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## Manu Bhaker — India's first woman to win two medals in the same Olympic edition

**Manu Bhaker's double medal win has shot up her brand value**

Manu Bhaker won a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming the first Indian woman to bag a shooting medal at the Olympics. Her historic achievement also ended the country's 12-year Olympic shooting medal drought.

Continuing her excellent performance, Bhaker, alongside Sarabjot Singh, won another bronze in the 10m air pistol mixed team event , defeating Korea 16-10.

Bhaker's historic accomplishments at the Paris Games make her the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals in a single edition. She is also the fourth Indian athlete overall to win two medals at the Olympics, after Norman Pritchard, Sushil Kumar, and PV Sindhu.

With Bhaker also participating in the 25-metre air pistol event, the 22-year-old athlete can make further history by becoming the first Indian to win three medals in a single Olympic edition.

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Appointments

Shilpa Rao Tanugula (IPoS: 2010) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Delhi for a period of five years.

Parvathaneni Harish (IFS:1990), presently Ambassador of India to Germany, has been appointed as the next Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York.

Garima Kapoor (ISS: 2015) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Financial Services, Delhi for a period of four years.

Rohit Raj (IRS IT: 2008) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Delhi for a period of five years

Swayamprava Pani (IES: 2007) has been appointed as Additional Development Commissioner (Director level) in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) under Ministry of Textiles, Delhi for a period of five years.

Prashant Kumar Jha (IRS C&CE:2008) has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Minister of State (I/C) for Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space Dr Jitendra Singh in the Ministry of Science and Technology at the level of Director for the period up to 31.03.2025.

Rohit Tripathi (IIS: 2015) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education) for a period of five years.

Gaurav Bharill (IRS IT: 2012) has been appointed as Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the level of Deputy Secretary for the period up to 28.10.2027.

Bibhuti Bhushan, Asst. General Manager (Air Traffic Service), Airport Authority of India, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty to the Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Jitan Ram Manjhi at the level of Director.

Deepak Kumar (IDAS: 2010) has been redesignated as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period up to 24.08.2026. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 25.08.2021.

Deepesh Gehlot (ISupplyS: 2010) has been appointed as Joint Commissioner in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan under the Department of School Education and Literacy for a period of four years.

Mahar Singh (infoS: 2013) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of four years.

Meenu Singh Bist (IRS IT: 2011) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Sports, Delhi for a period of four years.

Anish Muralreedharan (IRS C&IT: 2008) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi for a period of five years.

Dhiraj Singh (IIS: 1995) has been appointed as Director, Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) for a period of five years.

Anshoo Pandey (IRTS: 2006) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Mines, Delhi for a period of five years.

Parul Gupta (IPS: 2010: OD), Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau, was repatriated to her cadre.

Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Managing Director (MD), State Bank of India (SBI) has been appointed as the Chairman for a period of three years.

Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Deputy Managing Director (DMD), State Bank of India (SBI) has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) in SBI up to his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2027.

Puneet Roy Kundal (IFS:1996), presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Portugal.

Naveen Srivastava, Executive Director, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID), has been appointed to the post of Director (Operations), POWERGRID till the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.11.2026.

Daljeet Singh Khatri, Executive Director, REC Limited, has been appointed to the post of Director (Finance), Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) for a period of five years.

Sudhanshu Panwar (IRSME: 1997) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries for a tenure of five years vice Mukta Shekhar (IRAS: 1994).

Anurag Srivastava (IRS IT: 1993) was appointed as Joint Secretary & FA, Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai for a tenure of five years by temporarily downgrading the vacant post of AS & FA. He replaces Rajeev Kumar Mital (IAS: 1998: MH).

Ekta Vishnoi (IRS IT: 1999) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology for a combined tenure of seven years up to 05.11.2026. She replaces Chaitanya Murti (IFoS: 1995: TR).

IAS

Govind Mohan (IAS: 1989: SK), Secretary, Ministry of Culture, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs. He will take over as Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs vice Ajay Kumar Bhalla (IAS: 1984: AM) on completion of his tenure on 22.08.2024.

Anugraha P (IAS: 2011: MP) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Delhi for a period of four years.

Nitin Bhanudas Jawale (IAS: 2003: OD) was appointed as Director in the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai for a tenure upto 30.06.2028 i.e. maximum admissible tenure of 07 years away from cadre.

Sujeet Kumar (IAS: 2010: UP) was appointed as Private Secretary to Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for the period of five years or on co-terminus basis with the minister.

Laxminarayan Mishra (IAS: 2012: MH) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for a tenure upto 16.10.2026.

T V Somanathan (IAS: 1987: TN) was appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Cabinet Secretariat from the date he joins the assignment till he takes over as Cabinet Secretary.

Tenure of Ravinder Kumar (IAS: 2012: AGMUT) has been curtailed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation and he has been appointed as Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Milind Dharmrao Ramteke (IAS: 2009: TR) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Micro, Small &Medium Enterprises for a tenure up to 07.01.2025.

Amit Meena (IAS: 2011: KL) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for a tenure up to 31.03.2025.

Rajnish Sharma, General Manager, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) was appointed to the post of Director (Bangalore Complex), BEL for a period till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.12.2028.

Mahendra Kumar (IAS: 2014: UP) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the NITI Aayog for a tenure up to 18.06.2027.

Anurag Agarwal (IAS: 1990: PB) was appointed as Special Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs.

Chandra Sekhar Kumar (IAS: 1992: OD) was appointed as Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Punya Salila Srivastava (IAS: 1993: AGMUT) was appointed as Special Secretary, Prime Minister's Office.

Tanmay Kumar (IAS: 1993: RJ) was appointed as Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Amit Agrawal (IAS: 1993: CG) is now Chief Executive Officer, Unique Identification Authority of India in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.

Deepti Gaur Mukerjee (IAS: 1993: MP) is now Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India by restoring the post to Secretary level.

T K Anil Kumar (IAS: 19995: KN) is now Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development vice Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh (IAS: 1996: MP).

Dheeraj Sahu (IAS: 1996: UP) is now Managing Director, Small Farmers' Agri Business Consortium, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.

Maneesh Garg (IAS:1996: HP) is now Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post to Additional Secretary level.

Manisha Saxena (IAS: 1996: AGMUT) has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of DS/Director in the Department.

IPS

Chandan Chowdhary (IPS: 2010: AGMUT) has been appointed as Deputy Director General in the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for a maximum period of five years.

Rajendra Prasad Meena (IPS: 2010: AGMUT) has been appointed as Deputy Director General in the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for a maximum period of five years.

Govind Mohan will be new Home Secretary



Right ahead of 78th Independence Day celebration the Appointments Committee of Cabinet headed by Prime Minister picked and appointed Govind Mohan (IAS: 1989: SK) as OSD in the Ministry of Home Affairs. He will succeed Ajay Kumar Bhalla (IAS: 1984: AM) on completion of his extended tenure on 22.08.2024.

Currently, Govind Mohan is working as Secretary in the Ministry of Culture.


It may be underlined that the incumbent Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. Will be completing his extended tenure on 22 August 2024. Bhalla was on 04.08.2023 given extension up to 22.08.2024 in relaxation of FR 56(d) and Rule 16(1A) of the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 19. At present.

Y.B.Khurania appointed new DGP, Odisha



The Odisha government on Friday appointed Yogesh Bahadur Khurania (IPS: 1990: OD) as the new director general of police (DGP) of the state. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) recommended three names for the post post out of those names the Odisha government selected Khurania as DGP.

Khurania, who was serving as the special director general (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF), western command in Chandigarh, and was repatriated to his parent cadre on August 2. He had served as police commissioner of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack before he proceeded on Central deputation has vast experience in Odisha as he has served in various positions.



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Corridors of Power



All Set For Young India Skill University

Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari disclosed that courses in the Young India Skill University in various fields will start from Dasara onwards. She said that about 20 courses have been identified which will be taught in the Skill University. Of these 20 courses, the university will start six from Dasara, the chief secretary said.

Chairing a review meeting on the Skill University with officials concerned at the Secretariat, the chief secretary revealed that about 140 companies have expressed interest in partnering with the Skill University. “SBI, NAC, Dr Reddy’s, TVAGA and Adani have agreed to be partners and CII has also come forward. Primarily, the university will start diploma and certificate courses in e-commerce, logistics and retail sectors,” she said. Recalling that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for the construction work of this Young India Skill University in the 57 acres of land allocated at Mucharla, the CS instructed officials concerned to take steps to finalise the logo and set up the website of the university. Those who have completed the course in this university will get priority in employment with attractive salaries, she said.



Public Safety On Top Priority

Dr. Jitender, DGP of Telangana State first priority is public Safety ! And to enhance it and to improve law enforcement the boss and his team is all set. In this connection recently a comprehensive Half Yearly Crime Review Meeting was held. Whereas the DG also reviewed the law and order situation across Karimnagar, Jagtial, and Rajanna Sircilla districts, including Sangareddy and discussed strategies for ensuring public safety and addressing ongoing concerns. DG also felicitated Madapur CCS Head Constable Mr. Chaduvu Yadayaiya, the pride of Telangana, for being the only police officer from the state selected for the prestigious President’s Gallantry Award this year.

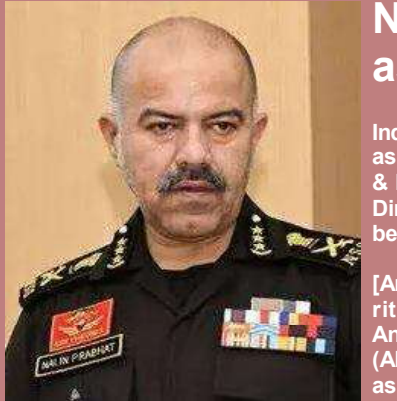


Preeti Sudan appointed UPSC chairperson

Former Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan was appointed chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after Manoj Soni resigned from the post earlier this month.

Ms. Sudan, currently a member of the UPSC, took the charge and will have a tenure till April 29, 2025 or till further orders. She will turn 65 in April next year. A 1983-batch IAS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, Ms. Sudan has served in various capacities, including as Union Health Secretary for three years till July 2020.

Ms. Sudan is only the second woman to head the UPSC since R.M Bathew served as the chairperson from 1992 to 1996. The President has approved the appointment of Preeti Sudan, as Chairman, UPSC.



Nalin Prabhat to take over as J&K DGP

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) appointed Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Nalin Prabhat as Special Director General (SDG) of the Jammu & Kashmir Police. Mr. Prabhat will take over as Director General of Police (DGP), J&K from October this year.

“Consequent upon joining the AGMUT [Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory] Cadre on inter-cadre deputation from Andhra Pradesh Cadre, Sh. Nalin Prabhat, IPS (AP:1992) is hereby posted to Jammu & Kashmir as Special Director General (SDG), Jammu & Kashmir Police. Mr. Prabhat takes up his post in J&K at a time when militancy is posing a major challenge in the wake of stepped up attacks by battle-hardened militants trained in jungle warfare. More than 18 gun battles have been reported in J&K since June this year.

Mr. Prabhat is considered an old hand in insurgency in Kashmir, and earned goodwill within the security forces during his postings to J&K in the past.

AP IAS Officers Gulzar & Siddharth Are On Central Deputation

N Gulzar (IAS: 1999: AP) has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

Gulzar served as Secretary of Finance, Government of Andhra Pradesh. In a seventeen-year career in the IAS, he has worked on both policy design and program implementation—rural and urban development, health and education, infrastructure creation and public-private partnerships, and regulatory governance and public finance. Gulzar has also worked in the Office of the Prime Minister of India.

Whereas, Siddharth Jain (IAS: 2001: AP) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation for a tenure of five years vice Alok Agarwal (CSS). Siddharth Jain served as Commissioner, Survey, Settlement & Land Records is transferred and posted as Commissioner, Civil Supplies & E.O. Secretary to Government, C.A F & C.S Department.



Birthday Wishes To The Governor

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma celebrated his birthday at Raj Bhavan with staff officers. “I am moved by the arrangement made by the Raj Bhavan for celebration of my Birthday. It began with Ashirvachanam by learned priests, who chanted beautiful Vedic Mantras. It was followed by cake cutting and good wishes by the people. My thanks to all.” Said the Governor in his post.



Meeting Of The Month

US Consul General in Hyderabad Jennifer Larson visited Odisha and had a meeting with the Chief Minister. “Honored to meet with Odisha Chief Minister and discuss how the United States and Odisha can strengthen our cultural and business ties. I welcomed the opportunity to learn more about his vision for Odisha’s inclusive, equitable, and sustainable growth.”



International Youth Day Celebrated

UK Deputy High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen participated in the event planned by We Hub Hyderabad & Rubaroo Hyderabad on the occasion of International Youth Day 2024 to engage with emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.



Victory Of Democracy

“Democracy and National Unity Day of Türkiye. We commemorated the 8th anniversary of the thwarted coup attempt in Türkiye.” Turkey Consul General Orhan Yalman Okan welcomed the guests. Many known faces from the town participated in the event.



Business Meeting With Yousuf Aljawder

Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, India.”

hosted a business meeting with Yousuf Aljawder, Chairman of the Board of Astana International Airport, Kazakhstan, and GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd at the MAK Club in Hyderabad.

During the meeting, Yousuf Aljawder provided a brief overview of Astana International Airport and the operations of Terminal Holdings UAE, which operates airports in 12 countries.

Pradeep Paniker, Chief Executive Officer of GMR Hyderabad International Airport, and Ashish Kumar, EVP & Chief Commercial Officer-Aero & Cargo, presented their operations in India and overseas.

The meeting focused on discussing the potential for operating direct flights between Hyderabad, India, and Astana, Kazakhstan.



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IPS Officers Promoted To The Rank Of DGP



The Telangana government promoted five IPS officers belonging to the 1994 batch to the rank of Director General of Police (DGP). Hyderabad Police Commissioner Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy is among the promoted officers, the others being B.Shivdhar Reddy, Abhilasha Bisht, Dr.Soumya Mishra, and Shikha Goel. Abhilasha Bisht's promotion is subject to confirmation from the Department of Personnel and Training regarding her allocation to the Telangana cadre.

The officers will continue in their current roles — Srinivas Reddy as CP, Hyderabad and Shivdhar Reddy as DGP, Intelligence. Abhilasha Bisht will continue as director of the RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy and also continue to be in-charge DGP (Training).

Dr.Soumya Mishra will continue as Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services. Shikha Goel will remain Director General of Police, CID, Telangana and also hold full additional charge as Director of the TG Cyber Security Bureau and other related responsibilities.

“Various improvements made in Tirumala temple’s operations”



In an attempt to enhance the experience of devotees visiting the Tirumala temple, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has introduced several improvements to various aspects of the temple's operations over the last month, said TTD Executive Officer (EO) J. Shyamala Rao. Highlighting Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's directive to revamp the existing mechanism, he said that significant changes were effected in streamlining the queue line system, enhancing the taste and quality of laddus and anna prasadam, reforms in the darshan system and booking of accommodation, besides the upkeep of sanitation standards.

He further said that TTD has also collaborated with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to maintain the quality of food served in hotels and to initiate action against those violating the norms. He also announced plans to set up an exclusive laboratory to test and authenticate the quality of ingredients used in the prasadam. The EO stated that a new shed had been set up at Narayanagiri Gardens that can accommodate around 6,000 people in a single sitting; three AEOs were tasked with extending basic amenities to the devotees waiting in queue.

To reduce the waiting time for darshan, the Slotted Sarva Darshan (SSD) tokens quota has been increased from 1.05 lakh to 1.47 lakh per week, Mr. Rao said, adding that reforms will be made to rectify deficiencies in the booking of arjitha seva, darshan and accommodation.

HYDRA IN HEADLINES



Avula Venkata Ranganath, Commissioner of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection (HYDRA) has turned into a monstor for land grabbers in Hyderabad. Since his appointment as the Commissioner of HYDRA in June, Ranganath has cracked down on the land grabbers, demolishing buildings constructed in Government lands and FTL limits of water bodies. HYDRA was formed by the newly sworn in Congress Government to monitor, manage and offer various relevant public services in Greater Hyderabad region upto Outer Ring Road (ORR) limits. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had taken personal care in the formation of HYDRA and picked 53-year-old IPS officer AV Ranganath, who has a good service record, to lead.

Collector Rahul Raj Promotes Paddy Farming With Hands-on Planting



Telangana's bureaucrat is also promoting paddy plantation among farmers, forming the backbone of the nation.To encourage farmers to grow paddy crops, Telangana's Medak's District Collector Rahul Raj and his wife planted paddy seedlings. The couple also spoke to the farmers and assured them that he would give them all the support they needed until the crops were harvested.

Medak District Collector Rahul Raj, his wife and their two children visited a farmer's field in Aurangabad, next to the Collector's Camp Office and planted paddy seedlings with the farmers. His children also actively participated in the activity. He took the opportunity to also share that the government has given Rs 445 crore in loan waiver funds to about 70,000 farmers till now. He further directed the agricultural department officials to make sure that farmers should be able to avail all the welfare schemes introduced by the government.

IAS officers Transferred In Telangana

State government has issued an order for the transfer and posting of six IAS officers.Vikas Raj, who was awaiting a posting, has been appointed as the Special Chief Secretary, Transport, Housing & General Administration (Coordination with Government of India and Smart Governance) Department. Benhur Mahesh Dutt Ekka, who is also waiting a posting, has been designated as Principal Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD).

A. Sharath, currently Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, is now placed in Full Additional Charge (FAC) of the post of Commissioner, Tribal Welfare. Korra Lakshmi, Director of Sports, is now placed in FAC for the post of Managing Director, Telangana State Warehousing Corporation.

S. Harish, currently Joint Secretary to Government, R&B Department, is placed in

FAC of the post of Special Secretary to Government, Revenue (Disaster Management) Department. Radhika Gupta, formerly Additional Collector (Local Bodies) of Hanumakonda, has been given the same position in Medchal Malkajgiri district.

Amrapali Kata, IAS, 2010 batch, has been transferred from her position as Joint Commissioner of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) to serve as the Commissioner of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

M Dana Kishore, IAS, batch 1996, Principal Secretary to the Government, Municipal Administration, and Urban Development (MA & UD) Department, has been given the full additional charge of Managing Director of Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited. Thus relieving Amrapali Kata of her additional responsibilities.

Sri Sa.rfaraz Ahmad, IAS, batch 2009, Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA is placed in full additional. charge of the post of Managing Director, Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited

Kota Sreevatsa, IAS, batch 2017, Additional Commissioner, GHMC, is transferred and posted as Joint Commissioner, HMDA

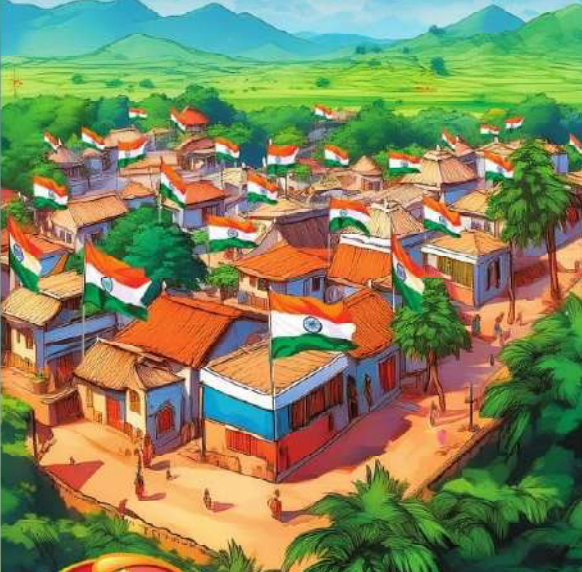
Chahat Bajpai, IAS, batch 2019, who is waiting for posting, is posted as Municipal Commissioner, Karimnagar Municipal corporation





Mayank Mittat, IAS, batch 2020, Addl. Collector (LB), Narayanpet, is transferred and posted as Executive Director, HMWS&SB.

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Public Sector

Union Minister of Steel and Minister of State for Steel visit NMDC



Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, Honourable Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries visited NMDC Head Office in Hyderabad on Thursday along with Shri BhupathirajuSrinivasa Varma, Honourable Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries.

The Honourable Ministers held a meeting with Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge); Functional Directors and senior officers of the company to review the performance, future roadmap, social initiatives, and challenges faced by NMDC and NSL.

The review meeting included discussions on projects in the pipeline that can set a course for a future driven by excellence, innovation, and sustainability. Appreciating the legacy of NMDC, the Honourable Union Minister of Steel expressed his confidence in the company's journey to become a Maharatna. Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy encouraged NMDC officers to commit to their goal of 100 million tonnes by 2030, as a tribute to the Honourable Prime Minister's vision of *Viksit Bharat*. Addressing the NMDC employees, Shri BhupathirajuSrinivasa Varma, Honourable Minister of State for Steel said, the Ministry of Steel is fueling the efforts of Steel PSEs to enhance production and profit. Envisioning a robust industrial ecosystem, he said, NMDC will play a defining role in uplifting the smaller units of the iron and steel industry while meeting the demands from the key players of the sector.

The CMD of India's largest iron ore producer, ShriAmitava Mukherjeesaid, "We are honoured to host the Union Minister of Steel and the Minister of State for Steel. NMDC remains steadfast in its commitment to emerge as a global environmentally friendly mining company with a positive thrust on social development. We are foraying towards a future where Indian Mining is synonymous with progress, innovation, and responsibility."

NLC clocks 37 pc jump in Q1 net profit at Rs 567 crore



Government-owned NLC India Ltd on Wednesday reported a 37 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 566.69 crore for the April-June quarter of the current financial year, from Rs 413.57 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

The total income of the group in the April-June quarter rose to Rs 3,640.60 crore, over Rs 3,428.48 crore in the year-ago period, according to an NLC statement.

The company said that the board has approved raising the investment limit in the equity shares of Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL) from Rs 2,637.38 crore to Rs 3,676.00 crore in one or more tranches. However, this is subject to approvals from the Coal Ministry and other government departments. NUPPL is a joint venture of NLC India Ltd (NLCIL) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (UPRVUNL).

The board has also approved an increase in the investment limit in the equity shares of NLC India Green Energy Ltd (NIGEL) from Rs 50 crore to Rs 1,500 crore in one or more tranches subject to approvals from the Coal Ministry and others. The company had earlier said that it is planning to raise funds through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of its wholly-owned subsidiary NLC India Renewables Ltd by the first quarter of the next financial year. The funds raised will be used in its clean energy expansion plans.

NLC India is a 6 GW company consisting of 1.4 GW renewable capacity and 4.6 GW thermal capacity. NLC India — the first company in the country to add 1 GW renewable capacity — has plans to scale up its power capacity to 17 GW by 2030. The company also said that it has emerged as the successful bidder for the Machhakata coal block in Odisha under a commercial auction conducted by the Coal Ministry. This is the second commercial coal mine won by NLCIL in the competitive bidding.

NLC said that it has got the approval of the Centre for the implementation of the Pachwara South Coal Block (PSCB) project at Jharkhand State by NUPPL at an estimated capital cost of Rs.2242.90 crore. Besides, an MoU was signed with DVC for the supply of 2.0 MTPA of coal from Talabira II & III Mines. NLC India is a navratna company under the Coal Ministry with mining and power generation as its core business.

SAIL declares financial result for Q1 FY'25



Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has declared its financial results today for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

During Q1 FY'25, the Company's EBITDA grew by more than 15% over the corresponding period last year (CPLY), indicating its steady core performance. However, revenue from operations was affected by a decline in Net Sales Realization (NSR) in the domestic steel market due to cheap imports.

The profit for Q1 FY'25 was impacted by lower NSR and adjustments related to exceptional items.

Shri Amarendu Prakash, Chairman, SAIL, commented on the Q1 performance stating, "Domestic steel consumption continues to grow steadily, driven by both traditional and emerging sectors. Additionally, ongoing Government investments in the infrastructure sector, as announced in the recent budget, are expected to bolster growth.

With a positive outlook for the domestic steel sector, SAIL is focused on increasing its production volumes. The challenges posed by cheaper imports are anticipated to be addressed appropriately in the future".

LIC posts 9 pc rise in Q1 net profit at Rs 10,544 crore



Life Insurance Corporation of India on Thursday reported a 9 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 10,544 crore for the April-June quarter of the current financial year from Rs 9,635 crore in the same quarter last year, the company stated in a regulatory filing.

The government-owned insurer's net premium income rose 16 per cent to Rs 1.14 lakh crore in the first quarter of 2024-25 as compared to Rs 98,755 crore in the first quarter of 2023-24. New Business Premium Income (Individual) increased by 13.67 per cent to Rs 11,892 crore. Overall annual premium equivalent (APE) jumped 21.28 per cent to Rs 11,560 crore. Individual Business Non-Par APE increased by 166 per cent to Rs 1,615 crore. Group Business APE increased by 34 per cent to Rs 4,813 crore. Non-Par APE share within Individual business was at 24 per cent for Q1 FY25 as compared to 10.22 per cent in Q1 FY24. Value of New Business increased by 24 per cent to Rs 1,610 crore with the net margin increasing by 20 bps to 14 per cent, the company said.

At the post-result media conference, LIC's Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Sidhartha Mohanty said: "A total of 35,65,519 policies were sold in the individual segment during the quarter ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as compared to 32,16,301 policies sold during the quarter ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 registering a growth of 10.86 per cent." LIC also updated the stock exchanges about its operations in Bangladesh following the political upheaval and change in regime in the neighbouring country. "LIC of Bangladesh Ltd. has partially resumed operations with effect from August 8, 2024.

SBI posts marginal increase in Q1 net profit at Rs 17,035 crore



State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday reported a standalone net profit of Rs 17,035 crore for the April-June quarter of 2024-25 which was a mere 0.9 per cent increase over the corresponding figure of Rs 16,884.3 crore for the same quarter of the previous year.

The asset quality of the country's largest lender showed some improvement with its gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio of the bank at 2.21 per cent of total loans as of June 30, as compared to 2.76 per cent as of June 30, 2023, according to an SBI statement. Net NPA of the bank stood at 0.57 per cent as of June 30, as against 0.71 per cent as of June 30, 2023.

In absolute terms, gross NPAs came down to Rs 84,226.04 crore as on June 30, from Rs 91,327.84 crore as on June 30, 2023. The Net NPA fell to Rs 21,554.69 crore as of June 30, from Rs 22,995.37 crore as of June 31, 2023. The slippage ratio of bad loans for Q1FY25 improved by 0.1 per cent at 0.84 per cent. The deposits of the public sector bank increased 8.18 per cent to Rs 49.02 lakh crore during the first quarter from Rs 45.31 lakh crore in the same quarter of the previous year, according to the statement.

However, SBI's domestic CASA deposits rose 2.59 per cent on-year to Rs 19.15 lakh crore in the April-June quarter, whereas, domestic term deposits jumped by 12.20 per cent on-year to Rs 27.9 lakh crore. CASA deposit is the amount of money that gets deposited in the current and savings accounts of bank customers. It is the cheapest and major source of funds for banks.

The CASA ratio of the public sector bank fell sharply by 2.18 per cent year-on-year to 40.70 per cent as of June 30, 2024, compared to 42.88 per cent as of June 30, 2023. It, therefore, has to rely more on term deposits which are a costlier way of raising funds as the bank has to pay a higher rate of interest.

This in turn impacts the profitability of the bank. In the April-June quarter, SBI's gross advances of the bank grew 15.39 per cent on-year to Rs 38.12 lakh crore. Domestic Advances growth is driven by SME Advances (19.87 per cent on-year) followed by Agri Advances which grew by 17.06 per cent on-year, a press release said. Domestic corporate advances grew to Rs 11.39 lakh crore in the June quarter, as compared to Rs 11.38 lakh crore in a quarter ago period, and Rs 9.82 lakh crore in a year ago period. Domestic retail personal advances rose by 13.60 per cent on-year to Rs 13.68 lakh crore.

Hindustan Zinc clocks 19.4 per cent rise in Q1 net profit at Rs 2,345 crore



Hindustan Zinc Ltd on Friday announced a 19.4 per cent increase in net profit to Rs 2,345 crore for the April-June quarter of the current financial year, compared to the corresponding figure of Rs 1,964 crore for the same quarter of the previous year (2023-24).

The company's revenue from operations rose 11 per cent to Rs 7,893 crore during the quarter from Rs 7,111 crore in the same period of the previous financial year. The growth in revenue was driven by higher metal volume and better silver prices. The company's EBITDA stood at Rs 3,946 crore, up 18 per cent year-on-year. While the company's zinc, lead and others segment recorded Q1 revenue at Rs 6,421 crore, the silver segment reported revenue of Rs 1,427 crore, and wind energy posted revenue at Rs 45 crore.

The company, which currently holds around 75 per cent market share in the sector domestically, reported a 14 per cent rise in zinc sales for the first quarter. The company, which has become the world's third highest producer of silver, posted a 10 per cent growth in its sales of the precious metal rose on higher market prices. CEO Arun Misra said that the mining major "has started the year on a strong note, recording highest ever first quarter mined and refined metal production, leveraging strong metal prices during the quarter.

We have expedited the commencement of our renewable energy power delivery with the receipt of the first flow of RE power from the Serentica 180 MW solar project in May 20243 . He also said that the company had plans to diversify into high-end sectors with strategic partnerships for utilising waste streams for extracting saleable products and supplying for next-generation nickel-zinc batteries.

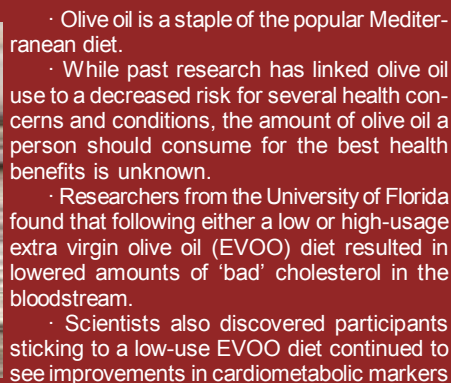
RailTel posts total Income of Rs 578 Crore in Q1 of FY 25

RailTel announced its Operating Income of Rs. 558 Crore in Q1 of FY 25 with YOY growth of 19% in its 148<sup>th</sup>Board Meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> August 2024.TheCompany has posted a YOY growth of 20% in total revenue with Rs. 578 Crores in Q1 of FY 25as against Rs 483 Cr in Q1 of FY 24.

The Profit Before Tax (PBT) in Q1 of FY25is Rs. 67 Crores as against Rs. 51crores in Q1



- Advanced glycation end products, generally found in higher amounts in animal-derived foods, are harmful compounds linked to insulin resistance and metabolic health issues.
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A top-down photograph of a white ceramic bowl filled with a vegan ramen dish. The bowl contains clear glass noodles, shredded carrots, green leafy vegetables, and a sprinkle of black sesame seeds. The bowl is placed on a light-colored wooden surface. To the left of the bowl is a small brown paper packet filled with black sesame seeds, and a few fresh green basil leaves. A blue cloth is draped over the top left corner of the frame. A woven straw placemat is visible under the bowl.

reducing AGE levels and managing weight than the Mediterranean diet, at least in the short-term.

For those who want to try a low-fat vegan diet, experts recommend gradually introducing more plant-based meals into your routine and seeking guidance from a doctor or registered dietitian to ensure balanced nutrition.

A recent study published in a general suggests a 16-week low-fat vegan diet may significantly outperform a Mediterranean diet in reducing dietary advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) and promoting weight loss.

AGEs are harmful compounds generally present in foods cooked at high temperatures, particularly in animal-derived rather than plant-based products. They have been linked to insulin resistance, inflammation, and oxidative stress, potentially contributing to a variety of chronic diseases including diabetes and heart disease.

The new research is a secondary analysis of a 36-week crossover trial conducted by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in 2019, comparing the weight loss and cardiometabolic health outcomes of a low-fat vegan diet to a Mediterranean diet.

The results of the present study showed a significant reduction in dietary AGEs and body weight among participants on the low-fat vegan diet, while those on the Mediterranean diet experienced no significant changes.

The findings suggest that a low-fat vegan diet may have distinct advantages in the short term. However, further research is needed to establish whether it is truly more effective than a Mediterranean diet for long-term weight loss and overall health.

Low-fat vegan diet beats Mediterranean diet in reducing harmful byproducts, body weight

The Physicians Committee's analysis found significant differences in dietary AGEs and weight changes between a low-fat vegan diet and the Mediterranean diet.

The low-fat vegan diet resulted in a 73% reduction in dietary AGEs and an average weight loss of 13 pounds, while the Mediterranean diet showed no changes in AGE levels or body weight.

According to the study authors, the decrease in dietary AGEs on the low-fat vegan diet primarily resulted from eliminating meat (41%), minimizing added fats (27%), and avoiding dairy products (14%) — all known to be significant sources of dietary AGEs.

Most of the weight loss on a vegan diet came from losing body fat and visceral fat — ideal adjustments in body composition for promoting long-term health and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.

Additionally, the changes in dietary AGEs were associated with changes in body weight, and this connection stayed strong even after adjusting for overall calorie intake.

When considering the lack of effects from the Mediterranean diet, it's important to take into account the characteristics of the study's participants.

The study authors noted that their participants were a “health-conscious group” with a relatively low intake of saturated fat to begin with.

This might explain the lack of results from the Mediterranean diet, contrasting with previous studies that reported benefits of the Mediterranean diet when compared to other diets and in different populations, such as older adults and individuals with type 2 diabetes.

In support of the results, however, previous studies have reported that a low-fat vegan diet can reduce dietary AGEs in adults with overweight\_ and people in postmenopause\_ when compared to a typical diet.

Ultimately, this was a study directly comparing the Mediterranean diet with a low-fat vegan diet in reducing AGEs and the associated body weight outcomes, and the authors viewed it as “hypothesis-generating.”

This, alongside using self-reported dietary data and other potential study limitations, suggests further research is needed to confirm these novel findings.

AGEs are complex compounds that form in the bloodstream when sugars react with proteins, fats, or nucleic acids—a process known as glycation.

Notably, AGEs also originate from our food. In fact, most AGEs in the body derive from dietary sources and can accumulate to harmful levels with certain diet and lifestyle habits.

"[AGES] are particularly abundant in animal products", which are typically high in both protein and fat, "and foods cooked at high temperatures-especially when there is gristle or char created." Thomas M. Holland, MD, MS, a physician-

When there is grist for the mill created, Thomas M. Holland, MD, MD, a physician scientist and assistant professor at the Rush Institute for Healthy Aging, Rush University Medical Centre, who was not involved in the study, told *Medical News Today*.

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— Monique Richard, MS, RDN, LDN— “Four tablespoons of olive oil equate to approximately 480 calories and 56 grams of fat — this is a significant portion of calories and fat in a 1500-2000 calorie diet from one source,” she explained. “If the individual consumed any other whole plant-based foods such as nuts, seeds, avocado, coconut, etc., the lipid levels would be higher than recommended. Even though the fat sources would be derived from mono- and polyunsaturated sources versus saturated sources, too much of a good thing can become counterproductive and offset other nutrient levels and processes within the body,” said Richard.



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**Gold Medal !**  
Vinesh Phogat missed the medal in Olympics, but after reaching India she has been welcomed in the grand scale. She told that I missed the medal but the peoples love for me is more than a Gold Medal for me.Well said Vinesh. Best wishes.



**Das Ji ! App Amazing Ho**  
Gaur Gopal Das , the GGD is making rounds on all the screens.A popular speaker, who is like a torch bearer for the society always motivates and inspires all the age groups.Can say a high demand speaker of the current times ! When he will be back to our city ! Any idea.



**Only 'Kantara'**  
Can say one of the best film of the present times appreciated by all the age groups especially by the kids.News is Actor Rishab Shetty wins best actor award for Kantara for 70<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards-2024. Kya baat hai !



**Feel the power !**  
Midnight Reporter's July Edition is out with a bang released by happening super cop , the new DGP of Telangana State Mr.Dr.Jitender ,IPS.  
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**Mubarak Mubarak !**  
Amer Ali Khan, News Editor The Siasat Daily, and Prof M Kodanda Rama Reddy ,President of Telangana Jana Samithi, took oath as Members of the Telangana State Legislative Council. On this occasion well-wisher Kabeer Khan and Mohib Baig congratulated the both MLCs. Good that after a gap two new profiles can be seen in the reputed posts. Best wishes.



**Happy Birthday Sonia**  
Sonia Sobti, happening feminine of the town is quite famous for her sense of humor. The lady has celebrated her birthday, can say a month long get-togethers for several groups. Maintains a good rapport with dear friends and holds them in all the situations, that's a quality of real friend. So, belated bday wishes to the stunning lady. Have a long & healthy life !



**Lollypop Time**  
The champion Sania Mirza & her sister picture with kids is making rounds on social media. Whereas it was a holiday time, and the both sisters had a lollypop time with kids. Good one !



**Own Paradise**  
Whereever we go, we create our own paradise. Well said by the wonderful couple Saina Nehwal & Parupalli Kasyap.Can any one guess the place !



**We Want Justice !**  
The rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata has shackled the entire medical industry. And here at Hyderabad the well-known Dr.Gurava Reddy with team of doctors protest the incident and demand the justice.



**Whats' Happening**  
Amit Gupta , choreographer is a versatile chap. His recent post is an example of it, in which he did the friendship with a white parrot. Does he knows the language of bird species.



# HomeTrenz Showcases Expertise in Interior Designing



HomeTrenz, a leading name in the world of interior design, proudly announces its extensive experience and proficiency in creating stunning, functional spaces. With a proven track record of transforming homes into personalized havens, HomeTrenz always continues to set new standards in Interior Designing

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# जम्मू-कश्मीर और हरियाणा में चुनाव का शंखनाद



जम्मू-कश्मीर विधानसभा के बहुप्रतीक्षित चुनाव का आखिरकार एलान हो गया है जो तीन चरणों में होंगे। अनुच्छेद-370 हटने के बाद राज्य में यह पहला विधानसभा चुनाव होगा। इसके साथ ही निर्वाचन आयोग ने हरियाणा के विधानसभा चुनाव भी कराने का एलान किया है, जो सिर्फ एक चरण में होगा। जम्मू-कश्मीर विधानसभा चुनाव के लिए मतदान 18, 25 सितंबर और एक अक्टूबर होगा, जबकि हरियाणा विधानसभा के लिए मतदान एक अक्टूबर होगा। दोनों राज्यों के नतीजे चार अक्टूबर को घोषित होंगे।

नामांकन 20 अगस्त से शुरू हो जाएगा

आयोग ने हाल ही में दोनों राज्यों का दौरा कर चुनावी तैयारियों को जांचा था। मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त राजीव कुमार ने सहयोगी चुनाव आयुक्त ज्ञानेश कुमार एवं डा. सुखवीर सिंह संधू की मौजूदगी में शुक्रवार को जम्मू-कश्मीर व हरियाणा विधानसभा चुनाव का एलान किया। मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त के मुताबिक, जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहले चरण की 24 विधानसभा सीटों के लिए नामांकन 20 अगस्त से शुरू हो जाएगा।

जम्मू-कश्मीर में सुरक्षा के कड़े बंदोबस्त

वहीं दूसरे चरण की 26 विधानसभा सीटों के लिए नामांकन 29 अगस्त से और तीसरे चरण की 40 विधानसभा सीटों के लिए नामांकन पांच सितंबर से शुरू होगा। वहीं हरियाणा की सभी 90 विधानसभा सीटों के लिए नामांकन पांच सितंबर से शुरू होगा। आयोग ने सुरक्षा के लिहाज से संवेदनशील जम्मू-कश्मीर में सुरक्षा के कड़े बंदोबस्त किए हैं। साथ ही चुनाव के दौरान प्रत्याशियों सहित राजनीतिक दलों के सभी पदाधिकारियों को सुरक्षा मुहैया कराए जाने की जानकारी भी दी।

आयोग ने बताया कि राज्य के दौरे के दौरान राजनीतिक दलों ने यह मांग रखी थी। राजनीतिक लिहाज से देखें तो इन दोनों ही राज्यों के विधानसभा चुनाव काफी अहम हैं। खासकर जम्मू-कश्मीर में तो विधानसभा चुनाव 2014 के बाद पहली बार होने जा रहे हैं। मौजूदा समय में राज्य में राष्ट्रपति शासन है।

## भारत में बिजली गिरने से एक लाख से अधिक लोगों की हो चुकी है मौत



आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से मौत के मामलों के लिहाज से वर्ष 2010 से 2020 का दशक सबसे घातक रहा है। आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि प्रति राज्य और केंद्र शासित प्रदेश में औसत वार्षिक मृत्यु दर 1967-2002 के दौरान 38 थी, जो 2003-2020 की अवधि में बढ़ कर 61 हो गई है। 1967 और 2020 के

बीच आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से 1,01,309 मौतें हुईं, वहीं 2010-2020 के दौरान आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से मौतों के मामले बहुत तेजी से बढ़े हैं।

राष्ट्रीय अपराध रिकॉर्ड ब्यूरो (एनसीआरबी) के आंकड़ों के विश्लेषण में यह बात सामने आई है। पर्यावरण, विकास और स्थिरता पत्रिका में प्रकाशित अध्ययन में कहा गया है कि जलवायु परिवर्तन की वजह से चरम मौसमी घटनाओं के मामले बढ़ रहे हैं। आने वाले वर्षों में देश में हालात और खराब हो सकते हैं। शोधकर्ताओं ने पाया है कि मध्य प्रदेश में बिजली गिरने से मौतों के सबसे अधिक मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं। इसके बाद महाराष्ट्र, उत्तर प्रदेश और ओडिशा में बिजली गिरने से सबसे अधिक मौतें हुई हैं।

छोटे राज्यों में हुई अधिक मौतें

हालांकि प्रति 1,000 वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में मौतों की बात करें तो बड़े राज्यों की तुलना में अपेक्षाकृत छोटे राज्यों में सबसे अधिक मौतें हुई हैं। बिहार में बिजली गिरने से 79 मौतें, बंगाल में 76 मौतें और झारखंड में बिजली गिरने से 42 मौतें हुई हैं। शोधकर्ताओं का कहना है कि विकासशील और अविकसित देशों में आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से मौतों की उंची दर के लिए बारिश के दौरान खेतों में काम करना, मानव विकास सूचकांक कम होना और अप्रभावी अलर्ज वार्निंग सिस्टम जैसे कारण जिम्मेदार हैं।

शोधकर्ताओं का कहना है भारत जैसे विकासशील देश चक्रवात, बाढ़ और सूखे जैसी घटनाओं का सामना करने के लिए बेहतर तरीके से तैयार हो सकते हैं, लेकिन आकाशीय बिजली और लू को लेकर सरकारी स्तर पर इन देशों की तैयारी कमजोर है। अध्ययन में इस बात का भी आकलन किया गया है कि कितने राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों ने आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की घटनाओं को लेकर नीतियां और कार्य योजना बनाई है।

कई राज्यों ने नहीं बनाई कार्य योजना

अध्ययन के अनुसार अब तक 36 राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों से सिर्फ सात ने आकाशीय बिजली पर नीतियां और कार्य योजना बनाई है। आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की घटनाओं के लिहाज से सबसे संवेदनशील मध्य प्रदेश, ओडिशा, बिहार, बंगाल, छत्तीसगढ़, राजस्थान, तेलंगाना, तमिलनाडु सहित उत्तरी और उत्तर पूर्व के राज्यों ने राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण के निर्देश के बावजूद अब तक कोई कार्य योजना नहीं बनाई है।

## इसरो ने फिर रचा इतिहास, धरती की निगरानी के लिए ईओएस-08 का हुआ सफल प्रक्षेपण



धरती की निगरानी के लिए ईओएस-8 को श्रीहरिकोटा के सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र से शुक्रवार सुबह सफलतापूर्वक लॉन्च किया गया। इस रॉकेट के अंदर नया अर्थ ऑब्जरवेशन सैटेलाइट EOS-8 लॉन्च किया गया है। एक छोटा सैटेलाइट SR&0 DEMOSAT भी पैसेंजर सैटेलाइट भी रॉकेट से साथ भेजा गया है। दोनों सैटेलाइट्स धरती से 475 उड़ की ऊंचाई पर एक गोलाकार ऑर्बिट में चक्कर लगाएंगे।

ईओएस-08 में लगे हैं तीन पेलोड

एसएसएलवी-डी3-ईओएस-08 मिशन में ले जाए गए उपग्रहों का वजन 175.5 किलोग्राम है। ईओएस-08 मिशन के उद्देश्यों में माइक्रोसैटेलाइट को डिजाइन और विकसित करना शामिल है। ईओएस-08 में तीन पेलोड लगे हैं। इनमें इलेक्ट्रो ऑप्टिकल इन्फ्रारेड पेलोड (ईओआइआर), ग्लोबल नेविगेशन सैटेलाइट सिस्टम-रिफ्लेक्टोमेट्री पेलोड (जीएनएसएस-आर) और सीआइसी यूसी डोसीमीटर शामिल हैं।

प्राकृतिक आपदाओं की निगरानी करेगा सैटेलाइट

ईओआइआर पेलोड को उपग्रह आधारित निगरानी, आपदा निगरानी, पर्यावरण निगरानी के लिए तस्वीरें खींचने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है। जीएनएसएस-आर समुद्र की सतह की हवा का विश्लेषण, मिट्टी की नमी का आकलन, बाढ़ का पता लगाने के लिए रिमोट सेंसिंग क्षमता प्रदर्शित करेगा। एसआइसी यूसी डोसीमीटर गगनयान मिशन में पराबैंगनी विकिरण की निगरानी करेगा। एसआइसी यूसी डोसीमीटर गगनयान मिशन में पराबैंगनी विकिरण की निगरानी करेगा।

इसरो लघु उपग्रह प्रक्षेपण यान (एसएसएलवी) की तीसरी और अंतिम विकासवात्मक उड़ान के जरिये पृथ्वी अवलोकन उपग्रह ईओएस-08 को प्रक्षेपित करने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार है। यह एसएसएलवी-डी3 की तीसरी और अंतिम विकासवात्मक उड़ान होगी।

## कौन हैं पी हरीश जो बने संयुक्त राष्ट्र में भारत के राजदूत?



वरिष्ठ राजनयिक पी. हरीश को बुधवार को न्यूयॉर्क में स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र मुख्यालय में भारत का अगला राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया। भारतीय विदेश सेवा (आईएफएस) के वर्ष 1990 बैच के अधिकारी हरीश फिलहाल जर्मनी में भारत के राजदूत हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी संयुक्त राष्ट्र की मेजबानी में आयोजित होने वाले 'समिट फॉर द फ्यूचर' में भाग लेने के लिए अगले महीने न्यूयॉर्क जा सकते हैं, जिससे पहले हरीश की नियुक्ति हुई है। विदेश मंत्रालय ने एक संक्षिप्त बयान में बताया कि वह (पी. हरीश) जल्द ही कार्यभार संभाल सकते हैं।

जून में रिक्त हुआ था पद

जून में रुचिरा कंबोज के सेवानिवृत्त के बाद से संयुक्त राष्ट्र में भारतीय राजदूत अथवा स्थायी प्रतिनिधि का पद रिक्त था। हरीश ने छह नवंबर, 2021 को जर्मनी में भारत के राजदूत के रूप में कार्यभार संभाला था। इससे पहले, वह विदेश मंत्रालय में अतिरिक्त सचिव (आर्थिक संबंध) के पद पर तैनात थे। इस पद पर रहते हुए उन्होंने विदेश मंत्रालय के आर्थिक कूटनीति प्रभाग का नेतृत्व किया, जो अन्य देशों के साथ भारत के द्विपक्षीय आर्थिक संबंधों से संबंधित है।

कई देशों में कर चुके हैं काम

उन्होंने बहुपक्षीय आर्थिक संबंध प्रभाग का भी नेतृत्व किया और वह जी20, जी7, ब्रिक्स (ब्राजील, रूस, भारत, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका) और आईबीएसए (भारत, ब्राजील और दक्षिण अफ्रीका) के लिए भारतीय सूत्र शेरपा थे। हरीश ने काहिरा और रियाद में भारतीय मिशन में और फलस्तीनी प्राधिकरण में भारत के प्रतिनिधि के रूप में भी काम किया।

उन्होंने विदेश मंत्रालय में पूर्वी एशिया और बाहरी प्रचार प्रभागों में भी काम किया। हरीश वर्ष 2007 से पांच साल की अवधि के लिए भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति के संयुक्त सचिव और विशेष कार्य अधिकारी भी रहे थे। वह जुलाई 2012 से मार्च 2016 तक ह्यूस्टन में भारत के महावाणिज्यदूत थे। हरीश अप्रैल 2016 से जून 2019 तक वियतनाम में भारत के राजदूत थे।



### 35 villages recognised in India’s first Best Tourism Village Awards

The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Best Tourism Villages Competition to recognise villages that excel as tourism destinations while preserving cultural and natural heritage, promoting community-based values and lifestyles, and demonstrating a strong commitment to sustainability across economic, social, and environmental spheres. The competition invited applications in various categories, including Heritage, Agri Tourism, Craft, Responsible Tourism, Vibrant Villages, Adventure Tourism, Community-Based Tourism, and Wellness.

The application process was conducted online through the portal <https://www.rural.tourism.gov.in>, with evaluations carried out at the District, State, and National levels.

In the inaugural edition of the competition held in 2023, 35 villages were recognised as Best Tourism Villages. The announcement was made by the Union Minister for Tourism and Culture, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

The list of recognised villages is as follows:

- Gold Category: Dawar (Jammu & Kashmir), Kanthalloor (Kerala), Madla (Madhya Pradesh), Reiek (Mizoram), Sarmoli (Uttarakhand)
- Silver Category: Lepakshi (Andhra Pradesh), Shergaon (Arunachal Pradesh), Kurauana (Uttar Pradesh), Sarodhadadar (Chhattisgarh), Hemis (Ladakh), Kalpeni (Lakshadweep), Khijadia (Gujarat), Raghurajpur (Odisha), Menar (Rajasthan), Pembarthy (Telangana)
- Bronze Category: Talao (Haryana), Chhitkul (Himachal Pradesh), McCluskieganj (Jharkhand), Hampi (Karnataka), Khokhara (Madhya Pradesh), Patgaon (Maharashtra), Kongthong (Meghalaya), Diezephe (Nagaland), Thirunallar (Puducherry), Nawanpind Sardaran (Punjab), Naurangabad-Shree Mahaveerji (Rajasthan), Kitam (Sikkim), Vettaikaranpudur (Tamil Nadu), Ullada (Tamil Nadu), Chandlapur (Telangana), Vidyasagar (Tripura), Kiriteswari (West Bengal), Biswanath Ghat (Assam), Devka (Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu), Cotigao (Goa).

These awards highlight the efforts of rural communities across India to promote sustainable tourism while preserving their unique cultural and natural resources.

### Travel and Tourism to Drive QAR 90.8 Billion Growth in Qatar



The World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) 2024 Economic Impact Research (EIR) indicates that Qatar's travel and tourism sector is poised for unprecedented growth this year. With a projected contribution of QAR 90.8bn to the economy, accounting for 11.3% of the total GDP, and supporting more than 334,500 jobs (15.8% of the total workforce), the sector is becoming a cornerstone of the national economy.

Surge in International and Domestic Spending

The World Travel & Tourism Council's report highlights that spending by international travelers is expected to reach a record QAR 69.6bn this year. Domestic travel spending is also projected to rise, hitting QAR 12bn. This growth follows a significant year for Qatar's travel and tourism industry, where the sector's GDP contribution grew by 31% to QAR 81.2bn in 2023, making up 10.3% of the country's total economic output.

Employment and Economic Impact

The travel and tourism sector has been a vital source of employment in Qatar. Last year, the sector created over 20,300 new jobs, increasing the total workforce to nearly 286,000, representing one in every eight jobs nationwide. This year, the sector's growth is expected to further bolster employment, supporting over 334,500 jobs across the country.

### India is Surging Tourism Industry with Visa Free Entry to 14 countries Including Nepal, Bhutan and Japan



India, a land of vibrant colors, diverse cultures, and timeless traditions, is a captivating destination that offers an unforgettable experience for every traveler. From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the sun-kissed beaches of Goa, India's geographical diversity is matched only by its rich cultural heritage. India is allowing visa free to 14 countries as of August 2024. India's inbound tourism, exploring its airports and airlines, the best time to visit, must-see festivals, iconic tourist spots, top hotels, and culinary delights that promise to tantalize your taste buds.

TTW Editor Mr. Anup Kumar says: "India's decision to allow visa-free entry to 14 countries as of August 2024 has significantly boosted its tourism industry, attracting travelers from all over the world. This policy, combined with the country's stunning natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and iconic landmarks like the Taj Mahal and the Pink City of Jaipur, has positioned India as a premier global destination. With its diverse landscapes ranging from the serene backwaters of Kerala to the majestic Himalayas, India offers a unique blend of experiences that cater to all types of travelers. The initiative also supports the Make in India campaign by stimulating economic growth through increased tourism-related activities and infrastructure development. Additionally, festivals like Diwali and Holi, celebrated with vibrant enthusiasm, provide visitors with a glimpse into India's lively traditions and community spirit."

### India Expands Visa Facilities and Tourism Support with New Initiatives



Visa-on-Arrival facility is available to nationals of Japan, South Korea and UAE for Tourism, Business, conference and medical purposes for 60 days with double entry for entry through 06 designated airports.

Ministry of Tourism conducts need based tourism survey/research/studies/feasibility studies in the field of tourism. These surveys/studies form the basis for development of policies and are critical to understand whether policies and programmes are meeting our intended objectives and identifying areas for improvement.

E-Visa facility with Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA), is presently available to nationals of 167 countries for entry through 30 designated international airports and "06 major seaports".

With the efforts of Ministry of Tourism, 15 State Governments/UT Administrations have deployed tourist police in one form or the other. The Ministry of Tourism has also set up a 24x7 Multi-Lingual Tourist Info-Helpline on the toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363 in 12 Languages including 10 international languages for domestic and foreign tourists to provide support service in terms of information relating to Travel in India and to offer appropriate guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.

The Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 under which financial assistance is provided to the States/UT Administrations/Central Agencies etc., for development of Tourism Infrastructure in the country. The financial assistance is provided in consultation with States/UT Administrations etc. Since its inception in 2014-15 till 2018-19, a total number of 76 projects under identified thematic circuits, have been sanctioned in the country for a revised sanction amount of Rs.5287.90Crore, out of which Rs.4944.47 Crore have been released. The Ministry has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a tourist & destination centric approach.

The Ministry of Tourism launched the 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) as a Central Sector Scheme with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage destinations. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.1621.14 Crore under PRASHAD Scheme out of which Rs.1024.18 Crore released.

### Wayanad disaster to cast a long shadow on hill tourism in Kerala

Even as the hilly landslide-scarred Wayanad is shrouded in grief of unknown proportions and the State is struggling to come to terms with the disaster, the tragedy seems to be creating a ripple effect adversely impacting the prospects of hill tourism in Kerala, the economy of which is highly dependent on the sector that roughly contributes over 10% of the GDP.

Hill and backwater tourism are the two major tourism products of Kerala, considering the tourist footfall in various destinations inside the State.

However, the thriving 'mass tourism' in Kerala has started to take a toll on the 'quality tourism' being promoted in the State on the lines of many developed foreign countries. Allowing thousands or lakhs of tourists in a small ecologically fragile region during a short time frame is putting untold pressure on the natural resources in the region. As per the statistics of Tourism department, around 2.18 crore domestic tourists frequented various destinations inside the State last year, with one fourth of them visiting the two ecologically sensitive districts, Idukki and Wayanad.

For instance, in 2023, 36.33 lakh domestic tourists visited Idukki and 17.50 lakh visited Wayanad, two major gateways to the thriving wild in Kerala. Already, the disaster has dealt a major blow to the hospitality sector, with tourist cancellations in the hill district and Wayanad being branded as a not-safe destination for travelling at various platforms outside the State after the disaster. Further, the Centre has issued a fresh draft notification to declare 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala, including 13 villages in two taluks of the landslide-hit Wayanad, as ecologically sensitive areas.

Carrying capacity assessment

"The State should urgently conduct a carrying capacity assessment of its ecologically sensitive tourist destinations inside the State. The entry should be restricted to these destinations based on the carrying capacity of each destination," said E.M. Najeeb, president, Confederation of Tourism Industry Kerala. The Madras High Court has recently asked the Tamil Nadu government to carry out scientific studies for fixing the carrying capacity for the ghat roads leading to destinations like Kodaikanal and Nilgiris since the hill stations were suffering from excessive tourist footfall.