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A photograph of Donald Trump, wearing a dark blue suit and a red tie, pointing his right index finger towards the camera. He is standing in front of several American flags that are slightly out of focus in the background.

Donald Trump's return to White House

Donald Trump made a remarkable return to the US presidency, defeating Kamala Harris to become the 47th president of the United States. Trump's victory marks a historic comeback for a former president who faced unprecedented challenges, from contesting the results of his 2020 loss to being impeached twice, convicted of felony charges, and surviving two assassination attempts.

Trump secured his win with a decisive victory in Wisconsin, crossing the 270-electoral vote threshold required to claim the presidency. This comeback validates his aggressive, no-holds-barred style of politics that resonated with his loyal base, especially male voters. Throughout the campaign, Trump's rhetoric was unapologetically combative, targeting his rival, Kamala Harris, with deeply personal attacks that highlighted his polarizing approach. His campaign cast the United States as a nation in crisis, plagued by crime and immigration issues that he vowed to resolve.

Trump's Agenda for His Second Term

During his victory speech in Florida, Trump expressed gratitude to his supporters, who turned out in record numbers. He has promised to enact an ambitious agenda focused on reshaping federal governance and taking retributive actions against perceived enemies. With the Senate under Republican control, Trump is poised to implement this agenda with fewer obstacles in Congress. His supporters view his plans as a necessary shift toward restoring American strength, while critics worry his proposed policies could bring significant disruptions to democracy and longstanding institutions.

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Appointments

- Ravindra Prasad (ITS: 1997), CVO, Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL), Singrauli, has been prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre.
- Shruti Agnihotri (IRAS: 1998), CVO, Engineers India Ltd. (EIL), Delhi, has been entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, Oil India Ltd. (OIL), Noida for a period of six months beyond 09.10.2024.
- The ACC approved the ex-post facto assignment of the additional charge of CEO, Government e-Marketplace (SPV) to L. Satya Srinivas (IRS C&IT: 1991) for a period of six months w.e.f. 07.10.2024 or till the appointment of a regular incumbent. Currently, he is Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.
- Naresh Pal Singh (IRSEE) was appointed to the post of General Manager, Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi. Currently, he is Principal Chief Electrical Engineer in Central Railway.
- Anand Kumar (IRAS: 2001) was appointed as Establishment Officer, Railway Board. He replaces Sanjiv Narain Mathur (IRAS).
- The Central Deputation tenure of Rajender Kumar (IOFS: 1997) as Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, was extended for a period of one year beyond 03.12.2024.
- Mohan Kumar Singh (IRS C&IT: 1989), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Delhi, has been appointed as Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) from 01.12.2024.
- Yogendra Garg (IRS C&IT:1990), Principal Director General, Directorate General of System & Data Management, Delhi, has been appointed as Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) from 01.01.2025.
- Dr Annapurni Subramaniam has been appointed as Director, Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru.
- Tenure of Vikram Misri (IFS: 1989) as Foreign Secretary has been extended beyond the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.11.2024 for a tenure up to 14.07.2026.
- Sushma Kindo (IES: 2010) has been appointed as Director in the Department of Commerce for a period of five years.
- Vijay Singh (IFoS: 2011: MP) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for a period of four years.
- S Sharad Rao (IOFS: 2011) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Steel for a period up to 19.06.2026 i.e. combined tenure of four years on Ex-cadre and CSS posts put together at Deputy Secretary level.
- Amit Kumar (IOFS (2012) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for a period up to 26.04.2026 i.e. combined tenure of four years on ex-cadre and CSS posts put together at Deputy Secretary level.
- Aminkhan Yasinkhan Shaikh (IRS: C&IT:2011) has been selected for appointment as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for a period of four years.
- Sweta Satya (IES: 2012) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for a period of four years.
- Anusree Raha (IES: 2013) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy for a period of four years.
- Karamjeet Kaur (IES: 2012) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Defence Production for a period of four years.
- Mahesh Chand Bairwa (IOFS: 2009) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for a period of five years.
- Vaibhav Rundwal (IES: 2012) has been selected for appointment as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for a period of four years.
- Kiran Reddy T (IRS C&IT: 2009) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Delhi for a period of five years.
- Chandrani Gupta (IES: 2007), CVO, The Braithwaite, Burn & Jessop Construction Company Ltd (BBJ), Kolkata, has been entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. (HEC), Ranchi for a period of one year.
- Sushant Ranjan (IA&AS: 2014) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Personnel & Training, Delhi for a period of four years.
- Abhishek Kesarwani (IRPS: 2010) has been appointed as Director in Staff Selection Commission,

IPS

- Sanjay Singhal (IPS: 1993: UP) has been appointed as Special Director General, Border Security Force up to 31.12.2028.
- Monika (IPS: 2014: HP) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Rural Development for a period of four years.
- *Arun Sinha (IPS: 1984: KL), National Technical Reconnaissance Organisation (NTRO) chief, has been given another extension up to December 31, 2024.
- Cadre of Mahadik Akshay Sanjay (IPS: 2022:AM) has been changed from Assam-Meghalaya to Uttar Pradesh on ground of his marriage with Chandni Singh (IFoS: 2022: UP).
- Cadre of Lakshay Sharma (IPS: 2016: MA) has been changed from Manipur to Chhattisgarh on grounds of his marriage with Suruchi Singh (IAS: 2020: CH).
- C Venkata Subba Reddy (IPS: 2007: AM) has been inducted as Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), CBI for a period of five years.
- Sajid Farid Shapoo (IPS: 1998: MP) has been appointed as CVO, Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML), Bengaluru for a period of three years.
- Bhavna Saxena (IPS: 1996: AP) has been appointed as CEO, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, for an overall tenure of five years up to 15.02.2027.
- Cadre of Kaanchi Singhal (IPS TN:2022) has been changed from Tamil Nadu to Haryana on the grounds of her marriage with Harshit Goel (IPS: 2023: HY).
- Cadre of Bhaware Diksha Arun (IPS: 2021: BH) has been changed from Bihar to Uttar Pradesh on the grounds of her marriage with Bhosale Vinayak Gopal (IPS: 2022: UP)

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- Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra (IAS: 1997: OR), Secretary-cum-Controller of Examination, National Recruitment Agency (NRA) under DoPT was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre with imposition of extended "cooling off.
- The central deputation tenure of Rakesh Kumar Verma (IAS: 1993: PB) was extended for a period of one year beyond 28.01.2025 i.e. up to 28.01.2026 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Currently, he is Additional Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Shrikesh B Lathkar (IAS: 2011: AP) has been appointed as Private Secretary to the Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu in the Ministry of Civil Aviation at the level of Deputy Secretary for the period of five years.
- Karuna Kumari (IAS: 2010: AM) has been appointed as Director in the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for a period of five years.
- Karma R Bonpo (IAS: 2010: SK) has been appointed as Director of Census Operations/Director of Citizen Registration (DCO/DCR) for a period up to 31.12.2025.
- *Manasi Sahay Thakur (IAS: 2009: HP) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for a period of five years.
- Tenure of Siddharth Mahajan (IAS: 2003: RJ), Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, has been extended for a combined tenure of seven years up to 07.11.2028.
- Tenure of Abhishek Singh (IAS: 1995: NL), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, has been extended beyond 03.12.2024 for a period up to 20.06.2026.
- Deepak Virmani (IAS: 2011: AGMUT) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi for a period of four years.
- Kriti Garg (IAS: 2013: AGMUT) has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi for a period of four years.
- Govind Kumar Garg (IRS C&IT:2009) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi for a period of five years.
- Vivek Joshi (IAS: 1989: HY), Secretary, DoPT, has been repatriated to his home cadre on the request of the government of Haryana.
- Anil Kumar Singhal (IAS: 1993: AP) has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy Vice Vipin Kumar (IAS: 1996: BH).
- Vipin Kumar (IAS: 1996: BH), Chairman, Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation in the rank & pay of Additional Secretary, has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy.
- Sushil Kumar Lohani (IAS: 1995: OR) has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Amitava Mukherjee Is Full Time CMD Of NMDC Limited



Public enterprise head-hunter, The Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) has chosen Amitava Mukherjee for the position of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC Limited, a Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Undertaking (PSU). Mukherjee, who is presently serving as the CMD (Additional Charge) and Director (Finance) at NMDC, was selected from a pool of nine candidates.

His appointment as CMD, however, is subject to necessary clearances and approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Since the superannuation of former CMD Sumit Deb on January 31, 2023, the CMD role at NMDC has been handled on an interim basis. Mukherjee, as the senior-most Board member and Director (Finance), has been holding additional charge as CMD during this period.




Manasa Gangotri Kata, Dir. – Dept of Financial Services, Gol

Ms Manasa Gangotri Kata IRS (C&IT 2007), has been recommended for Central Deputation and appointed as Director – Department of Financial Services, Delhi, for a period of five years.

Shruti Agnihotri IRAS given additional charge as CVO- Oil India Ltd



Ms. Shruti Agnihotri IRAS (1998) presently CVO- Engineers India Ltd. (EIL), Delhi has been entrusted with additional charge as CVO- Oil India Ltd. (OIL), Noida for a period of six months beyond 09.10.2024 or till the appointment of a regular CVO in OIL India.




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What's Happening !

The rumors & the news papers version is one side, whereas the Chief Secretary Smt. Shanthi Kumari is busy with her work and daily schedule. Till what extend officers silent war goes on, can't say and can't predict, but it's for sure that 'kuch tho baat hai.' And the news is Chief Secretary participated in the SEEPAC Survey by completing the form at her residence. The survey process was carried out by Smt. Neeraja, under the supervision of Raju, with the guidance of Circle Nodal Officer Sayee Srinivas and Deputy Commissioner Smt. Prashanthi from the Jubilee Hills Circle, Khairtabad Zone.



Congrats For The 'Five Star' Quality Rating

"Telangana Police Academy proudly sets a new national benchmark by becoming the first Academy in India to earn a 5-Star Quality Rating". That's amazing ! DGP Dr.Jitender congratulated Academy Director Abhilasha Bisht , DGP and the entire team for achieving the benchmark. Additional honors includes ISO certifications in Quality, Environmental, Energy, and Food Safety Management.



Who Is The Next CS Of AP !

Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad extended tenure of six months is going to end on December 31, 2024, now it's a talk in the power of corridors that who will take a seat of Chief Secretary after his term ! And also it's a mystery that Mr.Neerabh will enjoy his retirement life or he will be active in his second inning by getting any post in the government ! Couple of the senior officers are expecting their names for the chief secretary post, but finally who will grab it is again a mystery. Let's keep the fingers crossed.

The Super CP & The Safer City



Many films have been made on khakis and super cops, the reel screen cops creates boom on the box office and sets image as the role model for the society. When it comes to real screen, can say Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV.Anand is the perfect match, who has set his image as super cop of the present times with his awesome policing. No doubt, he is the only cop who has a vast experience to tackle and handle all the difficult situations raises in the Hyderabad city. Binding up two politicians MLA/Contested MLA , who were creating nuisance since long time in the city is the best example of his best policing. Endorsement- Cv.Anand –the super cop in whose regime the city is safe & peaceful.

Former IPS officer A.R. Anuradha appointed APPSC Chairperson



The Government of Andhra Pradesh has appointed former IPS officer A.R. Anuradha as Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC).A G.O. was issued by Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad. A 1987 batch IPS officer, Ms. Anuradha had in the past served as head of the Intelligence wing in the TDP government.The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government had appointed former Director General of Police D. Goutam Sawang as APPSC Chairman. However, the post had been lying vacant for the last few months owing to his resignation after the TDP-led NDA coalition formed the government in the State.



Har Har Mahadev !

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma participated at Koti Deepotsav-2024, organized by the Bhakthi TV, in Hyderabad on the occasion of Kartik Purnima. Apart from this Jharkhand State Formation Day celebrated and paid Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary celebrated as Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas. Also Uttarakhand State Formation Day also celebrated at Raj Bhavan.



Great Time

"Had a great time Sunday at Comic Con India seeing people come together in their love of comics, games and animation. Pop culture, video games and computer animation are multibillion industries that continue to grow and U.S. Universities provide ample opportunities to be a part of them."Said Ms. Jennifer Larson US Consul General in Hyderabad.



Education Collaboration Is Top Priority

UK Dy. High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen said Strengthening education collaboration is a top priority and there is huge potential to grow links between our higher education sectors and deepen education, research and innovation initiatives. A huge welcome to the UEL family from our VC&P, Prof. Broderick for offer-holders in Hyderabad.As the UK's leading careers-first university, we are proud to introduce new students to our careers guarantee, student start-up programmes and award-winning industry work experience opportunities!




Meeting For Business & Trade

Turkey Consul General Orhan Yalman Okan had a meeting with Ragunathan Kannan and Vineet Tibrewala, respectively the Chairman of Indian Chamber of Commerce for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, and the Chairman of Telangana Chapter. Many talks took place for the further collaborations of trade & business between both states.

Omani Ambassador Visits BTR Greens




His Excellency Issa Abdullah Saleh Al Shibani, the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to India, visited the BTR Greens MAK Projects,.The Ambassador was thoroughly impressed with the innovative sustainable Canadian Wood Villa project. He commended the concept of ecofriendly wooden villas and expressed interest in replicating the idea in his country. H.E. Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan hosted a dinner in honour of H.E. Issa Abdullah Saleh Al Shibani and the visiting high level delegation. The dinner was attended amongst others by Shri Ayodhya Ram Reddy, MP Rajya Sabha; Shri NVS Reddy, Managing Director, Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd.; and N. Balram, IRS, Chairman and Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).




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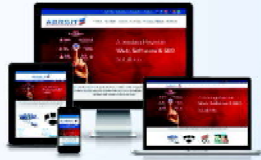
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Justice Devaraju Nagarjun :
The New Chairman Of TGERC



Justice Devaraju Nagarjun, a former judge of the Madras High Court, took oath as the new chairman of the Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC). Justice Nagarjun said he would work in coordination with all stakeholders and work towards providing power at affordable tariff to all the consumers. Expressing concern over the situations of the State-run Discoms, he said he would try to address issues pertaining to discoms. Justice Nagarjun was born in Wanaparthy and had pursued his graduation course in RLD college in Wanaparthy town. He did his LLB from SSL Law College in Nanded and later LLM from Osmania University. He was awarded a scholarship for doing research in International Conflict Resolution at University of California in Berkeley. He was also awarded a Ph.D for his dissertation on WTO/GATS and Globalisation of Legal Services: A critical analysis of its impacts on the India legal profession in 2013 at the NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad. He had enrolled as an advocate in 1986 and practised on civil, criminal sides and also in Revenue courts. He was selected as a Junior Civil Judge in 1991 and was later promoted as Senior Civil Judge in 2004. He worked as a Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Justice and also as Assistant Director of Andhra Pradesh Police Academy in Hyderabad. He was promoted as District Judge in 2010 and worked in Kamareddy, Nizamabad and as Metropolitan Sessions Judge at Ranga Reddy court. Later he worked as Registrar (Administration, Recruitment and Judicial) in 2021 and was posted as Registrar General of the High Court. He was later elevated as Judge of High Court of Telangana in 2022 before being transferred to Madras High Court.

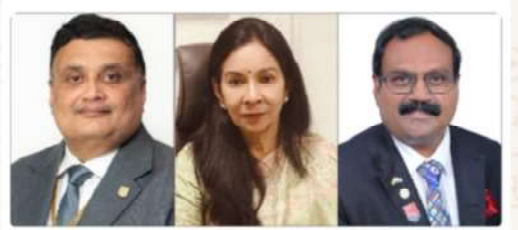
Seven IPS officers in Telangana to retire next year

Seven Indian Police Service (IPS) officers working in Telangana are all set to retire from the service in next year. The State government issued a notification to this effect on Tuesday. The officers are V B Kamalasan Reddy (30 April 2025), D Uday Kumar Reddy (31 May 2025), V Satyanarayana (30 June 2025), Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy (31 August 2025), Dr. Jitender (30 September 2025), P Vishwa Prasad (30 November 2025) and Ravi Gupta (31 December 2025).

Ronald Rose As Secretary, Finance & Amrapali Kata As MD, APTDC

The Andhra Pradesh government has announced new responsibilities for five IAS officers. D Ronald Rose, who has a proven track record in administration, has been appointed as Secretary of the Finance Department. B Anil Kumar, known for his effective leadership in previous roles, will take charge as Managing Director of the Swachh Andhra Corporation. Gandham Chandrudu, with extensive experience in public service, has been posted as Additional Secretary of the Labour, Factories, Boilers, and Insurance Medical Services Department. D Haritha, who has served in various capacities within the state administration, will now serve as Deputy Secretary of the Agriculture and Cooperation Department. K Kanna Babu, Secretary of the Social Welfare Department, has been given the full additional charge as Secretary of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, relieving G Anantha Ramu of this responsibility. Amrapali Kata has been appointed as vice-chairperson and managing director of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation and assigned full additional charge as CEO of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, relieving Muttimbaku Abhishikh Kishore. A Vani Prasad has been posted as Principal Secretary of the Labour, Factories, Boilers, and Insurance Medical Services Department, relieving MM Nayak of the full additional charge. V Karuna has been appointed as Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare and has also been given full additional charge as Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM). G Vani Mohan, formerly Commissioner of Archaeology and Museums, has been transferred to serve as Principal Secretary to the Government (GPM&AR) in the General Administration Department, relieving Pola Bhaskar of the full additional charge.

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INTERNATIONAL Recognition N S N Mohan Elected as Deputy Vice President , Vani Subhash honoured with Member D Honour award and Hari Kishan Valmiki appointed as Deputy Auditor of Skål International at the 83rd World Congress in Izmir, Turkey In a landmark achievement for Skål International, N S N Mohan has been elected as the Deputy Vice President at the 83rd World Congress held in Izmir, Turkey. This historic moment marks the first time in the 90-year history of Skål International that an Asian and Indian has been elected to this prestigious position. Skål International, founded in 1934 in Paris, is the world's oldest and largest global hospitality and tourism organization, with a presence in 303 cities across 82 countries. The global Skål community congratulates N S N Mohan, Vani Subhash and Hari Kishan Valmiki on this historic achievement and looks forward to his continued leadership and vision.

Smita Sabharwal, 12 other IAS officers transferred; 8 IFS officials too shuffled




The State government transferred 13 IAS officers, including Finance Commission member secretary Smita Sabharwal and Excise Commissioner E Sridhar apart from shuffling eight IFS officers. Sabharwal was transferred and posted as Secretary to Government Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture, relieving N Sridhar from Full Additional Charge (FAC) of the said post. She was placed in full additional charge (FAC) of the posts of Member Secretary, State Finance commission and Director, Archaeology. E Sridhar, Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, was transferred and posted as Secretary to Government, BC Welfare Department, duly relieving B Venkatesham from FAC of the said post. He was also placed in FAC of the post of Commissioner, Endowments, duly relieving

Zendage Hanumant Kondiba from FAC of the said post. Anita Ramachandran, Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, was transferred and posted as Secretary to Government, WCD & SC Department duly relieving TK Sreedevi from FAC of the said post. Ilambarithi K, Commissioner, Transport was transferred and posted as Commissioner, GHMC. K Surendra Mohan, Secretary to Government (Mines & Geology), I&C Department was transferred and posted as Transport Commissioner. Chevuru Hari Kiran, who was awaiting posting, was posted as Prohibition & Excise Director. D Krishna Bhaskar, Special Secretary to Deputy Chief Minister and Special Secretary to Government, Finance & Planning (FAC) was transferred and posted as CMD, TRANSCO, duly relieving Sandeep Kumar Sultan, from FAC of the said post. He would also hold FAC of the post of Special Secretary to the Deputy Chief Minister. Siva Sankar Lotheti, who was awaiting posting, was posted as CEO, Arogyasri Health Care Trust, duly relieving RV Karnan from FAC of the said post. Srijana G, who was awaiting posting, was posted as Director, PR & RD. Chittem Lakshmi was posted as Director, AYUSH, duly relieving Christina Z Chongthu, from FAC of the post, while Krishna Aditya S, Labour Director was transferred and posted as Director, Intermediate Education & Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education duly relieving A Sridevasena, from FAC of the post. He was also placed in FAC of the post of VC & MD, Telangana Education & Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGWEIDC), duly relieving EV Narsimha Reddy from FAC of the post. Sanjay Kumar, Principal Secretary to Government, LET&F Department was placed in FAC of the post of Commissioner, Labour, as Krishna Aditya S. is transferred. Gaurav Uppal, Resident Commissioner, Telangana Bhavan, New Delhi, is placed in FAC of the post of Secretary to Government (Coordination), General Administration Department.

IFS transfers - Priyanka Varghese, Chief Conservator of Forests (IT&WP), is transferred and posted as Chief Conservator of Forests, Charminar Circle. Sivala Ram Babu, IFS (2011), Deputy Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, STC Circle, Hyderabad is transferred and posted as District Forest Officer against the post of Conservator of Forests, Jogulamba Circle, Mahabubnagar. He was also placed in FAC of the post of Field Director, Amrabad Tiger Reserve, till further orders. Sunil S. Hiremath, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad was transferred and posted as Director, Zoo Parks, Hyderabad. P Sreenivasa Rao, Joint Director/Deputy Conservator of Forests, FCRI, Mulugu was transferred and posted as District Forest Officer, Siddipet. SV Pradeep Kumar Setty, Director, Urban Forestry, HMDA, Hyderabad was transferred and posted as Deputy Conservator of Forests, STC Circle, Hyd. On transfer, K Srinivas is posted as Director, Urban Forestry, HMDA, Hyderabad on deputation basis. J Vasantha, District Forest Officer, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, was transferred and posted as Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. Mandadi Naveen Reddy, District Forest Officer, Jogulamba Gadwal & Wanaparthy is transferred and posted as District Forest Officer, Jayashankar Bhupalpally.


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NMDC Achieves Historic October Performance, Sets New Records



NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer, has once again demonstrated its operational excellence by registering its best-ever October performance since inception. The company's impressive production of 4.07 million tonnes (MT) and sales of 4.03 MT of iron ore surpassed previous October records, marking a 3.8% increase in production and 17.15% growth in sales compared to the corresponding period last year.

This remarkable achievement brings NMDC's cumulative figures for FY25 to 21.55 MT for production and 23.84 MT for sales, underscoring its commitment to meeting the country's growing demands for iron ore. Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge), attributed NMDC's remarkable performance to the unwavering commitment and said, "These record-breaking figures with 3.8% growth in production and 17.15% growth in sales demonstrate the success of our strategic decisions, technology advancements, and long-term focus. We continuously assess our performance, and with this momentum, we're confident of surpassing our best this fiscal"

The growth in production volumes are achieved through meticulous mine planning while the impressive sales figures are driven by increased demand and consistent offtake by customers.



SAIL signs MoU with ASCI Hyderabad for academic collaboration

An MoU has been signed between Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad for academic collaboration on 04th November, 2024 at the company's Corporate Office in New Delhi.

This MoU would facilitate the conduct of customized Management Development Programmes for the newly promoted executives of SAIL, among others. Collaboration with reputed institutions is part of the overall Learning & Development (L&D) strategy of SAIL to provide further academic exposure to the company's executives facilitating them to grow in their leadership positions. The MoU was signed in the presence of Shri KK Singh, Director (Personnel), SAIL and Dr Nirmalya Bagchi, Director, ASCI, Hyderabad.

SBI posts 28 pc net profit growth at Rs. 18,331 crore in July-Sep quarter



The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest public sector lender, on Friday reported 27.92 per cent growth (year-on-year) in net profit at Rs 18,331 crore in the July-September quarter (Q2 FY25). The operating profit grew by 50.87 per cent to Rs 29,294 crore (year-on-year).

The SBI's Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (RoE) for the half year (H1 FY25) stood at 1.13 per cent and 21.78 per cent, respectively. According to the SBI, its net interest income (NII) for Q2 FY25 increased by 5.37 per cent YoY. "Gross NPA ratio stood at 2.13 per cent and improved by 42 bps YoY while net NPA ratio at 0.53 per cent improved by 11 bps YoY," said the bank in its financial result.

In the quarter, the credit growth came at 14.93 per cent with domestic advances growing by 15.55 per cent YoY. The lender had Rs 51,17,284 crore as total deposits in the September quarter, a 9.13 per cent growth compared to Rs 46,89,218 crore in the September quarter last fiscal. While domestic Current Account Saving Account (CASA) deposits grew 4.24 per cent, domestic term deposits grew 12.51 per cent. CASA ratio stood at 40.03 per cent (as on September 30). According to the SBI, SME and retail personal advances loans registered YoY growth of 17.36 per cent and 12.32 per cent, respectively, in the quarter. While 61 per cent of SB accounts were acquired digitally through the YONO digital banking platform, the share of alternate channels in total transactions increased from 97.7 per cent in H1 FY24 to 98.2 per cent in H1 FY25.



PFC delivered PAT of Rs. 8,088 cr. an impressive increase

- Consolidated Financial Highlights
- 14% increase registered in consolidated Profit After Tax from Rs. 12,610 cr. in H1'24 to Rs. 14,397 cr. for H1'25.
- Consolidated Net worth (including non-controlling interest) increased by 17% from Rs. 1,23,703 cr. as on 30.09.2023 to Rs. 1,45,158 cr. as on 30.09.2024

13% growth witnessed in Consolidated Loan Asset Book from Rs. 9,23,724 cr. as on 30.09.2023 to 10,39,472 crores as on 30.09.2024.

Owing to concentrated resolution efforts, consolidated Net NPA has reached its lowest level at 0.80% in H1'25 vis-à-vis 0.98% in H1'24. Gross NPA also declined significantly by 78 bps from 3.40% in H1'24 to 2.62% in H1'25.

Stand Alone Financial Highlights

Registered highest ever quarterly Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 4,370 cr. in Q2'25, an increase of 14% from Rs. 3,847 cr. in Q2'24.

For H1'25, PFC delivered PAT of Rs. 8,088 cr., an impressive increase of 18% from Rs. 6,854 cr. in H1'24.

PFC board declared an interim dividend of Rs. 3.50 per share, taking cumulative interim dividend to Rs. 6.75 per share.

10% growth registered in loan asset book- from Rs. 4,49,458 cr. as on 30.09.2023 to Rs. 4,93,363 cr. as on 30.09.2024.

PFC continues to maintain healthy capital adequacy levels quarter after quarter. CRAR as on 30th September, 2024 is at 24.38%, with Tier 1 capital at 22.29%.

15% increase in net worth from Rs. 74,445 cr. as on 30.09.2023 to Rs. 85,924 cr. as on 30.09.2024

In Q2'25, PFC successfully reached resolution in Lanco Amarkantak Power Ltd of Rs. 2,376 crores.

Gross NPA ratio reaches below 3% and is at 2.71% for H1'25 vis-à-vis 3.67% for H1'24. Net NPA Ratio also saw a significant reduction of 28 bps from H1'24 and is at its lowest level at 0.72%.

PFC is the first Indian PSU to successfully secure the largest-ever foreign currency term loan deal amounting to USD eq 1.265 bn in Q2'25.

Power Grid posts Rs 3,793 crore Q2 net profit, declares interim dividend



State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India on Wednesday announced a consolidated net profit at Rs 3,793.02 crore in the July-September quarter of the current financial year in a regulatory filing. The second quarter profit of the power transmission giant remained flat as it had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 3,781.42 crore in the quarter ended on September 30, 2023.

The Power Grid board also approved payment of the first interim dividend of Rs 4.50 per equity share of Rs 10 each for the financial year 2024-25. The dividend will be paid to shareholders on December 4. The company has fixed November 14 as the record date for the purpose of payment of determining the eligibility of shareholders. The total revenue of the company rose to Rs 11,845.93 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 11,530.43 crore in the same period a year ago. Its total expenses during the second quarter increased to Rs 7,309 crore from Rs 6,977 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The company's shares closed 0.44 per cent higher at Rs 318 on the NSE on Wednesday. Last month, Power Grid shares had shot up 2 per cent after the company was declared the successful bidder to establish an inter-state transmission system. The contract was awarded under tariff-based competitive bidding to establish an Inter-State transmission system for "Provision of Dynamic Reactive Compensation at Khavda Pooling Station 1 (KPS1) and Khavda Pooling Station 3 (KPS3)" on build, own, operate and transfer (BOOT) basis in Gujarat.

GAIL clocks Revenue of Rs 32,931 crore, PAT of Rs 2,672 crore in Q2 FY'25



GAIL (India) Limited reported Revenue from Operations of Rs 66,622 crore for the period April – September 2024 as compared to Rs 64,050 crore in corresponding period of Financial Year 2023-24. Profit before Tax (PBT) for H1 FY25 stood at Rs 7,095 crore as compared to Rs 5,019 crore for the corresponding period in previous year. Profit after Tax (PAT) stood at Rs 5,396 crore in H1 FY25 as compared to Rs 3,817 crore in corresponding period of previous year. GAIL has witnessed its highest-ever half-yearly EBITDA, PBT & PAT in H1 FY'2025. Quarter on Quarter basis, Revenue from Operations was reported at Rs 32,931 crore in Q2 FY-25 as against Rs 33,692 crore in Q1 FY-25. PBT stood at Rs 3,453 crore in Q2 FY-25 as against Rs 3,642 crore during Q1 FY-25. PAT stood at Rs 2,672 crore in Q2 FY-25 as against Rs 2,724 crore in Q1 FY-25.

The Natural Gas transmission volume stood at 130.63 MMSCMD in Q2 FY-25 & Gas marketing volume was 96.60 MMSCMD in Q2 FY'25. The LHC & Polymer sale stood at 253 TMT & 226 TMT respectively in Q2 FY-25 as compared to 218 TMT & 169 TMT respectively in Q1 FY-25.

In Q2 FY'25, Petrochemical segment clocked PBT of Rs 157 crore as against loss of Rs 42 crore in Q1 FY'25. Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, CMD, GAIL mentioned that Petrochemical segment is expected to be reasonably profitable in FY 2024-25.

NTPC, ONGC joint venture poised for big push to green energy projects



Maharatna public sector companies NTPC and ONGC have collaborated to form a Joint Venture Company (JVC) through their green energy subsidiaries – NTPC Green Energy Ltd. and ONGC Green Energy Ltd, to give a push to their expansion plans in the renewable and new energy sector. "Subsequent to the signing of the Joint Venture Agreement on 7th February 2024, during India Energy Week 2024, and obtaining the required statutory approvals from DIPAM and NITI Aayog, NGEL has submitted an application to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for the incorporation of a 50:50 Joint Venture Company with OGL," said the Ministry of Power.

The ministry said that this joint venture will take up various Renewable Energy (RE) and New Energy opportunities including Solar, Wind (Onshore/Offshore), Energy Storage (Pump/Battery), Green molecule (Green Hydrogen, Green Ammonia, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), Green Methanol), E-mobility, Carbon Credits and Green Credits, the statement explained.

"The JV will also seek opportunities to acquire renewable energy assets and consider participation in upcoming offshore wind tenders in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat," the ministry added. It said that the strategic partnership between NGEL and OGL signifies a concerted effort towards advancing sustainable energy initiatives, aligning closely with the nation's ambitious goals for a greener future. "Considering their domain expertise and resources, both entities are poised to contribute significantly to India's renewable energy landscape, driving innovation and fostering environmental stewardship, the ministry said. It said that both the power sector behemoth and the upstream oil giant are poised to play a major role in helping the country cut its carbon footprint with the expansion of green energy projects.

HUDCO report increase of 38% in PAT at Rs. 1,246.37 Cr for H1FY25

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has reported a robust performance in the First Half of the Fiscal Year 2025 (H1FY25), showcasing record-breaking growth across key financial parameters.

- Key highlights from HUDCO's H1FY25 results include :
- Loan Sanctions: HUDCO achieved the highest-ever H1 loan sanctions, reaching ¹ 76,472 crore, marking an astounding Year-over-Year (YoY) growth of almost 10x compared to H1FY24 (¹ 7,808 Crore).
 - Loan Disbursements: With the highest-ever H1 Loan Disbursements of ¹ 21,699 Crore,

HUDCO recorded an impressive almost 6x YoY growth from ¹ 3,723 Crore in H1FY24.

Profit After Tax (PAT): The company reported a PAT of ¹ 1,246.37 Crore in H1FY25, a 39% increase from ¹ 897.39 Crore in H1FY24, marking its highest-ever H1 profit.

Revenue from Operations: HUDCO recorded its highest-ever H1 Revenue from Operations at ¹ 4,706.07 Crore in H1FY25, a 27% YoY increase from ¹ 3,706.41 Crore in H1FY24.

Loan Book: The Loan Book stood at ¹ 1,11,068 Crore increased by 36% compared to ¹ 81,594 Crore in H1FY24.

Net Worth: HUDCO's Net Worth saw a 9% growth, increasing to ¹ 17,124.35 Crore in H1FY25 from ¹ 15,724.40 Crore in the same period last year.

Earnings Per Share (EPS): EPS increased by 39% YoY, reaching ¹ 6.23 from ¹ 4.48 in H1FY24.

Market Capitalization: HUDCO's market cap surged over 2.53 times within a year to ¹ 43741.52 Crore in H1FY25, reflecting investor confidence in the company's growth trajectory.



Coffee and heart health How does



Millions of people are regular coffee drinkers. Some people prefer to consume the popular caffeinated beverage in the morning to increase alertness and alleviate fatigue, while others consume it throughout the day for multiple other health benefits.

Considering that around 1 in 7 deaths worldwide are caused by coronary heart disease, coffee's potential cardioprotective benefits make it an exciting topic of research.

The most recent study on this topic, published in *Medical News Today*, found that consuming more caffeine—found in sources such as coffee, tea, and cocoa—may help improve blood vessel health. What made this study particularly interesting was that it was conducted in patients with lupus, and autoimmune disease that has been tied to an increased risk of stroke, heart attack, and cardiovascular disease.

But what does all the evidence so far say? Can coffee improve heart health, or does too much cause harm?

Building upon *Medical News Today's* regular in-depth reporting on studies related to heart health, this overview aims to provide a snapshot of the key pieces of research on caffeine's effects on the heart and overall health with experts' views on these findings.

Can drinking coffee lower diabetes, heart disease risk?

According to a study published in September in the *Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, consuming coffee and caffeine in moderation on a regular basis could help prevent conditions like type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, and stroke. The amount the researchers found that had the most protective effects was around 200–300 mg daily, or roughly 2-3 cups of coffee.

Key takeaways:

- The researchers compared people who did not consume any caffeine or who drank less than 100 milligrams (mg) per day with people who drank about 200 to 300 mg of caffeine a day, or the equivalent of three coffee drinks.
- The latter group, who consumed a moderate amount of caffeine, had a 48.1% or 40.7% reduced risk of developing cardiometabolic diseases.
- The study used data from the UK Biobank with a large sample size of over 360,000 people ages 37–73.

Melanie Murphy Richter, MS, RDN, a registered dietitian nutritionist who was not involved in the research, explained that the mechanism through which caffeine may reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes is by enhancing insulin sensitivity, as well as boosting fat metabolism to support overall cardiometabolic health.

Experts such as Cheng-Han Chen, MD, a board certified interventional cardiologist who was not involved in the study, cautioned as to overestimating caffeine's benefits and said: "[B]oth coffee and tea are complex beverages that contain hundreds of bioactive compounds, and it is likely that their biological effects extend beyond those of the caffeine itself. Compounds such as flavonoids, alkaloids, and polyphenols, are thought to have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects, and might be involved in glucose and lipid metabolism as well."

Can too much caffeine increase heart disease risk?

A study not yet published in a peer-reviewed journal but recently presented at ACC Asia 2024 in India in August found that people who chronically consume high amounts of caffeine at least five days per week may have an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. This was true even if the study participants were otherwise in good health.

Key takeaways:

- For this study, the researchers defined chronic caffeine consumption as drinking any caffeinated beverage—including coffee, tea, soda, and energy drinks—five days a week for over a year.
- This equaled about 400 milligrams (mg) of caffeine daily, or roughly four cups of coffee, two energy drinks, or 10 cans of soda.
- The researchers discovered that people who consumed at least 400 mg had increased heart rates and blood pressure over time, and this was even more pronounced for people who consumed 600 mg of caffeine a day.
- Commenting on their findings, Nancy Kagathara, MBBS, lead author of this study and researcher in the Department of Internal Medicine at Zydus Medical College and Hospital in India, said: "Due to its effect on the autonomic nervous system, regular caffeine consumption could put otherwise healthy individuals at risk of hypertension and other cardiovascular events. Increasing awareness of these risks is vital to improve heart health for all."

Vitamin D supplements may lower blood pressure in older adults with obesity



According to the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements, older adults ages 51–70 years are recommended 600 International Units (IU) or 15 mcg of vitamin D daily, while those ages 70 years and older are advised an intake of 800 IU or 20 mcg.

This study adds to the growing evidence of vitamin D's many health benefits, particularly circulatory and metabolic health.

The study received financial support from the Fogarty International Center and Office of Dietary Supplements of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the American University of Beirut, Saint Joseph University, the Lebanese Council for National Scientific Research, the Mayo Clinic, and the Odense University Hospital.

Effects of low dose vs. high dose vitamin D

In this double-blind, randomized controlled trial (RCT), researchers examined 221 adults ages 65 years or older who had BMIs over 25 and were considered as having overweight or obesity.

They also had a serum 25-hydroxy vitamin D level between 10 and 30 ng/mL, which indicates either "insufficient" vitamin D levels (below 30 ng/mL) or vitamin D deficiency (below 20 ng/mL).

All participants were given 250mg of calcium citrate daily. For their vitamin D intake, they were divided into two groups: the "low dose group" took 600 IU/day along with placebo pills, and the "high dose group" took 3,750 IU/day. Researchers observed the participants for a year.

At the end of the study, the researchers found that vitamin D supplementation helped lower blood pressure.

Although there was no statistically significant difference between both groups, on average, the participants experienced a 3.5 mm Hg reduction in systolic blood pressure (SBP), and a modest 2.8 mm Hg reduction in diastolic blood pressure (DBP) after one year. Those in the high dose vitamin D group experienced a slightly greater reduction than those in the low dose vitamin D group.

The researchers also saw no extra benefit in participants taking a higher dose of vitamin D.

Out of all the participants, the researchers observed that the people with obesity and those with low vitamin D levels benefited the most from supplemental vitamin D.

Low vitamin D levels linked to hypertension

Previous research has linked vitamin D deficiency to an increased risk of falls in older adults, as well as some autoimmune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis and type 1 diabetes.

Some studies have also found an association between vitamin D deficiency and an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases including hypertension and heart disease.

A low vitamin D intake has also been linked to high blood pressure later in life.

Michelle Routhenstein, MS, RD, CDCES, CDN, Preventive Cardiology Dietitian and Heart Health Expert at EntirelyNourished.com, who was not involved in the study, said the study results weren't surprising, given the roles of calcium and vitamin D in blood pressure regulation.

Routhenstein explained how vitamin D may affect blood pressure: "Vitamin D is involved in regulating the renin-angiotensin system, which plays a key role in controlling blood pressure. When vitamin D levels are low, renin secretion tends to increase, which can raise blood pressure by activating this system."

"Calcium was also provided, and it is known to support blood pressure regulation due to its effect on blood vessel function. By helping blood vessels relax and maintain proper tone, calcium can contribute to lower blood pressure," she told *Medical News Today*.

Why more vitamin D isn't always better

One important finding from the study is that taking higher than recommended doses of vitamin D does not have any additional benefits in terms of cardiovascular health.

Commenting on this, Routhenstein said: "Many people assume that more is always better, but when it comes to nutrients, it's about finding the right balance for your body, taking into account factors like your lab results, diet, and medical history. The goal is to get enough to meet your needs—not too little, but also not too much."





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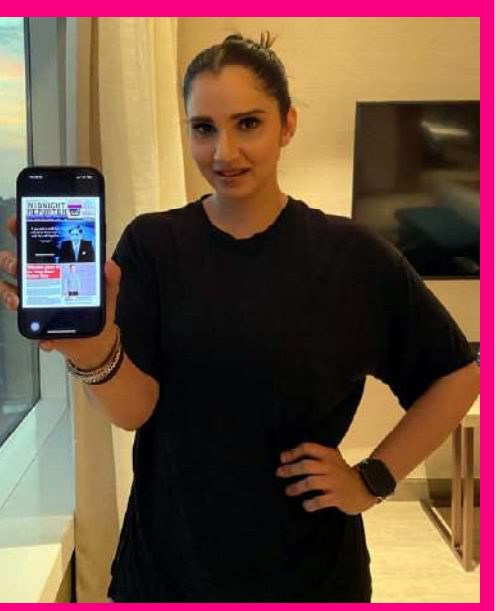
Triple Celebration
What a coincidence ! Yes, one family , two generations got three reasons to celebrate the occasion and the success. Disha's 20th birthday followed by her admission into MBBS and Sonali's 54th birthday day. Great show ! Hearty congratulations to both mother & daughter ,who are the role model for both generations. Thumbs up !



Click Of The Month
This has to be on the screen. Abhimanika Tavi & handsome son endorsing 'house of aham' fashion. In Abhi's recent post she stated 'Raising the next generation of Suave. My Boy, My legacy, looking dapper as ever', with the tagline #momsongals. Wonderful !



The Fitness Machine
Kiran Dembla, the well-known fitness trainer, recently endorsed as fitness machine has celebrated her 50th birthday. On the occasion a beautiful picture have been posted on social media. It's really news that a book on her life is already on screen by the name 'the fitness machine', the true story that will really inspire the women and the society.



Sania Releases MR's Oct edition
Midnight Reporter "Owesome October" edition is out with a bang released by the most happening & most influential athlete Sania Mirza.
Click the link for epaper : https://midnightreporter.com/October_2024.pdf



This Is Really Fabulous
Entrepreneur, socialite and founder of Sailaja Aryan Foundation Sailaja Reddy celebrated birthday with students at Laxmi Nagar Government High School, she also commits to nurturing young talent with Scholarships for Grade 10 top performers.The celebration climaxed with Ms. Sailaja Reddy cutting a birthday cake, which was joyously sung to in Sanskrit by the students. The event took on a personal touch when she shared pieces of cake with the children and staff.This meaningful event was coordinated by the Rotary Club Cantonment Secunderabad, which proudly adopted the school to support its students. Really inspiring !!



Birthday Wishes Rina
Happening feminine Rina Dave celebrated her 40th birthday day, can say a memorable bash with dear friends and loved ones at a resort in Bidar. So, in the picture can see much known faces including Rhea Melwani. The get together went well filled with music , masti and delicious dine. So, Rina just guess who is behind this surprise coverage !



SS on the screen
Shobha Sudhakar, the well-known feminine of the town is on the screen. Shobha planned a huge birthday party for family and dear friends.Big gathering , beautiful ladies , full too entertaining and awesome arrangement.Birthday wishes Shobha, baar-baar din ye aaye.....!!



Niharika just amazing
Niharika Reddy is the best ! When it comes to helping the needy, she comes forward and put all her efforts for the assistance and makes their dreams true. Amazing lady ! During Karthika Pournami, with the blessings of Lord Ramana Maharshi, She with her sweet kids wholeheartedly wishes for happiness, health and prosperity.



The Cake Mixing
Christmas & the new year is on cards !Annual cake mixing event has been planned by couple of the star hotels.In the picture Swati Parekh & Rupa Sree participating in the cake mixing event with other friends planned simentenusly at Taj Deccan & Radisson , Hitec City. That's awesome !



The Future of Interior Design Is Soft and Squiggly

As we reach a full year of the pandemic, many of us are seeking pleasant environments to escape to—a playground of one’s own, adorned with pastel colors, squiggles, wobbles, and blobs. In 2024, interior designers are predicting that decor will be defined by the pursuit of “comfy.” Lived-in spaces will take over from mid-century modern. This means embracing fluidity, and an aesthetic not afraid of color or undefined objects.

As our days braid into each other, we’re looking for exciting inside distractions instead of the stark furniture we settled for from Ikea. As frontline worker Kaitlin Spring puts it: “For me, working as a nurse anesthetist during the pandemic, I wanted to make our place into a little haven so that when we are home we are enjoying ourselves and can have a break from the hospital.” Her home in upstate New York is accordingly filled with bright hues, bulbous shapes, and ‘70s-inspired checkered patterns.

Long distance partners and industrial designers Jazmin Feige and Matias Gonzalez created their side project, Bougie Woogie, a playful home accessories brand that prioritizes functionality, in the midst of the stress and boredom they felt during the pandemic. “This style is not invasive. It’s more about having these organic shapes and really curvy and chubby squiggly shapes that actually calm your spirit,” Feige says.

Most of Bougie Woogie’s customers find them on Instagram, where hashtags like “squiggly,” “wavy,” and “blob” lead users from one whimsical home item to the next. “The world is too serious and our generation relies on playfulness as a form of escapism. I definitely believe color and unconventional shapes in this generation’s space is an extension of this,” said Shontelle Hyslop, creator of mirrors which she sells under the name Lotta Blobs.

Although this repurposed wave of interior design feels new, it would not exist without Italian Radicalism and Postmodernism. Specifically, it would not exist without creative architects like Ettore Sottsass, founder of the Memphis Milano Group, who shaped what was also known as the era of “bad taste.”

This short-lived movement colored all over mid-century modern interior design with odd shapes and abstract patterns. It continues to inspire generations of interior designers who interpret the art form in their own way, embracing the ugly. “I don’t really like or understand rules or limits when it comes to designing. I’m very inspired by the Memphis movement and their way of designing radically and breaking free from the modernist design and their rules,” says furniture designer Gustaf Westman, whose wavy pastel furniture earned him ELLE Decor Sweden’s 2024 award for Eye Catcher of the Year.



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अमेरिका (US) और चीन (Chin) के बीच तनाव ने दुनिया की दो सबसे बड़ी आर्थिक शक्तियों के बीच एक नए संघर्ष को जन्म दिया है। जबकि चीन के राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग अपने देश को टेक्नोलॉजी के क्षेत्र में एक प्रमुख शक्ति बनाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं लेकिन अमेरिकी सत्ता में डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की वापसी चीन के लिए उनकी योजनाओं को प्रभावित कर सकती है। चीन की अर्थव्यवस्था इन दिनों कई चुनौतियों का सामना कर रही है, और हाल ही में चीन सरकार ने इसे संजीवनी प्रदान करने के लिए विभिन्न उपायों की घोषणा की है। लेकिन अमेरिका में ट्रंप की संभावित राष्ट्रपति वापसी ने चीन की आर्थिक योजनाओं पर एक बार फिर से सवालिया निशान लगा दिया है। ट्रंप, जिन्होंने अपने चुनावी प्रचार में चीनी वस्तुओं पर 60 फीसदी तक आयात शुल्क लगाने का वादा किया था, अब चीन की अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए एक नए संकट का संकेत दे रहे हैं।

चीन में रियल एस्टेट सेक्टर लंबे समय से संकट में है। यहां सरकार का कर्ज बढ़ता जा रहा है, बेरोजगारी की दर उच्चतम स्तर पर पहुँच गई है, और उपभोक्ता मांग में कमी ने अर्थव्यवस्था की वृद्धि को रोक रखा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष ने हाल ही में चीन की आर्थिक विकास दर के अनुमान को कम किया है। इस साल, चीन की अर्थव्यवस्था में 4.8 की वृद्धि की संभावना है, जबकि सरकार ने 5 का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है। अगले वर्ष के लिए भी 4.5 की वृद्धि का अनुमान लगाया गया है, जो चीन की उम्मीदों से कम है। विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि यदि चीन ने सही दिशा में कदम नहीं उठाए, तो वह भी जापान की तरह एक आर्थिक ठहराव के संकट में फँस सकता है। 1990 के दशक में जापान ने संपत्ति और स्टॉक बाजार में बुरी तरह से निवेश किया था, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप उसे कई दशकों तक आर्थिक ठहराव का सामना करना पड़ा।

नहीं रही जापान की राजकुमारी यूरिको, 101 वर्ष की उम्र में ली अंतिम सांस



जापान के सम्राट हिरोहितो के भाई की पत्नी और शाही परिवार की सबसे बुजुर्ग सदस्य राजकुमारी यूरिको का निधन हो गया। वह 101 वर्ष की थीं और स्वास्थ्य समस्याओं के कारण शुक्रवार को उनका निधन हुआ। महल के अधिकारियों ने इसकी जानकारी दी।

इंपीरियल हाउसहोल्ड एजेंसी ने बताया कि राजकुमारी यूरिको का निधन तोक्यो के एक अस्पताल में हुआ, लेकिन एजेंसी ने मौत के कारण का खुलासा नहीं किया। जापानी मीडिया के अनुसार, यूरिको का निधन निमोनिया के कारण हुआ। राजकुमारी यूरिको का जन्म 1923 में एक कुलीन परिवार में हुआ था। 18 साल की उम्र में उनका विवाह जापान के सम्राट हिरोहितो के छोटे भाई राजकुमार मिकासा से हुआ था। राजकुमार मिकासा जापान के वर्तमान सम्राट नारुहितो के चाचा थे। द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के शुरू होने से कुछ महीने पहले ही यूरिको और मिकासा का विवाह हुआ था।

द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के अंतिम महीनों में अमेरिका ने तोक्यो पर बमबारी की, तो यूरिको और उनके पति का घर पूरी तरह से जलकर खाक हो गया। इसके बाद वे अपनी बेटी के साथ एक शरणस्थल में रहने लगे। राजकुमारी यूरिको के पांच बच्चे थे, लेकिन उनके पति और तीन बच्चों का पहले ही निधन हो चुका है। राजकुमारी यूरिको का निधन जापान के शाही परिवार के लिए एक और बड़े शोक का कारण बना है। अब जापान के शाही परिवार में केवल 16 सदस्य रह गए हैं, जिनमें से चार पुरुष हैं। इस घटना ने एक बार फिर जापान के शाही परिवार में उत्तराधिकार को लेकर उठ रही समस्याओं को उजागर किया है, क्योंकि सत्तारूढ़ पार्टी में केवल पुरुषों के उत्तराधिकार को ही अहमियत दी जा रही है।

नेपाल छाप रहा भारत विरोधी मानचित्र वाले 100 रुपए के नोट



नेपाल के केन्द्रीय बैंक 'नेपाल राष्ट्र बैंक' ने देश के विवादित व संशोधित राजनीतिक मानचित्र वाले 100 रुपए के नए नोट छापने का ठेका एक चीनी कंपनी को दिया है। नेपाल के मंत्रिमंडल ने 100 रुपए के नोट के डिजाइन में बदलाव को मंजूरी दे दी है। इसमें रणनीतिक रूप से महत्वपूर्ण तीन क्षेत्रों लिपियाधुरा, लिपुलेख और कालापानी को नेपाल का हिस्सा बताया गया है। नए राजनीतिक मानचित्र को 18 जून, 2020 को नेपाली संविधान में संशोधन कर मंजूरी दी गई थी जिसमें लिपुलेख, कालापानी और लिपियाधुरा को देश के हिस्से के तौर पर दिखाया गया है।

भारत ने पहले ही नेपाल द्वारा किए गए क्षेत्रीय दावे को 'कृत्रिम विस्तार' करार दिया और 'अस्थिर' करने वाला बताया है। भारत ने स्पष्ट कर दिया है कि पश्चिमी नेपाल की सीमा पर स्थित लिपुलेख, कालापानी और लिपियाधुरा उसका हिस्सा है। अंग्रेजी अखबार 'रिपब्लिक' के मुताबिक प्रतिस्पर्धी वैश्विक निविदा प्रक्रिया के बाद 'चाइना बैंकनोट प्रिंटिंग एंड मितिग कॉर्पोरेशन' को यह ठेका दिया गया है। खबर के मुताबिक केन्द्रीय बैंक ने कंपनी से 100-100 रुपये के 30 करोड़ नोट की डिजाइनिंग, मुद्रण, आपूर्ति और वितरण का अनुरोध किया है, जिसकी अनुमानित मुद्रण लागत लगभग 89.9 लाख अमेरिकी डॉलर है। नेपाल राष्ट्र बैंक के प्रवक्ता से हालांकि इस संबंध में प्रतिक्रिया नहीं मिल सकी है।

'कल्पना नहीं है राम की गाथा', चीन ने भी खोजे प्रभु श्री राम के पदचिह्न



चीन के विद्वानों का कहना है कि यहां सदियों से बौद्ध धर्मग्रंथों में रामायण की कहानियों के निशान मौजूद हैं। संभवतः पहली बार इस बात का खुलासा हुआ है कि देव के उतार-चढ़ाव भरे इतिहास में हिंदू धर्म का प्रभाव भी रहा है। बीजिंग में भारतीय दूतावास द्वारा 'रामायण-ए टाइमलेस गाइड' विषय पर निवार को आयोजित एक संगोष्ठी में धार्मिक प्रभावों पर लंबे समय से शोध कर रहे कई चीनी विद्वानों ने उन ऐतिहासिक मार्गों का पता लगाने

वाली स्पष्ट प्रस्तुतियां दीं, जिनके माध्यम से रामायण चीन तक पहुंची और चीनी कला एवं साहित्य पर इसका प्रभाव पड़ा। सिचुआ विश्वविद्यालय के अंतरराष्ट्रीय एवं क्षेत्रीय अध्ययन संस्थान के प्रोफेसर एवं डीन डॉ. जियांग जिंगकुई ने कहा, "धार्मिक और धर्मनिरपेक्ष दुनिया को जोड़ने वाली सदाबहार कृति के रूप में रामायण का प्रभाव अंतर-सांस्कृतिक प्रसार के माध्यम से और भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण रूप से बढ़ गया है।" उन्होंने कहा, "चीन ने भी इस महाकाव्य के तत्वों को आत्मसात किया है, जिसने न केवल चीनी (बहुसंख्यक) हान संस्कृति में निशान छोड़े हैं, बल्कि चीनी शिजांग (तिब्बती) संस्कृति में भी इसकी पुनर्व्याख्या की गई है और इसे नया अर्थ दिया गया है।" चीन आधिकारिक तौर पर तिब्बत को शिजांग के नाम से संदर्भित करता है।

जियांग ने कहा, "यह सांस्कृतिक प्रवास और अनुकूलन एक सदाबहार और सांसारिक ग्रंथ के रूप में रामायण के खुलेपन और लचीलेपन को प्रदर्शित करता है।" उन्होंने कहा कि चीन में रामायण से संबंधित सबसे प्रारंभिक सामग्री मुख्य रूप से बौद्ध धर्मग्रंथों के माध्यम से हान सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्र में पेश की गई थी। जियांग ने कहा कि इसे हान सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्र में एक संपूर्ण कृति के रूप में शामिल नहीं किया गया, लेकिन महाकाव्य के कुछ हिस्सों को बौद्ध धर्मग्रंथों में जगह दी गई है। उन्होंने बौद्ध लिपियों के चीनी अनुवाद का हवाला दिया, जिनमें "दशरथ और हनुमान को बौद्ध पात्रों के रूप में उल्लेखित किया गया है।"

जियांग ने कहा, "एक प्रसिद्ध उदाहरण यह है कि हनुमान को वानर राजा में बदल दिया गया, जिन्होंने बौद्ध शिक्षाओं का पालन किया और क्लासिक बौद्ध नैतिक कथाओं में घुलमिल गए।" मानवीय विशेषताओं वाले वानर राजा सन वुकोंग को सबसे प्रिय और सबसे स्थायी चीनी साहित्य और लोककथाओं में शामिल किया गया है। चीनी सामाजिक विज्ञान अकादमी के राष्ट्रीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय रणनीति संस्थान के प्रोफेसर लियू जियान ने अपनी प्रस्तुती में कहा कि कई चीनी विद्वान इस बात से सहमत हैं कि सन वुकोंग का संबंध हनुमान से है, हालांकि कुछ विद्वानों का कहना है कि वह चीन के ही थे। उन्होंने कहा, "चीनी विद्वान आम तौर पर इस बात पर सहमत हैं कि सन वुकोंग की छवि हनुमान से प्रेरित है। इसलिए, सन वुकोंग यहां का किरदार नहीं है, बल्कि भारत का एक किरदार है।" 'चीन में राम के पदचिह्न' विषय पर सिचुआन विश्वविद्यालय के दक्षिण एशियाई अध्ययन केंद्र की मुख्य विशेषज्ञ और उप निदेशक प्रोफेसर किउ योंगहुआई ने अपनी प्रस्तुती में चीन के फुजियान प्रांत के क्वांझाउ संग्रहालय में विभिन्न हिंदू देवी-देवताओं की तस्वीरें प्रदर्शित कीं। उन्होंने एक बौद्ध मंदिर का फोटो भी दिखाया, जिसका प्रबंधन हिंदू पुजारी करता है। सिचुआन विश्वविद्यालय के यिन-थी-नान और गांसु नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ नेशनलिटीज के जू यूयुन सहित कई चीनी प्रोफेसरों ने सदियों से चीन में रामायण के प्रभाव पर प्रस्तुतियां दीं।

अंतिम अर्घ्य के साथ सूर्योपासना महापर्व छठ पूजा सम्पन्न



उदीयमान सूर्य को अर्घ्य अर्पित करने के साथ ही सूर्योपासना का महापर्व कार्तिक छठ संपन्न हो गया। चार दिनों तक चलने वाले लोक आस्था का महापर्व 'कार्तिक छठ 05 नवंबर को 'नहाय स्नान' अनुष्ठान के साथ शुरू हुआ था। दूसरे दिन खरना पूजा संपन्न हुई। तीसरे दिन अस्त होते सूर्य को 'पहला अर्घ्य' दिया गया। छठ महापर्व के चौथे और अंतिम दिन बिहार समाज सेवा संघ द्वारा हुसैन सागर के किनारे संजीविया पार्क स्थित बेबी पौन्ड में आयोजित इस लोक आस्था का महापर्व के अंतिम दिन हजारों महिला और पुरुष व्रतधारियों ने उगते हुए सूर्य को अर्घ्य अर्पित किया। दूसरा अर्घ्य अर्पित करने के बाद श्रद्धालुओं का 36 घंटे का निराहार व्रत समाप्त हुआ और उसके बाद ही व्रतधारियों ने अन्न ग्रहण किया।

इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में तेलंगाना सरकार के परिवहन विभाग में विशेष मुख्य सचिव श्री विकास राज (आईएएस) सपरिवार उपस्थित हुए। बिहार समाज सेवा संघ के राष्ट्रीय चेयरमैन राजू ओझा ने श्री विकास राज का सम्मान स्मृतिचिह्न और शॉल से सम्मानित किया। श्री विकास राज ने छठ पूजा में भाग लिया और छठ घाट की स्वक्षता, सुंदरता और सुविधाओं की भूरी भूरी प्रशंसा भी की। उन्होंने समाज के कार्यकर्ताओं का मनोबल बढ़ाया।

तेलंगाना सरकार से सेवा निवृत्त आधार सिन्हा ने छठ पूजा घाट का साफ सफाई और सभी कार्यकर्ताओं का उत्साह देख कर बहुत खुश रहे आगले वर्ष और भव्यता से मनाने का सुझाव दिए इस अवसर पर बिहार समाज सेवा संघ के अध्यक्ष मनीष तिवारी, सचिव विकास सिंह, कोषाध्यक्ष राधेश्याम प्रजापति, सांस्कृतिक संयोजक दीपक तिवारी, छठ पूजा प्रभारी प्रताप गौरव सिंह, पूजा समिति सदस्य राहुल यादव, राकेश सिंह, रघुवीर सिंह, श्रीमती अनिता सिंह, राजेश गौड़, रमन यादव और राकेश साहनी उपस्थित रहे। बिहार समाज सेवा संघ हैदराबाद के गार्जियन, आलोक झा, परमानन्द शर्मा, संजय सिंह, डॉ देवकुमार पुखराज, रजनिश झा, डॉ सोमनाथ, अजय कुमार, संयोग ठाकुर, रघुविर सिंह आदि उपस्थित थे।



Abu Dhabi Sets Sights On Tourism Boom With New Cultural Attractions

Abu Dhabi is gearing up to unveil a range of exciting new attractions in 2025, aligning with its bold tourism ambitions. Part of Abu Dhabi's Tourism Strategy 2030, the city aims to boost its annual global visitor count to 39.3 million, a significant rise from 24 million visitors in 2023.

Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Cultural District is on track for completion by late 2025, enhancing the city's cultural offerings. Among the anticipated attractions are the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, which will feature permanent art collections, unique exhibitions, and a children's learning center; the Zayed National Museum, dedicated to the heritage and culture of the Emirates; and the National History Museum Abu Dhabi, offering insights into the region's geological past.

Additionally, TeamLab Phenomena Abu Dhabi is "opening soon" in Saadiyat, presenting immersive art installations focused on Environmental Phenomena. In October, Abu Dhabi also

revealed plans to introduce the world's second Sphere, following the Las Vegas debut in 2023, designed to host concerts, shows, and events. Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi is also set to expand, with a Harry Potter attraction in development, though the opening date remains unannounced. Abu Dhabi's Tourism Strategy 2030 outlines ambitious targets, including raising the number of hotel rooms from 34,000 to 52,000 and increasing the average length of international visitors' overnight stays from 3.2 nights to 3.9 nights.

Upcoming additions to Abu Dhabi's hospitality landscape include the Liwa Hotel by Autograph Collection, scheduled to debut in 2025 within the stunning Liwa Desert, and Nobu Hotel Abu Dhabi, anticipated to open on Saadiyat Island by 2027. The Mandarin Oriental Residences on Saadiyat Island is also underway, bringing 228 luxurious branded residences to the area.

Pankaj Tripathi made face of Madhya Pradesh tourism



Be it Stree or Oh My God 2, Pankaj Tripathi has shot extensively in Madhya Pradesh and the actor on Tuesday said he is deeply honoured to be named the face of the state's tourism.

As someone who believes in the power of travel to open minds and enrich lives, the actor said he is excited to help showcase the beauty of the state to the world. "I am deeply honoured to be chosen as the face of Madhya Pradesh Tourism. Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh is not just a destination for me—it's a place that holds countless memories and connections, both personally and professionally." "Having spent so much time here filming projects like Stree, Stree 2, Lukka Chhupi, Oh My God 2 and Ludo, I've experienced firsthand the captivating landscapes, the warmth of the people, and the unmatched cultural richness that define Madhya Pradesh, Said Tripathi. From the untouched natural wonders to majestic architectural sites and vibrant wildlife, Madhya Pradesh has something for every traveller, he added. "I've always preferred exploring India's own treasures over travelling abroad and Madhya Pradesh MP truly stands out as one of the most remarkable places to visit in the country. This role allows me to share that love with others and hopefully inspire people to discover the wonders of Madhya Pradesh."

With Kashmir attracting tourists again, pollution of the iconic Dal Lake is a concern



As Kashmir wrests back its rightful position in the Indian tourism circuit with tourists reliving the Bollywood romance of the 1960s and 1970s in the meadows of Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Dal Lake's shikaras, ecological concerns of the region have come under national spotlight again. Although Jammu & Kashmir faces far too serious existential environmental challenges like the fast-melting glaciers, Srinagar's Dal Lake has a significant symbolic value. It's the nucleus of Kashmir's tourism industry and, therefore, ecological conservation should run parallel to thriving tourism.

The National Green Tribunal's recent intervention in the matter has raised hopes of course correction and resumption of conservation efforts. The Tribunal has taken suo motu cognisance of the deteriorating condition of Dal Lake due to municipal sewage and other pollutants. In an order in August, the NGT made certain observations after examining a report of the J&K Pollution Control Committee (J&K PCC). The NGT has observed that the Dal Lake and its two channels Nayadgar and Jogilankar are almost anaerobic with a high organic load going up to 23.5 mg/l. The Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) do not comply with the prescribed effluent norms. The STP at the Brari Nambal Lagoon is not properly designed and has operational flaws.

The J&K Pollution Control Committee has been asked to give performance data of all six STPs, which have a combined capacity of 53.8 MLD (million litres per day). On August 5, the Tribunal sought their reports. The report submitted by the J&K Pollution Control Committee depicts a grim picture of the lake's ecological status. The J&K PCC has said there is unabated flow of untreated domestic water into the Lake. The Lake has high levels of BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand), total coliform and faecal coliform. Untreated sewage is flowing into Dal Lake from areas like Telbal and Lalbazar.

Wastewater quality analysis reports of the STPs indicate that the treated water's quality for all analysed parameters does not fall within the prescribed limits and partially treated water seems to be entering Dal Lake. The results of key indicative water quality parameters particularly depict inadequate treatment capability of the Habak and Brari Nambal STPs.

Rajasthan Tourism Industry Pushes for Game-Changing Reforms to Boost Growth and Innovation



Rajasthan Tourism urges bold reforms, including eased regulations and new policies, to boost growth, empower the sector, and enhance its global appeal.

The tourism industry in Rajasthan is urging the government to ease regulations to fully implement industry-status benefits, establish a specialized policy for hotel operations, and create a dedicated tourism board. These suggestions are aimed at making the state's new tourism policy more comprehensive and effective in addressing sectoral needs.

Insiders from the tourism department revealed that the upcoming policy is set to tackle several long-standing challenges. Key issues under consideration include streamlining industry-status benefits, simplifying hotel and restaurant licensing processes, obtaining fire safety NOCs, and easing government land allotments. Other proposals include relaxing land conversion norms, revising motor vehicle taxes for luxury coaches, and addressing bar licensing and hotel operating requirements.

Tourism expert Sanjay Kaushik highlighted that the inclusion of new provisions in the policy marks a significant update after years of stagnation. He expressed optimism that these changes would encourage fresh investments and the development of innovative projects, fostering growth in the sector.

Nepal: A Premier Sustainable Tourism Destination



Nepal's journey as a tourism destination began after the successful ascent of Mount Everest by Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary on May 29, 1953. Due to its distinguished hospitality and generosity towards guests, tourism has become a vital pillar of Nepal's economy. It contributes billions to the GDP and provides employment to nearly 1.2 million people. In 2023, the sector generated Rs. 327.9 billion (USD 2.5 billion), with job creation expected to continue rising in 2024. Nepal's warm hospitality ensures that visitors feel welcomed and immersed in the country's rich culture.

Nepal's tourism sector is heavily influenced by visitors from neighbouring countries, particularly India, China, and the United States. In 2024, early figures show an impressive surge in tourist arrivals, with a 37 per cent increase compared to the same period in the previous year. Many tourists visit Nepal for adventure activities like mountaineering, trekking, rafting, canyoning, bungee jumping, and paragliding, each offering thrilling experiences set against the backdrop of Nepal's stunning landscapes.

Biggest draw - Nepal offers a range of affordable travel options, with costs varying depending on the type of experience. Budget travellers typically spend between USD 20 and USD 30 per day, while mid-range options cost around USD 50 to USD 70. Despite challenges posed by natural disasters and the pandemic in recent years, Nepal remains an accessible and attractive destination. In the first half of 2023 alone, nearly half a million foreign tourists arrived by air. Nepal is also particularly welcoming to female travellers, offering a safe environment for exploration and cultural immersion in its open-minded society.

Nepal's natural beauty is one of its biggest draws. The country is home to ten national parks, six conservation areas, and several wildlife reserves. These protected areas are rich in biodiversity and offer prime opportunities for wildlife and bird watching. Visitors can spot rare species such as the Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, and red panda. From its towering Himalayan peaks to its vibrant cultural heritage, Nepal offers a unique blend of natural and cultural wonders.