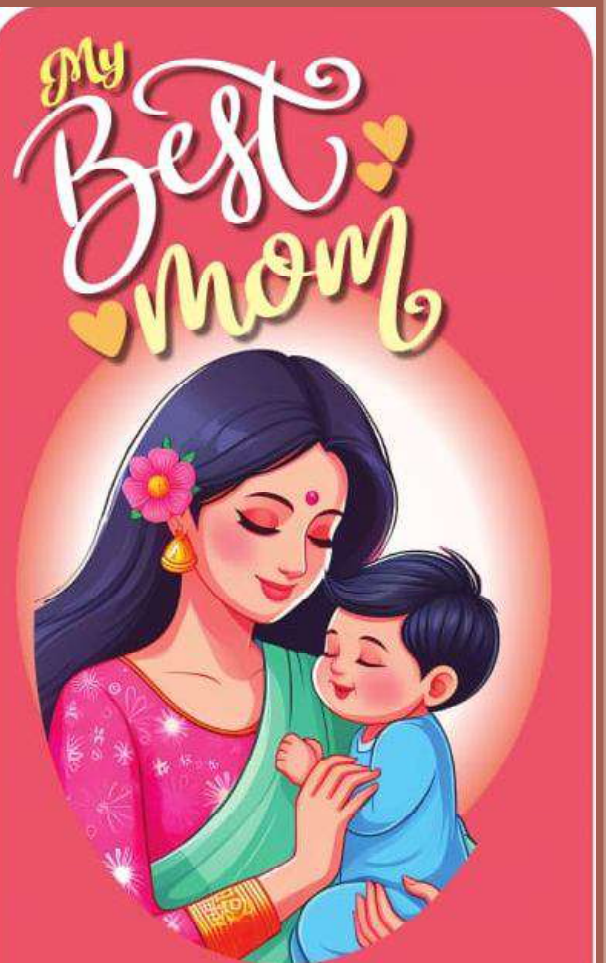
Whereas K. Vijayanand, Chief Secretary in a G.O.RT. No. 800 maintained that the suspension period of Sunil Kumar is extended up to August 28, 2025. Recently, the government also decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the officer, who is facing charges related to misbehaviour and misconduct.

Major reshuffle of IAS officers in Telangana

Top officials, including Smita Sabharwal, Jayesh Ranjan, M Dana Kishore and Shashank Goel, were among those transferred and given new postings. According to GO Ms 515, Dr MCR HRD Institute director General Shashank Goel was transferred and posted as Vice Chairman of Centre for Good Governance. He was also placed in Full Additional Charge (FAC) as Director General, EPTRI, relieving Ahmad Nadeem from FAC of the post.

Special Chief Secretary (ITE&C and Sports) Jayesh Ranjan was transferred and posted as Special Chief Secretary to Government and CEO, Industry & Investment Cell in CMO and Smart Proactive Efficient and Effective Delivery (SPEED). He was also placed in FAC as Special Chief Secretary to Government, YAT&C Department and Director, Archaeology as Smita Sabharwal was transferred. Sabharwal was posted as Member Secretary, TG Finance Commission.

Special Chief Secretary (LET&F) Sanjay Kumar was transferred and posted as Special Chief Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department and ITE&C and Sports as Jayesh Ranjan was transferred.



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Public Sector

Centre gets record dividend of Rs 74,106 crore from PSUs



The government has received a record Rs 74,016 crore as dividends from Central public sector enterprises in financial year 2024-25 which is 16 per cent higher than the corresponding figure of Rs 63,749.3 crore in 2023-24, according to the latest data compiled by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management.

The total dividend that has accrued to the Centre in the financial year ended on March 31, 2025, has also shot past the Budget's revised estimate of Rs 55,000 crore. The highest contributors were Coal India Ltd at Rs 10,252 crore, followed by upstream giant Oil and Natural Gas Corp with a payment of Rs 10,002 crore and downstream oil marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corp with Rs 3,562.47 crore at the third position.

Telecommunications Consultants (India) at Rs 3,761.50 crore and Hindustan Zinc Ltd. at Rs 3,619.06 crore also figure among the top contributors to the national exchequer. Each PSU is required to pay a minimum annual dividend of 30 of its profit after tax (PAT) or 4 per cent of its net worth. For PSUs operating in the financial sector, such as non-banking financial companies, the minimum annual dividend has been set at 30 per cent of net profit.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the revised estimate of Rs 55,000 crore for dividend collection from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the fiscal year 2024-2025. The government has projected an even higher dividend collection from public sector undertakings for the financial year 2025-26 at an estimated target of Rs 69,000 crore.

The Centre also expects to receive Rs 2.56 lakh crore from the Reserve Bank of India and public sector banks in the financial year 2025-26, Finance Minister Sitharaman said in her Budget speech on February 1 this year. The dividend targeted for 2025-26 is higher than the RBI's contribution of Rs 2.1 lakh crore for 2024-2025, which had turned out to be double the total dividend budgeted for the year.

PFC Disburses Rs. 647 Crore as 4th Interim Dividend to the Govt



Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a Maharatna Company under the aegis of Ministry of Power paid Rs 647 crore to the Govt. of India as the Fourth Interim Dividend for the financial year 2024-25. Parminder Chopra, CMD, PFC, presented the cheque to Union Minister Manohar Lal, Minister of (Power, Housing and Urban Affairs) and Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power in the presence of Shashank Misra, Joint Secretary (Distribution), Rajiv Ranjan Jha, Director (Projects), Manoj Sharma, Director (Commercial), and Sandeep Kumar, Director (Finance) PFC. During Financial Year 2024-25, PFC paid dividend of Rs. 5363 Crore (including the final dividend for FY 2023-24 of Rs. 825 crore) out of which Rs. 3003 Crore paid to Govt.

REC Limited Signs MoU with MMRDA



REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSU under the Ministry of Power has entered into a MoU with the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to provide financial support of ₹ 1 lakh crore for infrastructure development in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

The agreement was formally signed by Harsh Baweja, Director (Finance), REC Limited and Dr. Ankush R Nawale, Financial Advisor MMRDA, at the India Global Forum (IGF) Mumbai NXT 25 event. Maharashtra's Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde; Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee, IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Shri Vikram Kumar, IAS, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Shri Rahul Dwivedi, IAS, Executive Director, REC and senior officials of REC and MMRDA were present on this occasion. The funding will be disbursed over the next five years, ensuring steady progress in modernizing and enhancing the region's infrastructure. On this milestone, Harsh Baweja, Director (Finance) said, "Our ₹ 1 lakh crore commitment reflects our strong dedication to supporting large-scale infrastructure projects that will significantly improve the living standards for the people of Mumbai Metropolitan Region."

NLCIL Celebrates Ambedkar Jayanthi

NLCIL joined the Nation in observing the 134th Ambedkar Jayanthi is observed on 14th April every year to commemorate the memory of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, marking his birthday.

Samir Swarup, Director (HR), NLCIL, paid floral tributes by garlanding Dr. Ambedkar's bronze statue at Pudukkuppam Junction of Neyveli Township on behalf of NLCIL. The function was organised by the NLC SC/ST Employees' Welfare Federation.

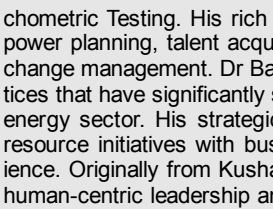
Samir Swarup paid rich tributes to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar by recalling the contributions made by him in drafting the Indian Constitution. Executive Directors, Senior officials of NLCIL, members of ST Employees Welfare Association and other NLCIL Trade Unions/Associations participated in the function. Thiru Veera. Balu, President and Thiru A. Pazhanivelu, Office Secretary of NLC SC/ST Employees Welfare Federation were also present during the occasion.

Thiru M. Manisekaran, General Secretary of NLC SC/ST Employees Welfare Federation welcomed the gathering while Thiru R. Ilayaraja, Treasurer, proposed vote of thanks.

Floral tributes were also paid to the portrait of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at all NLCIL Units and Offices by the respective Unit Heads.



Dr Ankur Baruah assumes charge as Director (HR) of OIL



Dr Ankur Baruah assumed charge as Director (Human Resources) of Oil India Limited (OIL), a Maharatna Oil & Gas CPSE of the Government of India. Prior to this, Dr Baruah served as Executive Director (HR) at OIL, bringing with him an illustrious career marked by over three decades of exemplary leadership and expertise in human resource management. Dr Baruah holds an MBA in Human Resources and a PhD in Business Administration. He is also certified in IPMA Project Management and accredited in Psychometric Testing. His rich and diverse experience covers key HR functions such as manpower planning, talent acquisition, performance management, stakeholder engagement and change management. Dr Baruah has played a pivotal role in advancing progressive HR practices that have significantly strengthened OIL's standing as a benchmark of excellence in the energy sector. His strategic and people-centric approach has consistently aligned human resource initiatives with business goals, driving growth, inclusivity and organisational resilience. Originally from Kushal Nagar, Jorhat in Assam, Dr Baruah is known for championing human-centric leadership and fostering workplaces where people thrive.

Suprakash Adhikari takes over as Director (Technical), NHPC

Suprakash Adhikari has taken over today as Director (Technical), NHPC Limited, India's leading Hydropower Company and a Government of India Navratna Enterprise. Prior to this appointment, he served as Executive Director (O&M) at NHPC. Adhikari holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (formerly B.E. College), Shibpur, West Bengal. He began his professional journey with NHPC in December 1990 as a Probationary Executive (Electrical) in the Quality Assurance Division at NHPC's Corporate Office.

Suprakash Adhikari has over 34 years of experience in the hydropower sector, covering all stages from project inception to commissioning, as well as Operations and Maintenance. Prior to joining the NHPC Board, he served as Executive Director of the O&M and Safety Division. In this role, he led key operational excellence initiatives, improved regulatory compliance, and optimized maintenance schedules resulting in record annual generation, the highest-ever Plant Availability Factor (PAF) and a significant reduction in forced outages.



BEL bags Rs 2,385 crore deal

The Ministry of Defence has signed a Rs 2,385.36 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited for the acquisition of Electronic Warfare (EW) Suites and aircraft modification kits as well as their installation on Mi-17 V5 helicopters, along with associated equipment, for the Indian Air Force, according to an official statement issued on Monday. This state-of-the-art EW Suite will considerably enhance operational survivability of the helicopters in a hostile environment. The majority of sub-assemblies and parts will be sourced from indigenous manufacturers. The project will boost and encourage active participation of Indian electronics and associated industries, including MSMEs. The contract, under the "Buy Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured category", was inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh here.

The suite for Mi-17 V5 is a significant leap forward in developing indigenous EW capabilities, making the country Aatmanirbhar in consonance with the Make-in-India initiative, the official statement said. The contract comes close on the heels of BEL's Rs.593.22 crores deal inked with the Indian Air Force last week for providing maintenance services for the Akash Missile System that kicked off the new financial year 2025-26.

RailTel Signs MoU with LTSU and NSDC



RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab (LTSU) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to develop and implement specialized skill development programs for the railway sector.

This collaboration aims to bridge the skill gap in Railways and allied sector by offering Post Graduate Diploma/Certification and Industry Sponsored Diploma courses that align with industry requirements.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Sanjai Kumar, CMD/RailTel, Nitin Kapoor, Vice President/NSDC Academy. Dr Sandeep Singh Kaura, Chancellor/LTSU cum Advisor/ NSDC and other senior officials of RailTel, NSDC and LTSU. The MoU establishes a framework for curriculum development, hands-on training, industry engagement, and placement support. RailTel will provide industry insights, facilitate internships, and support the establishment of railway-specific training labs. LTSU will offer state-of-the-art infrastructure, faculty, and academic expertise, while NSDC will assist in industry collaboration, financial aid, and promotional activities.

Coal production surges 29.7 pc in FY25, dispatches see 33.3 pc growth: Centre



The Ministry of Coal on Wednesday said that coal production surged to 190.95 million tonnes (MT) in the just-concluded financial year (FY25), marking a remarkable 29.79 per cent growth over the previous fiscal's 147.11 MT.

The ministry, in a statement, said that it has achieved a historic breakthrough, setting new records in captive and commercial coal production and dispatches for the financial year 2024-25. Coal dispatches also witnessed an extraordinary rise, reaching 190.42 MT, a 33.36 per cent increase from the 142.79 MT recorded in FY 2023-24. "These outstanding numbers reflect the sector's resilience, efficiency, and crucial role in securing India's energy needs, driving industries such as power, steel, and cement," said the ministry. Notably, captive mines achieved 24.72 per cent growth in production and 27.76 per cent in dispatch from the previous year, ensuring a steady supply to core industries.

Commercial mines led the momentum with a phenomenal 67.32 per cent surge in production and a staggering 76.71 per cent rise in dispatch from the previous year – a testament to India's coal sector expansion and efficiency. These record-breaking achievements directly reflect India's strategic push for energy self-reliance, strengthening the country's position as a global economic powerhouse. Meanwhile, coal production increased by 1.7 per cent last month over February, 2024. Its cumulative index increased by 5.6 per cent during April to February, 2024-25 over corresponding period of the previous year. India has crossed the monumental milestone of 1 billion tonnes of coal production.



Diet high in fiber, fermented foods could keep inflammatory diseases at bay



Chronic inflammation is a major driver of lifestyle-related diseases, like heart disease and type 2 diabetes. New research highlights how profoundly a modern Western diet, high in processed foods and low in whole plant-based foods, can contribute to this chronic inflammation.

Experts recommend adopting more traditional, plant-rich diets to reduce inflammation and promote optimal immune function and metabolic health.

Recent research published in *Nature Medicine* highlights the rapid impact that dietary changes can have on immune and metabolic health.

Urbanization and increased availability of processed foods in Africa are shifting dietary patterns, with many people abandoning traditional diets for Western-style diets.

To explore the effects of this dietary shift, researchers from Radboud University Medical Center and Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College investigated the health impacts at the cellular level.

Their findings indicate that just 2 weeks of adopting a Western diet over a traditional African diet can lead to increased inflammation, weakened immune responses, and disrupted metabolic pathways tied to lifestyle-related diseases.

In contrast, switching from a Western diet to a traditional African diet or consuming traditional fermented beverages may have anti-inflammatory benefits.

While more research is needed, these results support the idea that largely plant-based heritage diets — like traditional African, Mediterranean, and Latin American diets — can improve health and lower the risk of lifestyle-related diseases.

Health effects of Western diet vs traditional African diet

This randomized controlled trial involved 77 healthy young men, with a median age of 26, residing in the Kilimanjaro region in Northern Tanzania.

Researchers assessed initial eating habits through three 24-hour food diaries recorded on nonconsecutive days, with one diary specifically collected during a festival or weekend.

They conducted the trial with three groups, providing daily meals:

- 23 rural men who typically ate a traditional Kilimanjaro-style diet were switched to a Western-style diet for 2 weeks
- 22 urban men who typically ate a Western-style diet were switched to a traditional Kilimanjaro-style diet for 2 weeks
- 22 men who typically ate a Western-style diet added Mbege, a traditional fermented drink made with bananas and millet, to their diet for 1 week.

Researchers had five participants in each of the first two groups stick to their usual diets to eliminate any external factors affecting the results.

Blood samples were taken at three key points: at the start of the study, right after the 2-week dietary intervention or the 1-week fermented beverage intervention, and again 4 weeks after the intervention ended.

The main goal was to investigate changes in the participants' immune and metabolic health, focusing on immune system function, blood inflammation markers, and various metabolic processes.

Western diet promotes inflammation, traditional African diet protects

The researchers' final analysis included only high-quality samples that met specific standards. Results were adjusted for factors including age, body mass index, and physical activity levels.

Their results showed that switching from a traditional African diet to a Western diet for 2 weeks disrupted key metabolic pathways linked to lifestyle-related diseases.

It also appeared to trigger a pro-inflammatory state involving white blood cells, inflammatory proteins in the blood, and changes in gene expression.

Additionally, their immune cells became less effective at responding to pathogens.

Conversely, transitioning from a Western diet to a mostly plant-based traditional African diet or consuming the fermented beverage resulted in mostly anti-inflammatory effects, including reduced inflammatory markers.

Certain immune and metabolic changes remained four weeks after the intervention, suggesting that even short-term dietary modifications might have some lasting effects.

This study may be the first thorough investigation of the health effects linked to a traditional African diet.

"Previous research has focused on other traditional diets, such as the Japanese or Mediterranean diet," study author Quirijn de Mast, MD, PhD, internist-infectious disease specialist from Radboud University Medical Center, said in a press release.

"However, there is just as much to learn from traditional African diets, especially now, as lifestyles in many African regions are rapidly changing and lifestyle diseases are increasing. Africa's rich diversity in traditional diets offers unique opportunities to gain valuable insights into how food influences health."

— Quirijn de Mast, MD, PhD

What makes a traditional African diet beneficial?

Medical News Today spoke with Thomas M. Holland, MD, MS, a physician-scientist and assistant professor at the RUSH Institute for Healthy Aging, RUSH University, College of Health Sciences, who was not involved in the study.

He explained that "the shift from a traditional African diet to a Western-style diet resulted in increased inflammation and weakened immune responses, likely due to differences in nutrient composition and microbial exposure."

Popular sweetener may increase weight gain by boosting hunger



A new study investigated how sucralose, a non-caloric sweetener, affects brain signals related to hunger.

The researchers compared the effects of sucralose to water and sucrose (sugar) among healthy young adults.

The findings suggest that sucralose may impact the brain in a way that could promote overeating.

At least one in five (20%) adults in the United States have obesity. With so many foods and beverages marketed to people trying to lose weight, scientists wonder how effective they are at satiating appetites.

Some non-caloric sweeteners available include sucralose (Splenda), aspartame (Equal), and saccharin (Sweet 'N Low). While people often use these when cutting calories, there are possible health effects.

Researchers from the Diabetes and Obesity Research Institute of the University of Southern California conducted a study using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to determine brain blood flow in the hypothalamus after consuming sucralose, sucrose, or water.

Increased hypothalamic blood flow suggests an increase in hunger signals in the brain.

The study findings indicate that sucralose may trigger strong hunger signals, potentially increasing appetite and leading to overeating when compared to sucrose and water.

The findings appear in *Nature Metabolism*.

How does sucralose affect brain blood flow?

Sucralose is an artificial sweetener that, according to the existing research, has a "sweetness potency approximately 385 to 650-fold higher than sucrose [table sugar] by weight."

The researchers examined how sucralose impacts people with a group of 75 adults ages 18 to 35 from three different weight categories: healthy, overweight, and obese.

Each participant attended three sessions where they drank either a sucralose-sweetened drink, a sucrose-sweetened drink, or water. The researchers used MRI scans to measure brain blood flow in the hypothalamus.

The hypothalamus plays many roles, including regulating body temperature and hormone release, as well as hunger.

Before consuming the beverage, participants underwent a baseline MRI scan and provided their hunger rating. After finishing the drink, the researchers collected more data after 10 minutes, 35 minutes, and 120 minutes.

Once the researchers concluded all sessions, they compared the MRI scans and the participants' reports to determine how sucralose impacts brain signaling.

How sucralose may stimulate hunger

The researchers found that, overall, sucralose not only increased blood flow in the hypothalamus compared to water, but to sucrose as well.

This indicates a stronger hunger-related brain response which could lead to stimulating the appetite rather than suppressing it.

While this was the finding for the group as a whole, when breaking down responses among weight group and sex, the results vary a bit.

People at healthy weights showed a stronger increase in hypothalamic activity after sucralose consumption than after sucrose.

People in the overweight category did not show significant differences in hypothalamic blood flow in response to any drink.

For people with obesity, hunger-related brain activity increased after drinking sucralose compared to water, but not compared to regular sugar.

While sucralose use did not seem to significantly affect hunger responses in people with overweight, the results suggest that it may still significantly impact a large percentage of people overall.

When taking sex into consideration, females showed a stronger response to sucralose over sucrose and water. The researchers believe this supports the notion that women may have a stronger brain response to food cues.

The researchers also noted that their functional connectivity analysis showed that, compared to table sugar, sucralose "significantly increased coupling between the hypothalamus and the anterior cingulate cortex." This is significant because this area of the brain impacts reward processing and could intensify food cravings.



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Grand Get-Together Program Organised

A grand Felicitation and Get-together Program was hosted by Dr. Nawab Shaik Ibrahim, National Vice Chairman of All India Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress (KKC), and Chairman of NSI Global in honor of Smt. Selja Kumari, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Former Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. The prestigious event took place at Taj Deccan, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, and was graced by several eminent personalities including Mr. K.V P. Ramachandra MP, Mr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana, MLA of Manakondur Assembly Constituency, Mr. Amer Ali Khan, Member of the Legislative Council and News Editor of The Siasat Daily, Mr. Addanki Dayakar, MLC, Mr. D. Rajeshwar Rao, and Mr. Kabeer Khan, senior INC politician. The gathering witnessed the presence of many other MPs, MLAs, MLCs, Chairmen, Chairpersons, and prominent social workers, making it a remarkable evening celebrating leadership, dedication, and public service.



Stop Terrorism

A protest and solidarity march is held in the city against the terrorism. Rich tributes has been paid to the Pahalgam victims. "The march was organised to send out a message that we all are united against terrorism. As India has always set an example of communal harmony, and we continue to spread that message even today. People should not try to target any community during this tense period, but should stay united and fight against terrorism." In the picture Sushila Bokadia can be seen with other feminines.



Midnight Reporter's March Edition is released

Midnight Reporter's March edition is out with a bang released by well-known Interior Designer Madhuri Atluri. Click the link for epaper : www.midnightreporter.com



Shepherd's son cracks UPSC, celebration time

The sheep-herding Kuruba community of Nanavadi village in Karnataka's Belagavi district erupted in celebration as news spread that Beerappa Siddappa Doni, a youth from Amage village in neighbouring Maharashtra, had secured the 551st rank in the prestigious Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination announced on April. Beerappa, currently visiting his relatives in Nanavadi for the holidays, became the pride of both villages after clearing what is widely regarded as one of India's toughest and most competitive examinations. The UPSC Civil Services Examination, which selects candidates for elite services like the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), sees lakhs of aspirants each year, with only a fraction making it to the final list.



Kabeer Khan Birth Day Celebrated

The birthday of Mr. Kabeer Khan, National Secretary at the Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Forum and a Senior Politician of the Indian National Congress (INC), was celebrated. The event was attended by Mr. Farooq Hussain, Former MLC; Mr. Tareq Ansari, Chairman of the Minority Commission Telangana State, Mr. Dilawar Patel from the USA; Mr. Mohammed Khaleeq Ur Rahman, Senior Politician from the Congress Party; Dr. Nawab Shaik Ibrahim, National Vice Chairman of the All India Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress (KKC) and Chairman of NSI Global Council; Mr. Mohib Baig, Great Grandson of H.E.H. The Seventh Nizam of Hyderabad and Senior Politician INC; Mr. Mohammed Feroz Ahmed, Businessman; Mr. Azhar Khan, Businessman; Mr. Syed Afroze, Businessman; Mr. Khan Ather, Youth Icon of AIMIM, dignitaries, party members, social activists, and well-wishers who gathered to honor his remarkable contributions to public service and social justice. Mr. Khan, known for his unwavering commitment to human rights and transparency, expressed gratitude to all present and reaffirmed his dedication to the causes he champions.



Young Girl Learned Banjara Embroidery

Kavitha Reddy Konda, Director at Kavidhara Handlooms and Handicrafts Producer Company Ltd interacted and trained the 7th and 8th class girls from different districts in the art of Banjara embroidery. "As a mentor, it was incredibly fulfilling to share my knowledge and skills with these young minds, and to see their passion and enthusiasm for learning." She told. My aim was not only to teach them the techniques of designing and stitching, but also to inspire and motivate them to become budding entrepreneurs in the world of fashion and design. It was a fulfilling experience to witness their creativity, and I have no doubt that they will continue to excel and make their mark in this field. Event held at TSWR Fine Arts School, Edulabad, RR Dist.



Kashmir : My Land My Pride

"Kashmir is not just a place but an emotion that every person wants to experience. The surreal beauty of this gorgeous paradise has been defined by several poets, authors and philosophers. The beauty of the Kashmir Valley is beyond description but yet many celebrities have tried to quote beauty of Kashmir in words." Said Rupa Sree, as she has posted the message on social media with her post visit pictures in view of Pahalgam attack. Applauds to Rupa for quoting as 'my land my pride', which is a divine truth. Let's all come together to fight against terrorism and also not to forget that Kashmir is our pride.



Tremendous Tradition

Happening lady Veni La visited Jaipur. "As per the post, like always, my travel is more about the nativity. The local art, architecture, people, culture, food and of course the clothes and more!! We should never give up what we have preserve it and pass on to the posterity. With the lovely duo in their regional clothing. Love it!!



A Moment Of Pride

Shipra Gandhi, the well-known socialite from the town recognized as "Noble Souls" by Grand Queens held at Aukera Grown Diamond Jewellery. Shipra told "grateful for this beautiful acknowledgment and for the opportunity to be among such inspiring souls." Truly honored!



10 Stunning Installations From Milan Design Week 2025

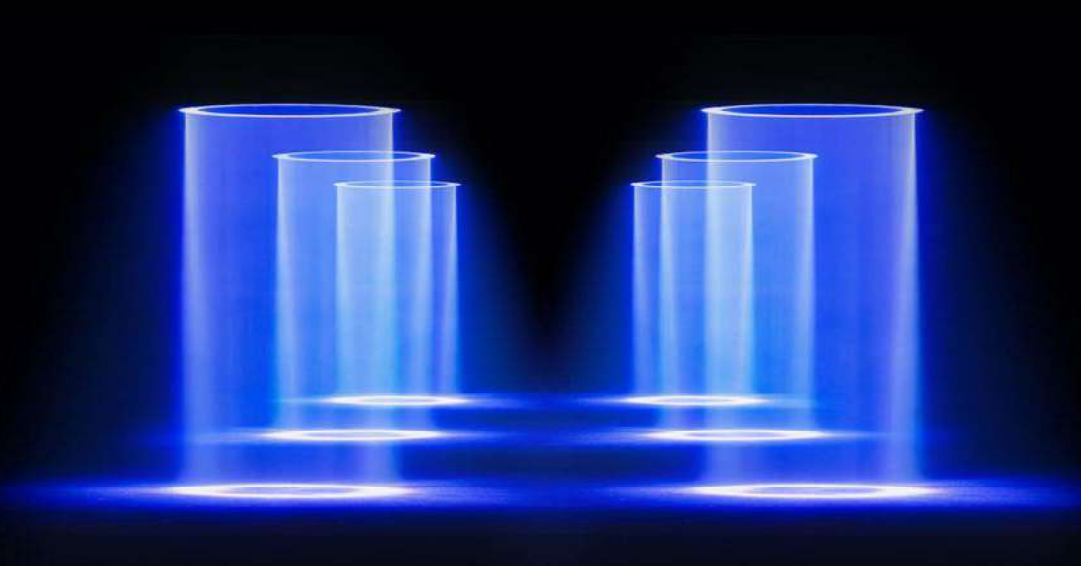
Each April, Italy’s capital city throws open the doors to its most storied apartments, palazzos, courtyards, and gardens for all the offsite events accompanying Salone del Mobile and its imminent emerging designer event SaloneSatellite. These spaces are a heady backdrop for immersive installations designed to seduce and dazzle visitors, who were, at times, waiting hours for access in block-long queues. From richly layered interiors by global design stars to dystopian provocations in botanical gardens, here are 10 standout installations spotted during Milan Design Week 2025 that captured the spirit of experimentation and storytelling at the heart of this year’s festival.

Visitors to the third edition of L’Appartamento by Artemest earned a highly exclusive peek inside Palazzo Donizetti, a 19th-century architectural masterpiece with vaulted ceilings, frescos, and an elliptical staircase. For the installation, six interior design firms—1508 London, Champalimaud Design, Meyer Davis, Nebras Aljoaib, Romanek Design Studio, and Simone Haag—received a room to give an opulent makeover. From Haag’s dramatic foyer fusing vintage hues and collectible pieces to Aljoaib’s sculptural take on a modern study and the inviting grand salon by Meyer Davis with its graceful curved sofa, the installation was a feast to the eye with each tastefully appointed room.

In a chilling metaphorical series, Philippe Starck teamed up with ‘Hate Unlimited Korporation,’ “a company that has long been dedicated to promoting hate in all its most liberated shapes and sizes throughout the world,” according to a statement, for a series of thought-provoking flags. Presented in the Brera Botanical Garden as part of “Interni Cre-Action,” and produced in collaboration with Babinet & Co, the flags were erected across the idyllic garden’s leafy paths in sharp contrast to the botanical plantings below.

A circle of flowers bloomed within a mirrored ring at the heart of the central courtyard at the Università degli Studi di Milano Statale. Inspired by mooncakes, a traditional Chinese pastry, and rendered in stainless steel with solar-powered lighting and 2,700-square-feet of blooms, “The Gift” by Chinese designer Chen Yaoguang in collaboration with KUKA Home for Interni Cre-Action was meant to be just that. Upon the conclusion of Milan Design Week, the lucky visitors received the flowers as gifts.

In theatrical architectural staging, suspended boxes in pristine white created a glowing white labyrinth to frame the new home collection from luxury fashion house Hermès. In vibrant, cheerful contrast, projections splashed halos of brightly colored light onto the floor and walls showcasing tactile leather accessories, handwoven textiles, and porcelain objects. Designed by Charlotte Macaux Perelman, architect and artistic director of Hermès collections for the home, with curator and publisher Alexis Fabry, the installation was held once again at Milan events venue La Pelota.



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पहलगाम हमले में पाकिस्तान का सीधा हाथ Pahalgam Attack ने बढ़ाई अमेरिका की टेंशन



जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहलगाम में हुए आतंकी हमले के बाद भारत ने पाकिस्तान की भूमिका को लेकर अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निर्णायक कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है। भारत ने विदेशी सरकारों के सामने तकनीकी खुफिया और मानव स्रोतों के जरिए जुटाए गए ठोस सबूत पेश किए हैं, जिनसे साफ होता है कि इस हमले में पाकिस्तान स्थित आतंकी संगठनों की सीधी भूमिका है।

पाकिस्तानी कनेक्शन की पुष्टि- भारतीय एजेंसियों ने इस हमले के लिए जिम्मेदार आतंकियों की पहचान कर ली है। जांच में यह सामने आया है कि हमले में शामिल आतंकियों का सीधा संबंध पाकिस्तान स्थित आतंकी संगठन 'द रेजिस्टेंस फ्रंट' से है, जो लश्कर-ए-तैयबा का सहयोगी संगठन है। इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सर्विलांस में इन आतंकियों के सिग्नल पाकिस्तान के दो ठिकानों से जुड़े पाए गए हैं।

पीएम मोदी की 13 राष्ट्रप्रेषों से बात - प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बीते दो दिनों में अमेरिका, ब्रिटेन, फ्रांस, जापान, इजराइल, इटली, मिस्र, जॉर्डन, सऊदी अरब, नेपाल, मॉरीशस, डच और ऑस्ट्रेलिया जैसे 13 देशों के प्रमुखों से बातचीत की। सभी नेताओं ने हमले की निंदा करते हुए भारत के साथ एकजुटता जताई। विदेश मंत्री एस. जयशंकर ने भी कई देशों के विदेश मंत्रियों व राजदूतों से संवाद कर भारत की स्थिति स्पष्ट की।

भारत की ताबड़तोड़ कार्रवाई - भारत ने पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ निम्नलिखित कड़े कदम उठाए हैं:

सिंधु जल संधि निलंबित: केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री सीआर पाटिल ने कहा कि अब पाकिस्तान को एक बूंद पानी नहीं मिलेगा।

कूटनीतिक संबंध सीमित: पाकिस्तान के साथ राजनयिक स्तर पर संपर्क और दूतावास की गतिविधियों को सीमित किया गया।

वीजा सेवाएं रोक दी गईं: पाकिस्तानी नागरिकों के लिए वीजा तत्काल प्रभाव से निलंबित, पाक हिंदुओं के लिए छूट बनी रहेगी।

पाक पर जवाबी कार्रवाई: पाकिस्तान की गोलीबारी का भारतीय सेना ने तीखा जवाब दिया।

भारत का विदेशों को संदेश: पर्यटक बिल्कुल सुरक्षित

दिल्ली में विदेश सचिव विक्रम मिश्री और विदेश मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों ने 30 से अधिक देशों के राजदूतों से मुलाकात कर बताया कि भारत पर्यटकों के लिए पूरी तरह सुरक्षित है। अमेरिका और ब्रिटेन द्वारा जारी यात्रा चेतावनियों को भारत ने अनावश्यक और अतिशयोक्तिपूर्ण करार दिया।

वैश्विक प्रतिक्रिया: समर्थन और शांति की अपील -अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने हमला भयानक बताया और भरोसा जताया कि भारत-पाकिस्तान इसे बातचीत से सुलझा लेंगे। ईरान और सऊदी अरब ने भारत-पाक के बीच मध्यस्थता की पेशकश की। फ्रांस, इजराइल, जापान, इटली समेत कई देशों ने आतंकवाद के खिलाफ भारत के साथ खड़े होने का वादा किया।

भारत के साथ खड़ा पूरा विश्व, UNSC में भी उठी



संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद ने जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहलगाम में हुए आतंकवादी हमले की कड़ी आलोचना की और "आतंकवाद के इस निंदनीय कृत्य" के दोषियों एवं उनके मददगारों को जवाबदेह ठहराने तथा उन्हें न्याय के कटघरे में लाने की जरूरत पर बल दिया। यूएनएससी ने शुक्रवार को मीडिया में एक बयान जारी कर इस बात को दोहराया कि हर तरह का आतंकवाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय शांति और सुरक्षा के लिए सबसे गंभीर खतरों में से एक है। बयान में कहा गया, "सुरक्षा परिषद के सदस्यों ने 22 अप्रैल को जम्मू-कश्मीर में हुए आतंकवादी हमले की कड़े शब्दों में निंदा की है जिसमें कम से कम 26 लोग मारे गए और कई अन्य लोग घायल हो गए।" मीडिया में यह बयान परिषद अध्यक्ष द्वारा सभी 15 सदस्य देशों की ओर से जारी किया गया है। पाकिस्तान वर्तमान में यूएनएससी में एक अस्थायी सदस्य है। यूएनएससी के सदस्यों ने पीड़ितों के परिवारों और भारत एवं नेपाल की सरकारों के प्रति गहरी सहानुभूति और संवेदना व्यक्त की। उन्होंने घायलों के शीघ्र स्वस्थ होने की कामना की। सदस्यों ने "आतंकवाद के इस निंदनीय कृत्य" के दोषियों और उनके मददगारों को जवाबदेह ठहराने तथा उन्हें न्याय के कटघरे में लाने की जरूरत पर भी बल दिया।

यूएनएससी ने कहा कि इन हत्याओं के लिए जिम्मेदार लोगों को जवाबदेह ठहराना जरूरी है। उसने सभी देशों से आग्रह किया कि वे अंतरराष्ट्रीय कानून एवं सुरक्षा परिषद के प्रासंगिक प्रस्तावों के तहत अपने दायित्वों के अनुसार इस संबंध में सभी सक्षम अधिकारियों के साथ सक्रिय सहयोग करें। पहलगाम में मंगलवार को हुए आतंकवादी हमले में 26 लोग मारे गए थे जिनमें अधिकतर पर्यटक थे।



हमले के बाद घाटी में सबसे घातक हमला था।

अमेरिका के विदेश विभाग की ओर से अमेरिकी नागरिकों के लिए जारी ताजा परामर्श में कहा गया है, "जम्मू कश्मीर केंद्र शासित प्रदेश में आतंकवादी हमले और हिंसक नागरिक अशांति संभव है। इस राज्य की यात्रा न करें (पूर्वी लद्दाख क्षेत्र और इसकी राजधानी लेह की यात्राओं को छोड़कर)। इस क्षेत्र में छिटपुट रूप से हिंसा होती है और भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच नियंत्रण रेखा पर यह आम बात है। यह कश्मीर घाटी के पर्यटन स्थलों: श्रीनगर, गुलमर्ग और पहलगाम में भी होती है।"

अमेरिका ने अपने नागरिकों से भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा के 10 किलोमीटर के क्षेत्र में जाने से भी बचने को कहा है, क्योंकि वहां सशस्त्र संघर्ष की आशंका है। भारत ने पहलगाम आतंकी हमले की प्रतिक्रिया में बुधवार को 1960 की सिंधु जल संधि को निलंबित कर दिया और पाकिस्तान के साथ राजनयिक संबंधों को कम करने, साथ ही उसके सैन्य अताथे को निष्कासित करने की घोषणा की।

मुसलमान छोड़ रहे इस्लाम ! इन देशों में सबसे मुस्लिमों छोड़ा अपना धर्म

धर्म परिवर्तन अब सिर्फ धार्मिक नहीं, बल्कि वैश्विक सामाजिक परिवर्तन का बड़ा संकेत बन चुका है। प्यू रिसर्च सेंटर की एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, दुनियाभर में लोग तेजी से अपने पारंपरिक धर्मों को छोड़ रहे हैं। अमेरिका, दक्षिण कोरिया और यूरोप के देशों में यह प्रवृत्ति सबसे तेज है। वहीं, हिंदू और मुसलमान समुदायों में अपने धर्म के प्रति आस्था अपेक्षाकृत ज्यादा मजबूत है। दक्षिण कोरिया का बुरा हाल-

दक्षिण कोरिया में 50 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा लोगों ने अपना पैतृक धर्म त्याग दिया है। इनमें से अधिकतर अब खुद को नास्तिक, अज्ञेयवादी या धार्मिक रूप से तटस्थ मानते हैं। यह दुनिया में धर्म परिवर्तन की सबसे बड़ी दर है।

अमेरिका में इतने प्रतिशत मुसलमान ने इस्लाम छोड़ा -

अमेरिका में हर 4 में से 1 मुसलमान ने इस्लाम छोड़ दिया है। अमेरिका में 23 प्रतिशत मुसलमान अब इस्लाम को नहीं मानते। इनमें से 10 प्रतिशत ने कोई दूसरा धर्म अपना लिया है जबकि 13 प्रतिशत अब किसी धर्म में विश्वास नहीं करते। अमेरिका में 18 प्रतिशत हिंदू अब अपने धर्म का पालन नहीं करते। इनमें कुछ ईसाई बन गए हैं जबकि ज्यादातर कोई भी धर्म नहीं मानते।

बौद्ध धर्म में भी गिरावट -

दुनियाभर में ईसाइयों के बाद सबसे ज्यादा धर्म परिवर्तन बौद्ध धर्म में देखा गया है। जापान में 58 प्रतिशत लोग बौद्ध धर्म में जन्मे, लेकिन अब सिर्फ 34 प्रतिशत ही इसे मानते हैं। दक्षिण कोरिया, सिंगापुर और श्रीलंका में भी बौद्ध धर्म त्यागने की प्रवृत्ति तेज है।

ईसाई धर्म में सबसे अधिक गिरावट - ईसाई धर्म छोड़ने वाले सबसे अधिक हैं। स्पेन में पहले 90 प्रतिशत लोग ईसाई थे, अब केवल 54 प्रतिशत ही बचे हैं।

चीन के खिलाफ अमेरिका की बड़ी चाल

अमेरिका अब चीन को वैश्विक व्यापार में अलग-थलग करने की दिशा में एक नई रणनीति अपना रहा है। वॉल स्ट्रीट जर्नल की एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, अमेरिकी अधिकारी 70 से अधिक देशों के साथ टैरिफ (आयात शुल्क) से जुड़े समझौतों की बातचीत शुरू करना चाहते हैं। इसका उद्देश्य यह सुनिश्चित करना है कि चीन अपने उत्पादों को इन देशों के जरिए घुमा-फिराकर अमेरिका और अन्य बाजारों में न बेच सके। अमेरिकी अधिकारियों का कहना है कि यह कदम केवल व्यापार सुरक्षा के लिए नहीं, बल्कि नैशनल सिक्योरिटी (राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा) से भी जुड़ा हुआ है। अमेरिका नहीं चाहता कि चीन उसकी तकनीक या बाजार तक अवैध रास्तों से पहुंच बनाए।

क्या है अमेरिका की योजना ?

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, अमेरिका चाहता है कि जिन देशों के साथ वह व्यापार करता है, वे चीन से आने वाले सामान को अपने देश से निर्यात करने की अनुमति न दें, ताकि चीन अमेरिकी टैरिफ (ऊंचा आयात शुल्क) से बच न सके। यह रणनीति अमेरिका की फ्रेंडशोरिंग नीति का हिस्सा मानी जा रही है, जिसमें अमेरिका अपने भरोसेमंद व्यापारिक सहयोगियों के साथ मिलकर सप्लाई चेन को मजबूत करने की कोशिश कर रहा है और इसमें चीन को बाहर रखने का प्रयास हो रहा है।

चीन क्यों निशाने पर ?

चीन पर लंबे समय से आरोप लगते रहे हैं कि वह दूसरे देशों के जरिए अपने सामान को घुमा कर अमेरिका और यूरोप में बेचता है।

हथेली की लकीरें



अजय मिश्रा

ढूँढ़ते थे, हर हथेलियों में, केवल किस्मत की लकीरें, संजोया करते रहते थे, भविष्य के लिए, सपने सुहाने,

कहती है, हर हथेली की झुर्रियाँ, कई कुर्बानियों की कहानियाँ, जिन्दगी से जुड़ी परेशानियाँ, सफ़र में हुई, कई कठिनाइयाँ, दुखी दिल, दर्द की गहराइयाँ, बिछड़ी हुई, कुछ परछाइयाँ, खुद के नसीब की कई सुश्रियाँ,

दर्शाती है, हर पुरानी हथेली, बीते हुए, दशकों की गाथाएँ, जीवन-ए-अनुभवों की तिजोरियाँ, इतिहास और वर्तमान का अनोखा संगम !!! -अजय - उवाच

Tourism



Golden glow of Kashmir’s mustard fields draws tourists, boosts agro-tourism

The mustard fields of Kashmir are stealing the spotlight this spring, attracting a large number of tourists and boosting the valley’s tourism and agriculture sectors.

The bright yellow blossoms have become the latest scenic attraction, with travelers pausing their journeys to capture beauty on camera and enjoy peaceful surroundings.

Over the past two weeks, blooming mustard fields especially along the national highway have become a favourite stop for tourists. Whether enroute to famous destinations like Gulmarg or Pahalgam, or passing through towns like Awantipora and Anantnag many visitors are taking time out to experience the golden scenes. Mohammad Sultan, a local from Awantipora, said, “These fields are now as popular as Dal Lake or the saffron fields. Every day we see tourists stopping, walking into the fields, taking pictures, and just enjoying the calm.”

Sameer, a resident of Aishmuqam in Anantnag district, added, “There’s something very peaceful about standing in the middle of these flowers. Tourists are loving it; they say it’s like walking through a painting.”

The visual appeal of the mustard fields, with their striking yellow and green contrast, has also taken over social media. Visitors are posting reels and photos, drawing more attention to Kashmir’s Spring charm.

Rahul, a tourist from Gujarat, shared his experience: “This is my first time in Kashmir during

spring, and the mustard fields have been the highlight. I felt a deep sense of peace here. This is now my favorite season to visit.”

Officials have noted that the rising popularity of these fields is helping promote agro-tourism, a blend of agriculture and travel that offers both visual delight and insight into local farming life. A senior tourism official said, “We are seeing how natural beauty and local agriculture can come together to attract visitors. The mustard bloom is not only beautiful but also showcases the growing success of Kashmir’s farming sector.”

The valley’s mustard cultivation has seen major growth under development programs aimed at boosting both agriculture and rural tourism. This year, mustard production in the Kashmir region is expected to go up by 36,000 metric tonnes compared to last year. Experts estimate that about 40 percent of the total yield will be converted into mustard oil, reducing dependency on imports.

Farmers are hopeful about the future. Tariq Ahmad, a farmer from Tangmarg, noted, “This year’s yield is much better than before. The soil and climate have really supported the crop, and we’re also happy that our fields are bringing tourists to our villages.”

Among all districts, Anantnag and Kupwara lead the valley in mustard cultivation, making South Kashmir a key contributor to both tourism and agriculture this season.

Singapore Tourism Board Unveils Bold Vision for Travel Growth



The **Singapore Tourism Board** (STB) has reinforced its commitment to sustainable tourism growth and global expansion by signing seven Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and a collaboration agreement at its annual Tourism Industry Conference (TIC). These strategic partnerships, announced during the event, aim to leverage the strengths of various industry players to enhance Singapore’s diverse leisure and trade offerings, attract international brands, and elevate the city-state’s status as a top global destination. With a

focus on innovation and collaboration, these initiatives are designed to drive growth, improve visitor experiences, and promote Singapore’s long-term tourism ambitions on the global stage.

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CapitaLand Investment and STB Renew Partnership

CapitaLand Investment (CapitaLand) and STB have extended their collaboration for another three years, from June 2025 to May 2028. This partnership aims to attract new international brands and revitalize existing concepts and attractions within CapitaLand’s portfolio, ensuring continued growth in Singapore’s tourism sector.

Dempsey Precinct Collaboration

STB has teamed up with HSBC Bank (Singapore) Limited and Dempsey representatives to launch the Dempsey Precinct Partnership, promoting the area’s unique lifestyle offerings. The collaboration will raise awareness and encourage visitors to explore the historic Dempsey precinct. HSBC cardholders will benefit from exclusive deals at over 30 participating establishments, spanning dining, retail, and lifestyle experiences, while partners continue to create and promote these special offers.

UP Tourism launches heritage walks in 5 cities for World Heritage Day



Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (UPSTDC) is organising special heritage walks across five cities of the state, including Varanasi, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Jhansi, and Agra.

Speaking at the launch of the heritage walk and tour packages, Uttar Pradesh Tourism and Culture Minister

Jaiveer Singh said “The goal is to connect people, especially youth, with the state’s rich historical and cultural heritage. Through these heritage walks, participants will explore the architectural marvels, historical significance, and vibrant culture of these cities. The events will include expert-guided tours, cultural performances, and local cuisine tastings. The broader aim is not only to boost tourism but also to spread awareness about heritage conservation.”

The heritage walks will be conducted by UPSTDC’s Travel Division today. Trained guides will lead the heritage walk, taking the participants through key historical sites. In addition to historical narratives, tourists are expected to get experience of local folk art, crafts, and culinary traditions. Special packages have been curated for each location, covering transport, guide services, entry tickets, and refreshments.

Madhya Pradesh’s Glorious Heritage Moves Towards Inclusive Tourism



Every monument has a story, every ruin whispers history, and every ancient wall echoes the soul of a civilization. This World Heritage Day, Madhya Pradesh is not just celebrating its rich cultural legacy, but also ensuring that its heritage is experienced by everyone — regardless of ability. In a remarkable initiative to make tourism more inclusive, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is executing the ‘Accessibility Infrastructure and Development’ project across four prominent heritage sites — Maheshwar, Mandu, Dhar, and Orchha. The move is aimed at making these culturally significant destinations accessible to persons with disabilities through thoughtfully designed infrastructure like ramps, Braille signage, accessible washrooms, and wheelchair-friendly pathways.

“Under the guidance of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav and the leadership of Minister of State for Tourism, Culture and Religious Trusts & Endowments (Independent Charge) Dharmendra Bhav Singh Lodhi, we are working to have more of Madhya Pradesh’s iconic locations added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. Our goal is to make these destinations not only more visited, but more inclusive. This is a step towards enabling every individual, regardless of physical ability, to experience the timeless beauty of our heritage,” said Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Culture, and Religious Trusts & Endowments Department and Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board.

Tamil Nadu Unveils Rs 200 Crore Tourism Push



The strategic push underscores Tamil Nadu’s intent to not just drive tourism footfalls, but also set benchmarks for green, inclusive, and gender-neutral tourism practices in India. The proposed plan, tabled during the demand for grants in the State Assembly, is being seen as a pivotal initiative

to unlock the untapped potential of lesser-explored landscapes while preserving the cultural soul of iconic religious and heritage destinations. Officials confirmed that over ₹ 100 crore will be directed toward upgrading infrastructure at prominent religious sites including Mamallapuram, Kanyakumari, Tiruchendur, Velankanni, and Nagore. The redevelopment of these locations will include improved amenities, accessibility features, and climate-resilient urban design principles.

Alongside religious and heritage tourism, a parallel vision is being championed to develop ecologically significant regions such as the Kalvarayan Hills, Sirumalai, and Karumandurai Farm Lake into low-impact, high-value nature-based tourism spots. These initiatives will integrate amenities such as walking trails, rest zones, and eco-lodges, ensuring minimal disruption to local ecosystems while opening livelihood opportunities for surrounding communities. Speaking on the sidelines of the Assembly session, senior tourism officials indicated that a key innovation in the plan is the state’s strong thrust on heritage conservation. Cultural heritage centres dedicated to showcasing Tamil Nadu’s Buddhist and Jain legacies will be established in Kancheepuram and Madurai, contributing not only to the diversity of tourist offerings but also to academic and cultural preservation.