



Major relief for Kerala CPI(M) legislator as SC dismisses HC's disqualification order

New Delhi/Thiruvananthapuram: CPI(M) legislator A. Raja on Tuesday got relief from the Supreme Court, which upheld his appeal challenging the Kerala High Court's disqualification order against him as an MLA in 2023. Raja is an MLA from Devikulam, an Assembly seat reserved for the Scheduled Caste community. Two years ago, the Kerala High Court ordered his disqualification in a case filed by Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) candidate D. Kumar, stating that Raja did not belong to the Scheduled Caste community for which the Devikulam seat is reserved. Soon after the order, Raja had filed an appeal petition before the apex court. On Tuesday, after a long legal battle, the Supreme



Court upheld his appeal and ordered to reimburse all the benefits which was put on hold following the High Court verdict

disqualifying him as a legislator. Reacting to this verdict, Raja, the first time CPI(M) legislator, said he was extremely delighted with the verdict. "When the High Court verdict came, there were flaws in it, and hence I was confident that relief would come from the apex court," said Raja. A "The Kerala High Court was looking into the rule of settlement of my parents, and there was a rule which said all the benefits of reservation are applicable to those who came before 1950. I had shown all documents to prove that my forefathers settled in 1949, which I had been pointing out, but was overlooked by the High Court. A section of the media also took the wrong position on this matter. After the hearing, the Supreme Court accepted

all that we argued. This verdict has a larger context too, as there are many who suffer due to the lack of clarity in the law, and with this verdict, all such issues have been put to rest and will benefit many also. The Congress-led UDF should render an apology for levelling false allegations against me," said Raja. Congress candidate D. Kumar began his legal battle when Raja filed his nomination for the 2021 Assembly polls. Kumar pursued his fight soon after he lost to Raja by 7,848 votes. The UDF candidate had alleged that Raja was a converted Christian and had submitted fake certificates to make himself eligible to contest the seat. Now, with the apex court clearing it, Raja and the CPI(M) are celebrating.

AP ICET Scheduled for May 7



The state of Andhra Pradesh is set to commence its entrance examinations for the 2025-26 academic year on May 6, with the first exam ECET taking place today followed by ICET, to be held on May 7. The Higher Education Council has announced a series of about eight consecutive entrance examinations, running until June 13. Candidates are reminded that strict adherence to examination protocols is in place. The council has emphasised that latecomers will not be permitted entry, even if they arrive just one minute after the scheduled start time. Hyderabad nightlife Students are advised that hall tickets for the exams are now available, and it is essential to bring only the hall ticket, a personal identity card, and a black or blue ballpoint pen to the examination centres. The use of electronic devices is strictly prohibited. In case of any discrepancies on the hall ticket, students should promptly report these to the observer at the examination venue. Furthermore, it is strongly advised that all candidates arrive at their designated examination centres no later than thirty minutes before the exam begins.

India to Conduct Nationwide Civil Defence Exercise on May 7

New Delhi: Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan chaired a high-level meeting on Tuesday to review preparations for a nationwide civil defence mock drill scheduled for Wednesday, May 7. The exercise comes amid increased security concerns following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which has heightened tensions with Pakistan. Senior officials, including the Directors General of Civil Defence and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), attended the meeting. According to sources cited by the Press Trust of India (PTI), Chief Secretaries and heads of civil defence units from across the country participated via video conferencing. The nationwide preparedness drill will simulate emergency scenarios such as air raid sirens and blackouts. The focus will be on enhancing public readiness and civil defence mechanisms, especially in 259 designated civil



defence districts identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2010. These include sensitive regions in border states such as Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and states in the Northeast. Civil defence volunteers, who play a key role in public safety during emergencies, will be actively involved in the drill. These volunteers, particularly in states like Delhi, West Bengal, and Punjab, are regularly engaged in managing traf-

fic and crowds and will now be trained for more intensive emergency response duties. India's civil defence framework is largely volunteer-based, supported by a limited number of salaried personnel and expanded during crises. The Home Ministry's 2010 categorization of civil defence districts divides 244 districts in 25 states into three sensitivity categories. These are separate from standard administrative divisions and

include strategic locations such as Air Force stations in places like Bakshi Ka Talab and Sarwasa in Uttar Pradesh, along with cities like Lucknow, Kanpur, Mathura, and Saharanpur. The ongoing review in the Home Ministry is also assessing the operational status of civil defence infrastructure across the country. Key topics include the functionality of existing equipment, training protocols for civilians, public response to emergency signals, and preparedness for essential supplies during crises. Officials have advised citizens to maintain emergency kits at home, including medical supplies, flashlights, candles, and cash, to mitigate the impact of potential electronic disruptions. The mock drill aims to reinforce national readiness in the face of evolving security threats and ensure swift and coordinated responses across civil defence units.

Earthquake tremors felt in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh

The residents in Andhra Pradesh experienced a wave of alarm today as a slight earthquake tremor rattled several areas in Prakasam district. Locals reported feeling the ground shake for a brief second in the mandals of Podili, Darsi, Kurichedu, and Mundlamuru. Accompanying the tremors were loud noises, prompting frightened individuals to rush out of their homes. Hyderabad nightlife In neighbouring Telangana, tremors were also reported on Monday, affecting the districts of Karimnagar, Rajanna Sircilla, Jagityala, Nirmal, and Peddapalli. The movements were significant enough to induce panic among residents, who fled their homes as objects rattled and the earth shook momentarily. Particularly, the impact was noted to be severe in Karimnagar district, with residents of Choppadandi, Gangadhara, and Ramadugu mandals feeling the tremors



acutely. This series of seismic activity has heightened tensions across multiple areas, particularly in Prakasam district, as communities remain on alert for further disturbances.

Former Gannavaram MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi's remand extended

Former MLA of Gannavaram Vallabhaneni Vamsi Mohan was again received a blow in court when his remand in the case related to the alleged kidnapping and intimidation of Satyavardhan, a Gannavaram TDP office employee, was extended. After being produced before the judge initially as his remand period was expiring, Vamsi was informed that the court had decided to extend his custody until the 13th of this month. Police sources have indicated that Vamsi's remand will be 90 days as of that date, leading to speculation about his eligibility for bail thereafter. While he is detained at present for the Satyavardhan case, several additional charges have been filed against him since his arrest, which puts into question the effect these additional cases will have on his release. With the legal process in progress, the court's order in extending Vamsi's remand has resulted in him getting back to the Vijayawada sub-jail.



6 months' pending salaries released for NHM employees



Nagarkurnool: Over 60 employees working under the National Health Mission (NHM) in various departments across Nagarkurnool district had been struggling without salaries for the past six months, facing severe financial hardship. Highlighting their plight, The Hans India published a detailed report last month titled, 'NHM employees suffer without salaries for 6 months.' Local events Responding to the report, officials from the District Medical and Health Department took swift action and credited the pending salaries directly into the employees' bank accounts. Authorities confirmed that salaries were disbursed to a total of 62 employees. These contract workers, who had repeatedly appealed to the concerned officials without success, expressed deep gratitude to The Hans India for bringing their issue to light and helping them find relief.

TGRTC Workers' Strike Postponed Following Successful Talks



The planned strike by RTC workers has been postponed after successful negotiations between Minister Ponnambal Prabhakar and leaders of the RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC). Over the past two days, Minister Ponnambal has been actively engaging with various trade unions to find a resolution. A meeting at the RTC JAC Secretariat took place today, where it was announced that the strike would be temporarily called off due to the positive outcome of the discussions. In a supportive move, the government has established a committee comprised of three senior IAS officers—Lokesh Kumar, Naveen Mittal, and Krishna Bhaskar—to further engage with the unions. This committee will conduct negotiations and subsequently submit a report to the government.

NSA Doval meets PM Modi amid escalating India-Pak tensions over Pahalgam terror attack

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday for the second time in the past 48 hours, amid escalating tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed 26 lives. The back-to-back high-level consultations come just ahead of the nationwide mock security drills to be conducted on Wednesday, the first such exercise since the 1971 war, under the Home Ministry's directive to bolster civil defence preparedness in the event of a hostile attack. Over the past few days, the Prime Minister has convened multiple meetings with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, NSA Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, and the chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, significantly intensifying discussions around a military response to the Pahalgam incident. The Resistance Front, a proxy outfit of the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the April 22 attack, which stands as the deadliest terror strike in India since the 2019 Pulwama tragedy that killed 40



CRPF personnel. Government sources indicate that in a crucial meeting last week, the Prime Minister granted the Indian armed forces full operational freedom to determine the nature, targets, and timing of India's military response. These developments signal a resolute shift in India's stance toward cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistani soil. Further reinforcing India's preparedness, Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh met PM Modi at his 7, Lok Kalyan Marg residence on Sunday. The high-level meeting, which lasted for 45 minutes, was the second such engagement between the Prime Minister and the military leadership within 24 hours. A day earlier, the

Prime Minister had held detailed discussions with Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff. The government has consistently maintained that the Pahalgam attack was orchestrated with the direct involvement of Pakistan's deep state, which has long been accused of sponsoring cross-border terrorism. In response to mounting evidence, India has initiated a series of strong diplomatic and strategic countermeasures. These include revoking visas for Pakistani nationals, halting cultural and trade exchanges, deporting Pakistani citizens from Indian soil, and suspending the 65-year-old Indus Waters Treaty. India has also closed the Attari-Wagah border crossing

and shut its airspace to Pakistani commercial aircraft. Indian authorities have said there is concrete input linking the assault to terror outfits supported by the Pakistani establishment. The ongoing ceasefire violations along the Line of Control, with unprovoked firing from Pakistani posts for the past 12 days, have only added to the already charged atmosphere. The Indian Army has responded proportionately to these breaches. Prime Minister Modi, in his first public remarks following the Pahalgam tragedy, struck a stern note, declaring, "The terrorists, their handlers, and their backers will be chased and hunted down to the ends of the earth."

Election Commission Meets BSP Chief Mayawati to Discuss Electoral Process

New Delhi: The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, held an interaction today with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) delegation led by its National President, Kumari Mayawati, at Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi. The meeting focused on issues related to electoral roll revisions and the training of booth-level agents. This interaction is part of the Election Commission of India's ongoing initiative to engage regularly with national and state political parties, aiming to strengthen the electoral process through collaborative dialogue. Such meetings pro-



vide a platform for political parties to share their suggestions and concerns directly with the Commission. During the discussion, Mayawati highlighted concerns regarding the accuracy of electoral

rolls and emphasized the need for comprehensive training programs for booth-level agents to ensure fair and transparent elections. The Commission acknowledged these concerns and reiterated its commitment to addressing them within the existing legal framework. The ECI has previously conducted 4,719 all-party meetings, including 40 by Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs), 800 by District Election Officers (DEOs), and 3,879 by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), engaging over 28,000 representatives from various political parties. These interactions aim to resolve pending polling booth-level issues and enhance the overall electoral process.

From Shah Rukh Khan to Diljit Dosanjh, Priyanka Chopra Jonas to Kiara Advani: India's Glamorous Turn at Met Gala

The 2025 Met Gala, held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, embraced the theme "Superfine: Tailoring Black Style," celebrating Black dandyism—a fashion movement that reclaims elegance and identity through tailored style. This year's dress code, "Tailored for You," encouraged personalized interpretations of the theme, leading to a showcase of diverse and culturally rich ensembles. India's Glamorous Turn at the Met Gala Indian celebrities made a significant impact at the event, blending traditional aesthetics with contemporary fashion. Shah Rukh Khan's Regal Debut Make way for Badshah of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan, as he made a grand entrance in his Met Gala debut, donning a custom ensemble by Sabyasachi

Mukherjee. His attire featured intricate embroidery and a silhouette reminiscent of royal Indian attire, aligning seamlessly with the evening's theme. Diljit Dosanjh's Maharaja Moment Singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh turned heads as the first turbaned artist at the Met Gala, wearing a regal Prabal Gurung creation. His Maharaja outfit, blending traditional Indian elements, defined his roots as his cape paid an ode to Punjab's flag, Gurbani. Paired with contemporary design, his look was lauded as a perfect fusion of cultural heritage and modern fashion. His debut took another turn as the crossover between desi Munda Diljit and global sensation Shakira wasn't in anyone's Bingo card. Kiara Advani's Maternal Tribute Expectant mother Kiara

Advani made her Met Gala debut in a sculptural Gaurav Gupta gown symbolizing motherhood. The design featured two hearts connected by an umbilical cord motif, celebrating the journey of pregnancy with elegance and innovation. Priyanka Chopra Jonas: A Vision in Balmain Marking her fifth Met Gala appearance, Priyanka Chopra Jonas graced the red carpet in a custom Balmain couture gown, complemented by exquisite Bulgari jewelry. Accompanied by her husband, Nick Jonas, who was seen posing alongside his wife. The couple captivated onlookers with their coordinated elegance. Other Notable Indian Appearances Isha Ambani exuded sophistication in an Anamika Khanna ensemble, embodying the theme's

emphasis on tailored elegance. But what truly stole the spotlight was her opulent jewellery—cascading layers of statement pieces that transformed her into a vision of modern-day royalty. Natasha Poonawalla showed up in a custom Manish Malhotra couture piece, blending traditional Indian craftsmanship with contemporary flair. Designer Manish Malhotra himself attended the event, highlighting the growing influence of Indian fashion on the global stage. The 2025 Met Gala not only celebrated the richness of Black dandyism but also highlighted the global tapestry of fashion, with Indian celebrities making significant sartorial statements that resonated with the evening's theme.

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प्राचीन संतों का संदेश

प्राचीन हिंदी भक्ति काल की महिमा, एक युग था जब भक्ति का था बोलबाला। संतों ने प्रेम और भक्ति का संदेश दिया, जन-जन तक प्रेम और करुणा का प्रकाश फैलाया।

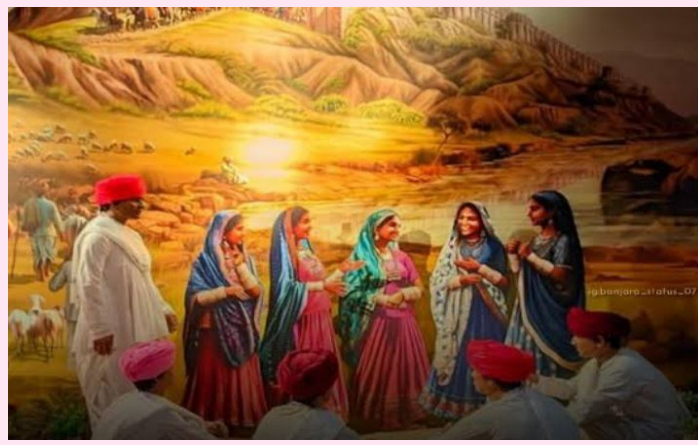
कबीर, तुलसी, मीरा, और सूर, भक्ति के मार्ग पर चले, प्रेम का दीप जलाया। उनकी वाणी ने जन-जन को प्रेरित किया, भक्ति के पथ पर चलने की प्रेरणा दी।

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आज भी उनकी वाणी हमें प्रेरित करती है, भक्ति के पथ पर चलने की प्रेरणा देती है। प्राचीन हिंदी भक्ति काल की महिमा, हमारे हृदय में प्रेम और करुणा का प्रकाश फैलाती है।

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हम इसी मिट्टी में आदिम काल से साँसें ले रहे हैं। और रोप रहे हैं बीच अपनी संस्कृति, अपनी भाषा की फिर भी हम हाशिए पर हैं। हमें अनपढ़, फूहड़, गवार बाताकर दूर कर दिया गया, मसल दिया गया। उगने से पहले ही हमारी संस्कृति भाषा और प्रकृति की गोंद से भटकते रहे हैं देश, देश जंगल, जंगल हमारे अंदर अदम्य साहस है।

हम कुटज की तरह पहाड़ की चट्टानों को खोदकर, अपने लिए खाना और पानी निकाल लेते हैं। हम गोपालक और गोरक्षक रहे हैं। हम समतल मैदान में बनीज करते रहे हैं। तमाम राजा महाराजाओं के किले में हमारा इतिहास दफन है। खोज कर देखो हम साहसी, वीर योद्धा राजपूतों के गुरु थे युद्ध कौशल में माहिर भाला फेंकने, तलवार चलाने, धनुष की प्रत्यक्ष चढ़ाने माहिर तीर को धारदार नूकिला बनाने में इतिहास के कई युद्ध हमारे बलबूते जीते गए।

जो काम राजाओं को असंभव था उसको हमने किये संगीत के रक्षक रहे, नित्य के संरक्षक रहे, हमें बंजारा कहते हैं। आदिकाल से हम अपने अस्तित्व के लिए पूरे देश के कोने-कोने में भटक रहे हैं। लेकिन इतिहास से हम गायब हैं। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में हम अपने प्राणों की आहुति दिए लेकिन कहीं उल्लेख नहीं दफन है हम हड़प्पा मोहनजोदड़ो की सभ्यताओं की तरह

आशा है हमें भी कभी खोदा जाएगा और जाना जाएगा शोध किया जाएगा।

हमारे लोग जीवन हमारे पर्व, हमारी संस्कृति हमारे संघर्ष पर जो आज भी लोकगीतों में हम जिंदा रखे हुए हैं। पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी आज हम पढ़ रहे हैं लिख रहे हैं। सम्य समाज से जुड़ रहे हैं। अपने आप को सभ्य बना रहे हैं। अपनी आदिम परंपरा को मन में दफन करके क्योंकि हमारी परंपरा, हमारी संस्कृति के द्वारा हमें स्वीकार नहीं किया जाता है।

समाज कतराता है। हम इसी मिट्टी के बीज हैं। जो फूट रहे हैं। नए अंदाज में इंजीनियर, डॉक्टर शिक्षक, प्रोफेसर, मंत्री विधायक के रूप में भारतीय संविधान के बंदोलत इसी में सुरक्षित हैं हमारे हक और अधिकार जिसके लिए हम भटकते रहे सदियों से रोपने के लिए बीज दूँदते रहे जमीन आज मिली आंशिक रूप से ही सही लेकिन हम उग रहे हैं। आशा है बोधि वृक्ष की तरह की छतनार हम भी कभी तन पाएंगे३२?

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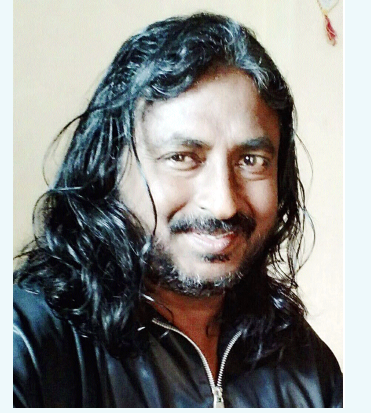


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मानव जीवन में प्रेम को बहुत महत्व है। प्रेम मानव स्वभाव में रच बस जाना चाहिए ताकी आचरण में झलकता रहे। प्रेम निस्वार्थपूर्ण न हो और निरपेक्ष न हो तो उसे व्यापार कहा जा सकता है प्रेम नहीं। प्रेम पक्षपाती नहीं होता। याद रहे प्रेम शांत मन में पनपता है कभी अशांत मन में प्रेम नहीं पनपता। निस्वार्थता, शांति और प्रेम रहित हृदय बंजर भूमी की तरह होता है। ऐसे प्रेम रहित हृदय से कभी आनंद के रंग उड नहीं सकते और ऐसे प्रेम रहित हृदय में कभी भक्ति के फूल खिल नहीं सकते। और शांति के फल आ नहीं सकते।

प्रेम रहित मन के द्वारा किए जाने वाले सभी कार्य व्यर्थ ही कहलाते हैं। प्रेम रहित हृदय से चाहे नमाज पढ़े, भक्ती करे, रोजे - उपवास रखें, मस्जिद जाएं, मंदिर जाएं, दान करें, या पुण्य करें या धर्मग्रंथों का पठन करते रहे सबके सब व्यर्थ हैं। प्रेम के बगैर हमें यह सब कोई लाभ नहीं पहुंचा सकते। प्रेम रहित हृदय से किए जाने वाले कार्य वैसे ही होते हैं जैसे छलनी से पानी भरा जा रहा हो। शोर तो बहुत होती रहेगी लेकिन बचता कुछ भी नहीं है।

प्रेम धर्म को जन्म देता है। प्रेम भक्ती को जन्म देता है। प्रेम शांति और समृद्धि का जन्मदाता है। प्रेम ईश्वरीय प्रसाद है जो सभीको नहीं मिलता, लेकिन जिसको मिलता है उसके जीवन को खुशबू से महका देता है। प्रेम जिसको मिलता है उसके जीवन से अधिकार समाप्त हो जाता है। लाखों सूर्य का प्रकाश प्रेमपूर्ण हृदय से झरता है। प्रेम की आवाज में खुद



परमात्मा स्वयं गुनगुनाने लगता है। प्रेम सच्चा सोना है, प्रेम कीमती हीरा है। जैसे जब कोई चीज सच्ची और कीमती हो तो उसका नकल बाजार में आजाता है वैसे ही वासना प्रेम का रूप धरकर हमें ठगने पहुंच जाती है। होशियार! वासना से होशियार रहना वरना ठग जाओगे, प्रेम समझकर वासनापूर्ण जीवन बिताओगे। जीवन में कुछ समझो कुछ न समझो ज्यादा फर्क नहीं पड़ता लेकिन अपने आपको अपने जीवन के लक्ष्य को और अपने सुष्टिकर्ता परमेश्वर को समझना जरूरी है। और इसे प्रेमपूर्ण जीवन बिताकर ही समझ सकते हैं।

प्रेम से धर्म और परमात्मा भी समझ में आएंगे। प्रेम इतना महत्वपूर्ण विषय है तभी तो कबीरदास जी को कहना पड़ा। "पोथी पढ़ि पढ़ि जग मुआ, पंडित भया न कोय, ढाई आखर प्रेम का, पढ़े सो पंडित होय।।" प्रेम लोहे को सोना बनाने वाला एक अत्यद्भुत पारस है। प्रेम एक ऐसी दिव्य शक्ति है जिसके आधार से ज्ञान और भक्ति का सार समझ में आता है। प्रेम आत्म-साक्षात्कार का माध्यम है और प्रेम ही उस ईश्वर तक पहुंचने का सरल सत्य मार्ग है। सभी धर्मादेशों की बुनियाद प्रेम पर टिकी है, जो प्रेम के विरोध में है वह सत्य का विरोधी भी है और जो प्रेम का विरोधी है धर्म का भी विरोधी है।

और याद रहे जहां प्रेम है वही धर्म रहता है। और जहां प्रेम और धर्म होता है वहां घृणा का अस्तित्व मिट जाता है। जहां प्रेम और धर्म रहता है वहां जुल्मो सितम (अन्याय और अत्याचार) का नामों निशान तक नहीं रहता। अगर कोई खुद को धार्मिक भी कहते रहे और नफरत, घृणा, ईर्ष्या, अन्याय और अत्याचार जैसे कृत्य भी करते रहे तो ऐसे किसी भी व्यक्ति को धार्मिक समझने की भूल नहीं करनी चाहिए।

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NOTHING IS USELESS!

Never think anything as useless!
Ones useless is anothers useful!
Why some think some as useless!
When anything available more than need!
Most think the remaining as waste and useless!

This is wrong assumption!
Take for example a big feast arranged!
Many many dishes are made!
Serving and eating aspect over!
Many items are left over!

Generally, people throw in dust bins!
Think a while, how many poor are there starving for food!
Cant we serve the remained eatables?
Cant we meet their hun-



gry pain?

Where there is a will theres a way!
Intially do not prepare more than demand!
If excess found, make the food packets and deliver to poor children!
Theres a moral proverb Manliness is only the Godliness!

Think a while is every-thing to be treated as useless?

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Suhana wins national target ball c'ship

Banaganapalle: Sheikh Suhana, an eighth-grade student from Nehru English Medium High School, Banaganapalle, has brought laurels to Andhra Pradesh by playing a pivotal role in securing first place at the National Target Ball Championships held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Hyderabad nightlife Recognising her achievement, Minister for Roads & Buildings, Investments, and Infrastructure BC Janardhan Reddy personally felicitated Suhana at his office on Monday. He praised her outstanding performance and lauded her contribution to the Andhra Pradesh team, which emerged as the national champion in the tournament conducted from April 25 to 29. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said Suhana's success is a matter of pride not only for the State but also for the Banaganapalle constituency. He commended her for earning a place in the State team and representing it with distinction at the national level. Hyderabad



nightlife Janardhan Reddy also appreciated the role of Suhana's parents, the management of Nehru High School, and her physical education teachers in nurturing her talent. He assured that the State government remains committed to supporting and developing sports and young athletes. School correspon-

dent Koduru Harinath Reddy, academic director Koduru Kamal Teja Reddy, managing director Koduru Raviteja Reddy, and the school's physical education staff also congratulated Suhana, expressing their happiness over her achievement.

India World No 1 in ODIs, T20Is

Dubai: ICC rankings, India cricket, Australia cricket, T20I rankings, ODI rankings, Test rankings. The latest rankings, which rate all matches played since May 2024 at 100 per cent and those of the previous two years at 50 per cent, see a record 100 teams listed in T20Is after the annual update. In ODI's annual update, India have improved their lead from 12 to 15 points and are at 124 rating points. New Zealand, who were the runners-up in Champions Trophy, have edged ahead of Australia to second place. But Sri Lanka have emerged as the biggest improvers — up two places from sixth to fourth, leapfrogging Pakistan and South Africa. Afghanistan have gone



past England while the West Indies have moved above Bangladesh to take ninth position. In terms of T20Is, India are also staying clear at the top, even though their lead over Australia is reduced from 10 to nine points. There are no other changes in the top six with 2022 winners England, New Zealand,

two-time champions West Indies and South Africa following in that order. 2014 winners Sri Lanka have overtaken 2009 champions Pakistan to be at seventh position while Ireland are now ahead of Zimbabwe in 11th position. The biggest gain in terms of rating points is for Canada, whose nine-point surge lifts them into 19th position and ahead of Oman, who are the biggest losers in terms of ranking points, with an eight-point drop. Bahamas (up eight places to 51st) and Estonia (up seven places to 61st) are the biggest gainers in the annual update, which took 100 teams into account as they have all played at least eight T20Is in the past three years. When the global

rankings were launched in 2019, there were 80 ranked teams. Meanwhile, in Tests, Australia maintain their top position in Tests via 126 rating points, though their lead is reduced from 15 to 13 points. England have moved into second place. But more than these victories, their rating has improved because of the removal of their results in 2021-22, when they lost all three series. South Africa and India have dropped a place each to third and fourth respectively but the remaining places remain unchanged with only 10 teams ranked as of now. Ireland need to play one more Test in the next year to acquire a ranking while Afghanistan need to play three more games to join the list.

Pragya Jaiswal embraces summer vibes

Actress Pragya Jaiswal is all set to shine brighter in 2025 with two major Telugu film releases on the horizon. After winning hearts as Kaveri in Daaku Maharaaj, she is gearing up for action-packed roles in Tyson Naidu, opposite Bellamkonda Sai Srinivas, and Akhanda 2, reuniting with Nandamuri Balakrishna. Before diving back into intense shoot schedules, Pragya treated fans to a breezy summer moment. Celebrating World Laughter Day, she shared a radiant photo of herself in a light purple dress, her hair flowing freely as she twirled with a soft smile and fiery charm. The effortless look captured the spirit of the season — relaxed, elegant, and full of joy. Her subtle celebration proved that she doesn't need exaggerated expressions or punchlines to grab attention. With back-to-back big projects and a growing fanbase, Pragya's combination of poise and powerhouse performances is making waves. The actress's laid-back yet confident style moment is just a glimpse of the storm she's set to bring on screen. As filming progresses on her upcoming ventures, fans can expect to see a lot more of Pragya — both in fierce avatars on screen and chic appearances off it. One thing's for sure: this summer, and the year ahead, belong to her.



Vivek Dahiya reveals how Shah Rukh Khan's song 'Main Yahaan Hoon' left a lasting imprint on his heart

Mumbai: Television actor Vivek Dahiya opened up about the profound emotional connection he has with Shah Rukh Khan's iconic song "Main Yahaan Hoon." The actor shared how the track left a lasting imprint on his heart, resonating deeply with him on a personal level. Taking to Instagram, Vivek posted a video of himself in the car, where he is seen lip-syncing to the song from the film "Veer-Zaara." Alongside the clip, he spoke about the song's powerful influence, revealing the lasting impact it has had on his emotional landscape. Vivek Dahiya wrote, "About last night when I was travelling back from @hungamaott success party. At this hour, you will often find me cherishing this chapter of my life - my



university days when Main Yahaan Hoon from Veer Zaara became more than just a song. It became a feeling. There's an ineffable charm in its melody, a quiet intensity in every word that still lingers within me. Yash Chopra's vision of love, so timeless and poetic paired with @iamsrk soulful portrayal, made this song a

lasting imprint on my heart. It's not just music - it's a memory, a mood, and a reminder of how deeply art can move us." "Main Yahaan Hoon," sung by Udit Narayan with lyrics penned by Javed Akhtar, features Shah Rukh Khan and Preity Zinta. Meanwhile, Vivek Dahiya often shares glimpses of both his per-

sonal and professional life on social media. Just a few days ago, he took to Instagram to post a leg workout video, revealing that he filmed it after completing a grueling set of 500 squats — a session that left him completely drained. "Crushing leg workout end of the week! This routine came post 500 squats so I'm really DONE! (sic)," he wrote as the caption. On the work front, Vivek has made a mark on television with popular shows such as "Yeh Hai Mohabbatein" and "Qayamat Ki Raat." He also clinched victory in the dance reality show "Nach Baliye 8" in 2017. Recently, the actor shared that he has no intention of joining "Bigg Boss", the much-talked-about reality show hosted by Salman Khan.

Very tough, it did get too much in the end: Kohli's reflects on captaincy pressure

New Delhi: Former India and Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Virat Kohli said that he moved away from the leadership role after more than eight years as it was getting "really tough" for him to meet the demands of it. Kohli first led the U-19 Indian team to the U19 World Cup in 2008 and then went on to take up the leadership role for his franchise as well as India. The talismanic batter did exceptionally well in the leadership role for India but failed to lift the title for RCB. "At one point, it did become tough for me because there was just too much happening in my career. I was captaining India for a period of 7-8 years. I captained RCB for 9 years. There were expectations on me from a batting perspective in every game that I played. I didn't have this sense that the attention was off me," Kohli said on RCB Podcast — Mindset of a Champion. "If it wasn't captaincy, it would be batting. I was exposed to it 24x7. It did get very tough on me, and it did get too



much in the end. That's why I stepped down because I felt like if I've decided I want to be in this place, I need to be happy. I need to have a space in my life where I can just come and play my cricket without being judged, without being looked at as what are you going to do this season and what's going to happen now," he added. The 36-year-old said that his association with RCB since the inception of the

tournament is more than any silverware. "For me, what's more valuable is the relationship and the mutual respect that has been created over so many years (with RCB). And I'm just going to say it now, whether we win or we don't win, it's fine. This is my moment. The love that I've received from the fans, I don't think any silverware, or any trophy can come close to that because the impact of that love

from people hits you very different to winning something and the next morning it's all gone. This, I feel, will stay with me for life," Kohli said. Reflecting on Mark Boucher's impact on his game as a youngster, the former captain said the Proteas wicket-keeper-batter identified his short ball trouble and tried to overcome it. "Mark Boucher had the biggest impact on me as a young player. He was the only one who came in with the mindset to genuinely help young Indian players. He identified my weaknesses without me even asking and said, 'You need to work on the short ball, no one will give you a chance in international cricket if you can't pull.' He kept working with me relentlessly, and I started improving. I still remember him telling me, 'If I come to commentate in India four years from now and don't see you playing for India, you'd be doing a disservice to yourself.' That really pushed me to keep getting better." On breaking into the Indian team and the guidance from

Gary Kirsten and MS Dhoni, Kohli said he got backing from both of them to play at no. 3 during the initial stage of his international career. "I was very realistic about my abilities. Because I had seen a lot of other people play. And I did not feel like my game was anywhere close to theirs. The only thing that I had was determination. And if I wanted to make my team win, I was willing to do anything. That was the very reason I got chances to play for India initially. And Gary and MS made it very clear to me that we are backing you to play at number three. "This is what you can do for the team. What you represent on the field, your energy, your engagement, is of the biggest value to us. We want you to play that way. So, I was never looked at as this outright match winner who can change the game from anywhere. But I had this thing, I'm going to stay in the fight. I'm not going to give up. And that is what they backed," Kohli said.