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418 Mentions

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Overview

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S.No	News_Paper	Date	Keyword	Title	Medium	Reach
1	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani University hosts int'l meet on green infra	PRINT	251.68K
2	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	40K
3	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	130K
4	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	49.87K
5	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	147.14K
6	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	79.18K
7	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	176.59K
8	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	175K
9	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	76.62K
10	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	50.96K
11	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club	PRINT	147.14K
12	Suryakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AGEL 'Fastets Wealth Creator	PRINT	217.78K
13	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	210.4K
14	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani, Adani drop out of $100 bn net worth club	PRINT	15.91K
15	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani, Adani drop out of $100 bn net worth club	PRINT	89.49K
16	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AMBANI, ADANI DROP OUT OF $100 BN NETWORTH CLUB	PRINT	35.97K
17	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AMBANI, ADANI DROP OUT OF $100 BN NETWORTH CLUB	PRINT	27.82K
18	The Statesman	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani, Adani drop out of Bloomberg's $100 bn club	PRINT	225K
19	Vraj Kishan Bhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambuja Cement commissions 200 MW solar power project in Gujarat	PRINT	106.75K
20	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	As INDIA bloc debates leadership question, why Mamata could be an option	PRINT	625K
21	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	As INDIA bloc debates leadership question, why Mamata could be an option	PRINT	103.57K
22	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	25.41K
23	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	27.82K
24	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	35.97K
25	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	19.8K
26	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	89.49K
27	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	421.85K
28	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	1.99M
29	Ajit Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Congress ko adani EVM ka mudda chod dena chahiye	PRINT	177.4K

30	Telangana Today	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Congress' one-year governance proved to be a disaster, says KTR	PRINT	440K
31	The Daily Guardian	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	CPI(ML) MP LABELS WEALTH CREATORS AS WEALTH LOOTERS	PRINT	N/A
32	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	47.5K
33	Mathrubhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Don't take action against Sebi cheif - Its mystery says KC Venugopal	PRINT	770.94K
34	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HC dismisses plea against power contract to Adani Group	PRINT	625K
35	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	63.5K
36	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	53.22K
37	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	5K
38	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	57.88K
39	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	195.42K
40	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	32.08K
41	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	44.5K
42	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	How renewable projects are delayed	PRINT	40.13K
43	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Humanoid robot to be highlight of IIT Techfest 2024	PRINT	1.1M
44	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	IIT-B's annual science fest to begin today	PRINT	625K
45	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	INDIA bloc's leadership crisis	PRINT	251.68K
46	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	465K
47	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	47.5K
48	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	465K
49	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	45K
50	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	75K
51	Millenniumpost	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India's richest men Ambani & Adani drop out of world's elite $100 billion club	PRINT	750K
52	Millenniumpost	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India's richest men Ambani Adani drop out of world's elite $100 billion club	PRINT	350K
53	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Legendary tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain passes away	PRINT	19.8K
54	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Legendary tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain passes away	PRINT	27.82K
55	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Maestro who took tabla to global stage	PRINT	89.49K
56	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues	PRINT	682.81K
57	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani contract dismissed with Rs 50k cost	PRINT	251.68K
58	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani Power junked by HC	PRINT	1.1M
59	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	465K

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62	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	47.5K
63	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	75K
64	Punjabi Tribune	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rahul gandhi de raah de adike	PRINT	144.01K
65	India Today	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rising Radicalism	PRINT	2.75M
66	Telangana Today	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sebi chief row	PRINT	440K
67	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	421.85K
68	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	1.99M
69	Malayala Manorama	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal critisized Modi and Adani	PRINT	1.78M
70	Malayala Manorama	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	VGF as grant: Kerala waiting for PM's reply	PRINT	1.78M
71	Telangana Today	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Will fight till all cases scrapped: KTR	PRINT	440K
72	Bizz Buzz	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AGPL sets record in urea discharge	PRINT	N/A
73	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre sticks to its guns on VGF issue	PRINT	421.85K
74	Mathrubhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Don't take action against Sebi cheif - Its mystery says KC Venugopal	PRINT	770.94K
75	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	75K
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79	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	45K
80	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Land survey of Vadhavan Port commences for acquiring 574 HA	PRINT	1.1M
81	The Statesman	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Market erases some gains; Selling seen in IT, metal, oil & gas, FMCG	PRINT	225K
82	The Statesman	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Market erases some gains; Selling seen in IT, metal, oil & gas, FMCG	PRINT	225K
83	The Statesman	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Market erases some gains; Selling seen in IT, metal, oil & gas, FMCG	PRINT	750K
84	Millenniumpost	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends, selling pressure in metal & IT counters	PRINT	750K
85	Millenniumpost	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends, selling pressure in metal & IT counters	PRINT	350K
86	The Echo of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends; sensex falls 385 points	PRINT	120.06K
87	Political & Business Daily	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends; Sensex falls 385 pts	PRINT	125K
88	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts decline amid weak global trends	PRINT	251.68K
89	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	89.49K

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92	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues	PRINT	682.81K
93	Veekshanam	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rail should extened to Vizhinjam: Adoor Prakash	PRINT	115.3K
94	Chapte Chapte	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex drops 385 points	PRINT	352.5K
95	Malayala Manorama	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal critisized Modi and Adani	PRINT	1.78M
96	Malayala Manorama	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	VGF as grant: Kerala waiting for PM's reply	PRINT	1.78M
97	Suryakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ahmedabad Airport Launches New Flights to Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, and Kolkata	PRINT	217.78K
98	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes	PRINT	125K
99	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces upgrades for 2025	PRINT	147.14K
100	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces upgrades for 2025	PRINT	176.59K
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106	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces upgrades for 2025	PRINT	175K
107	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces upgrades for 2025	PRINT	40K
108	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces upgrades for 2025	PRINT	130K
109	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps Int'l Network, Upgrades Fleet	PRINT	61.91K
110	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	IGI Airport first in India with flights to 150 locations	PRINT	3.43M
111	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	IIT-B's annual science fest to begin today	PRINT	625K
112	Business Standard (Hindi)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	International udaan network hoga behatar	PRINT	15.51K
113	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int'l runway	PRINT	89.49K
114	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Woman booked for hoax call about Mumbai-Delhi flight	PRINT	625K
115	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Work begins on Rs 2k-cr Kharghar-Turbhe Rd	PRINT	1.1M
116	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	47.5K
117	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	47.5K
118	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	465K
119	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	75K

120	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	465K
121	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Nifty has to hold 24600 for upmove	PRINT	251.68K
122	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	1.99M
123	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	421.85K
124	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Long-term outlook positive for cement sector	PRINT	130K
125	The Financial Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Long-term outlook positive for cement sector	PRINT	176.59K
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144	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues	PRINT	682.81K
145	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani contract dismissed with Rs 50k cost	PRINT	251.68K
146	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani Power junked by HC	PRINT	1.1M
147	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani Power junked by HC	PRINT	3.43M
148	India Today	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rising Radicalism	PRINT	2.75M
149	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Action can be taken: Minister on demand for Sonia to return Nehru letters	PRINT	175.5K

150	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Action can be taken': Minister on demand for Sonia to return Nehru letters	PRINT	388.5K
151	Jansatta	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against power contract given to Adani dismissed	PRINT	223.14K
152	Dainik Jagran	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against contract given to Adani Group dismissed	PRINT	1.14M
153	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	After Omar, now TMC snubs Cong for EVM hacking claim	PRINT	4.69M
154	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes	PRINT	175.5K
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156	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	4.69M
157	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	606.84K
158	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	1.27M
159	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	3.52M
160	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	46.88K
161	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AMBANI, ADANI DROP OUT OF $100 BN NET WORTH CLUB	PRINT	33.2K
162	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AMBANI, ADANI DROP OUT OF $100 BN NET WORTH CLUB	PRINT	19.8K
163	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AMBANI, ADANI DROP OUT OF $100 BN NET WORTH CLUB	PRINT	37.22K
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167	Rashtradoot	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani, Adani out of Bloomberg billionaire club	PRINT	999.38K
168	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	As INDIA bloc debates leadership question, why Mamata could be an option	PRINT	388.5K
169	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	As India bloc debates leadership question, why Mamta could be an option	PRINT	249.64K
170	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	89.49K
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172	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	33.2K
173	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	BRS criticises govt. for preferring tourism policy over Lagcherla	PRINT	956.08K
174	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Can't draw parallels between Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports, Centre tells Kerala	PRINT	245K
175	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Can't draw parallels between Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports, Centre tells Kerala	PRINT	117.58K
176	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	49.14K
177	The Tribune	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre shielded Achli, SEBI chief: Venugopal	PRINT	92.25K
178	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	682.81K
179	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	1.4M

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183	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest on Dec. 18	PRINT	956.08K
184	The Hans India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Cong calls for 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' over Adani issue tomorrow	PRINT	390.49K
185	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Cong. to hold 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' stir against Adani in Telangana	PRINT	245K
186	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Cong. to hold 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' stir against Adani in Telangana	PRINT	117.58K
187	Mid Day (Gujarati)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Court dismissed the petition alleging corruption by the government	PRINT	389.96K
188	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	465K
189	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	55K
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195	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	355K
196	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Duniya ke 100 billion dollar club se mukesh ambani gautam adani bahar	PRINT	446.92K
197	Ahmedabad Mirror	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HC dismisses plea against Adani; imposes Rs 50k cost on petitioner	PRINT	206.9K
198	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HC imposes Rs 50,000 cost for 'reckless averments	PRINT	3.52M
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213	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future	PRINT	102.42K
214	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future	PRINT	420.14K
215	Rashtradoot	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against Adani Power dismissed	PRINT	999.38K
216	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Pioneers, Trailbalzers, Achievers	PRINT	1.1M
217	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Pioneers, Trailblazers, Achievers	PRINT	75.22K
218	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Pioneers, Trailblazers, Achievers	PRINT	102.04K
219	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Pioneers, Trailblazers, Achievers	PRINT	102.04K
220	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani Power junked by HC	PRINT	60K
221	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	355K
222	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	45K
223	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	125K
224	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Political vendetta or zero tolerance to corruption TDP actions ignite debate	PRINT	49.14K
225	Virat Vaibhav	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Prasiddh tabala vadan zakir husain	PRINT	625K
226	Deccan Chronicle	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Revanth to lead 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest on Dec. 18	PRINT	2.55M
227	Sandhya Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sanvidhan par loksabha ke bad ab rajyasabha 2 din garam	PRINT	106.19K
228	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay	PRINT	245K
229	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	The meaning of BJP's attack on the 'Deep State	PRINT	2.34M
230	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	1.4M
231	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	245K
232	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	956.08K
233	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	682.81K
234	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM About SEBI Chief	PRINT	102.04K
235	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM About SEBI Chief	PRINT	420.14K
236	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM About SEBI Chief	PRINT	61.91K
237	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM About SEBI Chief	PRINT	33.32K
238	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM about Sebi Chief Staying Put	PRINT	75.22K
239	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM About Sebi Chief Staying Put	PRINT	102.42K

240	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Venugopal Questions FM about Sebi Chief Staying Put	PRINT	215.44K
241	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Why Govt not acting against SEBI chief, asks Congress	PRINT	634.42K
242	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani Fdh holds Soil Day near Dhamra	PRINT	275.94K
243	Jansatta	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani ko mile bijli theke ke khilaf yachika kharij	PRINT	223.14K
244	Suryakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	AGEL 'Fastets Wealth Creator	PRINT	217.78K
245	Hindustan Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	49.14K
246	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story	PRINT	125K
247	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	355K
248	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	45K
249	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	55K
250	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	125K
251	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani out of the world's $100 billion club	PRINT	2.34M
252	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	682.81K
253	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	1.4M
254	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	245K
255	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	956.08K
256	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	117.58K
257	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps International Network	PRINT	102.04K
258	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps International Network	PRINT	102.42K
259	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps International Network	PRINT	117.98K
260	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps Intl Network, Upgrades Fleet	PRINT	420.14K
261	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps Int'l Network, Upgrades Fleet	PRINT	215.44K
262	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India Revamps Int'l Network, Upgrades Fleet	PRINT	33.32K
263	Punjab Kesari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India to improve international flights by deploying A320 Neo aircraft	PRINT	370.92K
264	Ahmedabad Mirror	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Airport reports 3 incidents of gold smuggling in 2 weeks	PRINT	206.9K
265	Business Standard (Hindi)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Antrashtria udan network behtar karegi air india	PRINT	26.42K
266	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Drinking water to 3.5 crore population, crops to flourish in 4.03 lakh hectares	PRINT	2.34M
267	Dainik Jagran (Rashtriya)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mahakumbh ke liye 11 havai addo par hogi vimano ki parking	PRINT	1.54M
268	Morning News	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	PM Modi will lay the foundation stone of PKC-ERCP in Jaipur today	PRINT	188.32K
269	Punjab Kesari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	PM will visit Jaipar again today	PRINT	370.92K

270	Janayugam	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Privatisation of airport mostly affected to common people : P. Santhosh Kumar	PRINT	235K
271	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay	PRINT	245K
272	Lokmat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	There is going to be some big problem	PRINT	604.7K
273	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int' 1 runway	PRINT	89.49K
274	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int'l runway	PRINT	19.8K
275	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int'l runway	PRINT	33.2K
276	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Winter holidays :Metro rute par hawai kiraya 28% tak ghata chote rutes par 18% tak bhada	PRINT	446.92K
277	Vraj Kishan Bhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambuja Cement commissions 200 MW solar power project in Gujarat	PRINT	106.75K
278	Business Standard (Hindi)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bazaar satarak sensex 385 ank ludka	PRINT	15.51K
279	Business Standard (Hindi)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bazar satark sensex 385 ank ludhaka	PRINT	26.42K
280	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Can't draw parallels between Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports, Centre tells Kerala	PRINT	245K
281	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Can't draw parallels between Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports, Centre tells Kerala	PRINT	117.58K
282	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	117.58K
283	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre 'single-handedly' working to help the Adani Group, says Congress	PRINT	682.81K
284	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	125K
285	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	355K
286	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	55K
287	Navshakti	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Investor caution	PRINT	419.55K
288	Veer Arjun	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Kamzor vaishvik rukh se share bazar mai giravat	PRINT	60K
289	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets	PRINT	682.81K
290	Orissa Post	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends	PRINT	171.26K
291	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets decline amid weak global trends	PRINT	275K
292	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	53.22K
293	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	44.5K
294	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	32.08K
295	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	40.13K
296	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	195.42K
297	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	63.5K
298	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	57.88K
299	The Hindu Business Line	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets retreat as investors await US Fed Reserve's rate cut decision	PRINT	5K

300	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	101.93K
301	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	33.2K
302	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	19.8K
303	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues	PRINT	117.58K
304	Deshbandhu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Selling in thirteen groups has shaken the market	PRINT	325.52K
305	Jag Bani	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex 384.55 ank ludka	PRINT	124.76K
306	Punjab Kesari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex 384.55 ank ludka	PRINT	867.98K
307	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex falls 385 points	PRINT	634.42K
308	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex falls 385 points	PRINT	275.94K
309	Punjab Kesari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex fell 384.55 points	PRINT	370.92K
310	Nav Rashtra	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex-Nifty closes lower	PRINT	500.5K
311	Virat Vaibhav	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Share bazar mai giravat, sensex 385 ank ludhaka	PRINT	625K
312	Lokmat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Stock market fell by 385 points	PRINT	604.7K
313	Pudhari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Stock market started the week with a fall	PRINT	347.1K
314	Daily Thanthi Next	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	TAKING STOCK	PRINT	1.65M
315	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	101.93K
316	Nav Rashtra	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Decision to award power contract to Adani is correct	PRINT	500.5K
317	Loksatta	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Decision to award the contract to Adani Transmission is correct	PRINT	784.32K
318	Navakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	High Court rejected the petition against Adani Transmission! Rs 50,000 fine	PRINT	273.62K
319	Rashtradoot	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against Adani Power dismissed	PRINT	999.38K
320	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	355K
321	Lokmat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rs 50,000 fine to PIL	PRINT	604.7K
322	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets	PRINT	682.81K
323	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets	PRINT	245K
324	Dainik Jagran (Rashtriya)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition filed against power contract given to Adani Group dismissed	PRINT	1.54M
325	Khabre Aaj Tak	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	After Adani bag, now Priyanka Gandhi reached Parliament with a handbag with Palestine written on it	PRINT	375K
326	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	After Omar, now TMC snubs Cong for EVM hacking claim	PRINT	606.84K
327	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	500K
328	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	As INDIA bloc debates leadership question, why Mamata could be an option	PRINT	175.5K
329	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner	PRINT	37.22K

330	The Tribune	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Centre shielded Adani, SEBI chief: Venugopal	PRINT	893.04K
331	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Congress reiterates allegations against Bitch, govt hits back	PRINT	4.69M
332	The Asian Age	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HIMACHAL BLUNDER	PRINT	389.96K
333	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM	PRINT	55K
334	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues	PRINT	117.58K
335	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future	PRINT	61.91K
336	The Economic Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for bolder Future	PRINT	33.32K
337	Maharashtra Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against 'Adani Power' dismissed	PRINT	1.3M
338	Lokmat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rs 50,000 fine to PIL	PRINT	604.7K
339	Khabre Aaj Tak	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Shock to Adani-Ambani, out of elite centi billionaires club	PRINT	375K
340	The Hindu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	117.58K
341	The Pioneer	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Why Govt not acting against SEBI chief, asks Congress	PRINT	275.94K
342	Pudhari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	High Court rejected the petition in the renewable-thermal power supply contract case	PRINT	347.1K
343	Maharashtra Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against 'Adani Power' dismissed	PRINT	1.3M
344	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	35.97K
345	Business Standard	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh	PRINT	89.49K
346	Loksatta	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex' slips in global recession	PRINT	784.32K
347	Sakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Stock markets fall due to selling pressure	PRINT	352.42K
348	Navbharat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against Adani Group canceled	PRINT	675K
349	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes	PRINT	89.5K
350	The Indian Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	IIT-B's annual science fest to begin today	PRINT	89.5K
351	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	2.27M
352	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	1.05M
353	Navbharat	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against Adani Group canceled	PRINT	675K
354	Sakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against Adani's contract dismissed by court	PRINT	352.42K
355	Mint	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against power contract dismissed	PRINT	75K
356	Punjab Kesari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit 2024: The state has become the best destination for investors	PRINT	370.92K
357	Pudhari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	High Court rejected the petition in the renewable-thermal power supply contract case	PRINT	347.1K
358	Punyanagari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Markets fall due to cautious attitude of investors	PRINT	72.24K
359	Navodaya Times	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex 384.55 ank ludhka	PRINT	670.26K

360	Business Standard (Hindi)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex drops by 385 point	PRINT	11.44K
361	Dina Mani	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex Nifty Down	PRINT	167.26K
362	Pudhari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Spontaneous response to anti-drug awareness campaign in Dharavi	PRINT	347.1K
363	Hindustan	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bhrashtachar par sadan mai tikhi nonkjhonk	PRINT	1.29M
364	Telegraph	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Fed rate call keeps stocks on edge	PRINT	2.33M
365	Punyanagari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition on charges of scam in power supply contract dismissed	PRINT	72.24K
366	Punyanagari	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition on charges of scam in power supply contract dismissed	PRINT	72.24K
367	Hindustan	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Udhyogpatiyon ko conggres ki seh	PRINT	1.53M
368	Hari Bhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani and Adani out of 100 billion dollar club, Bloomberg report reveals	PRINT	345.96K
369	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani Universtiy hosts int'l meet on green infra	PRINT	294.06K
370	Dainik Jagran	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Adani-Ambani Bloomberg	PRINT	374.72K
371	Swadesh	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion	PRINT	399.15K
372	Peoples Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion	PRINT	430.94K
373	Hari Bhoomi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion	PRINT	500K
374	Raj Express	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion	PRINT	1.44M
375	Free Press Journal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Plea against Adani contract dismissed with Rs 50K cost	PRINT	294.06K
376	Central Chronicle	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	US case against India's Gautam Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely	PRINT	177.96K
377	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	1.02M
378	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Cong reiterates allegations against Buck govt hits back	PRINT	1.02M
379	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back	PRINT	1.27M
380	Mumbai Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	market slowdown amid weak global trends; Sensex lost 385 points, Nifty slipped below 24,700	PRINT	271.15K
381	Daily Thanti	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mumbai Sensex Down 384 Points	PRINT	2M
382	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	1.05M
383	Daily Thanti	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani Adani's net worth falls below $100 billion	PRINT	2M
384	Dina Karan	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back	PRINT	1.45M
385	Pune Mirror	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HC dismisses plea against power contract to Adani	PRINT	340.74K
386	Pune Mirror	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	HC dismisses plea against power contract to Adani	PRINT	340.74K
387	Dina Malar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Share Market Results	PRINT	882.2K
388	Dabang Duniya	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Stock market closed with decline	PRINT	605K
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390	Sanmarg	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani-Adani's wealth drops below $100 billion	PRINT	589.66K
391	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani out of the world's $100 billion club	PRINT	N/A
392	Sanmarg	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition against contract given to Adani dismissed	PRINT	589.66K
393	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani out of the world's $100 billion club	PRINT	N/A
394	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	All is not well in the 'India' alliance these days	PRINT	N/A
395	The Times of India	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club	PRINT	459.35K
396	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Duniya ke 100 billion dollar club se Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani bahar	PRINT	92.28K
397	Telegraph	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Lanka Prez assures India on maiden trip	PRINT	2.33M
398	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition regarding Adani Power rejected, fine of Rs 50,000	PRINT	N/A
399	Telegraph	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Lanka Prez assures India on maiden trip	PRINT	2.33M
400	Dainik Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Petition regarding Adani Power rejected, fine of Rs 50,000	PRINT	N/A
401	Gujarat Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	India’s QIP fundraising doubles, crossing ?1 lakh crore	PRINT	2.66M
402	Sanmarg	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	The market declined due to weak global trend	PRINT	589.66K
403	Gujarat Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Drugs worth Rs 5.50 crore seized from Thai citizen at Ahmedabad airport	PRINT	2.66M
404	Sandesh	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ahmedabad: 21 flights from Ahmedabad delayed by one	PRINT	2.7M
405	Sandesh	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Ambani and Adani drop out of $100 billion club	PRINT	2.7M
406	Eenadu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	What happen to Ambani, Adani in 6 months	PRINT	147.23K
407	Sandesh	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bombay High Court Dismisses Plea Against Adani Power Deal	PRINT	2.7M
408	Eenadu	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	International signs dropped	PRINT	147.23K
409	Gujarat Samachar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Bogus bomb call to stop flight to Delhi	PRINT	1.05M
410	Janmabhumi	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Indexes fall due to weak global factors	PRINT	34.89K
411	Mid Day (Gujarati)	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Market retreats amid correction in cash, banks remain flat in Nifty	PRINT	389.96K
412	Sakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Resolve pending cases	PRINT	352.42K
413	Sakal	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Word of mouth	PRINT	352.42K
414	Hamara Mahanagar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Country benefits from the growth of Adani-Ambani	PRINT	555.68K
415	Hamara Mahanagar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Country benefits from the growth of Adani-Ambani	PRINT	555.68K
416	Saamana	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Involvement of Railways, Indian Oil and HAL in bribery	PRINT	910K
417	The Statesman	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Market erases some gains; Selling seen in IT, metal, oil & gas, FMCG	PRINT	50.5K
418	Divya Bhaskar	Dec 17, 2024	Adani Group	Sensex closes down 385 at 81,748 on sell-off in metal-IT shares	PRINT	316.29K

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Adani University recently organized a two-day international conference on Emerging Challenges in Sustainable Infrastructure Development, Green Transition, and Financing (ICIDS). The event brought together national and international experts, researchers, policymakers, and

industry leaders to discuss critical challenges and opportunities in building sustainable infrastructure.

The primary goal of ICIDS was to unite researchers and academicians from India and across the globe on a single platform to deliberate on key issues, including economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social equity. With participation from over 250 attendees on the first day and the presentation of more than 50 research papers on the second day, the conference highlighted the urgent need to align infrastructure development with global sustainability goals.

Sustainability and India's Energy Transition

Adani University Provost, Professor Ravi P. Singh, emphasized the success India has made in the infrastructure and energy sectors in recent years. "India currently boasts an energy capacity of about 450 GW, with nearly 50% of this generated from non-fossil fuel sources," he noted.

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Adani, Ambani drop out of elite $100 billion club

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INDIA'S TWO RICHEST industrialists, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani, have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club – people with fortunes above $100 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US department of justice probe. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.

For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in November over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight.

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સંપત્તિ સર્જનમાં અદાણી જૂથનો દબદબો, AGEL 'ફાસ્ટેસ્ટ વેલ્થ ક્રિએટર'

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અદાણી ગ્રીન એનર્જી છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન સૌથી ઝડપી સંપત્તિ સર્જનારી કંપની બની છે. ૨૦૧૯-માર્ચ ૨૦૨૪ ના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન અદાણી ગ્રુપના રિન્યુએબલ એનર્જી યુનિટે ૧૧૮ ટકાના ચક્રવૃદ્ધિ વાર્ષિક વૃદ્ધિ દરે (CAGR) વળતર આપ્યું છે. ભારતીય ફાઈનાન્સ કંપની મોતીલાલ ઓસ્વાલ ફાઈનાન્શિયલ સર્વિસિસ લિમિટેડ (MOFSL)ના અભ્યાસમાં આ તારણ બહાર આવ્યું છે.

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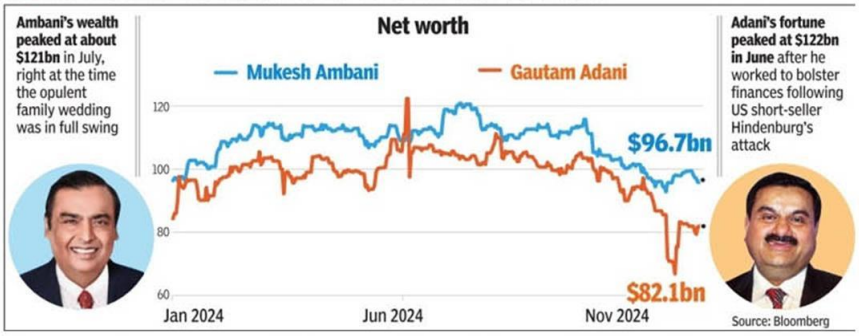

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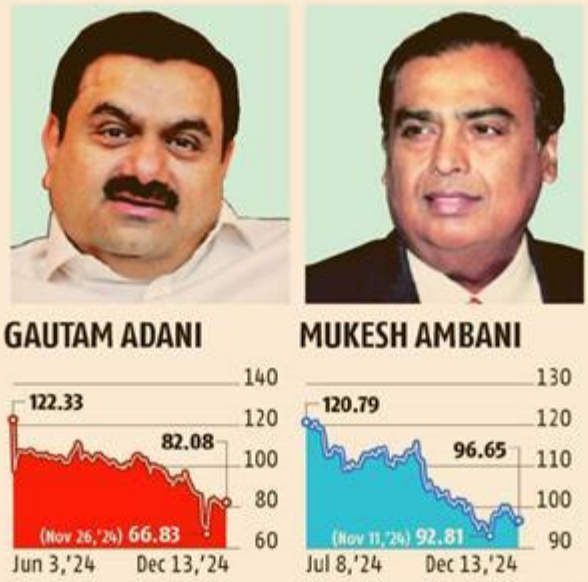

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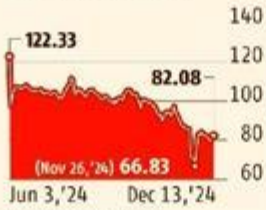

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વ્રજકિશન ભૂમિ

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રૂ. ૧૦,૦૦૦ કરોડના કુલ ખર્ચથી નાણાંકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૨૮ સુધીમાં કંપનીની કુલ વીજ જરૂરિયાત પૈકી ૬૦ ટકા ગ્રીન પાવરમાંથી મળશે

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અમે નાણાંકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૨૮ સુધીમાં ગ્રીન પાવર સ્રોતોથી અમારી કુલ ઊર્જા વપરાશના ૬૦ ટકા મેળવવાનો લક્ષ્ય રાખીએ છીએ. આનાથી અમારી એકંદરે પડતર ઘટાડવામાં અને અમારા હિતધારકોને મજબૂત મૂલ્ય પૂરું પાડવામાં મદદ મળશે. અમારા ટકાઉપણા સિદ્ધાંતો અમારા બિઝનેસના તમામ પાસાંમાં સંકલિત થાય છે અને અમારા ભવિષ્યના વિઝનમાં વ્યક્ત થાય છે.

કંપનીએ ૧૨ ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૪ની અસરથી વેસ્ટર્ન રિજનલ લોડ ડિસ્પેચ સેન્ટર (ડબ્લ્યુઆરએલડીસી) તરફથી તેના ૨૦૦ મેગાવોટ સોલર પાવર પ્રોજેક્ટ માટે સ્ટેન્ડિંગ ક્લિયરન્સ મેળવ્યું છે. તેના મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ગ્રીન એનર્જી પ્રોજેક્ટનો આ પહેલો તબક્કો ૩૭૬ મેગાવોટ વેસ્ટ હીટ રિકવરી સિસ્ટમ્સ (ડબ્લ્યુએચઆરએસ) ઉપરાંત સોલર અને વિન્ડ સહિત ૧ ગિગાવોટ રિન્યૂએબલ એનર્જી એટલે કે ગ્રીન એનર્જી તરફ કંપનીના રૂ. ૧૦,૦૦૦ કરોડના રોકાણ માટે વધુ વેલ્યુ અનલોક કરવાનો માર્ગ મોકળો કરશે.

આ પ્રોજેક્ટની બાકીની ૮૦૬ મેગાવોટ ક્ષમતા પૈકી ખાવડાથી ૧૫૬ મેગાવોટ પવન ઊર્જા અને રાજસ્થાનથી બીજી ૩૦૦ મેગાવોટ સૌર ઊર્જા તબક્કાવાર માર્ચ ૨૦૨૫ સુધીમાં પૂરી થવાની શક્યતા છે. બાકની ૩૫૦ મેગાવોટ સૌર ઊર્જા જૂન ૨૦૨૫ સુધીમાં પૂરી થવાની સંભાવના છે.

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If the INDIA bloc is serious about battling the BJP in 2029, it has to do better than one virtual meeting a year. At the very least, it has to evolve a common minimum agenda. To have a leaderless INDIA for two long years shows a lack of seriousness about taking on the BJP.

More than any other leader, Mamata has fought back the BJP's electoral machinery and kept the party at bay in West Bengal. A three-time CM and four-time Union Minister, she has both the political acumen as well as administrative experience to run the alliance.

Many of the regional satraps enjoy a comfort level with her and are rooting for her because she does not threaten them in their respective states, unlike the Congress. These parties grew at the expense of the Congress and a Congress revival now, they fear, will be at their expense. It is not without significance that Pawar, Akhilesh, Kejriwal, Lalu and now even Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah have lost no time in backing Mamata. Abdullah recently asked the Congress to justify its leadership role in the alliance "instead of taking it for granted".

Being a woman may also be an added advantage for Mamata at a time when women are emerging as a powerful political constituency everywhere. She may have problems in the Hindi belt but the primary task at the moment is to put in place the nuts and bolts of an effective mechanism to coordinate between the parties.

As for the Congress, it is not as if a decision on the leadership of the INDIA bloc today is equal to the projection of a prime ministerial face. That will be determined by the arithmetic the 2029 battle throws up. And the momentum for it will pick up only in 2027 after important state elections.

What Congress, INDIA bloc need to do

The Congress's recent defeats have yet again underlined the need for it to knuckle down on rebuilding its organisational machinery, emaciated by decades of neglect. This requires hard, unglamorous, painstaking work that the Congress is unused to. Unlike the BJP, which is quick to course-correct in the face of a defeat, the Congress gets demoralised quickly.

Whoever takes on the role of leading INDIA will be wearing a crown of thorns. It has to transform from a loose entity to an effective electoral alliance that can come up with ideas that appeal.

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If the INDIA bloc is serious about battling the BJP in 2029, it has to do better than one virtual meeting a year. At the very least, it has to evolve a common minimum agenda. To have a leaderless INDIA for two long years shows a lack of seriousness about taking on the BJP.

More than any other leader, Mamata has fought back the BJP's electoral machinery and kept the party at bay in West Bengal. A three-time CM and four-time Union Minister, she has both the political acumen as well as administrative experience to run the alliance.

Many of the regional satraps enjoy a comfort level with her and are rooting for her because she does not threaten them in their respective states, unlike the Congress. These parties grew at the expense of the Congress and a Congress revival now, they fear, will be at their expense. It is not without significance that Pawar, Akhilesh, Kejriwal, Lalu and now even Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah have lost no time in backing Mamata. Abdullah recently asked the Congress to justify its leadership role in the alliance "instead of taking it for granted".

Being a woman may also be an added advantage for Mamata at a time when women are emerging as a powerful political constituency everywhere. She may have problems in the Hindi belt but the primary task at the moment is to put in place the nuts and bolts of an effective mechanism to coordinate between the parties.

As for the Congress, it is not as if a decision on the leadership of the INDIA bloc today is equal to the projection of a prime ministerial face. That will be determined by the arithmetic the 2029 battle throws up. And the momentum for it will pick up only in 2027 after important state elections.

What Congress, INDIA bloc need to do

The Congress's recent defeats have yet again underlined the need for it to knuckle down on rebuilding its organisational machinery, emaciated by decades of neglect. This requires hard, unglamorous, painstaking work that the Congress is unused to. Unlike the BJP, which is quick to course-correct in the face of a defeat, the Congress gets demoralised quickly.

Whoever takes on the role of leading INDIA will be wearing a crown of thorns. It has to transform from a loose entity to an effective electoral alliance that can come up with ideas that appeal.

If given the opportunity, can Mamata enable INDIA to do what V P Singh did in 1989? In 28 months, he managed to create a national alternative to the then-dominant Congress by bringing together centrist and regional forces, supported by the Left and the Right despite all their differences. At the ground level, he put in place one-on-one contests in UP against the Congress in all but four constituencies. That was the key to his success in replacing the Congress.

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कांग्रेस को अडानी, ईवीएम का मुद्दा छोड़ देना चाहिए

राजेश कुमार पासी

अगर हम सही दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहे हैं तो देर सवेर मंजिल तक पहुंच जाएंगे, अगर हम विपरीत दिशा में जा रहे हैं तो कभी भी मंजिल तक नहीं पहुंच पाएंगे। इसका मतलब है कि अगर हम चलते जा रहे हैं और मंजिल दूर होती जा रही है तो हमें अपनी दिशा पर विचार करना चाहिए। पिछले दस सालों से कांग्रेस पतन की ओर जाती दिखाई दे रही है लेकिन कांग्रेस यह समझने को तैयार नहीं है कि वो गलत दिशा में आगे बढ़ रही है। वास्तव में पिछले दस सालों से कांग्रेस राहुल गांधी के नेतृत्व में चल रही है और लगातार रसातल की ओर जाती दिखाई दे रही है। कांग्रेस को बेशक यह बात समझ नहीं आई है कि राहुल गांधी में राजनीतिक नेतृत्व करने की क्षमता नहीं है लेकिन उसके गठबंधन के सहयोगी अब समझ चुके हैं कि राहुल गांधी में नेतृत्व की क्षमता नहीं है। भाजपा से सीधे मुकाबले में कांग्रेस के लचर प्रदर्शन और उसके अहंकारी व्यवहार ने विपक्षी दलों को उसके खिलाफ खड़ा कर दिया है। अब विपक्षी दलों में राहुल गांधी के खिलाफ मुखरता बढ़ती जा रही है।

4 जून 2024 को जब लोकसभा चुनाव के नतीजे आये थे तो कांग्रेस की सीटें 99 तक पहुंच गई थी और विपक्षी गठबंधन की सीटें भी 232 तक पहुंच गई थी, तब राहुल गांधी का कद बहुत बड़ा दिखाई देने लगा था। पहले हरियाणा में कांग्रेस की बड़ी हार हुई और उसके बाद अब महाराष्ट्र में विपक्षी गठबंधन का लगभग सफाया हो गया है। हरियाणा के बाद महाराष्ट्र की हार ने विपक्षी गठबंधन में खलबली पैदा कर दी है। ममता बनर्जी ने राहुल गांधी को नेतृत्व में अक्षम करार देते हुए 'इंडिया' गठबंधन का नेतृत्व करने के लिए खुद को प्रस्तुत कर दिया है। ममता बनर्जी का कहना है कि उन्होंने ही 'इंडिया' गठबंधन को खड़ा किया था और वो उसका नेतृत्व करने को तैयार हैं। देखा जाये तो यह पूरा सच नहीं है बल्कि इस गठबंधन को खड़ा करने का श्रेय नितीश कुमार को दिया जाना चाहिए। नितीश कुमार ने ही कांग्रेस को साथ लेकर नया गठबंधन बनाना शुरू किया था। कई विपक्षी दल कांग्रेस के साथ गठबंधन नहीं करना चाहते थे लेकिन उनकी कोशिश के कारण वो कांग्रेस के साथ आने को तैयार हो गए।

कांग्रेस के लिए समस्या यह है कि ममता बनर्जी ने नेतृत्व करने के लिए खुद को प्रस्तुत किया तो समाजवादी पार्टी, एनसीपीए राजद और आम आदमी पार्टी ने उनका समर्थन कर दिया। कांग्रेस के लिए यह अच्छी खबर नहीं है कि सबसे बड़ी विपक्षी पार्टी होने के बावजूद एक राज्य तक सीमित तृणमूल कांग्रेस की नेता को विपक्षी दल राहुल गांधी से बड़ी नेता मानते हैं। समाजवादी पार्टी के नेता रामगोपाल यादव ने बयान दिया कि कांग्रेस जहां भी भाजपा से लड़ रही है, वो वहां उससे पिट रही है। उन्होंने इसकी एक लिस्ट बना दी कि कांग्रेस कहां-कहां भाजपा से हारी है। इसका दूसरा मतलब यह है कि कांग्रेस विपक्षी दलों की मदद से भाजपा को हराने में कामयाब हो रही है जबकि वो जहां अकेले भाजपा से मुकाबला कर रही है, वहां वो हार रही है। कई विपक्षी नेताओं का कहना है कि अगर कांग्रेस भाजपा का मुकाबला कर पाती तो मोदी तीसरी बार प्रधानमंत्री नहीं बन पाते।

वास्तव में विपक्षी दल समझ चुके हैं कि वो कांग्रेस के नेतृत्व में सत्ता हासिल नहीं कर सकते। बड़ा सवाल यह है कि सबसे बड़ी विपक्षी पार्टी को छोड़कर भी क्या विपक्षी दल सत्ता हासिल कर सकते हैं। मेरा मानना है कि यह संभव नहीं है और इस बात को नितीश कुमार भी जानते थे इसलिए उन्होंने सभी दलों को कांग्रेस के साथ गठबंधन करने के लिए मनाया था। वर्तमान भारतीय राजनीति का सच यह है कि विपक्षी दल कांग्रेस से ज्यादा राहुल गांधी से निराश हैं। राहुल गांधी कांग्रेस के सबसे बड़े नेता हैं इसलिए विपक्षी दल कांग्रेस से ही दूर जा रहे हैं। बेशक कांग्रेस में कोई नेता राहुल गांधी के नेतृत्व और नीतियों पर सवाल नहीं उठा सकता लेकिन गठबंधन के घटक दल सवाल उठाने लगे हैं। विपक्ष के कई नेता शुरू से राहुल गांधी को अपना नेता नहीं मानते हैं। इसमें ममता बनर्जी, अखिलेश यादव, केजरीवाल और शरद पवार जैसे नेता शामिल हैं। यही कारण है कि ममता बनर्जी का नाम आते ही कई नेता उनके नाम से सहमत हो गए जबकि सच्चाई यह है कि सबसे बड़ी पार्टी के नेता का नेतृत्व ही गठबंधन में होना चाहिए। क्षेत्रीय दलों का मानना है कि उन्होंने ही भाजपा की बढ़त को कम किया है जबकि कांग्रेस भाजपा को रोकने में असफल हुई है। कांग्रेस के पास भाजपा के खिलाफ मुद्दा ही नहीं है इसलिए वो भाजपा का मुकाबला नहीं कर पा रही है।

वायनाड से चुनाव जीतकर प्रियंका गांधी भी संसद में पहुंच गई हैं। प्रियंका गांधी ने लोकसभा में अपने पहले भाषण में ही बता दिया कि उनके पास भी कुछ नया नहीं है। उन्होंने अपने पहले भाषण में राहुल गांधी की लाइन पर चलकर अडानी, ईवीएम, हाथरस, उन्नाव और संभल का मुद्दा उठाया। राहुल गांधी पिछले दस सालों से अडानी और ईवीएम का मुद्दा उठा रहे हैं लेकिन इससे कांग्रेस को कुछ हासिल नहीं हो रहा है। अपने पहले भाषण में प्रियंका गांधी में आत्मविश्वास की कमी नज़र नहीं आई हालांकि इसके बावजूद वो राहुल गांधी से बेहतर नज़र आईं। प्रियंका गांधी को राहुल गांधी की लाइन से हटकर नई पहचान बनाने की ज़रूरत है। बेशक वो राहुल गांधी जैसे मुद्दे उठाती नज़र आयी लेकिन इसके बावजूद उनमें अभी भी उम्मीद नज़र आ रही है। प्रियंका गांधी ने भी राहुल गांधी की तरह भाजपा और प्रधानमंत्री मोदी पर बेतुके आरोप लगाए। उन्होंने कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश की हालत बहुत खराब है। हिमाचल प्रदेश का सेब किसान रो रहा है, हिमाचल प्रदेश में सारे कानून बड़े-बड़े उद्योगपतियों के लिए बन रहे हैं। उन्होंने इशारा किया कि अडानी के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश में सबकुछ किया जा रहा है। उन्हें यह भी याद नहीं रहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश में उनकी पार्टी की ही सरकार चल रही है।

वास्तव में अडानी और ईवीएम का मुद्दा न तो जनता का मुद्दा है और न ही विपक्ष का मुद्दा है। देखा जाये तो यह दोनों मुद्दे कांग्रेस के भी नहीं हैं। आज कांग्रेस की तीन प्रदेशों में सरकार चल रही है और इसके अलावा भी तीन प्रदेशों में कांग्रेस की गठबंधन में सरकार चल रही है। क्या इन सरकारों को चुनने के लिए जनता ने ईवीएम से वोट नहीं डाले थे। इसके अलावा तमिलनाडु, केरल व बंगाल में भाजपा की हालत अच्छी नहीं है जबकि चुनाव तो वहां भी ईवीएम से होते हैं। कांग्रेस को खुद से पूछना चाहिए कि क्या एम.के. स्टालिन, पिनराई विजयन और ममता बनर्जी ईवीएम के खिलाफ कांग्रेस का साथ दे सकते हैं। खुद प्रियंका गांधी ने ईवीएम से चुनाव लड़कर बड़ी जीत हासिल की है लेकिन अपने पहले ही भाषण में ईवीएम को कोस रही हैं। कांग्रेस जब ईवीएम पर उंगली उठाती है तो जनता की भावनाओं से खेलती है। कांग्रेस को ईवीएम के नाम पर जनादेश का अपमान नहीं करना चाहिए। राहुल गांधी को अडानी का विरोध बंद करना चाहिए क्योंकि न केवल विपक्षी दलों की सरकारें बल्कि कांग्रेस की सरकारें भी अडानी के साथ मिलकर काम कर रही हैं। अडानी का मुद्दा कांग्रेस को नुकसान पहुंचा रहा है, यह बात राहुल गांधी को जितनी जल्दी समझ आ जाए बेहतर है। कांग्रेस की बदहाली का कारण ही यही है कि वो जनता के मुद्दों को छोड़कर हवा-हवाई मुद्दों के पीछे दौड़ रही है।

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Congress' one-year governance proved to be a disaster, says KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the Congress and BJP for neglecting PSUs. He said while the BJP government at the Centre was steering PSUs towards privatisation, the Congress-led State government proved to be a disaster for all sectors.

He reiterated the BRS' commitment to revival and strengthening of PSUs, pointing out former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's initiatives in driving development and safeguarding State interests by involving PSUs as well as strengthening the economy. Addressing a meeting with BDL leaders at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Rama Rao said the BJP-led Centre was steering PSUs toward privatisation. "Bayyaram mines are an example of the BJP's apathy. Public resources are being written off, favouring corporate interests like Adani," he said. Taking aim at the Congress government in Telangana, the BRS working president called its one-year governance a disaster. "Farmers, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, Lagacherla farmers and many others are all fighting for their rights, but Congress resorting to oppressive measures," he said.

Rama Rao credited former Chief Minister K Chandrashgekhar Rao with transforming entities like Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) into a profit-making organisation and implementing the nation's best farmer insurance scheme by involving another PSU - Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). "The Rs 5 lakh insurance scheme for farmers, managed through LIC, not only provided security to farmer families but also strengthened LIC, making Telangana its largest customer," he said.

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CPI(ML) MP LABELS WEALTH CREATORS AS WEALTH LOOTERS

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CPI(ML) MP LABELS WEALTH CREATORS AS WEALTH LOOTERS

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha MP Raja Ram Singh on Monday labelled some of so-called "wealth creators" as "wealth looters," alleging massive undervaluation in property deals involving the Adani Group. During a discussion on the supplementary demand for grants in the Lok Sabha, Singh questioned the government's endorsement of such practices as economic progress. Properties worth Rs 61,832 crore were acquired for Rs 15,977 crore by Adani group — these are not our figures but bank estimates," Singh the CPI(ML) MP, alleged.

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Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story

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Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story

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Recent charges of bribery by a US government agency against the Adani group and its leadership have cast an unexpected spotlight on Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)—until now a relatively unknown company run by the central government. SECI was set up as an 'implementing' agency under the National Solar Mission. It signs agreements to purchase solar power from private developers (such as Adani). To sell that power, it signs back-to-back agreements with power distribution companies in states. There's friction in this chain—and it's hindering India's efforts to quickly turn its power sector away from fossil fuels and towards renewables.

According to the US agency, SECI signed a deal to buy power from Adani but found it difficult to get states to buy that power. This is where the Adani group, which has denied the allegations, was supposed to have come in. The controversy also highlighted contradictions in the Indian solar sector.

The installed capacity of solar power soared from 2.6GW in 2014 to 92GW in October 2024. Solar now accounts for 20% of all power capacity in India, from barely 1% a decade ago. But in terms of the actual energy generated and supplied to consumers through the grid, solar accounts for just 7% of the total energy supplied from all sources. Solar's share of electricity generated from renewable sources has also seen big fluctuations in the past few years.

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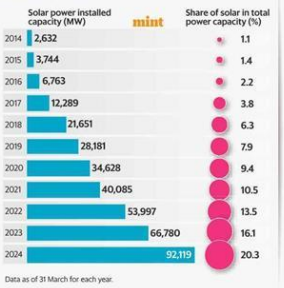
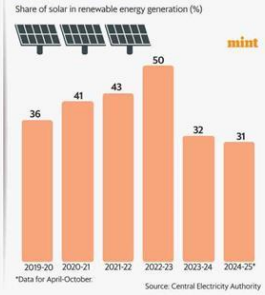


Share of solar power in renewable supply has fluctuated

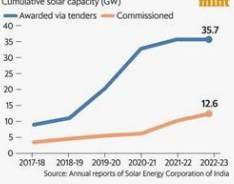


Widening Gap

OF THE 66GW of solar power capacity installed as of March 2023, SECI-commissioned projects accounted for 12.6GW. However, SECI has awarded nearly thrice that amount via tenders, and 35.7GW is the capacity to be added. Over the years, there's been a growing discrepancy between the capacity of solar projects that SECI has contracted and the actual capacity of plants that have become operational and are selling electricity to distribution companies (discoms).

This widening gap points to deeper problems in the sector. As a recent article on *CarbonCopy* pointed out, domestic costs of solar power modules have risen as India has set up tariffs to prevent a flood of cheap Chinese imports. As a result, solar project costs have risen. This has implications for the willingness of power discoms to sign power purchase agreements with solar developers, or power sale agreements with institutions such as SECI.

The gap between capacity and commissioning has widened



Not all states met their solar consumption targets

Purchasing Power

STATE DISCOMS are required to commit to generating a certain minimum proportion of power through renewable sources. According to the latest targets by the ministry of power, a third of all power consumption in an area served by a discom should be covered by renewables other than hydropower or wind power by 2030 (this category covers solar). Targets for wind and hydropower are specified separately.

While the ministry of power sets targets, individual states also have their own targets, both for discoms as a whole and individual discoms. However, as of 2022, compliance of different states with such renewable purchase obligations (RPOs) was a mixed bag, showed data from Prayas (Energy Group), a non-profit in the energy sector. While Karnataka and Telangana are ahead in terms of compliance with targets, Maharashtra, Bihar and Punjab are behind.

Bleeding Discoms

WHILE THE Centre has prioritized purchase of renewables over conventional energy, the biggest problem is the sorry financial status of state-owned discoms. Plus, private discoms have weaned away the most-lucrative customers (like large corporates). On a collective basis, discoms have made losses in each of the past six years, with accumulated losses ballooning from ₹4.3 trillion until 2017-18 to ₹6.5 trillion until 2022-23.

Renewables like solar supply energy intermittently. To balance this unpredictability, discoms have to keep conventional sources of power on standby, and pay for them irrespective of usage. This increases costs at a time when most of them are strapped for cash. Solar will have to surmount these challenges to translate higher capacity into increased supply.

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Power distribution companies in India continue to bleed

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ഒരു വ്യവസായപ്രമുഖനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് സെബി അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കെതിരേയുള്ള ആരോപണങ്ങളിൽ നടപടിയെടുക്കാത്തത്. സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ താത്പര്യത്തിനു വിരുദ്ധമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ച സെബി അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കെതിരേ ഫലപ്രദമായ നടപടിക്ക് കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാരോ കേന്ദ്രധനമന്ത്രാലയമോ മടിച്ചുനിൽക്കുന്നത് പൊതുസമൂഹത്തിനിടയിൽ വ്യാപകസംശയത്തിനിടവരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. സെബിയെ വിശ്വസിച്ച് ഓഹരിനിക്ഷേപം നടത്തുന്ന രാജ്യത്തെ 11 കോടി ജനങ്ങളോട് കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാർ ഉത്തരം പറയണം. സെബി അധ്യക്ഷമൂലം ഓഹരിനിക്ഷേപകർക്ക് ആപത്തുണ്ടായാൽ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ധനകാര്യമന്ത്രാലയം ഏറ്റെടുക്കുമോ? വിദേശ ആസ്തികളുടെ കണക്ക് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ സെബി അധ്യക്ഷ പരാജയപ്പെട്ടു.

അർഹതപ്പെട്ട അവകാശങ്ങൾക്കായി കേരളത്തിന് നിരന്തരം യാചിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്നു. ദുരന്തബാധിത വയനാടിന്റെ പുനർനിർമാണ, പുനരധിവാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് കേന്ദ്രം സഹായം നിഷേധിക്കുന്നു. വിഴിഞ്ഞം പദ്ധതിയുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ് ഫണ്ടിനും കേരളത്തിന് യാചിക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു. പ്രതിപക്ഷം ഭരിക്കുന്ന മറ്റു സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളോടും കടുത്തവിവേചനമാണെന്നും വേണുഗോപാൽ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തി.

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MUMBAI: Unitree G1, a humanoid robot which is a powerful fusion of artificial intelligence and sustainability projects, will be the main attraction of Techfest 2024, the annual technology festival of IIT Bombay. The festival will run from December 17-19.

Unitree G1, an advanced humanoid robot from China, known for human interaction, will visit India for the first time. Apart from this, various technological innovations, domestic and international, will be part of the festival.

The Office of Research and Development will showcase the research projects of IIT Bombay. The exhibition will display projects and innovations, including working models and product demos from academic units, highlighting advancements in technology.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by the chairman of the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Samir Kamat, on Tuesday. He will address the gathering on 'Defence R&D—Challenges and Opportunities'. Jeet Adani, son of Gautam Adani, will address the gathering on Day 1. On Day 2, Velumani Arokiaswamy, creator of Thyrocare, and K Rajalakshmi Menon, a distinguished scientist at DRDO, will present impactful insights from their fields.

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Like every year, the festival will include an impressive set of exhibitions of tech-innovations along with a list of notable speakers for the lecture series.

Some of the speaker attractions are Chairman Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr. Samir V Kamat, Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), ISRO A. Rajarajan, Former Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd Jeet Adani, lead scientist at LIGO, Caltech - John E. Brian O'Reilly and Ananya Birla, entrepreneur and singer.

The tech-innovations on display at the exhibitions will include the Unitree G1 humanoid bot from China, Robo DJ from Japan among other international line-ups.

Some of the common attractions of the Techfest, including competitions such as Robowars, Drone Show. E-Sports tournaments among others will continue this year too along with Technoholix which assures a unique entertainment to the audience with use of technology.

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INDIA bloc's leadership crisis

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Simmering differences within the INDIA bloc are coming to the fore, with demands to make Mamata Banerjee the leader of the alliance. The Samajwadi Party, Sharad Pawar's NCP, and the Congress' trusted ally, the RJD, have all echoed the need for a strong leader like Mamata to head the coalition.

Even National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, who fought the Jammu and Kashmir polls in alliance with the Congress, has urged the Grand Old Party to prove its ability to lead the Opposition with a clear strategy. The Aam Aadmi Party has already announced that it will contest the Delhi elections in February 2025 independently, severing ties with the Congress, its ally in the Lok Sabha elections in the Capital.

The Congress, the largest party in the INDIA bloc with 99 Lok Sabha seats, is increasingly being sidelined by other members, who doubt Rahul Gandhi's leadership potential. Following the Congress' defeats in Haryana and Maharashtra, parties like the SP and Trinamool Congress are distancing themselves from the party. In the ongoing Parliament session, the Congress' relentless focus on the Adani bribery case and its demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe—resulting in frequent adjournments—have irked alliance partners. They wanted to discuss other issues like the Sambhal communal violence, Bangladesh's political situation, and the Manipur crisis. Ultimately, the Congress had to relent to pressure from its allies and agree to let Parliament function.

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The only point of consensus among INDIA bloc members has been the decision to seek Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar's impeachment for his alleged partisan behavior.

These fissures have emboldened the BJP, which has celebrated its Maharashtra victories. By targeting the Congress over alleged links to George Soros and portraying it as destabilizing the nation, the BJP has managed to deflect attention from the Adani bribery case—a serious issue warranting debate.

The pressing question remains whether the Congress, despite its numerical strength, will cede leadership to Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee.

While the Congress has consistently attacked the NDA government on crony capitalism, communalism, and the neglect of minorities, it remains hampered by its dependence on the Nehru-Gandhi family and lack of grassroots organization. A complete overhaul of its structure and strategy is crucial to effectively challenge the BJP. Though Trinamool Congress and the SP are strong regional players, they lack a pan-India presence essential to counter the BJP-RSS combine. Despite setbacks, the Congress still appears to be the obvious choice for leading the INDIA bloc, though its complacency after its general election gains has cost it dearly.

The Congress' focus on soft Hindutva and the caste census, rather than core issues like inflation and unemployment, has alienated voters. While it punctured the BJP's "400 paar" narrative during the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP rebounded with welfare and women-centric schemes that turned the tide in key states. To emerge as an effective Opposition, the Congress must learn from its mistakes, strengthen its grassroots, and recalibrate its strategy to lead a united INDIA bloc against the BJP.

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Sri Lankan President says he will not allow his country's territory to be used to target India; New Delhi converts project loans to grants, agrees to expedite energy, digital cooperation

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said here on Monday that he would not allow his country's territory to be used against India.

"I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability," Mr. Dissanayake said, speaking to the media along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, the official meeting venue.

India promised Mr. Dissanayake, who is on his maiden visit to New Delhi after sweeping presidential and parliamentary elections, to continue its grants assistance to Sri Lanka and help it tide over its economic problems.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The two leaders said they discussed a number of issues, including regional security, digital infrastructure, connectivity and energy projects, as well as the Tamil issue and rights of fishermen. India announced it would convert loans given to Sri Lanka into grants for railway signalling systems and the Kankesanthurai port, and extended a $20.66 million grant to settle payment for projects already completed, which had originally been signed under a 'Letter of Credit' or loan. The two countries agreed to continue their partnership on energy projects, including connecting to a common grid, an India-Sri Lanka "multi-product pipeline" with UAE support, LNG supplies, and completing the Sampur coal power project.

Briefing the media, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri indicated the statement by the Sri Lankan President could have a bearing on Sri Lanka's clearance for foreign vessels, particularly Chinese ships.

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Modi, Dissanayake take up security issues

India has often raised concern Chinese ships berthing in Sri Lankan ports. In January, Sri Lanka will complete its one-year moratorium on all foreign research vessels docking in at its ports.

"We did highlight the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research, etc.," Mr. Misri said indicating India could offer to conduct research for Sri Lanka. "We pointed to the importance and sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he added.

The statements did not, however, indicate any progress on discussing the issues surrounding projects by the Adani Group, that are under review in Sri Lanka and have faced further pushback after indictments by U.S. investigators against the company. While the Adani bid to develop a terminal at Colombo Port is now expected to go ahead with internal funding rather than U.S. agency DFC's funding, the Dissanayake government has said it may put a hold on a 500 MW wind power project in the northeastern regions of Mannar and Pooneryn. Significantly, despite the company's considerable stakes in Sri Lanka, no Adani company representative was listed amongst participants at the "India-Sri Lanka Business Forum", held by business chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham in Delhi on Monday.

In addition, Delhi and Colombo didn't appear to find common ground on the contentious issue of fishermen, although they spoke of the need for dealing with Indian fishermen, whom Sri Lanka accuses of trespassing into its waters, in a "humanitarian manner". Mr. Dissanayake also called on India to curtail the use of "bottom trawlers" that deplete marine resources.

Mr. Modi also said he had discussed the issue of Tamil reconciliation. "President Dissanayake apprised me of his inclusive perspective," said Mr. Modi adding that India hopes the Sri Lankan government shall fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil people, and "fulfil their commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka and conducting the Provincial Council Elections".

Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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Urvi Mahajani
MUMBAI

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The petitioner, Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar, had claimed the contract violated the fundamental right to access electricity at fair rates under Article 21 of the Constitution. It was alleged that the former chief minister Eknath Shinde had engaged in corrupt practices while awarding the contract. However, the bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Justice Amit Borkar found no merit in the claims. The bench remarked, "Filing such a writ petition containing unsubstantiated and reckless averments runs the risk of sometimes even good causes being lost."

The petitioner referred to the recent indictment of Gautam Adani by the United States Department of Justice, alleging that he orchestrated a bribery scheme to influence Indian government officials. The court rejected this argument, stating that the petitioner failed to substantiate the allegations. "The submissions cannot be accepted merely on the basis of charges filed in a US court," the judges noted.

The court observed that the petitioner was not a participant in the tender process leading to the award of the contract to Adani Power.

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ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ 'ਭਾਰਤ ਜੋੜੋ ਯਾਤਰਾ' ਦੌਰਾਨ ਅਰਥ ਸ਼ਾਸਤਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਚਰਚਾਵਾਂ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੈੱਸ ਕਾਨਫ਼ਰੰਸਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਲੱਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਦੇਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਲੋੜੀਂਦਾ ਬਦਲਾਅ ਮਿਲ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਬਰਫ਼ਬਾਰੀ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸਫ਼ੇਦ ਟੀ-ਸ਼ਰਟ ਪਾਈ ਭਾਸ਼ਣ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਲੱਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਆਪਣੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਸਰੀਰ ਵੀ ਸਾਧ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਟਰੱਕ ਡਰਾਈਵਰਾਂ, ਰੇਹੜੀ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ, ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਕੁਲੀਆਂ, ਜੀਰੀ ਲਗਾਉਂਦੇ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ, ਟੈਕਸੀਆਂ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ, ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਜ ਦੇ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਰਗਾਂ ਦੇ ਜੀਵਨ ਨੂੰ ਨੇੜੇ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਵੇਖਣ ਦੀ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਜਗਿਆਸਾ ਤੋਂ ਲੱਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੇ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਮਾਡਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਰਗੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਰਗ ਵੀ ਹੁਣ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਜਾਪਿਆ ਕਿ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਮੰਚ ਵੀ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੀ ਉਡੀਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਨ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੀ ਨਿਡਰਤਾ, ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ-ਜਵਾਬੀ ਆਦਿ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਨੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੁਰਝਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੋਵੇ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਜਿਹੇ ਧਨ ਕੁਬੇਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਰਐੱਸਐੱਸ ਦੇ ਤਿੱਖੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਤੋਂ ਲੱਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਰੁਖ਼ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਵੀ ਹਮਲਾਵਰ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਖ਼ਾਮੋਸ਼ ਰਹਿੰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਵੀ।

ਇਸ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਕਾਰਨ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਦਾ ਰਾਹ ਸੌਖਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇੱਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਸ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਸੀਮਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਬਾਹਰੀ ਹਾਲਾਤ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਹੈ, ਪੈਰ-ਪੈਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਰਾਹ ਦੀਆਂ ਰੁਕਾਵਟਾਂ ਹਨ। ਅਸਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਦੇਸ਼ ਲਈ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਬਦਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੁਕਾਵਟਾਂ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕਰਨਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਸ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਸੀਮਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਕੇਵਲ ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਟ ਮਾਡਲ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲਾਵਰ ਨਹੀਂ। ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਦਾਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਖੇਤਰ 'ਇੱਕ-ਦੋ' ਪੂੰਜੀਪਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਣ ਉੱਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਭਾਵ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਇੱਕ-ਦੋ' ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਰ ਪੂੰਜੀਪਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਨੂੰ ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ। ਇੰਜ ਹੀ, ਇਸ ਦਾ ਦੂਜਾ ਭਾਵ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਨਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਦੇ ਨਿੱਜੀਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਨਹੀਂ। ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਮੁਹਾਜ਼ ਉੱਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਬਦਲਾਅ ਨਹੀਂ, ਜਦੋਂਕਿ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਟ ਮਾਡਲ ਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰਹੀਣ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਅਗਾਂਹ ਲੰਘ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਬੇਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰੀ, ਮਹਿੰਗਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਅਮੀਰੀ ਗ਼ਰੀਬੀ ਦੇ ਤੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਵਧਦੇ ਪਾੜੇ ਲਈ ਇਹੀ ਮਾਡਲ ਮੁੱਖ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੈ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇ ਜੇਕਰ ਬਦਲਾਅ ਲਿਆਉਣਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਦੋ ਕਦਮ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਚੁੱਕਣੇ ਪੈਣਗੇ: ਜਨਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਲਈ ਖੜ੍ਹਨਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ, ਬਾਕੀ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿੱਜੀਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ (ਕੇਂਦਰ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਾਂ) ਦੀ ਭਾਗੀਦਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਜਾਂ ਫਿਰ ਇਹ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਨਜ਼ਰਸਾਨੀ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੇ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਢਾਂਚੇ ਤੋਂ ਉਤਪੰਨ (ਜਨਤਾ ਲਈ) ਤਬਾਹਕੁੰਨ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਰੱਖਣੇ ਪੈਣੇ ਹਨ। ਬਦਲਵੇਂ ਢਾਂਚੇ ਸਦਕਾ ਜਨਤਾ ਉੱਤੇ ਪੈਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਕਾਰਾਤਮਕ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਵੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਾਉਣੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰਨੇ ਪੈਣੇ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਕੰਮ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਦਿਸਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੀ ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਮੁਹਾਰਨੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਪੱਖ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ। ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੋਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਲਈ ਲਾਭਦਾਇਕ ਦੱਸਣਾ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਲੰਗੜਾ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਹੈ। ਅਡਾਨੀ-ਅੰਬਾਨੀ ਦੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਹਾਨੀਕਾਰਕਤਾ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਵੱਧ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਦੂਜੇ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਦਲ ਅਡਾਨੀ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਉਦੋਂ ਹੀ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੀ ਸੁਰ ਨਾਲ ਸੁਰ ਮਿਲਾਉਣਗੇ ਜਦੋਂ ਅਡਾਨੀ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਰੋਹ ਉੱਠਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਅਡਾਨੀ, ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੇ ਰਾਹ ਦਾ ਅੜਿੱਕਾ ਬਣਿਆ ਰਹੇਗਾ।

ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸੰਵਿਧਾਨਿਕ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਰਪੱਖਤਾ ਬਰਕਰਾਰ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਖ਼ੁਦਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਈ ਅੰਗ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਏਕਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਬਣੇ ਗੱਠਜੋੜ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੇ ਬਦਲ ਵਜੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਇਹ ਏਕਤਾ ਜੇਕਰ ਚੋਣ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਫ਼ਲਤਾ ਹਾਸਿਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਬੇਕਾਰ ਹੈ।

ਅਗਲੀ ਰੁਕਾਵਟ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦਾ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਕ ਸੱਜ ਪਿਛਾਖੜ ਹੈ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਰਗਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਿਰਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਾਜ਼ੇ ਲਹੂ ਦਾ ਸੰਚਾਰ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਹੀ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੀ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਲਵੇਂ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਢਾਂਚੇ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਸਿਹਤ ਤੋਂ ਅਸਲ ਬਦਲਾਅ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾਵਾਂ ਦਿਸਣ ਲੱਗਣਗੀਆਂ। ਜਾਤੀ ਜਨਗਣਨਾ ਦੀ ਮੁਹਾਰਨੀ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਕਰੀਏ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਕਾਰਜ ਨੇ ਅੰਕੜਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਰੁਕਣਾ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜਾਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਸਮੱਸਿਆ ਬਣਦਾ ਰਾਖਵਾਂਕਰਨ ਸੁਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਗੋਂ ਉਸ ਰਾਖਵੇਂਕਰਨ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਹੈ। ਅਜਿਹਾ ਬਦਲਵੇਂ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਮਾਡਲ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਊਂਦੀ ਜਾਗਦੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਸੰਭਵ ਹੋ ਸਕੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਦਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡਾ ਲਾਭ ਇਹ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਅਗਾਂਹਵਧੂ ਅਤੇ ਖੱਬੇ-ਪੱਖੀਆਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਸਭਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਾਥ ਮਿਲ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਖੱਬੀਆਂ ਧਿਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥ ਨਾਲ ਦੂਜੇ ਮੋਰਚਿਆਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਫ਼ਤਹਿ ਪਾਉਣੀ ਆਸਾਨ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਦੂਜੇ ਮੋਰਚਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਹੈ: ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਇੱਕਜੁਟਤਾ। ਇਸ ਕਾਰਜ ਲਈ ਸਾਂਝੇ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਆਧਾਰਿਤ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਤੈਅ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਹਿਜ਼ ਕਾਗਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਲਿਖਣ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ, ਸਾਂਝੇ ਮੰਚਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅਗਾਂਹ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰਿਆ ਵੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਤੇ ਆਰਐੱਸਐੱਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਨੁੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਦੇ ਸਿਰਜੇ ਹੋਏ ਨਾ ਸਮਝਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਮਾਨਵਤਾ, ਸਾਂਝੇ ਹਿੰਦੋਸਤਾਨੀ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਭ ਧਰਮਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਿਆਰ ਦੇ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸ ਬਿਮਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਟ-ਪੱਖੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦੇ ਸੇਵਕ ਵਜੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਆਰਐੱਸਐੱਸ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਸੰਗਠਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੋਈ ਬੇਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰੀ, ਮਹਿੰਗਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਅਮੀਰ-ਗ਼ਰੀਬ ਦੇ ਗ਼ੈਰ-ਮਾਨਵੀ ਵਰਤਾਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕਦੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ। ਕੀ ਏਨੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵੱਡ-ਆਕਾਰੀ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਰੋਲ ਵਾਲੰਟੀਅਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਿਰੋਂ ਚਲਾਉਣਾ ਸੰਭਵ ਹੈ? ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਟੀ ਧਨ ਕੁਬੇਰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹਨ। ਇਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ, ਭਾਜਪਾ-ਆਰਐੱਸਐੱਸ ਰੋਜ਼ਾਨਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਮੱਸਿਆਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਧਿਆਨ ਹਟਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਇੱਕ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੂਜੇ ਧਰਮਾਂ (ਫਿਲਹਾਲ ਇਸਲਾਮ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਾਈ) ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਰ ਖੇਤਰੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਜੁੜੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਫੈਡਰਲ ਸਬੰਧਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੁੜ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਦੇਹੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਏ ਵਿਗਾੜਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੂਰ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਸੰਵਿਧਾਨਕ ਸੋਧ ਨਾਲ ਸੂਬਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਾਪਸ ਕਰਨਾ ਕਿ ਮੁੜ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਡਾਕਾ ਨਾ ਮਾਰਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ, ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੀ ਤਰਜੀਹ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਯਾਦ ਰਹੇ ਕਿ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਅਤੇ ਸੂਬਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਫੈਡਰਲ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਏਕਤਾ ਪੀਢੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਟੈਕਸ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਵੀ ਮੁੜ ਨਜ਼ਰਸਾਨੀ ਮੰਗਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸੰਵਿਧਾਨਿਕ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਰਪੱਖਤਾ ਬਰਕਰਾਰ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਖ਼ੁਦਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਈ ਅੰਗ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਏਕਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਬਣੇ ਗੱਠਜੋੜ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੇ ਬਦਲ ਵਜੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਇਹ ਏਕਤਾ ਜੇਕਰ ਚੋਣ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਫ਼ਲਤਾ ਹਾਸਿਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਬੇਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਈਵੀਐੱਮ ਨੂੰ ਹੁਣ ਚੋਣ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਖ਼ੁਦ ਹੀ ਬੇਪਰਦ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਈਵੀਐੱਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਕਰਵਾ ਕੇ ਹੀ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਪਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਸਮਾਪਤੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਪਈਆਂ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਨੂੰ 8, 10 ਤੇ ਇੱਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਕਿ 12 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਤੱਕ ਵਧਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਚੋਣ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਮੁੱਦੇ ਉੱਤੇ ਚੁੱਪੀ ਨੂੰ ਤੋੜਨ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦਾ ਸਾਮਰਾਜ ਧੜੰਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਦੇ ਪੈਰੀਂ ਡਿੱਗ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਅਡਾਨੀ ਮੁੱਦੇ ਉੱਤੇ ਖੇਡਣ ਲਈ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੈ। ਉਂਜ ਵੀ ਉਸ ਮੁੱਦੇ ਦਾ ਅੰਤ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਟ ਦਾ ਅੰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਬਣਨਾ। ਇੱਧਰ, ਚੋਣ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਸਫ਼ਲਤਾ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰ ਬਹਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਮਹਾਨ ਕਾਰਜ ਕਰ ਦੇਵੇਗੀ।

ਇਹ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਲਈ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸੂਚੀ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਇਸ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ, ਰਾਹੁਲ ਦੇ ਰਾਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਰੁਕਾਵਟਾਂ ਬਣ ਕੇ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ। ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇ ਮੋਦੀ ਦਾ ਬਦਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਬਣਨਾ। ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦਾ ਬਦਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਬਣਨਾ। ਬਦਲਵੀਆਂ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਹੀ ਬਦਲ ਬਣਨਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੋਕ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਸਿੱਟਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਜੜ੍ਹ ਅਤੇ ਬਦਲਵੀਆਂ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਨ-ਕਲਿਆਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਦਾ ਰਾਹ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕੀ ਉਹ ਆਪਣੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਗਤ ਕਾਬਲੀਅਤ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਲ ਤੋਰਦਿਆਂ ਰਾਹ ਦੇ ਇਹ ਅੜਿੱਕੇ ਦੂਰ ਕਰ ਲਵੇਗਾ?

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Rising Radicalism

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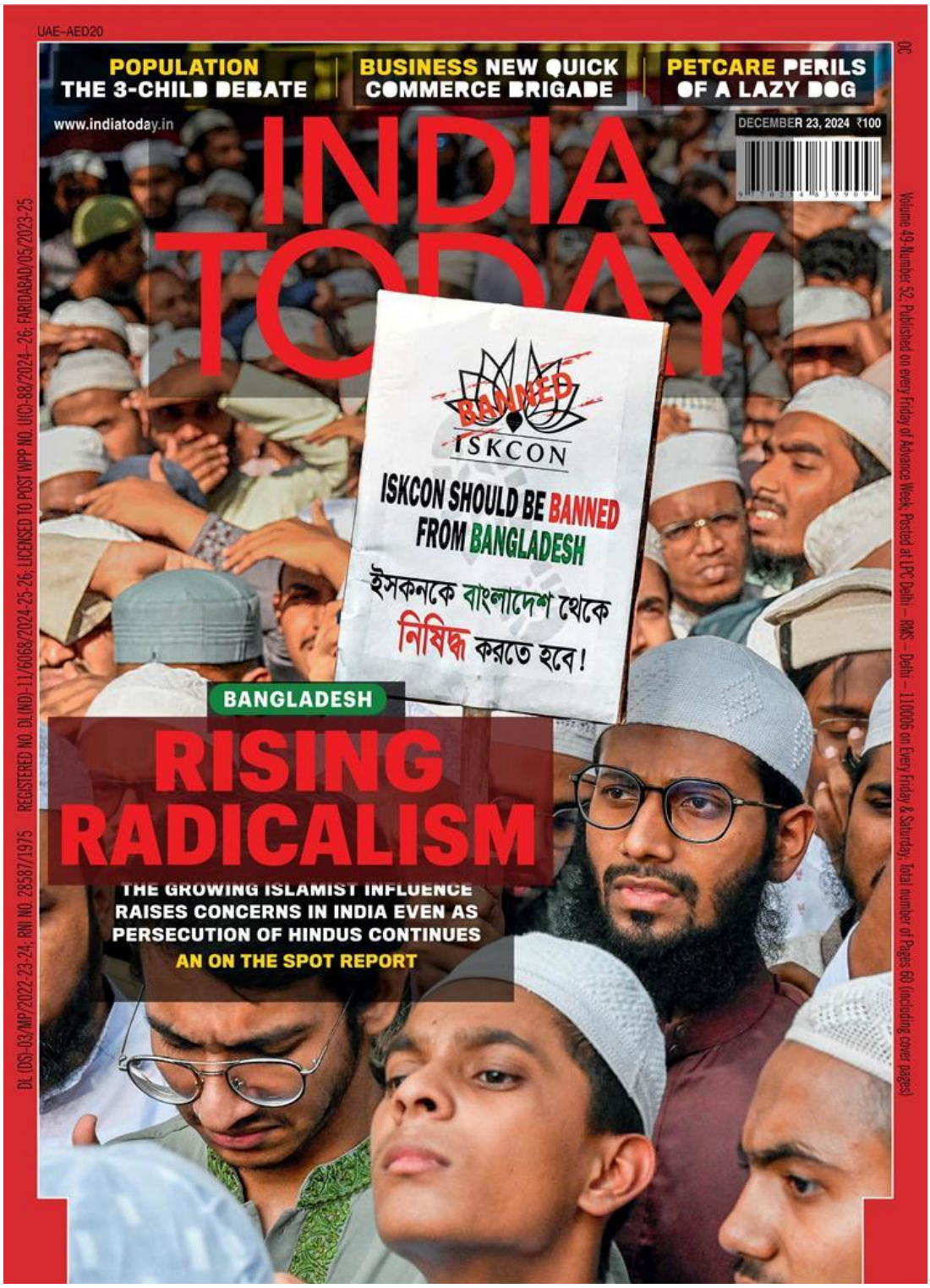

also purging suspected Hasina loyalists from major government institutions. With the police force being ineffective the law and order situation remains precarious.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh economy has taken a southward turn since Hasina's departure. The mid-October projections by the World Bank indicated that GDP growth is likely to decelerate from 5.2 per cent in FY24 to 4.0 per cent in FY25. Inflation, driven by high food and energy prices, averaged 9.5 in FY24 and is expected to remain elevated. Unemployment rates remain significantly high, particularly in urban areas, and job creation in large industries, especially the garment sector, the backbone of the economy, has stagnated. The World Bank report also highlighted the need for urgent and bold economic reforms, but the interim government has been unable to provide a roadmap for revival yet. The country's banks are said to be in the ICU, with Ahsan Mansur, the new governor of Bangladesh's central bank, claiming that about $17 billion was siphoned off from the country's financial system in the 15 years of Hasina's rule.

THROUGH THE CRISIS, BOTH SIDES HAVE REFRAINED FROM USING PUNITIVE MEASURES LIKE DISRUPTING TRADE AND BUSINESS TIES

So, Yunus has a huge task of not only restoring the polity but also the shaky economy. The Nobel laureate has always claimed that his government's mandate is to implement reforms. In September, he formed six commissions to reform six major sectors: the electoral system, police, judiciary, public administration, the Constitution, and anti-corruption measures. All of them are expected to submit their recommendations by the end of the year. Currently, the Jatiya Nagarik Committee (national citizen's committee), formed after the uprising, along with the Anti-Discriminatory Students' Movement (ADSM) are jointly advocating sweeping political and constitutional changes. Three student leaders of the ADSM, which spearheaded the uprising against Hasina, have been inducted as advisors to the interim government and given several portfolios.

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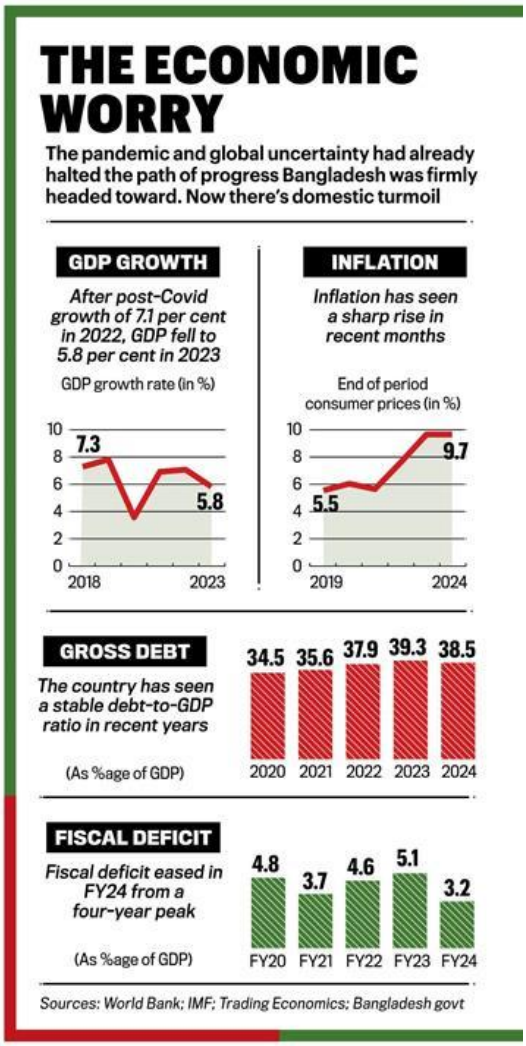
Key among them is Mahfuz Alam, the liaison committee coordinator of the ADSM, who is now special assistant to Yunus. At a Clinton Global Initiative function held in New York in September, Yunus got Alam on stage and introduced him as the "brains" behind the "meticulously designed" protests that were planned and executed to oust Hasina. Indian sources allege that Alam has had links with the Jamaat's student wing—the Islami Chhatra Shibir—and also the banned extremist group Hizbut Tahrir. Sikri sees Yunus's statement as validation of the student movement not being a spontaneous uprising but backed by powerful domestic and international forces against Hasina's continuance. Indian intelligence sources claim that cadres of the Chhatra Shibir and Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh, another radical organisation, have infiltrated the army's officer corps. The Bangladesh army is suspected to have played a vital role in ousting Hasina by refusing to provide her any further security or act against the rioting students.

However, Alam, in a Facebook post on September 26 that was reproduced by the *Dhaka Tribune*, denied any links with these extremist organisations, saying he "didn't and still don't



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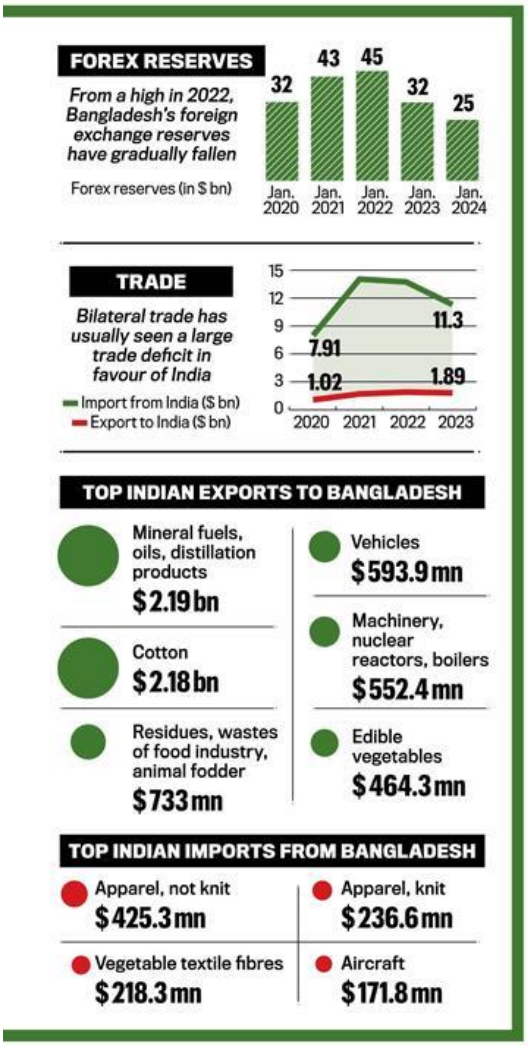

NEW DELHI NEEDS TO NEGOTIATE THE MINEFIELD OF COMPETING INTERESTS DEFTLY TO ENSURE ITS TIES WITH DHAKA STAY STRONG, ITS CORE INTERESTS SECURE, AND HINDUS PROTECTED

subscribe to the 'Islam'" of Jamaat or, for that matter, Islamist or secularist ideologies. He went on to explain, "I have a vision for a civilisationally transformed state in this region and society based on ideals of Compassion and Responsibility. Individual and collective aspirations of the oppressed multitude will find ways to be translated into state policies."

Reassurance that Bangladesh will not radically alter its constitutional ethos comes from Ali Riaz, the noted political scientist and recently appointed head of Bangladesh's Constitutional Reform Commission. Riaz has been candid about the importance of maintaining Bangladesh's pluralistic and inclusive identity amidst fears of rising Islamisation. "It is in the best interests of Bangladesh that it remains pluralistic and inclusive," Riaz asserted. "Our recommendation will be that pluralism is the foundation of the country and that should remain undisturbed. Everyone in the country, irrespective of any differences, must enjoy equal opportunities." It remains to be seen if his views gain acceptance and are ratified by the ruling dispensation.

Meanwhile, mainstream political parties, especially the BNP, are keen that elections are held soon and not a year later, as Yunus and the student leaders have indicated. The BNP is fast occupying the vacuum left by the disintegration of the Awami League and has already taken over the trade unions and similar bodies at local levels. Its acting chairperson, Tarique Rahman, the 59-year-old son of former president Ziaur Rahman and former prime minister Khaleda Zia, is set to make a comeback to Dhaka sometime in January, after years of exile in London. The slew of cases against him have been lifted, the latest being on December 10, paving the way for his return. The BNP is pushing Yunus to hold an election within the next six months. Says Salahuddin Ahmed, a key BNP leader, "We don't think the interim government can or should delay the polls any further than May. The reforms that the country needs can only be executed by a democratically elected government." The Jamaat, though, would like polls to be held later to get enough time to rebuild the party. However, both BNP and Jamaat will have to contend with the ambitions of student leaders like Alam who are keen on forming their own political grouping to contest elections.

Back in Dhaka, wall art and graffiti remain the only reminders of the uprising in which 2,000 people are claimed to have been killed. Life has resumed in the bustling downtown area of Purana Paltan crossing, the posh neighbourhoods of Gulshan and Dhanmondi and the pretty cafes on the banks of the humongous Hatirjheel lake. The Ganabhaban, the party office of Awami League, wears a deserted look. Mujibur Rahman, once hailed as the father of the nation, has been dislodged from that lofty perch. All that is left of his giant statue that the protesters toppled in August are his two feet. The impressive Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban or Parliament, once a hive of activity, seems evidently in disuse. Which party occupies these premises in the coming year will determine the course ahead for the country. It will be a new Bangladesh, and India will have to find new ways to deal with it. ■

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RISING RA

THE GROWING ISLAMIST INFLUENCE RAISES CONCERN IN INDIA EVEN A

DICALISM

S THE PERSECUTION OF HINDUS CONTINUES

By ARKAMOY DATTA MAJUMDAR in Dhaka and RAJ CHENGAPPA

KAMOL DAS

MUSLIM-HINDU TENSIONS (Left) Members of the Islamic Andolan party protest in Dhaka against the breach of their assistant high commissioner's premises in Agartala, Dec. 3; police guard the Nandankanan temple in Chittagong a day after Chinmoy Das is denied bail, Nov. 26

BATONS DO THE TALKING
Policemen beat up Chinmoy Krishna Das supporters in Chattogram, Sept. 26; opposite, Muhammad Yunus, chief of the interim government

THE MINORITY REPORT

Estimates of the number of communal attacks in Bangladesh between August 4 and 20 (after Sheikh Hasina's ouster) vary widely between what minorities organisations claim and what the interim government acknowledges

YUNUS'S INTERIM GOVT HAS OFTEN SAID THE VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORITIES STEMS MORE FROM POLITICAL VENGEANCE THAN COMMUNAL HATRED

AS the sedan ferrying three pilgrims along National Highway 106 in Chittagong, 250 km from capital city Dhaka, stopped at the gates of the Pundarik Dham in the rural enclave of Mekhal, the travellers were overcome by a sense of reverence. Believed to be the birthplace of the Vaishnavite seer Pundarik Vidyanidhi, a contemporary of the great 16th century saint Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the verdant 21-acre campus is an oasis of calm, dotted with flowering plants and abundant water bodies. Built in 1921, the temple's management was taken over by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in 1982. Today, it is a favourite pilgrimage spot for Bangladesh's minority Hindus. And it was this piece of divinity that the three visitors on that day had come to partake in. Except that the air of serenity was soon broken by the heavily armed security personnel stationed outside the temple, who sprang up to enforce a security check. Though the men were waved through quickly, there was no missing the undercurrent of tension.

In recent weeks, this spiritual haven has become the epicentre of a temporal tempest that has strained relations between India and the new political dispensation in Bangladesh led by the Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, chief advisor of the country's interim government. In the eye of the storm is the tonsured Chinmoy Krishna Das, the temple's president, and vocal critic of atrocities against minorities. Arrested on November 25 on charges of sedition, his detention has triggered a cascade of violent events that has left the Hindus in Bangladesh living in anxiety and fear. The fallout has been swift and severe.

Advocates defending Das clashed with groups aligned with the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Over 70 Hindu lawyers were charged with violence, further fuelling tensions. In a brutal escalation, young lawyer Saiful Islam Alif was hacked to death, igniting outrage. Local Hindu residents were detained by police under questionable circumstances, their homes and temples vandalised by unidentified miscreants. Meanwhile, the desecration of the Indian flag at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka and in a few other educational institutions saw a backlash in India. Protesters in Tripura capital Agartala attacked the Bangladeshi deputy high commission, which in turn sparked counter-protests here.

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AMONG THE FIRST THINGS YUNUS DID WAS LIFT THE JAMAAT BAN. ANTI-INDIA FORCES HAVE GAINED GROUND SINCE. STUDENT LEADERS ARE SUSPECTED TO HAVE LINKS WITH RADICALS

CIVIL COUNT

2,010
Total incidents

9
Murders

69
Attacks on places of worship

4
Atrocities against women

Source: Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council

GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

88
Registered no. of cases of communal violence targeting minorities

70
No. of people arrested; other allegations being investigated

Source: Press secretary, Interim Government

Earlier, incidents of intimidation and violence against minorities in Bangladesh were triggered by the stunning ouster of Bangladeshi prime minister Sheikh Hasina in a student uprising on August 5. In the chaotic aftermath of that event, hundreds of attacks were reported against Hindu individuals and properties. According to the Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (HBCUC), a key advocacy group for minority rights, 2,010 such incidents took place between August 4 and 20, including nine murders, 69 attacks on places of worship and four incidents of violence against women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was the first global leader to recognise the new dispensation when he tweeted his support for Yunus on X, had also asked him to ensure the "safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities". Even US president-elect Donald Trump had tweeted on X after Christian schools were attacked in Dhaka: "I strongly condemn the barbaric violence against Hindus, Christians and other minorities who are getting attacked and looted by mobs in Bangladesh, which remains in a total state of chaos."

However, the Yunus government claims that the HBCUC numbers on the incidents of communal violence are vastly exaggerated, even as it acknowledged some of the incidents listed. On December 10, the government reported that between August 4 and August 20, 88 cases had been registered, and 70 arrests made for vandalism of Hindu temples and other acts of violence against minorities. The interim government has also often argued that violence against minorities in Bangladesh stems more from political vengeance than communal hatred. The Hindu community had largely supported Hasina's Awami League and is seen as an easy target for retribution. "It is true that most Hindus supported Hasina," says Regan Acharjee, a 36-year-old lawyer in Chittagong. "But is it our fault that other political parties couldn't earn our trust? Does that make us soft targets?" Acharjee's rhetorical questions capture the frustration and despair of a community that feels victimised for its political allegiances.

Hidden in plain sight, the Sevak community, or the Hindi-speaking Hindus scattered across Bangladesh, stands as a relic of colonial history. Brought to the region by British rulers to serve as menial workers, their ancestors were from North India. Over the decades, these communities have remained in the country, eking out a modest existence while largely aligning politically with the Awami League, who they regarded as the most secular party. At 13.1 million, Hindus

comprise 7.95 per cent of Bangladesh's 165.1 million population, making them the largest minority in the Muslim-majority state. They faced frequent attacks even during the Hasina regime. "Hindu atrocities under Hasina's regime were never highlighted," argues Shafiqul Alam, press advisor to Yunus. "But even if a few incidents happen now, they are being projected exponentially. This shouldn't be the case."

INDIA'S NEWEST HEADACHE

The violent reprisals against Hindus in Bangladesh are an outcome of the complex interplay of political and communal tensions that afflict the country. There may be some truth to the Yunus government's claim that these attacks are politically motivated, but it has done little so far to address the systemic vulnerability of minorities who continue to bear the brunt of violent outbursts. Worse, graffiti calling for complete non-cooperation with India and demanding a Bangladesh government "free from the clutches of Delhi" has appeared on many Dhaka streets. Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri's visit to Dhaka on December 9, during which he also met Yunus, was intended to help tamp down on the rising anti-India rhetoric and ensure the safety of minorities while emphasising that India looked forward to "moving the relationship in a positive, forward-looking and constructive direction".

For India, the ouster of Hasina, the attacks against the Hindu minorities, the anti-India sentiment and the rising radicalism threatening to engulf Bangladesh are matters of huge concern and worry. Situated at the mouth of the Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh straddles a crucial geographical space contiguous to India's sensitive northeastern states. Ever since India supported the Mukti Bahini in the 1971 war of independence and helped Bangladesh break away from Pakistan, relations between the two countries have been on a roller-coaster—on the up whenever Hasina, daughter of the nation's founding father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was assassinated in an army coup in August 1975, was in power and plummeting during the interregnum regimes. During Hasina's two stints in power, first between 1996 and 2001, and then for 15 years from 2009 onward up to her ouster, India's relations with Bangladesh were generally friendly.

When she won a fifth term in January 2024, her Awami League securing a landslide victory in the general election, it was widely criticised as having been rigged in her favour. Her main rival, the Begum Khaleda Zia-headed BNP, had boycotted the election. Her other main rival, the religion-based Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami party, Hasina had barred from contesting elections from 2013 onward. Four days before she fled, she had also banned the group for being an "anti-secular, militant and terrorist" organisation. Bangladeshi Opposition parties blamed India for propping her up despite serious democratic and human rights violations by her government.

After the election, Hasina targeted the BNP and the Jamaat for whipping up student protests over the issue of reserving seats for freedom-fighters' descendants. Despite Hasina agreeing to rescind the reservations, her government's brutal clampdown on agitators, leaving over 2,100 dead in police firing,

HASINA'S OUSTER, THE ATTACKS AGAINST HINDUS AND THE RISING RADICALISM ENGULFING BANGLADESH ARE OF HUGE CONCERN TO INDIA

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GROUND REPORT

MONK IN THE EYE OF A STORM

How Vaishnav monk Chinmoy Krishna Das has emerged as the face of the protest against attacks on minorities in Bangladesh

By **ARKAMOY DATTA MAJUMDAR** *in Chattogram*

Chinmoy Krishna Das was something of a child prodigy. He started preaching religious sermons at the age of 6-7, and earned an audience among local Hindus with his oratorical skills. Born Chandan Kumar Dhar in the Satkania Upazila of Chattogram district, Das was the youngest of four children. Around

SHOW OF DEFIANCE
Left, Chinmoy Krishna Das being taken away by the police in Chattogram, Nov. 26

1996-97, Das claims "some [divine] intervention" brought him to the revered monk Jaypataka Swami, a disciple of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) founder Swami Prabhupada. Das received his religious initiation in 2000, and became monk-president of the Dham in 2007. When, as spokesperson of the newly-formed minority body Bangladesh Sommilito Sanatan Jagaran Jot, the now 39-year-old Das organised rallies protesting communal attacks on minorities, his charisma and oratory attracted large crowds. And when the Bangladesh police arrested him on November 25 from the Dhaka airport on charges of sedition and denied him bail thereafter, Das became a *cause celebre* in the ongoing tussle over the security of Bangladesh's embattled minorities.

In an FIR lodged on October 31, former BNP activist Md Feroze Khan alleged that Das and 18 others had hoisted a saffron flag above the Bangladesh national flag—claiming it to an act of sedition—at the Zero point crossing of the city on October 10. Satantra Das, a close companion of the monk, claims Islamic organisations like Jamaat-e-Islami and Hefazat-e-Islami often hoist their flags above the national flag. "If they are not anti-national, how is Chinmoy Prabhu accused of the same crime?" he asks. Das was advocating the 'eight-point demand' of the Jot, which included a tribunal to hear cases of atrocities against minorities and implementation of a minority protection act. In Chattogram, four incidents of attacks on temples have been reported from Sebok Colony, Firingi Bazar and Hajari Goli. Das's arrest was followed by India expressing "deep concern" about denial of bail to him and about atrocities against Hindus. Calls to release him have intensified in India, especially in West Bengal.

On November 26, many of Das's supporters protesting his arrest clashed with the police in Chattogram during which a lawyer, Saiful Islam, was killed. It led to a call to ban ISKCON, which denied having a hand in the event and distanced itself from Das, saying he had been suspended in October on charges of child abuse.

However, Satantra says Das was never officially removed. He alleges internal jealousy instead. "After Chinmoy took over in 2007, Pundarik Dham transformed into a hub of activity. He reclaimed lands allegedly grabbed by politicians. His success made him a target of envy within ISKCON," he says. Two of the three boys who accused him of abuse told INDIA TODAY that they made their accusations under pressure. "We came under the influence of others to malign the president," they say.

Das has amassed a following among Hindu youth, attracting thousands to his rallies. Among those won over by Das's personality is renowned poet and philosopher Farhad Mazhar, who calls the sedition charges misuse of a colonial-era law. "In my interactions with Chinmoy, I never felt he was anti-national," he says.

However, Das's meteoric rise has drawn criticism too. Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leaders have accused him of being an Awami League plant who aims to destabilise the interim government. "How did he become so popular? His activities are fishy and it seems AL is behind his rise," says Salahuddin Ahmed, a former BNP MP.

On December 11, a local court rejected the plea to advance his bail hearing on technical grounds. When no lawyer had appeared on his behalf on December 3, it was set for January 2, 2025. There will be no succour for Das in 2024. ■

Das's arrest and the initial denial of bail elicited a sharp reaction from New Delhi. Since then, calls to release him have intensified across India

resulted in a popular revolt against her, forcing her to flee. Among the first actions that the new interim government took was to lift the ban against the Jamaat. And ever since, anti-Indian forces seem to have gained ground, with many of the student leaders suspected to have links with radical Islamist organisations, including the Jamaat. "There seems to be a shift towards Islamist radicalism," Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, confirms. "It is certainly on the rise as is religious intolerance, and that is a cause for worry for India. India is also concerned that the new dispensation will push for closer ties with Pakistan and be inimical to our interests. Pakistan could get a base to stoke trouble in our northeastern states as they did earlier."

INDIAN FOREIGN SECY VIKRAM MISRI'S DEC. 9 VISIT TO DHAKA WAS MEANT TO TAMP DOWN THE RISING ANTI-INDIA RHETORIC AND ENSURE MINORITIES' SAFETY

Experts see clear signs of the new regime's eagerness for close ties with Pakistan. As evidence, they point to the cargo vessel from Karachi that docked at Chittagong port recently, a first since the country's independence in 1971. Visa constraints were also lifted for Pakistanis in certain categories. At the same time, a road illumination project undertaken by the Awami League-ruled Chattogram City Corporation with financial aid from India has been cancelled. On November 19, the Bangladesh Supreme Court also ordered the government to form a committee to review the country's much-debated contract with Adani Power after a petitioner alleged its terms were unfavourable to the country. The 25-year power purchase agreement was signed in 2017 for the company to supply electricity from its 1,600 MW power in plant in Jharkhand. Currently, the Bangladesh Power Development Board owes Adani around $850 million (Rs 7,216 crore).

GREAT POWER GAMES

All these developments have evoked consternation among Indian foreign policy-makers who maintain that India has high stakes in Bangladesh remaining stable, secular and independent. In the past decade and a half of Hasina's tenure, New Delhi was able to craft a durable bilateral relationship that spanned a whole gamut of sectors. India's trade with Bangladesh in this period grew threefold. Exports to Bangladesh rose from $3.34 billion (Rs 28,343 crore) in 2010-11, in the early phase of her last tenure, to $12 billion (Rs 1.02 lakh crore) in 2022-23. Imports from Bangladesh grew at a more modest rate, from $0.45 billion to $2.03 billion. India exports a diverse range of products to Bangladesh, including cotton yarn, petroleum products, oils, spices, vegetables and

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auto components. Bangladesh, in turn, sends us readymade cotton garments, jute, leather footwear and marine products. India has also extended a $7.8 billion (Rs 66,190 crore) line of credit for infrastructure projects in Bangladesh. Right through this current crisis, both sides have wisely refrained from using punitive measures like disrupting trade and business relations just to spite or coerce the other.

India is also concerned that other big powers have been elbowing into what it considers its backyard. In 2016, during Chinese president Xi Jinping's visit to Dhaka, the two nations signed a flurry of agreements that would see Bangladesh receive $26 billion in investments for its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects and $14 billion for joint venture projects. Last year, the Chinese foreign ministry estimated that it had released $4.45 billion for 35 projects under the BRI, mainly in the energy and transportation sectors, including the impressive Padma bridge project across the Ganga that would link the southwest of the country to the northern and eastern regions. China is now Bangladesh's largest trading partner, the volume being around $25 billion.

It has also been employing submarine diplomacy, selling Bangladesh two attack submarines at bargain prices in 2016. A year later, it signed a contract to construct a new submarine base on the country's southeastern coast for $1.2 billion, ostensibly to service the vessels they sold. In addition to maintaining these submarines, Chinese personnel would also train the Bangladesh Navy to ply them.

Meanwhile, concerned by China's inroads into Bangladesh

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BOTH BNP AND JAMAAT WILL NOW HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THE AMBITIONS OF STUDENT LEADERS WHO ARE FORMING THEIR OWN POLITICAL PARTY

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A COUNTRY IN TURMOIL
Clockwise from far left, foreign secretary Vikram Misri (right) with Bangladeshi counterpart Md Jashim Uddin in Dhaka, Dec. 9; Crowds at Sheikh Hasina's office after her ouster, Aug. 5; Hasina waits to cast her vote, Jan. 7, 2024

and the crucial Bay of Bengal, the US apparently began pressuring Dhaka to allow it to use the tiny St Martin's Island, situated just 8 km from Myanmar, as a military base. Experts believe they wanted to maintain it as a surveillance post for Chinese and Myanmar activities and for the strategic Malacca Straits. Ahead of the January general election, Hasina had claimed that a "white man" had offered her a smooth return as PM if she sanctioned the military base. Later, at a press conference, she said, "I don't want to return to power by leasing out St Martin's." The US has denied both its interest in St Martin's or any deal for it. However, on a parallel track, several US-based multinational oil and gas corporations such as Chevron and Exxon Mobil had considered participating in the bidding for prospecting and leasing offshore oil and gas blocks offered by the government-owned oil company Petrobangla. The projects are worth several billion dollars, and this was said to be of great commercial interest, with sources close to Hasina claiming that the US was putting pressure on her to sign the deal.

Indian experts believe that the Deep State in the US may have had a hand in ousting Hasina. The military and commercial motivations were attractive enough. It helped that she was violating all tenets of democracy. Yunus is seen to be close to the US as he had taken refuge there after Hasina charged him of embezzling funds from the Grameen Telecom. India thus needs to negotiate this minefield of competing interests deftly to ensure its relations with Bangladesh remain strong, its core interests protected and the Hindu community there is not persecuted.

YUNUS'S CROWN OF THORNS

Yunus, though, brushes away charges that religious intolerance and extremism are growing in Bangladesh. In press interviews, the chief advisor points to his cabinet which he claims is packed with human rights activists and pluralists. But the tide of exuberance that greeted his assuming the reins of the interim government in August, when people and the students who led the uprising united, now seems to have receded. There is growing concern on whether the well-meaning Yunus is in charge or just a velvet glove for the iron fist of radicalised student leaders and parties working with the Bangladesh Army to launch sweeping constitutional and ideological changes in the country.

Veena Sikri, another former Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh, remains highly critical of the new dispensation. "The chief advisor is unable to take decisions or unable to implement them," she says. "It is now the Islamists who oversee this unconstitutional government as the current Constitution has no provision for such an interim government." As proof of the new regime's excesses, she points to how the chief justice of the Bangladesh Supreme Court, Obaidul Hassan, and five other justices were forced to resign under duress soon after Hasina's ouster. The student leaders have not only gone ahead with their plans to restructure the country's judiciary but are

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Sebi chief row

The Congress levelled conflict of interest allegations against SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch and claimed that FM Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the financial governance framework. Attacking the government over the Adani issue, MP K C Venugopal said a joint parliamentary committee must probe the matter. PTI

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സെബി ചെയർപഴ്സൻ മാധബി പുരി ബുച്ചിനെതിരെ ഗുരുതര സാമ്പത്തിക ക്രമക്കേട് ആരോപണങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നിട്ടും അവർക്കെതിരെ ധനമന്ത്രാലയം നടപടിയെടുക്കാത്തത് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്?. ഇന്ത്യയുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക ഭദ്രത തകർക്കുന്ന ആരോപണങ്ങളിൽ നടപടിയെടുക്കുന്നതിൽ കേന്ദ്ര ധനമന്ത്രി പരാജയമായിരുന്നു. സർക്കാരിന്റെയും സെബി ചെയർപഴ്സന്റെയും താൽപര്യം അദാനിയെ സഹായിക്കുക മാത്രമാണ്.

ഒട്ടേറെ ഗുരുതര ആരോപണങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നിട്ടും അദാനിക്കെതിരെ മോദി ഭരണകൂടം ഒരു ചെറുവിരൽ പോലും അനക്കുന്നില്ല.

വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖ പദ്ധതിയുടെ വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ്പ് ഫണ്ട് ഗഡുക്കളായി തിരിച്ചടയ്ക്കാൻ കേരള സർക്കാരിനോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടത് അനീതിയാണ്. വയനാട് പുനരധിവാസ പാക്കേജ് നൽകാത്തത് ക്രൂരതയാണ്. ദുരിതാശ്വാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കായി വ്യോമസേനയുടെ ഹെലികോപ്റ്റർ ലഭ്യമാക്കിയതിനു 132 കോടി രൂപ ഈടാക്കാനുള്ള നീക്കത്തിൽ നിന്നു പിൻമാറണമെന്നും കെ.സി. വേണുഗോപാൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

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VGF as grant: Kerala waiting for PM's reply

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9	Malayalam	1216	N/A	Middle Center	826861	1.78M

വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖം

ഗ്രാന്റായി വിജിഎഫ്; പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കാത്ത് കേരളം

മനോരമ ലേഖകൻ

തിരുവനന്തപുരം● വിഴിഞ്ഞം രാജ്യാന്തര തുറമുഖത്തിനു വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ് ഫണ്ട് (വിജിഎഫ്) ഗ്രാന്റായി തന്നെ നൽകണമെന്ന ആവശ്യത്തിൽ സർക്കാർ പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കാക്കുന്നു. വരുമാനവിഹിതം പങ്കിട്ടു സംസ്ഥാനം തിരിച്ചടയ്ക്കണമെന്ന നിലപാട് കേന്ദ്രമന്ത്രി നിർമല സീതാരാമൻ ആവർത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കൂടി ലഭിച്ച ശേഷം ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ അന്തിമ തീരുമാനമെടുക്കാമെന്നാണു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാർ കരുതുന്നത്. തുറമുഖത്തിന്റെ കമ്മിഷനിങ്ങിനു പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയെ ക്ഷണിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുള്ള കത്ത് രണ്ടുദിവസത്തിനകം നൽകും.

ഇപ്പോൾ നൽകുന്ന വിജിഎഫിന്റെ നെറ്റ് പ്രസന്റ് വാല്യൂ (എൻപിവി) കണക്കാക്കി, സർക്കാരിനു തുറമുഖത്തുനിന്നു ലഭിക്കുന്ന വരുമാനത്തിന്റെ 20% വീതം നൽകണമെന്നതാണു കേന്ദ്രത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യം. എന്നാൽ 817.8 കോടിക്കു പകരം 10,000 കോടിയിലധികം രൂപ തിരിച്ചു നൽകേണ്ടി വരുമെന്നതിനാൽ സംസ്ഥാനം എതിർക്കുന്നു. കേന്ദ്ര വിജിഎഫ് വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചാൽ ആ വിഹിതം കൂടി അദാനി കമ്പനിക്കു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാർ നൽകേണ്ടി വരും. 1635 കോടി രൂപ വിജിഎഫായി നൽകാമെന്നു കരാറിൽ ഉറപ്പു നൽകിയതു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരാണ്. കേന്ദ്രം 817.8 കോടി നൽകാൻ പിന്നീടു സമ്മതിച്ചതല്ലാതെ, ഇക്കാര്യം കരാറിൽ ഇല്ല. കേന്ദ്രവിഹിതം വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചാൽ ഈ തുക സംസ്ഥാനം വായ്പയെടുത്തു നൽകണം. വിജിഎഫ് 2034ൽ വരുമാന വിഹിതം ലഭിച്ചു തുടങ്ങുമ്പോൾ തിരിച്ചടച്ചാൽ മതി.

എന്നാൽ വായ്പയെടുത്താൽ ഒരു വർഷത്തിനുശേഷം തിരിച്ചടവ് തുടങ്ങണം. വരുമാനം ലഭിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോയെന്നതു മാനദണ്ഡമല്ല. പലിശ കണക്കിലെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ രണ്ടു മാർഗത്തിലും നഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നത് ഏതാണ്ട് ഒരേ തുകയാണ്. രണ്ടിലൊന്നു തീരുമാനിക്കാതെ മുന്നോട്ടുപോകാൻ സർക്കാരിനു കഴിയില്ല. പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടിക്കു ശേഷം തീരുമാനമുണ്ടാകും.

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Will fight till all cases scrapped: KTR

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5	English	129	N/A	Middle Center	167515	440K

Will fight till all cases scrapped: KTR

HYDERABAD: Launching a broadside against the Congress government for the atrocities on tribal farmers in Lagacherla, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the party would fight till all the cases booked against the farmers were scrapped and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy tendered an unconditional apology to the farmers.

As long as the Assembly continues, the BRS would fight on behalf of the Lagacherla farmers, he said.

Speaking to the media at the Assembly media point on Monday, the BRS working president said farmers in Chief Minister's Kodangal constituency were being assaulted and threatened. Since the last 35 days, the Lagacherla farmers had been jailed and third degree was being used on them. When Heerya Naik, a tribal farmer, suffered a heart stroke, he was shifted to hospital in handcuffs. Even in the hospital, his handcuffs were not removed, he stressed. The Chief Minister's brother A Tirupathi Reddy was calling the shots in Kodangal and police were acting as per his orders. Tirupathi Reddy was witnessing the third degree punishment on the farmers through video calls and deriving inhuman pleasure, Rama Rao said.

The Congress government did not permit a discussion on the farmers issues but was insisting on tourism policy discussion. The other day, when BRS members sporting t-shirts with Adani images arrived at the Assembly for a debate on Adani Group's irregularities, they were arrested. Similarly, today, our members wanted to debate on Lagacherla farmers issues but even that was not permitted, the BRS working president said. Farmers in Lagacherla and neighbouring villages have been vociferously opposing acquisition of their farm lands. Yet the Congress government was hell bent upon acquiring their lands, he said.

In the Congress regime, two tourisms, including jail tourism and Delhi tourism were taking place rampantly, he said sarcastically. "Lagacherla farmers opposing land acquisition are jailed and those commenting on the CM are also being jailed," Rama Rao said adding that on the other hand, the Chief Minister and his Ministers were visiting Delhi frequently but were not getting any funds to the State.

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AGPL sets record in urea discharge

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3	English	53	N/A	Middle Center	5348	N/A

AGPL sets record in urea discharge

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
VISAKHAATNAM

ADANI Gangavaram Port Limited (AGPL) on Monday set a new record for urea discharge, successfully offloading 19,199 MTs of urea from MV Altus within its first 24 hours of berthing.

This achievement underscores the port's commitment to operational excellence and efficient car-go handling, according to a release.

The record-breaking discharge was made possible through the strategic utilisation of mobile harbour cranes, hoppers, and warehouses.

The port's continuous investments in infrastructure and technology, coupled with a strong focus on safe and efficient operations, have been instrumental in achieving this milestone, the release stated.

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Centre sticks to its guns on VGF issue

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4	English	482	N/A	Middle Center	183096	421.85K

Centre sticks to its guns on VGF issue

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The Central governmentr has made it clear that the State government cannot draw a parallel between the Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports on the viability gap funding (VGF) issue. Kerala had been demanding that since the VGF given for the development of outer harbour container terminal at the Tuticorin port has no such condition of repaying the VGF amount to the Centre, the same should be given for Kerala.

Defending its decision that Kerala should repay the VGF amount of ₹817.80 crore to the Centre, Union Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said in Parliament that the development of the outer harbour container terminal at Tuticorin is carried out by the V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority. It is a Central project where the expenditure is carried out by the VOC Port Authority, and the revenue also goes to the VOC Port Authority.

Since the VOC is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Centre, there is no need for any revenue-sharing agreement while providing the VGF. The State had been maintaining that it will have to repay approximately ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 crore if the repayment condition is agreed for the VGF amount of ₹817.80 crore, which goes to the kitty of Vizhinjam port concessionaire Adani Vizhinjam Private Port Limited.

Further, the stalemate will delay the tripartite agreement to be signed by the State, AVPPL, and the Centre, as the premium sharing agreement is a part of the tripartite agreement.

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Don't take action against Sebi cheif - Its mystery says KC Venugopal

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8	Malayalam	655	N/A	Middle Right	562886	770.94K

സെബി അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കു നേരേയുള്ള ആരോപണം

നടപടിയെടുക്കാത്തത് ദുരൂഹമെന്ന് കെ.സി. വേണുഗോപാൽ

● ഓഹരിനിക്ഷേപം നടത്തുന്ന 11 കോടി ജനങ്ങളോട് കേന്ദ്രം ഉത്തരം പറയണം

ന്യൂഡൽഹി▸ ഓഹരിവിപണി നിയന്ത്രണ സ്ഥാപനമായ സെക്യൂരിറ്റീസ് ആൻഡ് എക്സ്ചേഞ്ച് ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (സെബി) അധ്യക്ഷ മാധബി പുരി ബുച്ചിനെതിരേയുള്ള ആരോപണങ്ങളിൽ ഫലപ്രദമായ അന്വേഷണത്തിന് കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാർ തയ്യാറാകാത്തത് ദുരൂഹമെന്ന് കോൺഗ്രസ് അംഗം കെ.സി. വേണുഗോപാൽ. ലോക്സഭയിൽ ഉപധനാഭ്യർഥന ചർച്ചയിൽ സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. അദാനിക്കുവേണ്ടി അദാനിയാൽ ഭരിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന അദാനിയുടെ സർക്കാരാണിതെന്നും വേണുഗോപാൽ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തി.

ഒരു വ്യവസായപ്രമുഖനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് സെബി അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കെതിരേയുള്ള ആരോപണങ്ങളിൽ നടപടിയെടുക്കാത്തത്. സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ താത്പര്യത്തിനു വിരുദ്ധമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ച സെബി അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കെതിരേ ഫലപ്രദമായ നടപടിക്ക് കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാരോ കേന്ദ്രധനമന്ത്രാലയമോ മടിച്ചുനിൽക്കുന്നത് പൊതുസമൂഹത്തിനിടയിൽ വ്യാപകസംശയത്തിനിടവരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. സെബിയെ വിശ്വസിച്ച് ഓഹരിനിക്ഷേപം നടത്തുന്ന രാജ്യത്തെ 11 കോടി ജനങ്ങളോട് കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാർ ഉത്തരം പറയണം. സെബി അധ്യക്ഷമൂലം ഓഹരിനിക്ഷേപകർക്ക് ആപത്തുണ്ടായാൽ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ധനകാര്യമന്ത്രാലയം ഏറ്റെടുക്കുമോ? വിദേശ ആസ്തികളുടെ കണക്ക് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ സെബി അധ്യക്ഷ പരാജയപ്പെട്ടു.

അർഹതപ്പെട്ട അവകാശങ്ങൾക്കായി കേരളത്തിന് നിരന്തരം യാചിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്നു. ദുരന്തബാധിത വയനാടിന്റെ പുനർനിർമാണ, പുനരധിവാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് കേന്ദ്രം സഹായം നിഷേധിക്കുന്നു. വിഴിഞ്ഞം പദ്ധതിയുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ് ഫണ്ടിനും കേരളത്തിന് യാചിക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു. പ്രതിപക്ഷം ഭരിക്കുന്ന മറ്റു സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളോടും കടുത്തവിവേചനമാണെന്നും വേണുഗോപാൽ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തി.

ഒരു വ്യക്തിയെയും കോടിപതിയായി മോദിസർക്കാർ വളർത്തിയിട്ടില്ലെന്ന് ക്രമപ്രശ്നത്തിലൂടെ വേണുഗോപാലിന് മറുപടിയായി പാർലമെന്ററികാര്യമന്ത്രി കിരൺ റിജിജു പറഞ്ഞു. അദാനിയുടെ വ്യവസായങ്ങൾ വളർന്നത് കോൺഗ്രസ് ഭരണകാലത്താണെന്നും റിജിജു ആരോപിച്ചു.

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India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM

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2	English	197	N/A	Middle Right	44424	75K

India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM

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NEW DELHI

India plans to supply liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Sri Lanka's power plants and will work on connecting the power grids of the two countries as well as lay a petroleum pipeline between the neighbours, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

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LAND SURVEY OF VADHAVAN PORT COMMENCES FOR ACQUIRING 574 HA

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MUMBAI: The process to acquire 574-hectare land to connect the proposed offshore Vadhavan Port, near Dahanu in Palghar district, began on Monday with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Indian Railways, and district officials visiting the area to measure the land.

"The survey will continue until December 18. Following the initial phase of commencement of the project on ground, land acquisition process will continue through correspondence and payment of compensation," said Unmesh Sharad Wagh, chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA).

The first phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in 2029 and the second in 2039. Of the 574 hectare, 50% land falls under forest while the remaining is owned by private players. NHAI has applied for forest clearance to pave eight lanes of access-controlled highway to connect to the port. A total of 10,179 trees will be hacked to pave this route. Notices to the individual owners as well as commercial establishments were served earlier this year.

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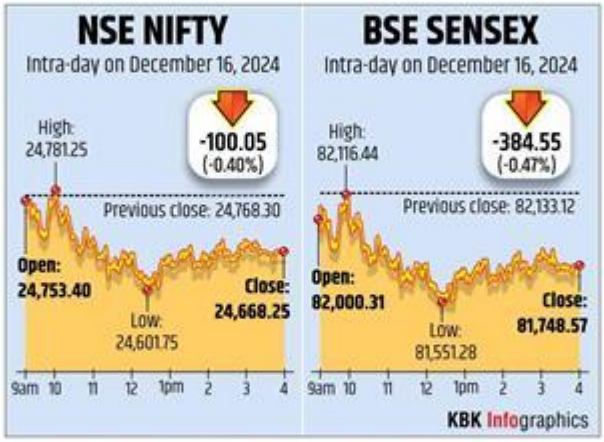

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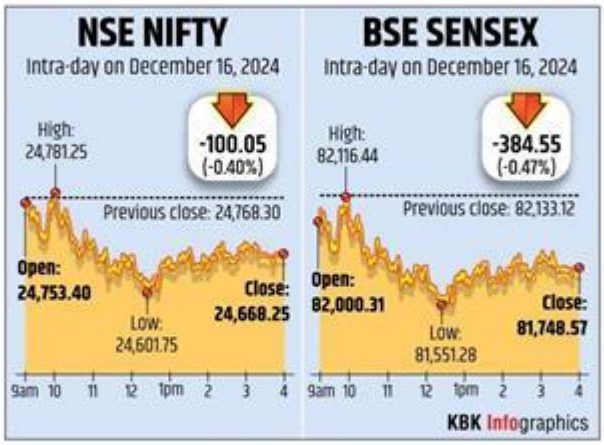

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"Domestic equities took cues from Asian and European indices and ended negative, as investors await the outcome of the US FOMC meeting on rate decision later this week. Although a rate cut is on the cards, there is a lack of confidence amongst the investors due to the sluggish Chinese economy and concerns ahead of Trump's decision on import tariffs on key economies," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said. There is heightened action in the primary markets, with five IPO listings and seven new IPOs opening for subscription in this week, he added. From the 30-share Sensex blue-chip pack, Titan, Adani Ports, UltraTech Cement, Tata Consultancy Services, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever and JSW Steel were the biggest laggards.

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In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. European markets were quoting in the red.

Wall Street ended mostly lower on Friday.

Meanwhile, wholesale price-based inflation declined to a three-month low of 1.89 per cent in November on cheaper food items. India's merchandise exports in November dipped by 4.85 per cent to USD 32.11 billion against USD 33.75 billion a year ago.

On Monday, the rupee depreciated by 9 paise to close at an all-time low level of 84.89 (provisional) against the US dollar. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 2,335.32 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.75 per cent to USD 73.91 a barrel. "There is heightened action in the primary markets with five IPO listings and seven new IPOs opening for subscription this week. We expect markets to consolidate within a broad range, as sentiments remain cautious ahead of US Fed and Bank of Japan's interest rate decision this week," Khemka said. The BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 843.16 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 82,133.12 on Friday. The Nifty climbed 219.60 points or 0.89 per cent to settle at 24,768.30. (PTI)

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In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower.

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Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 2,335.32 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.75 per cent to USD 73.91 a barrel. - PTI

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Mkts decline amid weak global trends

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9	English	51	N/A	Middle Right	40700	251.68K

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MUMBAI

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1	English	176	The Smart Investor	Top Center	56935	89.49K

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Mumbai, 16 December

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12	English	194	N/A	Top Center	16485	15.91K

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Paytm closes above ₹1K mark after 3 yrs

One97 Communications (Paytm) closed above the ₹1,000 mark for the first time in three years. Shares ended at ₹1,007, up 2.32 per cent, valuing the firm at ₹64,184 crore. Shares of Paytm have rallied nearly 30 per cent in the past one month. The gains come amid a sale by firm's Singapore unit in Japanese payments company PayPay for ₹2,364 crore last week. This has strengthened the parent firm's cash reserves. Paytm currently has a cash balance of over ₹10,000 crore. The ₹2,364 crore sale would expand it by over 20 per cent. Additionally, Paytm is also seeing signs of recovery with monthly transacting users at 71 million at the end of the September-quarter of FY25. BS REPORTER

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12	English	181	N/A	Bottom Center	18098	27.82K

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Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues

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1, 12	English	430	N/A	Top Center,Top Left	322432	682.81K

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Sri Lankan President says he will not allow his country's territory to be used to target India; New Delhi converts project loans to grants, agrees to expedite energy, digital cooperation

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said here on Monday that he would not allow his country's territory to be used against India.

"I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability," Mr. Dissanayake said, speaking to the media along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, the official meeting venue.

India promised Mr. Dissanayake, who is on his maiden visit to New Delhi after sweeping presidential and parliamentary elections, to continue its grants assistance to Sri Lanka and help it tide over its economic problems.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The two leaders said they discussed a number of issues, including regional security, digital infrastructure, connectivity and energy projects, as well as the Tamil issue and rights of fishermen. India announced it would convert loans given to Sri Lanka into grants for railway signalling systems and the Kankesanthurai port, and extended a $20.66 million grant to settle payment for projects already completed, which had originally been signed under a 'Letter of Credit' or loan. The two countries agreed to continue their partnership on energy projects, including connecting to a common grid, an India-Sri Lanka "multi-product pipeline" with UAE support, LNG supplies, and completing the Sampur coal power project.

Briefing the media, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri indicated the statement by the Sri Lankan President could have a bearing on Sri Lanka's clearance for foreign vessels, particularly Chinese ships.

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Modi, Dissanayake take up security issues

India has often raised concern Chinese ships berthing in Sri Lankan ports. In January, Sri Lanka will complete its one-year moratorium on all foreign research vessels docking in at its ports.

"We did highlight the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research, etc.," Mr. Misri said indicating India could offer to conduct research for Sri Lanka. "We pointed to the importance and sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he added.

The statements did not, however, indicate any progress on discussing the issues surrounding projects by the Adani Group, that are under review in Sri Lanka and have faced further pushback after indictments by U.S. investigators against the company. While the Adani bid to develop a terminal at Colombo Port is now expected to go ahead with internal funding rather than U.S. agency DFC's funding, the Dissanayake government has said it may put a hold on a 500 MW wind power project in the northeastern regions of Mannar and Pooneryn. Significantly, despite the company's considerable stakes in Sri Lanka, no Adani company representative was listed amongst participants at the "India-Sri Lanka Business Forum", held by business chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham in Delhi on Monday.

In addition, Delhi and Colombo didn't appear to find common ground on the contentious issue of fishermen, although they spoke of the need for dealing with Indian fishermen, whom Sri Lanka accuses of trespassing into its waters, in a "humanitarian manner". Mr. Dissanayake also called on India to curtail the use of "bottom trawlers" that deplete marine resources.

Mr. Modi also said he had discussed the issue of Tamil reconciliation. "President Dissanayake apprised me of his inclusive perspective," said Mr. Modi adding that India hopes the Sri Lankan government shall fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil people, and "fulfil their commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka and conducting the Provincial Council Elections".

Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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Rail should extened to Vizhinjam: Adoor Prakash

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5	Malayalam	442	N/A	Middle Right	44229	115.3K

റെയിൽപാത വിഴിഞ്ഞത്തേക്ക് നീട്ടണമെന്ന് അടൂർ പ്രകാശ്

ന്യൂ ഡൽഹി :അങ്കമാലി-ശബരി റെയിൽപാത നെടുമങ്ങാട് വഴി വിഴിഞ്ഞത്തേക്ക് നീട്ടണമെന്ന് അടൂർ പ്രകാശ് എം.പി ലോക്സഭയുടെ ശൂന്യ വേളയിൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

റെയിൽ വേ സൗകര്യമില്ലാത്ത അരലക്ഷത്തിനു മേൽ ജനസംഖ്യയുള്ള നഗരങ്ങളിലേക്ക് പുതിയ റെയിൽപാത നിർമ്മിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാർ പദ്ധതിയിൽ നെടുമങ്ങാടും ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ശബരി റെയിലിന്റെ മൂന്നാം ഘട്ടമായി പാത തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തേക്കു നീട്ടുന്നതിനുള്ള പദ്ധതി തയ്യാറാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നതും നെടുമങ്ങാട് വഴിയാണ്. അറുപതിനായിരത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ജനസംഖ്യയുള്ള നെടുമങ്ങാട് ജില്ലയിലെ പ്രമുഖ വാണിജ്യ കേന്ദ്രമെന്ന നിലയിലും പ്രശസ്തമാണ്. വിഴിഞ്ഞം മുതൽ പുനലൂർ വരെയുള്ള സാമ്പത്തിക ഇടനാഴി പ്രഖ്യാപനവും പാത വിഴിഞ്ഞത്തേക്ക് നീട്ടുന്നതിന് അനുകൂല ഘടകമാണ്. വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖത്ത് നിന്നുള്ള ചരക്ക് നീക്കത്തിനു സഹായിക്കുന്നതോടൊപ്പം എം.സി റോഡിലെ തിരക്ക് കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും പാത ദീർഘിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് വഴി സാധിക്കുമെന്നും റെയിൽ വേ സൗകര്യമില്ലാത്ത നിരവധി പ്രദേശങ്ങൾ റെയിൽ ശൃംഖലയുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനും ഇത് സഹായകരമാകുമെന്നും അടൂർ പ്രകാശ് പറഞ്ഞു.

Chapte Chapte • Kolkata • 17 Dec, 2024

Sensex drops 385 points

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9	Hindi	145	N/A	Top Right	33446	352.5K

कमजोर वैश्विक रुख से शेयर बाजार में गिरावट, सेंसेक्स 385 अंक लुढ़का

मुंबई, 16 दिसंबर। वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच स्थानीय शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही और बीएसई सेंसेक्स 384 अंक से अधिक के नुकसान में रहा। कारोबारियों के अनुसार, अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व इस सप्ताह नीतिगत दर पर निर्णय लेगा। इसको देखते हुए निवेशकों ने सतर्क रुख अपनाया जिससे वैश्विक बाजार में नरमी रही। इसका असर घरेलू बाजार पर भी पड़ा। तीस शेयरों पर आधारित बीएसई सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक यानी 0.47 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 अंक पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक यानी 0.40 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 अंक पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स के तीस शेयरों में से टाइटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे।

सेंसेक्स	: 81,748.57 (-384.55)
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सोना (24)	: 77,890 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम
चांदी	: 92,500 रुपये प्रति किलो
डॉलर	: 84.89 रुपया

दूसरी ओर, लाभ में रहने वाले शेयरों में इंडसइंड बैंक, बजाज फाइनेंस, पावर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा और एक्सिस बैंक शामिल हैं। एशिया के अन्य बाजारों में दक्षिण कोरिया का कॉस्पी, जापान का निक्की, चीन का शंघाई कम्पोजिट और हांगकांग का हैंगसेंग नुकसान में रहे।

यूरोप के प्रमुख बाजारों में दोपहर के कारोबार में गिरावट का रुख रहा। अमेरिकी बाजार शुक्रवार को नुकसान में रहे थे।

इस बीच, खाद्य वस्तुओं के सस्ता होने से थोक मुद्रास्फीति नवंबर में घटकर तीन महीने के निचले स्तर 1.89 प्रतिशत पर आ गयी। शेयर बाजार के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, विदेशी संस्थागत निवेशकों ने शुक्रवार को 2,335.32 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के शेयर खरीदे।

वैश्विक तेल मानक ब्रेंट क्रूड 0.75 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 73.91 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर आ गया।

बीएसई सेंसेक्स में शुक्रवार को 843.16 अंक की तेजी आई थी जबकि एनएसई निफ्टी 219.60 अंक चढ़ा था।

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Venugopal critisized Modi and Adani

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4	Malayalam	443	N/A	Middle Left	301430	1.78M

മോദിക്കും അദാനിക്കുമെതിരെ വിമർശനവുമായി വേണുഗോപാൽ

ന്യൂഡൽഹി ● നരേന്ദ്ര മോദി സർക്കാരിന്റെ നയങ്ങൾ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തിക അടിത്തറ തകർക്കുകയാണെന്നും രാജ്യത്തെ ഓഹരിവിപണി നിയന്ത്രണ ഏജൻസിയായ സെബി ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള റഗുലേറ്ററി സംവിധാനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം നിഷ്പക്ഷവും സുതാര്യവുമാക്കണമെന്നും കെ.സി. വേണുഗോപാൽ ലോക്സഭയിൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

സെബി ചെയർപഴ്സൻ മാധബി പുരി ബുച്ചിനെതിരെ ഗുരുതര സാമ്പത്തിക ക്രമക്കേട് ആരോപണങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നിട്ടും അവർക്കെതിരെ ധനമന്ത്രാലയം നടപടിയെടുക്കാത്തത് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്?. ഇന്ത്യയുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക ഭദ്രത തകർക്കുന്ന ആരോപണങ്ങളിൽ നടപടിയെടുക്കുന്നതിൽ കേന്ദ്ര ധനമന്ത്രി പരാജയമായിരുന്നു. സർക്കാരിന്റെയും സെബി ചെയർപഴ്സന്റെയും താൽപര്യം അദാനിയെ സഹായിക്കുക മാത്രമാണ്.

ഒട്ടേറെ ഗുരുതര ആരോപണങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നിട്ടും അദാനിക്കെതിരെ മോദി ഭരണകൂടം ഒരു ചെറുവിരൽ പോലും അനക്കുന്നില്ല.

വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖ പദ്ധതിയുടെ വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ്പ് ഫണ്ട് ഗഡുക്കളായി തിരിച്ചടയ്ക്കാൻ കേരള സർക്കാരിനോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടത് അനീതിയാണ്. വയനാട് പുനരധിവാസ പാക്കേജ് നൽകാത്തത് ക്രൂരതയാണ്. ദുരിതാശ്വാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കായി വ്യോമസേനയുടെ ഹെലികോപ്റ്റർ ലഭ്യമാക്കിയതിനു 132 കോടി രൂപ ഈടാക്കാനുള്ള നീക്കത്തിൽ നിന്നു പിൻമാറണമെന്നും കെ.സി. വേണുഗോപാൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

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VGF as grant: Kerala waiting for PM's reply

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9	Malayalam	1216	N/A	Middle Center	826861	1.78M

വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖം

ഗ്രാന്റായി വിജിഎഫ്; പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കാത്ത് കേരളം

മനോരമ ലേഖകൻ

തിരുവനന്തപുരം● വിഴിഞ്ഞം രാജ്യാന്തര തുറമുഖത്തിനു വയബിലിറ്റി ഗ്യാപ് ഫണ്ട് (വിജിഎഫ്) ഗ്രാന്റായി തന്നെ നൽകണമെന്ന ആവശ്യത്തിൽ സർക്കാർ പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കാക്കുന്നു. വരുമാനവിഹിതം പങ്കിട്ടു സംസ്ഥാനം തിരിച്ചടയ്ക്കണമെന്ന നിലപാട് കേന്ദ്രമന്ത്രി നിർമല സീതാരാമൻ ആവർത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടി കൂടി ലഭിച്ച ശേഷം ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ അന്തിമ തീരുമാനമെടുക്കാമെന്നാണു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാർ കരുതുന്നത്. തുറമുഖത്തിന്റെ കമ്മിഷനിങ്ങിനു പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയെ ക്ഷണിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുള്ള കത്ത് രണ്ടുദിവസത്തിനകം നൽകും.

ഇപ്പോൾ നൽകുന്ന വിജിഎഫിന്റെ നെറ്റ് പ്രസന്റ് വാല്യൂ (എൻപിവി) കണക്കാക്കി, സർക്കാരിനു തുറമുഖത്തുനിന്നു ലഭിക്കുന്ന വരുമാനത്തിന്റെ 20% വീതം നൽകണമെന്നതാണു കേന്ദ്രത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യം. എന്നാൽ 817.8 കോടിക്കു പകരം 10,000 കോടിയിലധികം രൂപ തിരിച്ചു നൽകേണ്ടി വരുമെന്നതിനാൽ സംസ്ഥാനം എതിർക്കുന്നു. കേന്ദ്ര വിജിഎഫ് വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചാൽ ആ വിഹിതം കൂടി അദാനി കമ്പനിക്കു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാർ നൽകേണ്ടി വരും. 1635 കോടി രൂപ വിജിഎഫായി നൽകാമെന്നു കരാറിൽ ഉറപ്പു നൽകിയതു സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരാണ്. കേന്ദ്രം 817.8 കോടി നൽകാൻ പിന്നീടു സമ്മതിച്ചതല്ലാതെ, ഇക്കാര്യം കരാറിൽ ഇല്ല. കേന്ദ്രവിഹിതം വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചാൽ ഈ തുക സംസ്ഥാനം വായ്പയെടുത്തു നൽകണം. വിജിഎഫ് 2034ൽ വരുമാന വിഹിതം ലഭിച്ചു തുടങ്ങുമ്പോൾ തിരിച്ചടച്ചാൽ മതി.

എന്നാൽ വായ്പയെടുത്താൽ ഒരു വർഷത്തിനുശേഷം തിരിച്ചടവ് തുടങ്ങണം. വരുമാനം ലഭിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോയെന്നതു മാനദണ്ഡമല്ല. പലിശ കണക്കിലെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ രണ്ടു മാർഗത്തിലും നഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നത് ഏതാണ്ട് ഒരേ തുകയാണ്. രണ്ടിലൊന്നു തീരുമാനിക്കാതെ മുന്നോട്ടുപോകാൻ സർക്കാരിനു കഴിയില്ല. പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ മറുപടിക്കു ശേഷം തീരുമാനമുണ്ടാകും.

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Ahmedabad Airport Launches New Flights to Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, and Kolkata

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2	Gujarati	55	N/A	Bottom Left	13241	217.78K

SVPI એરપોર્ટથી ત્રિવેન્દ્રમ, કોચીન, ગોવાહાટી અને કોલકાત્તાની સીધી ફ્લાઈટનો પ્રારંભ

અમદાવાદ, શનિવાર

વિશ્વવારસી પ્રજા તરીકે આખી દુનિયામાં જાણીતા ગુજરાતીઓ માટે ખુશખબર છે. હવે અમદાવાદના સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પટેલ ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટ પરથી આપ સીધા કોચીન ત્રિવેન્દ્રમ કોલકત્તા અને ગુવાહાટીની મુસાફરી કરી શકો છો. અમદાવાદથી ત્રિવેન્દ્રમ, કોચીન ગોવાહાટી અને કોલકાત્તાની સીધી ફ્લાઈટનો પ્રારંભ કરવામાં આવ્યો છે.

SVPI અમદાવાદ એરપોર્ટથી indigo એરલાઈન્સ દ્વારા વધુ ચાર નવી ફ્લાઈટ શરૂ કરવામાં આવી છે. અમદાવાદથી ત્રિવેન્દ્રમ, કોચીન ગોવાહાટી અને કોલકાત્તાની સીધી ફ્લાઈટ દ્વારા આપ દક્ષિણ ભારત પૂર્વ ભારત અને ઉત્તરપૂર્વ ભારતના લોકપ્રિય સ્થળોની મુલાકાત લઈ શકો છો. મંગળવારથી આ ત્રણેય રૂટ્સ પર સ્પાઈસ જેટની ફ્લાઈટ શરૂ કરવા ઉત્સુક લોકોને ડાયરેક્ટ ફ્લાઈટ વિકલ્પ કરવામાં આવી છે.

કેરળના પશ્ચિમ ઘાટમાં ત્રિવેન્દ્રમ નજીક આવેલું રમણીય હિલ સ્ટેશન પોનમુડી હરિયાળી, ટેકરીઓ અને સીમ્ય પર્વતીયમાળાઓથી ઘેરાયેલું શાંતિપૂર્ણ પર્યટન સ્થળ છે. તેની આસપાસ ફેલાયેલા ચાના બગીચાઓના મનોહર દ્રશ્યોથી અને મનમોહક સુગંધથી ભરપૂર છે.

વળી પોનમુડી પર ફેલાયેલ પોપ, ગોલ્ડન વેલી, સ્ટ્રીમ્સ-ક્રિમિંગ અને અનગાઈડિંગ માટેના અનેક પર્યટન સ્થળો આવેલા છે. પેપ્પરા વન્યજીવ અભયારણ્યમાં હરણ, પક્ષીઓ અને અવારનવાર વિશાળ દર્શન પણ થતા રહે છે.

બેકવોટર્સ પુકર અને મુનરો ટાપુ, કોવલમ અને વરકલાનો દરિયાકિનારો, આયુર્વેદ માટે જાણીતી શાંતિગીરી, ચાર્ટરર્ડ માટે પ્રખ્યાત વરકલા, વન્યજીવન પરવતુ નેચર, ઈકોટુરિઝમ માટેની વેનબામ્બા, એડવેન્ચર ટુરિઝમ માટે કોવલમ અને વરકલા જેવા રમણીય સ્થળો છે. વળી તીર્થયાત્રા કરવા ઉત્સુક શ્રદ્ધાળુઓ માટે પદ્મનાભ સ્વામી મંદિર, કન્યાકુમારી, હેરિટેજ પદ્મનાભપુરમ મહેલ, એલિફન્ટ પાર્ક- કોટ્ટુર, વગેરે જેવા સ્થળોની આપ મુલાકાત લઈ શકો છો.

ડાર્જિલિંગની વાત કરીએ તો, ચાલસા, સિલિગુડી અને ઝાડીરંગા નેશનલ પાર્ક જેવા અન્ય સ્થળોનો પ્રવાસ કરવા તમે અમદાવાદથી ગુવાહાટી ડાયરેક્ટ ફ્લાઈટમાં જઈ શકો છો. સિટી ઓફ જોયના નામથી વિશ્વભરમાં પ્રખ્યાત કોલકાત્તાની મુલાકાત દરમિયાન દક્ષિણેશ્વર કાલી મંદિર, રવીન્દ્ર સરોવર, બિન્દોપ ઘાટ, હાવડા બ્રિજ જેવા ખાસ સ્થળોના વારસાથી પરિચિત થઈ શકો છો.

દર સોમવાર, બુધવાર, શુક્રવાર અને શનિવારે અમદાવાદથી ત્રિવેન્દ્રમની સીધી ફ્લાઈટ અઠવાડિયામાં ચાર વખત ઉડાન ભરશે. અમદાવાદથી કોચીન ફ્લાઈટ અઠવાડિયામાં મંગળવાર, ગુરુવાર અને શનિવારે એમ ત્રણ દિવસ ચાલશે.

તો રાહ કોની જુઓ છો? ઉઠો જાવ તૈયાર! આપના મનપસંદ સ્થળોની મજા માણવા માટે...!!

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Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes

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13	English	398	N/A	Bottom Right	147110	125K

Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes

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AIR INDIA has decided to make changes to its international network schedules for destinations in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Australia in an evident bid to capture more international connecting traffic to and from these geographies via its main hub Delhi, and even Mumbai. The Tata group airline on Monday announced a slew of product upgrades and optimised flight schedules for these markets, with most of the changes taking effect in January and February.

The changes will see Air India deploy its best aircraft—including those of the erstwhile Vistara—to key gateways in Southeast Asia and Europe. This would complement the deployment of Air India's new flagship Airbus A350 and its new leased Boeing 777 aircraft with upgraded cabin interiors on various US and UK routes earlier. Vistara, which was also a Tata group airline and was rated highly as a full-service carrier, merged into Air India in November.

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In October, *The Indian Express* had reported that following the merger with Vistara, Air India will progressively deploy erstwhile Vistara aircraft and its own new and retrofitted aircraft on certain priority routes, both within India and overseas. The idea is to set the customer's expectations right and offer a superior and consistent product on key routes irrespective of the flight booked.

A few months ago, Air India initiated a $400-million retrofit programme to spruce up and upgrade its legacy narrow-body fleet, much of which was in a rundown state from the airline's government ownership days. While the narrow-body retrofit programme is likely to be completed by the middle of 2025, a similar refit programme for the carrier's legacy wide-body fleet is expected to start in the coming year.

"The updates also lead to optimised flight schedules for key international routes to offer greater flexibility to travellers as well as to enable seamless intercontinental travel between North America or Europe and Australia or Southeast Asia via Air India's hubs in Delhi and Mumbai," Air India said Monday. The government as well as major Indian airlines—Air India and IndiGo—want to develop major Indian airports as international hubs with significant international-to-internal connecting traffic. Recent network expansion plans announced by both the large airlines, at least in part, seem to be aligned with that objective.

Delhi-Bangkok: Spruced-up product

The international product upgrades and optimised schedules will include the introduction of Air India's retrofitted narrow-body A320 aircraft on all Delhi-Bangkok flights, and an additional daily frequency. These retrofitted aircraft will have fully refreshed interiors in a three-class cabin configuration—economy, premium economy, and business.

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NEW DELHI: Air India Monday announced a series of updates to its international network schedule, designed to enhance connectivity through its main hubs in Delhi and Mumbai. The revised schedule, which will be effective January and February, are part of the airline's broader strategy to improve services to key destinations in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Australia. The upgrades will focus on optimising flight schedules and deploying advanced aircraft, including those previously operated by Vistara, which was merged into Air India in November 2023. **Our Bureau**

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IGI Airport first in India with flights to 150 locations

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NEW DELHI: The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has earned the distinction of being the first and only airport in India that is connected to 150 airports — 80 domestic and 70 international — the airport's operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said on Monday.

The latest airport added to IGI airport's long list of connections is Don Mueang (DMK) airport in Bangkok, Thailand, following the launch on Sunday of a Thai AirAsia X direct flight from Delhi.

"On Sunday, Thai AirAsia X launched direct flights between Delhi and Bangkok-Don Mueang (DMK), marking the 150th destination connected to IGI Airport. The route will operate with Airbus A330 aircraft at a twice-weekly frequency, increasing to four times per week by mid-January 2025," said a DIAL spokesperson.

To be sure, Delhi was already connected to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport previously.

DIAL said that IGI Airport has connected with 20 exclusive international destinations in recent years such as Phnom Penh (Cambodia), Denpasar (Bali, Indonesia), Calgary, Montreal and Vancouver (Canada), Washington and Chicago (USA), and Tokyo, among others.

"Of all the long-haul destinations from India, 88% of destinations are connected from Delhi and 56% of all long-haul weekly flights departing from India operate from Delhi. At least 42% of long-haul passengers from India choose Delhi airport as their gateway," the DIAL spokesperson said.

According to the Airports Authority of India, the Delhi airport handled 73.6 million passengers in 2023-24, making it the country's busiest airport, followed by Mumbai which handled 52.8 million passengers in 2023-24.

The Delhi airport was ranked 24th across the world in this year's best connected international airport rankings by the travel data provider Official Airline Guide (OAG). It ranked London's Heathrow Airport (LHR) with 227 destinations as the best connected airport followed by Kuala Lumpur (KUL). Mumbai's airport was ranked 44th with 127 connecting destinations.

DIAL chief executive officer Videh Kumar Jaipuriar said that Indian carriers are helping transform IGI Airport into a major connection hub.

"We are proud to lead India into a new era of aviation and remain dedicated to being a hub of choice for travellers worldwide," he said.

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IIT-B's annual science fest to begin today

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THE THREE-DAY annual science and technology festival of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Techfest, is set to begin on Tuesday.

Like every year, the festival will include an impressive set of exhibitions of tech-innovations along with a list of notable speakers for the lecture series.

Some of the speaker attractions are Chairman Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr. Samir V Kamat, Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), ISRO A. Rajarajan, Former Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd Jeet Adani, lead scientist at LIGO, Caltech - John E. Brian O'Reilly and Ananya Birla, entrepreneur and singer.

The tech-innovations on display at the exhibitions will include the Unitree G1 humanoid bot from China, Robo DJ from Japan among other international line-ups.

Some of the common attractions of the Techfest, including competitions such as Robowars, Drone Show. E-Sports tournaments among others will continue this year too along with Technoholix which assures a unique entertainment to the audience with use of technology.

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International udaan network hoga behatar

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दीपक पटेल
नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसंबर

एयर इंडिया साल 2025 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर अपने विमानों और उड़ान के समय में खासा सुधार करने जा रही है। विमानन कंपनी ने आज यह ऐलान किया।

विमानन कंपनी दिल्ली-बैंकॉक की सभी उड़ानों में रेट्रोफिटेड (विनिर्माण के बाद किए गए बदलाव वाले) ए320नियो विमानों की शुरुआत करेगी। यह भारत-फ्रैंकफर्ट और भारत-सिंगापुर की उड़ानों में पहले वाली विमानन कंपनी विस्तारा के विमानों को तैनात करेगी, जिनमें एयर इंडिया के पुराने वाइड बॉडी विमानों की तुलना में बेहतर साज-सज्जा है। इसके अलावा इसने फ्रैंकफर्ट, पेरिस, सिडनी और मेलबर्न के लिए अपनी उड़ानों के समय में भी बदल दिया है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित हो सके कि जो यात्री आगे की उड़ानें लेना चाहते हैं, वे आसानी से ऐसा कर सकें।

विमानन कंपनी ने प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में कहा कि वह अगले साल 16 जनवरी से दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच की सभी उड़ानों में अपने रेट्रोफिटेड ए320नियो विमानों को तैनात करेगी। फिलहाल विमानन कंपनी दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच तीन दैनिक उड़ानों का संचालन करती है। कंपनी ने बताया कि वह 1 जनवरी से इन दोनों शहरों के बीच चौथी दैनिक सेवा शुरू करेगी।

एयर इंडिया ने कहा, 'नई सेवा से दिन के दौरान बैंकॉक आने-जाने के लिए समान अंतराल पर उड़ानें होंगी, जिससे व्यवसायिक और घूमने-फिरने वाले दोनों ही यात्रियों को ज्यादा विकल्प मिलेंगे। यह बढ़ी हुई दर बैंकॉक को दिल्ली में एयर इंडिया के हब के जरिये उत्तरी अमेरिका और यूरोप के कई गंतव्यों से जोड़ती है।' विमानन कंपनी ने विस्तारा में रहे ए321नियो और

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बी787-9 विमानों को दिल्ली फ्रैंकफर्ट, मुंबई-फ्रैंकफर्ट, दिल्ली - सिंगापुर और मुंबई-सिंगापुर मार्गों पर तैनात करने की भी घोषणा की। पिछले महीने विस्तारा का एयर इंडिया में विलय विलय कर दिया गया था। विस्तारा के विमानों में एयर इंडिया के पुराने विमानों की तुलना में बेहतर साज-सज्जा है, जिन्हें वर्तमान में रेट्रोफिट किया जा रहा है।

एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि अगले साल 1 फरवरी से वह बेहतर समयसारिणी के अनुसार दिल्ली-फ्रैंकफर्ट और दिल्ली-पेरिस मार्गों पर उड़ानें संचालित करेगी। विमानन कंपनी ने कहा, 'एयर इंडिया ने दिल्ली-सिडनी और दिल्ली-मेलबर्न मार्गों पर अपनी दैनिक उड़ानों का समय भी बदला है ताकि यूरोप और ऑस्ट्रेलिया या दिल्ली के जरिये दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के बीच निर्बाध रूप से दो-तरफा कनेक्टिविटी संभाव हो सके।'

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Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int'l runway

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Changes to come into effect from 2025

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 16 December

Air India on Monday announced that it will significantly update its aircraft and flight timings on international routes in 2025.

The airline will introduce retrofitted A320neo planes on all Delhi-Bangkok flights. It will deploy erstwhile Vistara planes, which have better interiors than old Air India wide body planes, on India-Frankfurt and India-Singapore flights. It has also retimed its flights to Frankfurt, Paris, Sydney, and Melbourne to ensure that passengers, who want to take the forward flights, can easily do so.

In a press release, the airline said it will deploy its retrofitted A320neo planes on all flights between Delhi and Bangkok from January 16 next year. The airline currently operates three daily flights between Delhi and Bangkok. It said that it will start a fourth daily service between the two cities from January 1.

"The new service leads to evenly spaced departures to and from Bangkok throughout the day, offering both business and leisure travellers more choices. The increased frequency connects Bangkok to several destinations in North America and Europe via Air India's hub in Delhi," Air India said.

FLIGHT PATH

- A320neo on all Delhi-Bangkok flights
- A321neo, B787-9 on Delhi-Frankfurt; Mumbai-Frankfurt; Delhi-Singapore; Mumbai-Singapore routes
- Vistara planes on India-Frankfurt and India-Singapore flights

The airline also announced the deployment of the A321neo and B787-9 planes, which were with Vistara, on Delhi-Frankfurt, Mumbai-Frankfurt, Delhi-Singapore, and Mumbai-Singapore routes. Vistara was merged into Air India last month, and its planes are being retrofitted.

Air India said that from February 1, it would operate flights on Delhi-Frankfurt and Delhi-Paris routes as per an "optimised" schedule.

"Air India has also retimed its daily flights on the Delhi-Sydney and Delhi-Melbourne routes to enable seamless two-way connectivity between Europe and Australia or points in Southeast Asia via Delhi," it said.

Travellers from London, Paris, and Frankfurt can now easily take one-stop connections to Sydney and Melbourne in Australia, and to points like Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Ho Chi Minh City in Southeast Asia via Delhi, it added.

Air India currently has about 210 planes in its fleet. Its low-cost airline subsidiary Air India Express has 90 planes in its fleet. Air India Group expects the number of planes to increase in the next three years from 300 to about 400.

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Woman booked for hoax call about Mumbai-Delhi flight

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WARNS OF 'DISASTROUS INCIDENT'

Woman booked for hoax call about Mumbai-Delhi flight

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POLICE BOOKED an unidentified woman on Sunday for allegedly making a threat call to the Mumbai airport and giving false information regarding a "disastrous incident" going to occur on a Mumbai-Delhi flight.

According to the FIR registered by the Sahar police, a call was received at the airport's contact centre helpline early Sunday from a person who identified herself as Zoya.

She said there was a threat to the safety of the Mumbai-Delhi flight 0045, insisting the flight be immediately stopped.

The woman said she was giving the information for the passengers' safety but hung up without giving details.

After a few minutes, the woman called again and asked if the flight had left for Delhi but refrained from sharing any further details.

However, after due examination, security authorities declared the information as a hoax.

Subsequently, a security meeting was held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport and the flight was thoroughly inspected, but security personnel found nothing suspicious.

The call was declared as "non-specific" and the flight took off for Delhi after a significant delay.

Preeti Majvelkar, an assistant manager at the airport's Joint Control Centre, is the complainant in the case, in which the unidentified woman has been booked for giving false information with intent to disturb public peace.

"We have registered a case against the unidentified woman under sections 125, 352(4), and 353(1)(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and are trying to locate the woman by tracing the mobile number she used to make the threat call. She will be arrested soon," said an officer from the Sahar police station.

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Work begins on Rs 2k-cr Kharghar-Turbhe Rd

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{ BOON FOR MOTORISTS } PROJECT LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS

Work begins on ₹2k-cr Kharghar-Turbhe Rd

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NAVI MUMBAI: Work has commenced on the ₹2099-crore Kharghar-Turbhe Tunnel Link Road (KTLR), which will cut the travel time between Turbhe and Kharghar from the present 40 minutes to 10 minutes and reduce congestion on the busy Sion-Panvel highway. The road, which will enable faster east-west connectivity within Navi Mumbai and between Navi Mumbai and other regions of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), will be ready by September 2028, said officials.

"Motorists travelling to Navi Mumbai via the Sion-Panvel highway will be able to take the KTLR from Jui Nagar railway station, reducing their travel time by 30 minutes. The road will also provide excellent connectivity to the Atal Setu and the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport," said an official from City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), the nodal agency for the project.

The detailed project report for KTLR, prepared by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) and reviewed by CIDCO, envisages a 1.8-km twin tunnel through Kharghar hill along with a 3.4-km elevated viaduct. The road will start from Turbhe, run alongside the Sion-Panvel highway till Juinagar railway station, then course through two unidirectional tunnels through Kharghar hill before ending at a 30-metre road near the Central Park junction in Kharghar. A 1.5-km elevated road will connect Central Park with the central jail in Taloja while a subway will connect Central Park with the proposed international corporate park.

Once complete, the road will provide Mumbaikars faster access to Kharghar and Taloja and the adjacent industrial area. It will also provide Mumbai and Thane residents direct access to the CIDCO golf course in Navi Mumbai.

The project was awarded to Rithwik Projects Pvt in October 2023, while the letter of award for the design, construction and commissioning was granted in February this year.

"Work on the project has just begun and is slated for completion in four years, by September 2028. All regulatory protocols are being followed," said a CIDCO official.

Improved access

KTLR will cut travel time between Turbhe and Kharghar and enable better east-west connectivity within Navi Mumbai

The road will start from Turbhe, run alongside the Sion-Panvel highway till Juinagar railway station, then course through Kharghar hill before ending at a 30near the Central Park junction in Kharghar.
BACHCHAN KUMAR/ HT PHOTO

Length **5.49 km**
Lanes **8** (4 on each side)

Tunnel: **1.763 km** (2 unidirectional tunnels)

40 minutes to 10 minutes: reduction in travel time
15 km to 5km: Reduction in distance

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PLAIN FACTS

Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story

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Recent charges of bribery by a US government agency against the Adani group and its leadership have cast an unexpected spotlight on Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)—until now a relatively unknown company run by the central government. SECI was set up as an 'implementing' agency under the National Solar Mission. It signs agreements to purchase solar power from private developers (such as Adani). To sell that power, it signs back-to-back agreements with power distribution companies in states. There's friction in this chain—and it's hindering India's efforts to quickly turn its power sector away from fossil fuels and towards renewables.

According to the US agency, SECI signed a deal to buy power from Adani but found it difficult to get states to buy that power. This is where the Adani group, which has denied the allegations, was supposed to have come in. The controversy also highlighted contradictions in the Indian solar sector.

The installed capacity of solar power soared from 2.6GW in 2014 to 92GW in October 2024. Solar now accounts for 20% of all power capacity in India, from barely 1% a decade ago. But in terms of the actual energy generated and supplied to consumers through the grid, solar accounts for just 7% of the total energy supplied from all sources. Solar's share of electricity generated from renewable sources has also seen big fluctuations in the past few years.

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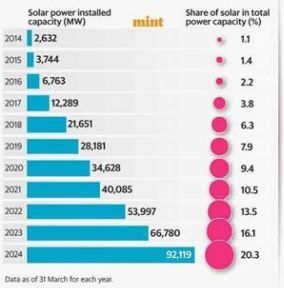
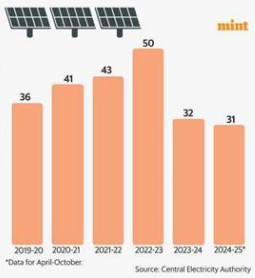
Solar now accounts for 20% of power capacity in India



Data as of 31 March for each year.

Share of solar power in renewable supply has fluctuated

Share of solar in renewable energy generation (%)



*Data for April-October.

Source: Central Electricity Authority

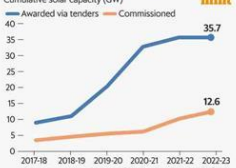
Widening Gap

OF THE 66GW of solar power capacity installed as of March 2023, SECI-commissioned projects accounted for 12.6GW. However, SECI has awarded nearly thrice that amount via tenders, and 35.7GW is the capacity to be added. Over the years, there's been a growing discrepancy between the capacity of solar projects that SECI has contracted and the actual capacity of plants that have become operational and are selling electricity to distribution companies (discoms).

This widening gap points to deeper problems in the sector. As a recent article on *CarbonCopy* pointed out, domestic costs of solar power modules have risen as India has set up tariffs to prevent a flood of cheap Chinese imports. As a result, solar project costs have risen. This has implications for the willingness of power discoms to sign power purchase agreements with solar developers, or power sale agreements with institutions such as SECI.

The gap between capacity and commissioning has widened

Cumulative solar capacity (GW)



Source: Annual reports of Solar Energy Corporation of India

Not all states met their solar consumption targets

Share of solar in total power consumed in 2022 (%)

Larger states for which data was available shown. States arranged in descending order based on the target in respective sets.

Source: Prayas (Energy Group)

Purchasing Power

STATE DISCOMS are required to commit to generating a certain minimum proportion of power through renewable sources. According to the latest targets by the ministry of power, a third of all power consumption in an area served by a discom should be covered by renewables other than hydropower or wind power by 2030 (this category covers solar). Targets for wind and hydropower are specified separately.

While the ministry of power sets targets, individual states also have their own targets, both for discoms as a whole and individual discoms. However, as of 2022, compliance of different states with such renewable purchase obligations (RPOs) was a mixed bag, showed data from Prayas (Energy Group), a non-profit in the energy sector. While Karnataka and Telangana are ahead in terms of compliance with targets, Maharashtra, Bihar and Punjab are behind.

Bleeding Discoms

WHILE THE Centre has prioritized purchase of renewables over conventional energy, the biggest problem is the sorry financial status of state-owned discoms. Plus, private discoms have weaned away the most-lucrative customers (like large corporates). On a collective basis, discoms have made losses in each of the past six years, with accumulated losses ballooning from ₹4.3 trillion until 2017-18 to ₹6.5 trillion until 2022-23.

Renewables like solar supply energy intermittently. To balance this unpredictability, discoms have to keep conventional sources of power on standby, and pay for them irrespective of usage. This increases costs at a time when most of them are strapped for cash. Solar will have to surmount these challenges to translate higher capacity into increased supply.

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Power distribution companies in India continue to bleed

Total loss posted by all power distribution companies in India (₹ crore)

Source: Power Finance Corp.

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Nifty Index opened flattish and failed to hold at higher zones and dripped lower in the first half of the session which was followed by some consolidation. It respected 24600 zones and closed with losses of around 100 points. It formed an inside bar on daily frame as it remained within the range of the previous session. Now it has to hold 24600 zones for the next up move towards 24800 then 25000 zones whereas supports can be seen at 24500 and 24300 zones.

Call writers remained active in the Nifty 50's monthly and weekly options, as Indian equities are not expected to gain in the next couple of sessions, given the caution seen across global markets ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy review. The US central bank will detail the outcome of its two-day meeting late Wednesday.

On option front, Maximum Call OI is at 26000 then 25000 strike while Maximum Put OI is at 24000 then 24500 strike. Call writing is seen at 24700 then 25000 strike while Put writing is seen at 24000 then 24200 strike. Option data suggests a broader trading range in between 24200 to 25200 zones while an immediate range between 24400 to 25000 levels.

S&P BSE Sensex Index opened on a slightly negative note and traded in a narrow range throughout the session. Despite the subdued movement the index managed to close above its key support level of 81000 zones. It ended the day with losses of around 380 points and formed a small bodied inside bar on the daily chart suggesting a consolidation phase. Now it has to hold above 81600 zones, for strength to be seen towards 82000 then 82200 zones whereas supports are placed at 81600 then 81400 zones.

Nifty Bank has to hold above 53300 zones for a bounce towards 54000 then 54250 levels

Bank Nifty Index opened marginally lower but quick recovery was seen from lower levels to extend the momentum towards 53750 zones in the initial hour of the session. However it failed to hold at higher levels and remained consolidative in between 53350 to 53700 zones in the latter part of the day. It formed a small bodied candle on daily scale as buying is visible at lower zones but momentum is missing at higher levels. Now it has to hold above 53300 zones for a bounce towards 54000 then 54250 levels while support is seen at 53300 then 53000 zones.

Nifty future closed negative with losses of 0.45% at 24720 levels. Positive setup seen in Oberoi Realty, Prestige Estate, Dixon, Lodha, Indian Hotels, Coromandel International, DLF, Zomato, MCX, CUB, Godrej Properties and Paytm while weakness in Adani Green, National Aluminium, Colpal, Chola Finance, BPCL, Hindalco and Poonalwalla Fincorp.

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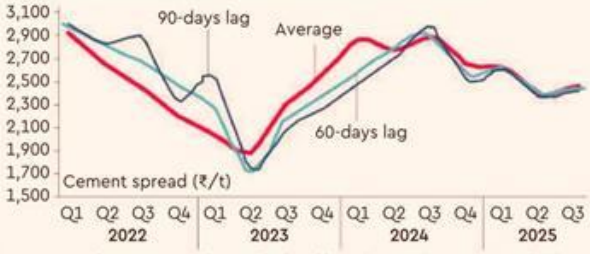

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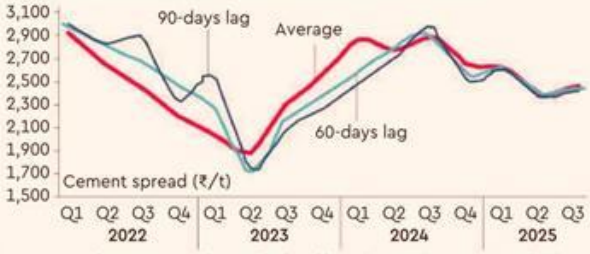

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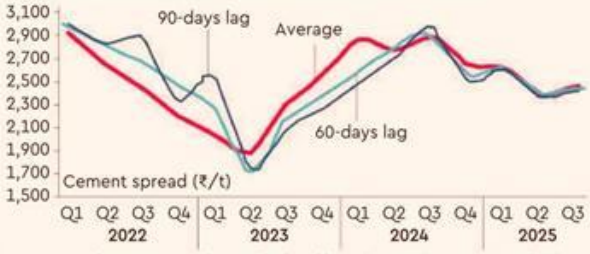

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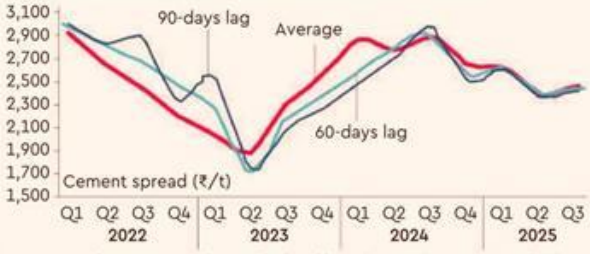

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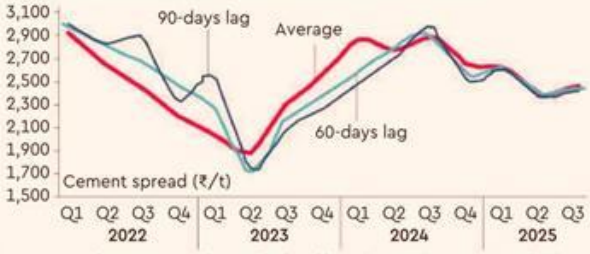

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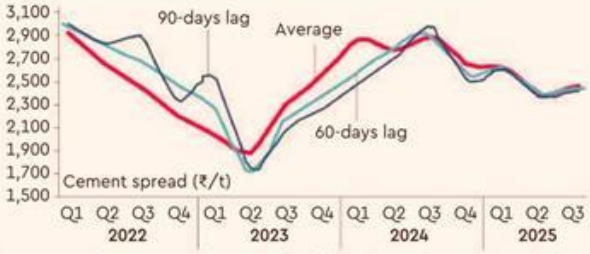

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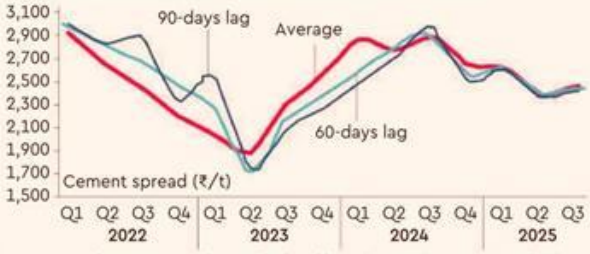

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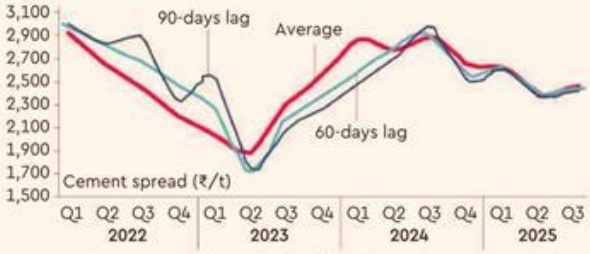

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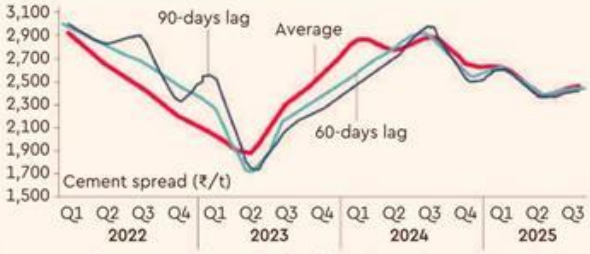

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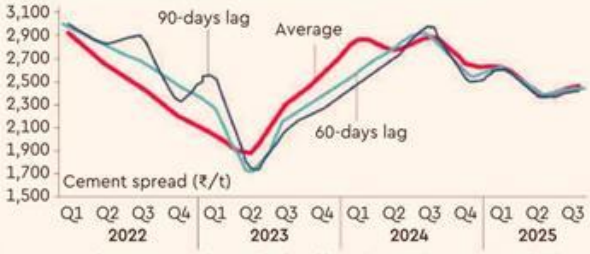

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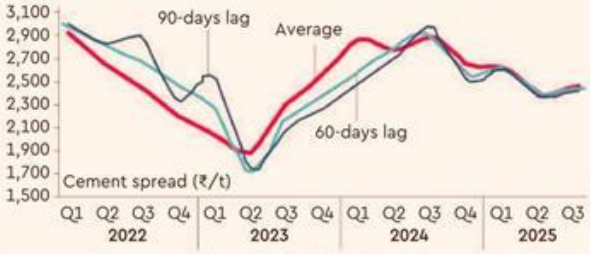

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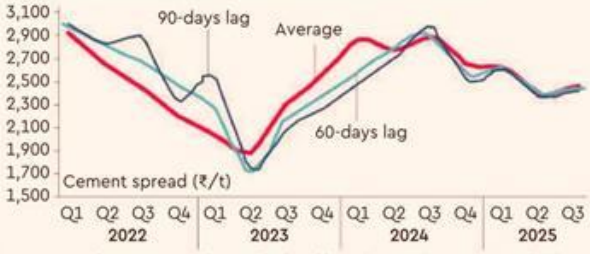

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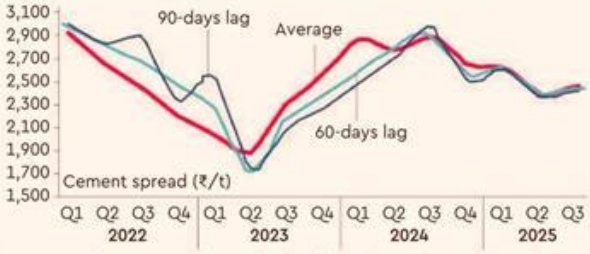

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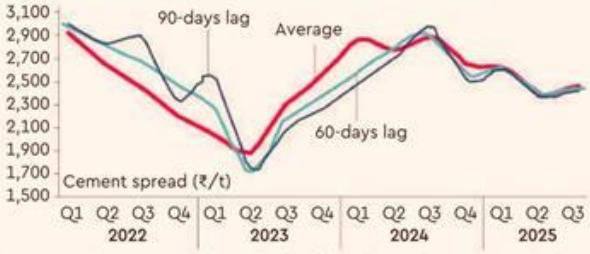

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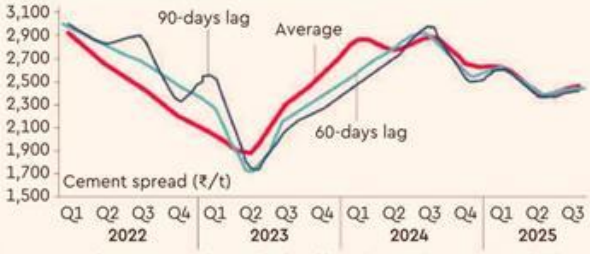

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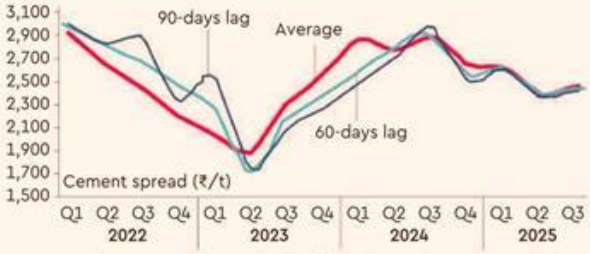

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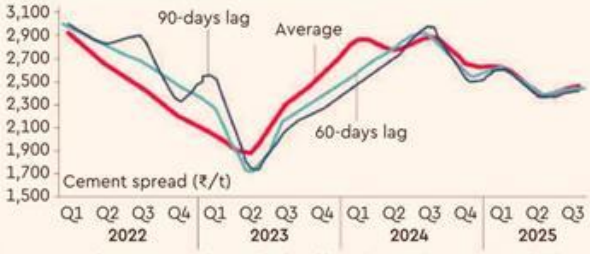

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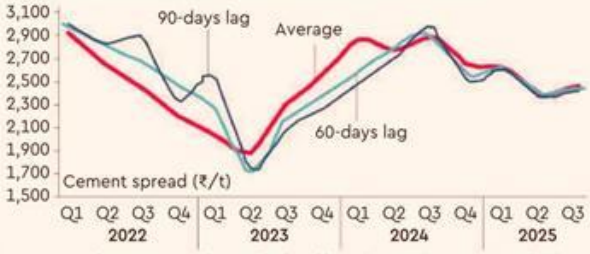

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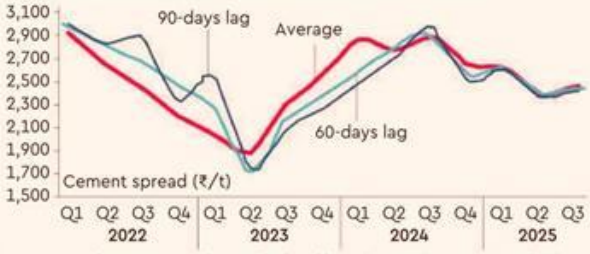

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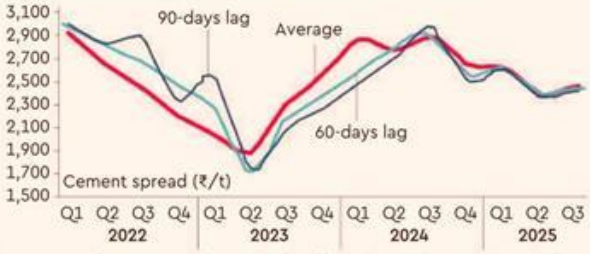

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Sri Lankan President says he will not allow his country's territory to be used to target India; New Delhi converts project loans to grants, agrees to expedite energy, digital cooperation

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NEW DELHI

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said here on Monday that he would not allow his country's territory to be used against India.

"I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability," Mr. Dissanayake said, speaking to the media along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, the official meeting venue.

India promised Mr. Dissanayake, who is on his maiden visit to New Delhi after sweeping presidential and parliamentary elections, to continue its grants assistance to Sri Lanka and help it tide over its economic problems.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The two leaders said they discussed a number of issues, including regional security, digital infrastructure, connectivity and energy projects, as well as the Tamil issue and rights of fishermen. India announced it would convert loans given to Sri Lanka into grants for railway signalling systems and the Kankesanthurai port, and extended a $20.66 million grant to settle payment for projects already completed, which had originally been signed under a 'Letter of Credit' or loan. The two countries agreed to continue their partnership on energy projects, including connecting to a common grid, an India-Sri Lanka "multi-product pipeline" with UAE support, LNG supplies, and completing the Sampur coal power project.

Briefing the media, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri indicated the statement by the Sri Lankan President could have a bearing on Sri Lanka's clearance for foreign vessels, particularly Chinese ships.

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India has often raised concern Chinese ships berthing in Sri Lankan ports. In January, Sri Lanka will complete its one-year moratorium on all foreign research vessels docking in at its ports.

"We did highlight the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research, etc.," Mr. Misri said indicating India could offer to conduct research for Sri Lanka. "We pointed to the importance and sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he added.

The statements did not, however, indicate any progress on discussing the issues surrounding projects by the Adani Group, that are under review in Sri Lanka and have faced further pushback after indictments by U.S. investigators against the company. While the Adani bid to develop a terminal at Colombo Port is now expected to go ahead with internal funding rather than U.S. agency DFC's funding, the Dissanayake government has said it may put a hold on a 500 MW wind power project in the northeastern regions of Mannar and Pooneryn. Significantly, despite the company's considerable stakes in Sri Lanka, no Adani company representative was listed amongst participants at the "India-Sri Lanka Business Forum", held by business chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham in Delhi on Monday.

In addition, Delhi and Colombo didn't appear to find common ground on the contentious issue of fishermen, although they spoke of the need for dealing with Indian fishermen, whom Sri Lanka accuses of trespassing into its waters, in a "humanitarian manner". Mr. Dissanayake also called on India to curtail the use of "bottom trawlers" that deplete marine resources.

Mr. Modi also said he had discussed the issue of Tamil reconciliation. "President Dissanayake apprised me of his inclusive perspective," said Mr. Modi adding that India hopes the Sri Lankan government shall fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil people, and "fulfil their commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka and conducting the Provincial Council Elections".

Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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The petitioner, Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar, had claimed the contract violated the fundamental right to access electricity at fair rates under Article 21 of the Constitution. It was alleged that the former chief minister Eknath Shinde had engaged in corrupt practices while awarding the contract. However, the bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Justice Amit Borkar found no merit in the claims. The bench remarked, "Filing such a writ petition containing unsubstantiated and reckless averments runs the risk of sometimes even good causes being lost."

The petitioner referred to the recent indictment of Gautam Adani by the United States Department of Justice, alleging that he orchestrated a bribery scheme to influence Indian government officials. The court rejected this argument, stating that the petitioner failed to substantiate the allegations. "The submissions cannot be accepted merely on the basis of charges filed in a US court," the judges noted.

The court observed that the petitioner was not a participant in the tender process leading to the award of the contract to Adani Power.

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Calling the petition "vague" and "reckless", the court dismissed the plea and directed the petitioner to deposit ₹50,000 as penalty with the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority.

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Rising Radicalism

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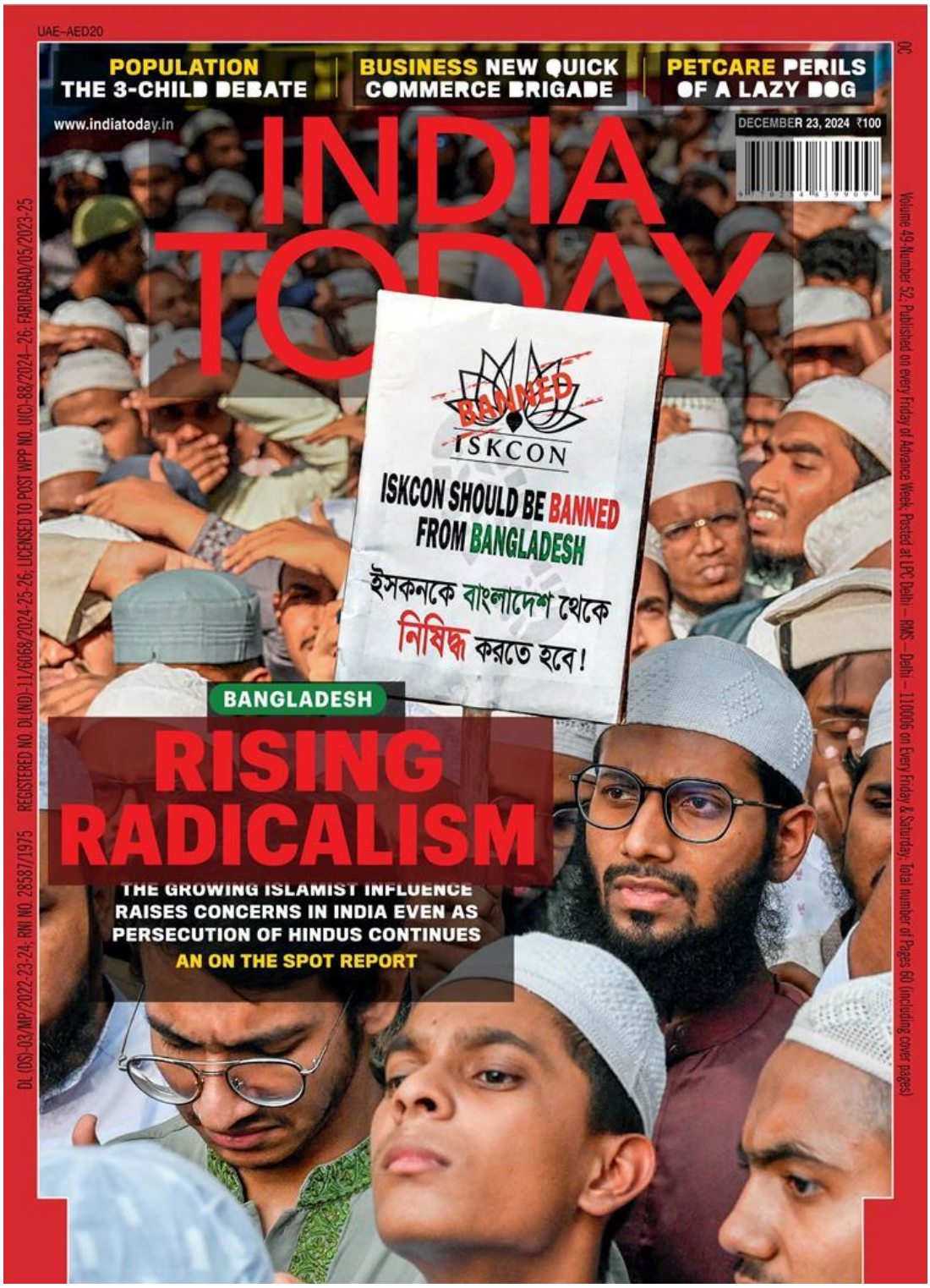


also purging suspected Hasina loyalists from major government institutions. With the police force being ineffective the law and order situation remains precarious.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh economy has taken a southward turn since Hasina's departure. The mid-October projections by the World Bank indicated that GDP growth is likely to decelerate from 5.2 per cent in FY24 to 4.0 per cent in FY25. Inflation, driven by high food and energy prices, averaged 9.5 in FY24 and is expected to remain elevated. Unemployment rates remain significantly high, particularly in urban areas, and job creation in large industries, especially the garment sector, the backbone of the economy, has stagnated. The World Bank report also highlighted the need for urgent and bold economic reforms, but the interim government has been unable to provide a roadmap for revival yet. The country's banks are said to be in the ICU, with Ahsan Mansur, the new governor of Bangladesh's central bank, claiming that about $17 billion was siphoned off from the country's financial system in the 15 years of Hasina's rule.

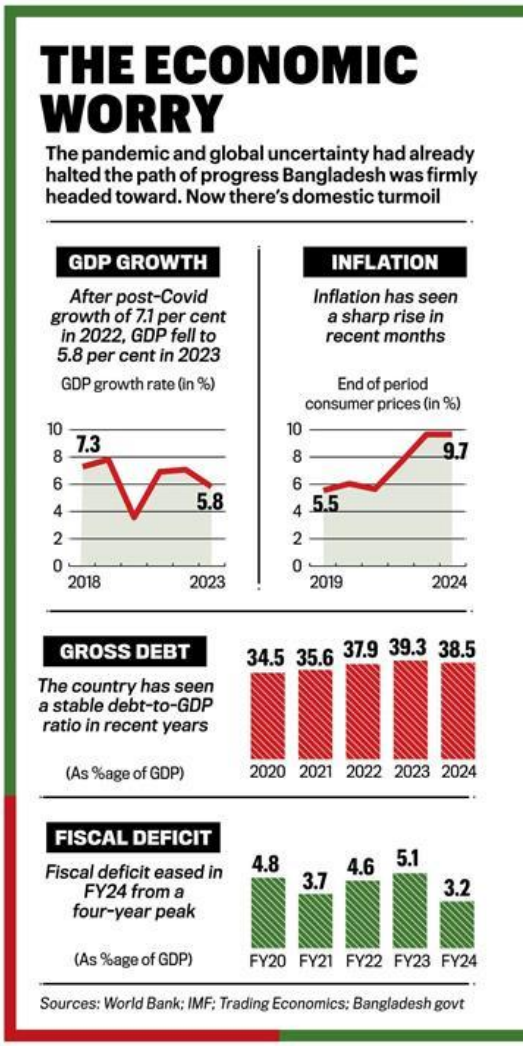
THROUGH THE CRISIS, BOTH SIDES HAVE REFRAINED FROM USING PUNITIVE MEASURES LIKE DISRUPTING TRADE AND BUSINESS TIES

So, Yunus has a huge task of not only restoring the polity but also the shaky economy. The Nobel laureate has always claimed that his government's mandate is to implement reforms. In September, he formed six commissions to reform six major sectors: the electoral system, police, judiciary, public administration, the Constitution, and anti-corruption measures. All of them are expected to submit their recommendations by the end of the year. Currently, the Jatiya Nagarik Committee (national citizen's committee), formed after the uprising, along with the Anti-Discriminatory Students' Movement (ADSM) are jointly advocating sweeping political and constitutional changes. Three student leaders of the ADSM, which spearheaded the uprising against Hasina, have been inducted as advisors to the interim government and given several portfolios.

THE NEW BRAINS TRUST

Key among them is Mahfuz Alam, the liaison committee coordinator of the ADSM, who is now special assistant to Yunus. At a Clinton Global Initiative function held in New York in September, Yunus got Alam on stage and introduced him as the "brains" behind the "meticulously designed" protests that were planned and executed to oust Hasina. Indian sources allege that Alam has had links with the Jamaat's student wing—the Islami Chhatra Shibir—and also the banned extremist group Hizbut Tahrir. Sikri sees Yunus's statement as validation of the student movement not being a spontaneous uprising but backed by powerful domestic and international forces against Hasina's continuance. Indian intelligence sources claim that cadres of the Chhatra Shibir and Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh, another radical organisation, have infiltrated the army's officer corps. The Bangladesh army is suspected to have played a vital role in ousting Hasina by refusing to provide her any further security or act against the rioting students.

However, Alam, in a Facebook post on September 26 that was reproduced by the *Dhaka Tribune*, denied any links with these extremist organisations, saying he "didn't and still don't



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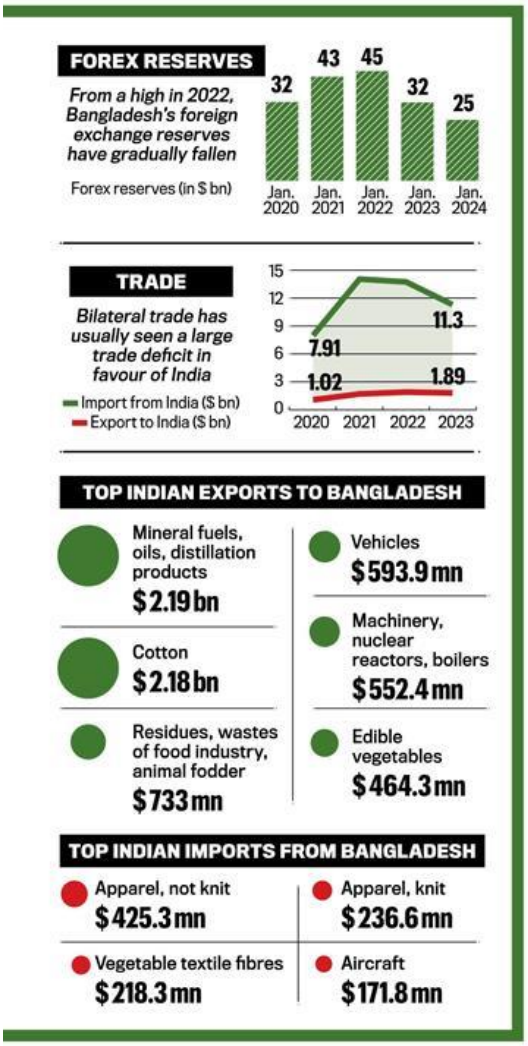

NEW DELHI NEEDS TO NEGOTIATE THE MINEFIELD OF COMPETING INTERESTS DEFTLY TO ENSURE ITS TIES WITH DHAKA STAY STRONG, ITS CORE INTERESTS SECURE, AND HINDUS PROTECTED

subscribe to the 'Islam'" of Jamaat or, for that matter, Islamist or secularist ideologies. He went on to explain, "I have a vision for a civilisationally transformed state in this region and society based on ideals of Compassion and Responsibility. Individual and collective aspirations of the oppressed multitude will find ways to be translated into state policies."

Reassurance that Bangladesh will not radically alter its constitutional ethos comes from Ali Riaz, the noted political scientist and recently appointed head of Bangladesh's Constitutional Reform Commission. Riaz has been candid about the importance of maintaining Bangladesh's pluralistic and inclusive identity amidst fears of rising Islamisation. "It is in the best interests of Bangladesh that it remains pluralistic and inclusive," Riaz asserted. "Our recommendation will be that pluralism is the foundation of the country and that should remain undisturbed. Everyone in the country, irrespective of any differences, must enjoy equal opportunities." It remains to be seen if his views gain acceptance and are ratified by the ruling dispensation.

Meanwhile, mainstream political parties, especially the BNP, are keen that elections are held soon and not a year later, as Yunus and the student leaders have indicated. The BNP is fast occupying the vacuum left by the disintegration of the Awami League and has already taken over the trade unions and similar bodies at local levels. Its acting chairperson, Tarique Rahman, the 59-year-old son of former president Ziaur Rahman and former prime minister Khaleda Zia, is set to make a comeback to Dhaka sometime in January, after years of exile in London. The slew of cases against him have been lifted, the latest being on December 10, paving the way for his return. The BNP is pushing Yunus to hold an election within the next six months. Says Salahuddin Ahmed, a key BNP leader, "We don't think the interim government can or should delay the polls any further than May. The reforms that the country needs can only be executed by a democratically elected government." The Jamaat, though, would like polls to be held later to get enough time to rebuild the party. However, both BNP and Jamaat will have to contend with the ambitions of student leaders like Alam who are keen on forming their own political grouping to contest elections.

Back in Dhaka, wall art and graffiti remain the only reminders of the uprising in which 2,000 people are claimed to have been killed. Life has resumed in the bustling downtown area of Purana Paltan crossing, the posh neighbourhoods of Gulshan and Dhanmondi and the pretty cafes on the banks of the humongous Hatirjheel lake. The Ganabhaban, the party office of Awami League, wears a deserted look. Mujibur Rahman, once hailed as the father of the nation, has been dislodged from that lofty perch. All that is left of his giant statue that the protesters toppled in August are his two feet. The impressive Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban or Parliament, once a hive of activity, seems evidently in disuse. Which party occupies these premises in the coming year will determine the course ahead for the country. It will be a new Bangladesh, and India will have to find new ways to deal with it. ■

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RISING RA

THE GROWING ISLAMIST INFLUENCE RAISES CONCERN IN INDIA EVEN A

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S THE PERSECUTION OF HINDUS CONTINUES

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KAMOL DAS

MUSLIM-HINDU TENSIONS (Left) Members of the Islamic Andolan party protest in Dhaka against the breach of their assistant high commissioner's premises in Agartala, Dec. 3; police guard the Nandankanan temple in Chittagong a day after Chinmoy Das is denied bail, Nov. 26

AS

the sedan ferrying three pilgrims along National Highway 106 in Chittagong, 250 km from capital city Dhaka, stopped at the gates of the Pundarik Dham in the rural enclave of Mekhal, the travellers were overcome by a sense of reverence. Believed to be the birthplace of the Vaishnavite seer Pundarik Vidyanidhi, a contemporary of the great 16th century saint Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the verdant 21-acre campus is an oasis of calm, dotted with flowering plants and abundant water bodies. Built in 1921, the temple's management was taken over by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in 1982. Today, it is a favourite pilgrimage spot for Bangladesh's minority Hindus. And it was this piece of divinity that the three visitors on that day had come to partake in. Except that the air of serenity was soon broken by the heavily armed security personnel stationed outside the temple, who sprang up to enforce a security check. Though the men were waved through quickly, there was no missing the undercurrent of tension.

In recent weeks, this spiritual haven has become the epicentre of a temporal tempest that has strained relations between India and the new political dispensation in Bangladesh led by the Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, chief advisor of the country's interim government. In the eye of the storm is the tonsured Chinmoy Krishna Das, the temple's president, and vocal critic of atrocities against minorities. Arrested on November 25 on charges of sedition, his detention has triggered a cascade of violent events that has left the Hindus in Bangladesh living in anxiety and fear. The fallout has been swift and severe.

Advocates defending Das clashed with groups aligned with the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Over 70 Hindu lawyers were charged with violence, further fuelling tensions. In a brutal escalation, young lawyer Saiful Islam Alif was hacked to death, igniting outrage. Local Hindu residents were detained by police under questionable circumstances, their homes and temples vandalised by unidentified miscreants. Meanwhile, the desecration of the Indian flag at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka and in a few other educational institutions saw a backlash in India. Protesters in Tripura capital Agartala attacked the Bangladeshi deputy high commission, which in turn sparked counter-protests here.

BATONS DO THE TALKING
Policemen beat up Chinmoy Krishna Das supporters in Chattogram, Sept. 26; opposite, Muhammad Yunus, chief of the interim government

THE MINORITY REPORT

Estimates of the number of communal attacks in Bangladesh between August 4 and 20 (after Sheikh Hasina's ouster) vary widely between what minorities organisations claim and what the interim government acknowledges

YUNUS'S INTERIM GOVT HAS OFTEN SAID THE VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORITIES STEMS MORE FROM POLITICAL VENGEANCE THAN COMMUNAL HATRED

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CIVIL COUNT

2,010
Total incidents

9
Murders

69
Attacks on places of worship

4
Atrocities against women

Source: Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council

GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

88
Registered no. of cases of communal violence targeting minorities

70
No. of people arrested; other allegations being investigated

Source: Press secretary, Interim Government

Earlier, incidents of intimidation and violence against minorities in Bangladesh were triggered by the stunning ouster of Bangladeshi prime minister Sheikh Hasina in a student uprising on August 5. In the chaotic aftermath of that event, hundreds of attacks were reported against Hindu individuals and properties. According to the Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (HBCUC), a key advocacy group for minority rights, 2,010 such incidents took place between August 4 and 20, including nine murders, 69 attacks on places of worship and four incidents of violence against women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was the first global leader to recognise the new dispensation when he tweeted his support for Yunus on X, had also asked him to ensure the "safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities". Even US president-elect Donald Trump had tweeted on X after Christian schools were attacked in Dhaka: "I strongly condemn the barbaric violence against Hindus, Christians and other minorities who are getting attacked and looted by mobs in Bangladesh, which remains in a total state of chaos."

However, the Yunus government claims that the HBCUC numbers on the incidents of communal violence are vastly exaggerated, even as it acknowledged some of the incidents listed. On December 10, the government reported that between August 4 and August 20, 88 cases had been registered, and 70 arrests made for vandalism of Hindu temples and other acts of violence against minorities. The interim government has also often argued that violence against minorities in Bangladesh stems more from political vengeance than communal hatred. The Hindu community had largely supported Hasina's Awami League and is seen as an easy target for retribution. "It is true that most Hindus supported Hasina," says Regan Acharjee, a 36-year-old lawyer in Chittagong. "But is it our fault that other political parties couldn't earn our trust? Does that make us soft targets?" Acharjee's rhetorical questions capture the frustration and despair of a community that feels victimised for its political allegiances.

Hidden in plain sight, the Sevak community, or the Hindi-speaking Hindus scattered across Bangladesh, stands as a relic of colonial history. Brought to the region by British rulers to serve as menial workers, their ancestors were from North India. Over the decades, these communities have remained in the country, eking out a modest existence while largely aligning politically with the Awami League, who they regarded as the most secular party. At 13.1 million, Hindus

comprise 7.95 per cent of Bangladesh's 165.1 million population, making them the largest minority in the Muslim-majority state. They faced frequent attacks even during the Hasina regime. "Hindu atrocities under Hasina's regime were never highlighted," argues Shafiqul Alam, press advisor to Yunus. "But even if a few incidents happen now, they are being projected exponentially. This shouldn't be the case."

INDIA'S NEWEST HEADACHE

The violent reprisals against Hindus in Bangladesh are an outcome of the complex interplay of political and communal tensions that afflict the country. There may be some truth to the Yunus government's claim that these attacks are politically motivated, but it has done little so far to address the systemic vulnerability of minorities who continue to bear the brunt of violent outbursts. Worse, graffiti calling for complete non-cooperation with India and demanding a Bangladesh government "free from the clutches of Delhi" has appeared on many Dhaka streets. Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri's visit to Dhaka on December 9, during which he also met Yunus, was intended to help tamp down on the rising anti-India rhetoric and ensure the safety of minorities while emphasising that India looked forward to "moving the relationship in a positive, forward-looking and constructive direction".

For India, the ouster of Hasina, the attacks against the Hindu minorities, the anti-India sentiment and the rising radicalism threatening to engulf Bangladesh are matters of huge concern and worry. Situated at the mouth of the Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh straddles a crucial geographical space contiguous to India's sensitive northeastern states. Ever since India supported the Mukti Bahini in the 1971 war of independence and helped Bangladesh break away from Pakistan, relations between the two countries have been on a roller-coaster—on the up whenever Hasina, daughter of the nation's founding father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was assassinated in an army coup in August 1975, was in power and plummeting during the interregnum regimes. During Hasina's two stints in power, first between 1996 and 2001, and then for 15 years from 2009 onward up to her ouster, India's relations with Bangladesh were generally friendly.

When she won a fifth term in January 2024, her Awami League securing a landslide victory in the general election, it was widely criticised as having been rigged in her favour. Her main rival, the Begum Khaleda Zia-headed BNP, had boycotted the election. Her other main rival, the religion-based Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami party, Hasina had barred from contesting elections from 2013 onward. Four days before she fled, she had also banned the group for being an "anti-secular, militant and terrorist" organisation. Bangladeshi Opposition parties blamed India for propping her up despite serious democratic and human rights violations by her government.

HASINA'S OUSTER, THE ATTACKS AGAINST HINDUS AND THE RISING RADICALISM ENGULFING BANGLADESH ARE OF HUGE CONCERN TO INDIA

After the election, Hasina targeted the BNP and the Jamaat for whipping up student protests over the issue of reserving seats for freedom-fighters' descendants. Despite Hasina agreeing to rescind the reservations, her government's brutal clampdown on agitators, leaving over 2,100 dead in police firing,

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GROUND REPORT

MONK IN THE EYE OF A STORM

How Vaishnav monk Chinmoy Krishna Das has emerged as the face of the protest against attacks on minorities in Bangladesh

By **ARKAMOY DATTA MAJUMDAR** *in Chattogram*

Chinmoy Krishna Das was something of a child prodigy. He started preaching religious sermons at the age of 6-7, and earned an audience among local Hindus with his oratorical skills. Born Chandan Kumar Dhar in the Satkania Upazila of Chattogram district, Das was the youngest of four children. Around

SHOW OF DEFIANCE
Left, Chinmoy Krishna Das being taken away by the police in Chattogram, Nov. 26

1996-97, Das claims "some [divine] intervention" brought him to the revered monk Jaypataka Swami, a disciple of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) founder Swami Prabhupada. Das received his religious initiation in 2000, and became monk-president of the Dham in 2007. When, as spokesperson of the newly-formed minority body Bangladesh Sommilito Sanatan Jagaran Jot, the now 39-year-old Das organised rallies protesting communal attacks on minorities, his charisma and oratory attracted large crowds. And when the Bangladesh police arrested him on November 25 from the Dhaka airport on charges of sedition and denied him bail thereafter, Das became a *cause celebre* in the ongoing tussle over the security of Bangladesh's embattled minorities.

In an FIR lodged on October 31, former BNP activist Md Feroze Khan alleged that Das and 18 others had hoisted a saffron flag above the Bangladesh national flag—claiming it to an act of sedition—at the Zero point crossing of the city on October 10. Satantra Das, a close companion of the monk, claims Islamic organisations like Jamaat-e-Islami and Hefazat-e-Islami often hoist their flags above the national flag. "If they are not anti-national, how is Chinmoy Prabhu accused of the same crime?" he asks. Das was advocating the 'eight-point demand' of the Jot, which included a tribunal to hear cases of atrocities against minorities and implementation of a minority protection act. In Chattogram, four incidents of attacks on temples have been reported from Sebok Colony, Firingi Bazar and Hajari Goli. Das's arrest was followed by India expressing "deep concern" about denial of bail to him and about atrocities against Hindus. Calls to release him have intensified in India, especially in West Bengal.

On November 26, many of Das's supporters protesting his arrest clashed with the police in Chattogram during which a lawyer, Saiful Islam, was killed. It led to a call to ban ISKCON, which denied having a hand in the event and distanced itself from Das, saying he had been suspended in October on charges of child abuse.

However, Satantra says Das was never officially removed. He alleges internal jealousy instead. "After Chinmoy took over in 2007, Pundarik Dham transformed into a hub of activity. He reclaimed lands allegedly grabbed by politicians. His success made him a target of envy within ISKCON," he says. Two of the three boys who accused him of abuse told INDIA TODAY that they made their accusations under pressure. "We came under the influence of others to malign the president," they say.

Das has amassed a following among Hindu youth, attracting thousands to his rallies. Among those won over by Das's personality is renowned poet and philosopher Farhad Mazhar, who calls the sedition charges misuse of a colonial-era law. "In my interactions with Chinmoy, I never felt he was anti-national," he says.

However, Das's meteoric rise has drawn criticism too. Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leaders have accused him of being an Awami League plant who aims to destabilise the interim government. "How did he become so popular? His activities are fishy and it seems AL is behind his rise," says Salahuddin Ahmed, a former BNP MP.

On December 11, a local court rejected the plea to advance his bail hearing on technical grounds. When no lawyer had appeared on his behalf on December 3, it was set for January 2, 2025. There will be no succour for Das in 2024. ■

Das's arrest and the initial denial of bail elicited a sharp reaction from New Delhi. Since then, calls to release him have intensified across India

resulted in a popular revolt against her, forcing her to flee. Among the first actions that the new interim government took was to lift the ban against the Jamaat. And ever since, anti-Indian forces seem to have gained ground, with many of the student leaders suspected to have links with radical Islamist organisations, including the Jamaat. "There seems to be a shift towards Islamist radicalism," Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, confirms. "It is certainly on the rise as is religious intolerance, and that is a cause for worry for India. India is also concerned that the new dispensation will push for closer ties with Pakistan and be inimical to our interests. Pakistan could get a base to stoke trouble in our northeastern states as they did earlier."

INDIAN FOREIGN SECY VIKRAM MISRI'S DEC. 9 VISIT TO DHAKA WAS MEANT TO TAMP DOWN THE RISING ANTI-INDIA RHETORIC AND ENSURE MINORITIES' SAFETY

Experts see clear signs of the new regime's eagerness for close ties with Pakistan. As evidence, they point to the cargo vessel from Karachi that docked at Chittagong port recently, a first since the country's independence in 1971. Visa constraints were also lifted for Pakistanis in certain categories. At the same time, a road illumination project undertaken by the Awami League-ruled Chattogram City Corporation with financial aid from India has been cancelled. On November 19, the Bangladesh Supreme Court also ordered the government to form a committee to review the country's much-debated contract with Adani Power after a petitioner alleged its terms were unfavourable to the country. The 25-year power purchase agreement was signed in 2017 for the company to supply electricity from its 1,600 MW power in plant in Jharkhand. Currently, the Bangladesh Power Development Board owes Adani around $850 million (Rs 7,216 crore).

GREAT POWER GAMES

All these developments have evoked consternation among Indian foreign policy-makers who maintain that India has high stakes in Bangladesh remaining stable, secular and independent. In the past decade and a half of Hasina's tenure, New Delhi was able to craft a durable bilateral relationship that spanned a whole gamut of sectors. India's trade with Bangladesh in this period grew threefold. Exports to Bangladesh rose from $3.34 billion (Rs 28,343 crore) in 2010-11, in the early phase of her last tenure, to $12 billion (Rs 1.02 lakh crore) in 2022-23. Imports from Bangladesh grew at a more modest rate, from $0.45 billion to $2.03 billion. India exports a diverse range of products to Bangladesh, including cotton yarn, petroleum products, oils, spices, vegetables and

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auto components. Bangladesh, in turn, sends us readymade cotton garments, jute, leather footwear and marine products. India has also extended a $7.8 billion (Rs 66,190 crore) line of credit for infrastructure projects in Bangladesh. Right through this current crisis, both sides have wisely refrained from using punitive measures like disrupting trade and business relations just to spite or coerce the other.

India is also concerned that other big powers have been elbowing into what it considers its backyard. In 2016, during Chinese president Xi Jinping's visit to Dhaka, the two nations signed a flurry of agreements that would see Bangladesh receive $26 billion in investments for its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects and $14 billion for joint venture projects. Last year, the Chinese foreign ministry estimated that it had released $4.45 billion for 35 projects under the BRI, mainly in the energy and transportation sectors, including the impressive Padma bridge project across the Ganga that would link the southwest of the country to the northern and eastern regions. China is now Bangladesh's largest trading partner, the volume being around $25 billion.

It has also been employing submarine diplomacy, selling Bangladesh two attack submarines at bargain prices in 2016. A year later, it signed a contract to construct a new submarine base on the country's southeastern coast for $1.2 billion, ostensibly to service the vessels they sold. In addition to maintaining these submarines, Chinese personnel would also train the Bangladesh Navy to ply them.

Meanwhile, concerned by China's inroads into Bangladesh

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BOTH BNP AND JAMAAT WILL NOW HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THE AMBITIONS OF STUDENT LEADERS WHO ARE FORMING THEIR OWN POLITICAL PARTY

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A COUNTRY IN TURMOIL
Clockwise from far left, foreign secretary Vikram Misri (right) with Bangladeshi counterpart Md Jashim Uddin in Dhaka, Dec. 9; Crowds at Sheikh Hasina's office after her ouster, Aug. 5; Hasina waits to cast her vote, Jan. 7, 2024

and the crucial Bay of Bengal, the US apparently began pressuring Dhaka to allow it to use the tiny St Martin's Island, situated just 8 km from Myanmar, as a military base. Experts believe they wanted to maintain it as a surveillance post for Chinese and Myanmar activities and for the strategic Malacca Straits. Ahead of the January general election, Hasina had claimed that a "white man" had offered her a smooth return as PM if she sanctioned the military base. Later, at a press conference, she said, "I don't want to return to power by leasing out St Martin's." The US has denied both its interest in St Martin's or any deal for it. However, on a parallel track, several US-based multinational oil and gas corporations such as Chevron and Exxon Mobil had considered participating in the bidding for prospecting and leasing offshore oil and gas blocks offered by the government-owned oil company Petrobangla. The projects are worth several billion dollars, and this was said to be of great commercial interest, with sources close to Hasina claiming that the US was putting pressure on her to sign the deal.

Indian experts believe that the Deep State in the US may have had a hand in ousting Hasina. The military and commercial motivations were attractive enough. It helped that she was violating all tenets of democracy. Yunus is seen to be close to the US as he had taken refuge there after Hasina charged him of embezzling funds from the Grameen Telecom. India thus needs to negotiate this minefield of competing interests deftly to ensure its relations with Bangladesh remain strong, its core interests protected and the Hindu community there is not persecuted.

YUNUS'S CROWN OF THORNS

Yunus, though, brushes away charges that religious intolerance and extremism are growing in Bangladesh. In press interviews, the chief advisor points to his cabinet which he claims is packed with human rights activists and pluralists. But the tide of exuberance that greeted his assuming the reins of the interim government in August, when people and the students who led the uprising united, now seems to have receded. There is growing concern on whether the well-meaning Yunus is in charge or just a velvet glove for the iron fist of radicalised student leaders and parties working with the Bangladesh Army to launch sweeping constitutional and ideological changes in the country.

Veena Sikri, another former Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh, remains highly critical of the new dispensation. "The chief advisor is unable to take decisions or unable to implement them," she says. "It is now the Islamists who oversee this unconstitutional government as the current Constitution has no provision for such an interim government." As proof of the new regime's excesses, she points to how the chief justice of the Bangladesh Supreme Court, Obaidul Hassan, and five other justices were forced to resign under duress soon after Hasina's ouster. The student leaders have not only gone ahead with their plans to restructure the country's judiciary but are

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अडाणी को मिले बिजली ठेके के खिलाफ याचिका खारिज

मुंबई, 16 दिसंबर (भाषा)।

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Cong Attacks Omar's 'Change In Approach' Towards INDIA After His Win

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New Delhi: Close on the heels of J&K CM Omar Abdullah questioning Congress for its inconsistent stance on EVMs, another INDIA bloc partner, TMC, has disengaged itself from the leading opposition party's carping against the voting machines.

"People who raise questions on EVMs should go and show a demo to EC. If work is done properly at the time of EVM randomisation and people at the booth verify during mock polls and counting, then I don't think there is any substance to these allegations," TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee told reporters here, in what marked a strong endorsement of EC's claim about the voting machines being rigging proof.

"If someone still feels that EVMs can be hacked, then they should meet EC, and show how that can be done... Nothing can be done by just making random statements," he added. TMC has been consistently winning elections against powerful opponents: BJP and once-dominant Left.

Aniruddhasingh Dinore

OUTCRY: Opposition politicians protest against EVMs at Maharashtra assembly's Nagpur session on Monday

The divergence of INDIA bloc partners with Congress's stand is the second big instance of dissonance in the coalition. SP, TMC and NCP (SP) have already publicly expressed reservations about Congress's continuing attacks over the Modi govt's alleged links with the Adani group.

Omar's statement on Sunday said, "When you get hundred-plus MPs using the same EVMs and you celebrate that as sort of a victory for your party, you can't then a few months later turn around and say... we don't like these EVMs because now the election results aren't going the way we would like them to," he had said.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore asked J&K CM why has he changed his approach towards INDIA bloc partners after his win. Parties such as SP, NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) have spoken against EVMs while Congress is focused on EC. "Please check your facts, Abdullah. Congress Working Committee resolution clearly addresses EC only. Why this approach to our partners after becoming CM?" he asked.

BJP swiftly latched on to the contradictions among its opponents, with party spokesperson Sambit Patra taking a jibe at Rahul Gandhi, saying if he doesn't know how to fight elections, he should not blame EVMs.

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said, "Whenever Congress loses polls, instead of introspecting, it blames someone else... When they form govts in Karnataka and Jharkhand, there is no problem with EVMs, but when they lose Maharashtra, they blame EVMs," he said, terming the Congress's remarks on EVMs as "selective criticism".

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Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes

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SUKALP SHARMA
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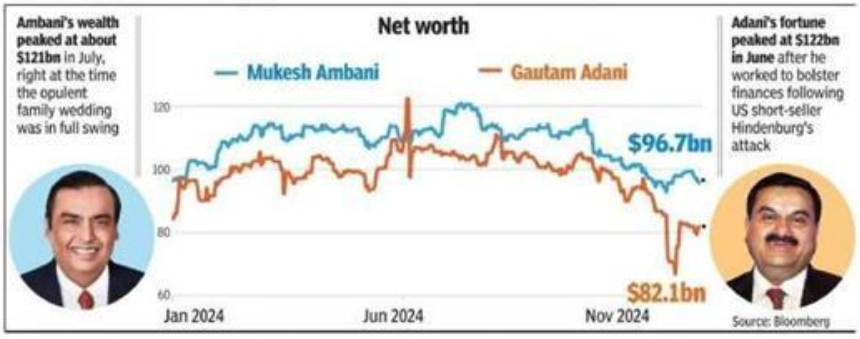

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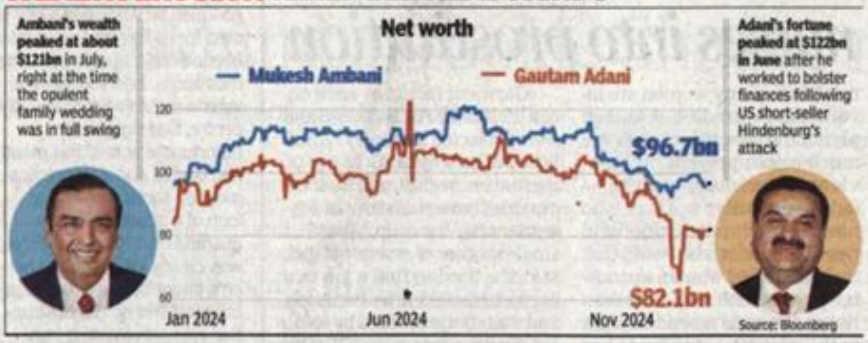

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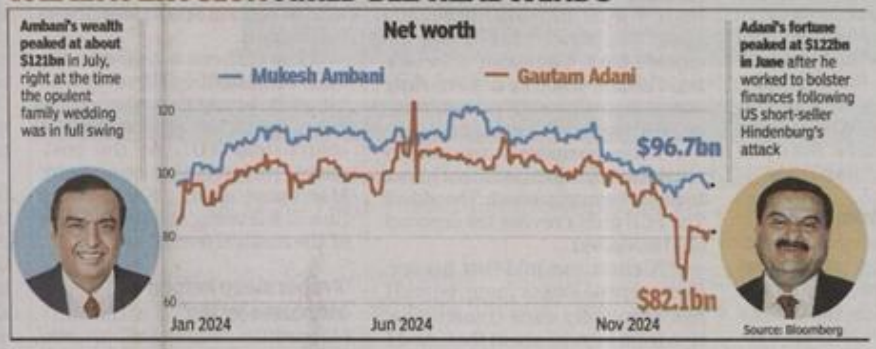

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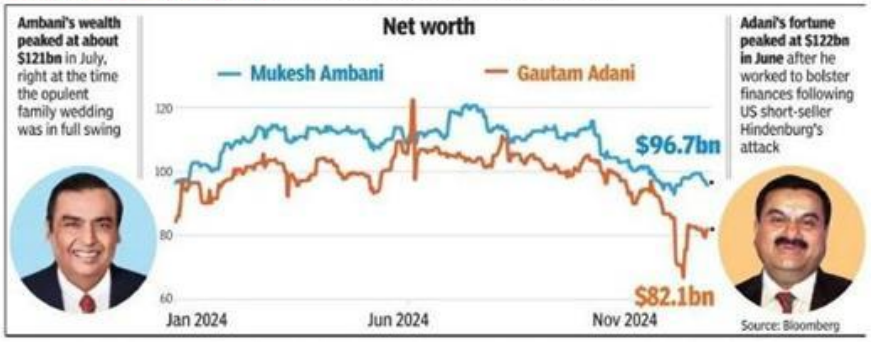

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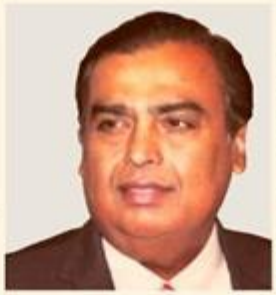

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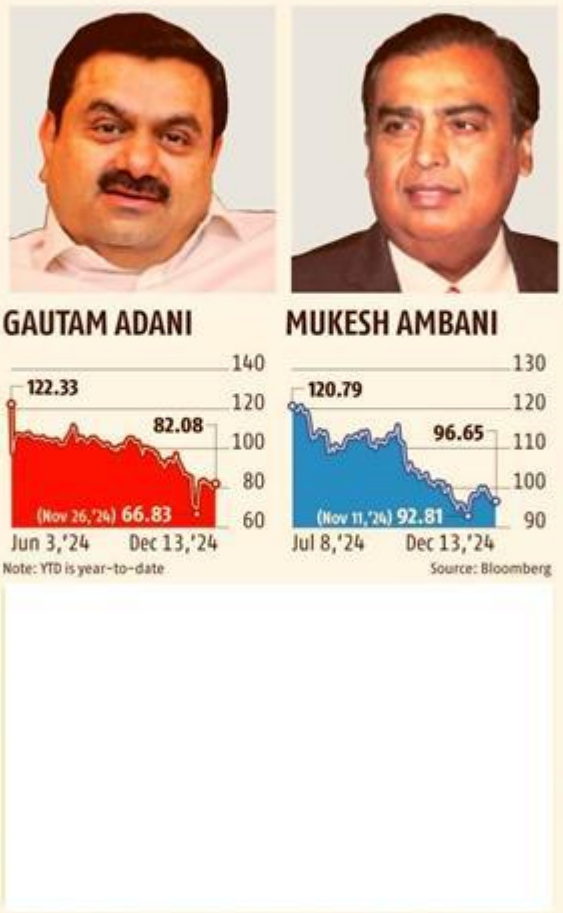

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-सुकुमार साह-
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नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसम्बर। सन् 2023 में मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अडानी की संपत्ति में भारी गिरावट देखी गई, जिसके कारण ये दोनों बड़े उद्योगपति "ब्लूमबर्ग 100 बिलियन डॉलर क्लब" से बाहर हो गए हैं। दोनों ने भारी चुनौतियों का सामना किया है जिसका उनके व्यापार पर असर पड़ा है।

सन् 2023 के मध्य में मुकेश अंबानी की कुल संपत्ति 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर आंकी गई थी, इसी दौरान उनके बेटे अनंत की शादी भी हुई थी। तथापि, दिसम्बर 2023 तक,

(शेष अंतिम पृष्ठ पर)

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प्रमुख व्यवसायों में कमज़ोर प्रदर्शन के कारण यह गिरकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर पर पहुँच गई।

अंबानी की प्रमुख कंपनी, रियायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज़ को अपने ऑयल व कैमिकल बिज़नैस में आय कम हुई और भारत के शहरी बाज़ारों में कमज़ोर खुदरा मांग तथा डिजिटल प्रतिद्वंदियों के साथ बढ़ती प्रतिस्पर्धा का सामना करना पड़ा। इसके अलावा, सैटलाइट ब्रॉडबैंड में एलन मस्क के स्टारलिंक के प्रवेश की संभावना से भी रियायंस की टैलिकॉम शाखा जियो प्लेटफॉर्म्स को खतरा है।

बाधाओं के बावजूद, रिलायंस कंपनी अक्षय ऊर्जा, आर्टिफिशल इंटैलिजैंस (ए.आई.) तथा डिजिटल व्यापार में कदम रख रही है। ए.आई. इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर के विकास के लिए एनविडीआ से और स्ट्रीमिंग के लिए वॉल्ट डिज़्नी कंपनी के साथ सहयोग, इस समूह को स्थिर करने तथा इसकी ग्रोथ में मदद कर सकता है।

जहाँ तक गौतम अडानी का प्रश्न है, अमेरिका की शॉर्ट सैलिंग फर्म, हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च ने अडानी ग्रुप पर धोखाधड़ी के आरोप लगाए। अडानी इससे उबरे ही थे कि अमेरिका में उनके खिलाफ रिश्वत के मामले की जांच शुरु हो गई। इसके बाद अडानी ग्रुप की संपत्ति 122.3 बिलियन डॉलर से गिरकर 82.1 बिलियन डॉलर हो गई।

■ गौतम अडानी को पहले हिंडनबर्ग की रिपोर्ट ने झटका दिया, उससे वे उबरे ही थे कि अमेरिका में उनके खिलाफ रिश्वत के मामले की जाँच शुरु हो गई। इससे अडानी के शेयरों के दाम गिर गए।

उक्त आरोपों से अडानी ग्रुप में निवेशकों का विश्वास कम हुआ है, जिसका, अडानी समूह के शेयरों पर भारी प्रभाव पड़ा।

कंपनी द्वारा किए जा रहे नियामक अनुपालना (रैगुलेटरी कंप्लायंस) के प्रयासों से, अभी तक शेयर धारकों का विश्वास पूरी तरह से बहाल नहीं हुआ है।

फंड तक पहुंच में रुकावट आने और कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धा अडानी के वित्तीय हितों पर लगातार दबाव डाल सकती है।

अरबपति रिटेलर राधाकिशन दमानी ने भी इस साल काफी संपत्ति खोई है, क्योंकि उनकी डीमार्ट चेन के नए स्टोर्स में ग्राहकी कम हुई है तथा ऑनलाइन प्रतिस्पर्धा बहुत बढ़ गई है। इस समय उनकी कुल संपत्ति 17.1 बिलियन डॉलर है, जो कि अक्टूबर 2021 में 27.8 बिलियन डॉलर थी। लेकिन, अधिकांश सर्वाधिक अमीर भारतीयों की संपत्ति बढ़ रही है। ब्लूमबर्ग के वैल्थ इन्डैक्स के अनुसार, सबसे अमीर बीस लोगों की संपत्ति में साल की शुरुआत से 67.3 बिलियन डॉलर का इज़ाफा हुआ है। सबसे अधिक लाभ कमाने वालों में, टैक्नॉलजी टायकून शिव नादर तथा जिंदल औद्योगिक समूह की सावित्री जिंदल शामिल हैं, जिन्होंने अपनी संपत्ति में क्रमश: 10.8 बिलियन तथा 10.1 बिलियन डॉलर का इज़ाफा किया है।

इससे, आर्थिक अनिश्चितताओं तथा नियामक चुनौतियों के बीच, भारतीय अरबपतियों का जुझारुपन हाईलाईट होता है।

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi has criticised the government for taking up short discussion on the new tourism policy, though it did not go beyond the Minister's statement, neglecting the more important Lagcherla farmers' issue without even finalising the business for the session in the Business Advisory Committee meeting.

Speaking at the media point on the premises of the Assembly on Monday, BRS MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and K. Sanjay said discussion on the illegal arrest of Lagcherla farmers was more important than the tourism policy and sought what sin the farmers had committed so that they were kept in jail for more than a month now.

By taking a farmer Hirya Naik to hospital by handcuffing him after complaints of chest pain (heart attack) the State government had insulted the entire farming community. Instead of tourism, a discussion on the Lagcherla farmers and the land acquisition there was more timely as the lands were being acquired to benefit Gautam Adani, son-in-law and brothers of the CM, they alleged. They also ridiculed the repeated claims of the government on the liabilities of the State government stating that a recent report of the RBI, Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2023-24 had put the total debt at ₹3.17 lakh crore against the claims of Deputy CM M. Bhatti Vikramarka that it was over ₹7 lakh crore.

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Since VOC is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Government of India, there is no need for any revenue-sharing agreement while providing VGF. The State had been maintaining that it will have to repay approximately ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 crore if the repayment condition is agreed for the VGF amount of ₹817.80 crore, which goes to the kitty of Vizhinjam port concessionaire Adani Vizhinjam Private Port Limited (AVPPL).

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Since VOC is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Government of India, there is no need for any revenue-sharing agreement while providing VGF. The State had been maintaining that it will have to repay approximately ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 crore if the repayment condition is agreed for the VGF amount of ₹817.80 crore, which goes to the kitty of Vizhinjam port concessionaire Adani Vizhinjam Private Port Limited (AVPPL).

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Case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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The federal prosecutors accused Gautam Adani of bribing Indian officials for projects and misleading US investors. REUTERS

NEW YORK: The US fraud case against billionaire Gautam Adani appears to be backed by documents that will help prosecutors make a strong case, legal experts said, but the tycoon is unlikely to be extradited to stand trial anytime soon.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn last month unsealed an indictment accusing Adani of bribing Indian officials to convince them to buy electricity produced by Adani Green Energy, a subsidiary of his Adani Group conglomerate, and then misleading US investors by providing reassuring information about the company's anti-corruption practices.

Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani, and another Adani Group executive were charged with securities fraud and conspiracy. Five people affiliated with Azure Power Global, a formerly-U.S.-listed company also allegedly involved, were charged with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Azure has said it had cooperated with the investigation and that those charged were no longer with the company. Adani Group has called the allegations "baseless" and vowed to seek "all possible legal recourse."

Gautam Adani is not in custody. He has made at least two public appearances in India since the indictment, including at a December 9 event also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the indictment, prosecutors found ledgers of the alleged payments on Sagar Adani's cellular phone, which they called "bribe notes." Prosecutors also said Gautam Adani emailed himself a copy of a search warrant and grand jury subpoena the FBI had served on his nephew on March 17, 2023.

Those electronic records could be important pieces of evidence for prosecutors to try to prove that Sagar Adani and Gautam Adani knew they misled investors by failing to disclose the investigation and insisting they had strong anti-corruption practices when in fact they had paid bribes, experts said.

"The allegations include references to corroborating material, and that always provides for a stronger case," said Stephen Reynolds, a former federal prosecutor and current partner at law firm Day Pitney.

To be sure, prosecutors may face challenges. Gautam Adani could argue that he was not personally involved in crafting the statements the company made to investors about its anti-bribery practices, said Paul Tuchmann, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn and now a partner at law firm Wiggin & Dana.

Prosecutors may also struggle to secure live testimony from witnesses in India because the process could require assistance from New Delhi, and the government may be reluctant to facilitate testimony that could paint Indian officials in an unfavorable light, said Mark Cohen, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn and current partner at law firm Cohen & Gresser.

India's foreign ministry on Friday referred to a November 29 statement in which it said it had not received any request on the case from Washington, and called the case a matter between private firms and the US Justice Department.

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Centre shielded Achli, SEBI chief: Venugopal

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Congress MP KC Venugopal on Monday accused the Centre of protecting Adani Group while alleging conflict of interest against Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chairperson Madhabi Buch.

Speaking during a Lok Sabha debate on supplementary demands for grants, Venugopal said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the financial governance framework. "A joint parliamentary committee must probe the entire matter," he demanded, alleging it was a government "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani."

Venugopal alleged between 2017-2024, Buch received over Rs 16.4 crore from ICICI bank while serving as a Sebi official. "This was five times her salary from Sebi, presenting a blatant conflict of interest," he said.

She received rental income from entities linked to a firm under Sebi probe, said Venugopal, who also heads the Public Accounts Committee. "What does it mean sir, Sebi is investigating the company and the chairperson is renting out property to entity linked to that company," he said.

Venugopal also alleged that the Sebi chairperson traded in securities worth of Rs 36.9 crore while holding access to unpublished price-sensitive information which he said was a direct violation of Sebi code of ethics. She failed to disclose assets in Singapore and the US between 2017-21 despite being obligated to do so, he added.

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'Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest on Dec. 18

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Court dismissed the petition alleging corruption by the government

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અદાણીને ઇલેક્ટ્રિસિટીનો કોન્ટ્રેક્ટ આપવામાં સરકારે ભ્રષ્ટાચાર કર્યો હોવાનો આરોપ કરતી અરજી કોર્ટે ફગાવી

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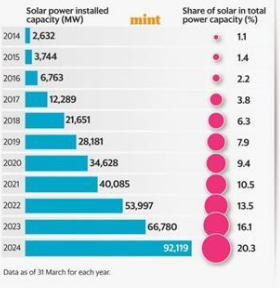

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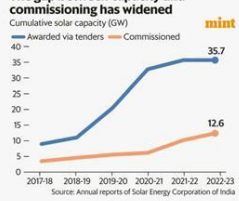

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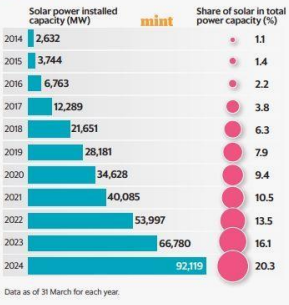

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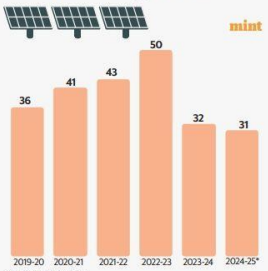

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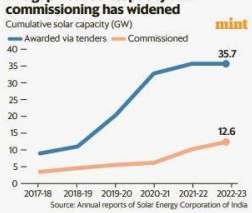

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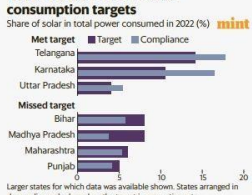

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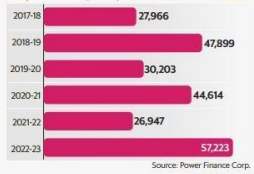

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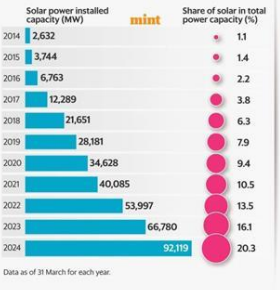

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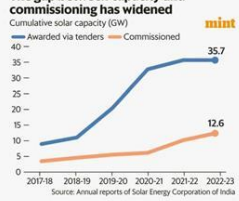

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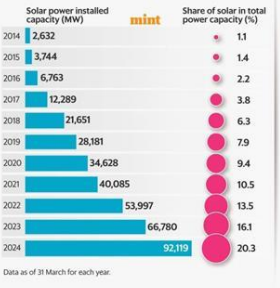

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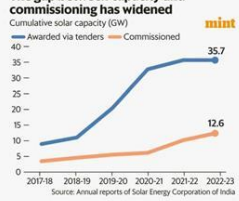

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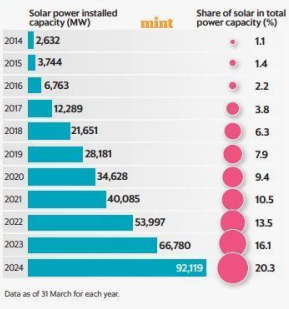

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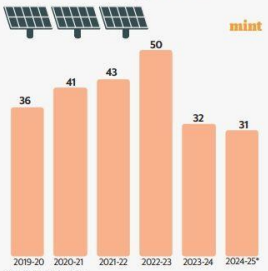

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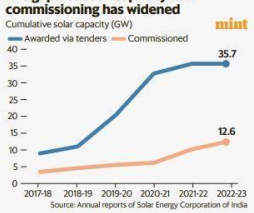

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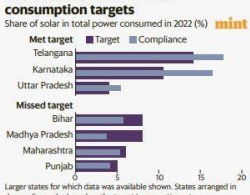

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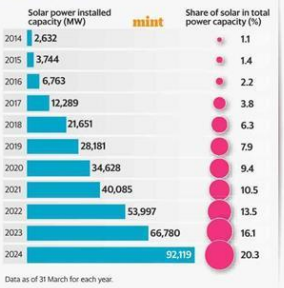

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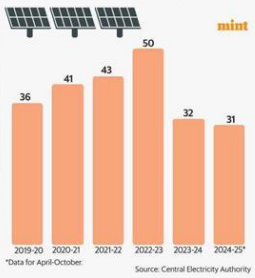

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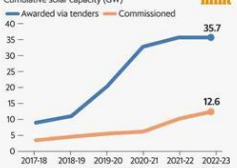

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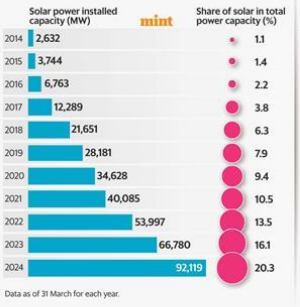

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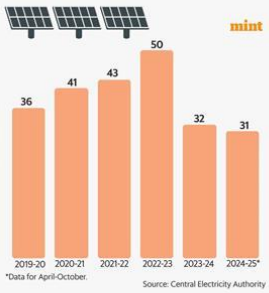

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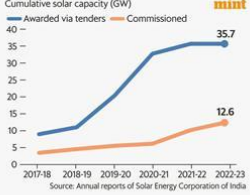

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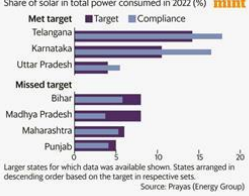

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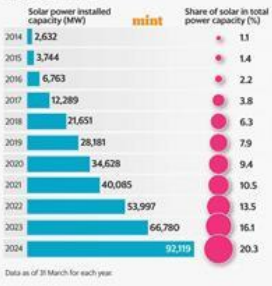

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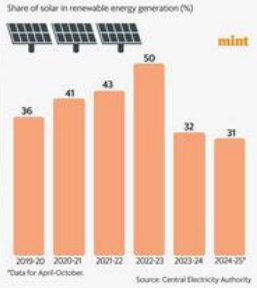

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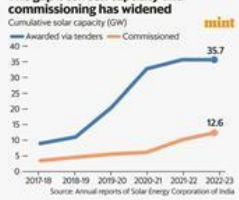

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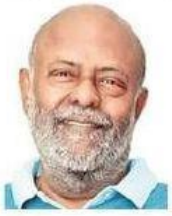

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Aepurwar alleged the contract awarded to the Adani Group for the supply of 6,600 megawatts of renewable and thermal power was a violation of the petitioner's fundamental right to have access to fair electricity supply at a reasonable rate.

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The petitioner said a 2021 PIL was pending but the contract was awarded. He relied on a document against Adani in a US district court on alleged bribery charges.

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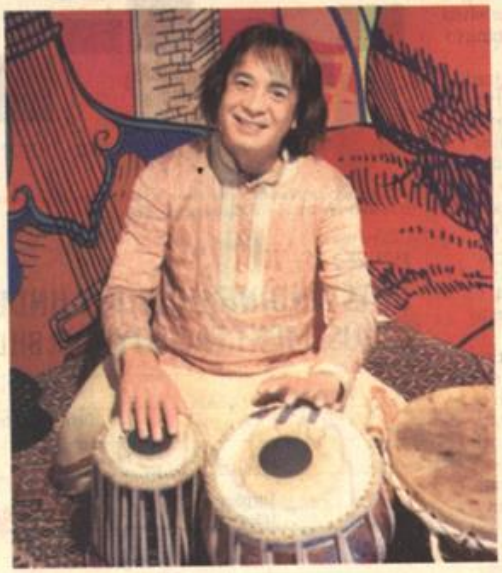

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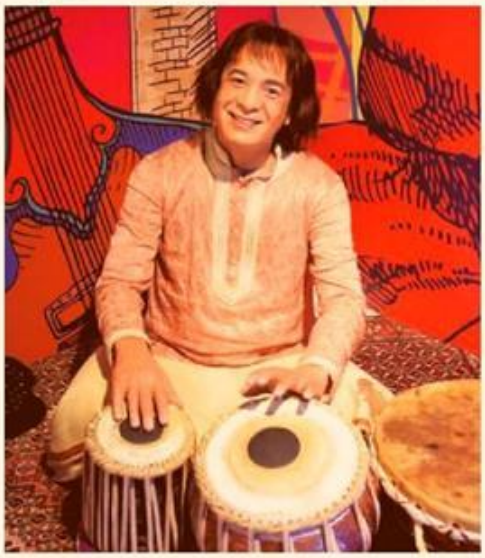

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ZAKIR HUSSAIN 1951-2024

Maestro who took tabla to global stage

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His fingers flew, fluttered and floated in quicksilver changes of raga and rhythm, drumming up music and magic. Zakir Hussain was the maestro of tabla, percussionist, composer and even actor — a legend who was India's very own and yet belonged to the world.

Hussain died from 'idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis', a lung disease, in a San Francisco hospital early Monday. He was 73.

The artiste, a marquee name in India and abroad, leaves behind more than 60 years of music. He played on the stage alongside some of the greatest Indian and international musicians in a fusion of Indian classical and world music, giving the tabla a whole new identity.

The great percussionist created music across genres and styles, including in his repertoire jazz and concertos, naturally developing an "all-inclusive musical creativity" after learning and playing under the tutelage of his father and renowned tabla player, Alla Rakha.

"The mindset as I was growing up tuned itself to the idea that music is music, it's not Indian music or that music, so when I actually started working with musicians who were non-Indian it seemed like a natural handshake," Hussain told *PTI* almost a year ago ahead of a performance in Goa.

As the son of Alla Rakha, one of the greatest tabla players of all time, Hussain was to the music born.

He started early. The child prodigy performed his first concert at the age of seven and began touring at 12. After completing his education in Mumbai, where he was born, he moved to the United States in 1970.

The borders melted away when it came to his music.

In February, Hussain became the first musician from India to receive three Grammys at the 66th Annual Grammy Awards in February for Best Global Music Album, Best Global Music Performance and Best Contemporary Instrumental Album.

Hussain composed three concertos. His third, the first-ever concerto for tabla and orchestra, was premiered in India in September 2015, by the Symphony Orchestra of India, in Europe and the UK in 2016, and in the US in April, 2017.

The composer who travelled and performed all across the globe had reservations against performing at private gatherings and disliked latecomers. He was also very vocal in his views.

In a conversation with author Nasreen Munni Kabir as written in her book "*Zakir Hussain: A Life in Music*", Hussain said a private gathering, corporate events or weddings are not places "where music should be heard".

"Those are places where people come to socialize, to drink and perhaps have a meal. That's not the way music should be heard," he said.

Hussain would ask the organisers to close the doors once the performance begins and not allow latecomers.

Then there was the man himself. His broad smile, boyish good looks and curly locks keeping rhythm with his fingers gave him a distinctive star persona that sometimes went beyond his music.

"His iconic performances and soulful compositions will contribute to inspire generations of musicians and music lovers alike"

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

"Hussain was an inspiration and a towering personality... I regret not being able to collaborate with him as much as we did decades ago"

AR RAHMAN
Musical composer

"A true legend, Ustad Zakir Hussain, who brought immense joy through his rhythmic brilliance. Your music transcends boundaries and will live on forever"

SATYA NADELLA
Chairman & CEO, Microsoft

"The world has lost a rhythm it can never replace. Ustad Hussain, our maestro whose tabla beats will forever echo in the soul of India, leaves behind his inimitable form of art"

GAUTAM ADANI
Founder & chairman, Adani Group

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US Dollar	84.91	-0.12
Gold	78,350	-1.44
Brent oil	73.87	–

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M&M	3084.85	3.45
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Tata Motors	784.80	-5.50
Tata Steel	147.79	-1.16
TCS	4415.20	-58.70
Tech Mahindra	1775.55	-20.85
Titan	3438.20	-70.65
Trent Ltd.	7000.35	0.10
UltraTech Cement	11942.50	-141.40
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Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.66	84.98
Euro	88.81	89.15
British Pound	107.05	107.46
Japanese Yen (100)	55.03	55.24
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	94.89	95.26
Singapore Dollar	62.71	62.96
Canadian Dollar	59.44	59.69
Malaysian Ringitt	19.02	19.10
Australian Dollar	53.77	53.97

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Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani out of the world's $100 billion club

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एशिया के सबसे अमीर शख्स मुकेश अंबानी दुनिया के अमीरों की प्रतिष्ठित 100 बिलियन डॉलर संपत्ति (करीब 8.49 लाख करोड़ रुपए) वाली लिस्ट से बाहर हो गए हैं। इस साल उनकी संपत्ति में महज 3 हजार करोड़ रुपए का इजाफा हुआ और वे दुनिया के अमीरों में 17वें नंबर पर पहुंच गए। कोविड के बाद कुछ समय तक मुकेश अंबानी टॉप 10 में रहे थे। इस साल मई-जून के दौरान मुकेश अंबानी की संपत्ति 115 बिलियन डॉलर (9.76 लाख करोड़ रुपए) के आंकड़े तक भी पहुंच गई थी। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज पर कर्ज को लेकर निवेशकों की बढ़ती चिंता के बीच अंबानी का एनर्जी और रिटेल बिजनेस खराब प्रदर्शन कर रहा है। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के शेयर इस साल जनवरी से अभी तक 2% से ज्यादा गिरावट पर हैं। बीते छह माह में इनमें 14% से ज्यादा गिरावट देखी गई है।

अदाणी की संपत्ति इस साल 19 हजार करोड़ घटी: देश के दूसरे सबसे अमीर गौतम अदाणी की कंपनियों के शेयरों का संयुक्त मार्केट कैप 2024 में 6.2% या करीब 87,805 करोड़ रुपए घटकर 13.31 लाख करोड़ रुपए रह गया है। अदाणी ग्रीन एनर्जी में सबसे ज्यादा गिरावट हुई। ब्लूमबर्ग बिलियनेयर्स इंडेक्स के मुताबिक गौतम अदाणी की संपत्ति इस साल 19 हजार करोड़ रुपए कम हुई है। वह भी 100 बिलियन डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए। इस क्लब में अब 16 लोग हैं। इनकी कुल संपत्ति 235.54 लाख करोड़ रुपए है।

सबसे अमीर व्यक्तियों में अंबानी 17वें अदाणी 19वें

रैंक	नाम	कुल संपत्ति	इस साल कमाई
1	इलॉन मस्क	38.63	19.19
2	जेफ बेजोस	20.88	5.91
3	मार्क जकरबर्ग	18.60	7.74
17	मुकेश अंबानी	8.21	0.03
19	गौतम अदाणी	6.97	-0.19
34	शिव नाडर	3.80	0.92
38	शापूर मिस्त्री	3.53	0.54

(आंकड़े लाख करोड़ रुपए में, स्रोतः ब्लूमबर्ग बिलियनेयर्स इंडेक्स 2024)

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शिव नाडर ने 91,681 करोड़ व सावित्री जिंदल ने 85,739 करोड़ जोड़े। राधाकृष्ण दमानी की संपत्ति घटकर 1.44 लाख करोड़ रह गई, जो 2021 में 2.36 लाख करोड़ थी।

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Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future

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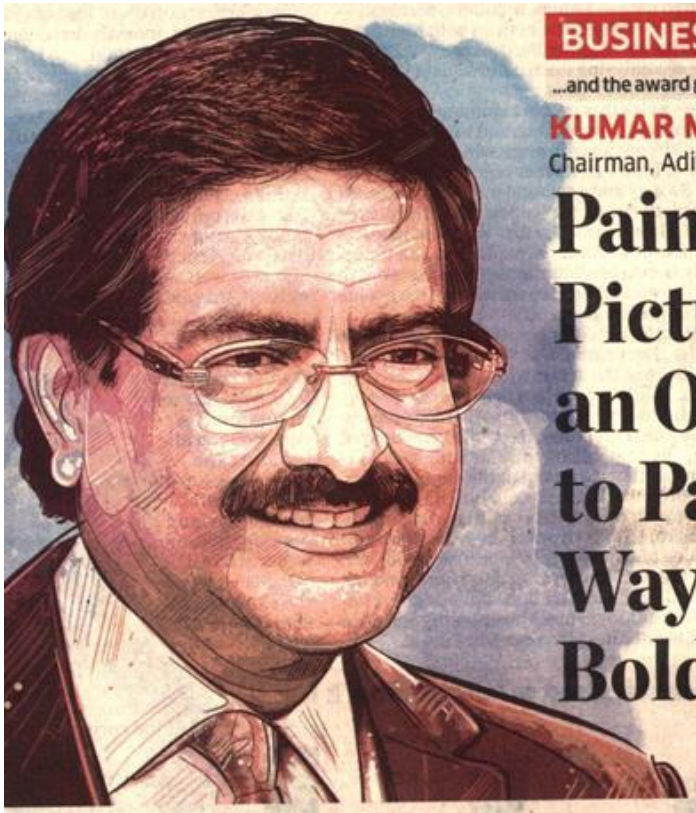

BUSINESS LEADER

...and the award goes to

KUMAR MANGALAM BIRLA

Chairman, Aditya Birla Group

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The year has been a remarkable one for the Aditya Birla Group, capped by entry into the elite $100 billion market capitalisation club. The group's cement business consolidated its position as the largest in India through multiple acquisitions. It entered paints with a plan to add a massive 40% of the industry's production capacity. Group company Vodafone Idea, India's third largest telecom player, raised ₹18,000 crore through the biggest-ever domestic follow-on public offer.

Helmed by 57-year-old Kumar Mangalam Birla — the fourth generation of the Birla family — the group has also forayed into competitive branded jewellery.

The jury recognised the outstanding year the group has had, picking Birla as Business Leader of the Year in a unanimous vote. What Kumar has achieved — $100 billion market capitalisation for the group this year — is enormous, said one jury member.

Established early in the 20th century by Ghanshyam Das Birla, the group started off in industries critical to nation-building, with the next leg of growth — led by Aditya Vikram Birla — focusing on establishing it on the global stage.

"It is a privilege to receive this honour from ET on behalf of my 187,000 colleagues across the globe. This award is yet another testament to the enduring impact we have created as a business group, and that too in an era of such dramatic change," Birla told ET.

Birla, who was on the jury, recused himself when the category was discussed.

"At the Aditya Birla Group, we find ourselves at a pivotal juncture, strategically placing multiple bets on both our established scale businesses and promising new ventures," Birla said, laying down his vision. "This dynamic interplay, underpinned by our proven ability to synthesise capital, talent, and ideas should pave the way for a transformative future. As we chart this course, we will continue to unfailingly demonstrate the power of business as a force for good."

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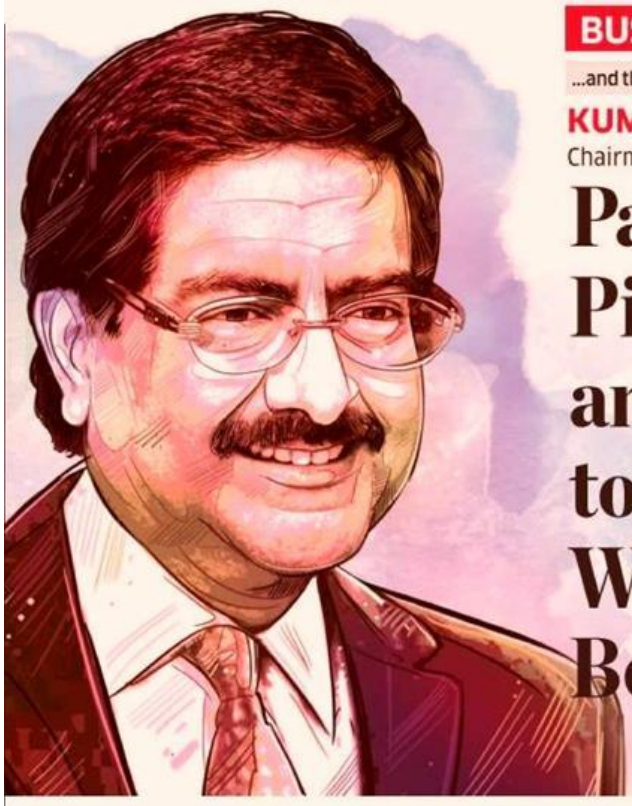

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The ET Awards jury unanimously picked Ashwini Vaishnaw as Business Reformer of the Year for his significant contributions across different ministries over the last few years. A Wharton Business School alumnus and a former Indian Administrative Service officer, Vaishnaw helms the ministries of railways, electronics & information technology, and information & broadcasting.

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From locally made mobile phones and IT hardware to rolling stock for the railways, his mantra has been to create a conducive environment for both private and public investments and lift domestic production.

Even as Made in India mobile phone shipments reached record highs in the last two years under his watch, production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for IT hardware and telecom equipment have been rolled out. Electronics manufacturing giants such as Apple, Samsung, Dell, HP, Oracle, Jabil and Foxconn have set up new plants in India or expanded existing facilities.

"Manufacturing in India has been completely transformed with the country now exporting goods that it imported," Vaishnaw said last week.

India is also set to become a semiconductor centre. Global companies such as Micron and joint ventures such as Tata-PSMC have already committed billions for manufacturing and assembling chips in India.

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Among the nominees, Vaishnaw stands head and shoulders above the rest, one juror noted. "It's a good indication that good people come into the government from outside and succeed," said another as the jury reached a unanimous decision.

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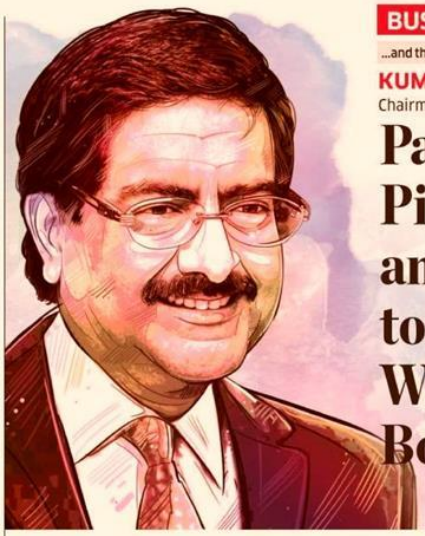

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Punters Betting on India's — and the World's — Future

BANTER AND BALLOT

From the exclusive business lounge on the 36th floor of the St Regis Mumbai, you can get a clear view of the Mahalaxmi Racecourse down below. It's rather apt, considering the lounge, Equus, is Latin for 'horse'. Even more apt was the fact that last week, the real punters — betting not just on the future of India, but also on the global economy — were seated here, deliberating as jury members for this year's ET Awards for Corporate Excellence.

With Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani as chair, it was a master class in holding a meeting — any meeting. In his half-sleeved white shirt, the ever-reliant figure quipped how his father would say that "a meeting was a success if the other persons at the table agreed".

The 11-member jury, comprising today's and avant-garde of business leadership started in earnest after entrepreneur-environmentalist Amla Ruia consecrated the proceedings by saying how "on this functional plane, the only 'karta-dharta' [the person with the authority to do and hold everything] can be the one and only that we all look upon as the almighty... Wo hi awards dilata hain, wo hi awards receive karta hain".

1. Rohit Jawa, Salil Parekh & Mukesh Ambani 2. Sriharsha Majety, Uday Kotak & Kumar Mangalam Birla 3. Zia Mody with Preetha Reddy

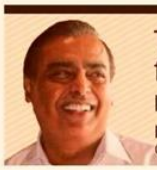
Once voting started, consensus was as smooth as the pastries on the table. Birla spent the most time among jury members out of the room. Apart from being nominated for (and ultimately winning) the Business Leader of the Year category himself, the 'poor' man had to recuse himself for the Businesswoman of the Year and Conscious Corporate of the Year categories, both of which Aditya Birla Capital CEO Vishakha Mulye and Aditya Birla Group's Grasim won, respectively. The 'Kumar hattrick' was applauded with collegial delight.

The fact that gorgeous strawberry-laced pastries, light-as-air patties, and exquisitely rolled khandvis were served before a 'heavy' discussion on Zomato's 'winner-worthiness' in the ET Emerging Company of the Year category was purely coincidental.

Everyone at the table were Lenskart fans, whose co-founder-CEO went on to win the Entrepreneur of the Year.

Business reformer of the year Ashwini Vaishnaw was another swift consensus — the union telecom and IT minister being the ultimate example of 'good people coming to government and doing good work. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to TVS Motor chairman emeritus Venu Srinivasan — a decision for which daughter Lakshmi Venu had to recuse herself.

It was an afternoon of champions. In the end, the Mumbai evening skyline even provided a clue: the view was of a bar graph glowing and skyrising up, up and away.



The experience was very pleasant and I had great help from all my team members. They all made decisions on my behalf, so my job was very easy

MUKESH AMBANI
Chairman & MD, Reliance Industries

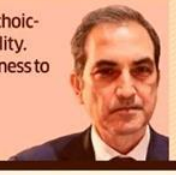
Team ET produced a well-researched list of nominees. In a few cases the jury went beyond the list, too. The winners represented creative disruption, resiliency, professionalism, integrity and in many cases, vision and thought leadership

UDAY KOTAK
Founder, Kotak Mahindra Bank

Being on the jury was really stimulating and the discussions were free and fair. The trend was to focus on governance and growth, and the winners reflected the same

ZIA MODY
Cofounder & Managing Partner, AZB & Partners

The voting system helped narrow down the choices, but I felt the discussion was very high quality. And then Mr Ambani chaired it with decisiveness to bringing things down to final selection



ROHIT JAWA
MD & CEO, Hindustan Unilever

It was a thoughtful deliberation, befitting of the 25th year of the ET Awards. The awards have served as a lighthouse to recognise and encourage entrepreneurship in the country

LAKSHMI VENU
Director, TAFE

Earning Its Spurs Off the Road, Now Making a Statement On It

COMPANY

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MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA

Moving back to its core strength, the true-blue SUV with a contemporary design helped Mahindra hold its own in the market

Mahindra & Mahindra was chosen Company of the Year in a close vote, with the jury preferring it over other nominees for its iconic performance in the manufacturing sector and a stellar FY24, a landmark year for the company in many ways, exemplified by the August launch of the four-door Thar Roxx and electric vehicles (EVs) later in the year.

The tractor-to-technology group's automotive and farm businesses are expected to be on a roll in the coming years as well. Competitively-priced sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and light commercial vehicles (LCVs) in the internal combustion engine (ICE) and EV segments are likely to keep the company's automotive business in good stead. A recovery in the rural market is expected to fire up tractor sales. The EVs the company has just unveiled are also likely to provide a fresh impetus, with dealerships reporting strong interest.

In addition to a strict capital allocation strategy — a path the group embarked on in FY21 — the company also redefined its brand DNA as it sought to make a strong comeback in a market in which it had lost ground to rivals. The launch of the all-new Thar, the SUV that broke cover on Independence Day in August 2020, was the first step in that direction. The homegrown auto and tractor major hasn't looked back since then. The new four-door version of the vehicle got record bookings and a two-year-long waiting list, according to reports.

"If you look at the last 12-month stock market performance, by far it is M&M," said a jury member.

The stock has jumped 79% in the past year and M&M is now the most valuable auto company in the country, a feat it achieved in the past few months.

As of December 9, with a market capitalisation of $43.12 billion, Mahindra was also the 11th most valuable car brand globally, according to World of Statistics.

What has also helped is the company moving back to its core strength — true-blue SUVs with contemporary design. The strategy helped it differentiate itself in a market where every other soft-roader with an upright stance was being classified as an SUV.

Mahindra was and continues to be the biggest gainer from the growing 'SUV-isation' trend with models that boast of high seating and ground clearance gaining popularity in the Indian market. The body type now accounts for every second passenger vehicle sold in the country.

"It has been wonderful to see Mahindra scale new heights in the last few years," said Anand Mahindra, chairman of the Mahindra Group. "Be it in our auto, farm, or services businesses, I foresee strong growth at scale over the next few years. The strong position we find ourselves in today is, in large part, driven by strong leadership, both at the group level and at each of our companies. This award is a testament to all their hard work and, of course, the tireless efforts of all the associates across the Mahindra Group."

The robust sales of SUVs with an average selling price higher than rivals has made it the country's no. 1 in the segment in terms of revenue market share, led by the Scorpio-N, the XUV 700 and the Thar. Mahindra's average selling price per unit was ₹15.7 lakh compared with ₹13 lakh for Hyundai and Maruti's ₹10.7 lakh.

To keep the growth momentum going, Mahindra plans to launch 23 new models by 2030. This includes nine ICE SUVs, within which there will be three mid-cycle enhancements, including that of the recently launched XUV3XO. Additionally, it will also roll out seven new battery EV models and seven new LCV models including five ICE and 2 EV variants.

The company plans to invest ₹27,000 crore in the auto division over the next three years (FY25-27). Additionally, it will pump ₹12,000 crore into its EV unit Mahindra Electric Automobile over the next three years.

BUSINESSWOMAN

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VISHAKHA MULYE

CEO, Aditya Birla Capital

Assets Get a Boost, Capital Leveraged Well Under Her Watch

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Lenskart's ability to balance rapid scale with operational performance earned cofounder Peyush Bansal the Entrepreneur of the Year award. Started in 2010, Lenskart has grown from an online eyewear retailer to one of Asia's leading omnichannel eyewear companies. With a network of over 2,500 stores across India and Southeast Asia and a strong online presence, the unicorn has leveraged its hybrid approach to drive growth.

The deliberations were intense, as the jury asked for additional information to shortlist and eventually select the winner, picking Bansal for building an omnichannel business in a tough and challenging sector.

"Lenskart is an impressive enterprise and Bansal has built a global business out of it," said one of the jury members.

In FY24, Lenskart's revenue surged 45% to ₹5,500 crore, while losses narrowed to ₹10 crore, underscoring operational efficiency. The company's focus on the mass premium eyewear segment has enabled it to carve out a distinct position, competing with players like Titan Eye.

"It's a privilege and honour to be recognised by the most inspiring leaders of India," Bansal told ET. "Each jury member here has created a world-class institution which has been creating impact for generations, and this is exactly our vision for Lenskart. While we humbly accept this recognition, we still have miles to go and it's one of the first steps towards achieving a big mission for everyone at Lenskart."

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In the two-and-a-half years at the helm, Mulye has raised ₹4,000 crore of capital at the holding company level, selling part of the company's stake in the broking business, and divesting shares in the asset management company. Additionally, she consolidated the financial services business by merging the NBFC with itself.

Under her leadership, the holding company's assets under management rose to ₹5 lakh crore from ₹3.55 lakh crore, and the consolidated lending book doubled to ₹1.38 lakh crore from ₹67,887 crore.

She won the category in a tight vote, indicating the level of the competition among the women nominees. "Vishakha is a very good manager... and is working towards transforming Aditya Birla Capital," said one jury member.

Through a combination of capital raising and consolidation, she has strengthened the company, a fact noted by the stock market. The cmpany's stock has more than doubled since she took charge.

"I am deeply humbled to receive this prestigious award," Mulye told ET. "This recognition celebrates the transformative journey we've undertaken over the last two-and-a-half years to drive quality and profitable growth and deliver long-term value to our stakeholders. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our team and their unwavering commitment to execution excellence. It also underscores the visionary leadership and support of our chairman, Kumar Mangalam Birla, whose guidance has been the cornerstone of our success."

A chartered accountant, Mulye rose to become executive director at ICICI Bank, where she headed the corporate banking division and also served as group CFO.

As CEO, Mulye leads the $113 billion cement-to-fashion conglomerate's financial services business and is on the board of ABCL's operating companies, including Aditya Birla Housing Finance, Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. and Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co.

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Of the ₹4,000 crore capital raised at the holding company level to fund growth, ₹3,000 crore came through a combination of qualified institutional placement (QIP) and preference shares. Subsequently, the company picked up ₹664 crore through an offer for sale (OFS) of shares in the AMC and ₹252 crore by divesting a 50% stake in Aditya Birla Insurance Brokers to Edme Services, an entity linked to Samara Capital Group.

Under her watch, Aditya Birla Health Insurance raised ₹665 crore by divesting 9.99% to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), the sovereign wealth fund of the Gulf state, in the second half of calendar year 2022.

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The company's manufacturing capabilities form the backbone of its scale. The Rajasthan facility produces 25 million frames and 30-40 million lenses annually. A new $200 million factory in Telangana, 10 times the size of the Rajasthan unit, is under construction, which will help position it as a global production hub to meet growing demand from regions such as West and Southeast Asia.

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Backed by marquee investors such as SoftBank, KKR, and Temasek, Lenskart is planning another secondary funding round at a $6 billion valuation. The company, has already returned over $650 million to investors in the past year.

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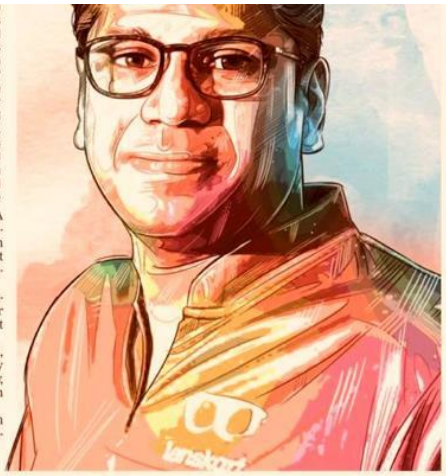

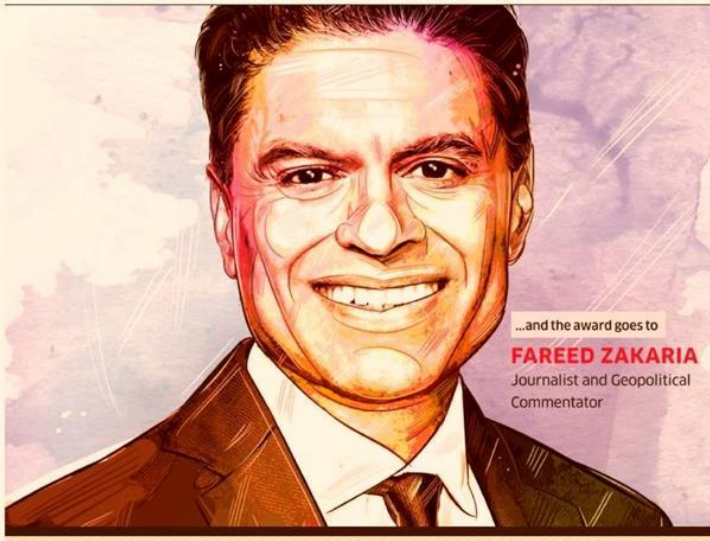

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GLOBAL INDIAN

When Fareed Zakaria emerged as the consensus choice for Global Indian of the Year, a jury member endorsed him by stating, "He undoubtedly does more for India on the global stage than any other Indian." This recognition is a testament to the prominent Indian-American journalist, political commentator and author's global renown for his sharp and insightful take on international affairs and complex geopolitical matters.

Born on January 20, 1964, in Mumbai, Zakaria hails from a distinguished Konkani Muslim family. Father Rafiq Zakaria was a respected politician and Islamic scholar, while mother Fatma was an accomplished journalist, who worked at The Times of India and elsewhere.

Zakaria went to the United States for his higher education, earning a bachelor's degree from Yale and a doctorate in political science from Harvard. This academic background serves as the foundation for his knowledge of international relations, politics, and economics. He was one of the first Indians to hold key editorial roles at leading global magazines like Foreign Affairs, Newsweek International and Time.

"I am deeply honoured to receive the ET Global Indian Award. To be honoured like this by the Economic Times, with a jury that is filled with people I admire, is deeply gratifying," Zakaria told ET. "I believe that one of my missions in life must be to help people around the world better understand India and its enormous strengths and opportunities. I am also personally touched by this because my mother worked for the Times of India group for about two decades, first under Khushwant Singh at the Illustrated Weekly of India and then under Girilal Jain at the Times. Many days after I finished up at school, I would go to the Times of India offices to wait for my mother to finish her work and then go home together. To be honoured by that organisation brings back warm memories of my childhood in Bombay."

Zakaria is best known as the host of CNN's Fareed Zakaria GPS (Global Public Square), a weekly programme launched in 2008 that features interviews with world leaders, policymakers, and intellectuals. The show has hosted prominent guests, including Joe Biden, Barack Obama, Manmohan Singh, Narendra Modi and Vladimir Putin.

Zakaria has also presented CNN primetime specials on topics ranging from geopolitics to technology. In addition to hosting Fareed Zakaria GPS, he contributes to CNN's digital newsletter Fareed's Global Briefing and writes a column for The Washington Post. He has authored key cover stories for Time and other leading publications at a time when major shifts were unfolding across the world, and the interpretation of complex global dynamics was much needed. In his books, Zakaria explores themes of globalisation, democracy and education. These include The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad (2003), The Post-American World (2008), In Defence of a Liberal Education (2015), Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World (2020), and Age of Revolutions (2024).

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Zakaria is a naturalised US citizen. He married Paula Throckmorton, a jewellery designer, in 1997 and the couple have three children. They filed for divorce in 2018. He lives in New York City's Upper West Side with his son and two daughters. Zakaria describes himself as a centrist, although others have labelled him as a liberal, conservative, moderate, or radical centrist.

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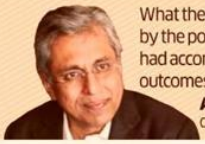

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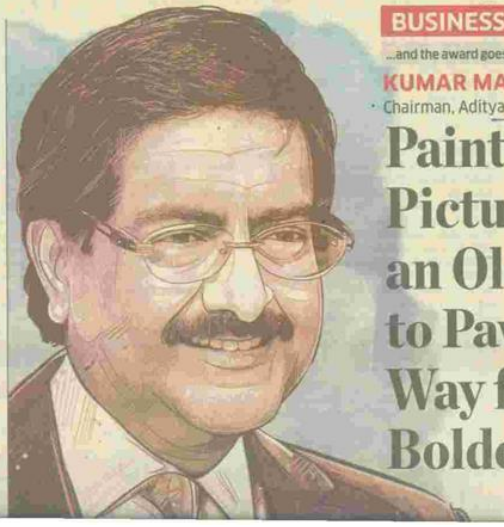

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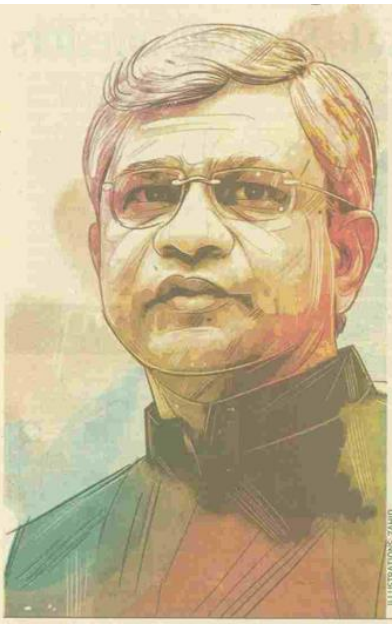

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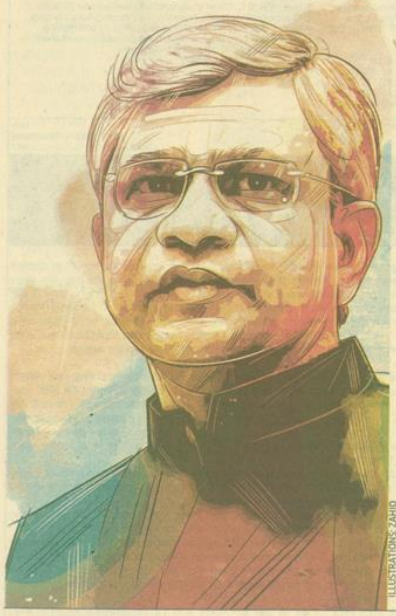

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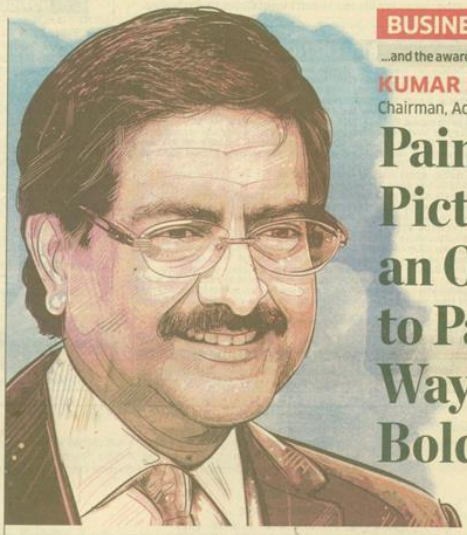

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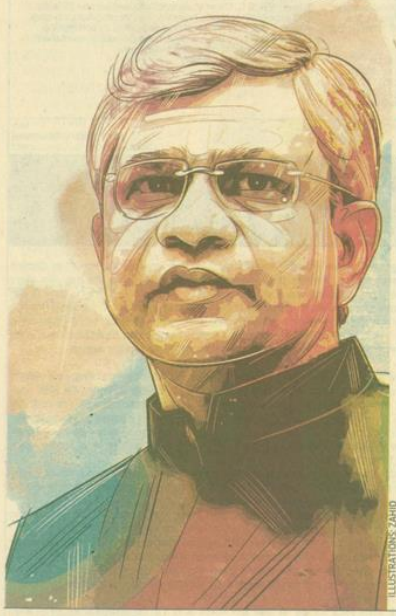

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"Manufacturing in India has been completely transformed with the country now exporting goods that it imported," Vaishnaw said last week.

India is also set to become a semiconductor centre. Global companies such as Micron and joint ventures such as Tata-PSMC have already committed billions for manufacturing and assembling chips in India.

Vaishnaw has spearheaded policy to make the country a manufacturing hub and is overseeing massive capex to modernise the railways

Among the nominees, Vaishnaw stands head and shoulders above the rest, one juror noted. "It's a good indication that good people come into the government from outside and succeed," said another as the jury reached a unanimous decision.

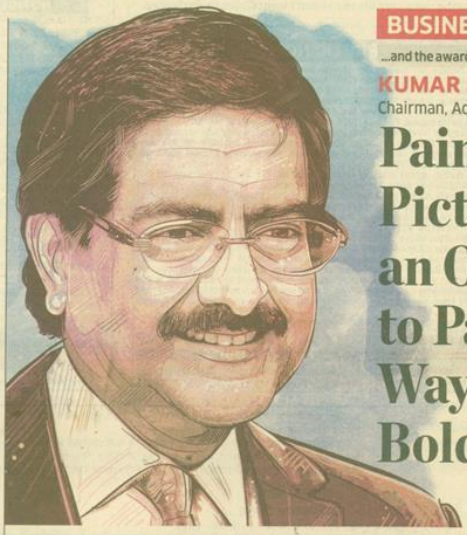
"Humbled by this honour," Vaishnaw told ET. "It's a recognition of the Prime Minister's relentless pursuit of reforms."

A strong advocate of privacy, he piloted the Digital Personal Data Protection Act in the Parliament, India's first legislation on the matter. He is now working on the rules under the act while carrying out extensive stakeholder consultations to ensure minimal disruption and continued focus on ease of business. As telecom minister earlier, Vaishnaw led the expeditious rollout of the 5G network in the country and initiated work on 6G.

Meanwhile, the Railways is working on the faster deployment of the Kavach system to enhance safety as well as the quicker roll-out of Vande Bharat trains and the redevelopment of stations. In sync with Make in India, the ministry is working to cut foreign dependence for the supply of superior-quality trains and engines. Vande Bharat trains are now being developed for longer routes with safety being a key focus area for Vaishnaw. He has a target of making the railway network accident-resistant by 2030. The ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project is being pushed ahead along with work on the freight corridor.

The Railways is also readying a faster and smoother Vande Bharat parcel service for catering to the movement of small — but valuable and fragile — goods through its network, in a move that could transform the transport of perishables in the country.

As information & broadcasting minister, a portfolio that came to him this year, he has begun work on establishing talent development programmes for creators. He also plans to set up world-class universities for media and entertainment, and training in technical skills.



BUSINESS LEADER

...and the award goes to

KUMAR MANGALAM BIRLA

Chairman, Aditya Birla Group

Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future

The year has been a remarkable one for the Aditya Birla Group, capped by entry into the elite $100 billion market capitalisation club. The group's cement business consolidated its position as the largest in India through multiple acquisitions. It entered paints with a plan to add a massive 40% of the industry's production capacity. Group company Vodafone Idea, India's third largest telecom player, raised ₹18,000 crore through the biggest-ever domestic follow-on public offer.

Helmed by 57-year-old Kumar Mangalam Birla — the fourth generation of the Birla family — the group has also forayed into competitive branded jewellery.

The jury recognised the outstanding year the group has had, picking Birla as Business Leader of the Year in a unanimous vote. What Kumar has achieved — $100 billion market capitalisation for the group this year — is enormous, said one jury member.

Established early in the 20th century by Ghanshyam Das Birla, the group started off in industries critical to nation-building, with the next leg of growth — led by Aditya Vikram Birla — focusing on establishing it on the global stage.

"It is a privilege to receive this honour from ET on behalf of my 187,000 colleagues across the globe. This award is yet another testament to the enduring impact we have created as a business group, and that too in an era of such dramatic change," Birla told ET.

Birla, who was on the jury, recused himself when the category was discussed.

"At the Aditya Birla Group, we find ourselves at a pivotal juncture, strategically placing multiple bets on both our established scale businesses and promising new ventures," Birla said, laying down his vision. "This dynamic interplay, underpinned by our proven ability to synthesise capital, talent, and ideas should pave the way for a transformative future. As we chart this course, we will continue to unfailingly demonstrate the power of business as a force for good."

Kumar Mangalam Birla took the group's reins in 1995 at the age of 28, following father Aditya Birla's untimely death at 51. Since then, the group's revenue has grown over 30 times from $2 billion at the time to $66 billion now, with several large acquisitions along the way and a presence in 40 countries.

The Aditya Birla Group's businesses include cement, chemicals, financial services, metals, mining, textiles, fashion retail, paints, trading, hospitality, entertainment, jewellery and telecom.

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Several of the group's businesses are in a dominant position. Birla, who has been the recipient of this award twice in the last two decades, is known for his emphasis on scale.

Apart from UltraTech, which is the largest cement maker in the country, flagship Grasim Industries is the biggest producer of viscose staple fibre, while Hindalco Industries is a market leader for both aluminium and copper in India. US-based subsidiary Novelis is the world's largest recycler of aluminium.

"Kumar has shown an enormous amount of resilience and fought many battles. He is fighting one such major battle in the cement industry," said a jury member, referring to the wave of consolidation that has seen the Adani and Birla groups battling for supremacy in the sector. The jury member added that Birla is a quiet person who has made solid, stable progress.

The conglomerate's key stocks including UltraTech, Hindalco and Grasim have risen to lifetime highs in recent months.

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HC rejects plea against Adani's power contract

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The bench, however, refused to accept the contentions and said, "In our opinion, filing of such petitions containing unsubstantiated and reckless averments run the risk of sometimes even good causes being lost. The petition made vague and unsubstantiated assertions that the contract awarded was a scam involving government authorities."

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The court also said the petition did not contain any supporting materials to show that former chief minister Shinde was involved in any corrupt practices. It noted that the petitioner was not a participant in the tender process.

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Political vendetta or zero tolerance to corruption TDP actions ignite debate

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Political vendetta or zero tolerance to corruption? TDP actions ignite debate

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HYDERABAD: The Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (CID) registered a case against YSRCP general secretary and Rajya Sabha member Y Vijay Sai Reddy and others on December 2 for allegedly coercing K V Rao, original promoter of Kakinada Sea Ports Limited (KCPL) and Kakinada Special Economic Zone to transfer his majority shares to Auro Infra Pvt Ltd for a nominal price when the Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP government was in charge of the state between 2019 and 2024.

On December 6, the Nara Chandrababu Naidu-led TDP government constituted a special investigation team (SIT) headed by inspector general of police Vineet Brij Lal to look into the alleged illegal transport of rice meant for public distribution system (PDS) from Kakinada port to Africa.

TDP official spokesperson Anam Venkataramana Reddy said: "This is not vengeance. The government is probing the illegal acquisition of the Kakinada seaport and SEZ at a throwaway price. Can anyone transfer 4,000 acres of land for just ₹12 crore, if not under coercion?"

But analysts say that Naidu may also be paying back Reddy in the same currency. Between 2019 and 2024, the Reddy regime targeted TDP leaders and Naidu, who was arrested on September 2, 2023, and spent 53 days in jail before securing bail.

The Telugu Desam returned to power on June 4, 2024, and Naidu was sworn in on June 12.

On June 22, municipal authorities demolished the central office of the YSRCP under construction at Tadepalli, describing it as an illegal structure .

The demolition was reminiscent of a move undertaken by Jagan Mohan Reddy on June 1, 2019, within hours of assuming charge as the chief minister. Back then, he ordered the demolition of "Praja Vedika" a hall constructed adjacent to Naidu's residence at Undavalli, on the grounds that it was illegal structure.

"There is no surprise in Naidu ordering demolition of YSRCP buildings, as he faced a similar situation soon after losing power in 2019. Taking revenge on political rivals has become order of the day in present-day politics," observed political analyst Telakapalli Ravi.

On the day of demolition, the TDP issued a statement saying the authorities carried out the action after issuing proper notices. "Jagan 'misused' his power as the chief minister to allot the land for the construction of his party's office," the statement said.

During the YSRCP regime, the TDP complained about alleged attacks and murders of party activists by YSRCP leaders across the state, particularly in rural Rayalaseema and Palnadu regions.

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In recent months it has been the turn of YSRCP leaders to make similar allegations. In July, Jagan staged a demonstration in New Delhi, alleging that there had been systematic attacks on the YSRCP workers, as Naidu was "trying to take personal vengeance at every level".

He alleged that within the first 45 days of coming to power, there were 36 cases of murder, over 300 attempted murders, and destruction of more than 590 properties belonging to the YSRCP.

"Obviously, Naidu must also be under tremendous pressure from local TDP leaders to act tough against the YSRCP leaders, because they had suffered similar witch-hunt and assaults during the previous regime of Jagan," added Ravi.

Following the murder of a YSRCP activist Sheik Rasheed in Palnadu district in July, TDP general secretary and state minister Nara Lokesh accused the YSRCP of "blatant lies".

"Jagan is desperately trying to link every incident to TDP. We are responsible for the safety and security of people and our government will not spare any criminal," he said.

Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu at state assembly. ANI

The state police has also launched a massive crackdown on social media activists affiliated with the YSRCP, for allegedly posting derogatory and vulgar content on social media against Naidu, his son Nara Lokesh, and deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan, besides their wives and daughters and even home minister Vangalapudi Anitha.

According to the police, in the first week of November itself, the state police issued 680 notices, registered 147 cases, and arrested 49 individuals. YSRCP legal cell president M Manohar Reddy claimed more than 300 party workers have been arrested.

At a public meeting at Amaravati on November 7, Naidu said people who used vulgar language on social media, particularly against women, would "face its consequences". "The language on social media is reckless. They are making objectionable comments about women. Should we not take action? Should I ignore it? They have become criminals," he said.

And while Naidu and Kalyan's charge about adulterated ghee being used in Tirumala is still being investigated, and may eventually amount to naught, the charges in a US court against the Adani Group for allegedly paying bribes to the YSRCP government for a solar power deal has provided fresh ammunition to TDP.

The issue came up for a discussion in the state assembly with the TDP members targeting Jagan for tarnishing the brand image of Andhra. Naidu declared that he would take a call on ordering a probe into the deal after examining the US charge sheets. The government has also said it would explore the legality of scrapping the deal. To be sure, the TDP and Naidu will have to tread cautiously given that its ally the Bharatiya Janata Party is being targeted by the opposition for furthering the Adani Group's interests.

"Irrespective of whether the case makes any progress, it has given a scope for Naidu to project Jagan in a bad light," Ravi said.

When the TDP was in the opposition, Naidu was highly critical of IAS and IPS officers who were allegedly toeing the line of Jagan Mohan Reddy and targeting the TDP leaders.

Back then, Naidu's son Nara Lokesh always used to carry a "red book"and say that he was noting down the names of all the officers.

That book may be coming in of use now. Since June several IAS and IPS officers have been shifted from their posts and kept waiting for some time without any new posting.

For example, former special chief secretary (municipal administration) Y Srilakshmi, has not been given any posting. Poonam Malakondaiah and Gopalakrishna Dwivedi were forced to wait for a post till the day they retired.

In August, the Naidu government transferred 16 IPS officers who were not given any new posting and were instead instructed to report to the DGP's office daily to mark attendance. Prominent among them were: former intelligence chief PSR Anjaneyulu, PV Sunil Kumar, Kolli Raghurami Reddy, Ammi Reddy, G Vijaya Rao, N Sanjay, Kanthi Rana Tata, and G Pala Raju.

TDP official spokesperson Kommareddy Pattabhi said the Naidu government did not intend to target officers just because they may have had run-ins with the TDP in the past.

"If that is the case, half of the bureaucrats and cops would have been booked in various cases. But we have not done that. The government has acted against only those officers against whom there were concrete evidence," Pattabhi said.

Three of these IPS officers, P S R Anjaneyulu, Kranti Rana Tata, and Vishal Gunni were suspended in September for their alleged involvement in the improper arrest and alleged harassment of Mumbai-based actress Kadambari Jethwani.

On December 4, the state government suspended another of the officers, N Sanjay in an alleged financial misappropriation case. Sanjay was instrumental in booking Naidu in the alleged Rs 371 crore skill development corporation fraud case in September 2023 and having him arrested.

The TDP spokesperson said this was done after a vigilance department probe reportedly uncovered evidence of corruption during his stint in the fire services department.

Another political analyst, Bhandaru Srinivas, Rao said much of this is just the cycle continuing as it does " whenever there is a change in power in the state."

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प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक जाकिर हुसैन का निधन

प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक जाकिर हुसैन का अमेरिका के सैन फ्रांसिस्को में एक अस्पताल में निधन हो गया। उनके परिवार ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी। परिवार ने एक बयान में कहा कि हुसैन की मृत्यु फेफड़े संबंधी समस्या इडियोपैथिक पल्मोनरी फाइब्रोसिस से उत्पन्न जटिलताओं के कारण हुई। वह 73 वर्ष के थे। हुसैन पिछले दो सप्ताह से अस्पताल में भर्ती थे। उनकी हालत बिगड़ने के बाद उन्हें आईसीयू में रखा गया था। हुसैन की बहन खुर्शीद आलिया ने कहा कि उन्होंने सुबह के साथ अंतिम सांस ली। उन्होंने पीटीआई-भाषा को बताया, वेंटिलेशन मशीन बंद किए जाने के बाद उन्होंने सुबह के साथ अंतिम सांस ली। सैन फ्रांसिस्को के समय के अनुसार, तब शाम के चार बजे थे। प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक उस्ताद अल्ला रक्खा के पुत्र जाकिर हुसैन का जन्म नौ मार्च 1951 को हुआ था। उन्हें उनकी पीढ़ी के सबसे महान तबला वादकों में से एक माना जाता है। उनके परिवार में उनकी पत्नी एंटोनिया मिनेकोला और उनकी बेटियां अनीशा कुरैशी और इजाबेला कुरैशी हैं। परिवार की ओर से जारी बयान में कहा गया है, वह गहरी संवेदना। मेरी प्रार्थनाएं, ओम शांति। फिल्म निर्माता हंसल मेहता ने कहा, कुछ घंटे पहले उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन का निधन हो गया। अलविदा उस्ताद जी। वह व्यक्ति, जिन्होंने तबला वादन को आकर्षण का केंद्र बनाया, जिन्होंने एक संगत वाद्य यंत्र को पूरी दुनिया में लोकप्रिय बनाने में अहम योगदान दिया। उनके परिवार, प्रशंसकों और दुनिया भर में उनके चाहने वालों के प्रति गहरी संवेदनाएं। महाराष्ट्र के राज्यपाल

मैंने उनके लिए तबला बनाया, उन्होंने मेरी जिंदगी बना दी: हरिदास वटकर

तबला वादक जाकिर हुसैन के निधन से उनके लिए तबला बनाने वाले हरिदास वटकर को गहरा धक्का लगा है। हरिदास वटकर (59) ने पीटीआई-भाषा को बताया, "मैंने सबसे पहले उनके (जाकिर हुसैन) पिता अल्ला रक्खा के लिए तबले बनाना शुरू किया और 1998 से जाकिर हुसैन साहब के लिए तबले बना रहा था। मुंबई के कांजुर मार्ग स्थित अपनी कार्यशाला से बातचीत के दौरान वटकर ने कहा कि उनकी 73 वर्षीय तबला वादक से आखिरी मुलाकात इसी वर्ष अगस्त में मुंबई में हुई थी। वटकर ने बताया, "वह गुरु पूर्णिमा का दिन था। मैं उनसे एक हॉल में मिला था, जहां उनके बहुत से प्रशंसक भी मौजूद थे। इसके अगले दिन मैं नेपियन सी रोड के नजदीक शिमला हाउस को ऑपरेटिव सोसाइटी में उनके घर गया। यहां मेरी उनसे काफी देर तक बातचीत हुई। पश्चिमी महाराष्ट्र के मिराज से आने वाले तीसरी पीढ़ी के तबला निर्माता वटकर ने कहा, "वे इस बात को लेकर बहुत सजग रहते थे कि उनको कब और कैसा तबला चाहिए। वे वाद्ययंत्र की ध्वनि को लेकर बहुत महत्व देते थे। जब उनसे पूछा गया कि पिछले दो दशकों में उन्होंने जाकिर हुसैन के लिए कितने तबले बनाए हैं, तो वटकर ने जवाब दिया, अनगिनत।

दुनिया भर के अनगिनत संगीत प्रेमियों द्वारा संजोई गई एक असाधारण विरासत छोड़ गए हैं, जिसका प्रभाव आने वाली पीढ़ियों तक बना रहेगा। छह दशकों के अपने करियर में, हुसैन ने कई प्रसिद्ध अंतरराष्ट्रीय और भारतीय कलाकारों के साथ काम किया, लेकिन गिटारवादक जॉन मैक्लॉघलिन, वायलिन वादक एल शंकर और तालवादक टीएच विक्कु विनायक्रम के साथ 1973 में भारतीय शास्त्रीय संगीत और पश्चिमी जैज संगीत के तत्वों के उनके संलयन को काफी सराहा गया। हुसैन ने मात्र सात वर्ष की आयु से ही तबले पर हाथ आजमाना शुरू कर दिया था और आगे चलकर उन्होंने पंडित रविशंकर, अली अकबर खान और शिवकुमार शर्मा जैसे दिग्गजों सहित भारत के लगभग सभी प्रतिष्ठित संगीत कलाकारों के साथ काम किया। यो-यो मा, चार्ल्स लॉयड, बेला फ्लेक, एडगर मेयर, मिकी हार्ट और जॉर्ज हैरिसन जैसे पश्चिमी संगीतकारों के साथ उनके अभूतपूर्व संगीत ने भारतीय शास्त्रीय संगीत को अंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्शकों तक पहुंचाया। हुसैन ने अपने करियर में पांच ग्रैमी पुरस्कार जीते, जिनमें से तीन इस साल की शुरुआत में 66वें ग्रैमी पुरस्कार में मिले थे। भारत के सबसे प्रसिद्ध शास्त्रीय संगीतकारों में से एक हुसैन को 1988 में पद्म श्री, 2002 में पद्म भूषण और 2023 में पद्म विभूषण से सम्मानित किया गया। हुसैन के निधन के बारे में जानकारी मिलने पर मशहूर हस्तियों ने सोशल मीडिया पर शोक व्यक्त करते हुए उन्हें श्रद्धांजलि दी। राज्यसभा सदस्य प्रियंका चतुर्वेदी ने दिग्गज तबला वादक को श्रद्धांजलि दी। उन्होंने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स पर पोस्ट कर कहा, तबला वादक उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन के बिना संगीत की दुनिया अधूरी रह जाएगी। उनके परिवार, दोस्तों और दुनिया भर में उनके प्रशंसकों के प्रति सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन ने तबला वादक उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन के निधन पर दुख प्रकट किया और कहा कि देश ने अपने प्रिय तबलावादक और सांस्कृतिक प्रतीकों में से एक को खो दिया। राधाकृष्णन ने कहा कि हुसैन भारतीय शास्त्रीय संगीत में ऐसा नाम बन गए थे जिन्हें घर-घर में पहचाना जाता है। राज्यपाल ने कहा कि उनके जाने से संगीत की दुनिया में अपूरणीय क्षति हुई है। उन्होंने कहा, उनके निधन से भारत, खास तौर पर महाराष्ट्र ने अपने प्रिय तबलावादक और सांस्कृतिक प्रतीकों में से एक को खो दिया है। उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन का संगीत अमर रहेगा, जो संगीतकारों की पीढ़ियों को कुछ नया करने और उत्कृष्टता के लिए प्रेरित करेगा। मेरी संवेदनाएं उनके परिवार और अनगिनत प्रशंसकों के साथ हैं। हुसैन के निधन पर शोक व्यक्त करते हुए, पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री शरद पवार ने कहा, प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक पद्म भूषण उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन के निधन की खबर दुखद है। जाकिर हुसैन भारत के सबसे प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक के रूप में जाने जाते थे, वह एक बहुमुखी व्यक्तित्व के धनी थे। पवार ने कहा, उन्होंने भारतीय संगीत के एक वाद्य यंत्र तबला को विश्व पटल पर स्थापित किया... कला जगत के एक दिग्गज का आज निधन हो गया। केरल के मुख्यमंत्री पिनराई विजयन ने तबला वादक को भारत की समृद्ध संगीत विरासत का प्रतीक और शास्त्रीय परंपराओं का सच्चा संरक्षक बताया। उन्होंने कहा, उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन ने भारतीय संगीत को दुनिया भर में लोकप्रिय बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई और वह भारत की समृद्ध संगीत विरासत के प्रतीक रहे। वह शास्त्रीय परंपराओं के सच्चे संरक्षक थे। कला के क्षेत्र में उनका योगदान अद्वितीय है। उनका निधन संस्कृति और मानवता के लिए एक बड़ी क्षति है। उनके प्रियजनों के प्रति गहरी संवेदना। हुसैन के परिवार के प्रति अपनी संवेदना व्यक्त करते हुए कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने उन्हें एक सांस्कृतिक दूत बताया, जिन्होंने अपनी मंत्रमुग्ध कर देने वाली ताल से सीमाओं और पीढ़ियों के बीच सेतु का काम किया। उन्होंने कहा, पद्म विभूषण से सम्मानित तबला वादक और तालवादक ने असाधारण प्रदर्शन के जरिए अपने पिता की विरासत को बेहद शानदार ढंग से आगे बढ़ाया। उनको मिले कई राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मान इस बात के प्रमाण हैं। पश्चिम बंगाल के प्रमुख संगीतकारों ने भी हुसैन के निधन पर शोक व्यक्त किया। संतूर वादक पंडित तरुण भट्टाचार्य ने कहा, शास्त्रीय संगीत की दुनिया में कोई दूसरा जाकिर हुसैन नहीं होगा। भट्टाचार्य ने कहा कि हुसैन ने विभिन्न शास्त्रीय रागों और शैली में तबला बोल (ताल) के साथ प्रयोग किए। भट्टाचार्य ने याद किया कि वह किसी भी प्रस्तुति से पहले मंच पर बड़ों के पैर छूते थे। संतूर वादक ने कहा कि वह ही थे जिन्होंने भारतीय तबले को दुनिया भर में लोकप्रिय बनाया।

जाकिर हुसैन की विरासत हमेशा लोगों के दिलों में रहेगी : नड्डा

भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के अध्यक्ष जे पी नड्डा ने महान तबला वादक जाकिर हुसैन के निधन पर शोक जताते हुए सोमवार को कहा कि उनकी विरासत उनके शाश्वत संगीत के माध्यम से हमेशा लोगों के दिलों में रहेगी। प्रसिद्ध तबला वादक जाकिर हुसैन का अमेरिका के सैन फ्रांसिस्को में एक अस्पताल में निधन हो गया। उनके परिवार ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी। परिवार ने एक बयान में कहा कि हुसैन की मृत्यु फेफड़े संबंधी समस्या इडियोपैथिक पल्मोनरी फाइब्रोसिस से उत्पन्न जटिलताओं के कारण हुई। वह 73 वर्ष के थे। नड्डा ने एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा, महान तबला वादक उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन जी के निधन की खबर सुनकर बहुत दुःख हुआ। केंद्रीय मंत्री नड्डा ने कहा कि अपनी असाधारण प्रतिभा और भारतीय शास्त्रीय तथा विश्व संगीत में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए विश्व स्तर पर प्रसिद्ध उनकी वक्तामवत्ता ने अनगिनत दिलों को छुआ। नड्डा ने कहा, भले ही वह (हुसैन) अब हमारे बीच नहीं है, लेकिन उनकी विरासत उनके क्षणातीत संगीत के माध्यम से हमारे दिलों में गूंजती रहेगी। भाजपा अध्यक्ष ने महान तबला वादक को श्रद्धांजलि देते हुए कहा, उनके परिवार, मित्रों और प्रशंसकों के प्रति मेरी हार्दिक संवेदनाएं। उनकी आत्मा को शांति मिले।

सत्य नडेला और गौतम अदाणी ने जाकिर हुसैन के निधन पर शोक व्यक्त किया

माइक्रोसॉफ्ट के चेयरमैन और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी सत्य नडेला और अरबपति गौतम अदाणी ने महान तबला वादकों में से एक जाकिर हुसैन के निधन पर शोक व्यक्त किया। हुसैन का अमेरिका के सैन फ्रांसिस्को में एक अस्पताल में निधन हो गया। हुसैन की मृत्यु फेफड़े संबंधी समस्या इडियोपैथिक पल्मोनरी फाइब्रोसिस से उत्पन्न जटिलताओं के कारण हुई। वह 73 वर्ष के थे। सोशल मीडिया मंच लिंक्डन पर एक पोस्ट में नडेला ने कहा, "एक सच्चे दिग्गज उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन। उन्होंने आगे कहा, आपका संगीत सीमाओं से परे है और हमेशा जिंदा रहेगा।

दिवसीय महोत्सव का तीसरा दिन था। हम सभी जानते थे कि उनकी तबीयत ठीक नहीं थी, लेकिन वह बहुत जल्दी चले गए। सरोज वादक अमजद अली खान ने एक्स पर पोस्ट कर कहा कि उनके पास कोई शब्द नहीं है उन्होंने कहा, मैं जाकिर भाई के बारे में सुनकर पूरी तरह से टूट गया हूं। उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन एक अद्भुत व्यक्ति थे। वह वास्तव में दुनिया के सबसे लोकप्रिय संगीतकारों में से एक थे। सारंगी वादक कमाल साबरी ने हुसैन के निधन को संगीत दुनिया के लिए बड़ी क्षति बताया। उन्होंने पीटीआई-भाषा से कहा, वह एक अद्भुत संगीतकार थे जिन्होंने लंबे समय तक वैश्विक मंच पर भारतीय संगीत का प्रतिनिधित्व किया। शास्त्रीय गायक वसीफुद्दीन डागर ने पीटीआई-भाषा से कहा, वह एक प्रेरणा थे। यह एक अपूरणीय क्षति है... वह दुनिया भर में सबसे प्रसिद्ध भारतीय संगीतकार थे।

अक्षय कुमार ने कहा कि उन्हें हुसैन के निधन के बारे में जानकर दुख हुआ है। उन्होंने एक्स पर पोस्ट कर कहा, वह वास्तव में हमारे देश की संगीत विरासत के लिए एक खजाना थे। ओम शांति।

करीना कपूर खान ने इंस्टाग्राम पर पोस्ट कर कहा, उस्ताद हमेशा के लिए। कमल हासन ने सोशल मीडिया पर हुसैन के साथ तबला बजाते हुए अपनी एक तस्वीर साझा की।

दिग्गज तमिल अभिनेता ने कहा, जाकिर भाई उन बहुत जल्दी हमें छोड़कर चले गए। फिर भी हम, उनके द्वारा दिए गए समय और अपनी कला के रूप में जो कुछ भी उन्होंने पीछे छोड़ा है, उसके लिए आभारी हैं। अलविदा और धन्यवाद।

संगीतकार विशाल ददलानी ने इंस्टाग्राम पर कहा कि कोई दूसरा उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन कभी नहीं होगा।

संगीतकार वर्षा वले ने सोशल मीडिया पर एक तस्वीर साझा की जिसमें वाद्य यंत्र को इस तरह रखा गया था जिससे वह जाकिर लिखे हुए नजर आ रहे थे। उन्होंने उसका कैप्शन लिखा था, नो वर्ड्स

अभिनेत्री कंगना रनौत ने हुसैन का एक पुराना वीडियो अपनी इंस्टाग्राम स्टोरीज पर साझा करते हुए लिखा, आपने भारत को समृद्ध बनाया। आपके योगदान के लिए धन्यवाद।

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Revanth to lead 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' protest on Dec. 18

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In response to the nationwide campaign launched by AICC to expose alleged corruption and inaction of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre concerning industrialist Gautam Adani, the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has announced a 'Chalo Raj Bhavan' rally on December 18.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, along with ministers, MLAs and MLCs, will participate in the protest rally, which will commence at 11 am from the Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road and culminate at Raj Bhavan.

In a media statement on Monday, the TPCC accused the NDA government of deliberately overlooking alleged financial irregularities by Adani and his group, calling it evidence of "officially allowing corruption" in the country.

"Congress will organise various programmes across the country on December 18 to create mass awareness about corruption. On the same day, TPCC will launch its campaign in Telangana while also highlighting the Union government's failure to restore order in Manipur," the statement said. The committee claimed that the irregularities committed by Adani in the US had tarnished the image of India Inc.

"The allegations related to corruption, fraud, money laundering, market manipulation and criminal charges against Adani have seriously damaged the country's reputation on the global stage," it read. The rally will also highlight Prime Minister Narendra Modi's failure to visit Manipur.

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Sanvidhan par loksabha ke bad ab rajyasabha 2 din garam

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संविधान पर लोकसभा के बाद अब राज्यसभा दो दिन गरम !

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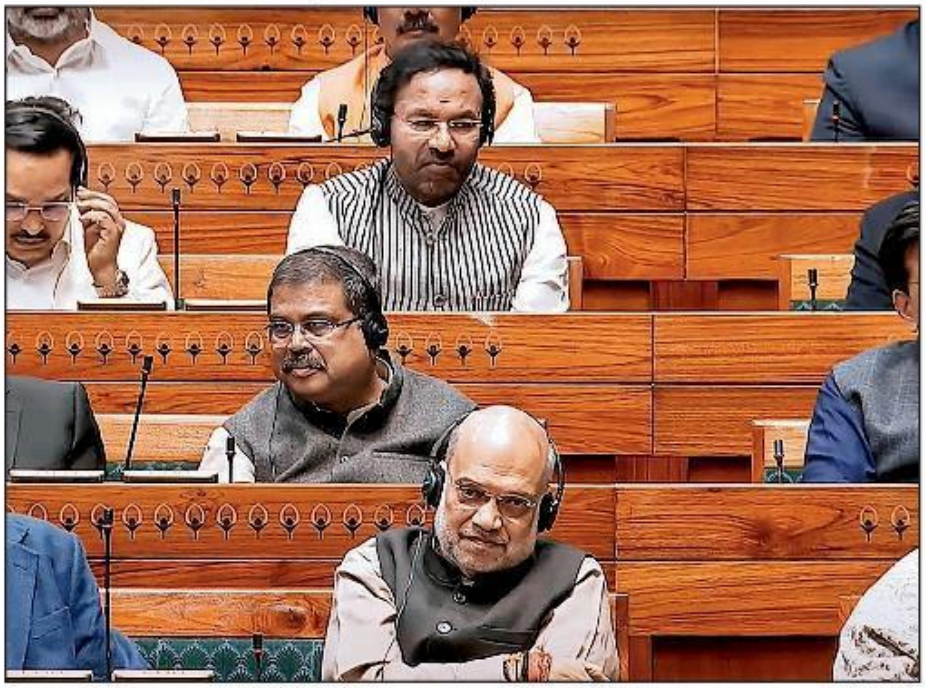
लोकसभा में पिछले सप्ताह के अंतिम दो दिनों में संविधान पर चर्चा के बाद आज और कल राज्यसभा में इस मसले पर गर्मागर्म चर्चा सुनाई दे सकती है। सुबह के संकेत समझें तो पक्ष और विपक्ष, दोनों ने बड़ी तैयारी की है। कल फोन पर और आज सुबह बैठक के जरिए विपक्ष ने सरकार को घेरने के मुद्दे तय किए हैं। सांप्रदायिक माहौल को बिगाड़ने, किसानों की अनसुनी करने, विकास पर भेदभाव करने जैसे कई मुद्दे विपक्ष के हैं। वहीं, सत्तारूढ़ एनडीए के कई नेता केंद्र सरकार की योजनाओं के लाभ गिनाकर विपक्ष पर निशाने साधने वाले हैं।

कई नेताओं के भाषण : सुबह के संकेतों के अनुसार, वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण चर्चा की शुरुआत कर रही हैं। हालांकि स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जेपी नड्डा द्वारा भी शुरुआत की बात पहले की जा रही थी। बीजेपी ने अपने सांसदों को दो दिन सदन में रहने का व्हिप जारी कर रखा है। नड्डा ने पार्टी अध्यक्ष के नाते अपने कुछ सांसदों संग चर्चा के मुद्दे तय किए हैं। आयुष्मान भारत योजना, उज्जवला गैस योजना, हर घर को नल, घरों में शौचालय बनवाने, विदेश में भारत की बड़ी इमेज, पीएम मोदी के बड़े प्रयासों और चुनाव हारने पर विपक्ष द्वारा ईवीएम को कोसना जैसे मुद्दे सत्ता पक्ष के हैं। ईवीएम पर कल जेके सीएम उमर अब्दुल्ला द्वारा कांग्रेस को दी गई एक तरह की नसीहत का जिक्र भी किसी रूप में हो सकता है। सत्ता पक्ष की तरफ से सीतारमण, नड्डा, सुधांशु त्रिवेदी सहित कई नेता बोल सकते हैं। गृह मंत्री अमित शाह के अलावा पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी का भी भाषण कल होने के संकेत आज सुबह थे।



संविधान पर आज राज्यसभा में हो रही चर्चा

बड़ी गर्मी, बड़ी तैयारी: विपक्ष ने भी बड़ी तैयारी के जरिए बड़ी गर्मी रखने की रणनीति बनाई है। मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे, आरजेडी के मनोज झा और अन्य विपक्षी नेताओं के भाषण सरकार को घेरते हुए सुनाई देंगे। देखने की बात यह है कि सभापति जगदीप धनखड़ के खिलाफ अविश्वास प्रस्ताव लाने के बाद विपक्षी नेता आज की चर्चा के समय इस मामले पर क्या रुख रखते हैं? कांग्रेस नेता प्रमोद तिवारी ने कहा है कि विपक्ष ने यह विषय छोड़ा नहीं है। दूसरी तरफ लोकसभा में सुबह प्रश्नकाल से पहले कांग्रेस ने आज सुबह भी संसद परिसर में अडाणी मुद्दे पर विरोधी सुर जारी रखे। सदन में भी कई मुद्दे उठाने की तैयारी विपक्ष ने सुबह कर रखी थी, हालांकि, खबर लिखे जाने के समय प्रश्नकाल शांति से चल रहा था। इसी बीच विपक्ष शीतकालीन सत्र के कुछ ही दिन शेष रहने को देखते हुए अपनी तैयारी भी कर रहा है। सत्र आगे नहीं बढ़ाया गया, तो समापन 20 दिसंबर को होना है।

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Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay

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Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay

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The 28th edition of Techfest, Asia's largest science and technology festival, will take place at IIT Bombay from December 17 to 19. The event, with the theme Sustainnovative Sentience, will focus on sustainable and innovative solutions through competitions, exhibitions, and other activities.

The inaugural day will feature a ceremony, a keynote lecture by Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd., and the International Robowars. Exhibits include the Unitree G1 Humanoid Robot.

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The meaning of BJP's attack on the 'Deep State

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बामुलाहिजा • भारत और अमेरिका रणनीतिक सहयोगी, फिर आज अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग पर सवाल क्यों?

'डीप स्टेट' पर भाजपा के हमले के मायने

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हमारी राजनीतिक-रणनीति के इतिहास की एक महत्वपूर्ण घटना घट गई और हमने उस पर उतनी बहस नहीं की, जितनी करनी चाहिए थी। यह घटना 'डीप स्टेट' पर भाजपा ही नहीं बल्कि अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग की ओर से भी हमले के रूप में घटी। सरकारी नीति को प्रभावित करने वाले अपरिभाषित, भयानक और रहस्यमय राष्ट्रस्तरीय गुप्त नेटवर्क को 'डीप स्टेट' कहा जाता है। भाजपा के एक्स हैंडल ने अमेरिकी 'डीप स्टेट' पर हमला करते हुए 16 भागों वाला 'थ्रेड' पोस्ट किया था, क्योंकि उसने भारत और मोदी सरकार के खिलाफ जंग छेड़ दी थी। इस तरह के हमले पर आपकी सामान्य प्रतिक्रिया यह हो सकती थी कि 'कोई बात नहीं, अब ट्रम्प राष्ट्रपति बनने जा रहे हैं और वे भी 'डीप स्टेट' पर हमला करते हैं। भाजपा विजेता का साथ देती दिखना चाहती है।' लेकिन फर्क यह है कि भाजपा के पोस्ट में अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग पर यह आरोप भी लगाया गया है कि वह इस षड्यंत्रकारी नेटवर्क की अगुआई कर रहा है।

पोस्ट में कहा गया था कि 'इस एजेंडा के पीछे हमेशा अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग का हाथ रहा है... 'डीप स्टेट' का मकसद भारत में अस्थिरता फैलाना है। फ्रांसीसी खोजी मीडिया ग्रुप 'मीडियापार्ट' ने उजागर कर दिया है कि 'ओसीसीआरपी' (ऑर्गेनाइज्ड क्राइम एंड करप्शन रिपोर्टिंग प्रोजेक्ट) को अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग के 'यूएस-एड' से पैसे मिलते हैं... वास्तव में, 'ओसीसीआरपी' की 50% फंडिंग अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग से ही आती है। पोस्ट में पेगासस विवाद, अदाणी समूह के बारे में कई खुलासों आदि का खास तौर से जिक्र किया गया है और 'डीप स्टेट' की जॉर्ज सोरोस सरीखी हस्तियों का भी उल्लेख किया गया है। यह बड़ी बात यह है कि भाजपा ने अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग पर सीधा हमला किया।

याद रहे कि 'मीडियापार्ट' वह धुर वामपंथी फ्रांसीसी मंच है, जिसने भारत के राफेल सौदे की खोजी रिपोर्टिंग की थी और कांग्रेस पार्टी तथा मोदी-आलोचकों को उन पर हमला करने का मसाला मुहैया कराया था। भाजपा अब तक तो इसे भारत और मोदी सरकार को बदनाम करने की किसी फ्रांसीसी वामपंथी चौकड़ी की चाल मानती रही होगी। लेकिन अब उसने अमेरिका जैसे विश्वसनीय सहयोगी को निशाना बनाया है। 'मीडियापार्ट' का खुलासा यह बताता है कि अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग न केवल दुनियाभर में खोजी पत्रकारिता को पैसे दे रहा है (अघोषित रूप से) बल्कि प्रमुख पदों पर नियुक्तियों और मुद्दों पर वीटो भी लगा रहा है।

अगर किसी राजनीतिक दल को लगता है कि अमेरिकी सरकार के फंड से चलने वाली किसी गतिविधि के कारण उसकी सरकार को नुकसान पहुंच रहा है तो उस पर सवाल उठाना उसका अधिकार है। वैसे भारत की किसी सत्ताधारी पार्टी ने 'विदेशी हाथ' या खासकर अमेरिका पर कोई पहली बार हमला नहीं किया है। इंदिरा गांधी के दौर में कांग्रेस अक्सर यह करती रहती थी। उस दौर में विपक्षी दलों को 'सीआईए का एजेंट' घोषित कर दिया जाता था। स्वतंत्र पार्टी के पीलू मोदी तो एक दिन 'मैं सीआईए एजेंट हूं' का बिल्ला लगाकर सदन में पहुंच गए थे। आगे चलकर राजीव गांधी और पीवी नरसिंहराव भी जब दबाव में होते थे तो अमेरिका पर हमला करने लगते थे। राजीव

बाइडेन की विदा-वेला में...

बाइडेन सरकार के आखिरी चंद महीनों में भारत और अमेरिका का रिश्ता दबाव में फंस गया। भाजपा 'डीप स्टेट' पर हमला करके जैसे को तैसा जवाब दे रही है। क्या ट्रम्प के गद्दीनशीं होने का इंतजार किया जा रहा है? क्योंकि ट्रम्प भी 'डीप स्टेट' पर लगातार हमला करते हैं।

ने तो 'नानी याद करा देंगे' तक की चेतावनी दे डाली थी। नरसिंहराव ने भी संसद में बहस के दौरान कुछ इसी तरह का बयान दे दिया था। बाद में विदेश मंत्रालय ने अमेरिकी दूतावास को सफाई दी थी कि ऐसा जबान फिसलने के कारण हुआ। लेकिन अमेरिकी राजदूत विलियम क्लार्क जूनियर ने हम कुछ संपादकों के साथ बातचीत में गुस्से में कहा था कि 'क्या राव की जबान 15 मिनट तक फिसलती ही रही थी?'

बहरहाल, वो कुछ अलग ही दौर था। वह भारत का अमेरिका विरोधी शीतयुद्ध था। आज हम अलग युग में हैं, जब भारत के लगातार तीन प्रधानमंत्री और अमेरिका के पांच राष्ट्रपति दोनों देशों की दोस्ती को 21वीं सदी का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण द्विपक्षीय संबंध बता चुके हैं।

भारत और अमेरिका खुद को अगर मित्र-राष्ट्र नहीं कहते तो रणनीतिक सहयोगी तो कहते ही हैं। मोदी 2023 में जब राजकीय दौरे पर वाशिंगटन गए थे तब उन्होंने कहा था, हमने जो महत्वपूर्ण फैसले किए हैं उन्होंने हमारी विस्तृत एवं वैश्विक रणनीतिक साझेदारी में नया अध्याय जोड़ दिया है। उधर राष्ट्रपति बाइडेन ने इसे दुनिया की सबसे अहम साझेदारियों में शुमार बताया था। दोनों देशों के 6,500 शब्दों वाले संयुक्त बयान में यह तक कहा गया था कि महासागरों से लेकर आसमान तक मानवीय उपक्रम का कोई कोना हम दो महान देशों की इस साझेदारी से अछूता नहीं बचा है।

भाजपा आज अमेरिकी विदेश विभाग पर जो हमला कर रही है, उसे उपरोक्त संदर्भ में ही देखा जाना चाहिए। वैसे दोनों पक्ष उच्चस्तरीय कूटनीति के तहत यह जरूर कह रहे हैं कि उनके रिश्ते में कोई समस्या नहीं पैदा हुई है। इसलिए सवाल यह है कि एक-दूसरे को बार-बार सबसे अहम रणनीतिक पार्टनर बताने वाली दो महाशक्तियां इस विरोधाभास को किस तरह पचा रही हैं? अब कांग्रेस ने भी इसमें दखल देते हुए कहा है कि अदाणी को बचाने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण रणनीतिक संबंध को खराब किया जा रहा है। यह भी इस सीजन का एक विरोधाभास ही है, क्योंकि ये डॉ. मनमोहन सिंह ही थे, जिन्हें अमेरिका के साथ ऐतिहासिक परमाणु समझौता करने के लिए अपनी ही पार्टी के पारंपरिक अमेरिका-विरोध से निबटना पड़ा था।

(ये लेखक के अपने विचार हैं)

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U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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'U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely'

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The U.S. fraud case against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani appears to be backed by documents that will help prosecutors make a strong case, legal experts said, but the tycoon is unlikely to be extradited to stand trial anytime soon.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn last month unsealed an indictment accusing Adani of bribing Indian officials to convince them to buy electricity produced by Adani Green Energy, a subsidiary of his Adani Group conglomerate, and then misleading U.S. investors by providing reassuring information about the company's anti-corruption practices.

Prosecutors may also struggle to secure live testimony from witnesses in India as it may require New Delhi's assistance

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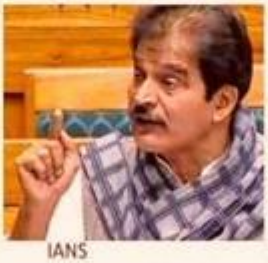

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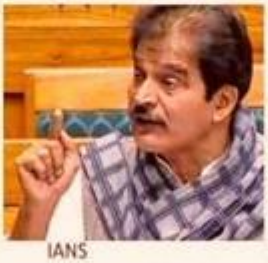

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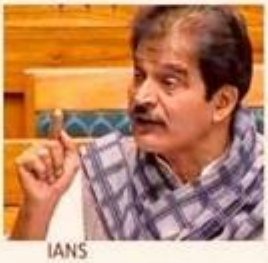

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3	English	64	N/A	Top Center	52864	215.44K

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday levelled conflict of interest allegations against the SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch and claimed that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the financial governance framework. Attacking the government over the Adani issue during the discussion on the supplementary demands for grants in Lok Sabha, Congress MP KC Venugopal said a joint parliamentary committee must probe the entire matter. He alleged it is a government "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani".

Venugopal said between 2017-2024, Buch allegedly received over Rs 16.4 crore from ICICI bank while serving as a Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) official regulating that bank. "This was five times her salary from SEBI, presenting a blatant conflict of interest," he said. She received rental income from entities linked to a firm under SEBI investigation, said Venugopal, who also heads the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). "What does it mean sir, SEBI is investigating the company and the chairperson is renting out property to entity linked to that company," he said. Venugopal also alleged that the SEBI chairperson traded in securities worth of Rs 36.9 crore while holding access to unpublished price-sensitive information which he said was a direct violation of SEBI code of ethics. She failed to disclose assets in Singapore and the US between 2017-21 despite being obligated to do so, Venugopal said.

Despite these allegations, the finance minister neither initiated an independent inquiry nor has taken any disciplinary action, Venugopal said. "Inaction undermines the government's claim of transparency and commitment to investor confidence," he said. Posing questions to the Finance Minister, Venugopal asked why has the Finance Ministry not initiated any disciplinary and legal proceedings against the SEBI chairperson despite clear evidence of conflicts of interest that undermines the integrity of the regulatory body.

"Doesn't the finance minister take note, acknowledge and take responsibility for the damage to investor confidence, both domestic and foreign, due to the lack of timely action against SEBI chairperson?" he said. Can the Finance Minister clarify whether the government is willing to accept responsibility for the uncertainty and volatility of stock market, stemming from the conflict of interest involving the SEBI chairperson, he said. What steps does the finance minister intend to take to ensure transparency and accountability in SEBI leadership especially in the light of the allegations, Venugopal asked.

"Does the Ministry believe that retaining the chairperson under such circumstances send a wrong signal to India's commitment to corporate governance and regulatory transparency?" he said. "The Finance Minister's failure to act decisively not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the national financial governance framework. What is the complicit interest of the government and the SEBI chairperson?" Venugopal said. Why the Government is not taking any action, he asked. He alleged that the name of Adani group figured in stock manipulation and questioned how the SEBI chairperson can investigate that when "she is part of the scandal". He demanded that a JPC inquiry be initiated in the entire matter. In the country, 11 crore people are dependent on stock markets, most of them from middle income groups, he said.

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Adani Fdh holds Soil Day near Dhamra

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3	English	103	N/A	Middle Left	61665	275.94K

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PNS ■ DHARMA

The Adani Foundation, a CSR unit of Adani Group Dhamra unit, celebrated the World Soil Day with a grand celebration at Kuamara village of Karanapali Gram Panchayat.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 120 farmers and women SHG members representing nine core Gram Panchayats.

The programme commenced with a vibrant Prabhat Pheri, where participants toured nearby villages carrying flags and raising awareness about soil health. The rally concluded at the Adani Skill Development Center (ASDC), Kuamara, where a meeting was held.

Associate Director of Research at RRTTS, Ranital, Dr Umasankar Nayak graced the occasion as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Dr Nayak emphasized the critical role of soil care, fertility, and health management in achieving sustainable agricultural development. He underscored the importance of preserving healthy soils for ensuring long-term productivity and environmental balance.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants, farmers, guests, delegates and stakeholders, reaffirming the collective resolve to protect and nurture soil, a fundamental resource for the future of agriculture.

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Adani ko mile bijli theke ke khilaf yachika kharij

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अडाणी को मिले बिजली ठेके के खिलाफ याचिका खारिज

मुंबई, 16 दिसंबर (भाषा)।

बंबई हाई कोर्ट ने सोमवार को नवीकरणीय और तापीय बिजली आपूर्ति के लिए महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा अडाणी समूह को ठेका देने के खिलाफ दायर एक याचिका को खारिज कर दिया। अदालत ने कहा कि इस याचिका के पीछे कोई आधार नहीं है।

मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी के उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता श्रीराज नागेश्वर एपुरवार पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50,000 रुपए की लागत भी लगाई। एपुरवार ने आरोप लगाया था कि 6,600 मेगावाट नवीकरणीय और तापीय बिजली आपूर्ति के लिए अडाणी समूह को दिए गए ठेके से याचिकाकर्ता तक उचित दर पर उचित बिजली आपूर्ति के उसके मौलिक अधिकार का उल्लंघन होता है।

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મુંબઈ, શનિવાર

અદાણી ગ્રીન એનર્જી છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન સૌથી ઝડપી સંપત્તિ સર્જનારી કંપની બની છે. ૨૦૧૯-માર્ચ ૨૦૨૪ ના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન અદાણી ગ્રુપના રિન્યુએબલ એનર્જી યુનિટે ૧૧૮ ટકાના ચક્રવૃદ્ધિ વાર્ષિક વૃદ્ધિ દરે (CAGR) વળતર આપ્યું છે. ભારતીય ફાઈનાન્સ કંપની મોતીલાલ ઓસ્વાલ ફાઈનાન્શિયલ સર્વિસિસ લિમિટેડ (MOFSL)ના અભ્યાસમાં આ તારણ બહાર આવ્યું છે.

મંગળવારે પ્રસિદ્ધ થયેલા '૨૯મા મોતીલાલ ઓસ્વાલ એન્યુઅલ વેલ્થ ક્રિએશન સ્ટડી- ૨૦૨૪' માં જણાવાયું છે કે, જો ૨૦૧૯માં ૧૦ સૌથી ઝડપથી વિકસતી કંપનીઓમાં ૧૦ લાખ રૂપિયાનું રોકાણ કરવામાં આવ્યું હોત, તો તે રોકાણનું મૂલ્ય ૨૦૨૪માં ૧.૭૫ કરોડ રૂપિયા થઈ ગયું હોત.

અદાણી એન્ટરપ્રાઈઝ સતત ત્રીજા વર્ષના 'ગ્રોથ ઓફ-સ્ટોન્ડ વેલ્થ ક્રિએટર' બની છે. રોકાણકારોને ઉપરોક્ત સમયગાળા દરમિયાન, લગભગ ૬૭ ટકાના ઝાઝપ પર વળતર મળ્યું છે, જ્યારે નિફ્ટી ૫૦ એ આ સમયગાળા દરમિયાન ૧૪ ટકાનું CAGR વળતર આપ્યું છે. એટલા જ સમયગાળામાં અદાણી એન્ટરપ્રાઈઝ લિમિટેડ સતત ત્રીજા વર્ષના 'ગ્રોથ ઓફ-સ્ટોન્ડ વેલ્થ ક્રિએટર' બની છે.

અહેવાલમાં જણાવવામાં આવ્યું છે કે વેલ્થ ક્રિએશનમાં નાણાકીય ક્ષેત્ર મોખરે રહ્યું છે. ભારતમાં ૨૦૧૯-૨૦૨૪ દરમિયાન ટોપ ૧૦૦ સંપત્તિ સર્જકોએ રૂ. ૧૩૮ લાખ કરોડથી વધુની સંપત્તિનું સર્જન કર્યું છે. ત્યારબાદના ક્રમમાં ટેકનોલોજી અને યુટીલીટીનું યોગદાન છે. ૨૦૧૯-૨૦૨૪ દરમિયાન સરકારી કંપનીઓએ પણ સંપત્તિ સર્જનમાં મહત્વની ભૂમિકા ભજવી છે. છેલ્લા પાંચ અભ્યાસમાં સંપત્તિ સર્જનમાં 20 PSUનો હિસ્સો ૧૭ ટકા રહ્યો છે.

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Case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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'Case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely'

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The federal prosecutors accused Gautam Adani of bribing Indian officials for projects and misleading US investors. REUTERS

NEW YORK: The US fraud case against billionaire Gautam Adani appears to be backed by documents that will help prosecutors make a strong case, legal experts said, but the tycoon is unlikely to be extradited to stand trial anytime soon.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn last month unsealed an indictment accusing Adani of bribing Indian officials to convince them to buy electricity produced by Adani Green Energy, a subsidiary of his Adani Group conglomerate, and then misleading US investors by providing reassuring information about the company's anti-corruption practices.

Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani, and another Adani Group executive were charged with securities fraud and conspiracy. Five people affiliated with Azure Power Global, a formerly-U.S.-listed company also allegedly involved, were charged with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Azure has said it had cooperated with the investigation and that those charged were no longer with the company. Adani Group has called the allegations "baseless" and vowed to seek "all possible legal recourse."

Gautam Adani is not in custody. He has made at least two public appearances in India since the indictment, including at a December 9 event also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the indictment, prosecutors found ledgers of the alleged payments on Sagar Adani's cellular phone, which they called "bribe notes." Prosecutors also said Gautam Adani emailed himself a copy of a search warrant and grand jury subpoena the FBI had served on his nephew on March 17, 2023.

Those electronic records could be important pieces of evidence for prosecutors to try to prove that Sagar Adani and Gautam Adani knew they misled investors by failing to disclose the investigation and insisting they had strong anti-corruption practices when in fact they had paid bribes, experts said.

"The allegations include references to corroborating material, and that always provides for a stronger case," said Stephen Reynolds, a former federal prosecutor and current partner at law firm Day Pitney.

To be sure, prosecutors may face challenges. Gautam Adani could argue that he was not personally involved in crafting the statements the company made to investors about its anti-bribery practices, said Paul Tuchmann, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn and now a partner at law firm Wiggin & Dana.

Prosecutors may also struggle to secure live testimony from witnesses in India because the process could require assistance from New Delhi, and the government may be reluctant to facilitate testimony that could paint Indian officials in an unfavorable light, said Mark Cohen, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn and current partner at law firm Cohen & Gresser.

India's foreign ministry on Friday referred to a November 29 statement in which it said it had not received any request on the case from Washington, and called the case a matter between private firms and the US Justice Department.

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Dark clouds hovering over India's solar story

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Recent charges of bribery by a US government agency against the Adani group and its leadership have cast an unexpected spotlight on Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)—until now a relatively unknown company run by the central government. SECI was set up as an 'implementing' agency under the National Solar Mission. It signs agreements to purchase solar power from private developers (such as Adani). To sell that power, it signs back-to-back agreements with power distribution companies in states. There's friction in this chain—and it's hindering India's efforts to quickly turn its power sector away from fossil fuels and towards renewables.

According to the US agency, SECI signed a deal to buy power from Adani but found it difficult to get states to buy that power. This is where the Adani group, which has denied the allegations, was supposed to have come in. The controversy also highlighted contradictions in the Indian solar sector.

The installed capacity of solar power soared from 2.6GW in 2014 to 92GW in October 2024. Solar now accounts for 20% of all power capacity in India, from barely 1% a decade ago. But in terms of the actual energy generated and supplied to consumers through the grid, solar accounts for just 7% of the total energy supplied from all sources. Solar's share of electricity generated from renewable sources has also seen big fluctuations in the past few years.

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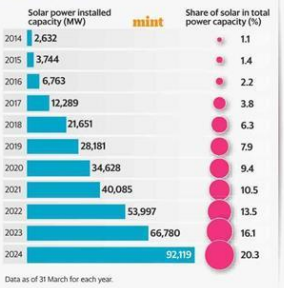
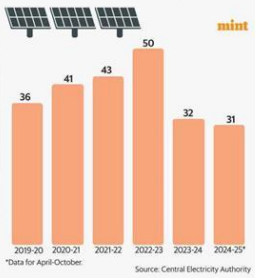


Share of solar power in renewable supply has fluctuated

Share of solar in renewable energy generation (%)



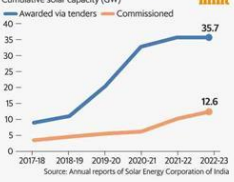
Widening Gap

OF THE 66GW of solar power capacity installed as of March 2023, SECI-commissioned projects accounted for 12.6GW. However, SECI has awarded nearly thrice that amount via tenders, and 35.7GW is the capacity to be added. Over the years, there's been a growing discrepancy between the capacity of solar projects that SECI has contracted and the actual capacity of plants that have become operational and are selling electricity to distribution companies (discoms).

This widening gap points to deeper problems in the sector. As a recent article on *CarbonCopy* pointed out, domestic costs of solar power modules have risen as India has set up tariffs to prevent a flood of cheap Chinese imports. As a result, solar project costs have risen. This has implications for the willingness of power discoms to sign power purchase agreements with solar developers, or power sale agreements with institutions such as SECI.

The gap between capacity and commissioning has widened

Cumulative solar capacity (GW)



Not all states met their solar consumption targets

Share of solar in total power consumed in 2022 (%)

Purchasing Power

STATE DISCOMS are required to commit to generating a certain minimum proportion of power through renewable sources. According to the latest targets by the ministry of power, a third of all power consumption in an area served by a discom should be covered by renewables other than hydropower or wind power by 2030 (this category covers solar). Targets for wind and hydropower are specified separately.

While the ministry of power sets targets, individual states also have their own targets, both for discoms as a whole and individual discoms. However, as of 2022, compliance of different states with such renewable purchase obligations (RPOs) was a mixed bag, showed data from Prayas (Energy Group), a non-profit in the energy sector. While Karnataka and Telangana are ahead in terms of compliance with targets, Maharashtra, Bihar and Punjab are behind.

Bleeding Discoms

WHILE THE Centre has prioritized purchase of renewables over conventional energy, the biggest problem is the sorry financial status of state-owned discoms. Plus, private discoms have weaned away the most-lucrative customers (like large corporates). On a collective basis, discoms have made losses in each of the past six years, with accumulated losses ballooning from ₹4.3 trillion until 2017-18 to ₹6.5 trillion until 2022-23.

Renewables like solar supply energy intermittently. To balance this unpredictability, discoms have to keep conventional sources of power on standby, and pay for them irrespective of usage. This increases costs at a time when most of them are strapped for cash. Solar will have to surmount these challenges to translate higher capacity into increased supply.

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Power distribution companies in India continue to bleed

Total loss posted by all power distribution companies in India (₹ crore)

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Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani out of the world's $100 billion club

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3	मार्क जकरबर्ग	18.60	7.74
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19	गौतम अदाणी	6.97	-0.19
34	शिव नाडर	3.80	0.92
38	शापूर मिस्त्री	3.53	0.54

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शिव नाडर ने 91,681 करोड़ व सावित्री जिंदल ने 85,739 करोड़ जोड़े। राधाकृष्ण दमानी की संपत्ति घटकर 1.44 लाख करोड़ रह गई, जो 2021 में 2.36 लाख करोड़ थी।

जेफ बेजोस ने 2024 में हर घंटे 68 करोड़ रुपए कमाए

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लाख करोड़ रुपए है। लेकिन दशकों से वे सालाना 68 लाख रुपए सैलरी ले रहे हैं। कंपनी में अपनी हिस्सेदारी से उन्होंने 2023-24 के बीच हर घंटे 68 करोड़ रु. कमाए।

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U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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15	English	145	N/A	Middle Center	109049	682.81K

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Reuters
NEW YORK

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11	English	142	N/A	Top Center	154388	956.08K

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13	English	128	N/A	Middle Center	23043	117.58K

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Air India Revamps International Network

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14	English	65	N/A	Middle Left	24505	102.04K

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NEW DELHI: Air India will revamp its international network by deploying retrofitted A320 neos, erstwhile Vistara A321 neos, and B787-9s on select routes, as well as optimise schedules for flights from Delhi to Paris and Frankfurt. The airline will deploy A320 neos for all flights between Delhi and Bangkok from January 16. Air India will also start a fourth daily flight between Delhi and Bangkok from Jan uary 1. Further, the carrier will deploy A321 neos and B787-9s on certain routes. Delhi-Frankfurt and Mumbai-Frankfurt services are now operated with B787-9s, while twice-a-day Mumbai-Singapore flight will be operated with A321 neos from January 1.

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7	English	43	N/A	Bottom Center	33477	102.42K

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3	English	61	N/A	Middle Left	43536	117.98K

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Air India Revamps Intl Network, Upgrades Fleet

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16	English	45	N/A	Middle Left	116441	420.14K

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NEW DELHI: Air India Monday announced a series of updates to its international network schedule, designed to enhance connectivity through its main hubs in Delhi and Mumbai. The revised schedule, which will be effective January and February, are part of the airline's broader strategy to improve services to key destinations in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Australia. The upgrades will focus on optimising flight schedules and deploying advanced aircraft, including those previously operated by Vistara, which was merged into Air India in November 2023. **Our Bureau**

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14	English	20	N/A	Bottom Left	16397	215.44K

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16	English	45	N/A	Middle Left	6928	33.32K

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Air India to improve international flights by deploying A320 Neo aircraft

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11	Hindi	55	N/A	Middle Right	2748	370.92K

एयर इंडिया ए320 नियो विमानों को तैनात करके अंतर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को बनाएगी बेहतर

नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसंबर (प.स.)=एयर इंडिया कुछ मार्गों पर उन्नत ए320 नियो विमानों को तैनात करके अपने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नैटवर्क को बेहतर बनाएगी। एयरलाइन साथ ही दिल्ली से पैरिस और फ्रैंकफर्ट के लिए उड़ानों की समय-सारिणी को भी बेहतर बनाएगी, ताकि इनसे अधिकतम लाभ लिया जा सके।

टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन एक महत्वाकांक्षी पांच वर्षीय रूपांतरण योजना से गुजर रही है। एयर इंडिया 16 जनवरी, 2025 से दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच सभी उड़ानों के लिए अपने उन्नत ए320 नियो विमान का इस्तेमाल करेगी। इन विमानों में इकोनॉमी, प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी और बिजनैस क्लास में पूरी तरह से नई साज-सज्जा होगी।

एयर इंडिया एक जनवरी, 2025 से दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच चौथी दैनिक उड़ान भी शुरू करेगी। फिलहाल इस मार्ग पर इसकी तीन दैनिक सेवाएं हैं। इसके अलावा एयरलाइन कुछ मार्गों पर पूर्ववर्ती विस्तारा के ए321 नियो और बी787-9 विमान को तैनात करेगी।

दिल्ली-फ्रैंकफर्ट और मुंबई-फ्रैंकफर्ट सेवाएं अब बी787-9 के साथ संचालित की जा रही हैं, जबकि मुंबई-सिंगापुर की उड़ान एक जनवरी, 2025 से ए321 नियो के साथ संचालित की जाएगी।

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Airport reports 3 incidents of gold smuggling in 2 weeks

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3	English	264	N/A	Bottom Right	74052	206.9K

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Woman held with 700gm gold worth Rs 38L; another nabbed with Rs 34L gold; male flier caught 2 wks ago

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Three incidents of gold smuggling have been reported at the Ahmedabad Airport in the last 10 days. In two of these incidents, female carriers were used to smuggle the gold.

In the latest incident of gold smuggling at the Ahmedabad Airport the customs department seized 700 grams of smuggled gold worth Rs 38 lakh from a female passenger on Saturday evening.

The passenger, 34, landed in the city on the Abu Dhabi-Ahmedabad flight of Etihad Airways.

The modus operandi used by this woman carrier was similar to the one used by another female carrier who was apprehended 10 days ago. That woman too had come from Abu Dhabi and had gold in the form of chain hooks, said airport sources.

On Saturday evening, when the Etihad Airways flight EY-240 Abu Dhabi-Ahmedabad landed at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport, a young female passenger was behaving suspiciously. The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the customs department took the passenger for questioning.

"The woman was born in Dubai and had settled in Mumbai for the last few years. She had come to Ahmedabad from Abu Dhabi by Etihad Airways on Saturday," said the source.

During interrogation, the female passenger seemed scared and due to her suspicious behaviour her luggage was checked. Gold chains, gold hooks, and gold balls weighing 700 grams were found in her luggage, according to sources.

The gold jewellery recovered was of 18 and 9 karat purity. The woman couldn't give a proper explanation about how she came to be in possession of the gold worth Rs 38 lakh.

Sources at Ahmedabad Airport said the Customs department seized 700 grams of smuggled gold and arrested the woman.

This is the second such incident in which a similar modus operandi (MO) was being used. Earlier too a female passenger who had come on the same flight had smuggled gold worth around Rs 34 lakh.

Investigators suspect that both the women work as passenger carriers for gold smugglers. About two weeks ago, smuggled gold was also seized from another male passenger.

In the last eight months, the customs department has registered 113 cases of gold smuggling from Ahmedabad Airport and seized 63 kg of gold worth Rs 42 crore; 23 people have been arrested in this connection.

Thai flyer held at airport with Rs 5cr cannabis

Customs officials at Ahmedabad airport arrested a Thailand-based passenger for smuggling cannabis worth Rs 5 crore into India. The passenger, who arrived on Flight TG 343, was carrying 5.69 kg of cannabis hidden inside food packets.

During a search of his luggage, officials discovered 10 vacuum-sealed transparent packets concealed inside items like Kellogg's Rice, Hura Layer Cake, and Oreo O's. The total weight of the contraband was 5,688.87 grams.

The cannabis was seized, and the passenger was arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. Further investigations are underway.

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Antrashtria udan network behtar karegi air india

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1, 2	Hindi	518	N/A	Top Left,Top Right	116448	26.42K

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान नेटवर्क बेहतर करेगी एयर इंडिया

एयर इंडिया ने किया ऐलान

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान नेटवर्क होगा बेहतर

दीपक पटेल
नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसंबर

एयर इंडिया साल 2025 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर अपने विमानों और उड़ान के समय में खासा सुधार करने जा रही है। विमानन कंपनी ने आज यह ऐलान किया।

विमानन कंपनी दिल्ली-बैंकॉक की सभी उड़ानों में रेट्रोफिटेड (विनिर्माण के बाद किए गए बदलाव वाले) ए320नियो विमानों की शुरुआत करेगी। यह भारत-फ्रैंकफर्ट और भारत-सिंगापुर की उड़ानों में पहले वाली विमानन कंपनी विस्तारा के विमानों को तैनात करेगी, जिनमें एयर इंडिया के पुराने वाइड बॉडी विमानों की तुलना में बेहतर साज-सज्जा है। इसके अलावा इसने फ्रैंकफर्ट, पेरिस, सिडनी और मेलबर्न के लिए अपनी उड़ानों के समय में भी बदल दिया है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित हो सके कि जो यात्री आगे की उड़ानें लेना चाहते हैं, वे आसानी से ऐसा कर सकें।

विमानन कंपनी ने प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में कहा कि वह अगले साल 16 जनवरी से दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच की सभी उड़ानों में अपने रेट्रोफिटेड ए320नियो विमानों को तैनात करेगी। फिलहाल विमानन कंपनी दिल्ली और बैंकॉक के बीच तीन दैनिक उड़ानों का संचालन करती है। कंपनी ने बताया कि वह 1 जनवरी से इन दोनों शहरों के बीच चौथी दैनिक सेवा शुरू करेगी।

एयर इंडिया ने कहा, 'नई सेवा से दिन के दौरान बैंकॉक आने-जाने के लिए समान अंतराल पर उड़ानें होंगी, जिससे व्यवसायिक और घूमने-फिरने वाले दोनों ही यात्रियों को ज्यादा विकल्प मिलेंगे। यह बढ़ी हुई दर बैंकॉक को दिल्ली में एयर इंडिया के हब के जरिये उत्तरी अमेरिका और यूरोप के कई गंतव्यों से जोड़ती है।' विमानन कंपनी ने विस्तारा में रहे ए321नियो और

बढ़ाई सेवाएं

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- भारत-सिंगापुर की उड़ानों में विस्तारा के विमानों को किया जाएगा तैनात
- फ्रैंकफर्ट, पेरिस, सिडनी और मेलबर्न के लिए अपनी उड़ानों के समय में भी किया बदलाव

बी787-9 विमानों को दिल्ली फ्रैंकफर्ट, मुंबई-फ्रैंकफर्ट, दिल्ली - सिंगापुर और मुंबई-सिंगापुर मार्गों पर तैनात करने की भी घोषणा की। पिछले महीने विस्तारा का एयर इंडिया में विलय विलय कर दिया गया था। विस्तारा के विमानों में एयर इंडिया के पुराने विमानों की तुलना में बेहतर साज-सज्जा है, जिन्हें वर्तमान में रेट्रोफिट किया जा रहा है।

एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि अगले साल 1 फरवरी से वह बेहतर समयसारिणी के अनुसार दिल्ली-फ्रैंकफर्ट और दिल्ली-पेरिस मार्गों पर उड़ानें संचालित करेगी। विमानन कंपनी ने कहा, 'एयर इंडिया ने दिल्ली-सिडनी और दिल्ली-मेलबर्न मार्गों पर अपनी दैनिक उड़ानों का समय भी बदला है ताकि यूरोप और ऑस्ट्रेलिया या दिल्ली के जरिये दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के बीच निर्बाध रूप से दो-तरफा कनेक्टिविटी संभाव हो सके।'

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Drinking water to 3.5 crore population, crops to flourish in 4.03 lakh hectares

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पीएम आज पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी का करेंगे शिलान्यास, 21 जिलों की तकदीर बदलेगी

3.5 करोड़ आबादी को पेयजल, 4.03 लाख हेक्टेअर में लहलहाएगी फसल

भास्कर न्यूज | जयपुर

पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी मंगलवार को दादिया में संशोधित पार्वती-कालीसिंध-चंबल ईस्टर्न राजस्थान कैनाल प्रोजेक्ट (पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी) सहित एक लाख करोड़ रुपए से अधिक राशि के विकास कार्यों की सौगात देंगे। पीएम मोदी नौ दिन में दूसरी बार जयपुर आ रहे हैं। इससे पहले 9 दिसंबर को राइजिंग राजस्थान ग्लोबल इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट का उद्घाटन किया था। पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी से 4 हजार मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी मिलेगा।

संशोधित पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी लिंक परियोजना से 21 जिलों को फायदा मिलेगा। राज्य के 4.03 लाख हेक्टेअर जमीन पर फसलें लहलहाएंगी। गांवों में ईको टूरिज्म बढ़ेगा। 21 जिलों के 3.5 करोड़ आबादी को पेयजल मिलेगा। दिल्ली-मुंबई इंडस्ट्रियल कॉरिडोर के साथ ही अन्य औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों को भी पानी मिलेगा। पूर्वी राजस्थान के जयपुर, झालावाड़, बारां, कोटा, बूंदी, सवाई माधोपुर, अजमेर, टोंक, दौसा, करौली, अलवर, भरतपुर, धौलपुर, गंगापुर सिटी, ब्यावर, केकड़ी, दूदू, कोटपूतली-बहरोड़, खैरथल-तिजारा, डीग और जयपुर ग्रामीण को पेयजल, सिंचाई व उद्योगों के लिए पानी मिलेगा।

मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल ने सोमवार को दादिया में तैयारियों का जायजा लिया और अधिकारियों को दिशा-निर्देश दिए।

यह है पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी प्रोजेक्ट

बारिश के दौरान चंबल नदी की सहायक नदी बेसिनों (कुन्नू, कूल, पार्वती, कालीसिंध, मेज) का अधिशेष पानी बहकर समुद्र में चला जाता है। ईआरसीपी के तहत बनास, मोरेल, बाणगंगा, पार्बती, कालीसिंध, गंभीर सहित अन्य नदी बेसिनों के पानी को आपस में जोड़कर खाली बांधों की तरफ डायवर्ट किया जाएगा। इस पर करीब 80 हजार करोड़ खर्च होंगे।

पीएम का कार्यक्रम : पीएम मोदी मंगलवार सुबह 10:30 बजे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेंगे। यहां से हेलिकॉप्टर से सांगानेर के दादिया में करीब 11:30 बजे जाएंगे। 11:30 बजे से 2 बजे तक भजनलाल सरकार के एक साल पूरा होने के उपलक्ष्य के हर घर खुशहाली कार्यक्रम में भाग लेंगे।

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Mahakumbh ke liye 11 havai addo par hogi vimano ki parking

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महाकुंभ के लिए 11 हवाई अड्डों पर होगी विमानों की पार्किंग

जागरण संवाददाता, महाकुंभ नगर

13 जनवरी से लागू हो जाएगी व्यवस्था, पार्किंग व्यवस्था में गया, खजुराहो, जबलपुर, भोपाल एवं देवघर एयरपोर्ट भी

महाकुंभ में दुनियाभर से श्रद्धालु आएंगे। प्रोटोकाल के बीच वीवीआइपी, विदेशी मेहमानों के 200 से अधिक चार्टर्ड विमान या विशेष विमान उतरेंगे, लेकिन इतने विमानों के उतरने की जगह प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर नहीं है। यहां अभी एक साथ सिर्फ 15 बड़े विमान खड़े हो सकते हैं। पार्किंग के लिए पट्टी विकसित की जा रही है। कुंभ के दौरान विमानन कंपनियों की उड़ानों की संख्या भी बढ़ जाएगी। ऐसे में नियमित उड़ानों के अलावा विशेष विमानों को पार्क करने की समस्या सामने आएगी। ऐसे में प्रयागराज के आसपास के एयरपोर्ट को विमान पार्किंग के लिए तैयार किया जाएगा।

एयरपोर्ट अथारिटी आफ इंडिया ने चार राज्यों के 11 एयरपोर्ट्स से पार्किंग के लिए रिपोर्ट मांगी है। अभी इन्हीं एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों की पार्किंग होगी। आवश्यकता पड़ी तो दायरा और विस्तृत किया जाएगा। जिन एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों को पार्क किया जाएगा, इसमें लखनऊ (200 किमी), कानपुर (200 किमी), चित्रकूट (134), वाराणसी (120 किमी), कुशीनगर (353 किमी), गोरखपुर (297 किमी), गया (358 किमी), खजुराहो (575 किमी), जबलपुर (369 किमी), भोपाल (677 किमी), देवघर (572 किमी) एयरपोर्ट शामिल हैं। सभी एयरपोर्ट अपने यहां पार्किंग की स्थिति और दैनिक आवागमन के बीच कितने विमानों को पार्क किया जा सकेगा, इसकी विस्तृत रिपोर्ट भेजेंगे। इसके बाद उड्डयन मंत्रालय को यह रिपोर्ट भेजी जाएगी।

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PM Modi will lay the foundation stone of PKC-ERCP in Jaipur today

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पीएम मोदी आज जयपुर में पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी का करेंगे शिलान्यास

सांगानेर के पास दादिया में विशाल जनसभा को भी संबोधित करेंगे मुख्यमंत्री शर्मा ने सभास्थल पर लिया तैयारियों का जायजा

मॉर्निंग न्यूज @ जयपुर

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी नौ दिन में दूसरी बार जयपुर आ रहे हैं। वे यहां मंगलवार को भजनलाल सरकार की महत्वाकांक्षी परियोजना पार्वती-कालीसिंध-चंबल ईस्टर्न राजस्थान कैनाल प्रोजेक्ट (पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी) का शिलान्यास करेंगे।

पीएम मोदी के दौरे को लेकर सोमवार को मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा ने सभास्थल की तैयारियों का जायजा लिया और अधिकारियों को आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देश दिए। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने इससे पहले 9 दिसंबर को जयपुर में राइजिंग राजस्थान ग्लोबल इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट का उद्घाटन किया था।

प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी सुबह 11.50 बजे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट आएंगे। एयरपोर्ट से हेलिकॉप्टर से सांगानेर के पास दादिया में सभास्थल 12.10 बजे पहुंचेंगे। वे यहां विकास प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन करेंगे। इसके बाद पीकेसी-

ईआरसीपी के पहले चरण का शिलान्यास कर जनसभा को संबोधित करेंगे। इस प्रोजेक्ट से प्रदेश के 21 जिलों को पीने और सिंचाई का पानी मिलेगा। दरअसल कांग्रेस ने विधानसभा चुनाव-2023 में ईआरसीपी को राष्ट्रीय परियोजना घोषित करने का मुद्दा बनाया था। तत्कालीन गहलोत सरकार ने ईआरसीपी के लिए करीब 9 हजार करोड़ के बजट का प्रावधान भी किया था। इसके बाद प्रदेश में सरकार बदल गई।

भजनलाल सरकार ने संशोधित पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी को लेकर मध्यप्रदेश के साथ जल शक्ति मंत्रालय की उपस्थिति में एमओयू किया। ईआरसीपी से प्रदेश के जिन 21 जिलों को पीने और सिंचाई का पानी मिलेगा, इनमें अधिकतर जिले पूर्वी राजस्थान के हैं। विधानसभा उपचुनाव से पहले ही सरकार पीएम मोदी के हाथों परियोजना का शिलान्यास कराना चाहती थी। आचार संहिता के चलते ऐसा नहीं हो पाया था।

पूर्व सीएम राजे ने तैयार किया था परियोजना का खाका : प्रदेश की पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री वसुंधरा राजे के दूसरे कार्यकाल में साल 2017 में पूर्वी राजस्थान नहर परियोजना का खाका तैयार किया गया था। बताया जाता है कि यह परियोजना उन्हीं की देन है। इसके अंतर्गत पार्वती, चंबल और कालीसिंध नदी को जोड़ने की रूपरेखा तैयार की गई थी। इसके जरिए पूर्वी राजस्थान के जयपुर, झालावाड़, बारां, कोटा, बूंदी, सवाई माधोपुर, अजमेर, टोंक, दौसा, करौली, » शेष पृष्ठ 6 पर

पीएम मोदी...

अलवर, भरतपुर, धौलपुर, गंगापुर सिटी, ब्यावर, केकड़ी, दूदू, कोटपूतली-बहरोड़, खैरथल-तिजारा, डीग और जयपुर ग्रामीण को जल संकट से छुटकारा मिलेगा। पेयजल के साथ किसानों को सिंचाई के लिए भी जरूरत का पानी मिल सकेगा।

नए प्रोजेक्ट से किसानों को नहीं मिलेगा पानी : गहलोत

पूर्व सीएम अशोक गहलोत ने पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी के नए प्रोजेक्ट में किसानों के लिए सिंचाई के पानी का प्रावधान नहीं रखने का दावा किया है। गहलोत ने कहा कि यही वजह है कि ईआरसीपी पर किए जा रहे एमओयू को छुपाया जा रहा है, अन्यथा इसे गुप्त रखने का क्या कारण है? गहलोत ने कहा कि पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी अभी आकर गए हैं और आठ दिन बाद फिर आ रहे हैं। पीएम किसी राज्य में जाते हैं, तो किस मकसद से जा रहे हैं, यह देखा जाता है। इन्होंने ईआरसीपी का नाम बदलकर पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी कर दिया। मध्यप्रदेश और राजस्थान सरकार के बीच एग्रीमेंट हुआ है, क्या जनता को यह जानने का हक नहीं है कि उसका राजस्थान को क्या लाभ मिलेगा, यह तो हक है। हम मुख्यमंत्री से लगातार मांग कर रहे हैं। इसके बावजूद एमओयू सार्वजनिक नहीं किया जा रहा है। ईआरसीपी पर नया एग्रीमेंट भी कर लिया, उसको गुप्त रखा जा रहा है। प्रदेश की जनता को ही पता नहीं चल रहा कि आप हमारे हितों की रक्षा कर रहे हो या नहीं कर रहे हो। मध्य प्रदेश को फायदा मिलेगा या हमें मिलेगा यह हमें मालूम नहीं है।

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PM will visit Jaipar again today

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एक लाख करोड़ के विकास कार्यों की देंगे सौगात

जयपुर,16 दिसंबर (ब्यूरो): भजनलाल सरकार की पहली वर्षगांठ पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी मंगलवार को 9 दिन में दूसरी बार जयपुर आएंगे। वे यहां पर भजनलाल सरकार की महत्वाकांक्षी परियोजना पार्वती-कालीसिंध-चंबल ईस्टर्न राजस्थान कैनाल प्रोजेक्ट का शिलान्यास करेंगे। इसके साथ ही एक लाख करोड़ रुपए के विकास कार्यों की सौगात देंगे। इससे पहले प्रधानमंत्री ने 9 दिसंबर को जयपुर में रइजिंग राजस्थान ग्लोबल इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट का उद्घाटन किया था। (शेष पृष्ठ 11 कालम 1 पर)

मध्यप्रदेश के साथ किया था एमओयू

कांग्रेस ने विधानसभा चुनाव में ईआरसीपी को राष्ट्रीय परियोजना घोषित करने का मुद्दा बनाया था। तत्कालीन गहलोत सरकार ने ईआरसीपी के लिए करीब 9 हजार करोड़ के बजट का प्रावधान भी किया था। इसके बाद प्रदेश में सरकार बदल गई तो भजनलाल सरकार ने संशोधित पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी को लेकर मध्यप्रदेश के साथ केन्द्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय की उपस्थिति में एमओयू किया। इसलिए प्रधानमंत्री के साथ मंगलवार को मध्यप्रदेश के सीएम मोहन यादव व केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री सीआर पाटिल भी मौजूद रहेंगे।

प्रदेश के 21 जिलों को मिलेगा पानी

ईआरसीपी से प्रदेश के जिन 21 जिलों को पीने और सिंचाई का पानी मिलेगा, इनमें अधिकतर जिले पूर्वी राजस्थान के हैं। इस परियोजना से पूर्वी राजस्थान के जयपुर, झालावाड़, बारां, कोटा, बूंदी, सवाई माधोपुर, अजमेर, टोंक, दौसा, करौली, अलवर, भरतपुर, धौलपुर, गंगापुर सिटी, बांसवाड़ा, डूंगरपुर, कोटपूतली-बहरोड़, खैरथल-तिजारा, डीग और जयपुर ग्रामीण को जल संकट से छुटकारा मिलेगा। पेयजल के साथ किसानों को सिंचाई के लिए भी जरूरत का पानी मिल सकेगा।

आज फिर...

प्रधानमंत्री मंगलवार को दिल्ली से विशेष विमान से रवाना होकर प्रात:11.20 बजे जयपुर सांगानेर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेंगे। इसके बाद यहां से हेलिकॉप्टर से 11.50 बजे दादिया में उतरेंगे। वे यहां विकास प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन करेंगे। इसके बाद 12.10 बजे सभास्थल पर जाएंगे और पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी के पहले चरण का शिलान्यास कर जनसभा को संबोधित करेंगे। इस प्रोजेक्ट से प्रदेश के 21 जिलों में पेयजल की समस्या खत्म होगी।

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Privatisation of airport mostly affected to common people : P. Santhosh Kumar

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വിമാനത്താവള സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരണത്തിൽ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നത് സാധാരണ ജനങ്ങൾ: പി സന്തോഷ് കുമാർ

ന്യൂഡൽഹി: പൊതു-സ്വകാര്യ പങ്കാളിത്തത്തിലൂടെ വിമാനത്താവളത്തിന്റെ നിർമ്മാണവും വികസനവും നടക്കുമ്പോൾ സ്വകാര്യ ശക്തികൾക്ക് ഇവയുടെ നടത്തിപ്പും ലാഭവിഹിതങ്ങളും ലഭിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതി രാജ്യത്തുടനീളം പ്രകടമാണെന്ന് സിപിഐ പാർലമെന്ററി ഗ്രൂപ്പ് നേതാവ് പി സന്തോഷ് കുമാർ.

സ്വകാര്യ കമ്പനികൾക്ക് അനുകൂലമായി രൂപപ്പെടുത്തിയ ഇത്തരം കരാറുകൾ മൂലം യാത്രക്കാർ വിമാന കമ്പനികളിൽ നിന്നും എയർപോർട്ട് മാനേജ്മെന്റ് കമ്പനികളിൽ നിന്നുമുള്ള കൊള്ളയും ചൂഷണത്തിനും വിധേയരാകുന്നത് യാത്രക്കാരാണ്. അമിത ടിക്കറ്റ് നിരക്ക് ഈടാക്കി യാത്രക്കാരെ ചൂഷണം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട് എന്ന് അറിഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ട് തന്നെ വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങളുടെ സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരണത്തെ കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാർ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുകയാണെന്ന് സിവിൽ ഏവിയേഷൻ മന്ത്രാലയത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ലഭിച്ച ഉത്തരങ്ങളോട് പ്രതികരിക്കവേ സന്തോഷ് കുമാർ പ്രതികരിച്ചു. കേന്ദ്ര വ്യോമയാന വകുപ്പ് നൽകിയ മറുപടി പ്രകാരം എയർപോർട്ട് അതോറിറ്റി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ രാജ്യത്ത് നിലവിലുള്ള 14 വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങൾ പിപിപി പ്രകാരം സ്വകാര്യ ഓപ്പറേറ്റർമാർക്ക് പാട്ടത്തിന് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

പുതുതായി അനുവദിച്ച വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങളിൽ, നോയിഡ (ജേവാർ), നവി മുംബൈ, ഗോഗാപുരം എന്നിവയുൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള പ്രധാന വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങളും സ്വകാര്യ കമ്പനികൾക്ക് കൈമാറും. ഡൽഹി, മുംബൈ, കൊച്ചി, ഹൈദരാബാദ്, അഹമ്മദാബാദ് ഇടങ്ങിയ പ്രധാന വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങൾ നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്നത് സ്വകാര്യ കമ്പനികളാണ് എന്നും കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാരിന്റെ മറുപടിയിൽ നിന്ന് വ്യക്തമാണ്.

തിരുവനന്തപുരം അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിമാനത്താവളത്തിൽ യൂസർ ഡെവലപ്മെന്റ് ഫീ ഉൾപ്പെടെ നിരക്കുകൾ വർധിപ്പിച്ച നടപടി അദ്ദേഹം ഓർമിപ്പിച്ചു. സിപിഐ പാർലമെന്ററി പാർട്ടി നേതാവായിരുന്ന ബിനോയ് വിശ്വം അടക്കമുള്ള കേരളത്തിൽ നിന്നുള്ള എംപിമാർ 2024 ജൂണിൽ ഈ നിരക്ക് കുറയ്ക്കാൻ ഇടപെടണമെന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രാലയത്തിന് കത്തെഴുതിയ വസ്തുതയും അദ്ദേഹം സൂചിപ്പിച്ചു. സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരണം മൂലം യാത്രക്കാർ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ദുരിതത്തിന്റെ ഉദാഹരണമാണ് തിരുവനന്തപുരം വിമാനത്താവളം എന്നിരിക്കെ, കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാർ ആ നയം തിരുത്താൻ തയ്യാറല്ല. വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങളുടെ സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരണം പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് ബിജെപി അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുകയും ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രയോജനപ്പെടുന്ന സമഗ്രമായ പദ്ധതികൾ പാലിക്കുകയും വേണം.

പൊതു-സ്വകാര്യ പങ്കാളിത്ത പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് കാരണമായി പറയുന്ന ഒന്നും ജനങ്ങളെ ചൂഷണം ചെയ്യാനുള്ള മറയായി ഉപയോഗിക്കരുത്. അടിസ്ഥാന സൗകര്യ വികസനത്തിന് വേണ്ടി കൂടുതൽ പണം ചെലവാക്കാൻ കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാർ തയ്യാറാകണമെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

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Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay

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5	English	50	N/A	Bottom Right	22904	245K

Techfest 2024 begins at IIT Bombay

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The 28th edition of Techfest, Asia's largest science and technology festival, will take place at IIT Bombay from December 17 to 19. The event, with the theme Sustainnovative Sentience, will focus on sustainable and innovative solutions through competitions, exhibitions, and other activities.

The inaugural day will feature a ceremony, a keynote lecture by Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd., and the International Robowars. Exhibits include the Unitree G1 Humanoid Robot.

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There is going to be some big problem

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मुंबई : सहार पोलिसांनी रविवारी एका अनोळखी महिलेवर मुंबई विमानतळावर धमकीचा कॉल केल्याच्या आरोपाखाली आणि मुंबई-दिल्ली विमानामध्ये होणाऱ्या 'विनाशकारी घटनेबाबत' खोटी माहिती दिल्याप्रकरणी गुन्हा दाखल केला. या महिलेने फोन करत विमानतळ कर्मचाऱ्यांना 'कुछ बडा प्रॉब्लेम होने वाला है' असे सांगत दहशतीचे वातावरण निर्माण केल्याचा तिच्यावर आरोप आहे.

सहार पोलिसांनी नोंदवलेल्या एफआयआरनुसार, रविवारी पहाटे विमानतळाच्या संपर्क केंद्राच्या हेल्पलाइनवर झोया म्हणून ओळख असलेल्या व्यक्तीकडून एक कॉल आला. तिने मुंबई-दिल्ली फ्लाइट ००४५ च्या सुरक्षेला धोका आहे, असे सांगत फ्लाइट तत्काळ थांबवावी, असा आग्रह धरला. महिलेने सांगितले की, ती प्रवाशांच्या सुरक्षेसाठी माहिती देत आहे. परंतु, अधिक तपशील न देता तिने फोन ठेवला. काही मिनिटांनंतर, महिलेने पुन्हा फोन करत फ्लाइट दिल्लीला रवाना झाली आहे का? असे विचारले. परंतु, तेव्हादेखील अधिक तपशील देणे टाळले. त्यानंतर छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज आंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतळावर सुरक्षा बैठक घेऊन विमानाची कसून तपासणी करण्यात आली. मात्र, सुरक्षा कर्मचाऱ्यांना काहीही संशयास्पद आढळले नाही. तथापि, योग्य तपासणीनंतर सुरक्षा अधिकाऱ्यांनी ही माहिती फसवी असल्याचे घोषित केले.

तसेच हा कॉल 'नॉन-स्पेसिफिक' म्हणून घोषित करण्यात आला आणि विमानाने दिल्लीसाठी उड्डाण केले. या कॉलमुळे फ्लाईट उडायला विलंब झाला.

■ विमानतळाच्या जॉइंट कंट्रोल सेंटरच्या सहायक व्यवस्थापिका प्रीती माजवेलकर यांनी याबाबत पोलिसात तक्रार दिली. त्यानुसार अज्ञात महिलेवर गुन्हा दाखल करण्यात आला आहे.

■ सार्वजनिक शांतता भंग करण्याच्या उद्देशाने खोटी माहिती दिल्याबद्दल आम्ही बीएनएस कायद्याचे कलम १२५, ३५२(४) आणि ३५३(१)(ब) अन्वये अज्ञात महिलेविरुद्ध गुन्हा दाखल केला आहे. तिने धमकी देण्यासाठी वापरलेला मोबाईल नंबर ट्रेस करून महिलेचा शोध घेण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आहोत. त्यानुसार तिला लवकरच अटक केली जाईल, असे तपास अधिकाऱ्यांनी सांगितले.

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Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int' l runway

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Upgraded planes, tweaked timings on A-I's int'l runway

Changes to come into effect from 2025

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 16 December

Air India on Monday announced that it will significantly update its aircraft and flight timings on international routes in 2025.

The airline will introduce retrofitted A320neo planes on all Delhi-Bangkok flights. It will deploy erstwhile Vistara planes, which have better interiors than old Air India wide body planes, on India-Frankfurt and India-Singapore flights. It has also retimed its flights to Frankfurt, Paris, Sydney, and Melbourne to ensure that passengers, who want to take the forward flights, can easily do so.

In a press release, the airline said it will deploy its retrofitted A320neo planes on all flights between Delhi and Bangkok from January 16 next year. The airline currently operates three daily flights between Delhi and Bangkok. It said that it will start a fourth daily service between the two cities from January 1.

"The new service leads to evenly spaced departures to and from Bangkok throughout the day, offering both business and leisure travellers more choices. The increased frequency connects Bangkok to several destinations in North America and Europe via Air India's hub in Delhi," Air India said.

The airline also announced the deployment of the A321neo and B787-9 planes, which were with Vistara, on Delhi-Frankfurt, Mumbai-Frankfurt, Delhi-Singapore, and Mumbai-Singapore routes. Vistara was merged into Air India last month, and its planes are being retrofitted.

Air India said that from February 1, it would operate flights on Delhi-Frankfurt and Delhi-Paris routes as per an "optimised" schedule.

"Air India has also retimed its daily flights on the Delhi-Sydney and Delhi-Melbourne routes to enable seamless two-way connectivity between Europe and Australia or points in Southeast Asia via Delhi," it said.

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DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 16 December

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Winter holidays :Metro rute par hawai kiraya 28% tak ghata chote rutes par 18% tak bhada

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देश में क्रिसमस और ईयर-एंड वेकेशन के चलते हवाई सेवाओं की मांग तेजी से बढ़ी है। दिलचस्प बात यह है कि बीते साल दिसंबर की तुलना में इस बार मेट्रो रूट्स पर किराया 9-28% तक सस्ता है। वहीं, मेट्रो और छोटे शहरों के बीच किराये में 3-18% की तेजी दिख रही है। इसकी वजह है कि मेट्रो टू मेट्रो की तुलना में पर्यटन और धार्मिक स्थलों के लिए बुकिंग 669% तक बढ़ी है। टिकट बुकिंग पोर्टल्स ईजीमाईट्रिप के एनालिसिस के मुताबिक मेट्रो शहरों और पर्यटन/धार्मिक स्थलों के बीच भी किराये में बढ़ोतरी देखी जा रही है। इस रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक मेट्रो रूट्स पर सबसे अधिक 28% की गिरावट चेन्नई-कोलकाता रूट पर देखी गई है। करीब 27% की गिरावट के साथ कोलकाता-बेंगलुरु दूसरे स्थान पर है। इसके बाद हैदराबाद, चेन्नई से नई दिल्ली और नई दिल्ली से अहमदाबाद रूट्स पर सालाना आधार पर 20% या उससे अधिक की गिरावट है।

ट्रैवल पोर्टल इक्सिगो के मुताबिक मेट्रो शहरों और छोटे शहरों के बीच हवाई किराये में 3-18% बढ़ोतरी हुई है। 24 दिसंबर और 1 जनवरी 2025 के बीच नई दिल्ली से श्रीनगर के बीच टिकट की कीमतें 18% बढ़ी हैं। मुंबई-देहरादून रूट पर किराया 13% और बेंगलुरु-जयपुर रूट पर किराया 11% बढ़ा है। मेट्रो-टू-मेट्रो रूट्स पर हवाई किराये में कमी इसलिए आई है क्योंकि त्योहारी सीजन के बाद से ही हवाई किराए बहुत अधिक थे।

वाराणसी, जयपुर के लिए सबसे ज्यादा बढ़ी बुकिंग

शहर	बुकिंग बढ़ी
जयपुर	146%
उदयपुर	126%
श्रीनगर	66%
गोवा	52%
लेह	30%
वाराणसी	669%
तिरुपति	67%
अमृतसर	58%
शिरडी	22%

अवधिः 20 दिसंबर 2024 और 2 जनवरी 2025 के बीच (स्रोतः इक्सिगो)

5 मेट्रो रूट्स पर किराया 20% से अधिक सस्ता

मेट्रो-टू-मेट्रो रूट	किराये में कमी
चेन्नई-कोलकाता	-28%
कोलकाता -बेंगलुरु	-27%
हैदराबाद-नई दिल्ली	-21%
नई दिल्ली-चेन्नई	-21%
नई दिल्ली-अहमदाबाद	-20%
नई दिल्ली-कोलकाता	-17%
बेंगलुरु-कोलकाता	-16%
नई दिल्ली-हैदराबाद	-15%
नई दिल्ली-मुंबई	-12%
नई दिल्ली-बेंगलुरु	-9%

किराये में कमी सालाना आधार पर (स्रोतः ईजीमाईट्रिप)

▪ रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा के मुताबिक देश में घरेलू हवाई यात्रा 7-10% की रफ्तार से बढ़ रही है। मौजूदा वित्त वर्ष 2025 में यात्री 17 करोड़ का बेंचमार्क छू सकते हैं।

किराये में रिकॉर्ड इजाफा

देश में घरेलू एयर फेयर 5 साल में 43% बढ़ा

देश में घरेलू हवाई किराये में 2019 के मुकाबले 2024 की पहली छमाही में 43% बढ़ा है। इस मामले में भारत एशिया-प्रशांत (एपीएसी) और पश्चिम एशियाई क्षेत्र में वियतनाम (63%) के बाद दूसरे स्थान पर है। वहीं, समान अवधि में अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई किराये में 16% बढ़ोतरी के साथ भारत, यूएई (22%) और मलेशिया (21%) के बाद तीसरे स्थान पर है। 2024 में जनवरी से अक्टूबर के बीच 13.2 करोड़ लोग हवाई यात्रा कर चुके हैं। वर्ष 2023 में रिकॉर्ड 15.2 करोड़ लोगों ने हवाई यात्रा की थी।

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Ambuja Cement commissions 200 MW solar power project in Gujarat

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અંબુજા સિમેન્ટ્સે ખાવડામાં ૨૦૦ મેગાવોટ સોલર પાવરની કામગીરી શરૂ કરી, વીજ ખર્ચમાં ૭૦ ટકા બચત મેળવશે

વ્રજકિશન ભૂમિ

વીજ ખર્ચમાં ૭૦ ટકાની બચતથી એબિટામાં નોંધપાત્ર વધારો થશે

રૂ. ૧૦,૦૦૦ કરોડના કુલ ખર્ચથી નાણાંકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૨૮ સુધીમાં કંપનીની કુલ વીજ જરૂરિયાત પૈકી ૬૦ ટકા ગ્રીન પાવરમાંથી મળશે

અમદાવાદ, ૧૩ ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૪ – ડાયવર્સિફાઈડ અદાણી પોર્ટફોલિયોની સિમેન્ટ અને બિલ્ડિંગ મટિરિયલ કંપની અંબુજા સિમેન્ટ્સે ખાવડામાં તેનો ૨૦૦ મેગાવોટ સોલર પાવર પ્રોજેક્ટ પૂરો કર્યો છે અને પાવર ટ્રાન્સમિશન શરૂ કર્યું છે. આ પ્રોજેક્ટથી બાકીની ૮૦૬ મેગાવોટ ક્ષમતા પૂરા થવાના વિવિધ તબક્કામાં છે અને માર્ચ ૨૦૨૫થી જૂન ૨૦૨૫ વચ્ચેના તબક્કામાં ટ્રાન્સમિશન શરૂ કરે તેવી શક્યતા છે. કંપનીની એબિટા પર હકારાત્મક અસર કરનારી આ ગતિવિધિથી હાલના વીજ ખર્ચમાં નોંધપાત્ર ૭૦ ટકા બચત થશે.

અદાણી ગ્રુપના સિમેન્ટ બિઝનેસના સીઈઓ શ્રી અજય કપૂરે જણાવ્યું હતું કે જવાબદાર રીતે અને ટકાઉ રીતે વિકાસ સાધવો એ અમારી ઈએસજી ઉત્કૃષ્ટતા સફરનો પાયો છે કારણ કે અમે ૨૦૫૦ સુધીમાં નેટ ઝીરો એમિશન્સ હાંસલ કરવા માટે ગર્વભેર પ્રતિબદ્ધ છીએ. વેલ્યુ ચેઈનને ડિકાર્બોનાઈઝ કરવાના અમારા પ્રયાસોમાં અમારા ૧ જીબી રિન્યૂએબલ પાવર પ્રોજેક્ટનો આ પ્રથમ તબક્કો છે.

અમે નાણાંકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૨૮ સુધીમાં ગ્રીન પાવર સ્રોતોથી અમારી કુલ ઊર્જા વપરાશના ૬૦ ટકા મેળવવાનો લક્ષ્ય રાખીએ છીએ. આનાથી અમારી એકંદરે પડતર ઘટાડવામાં અને અમારા હિતધારકોને મજબૂત મૂલ્ય પૂરું પાડવામાં મદદ મળશે. અમારા ટકાઉપણા સિદ્ધાંતો અમારા બિઝનેસના તમામ પાસાંમાં સંકલિત થાય છે અને અમારા ભવિષ્યના વિઝનમાં વ્યક્ત થાય છે.

કંપનીએ ૧૨ ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૪ની અસરથી વેસ્ટર્ન રિજનલ લોડ ડિસ્પેચ સેન્ટર (ડબ્લ્યુઆરએલડીસી) તરફથી તેના ૨૦૦ મેગાવોટ સોલર પાવર પ્રોજેક્ટ માટે સ્ટેન્ડિંગ ક્લિયરન્સ મેળવ્યું છે. તેના મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ગ્રીન એનર્જી પ્રોજેક્ટનો આ પહેલો તબક્કો ૩૭૬ મેગાવોટ વેસ્ટ હીટ રિકવરી સિસ્ટમ્સ (ડબ્લ્યુએચઆરએસ) ઉપરાંત સોલર અને વિન્ડ સહિત ૧ ગિગાવોટ રિન્યૂએબલ એનર્જી એટલે કે ગ્રીન એનર્જી તરફ કંપનીના રૂ. ૧૦,૦૦૦ કરોડના રોકાણ માટે વધુ વેલ્યુ અનલોક કરવાનો માર્ગ મોકળો કરશે.

આ પ્રોજેક્ટની બાકીની ૮૦૬ મેગાવોટ ક્ષમતા પૈકી ખાવડાથી ૧૫૬ મેગાવોટ પવન ઊર્જા અને રાજસ્થાનથી બીજી ૩૦૦ મેગાવોટ સૌર ઊર્જા તબક્કાવાર માર્ચ ૨૦૨૫ સુધીમાં પૂરી થવાની શક્યતા છે. બાકની ૩૫૦ મેગાવોટ સૌર ઊર્જા જૂન ૨૦૨૫ સુધીમાં પૂરી થવાની સંભાવના છે.

અંબુજા સિમેન્ટ્સ પર્યાવરણની દ્રષ્ટિએ જવાબદાર રહેવાનો વારસો ધરાવે છે અને હરિયાળા તથા વધુ સમાવેશક ભવિષ્યના નિર્માણના ઉદ્દેશ્ય સાથે ભવિષ્ય માટેની પહેલ સાથે સિમેન્ટ ઉદ્યોગના ડિકાર્બોનાઈઝેશન તરફ પ્રયાસ કરવાનું ચાલુ રાખે છે.

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बाजार सतर्क, सेंसेक्स 385 अंक लुढ़का

वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही और बेंचमार्क सेंसेक्स 384 अंक से अधिक के नुकसान में रहा। कारोबारियों के अनुसार अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व इस सप्ताह नीतिगत दर पर निर्णय लेगा। इसे देखते हुए निवेशकों ने सतर्क रुख अपनाया जिससे वैश्विक बाजार में नरमी रही। इसका असर घरेलू बाजार पर भी पड़ा। सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था। निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स के तीस शेयरों में से टाइटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे।

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Can't draw parallels between Tuticorin and Vizhinjam ports, Centre tells Kerala

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5	English	183	N/A	Bottom Right	84167	245K

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Since VOC is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Government of India, there is no need for any revenue-sharing agreement while providing VGF. The State had been maintaining that it will have to repay approximately ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 crore if the repayment condition is agreed for the VGF amount of ₹817.80 crore, which goes to the kitty of Vizhinjam port concessionaire Adani Vizhinjam Private Port Limited (AVPPL).

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5	English	162	N/A	Bottom Center	29233	117.58K

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11	English	249	N/A	Top Left	44782	117.58K

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The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress MP K.C. Venugopal speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament on Monday. PTI

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Participating in a discussion on the Supplementary Demand for Grants in the Lok Sabha, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said: "This Government is of Adani, by Adani and for Adani. That is the whole story of this scandal. The reports in the public domain have highlighted the Adani Group for stock manipulation and accounting fraud."

In a strong rebuttal, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said that the person who was being referred to again and again by the Congress MP was not made a crorepati by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The person you are talking about again and again, Modi *ji* did not make him a crorepati, you made him a crorepati. We made unicorns... These port and airports have been given by you, don't defame us," Mr. Rijiju said.

Opening the debate from the Opposition side, Mr. Venugopal said: "According to the latest report, there is an Adani port/terminal every 500 km along the country's 7,516-km-long coastline. The company runs seven airports in the country."

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13	English	286	N/A	Top Left	214302	682.81K

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2	English	199	N/A	Bottom Center	69763	125K

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The two countries also agreed to jointly develop offshore wind power potential in the Palk Straits, an area where India's Adani Green Energy Ltd already has plans to invest $442 million in two wind power stations. Sri Lanka is reviewing the wind power project along with a $553 million terminal project at Colombo port also linked to Adani Ports. But it was unclear if the projects were discussed during the meeting between Modi and Dissanayake.

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Investor caution

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मुंबई : कमकुवत जागतिक संकेतांमुळे गुंतवणूकदारांनी अमेरिकन फेडरल रिझर्व्हच्या व्याजदराच्या निर्णयापूर्वी सावधगिरी बाळगल्याने सोमवारी सेन्सेक्स आणि निफ्टी निर्देशांक घसरत बंद झाले. याशिवाय, कमजोर रुपया आणि मंदावलेल्या चिनी अर्थव्यवस्थेची आकडेवारीच्या दरम्यान धातू आणि आयटी क्षेत्रातील समभागांच्या विक्रीच्या दबावाचा गुंतवणूकदारांच्या भावनांवर परिणाम झाला, असे व्यापाऱ्यांनी सांगितले.

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देशांतर्गत शेअर बाजाराने आशियाई आणि युरोपीय निर्देशांकांकडून संकेत घेतले आणि नकारात्मक वातावरणात बंद झाले, कारण गुंतवणूकदार या आठवड्याच्या शेवटी अमेरिकन फेडरल रिझर्व्हच्या व्याजदर निर्णयावरील यूएस एफओएमसी बैठकीच्या निर्णयाची वाट पाहत आहेत.

या आठवड्यात पाच आयपीओ सूचीबद्ध आणि सात नवीन आयपीओ सबस्क्रिप्शनसाठी प्राथमिक बाजारांमध्ये गुंतवणुकीसाठी खुले होणार आहेत.

सेन्सेक्सवर्गवारीत ब्लू-चिप पॅकमधून टाटा मोटर्स, अदानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सिमेंट, टाटा कन्सल्टन्सी सर्व्हिसेस, एनटीपीसी, भारती एअरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान युनिलिव्हर आणि जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील हे सर्वात जास्त घसरले, मागे राहिले.

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क्षेत्रीय निर्देशांकांमध्ये धातू ०.९५ टक्क्यांनी घसरले, टेक ०.८२ टक्क्यांनी घसरले, तेल आणि वायू ०.७५ टक्के, बीएसई फोकस्ड आयटी ०.७४ टक्के आणि युटिलिटीज ०.६३ टक्के घसरले. तर रिअॅल्टी ३.१७ टक्के, ग्राहक टिकाऊ वस्तू ०.५० टक्के, भांडवली वस्तू ०.३८ टक्के आणि आरोग्य सेवा ०.२२ टक्के वाढले.

सोमवारी, रुपया ९ पैशांनी घसरून अमेरिकन डॉलरच्या तुलनेत ८४.८९ या सर्वकालीन नीचांकी पातळीवर बंद झाला.

विदेशी संस्थागत गुंतवणूकदारांनी (एफआयआय) शुक्रवारी २,३३५.३२ कोटी रुपयांच्या समभागांची खरेदी केली, असे एक्सचेंजच्या आकडेवारीनुसार दिसून येते. जागतिक तेल बाजारात ब्रेंट क्रूड ०.७५ टक्क्यांनी घसरून ७३.९१ अमेरिकन डॉलर प्रति बॅरल झाले. बीएसई सेन्सेक्स शुक्रवारी ८४३.१६ अंकांनी वाढून ८२,१३३.१२ वर तर निफ्टी २१९.६० अंकांनी वाढून २४,७६८.३० वर बंद झाला.

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Kamzor vaishvik rukh se share bazar mai giravat

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कमजोर वैश्विक रुख से शेयर बाजार में गिरावट

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MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,749	-0.47
US Dollar	84.91	-0.12
Gold	78,350	-1.44
Brent oil	73.87	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2512.40	-15.15
Adani Ports	1243.15	-16.80
Apollo Hosp	7259.20	-0.25
Asian Paints	2402.25	-5.40
Axis Bank	1150.90	2.75
Bajaj Auto	8998.35	-23.05
Bajaj Finserv	1673.65	-6.05
Bajaj Finance	7208.40	25.60
Bharat Elec	316.20	0.55
Bharti Airtel	1662.55	-19.20
BPCL	297.95	-3.75
Britannia Ind	4846.50	-3.60
Cipla	1448.45	1.15
Coal India	410.45	0.15
Dr Reddys Lab	1269.95	23.60
Eicher Motors	4838.50	12.60
Grasim Ind	2685.15	-7.55
HCL Tech	1954.40	-14.40
HDFC Bank	1865.20	-6.55
HDFC Life	634.95	2.40
Hero MotoCorp	4539.00	-36.45
Hindalco	653.50	-8.60
Hind Unilever	2366.15	-23.95
ICICI Bank	1346.10	1.20
IndusInd Bank	999.35	12.70
Infosys	1980.05	-19.65
ITC	470.10	0.10
JSW Steel	990.35	-9.50
Kotak Bank	1804.45	-1.20
L&T	3877.85	-9.15
M&M	3084.85	3.45
Maruti Suzuki	11277.00	4.45
NestleIndia	2238.75	-14.75
NTPC	352.90	-4.25
ONGC	251.80	-2.45
PowerGrid Corp	335.00	1.15
Reliance Ind	1268.30	-4.55
SBI Life	1421.65	-7.15
State Bank	860.95	-0.60
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3137.45	-25.10
Sun Pharma	1809.80	-3.65
TataConsumerProduct	920.35	-9.35
Tata Motors	784.80	-5.50
Tata Steel	147.79	-1.16
TCS	4415.20	-58.70
Tech Mahindra	1775.55	-20.85
Titan	3438.20	-70.65
Trent Ltd.	7000.35	0.10
UltraTech Cement	11942.50	-141.40
Wipro	309.20	-0.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.66	84.98
Euro	88.81	89.15
British Pound	107.05	107.46
Japanese Yen (100)	55.03	55.24
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	94.89	95.26
Singapore Dollar	62.71	62.96
Canadian Dollar	59.44	59.69
Malaysian Ringitt	19.02	19.10
Australian Dollar	53.77	53.97

Source:Indian Bank

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Markets decline amid weak global trends

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11	English	269	N/A	Middle Center	80708	171.26K

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The BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.73 per cent, and smallcap index climbed 0.47 per cent.

"The national market traded in a range-bound manner while the realty sector outperformed in expectation of growing demand and a potential rate cut cycle in 2025. Rising US 10-year bond yields and a strengthening dollar led investors to remain watchful of the upcoming US Fed policy and its commentary for 2025 rates," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Among sectoral indices, metal dropped by 0.95 per cent, teck fell by 0.82 per cent, oil & gas (0.75 per cent), BSE Focused IT (0.74 per cent) and utilities (0.63 per cent).

Realty surged 3.17 per cent, consumer discretionary (0.69 per cent), consumer durables (0.50 per cent), capital goods (0.38 per cent) and healthcare (0.22 per cent) were the gainers.

"...the Nifty Metal index dropped...pressured by weak global prices and concerns over US-China trade dynamics. Weaker-than-expected retail sales data from China, a key consumer of metals, added to fears of slowing demand. Nifty IT snapped its five-day winning streak, shedding 0.9 per cent on account of profit booking. Nifty Realty gained more than 3 per cent, buoyed by new property launches and optimism surrounding strong housing demand in 2025," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower.

European markets were quoting in the red. Wall Street ended mostly lower Friday.

Monday, the rupee depreciated by 9 paise to close at an all-time low level of 84.89 (provisional) against the US dollar.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.75 per cent to USD 73.91 a barrel.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, 16 December

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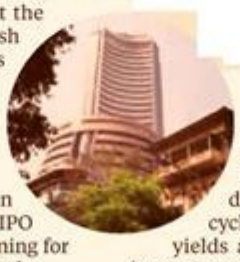

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Sri Lankan President says he will not allow his country's territory to be used to target India; New Delhi converts project loans to grants, agrees to expedite energy, digital cooperation

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said here on Monday that he would not allow his country's territory to be used against India.

"I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability," Mr. Dissanayake said, speaking to the media along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, the official meeting venue.

India promised Mr. Dissanayake, who is on his maiden visit to New Delhi after sweeping presidential and parliamentary elections, to continue its grants assistance to Sri Lanka and help it tide over its economic problems.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The two leaders said they discussed a number of issues, including regional security, digital infrastructure, connectivity and energy projects, as well as the Tamil issue and rights of fishermen. India announced it would convert loans granted to Sri Lanka for railway signalling systems and Kankesanthurai Port and also extended a $20.66 million grant to settle payment for projects already completed, that had originally been signed under a 'Letter of Credit' or loan. They also agreed to continue with their partnership on energy projects, including connecting to a common grid, an India-Sri Lanka "multi-product pipeline" with support of the UAE, LNG supplies, and completing the much-delayed Sampur coal power project.

Briefing the media later, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri indicated the statement by the Sri Lankan President could have a bearing on Sri Lanka's clearance for foreign vessels, particularly Chinese ships.

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Modi, Dissanayake take up security issues

India has often raised concern Chinese ships berthing in Sri Lankan ports. In January, Sri Lanka will complete its one-year moratorium on all foreign research vessels docking in at its ports.

"We did highlight the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research, etc.," Mr. Misri said indicating India could offer to conduct research for Sri Lanka. "We pointed to the importance and sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he added.

The statements did not, however, indicate any progress on discussing the issues surrounding projects by the Adani Group, that are under review in Sri Lanka and have faced further pushback after indictments by U.S. investigators against the company. While the Adani bid to develop a terminal at Colombo Port is now expected to go ahead with internal funding rather than U.S. agency DFC's funding, the Dissanayake government has said it may put a hold on a 500 MW wind power project in the northeastern regions of Mannar and Pooneryn. Significantly, despite the company's considerable stakes in Sri Lanka, no Adani company representative was listed amongst participants at the "India-Sri Lanka Business Forum", held by business chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham in Delhi on Monday.

In addition, Delhi and Colombo didn't appear to find common ground on the contentious issue of fishermen, although they spoke of the need for dealing with Indian fishermen, whom Sri Lanka accuses of trespassing into its waters, in a "humanitarian manner". Mr. Dissanayake also called on India to curtail the use of "bottom trawlers" that deplete marine resources.

Mr. Modi also said he had discussed the issue of Tamil reconciliation. "President Dissanayake apprised me of his inclusive perspective," said Mr. Modi adding that India hopes the Sri Lankan government shall fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil people, and "fulfil their commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka and conducting the Provincial Council Elections".

Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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Selling in thirteen groups has shaken the market

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तेरह समूहों में हुई बिकवाली से बाजार हलकान

मुंबई, 16 दिसम्बर (एजेंसियां)। चीन और यूरोप के कमजोर आर्थिक आंकड़ों तथा बॉन्ड के बढ़ते प्रतिफल से इक्विटी मूल्यांकन को मिल रही चुनौती के बीच अमेरिकी फेडरल रिजर्व की मौद्रिक नीति बैठक में ब्याज दर पर होने वाले निर्णय को लेकर आशंकित विश्व बाजार में आई गिरावट के दबाव में स्थानीय स्तर पर यूटिलिटीज, धातु, तेल एवं गैस और टेक समेत तेरह समूहों में हुई बिकवाली से आज शेयर बाजार गिरकर बंद हुआ। बीएसई का तीस शेयरों वाला संवेदी सूचकांक सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक का गोता लगाकर 81,748.57 अंक और नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) का निफ्टी 100.05 अंक की गिरावट लेकर 24,668.25 अंक रह गया। हालांकि बीएसई की दिग्गज कंपनियों के विपरीत मझौली और छोटी कंपनियों के शेयरों में जबरदस्त लिवाली हुई, जिससे मिडकैप 0.73 प्रतिशत की छलांग लगाकर 48,126.66 अंक और स्मॉलकैप 0.47 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ 57,227.62 अंक पर पहुंच गया।

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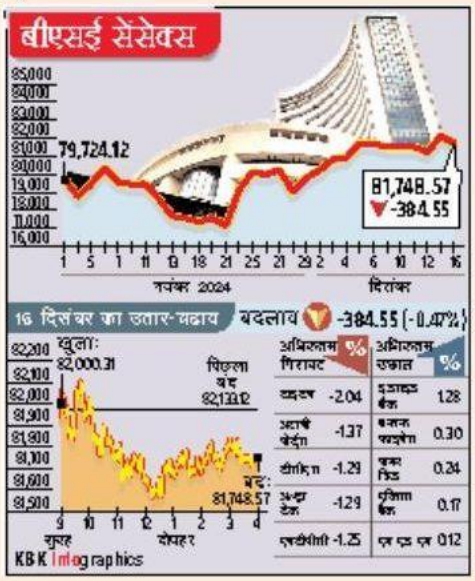

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ਸੈਂਸੈਕਸ 384.55 ਅੰਕ ਡਿੱਗਿਆ

ਮੁੰਬਈ, 16 ਦਸੰਬਰ (ਭਾਸ਼ਾ)–ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਮਜ਼ੋਰ ਰੁਖ ਵਿਚਾਲੇ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸ਼ੇਅਰ ਬਾਜ਼ਾਰ 'ਚ ਗਿਰਾਵਟ ਰਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਬੰਬੇ ਸਟਾਕ ਐਕਸਚੇਂਜ (ਬੀ. ਐੱਸ. ਈ.) ਸੈਂਸੈਕਸ 384.55 ਅੰਕ ਦੀ ਗਿਰਾਵਟ ਨਾਲ 81,748.57 ਅੰਕਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਇਆ। ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਇਹ 581.84 ਅੰਕਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਡਿੱਗ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸਟਾਕ ਐਕਸਚੇਂਜ (ਐੱਨ. ਐੱਸ. ਈ.) ਦਾ ਨਿਫਟੀ ਵੀ 100.50 ਅੰਕ ਭਾਵ 0.40 ਫੀਸਦੀ ਦੀ ਗਿਰਾਵਟ ਨਾਲ 24,668.25 ਅੰਕਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਇਆ।

ਸੈਂਸੈਕਸ ਦੇ 30 ਸ਼ੇਅਰਾਂ 'ਚੋਂ ਟਾਈਟਨ, ਅਡਾਨੀ ਪੋਰਟਸ, ਅਲਟ੍ਰਾਟੈੱਕ ਸੀਮੈਂਟ, ਟਾਟਾ ਕੰਸਲਟੈਂਸੀ ਸਰਵਿਸਿਜ਼, ਐੱਨ. ਟੀ. ਪੀ. ਸੀ., ਭਾਰਤੀ ਏਅਰਟੈੱਲ, ਟੈੱਕ ਮਹਿੰਦਰਾ, ਇੰਫੋਸਿਸ, ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਯੂਨੀਲੀਵਰ ਅਤੇ ਜੇ. ਐੱਸ. ਡਬਲਯੂ. ਸਟੀਲ ਮੁੱਖ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ 'ਚ ਰਹੇ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਲਾਭ 'ਚ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸ਼ੇਅਰਾਂ 'ਚ ਇੰਡਸਇੰਡ ਬੈਂਕ, ਬਜਾਜ ਫਾਈਨਾਂਸ, ਪਾਵਰ ਗ੍ਰਿਡ, ਮਹਿੰਦਰਾ ਐਂਡ ਮਹਿੰਦਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਐਕਸਿਸ ਬੈਂਕ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹਨ। ਏਸ਼ੀਆ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਬਾਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ 'ਚ ਦੱਖਣੀ ਕੋਰੀਆ ਦਾ ਕਾਸਪੀ, ਜਾਪਾਨ ਦਾ ਨਿੱਕੀ, ਚੀਨ ਦਾ ਸ਼ੰਘਾਈ ਕੰਪੋਜ਼ਿਟ ਅਤੇ ਹਾਂਗਕਾਂਗ ਦਾ ਹੈਂਗਸੇਂਗ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ 'ਚ ਰਹੇ।

ਰੁਪਏ 9 ਪੈਸੇ ਡਿੱਗ ਕੇ 84.89 ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਡਾਲਰ ਦੇ ਸਰਬਕਾਲੀ ਹੇਠਲੇ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ

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ਅੰਤਰਬੈਂਕ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਕਰੰਸੀ ਵਟਾਂਦਰਾ ਬਾਜ਼ਾਰ 'ਚ ਰੁਪਇਆ 84.83 'ਤੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਦੇ ਅੰਤ 'ਚ ਇਹ ਡਾਲਰ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ 9 ਪੈਸੇ ਡਿੱਗ ਕੇ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਇਆ।

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Sensex 384.55 ank ludka

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सैंसेक्स 384.55 अंक लुढ़का

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Sensex falls 385 points

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Sensex falls 385 points

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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11	Hindi	81	N/A	Middle Right	4045	370.92K

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Sensex-Nifty closes lower

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सेन्सेक्स-निफ्टी घसरणीसह बंद

आयटी-मेटलवर दबाव

मुंबई, वृत्तसंस्था. भारतीय शेअर बाजारात सोमवारी घसरण झाली. विशेषत: मेटल आणि आयटी शेअर्स घसरणीच्या बाजाराला फटका बसला. या आठवड्याच्या अखेरीस होणाऱ्या अमेरिकेच्या फेडरल रिझर्वच्या पतधोरण बैठकीपूर्वी गुंतवणूकदारांनी सावध भूमिका घेतली आहे. फेड रिझर्वकडून व्याजदरात २५ बेसिस पॉईंटची व्याजदर कपातीची अपेक्षा व्यक्त केली जात आहे. या पार्श्वभूमीवर सेन्सेक्स आजच्या सत्रात ५०० हून अधिक अंकांनी खाली आला. तर त्यानंतर सेन्सेक्स ३८४ अंकांच्या घसरणीसह ८१,७४८ वर बंद झाला. तर निफ्टी ५० निर्देशांक १०० अंकांनी घसरून २४,६६८ वर स्थिरावला.

क्षेत्रीय निर्देशांकांतील रियल्टी निर्देशांक ३ टक्के वाढला. मीडिया निर्देशांक १.५ टक्के आणि पीएसयू बँक ०.५ टक्के वाढला. तर आयटी, मेटल, ऑईल आणि गॅस निर्देशांक घसरले. भारतीय आयटी कंपन्यांचे शेअर्स १ टक्क्यांपर्यंत खाली आले. बीएसई मिडकॅप ०.७ टक्के आणि स्मॉलकॅप प्रत्येकी ०.५ टक्के वाढला. एसएमई निफ्टीवर टायटन, अदानी पोर्ट्स, हिंदाल्को, टीसीएस, टेक महींद्र हे शेअर्स १ ते २ टक्क्यांपर्यंत घसरले.

सेन्सेक्सवरील २४ शेअर्समध्ये घसरण

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शेयर बाजार में गिरावट, सेंसेक्स 385 अंक लुढ़का

एजेंसी ■ मुंबई

वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच स्थानीय शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही और बीएसई सेंसेक्स 384 अंक से अधिक के नुकसान में रहा। कारोबारियों के अनुसार, अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व इस सप्ताह नीतिगत दर पर निर्णय लेगा। इसको देखते हुए निवेशकों ने सतर्क रुख अपनाया जिससे वैश्विक बाजार में नरमी रही। इसका असर घरेलू बाजार पर भी पड़ा। तीस शेयरों पर आधारित बीएसई सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक यानी 0.47 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 अंक पर बंद हुआ।

कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक यानी 0.40 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 अंक पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स के तीस शेयरों में से टाइटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे। दूसरी ओर, लाभ में रहने वाले शेयरों में इंडसइंड बैंक, बजाज फाइनेंस, पावर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा और एक्सिस बैंक शामिल हैं। शेयर बाजार के आंकड़ों के अनुसार एशिया के अन्य बाजारों में दक्षिण कोरिया का कॉस्पी, जापान का निक्की, चीन का शंघाई कम्पोजिट और हांगकांग का हैंगसेंग नुकसान में रहे। यूरोप के प्रमुख बाजारों में दोपहर के कारोबार में गिरावट का रुख रहा। अमेरिकी बाजार शुक्रवार को नुकसान में रहे थे। इस बीच, खाद्य वस्तुओं के सस्ता होने से थोक मुद्रास्फीति नवंबर में घटकर तीन महीने के निचले स्तर 1.89 प्रतिशत पर आ गई। शेयर बाजार के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, विदेशी संस्थागत निवेशकों ने शुक्रवार को 2,335.32 करोड़ रुपए मूल्य के शेयर खरीदे। वैश्विक तेल मानक ब्रेंट क्रूड 0.75 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 73.91 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर आ गया। बीएसई सेंसेक्स में शुक्रवार को 843.16 अंक की तेजी आई थी जबकि एनएसई निफ्टी 219.60 अंक चढ़ा था।

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Stock market fell by 385 points

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10	Marathi	22	N/A	Middle Left	21967	604.7K

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लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई : जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेतील कमजोर संकेतांमुळे सोमवारी सेन्सेक्स ३८५ अंकांनी घसरून ८१,७४८ अंकावर स्थिर झाला तर निफ्टी १०० अंकांनी घसरणीसह २४,६६८ अंकांवर बंद झाला. टायटन, अदानी पोर्ट्स, एनटीपीसी, इन्फोसिस आदी शेअर घसरले.

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Stock market started the week with a fall

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2	Marathi	153	N/A	Top Left	137597	347.1K

शेअर बाजारात सप्ताहाची सुरुवात घसरणीने

सेन्सेक्समध्ये ३८५, निफ्टीत १०० अंकांची घट

मुंबई : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

आंतरराष्ट्रीय पातळीवरील नकारात्मक वातावरणाचे पडसाद सोमवारी भारतीय शेअर बाजारात उमटले. परिणामी मुंबई शेअर बाजाराचा निर्देशांक सेन्सेक्समध्ये ३८४ अंकांची घसरून ८१,७४८ अंकांवर स्थिरावला. राष्ट्रीय शेअर बाजाराचा निर्देशांक निफ्टीत १०० अंकांची घट होत तो २४,६६८ अंकांवर बंद झाला.

अमेरिकेच्या फेडरल रिझर्व्हकडून व्याजदर कपातीसंबधीचा निर्णय चालू आठवड्याअखेरीस अपेक्षित असून या पार्श्वभूमिवर गुंतवणुकदारांनी सावध पवित्रा घेतला आहे. त्यात चीनच्या

आर्थिकस्थितीसंबंधी आकडेवारीने आणखी भर टाकली. डॉलरच्या तुलनेत रुपयात सुरु असलेल्या घसरणीनेही गुंतवणुकदारांची चिंता वाढविली आहे. त्यामुळे आजच्या सत्रात भारतीय शेअर बाजारात आयटी आणि धातू क्षेत्रातील समभागांच्या विक्रीवर जोर दिसून आला. मुंबई शेअर बाजारात टायटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्रा टेक, टाटा कन्सल्टन्सी सर्विसेस, एनटीपीसी, भारती एअरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान युनिलिव्हर, जेएसडब्ल्यु स्टीलच्या शेअर्समध्ये सर्वाधिक घसरण नोंदवली. इंडसईंड बँक, बजाज फायनान्स, पॉवर ग्रीड, महिंद्रा अँड महिंद्रा, ॲक्सिस बँक, आयसीआयसीआय बँकेच्या शेअरमध्ये मात्र वधारले.

दरम्यान, आशिया, युरोपातील बहुतांशी भांडवली बाजारांतही आज घसरण पहायला मिळाली.

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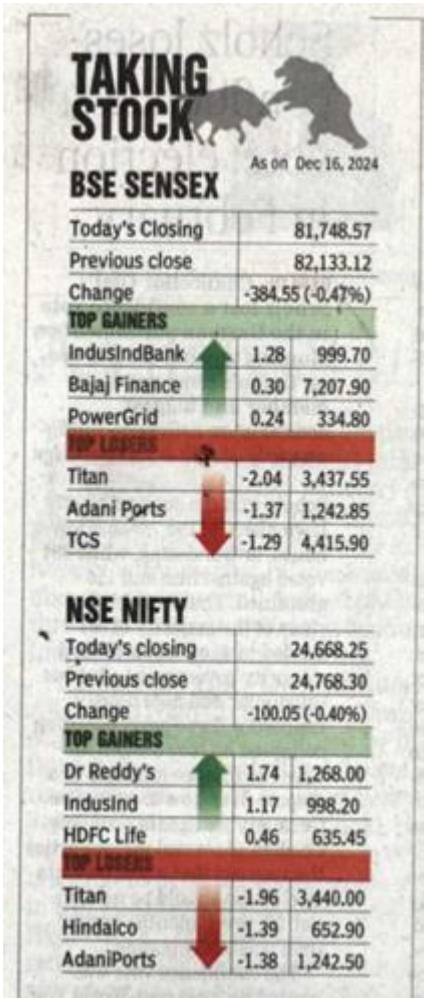
10	English	73	N/A	Top Left	58361	1.65M



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As on Dec 16, 2024

BSE SENSEX

Today's Closing		81,748.57
Previous close		82,133.12
Change		-384.55 (-0.47%)
TOP GAINERS		
IndusIndBank	1.28	999.70
Bajaj Finance	0.30	7,207.90
PowerGrid	0.24	334.80
TOP LOSERS		
Titan	-2.04	3,437.55
Adani Ports	-1.37	1,242.85
TCS	-1.29	4,415.90

NSE NIFTY

Today's closing		24,668.25
Previous close		24,768.30
Change		-100.05 (-0.40%)
TOP GAINERS		
Dr Reddy's	1.74	1,268.00
IndusInd	1.17	998.20
HDFC Life	0.46	635.45
TOP LOSERS		
Titan	-1.96	3,440.00
Hindalco	-1.39	652.90
AdaniPorts	-1.38	1,242.50

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Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner

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3	English	30	N/A	Middle Left	14854	101.93K

Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner

The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed a petition challenging a contract awarded by the Maharashtra government to Adani Group for supply of renewable and thermal power electricity, noting the plea was "unsubstantiated and reckless". A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar also imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the petitioner—Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar—for the vague petition. PTI

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Decision to award power contract to Adani is correct

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3	Marathi	51	N/A	Middle Left	84747	500.5K

अदानीला वीज कंत्राट देण्याचा निर्णय योग्य

याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजारांचा दंड

मुंबई, नवराष्ट्र न्यूज नेटवर्क. राज्यात औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्याचे कंत्राट अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला देण्याचा माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदेंच्या निर्णयाविरोधातील याचिका उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळून लावली. तसेच, याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपयांचा दंडही ठोठावला.

अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला दिलेल्या ६६०० मेगावॅटच्या कंत्राटाबाबत केलेले आरोप हे तथ्यहीन असल्याचे निरीक्षण मुख्य न्या. देवेंद्र कुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने रिट याचिका फेटाळून लावताना नोंदवले. तसेच अशा निराधार आणि बेजबाबदारपणे याचिकांमुळे महत्त्वाचे मुद्दे, प्रश्न किंवा कारणे मागे पडण्याचा धोका असल्याचेही न्यायालयाने स्पष्ट केले.

अदानी समूहाचे प्रमुख गौतम अदानी यांच्याशी हितसंबंध असल्यानेच माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी हे कंत्राट अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला दिल्याचा आरोप याचिकाकर्ते श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी वकील आनंद जोंधळे यांच्यामार्फत याचिकेतून केला होता. अदानी यांच्याबर अमेरिकेत झालेल्या कथित भ्रष्टाचाराच्या आरोपाप्रकरणी उपहीस आलेल्या कागदपत्रांचाही दाखला सुनावणीदरम्यान न्यायालयात सादर करण्यात आला. तथापि, याचिकाकर्त्याचे वकील कागदपत्रांचे स्वरूप स्पष्ट करण्यात संपूर्णतः अपयशी ठरल्याने न्यायालयाने सुनावले. तसेच, निराधार आरोप करणारी ही याचिका चुकीच्या समजावर आधारित असून त्यात आरोपांचे समर्थन कोणतेही पुरावे नसल्याचेही न्यायालयाने स्पष्ट केले आणि याचिका फेटाळून लावली.

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Decision to award the contract to Adani Transmission is correct

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2	Marathi	460	N/A	Middle Left	1806868	784.32K

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लोकसत्ता प्रतिनिधी

मुंबई : राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्याचे कंत्राट अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला देण्याचा माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांच्या निर्णयाविरोधातील याचिका उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळली. तसेच, याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपये दंडही सुनावला.

अदानी ट्रान्समिशला दिलेल्या ६६०० मेगावॅटच्या कंत्राटाबाबत याचिकाकर्ते श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी केलेले आरोप हे तथ्यहीन आणि बेजबाबदार असल्याची टिप्पणीही मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्र कुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्यायमूर्ती अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने दिवाणी स्वरूपाची ही रिट याचिका फेटाळताना केली. अशा निराधार आणि बेजबाबदारपणे केल्या जाणाऱ्या याचिकांमुळे महत्त्वाचे मुद्दे किंवा कारणे मागे पडण्याचा धोका असल्याचेही खंडपीठाने याचिकाकर्त्याला दंड सुनावताना प्रामुख्याने स्पष्ट केले.

अदानी समुहाचे प्रमुख गौतम अदानी यांच्याशी हितसंबंध असल्यानेच माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी हे कंत्राट अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला दिल्याचा आरोप याचिकाकर्त्यांचे वकील आनंद जोंधळे यांनी युक्तिवादाच्या वेळी केला होता. अदानी यांच्यावर अमेरिकेत झालेल्या कथित भ्रष्टाचाराच्या आरोपाप्रकरणी उघडीस आलेल्या कागदपत्रांचाही दाखला त्यांनी न्यायालयाला दिला. तथापि, याचिकाकर्त्याचे वकील कागदपत्रांचे स्वरूप स्पष्ट करण्यात पूर्णतः अपयशी ठरल्याचे ताशेरे न्यायालयाने ओढले.

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High Court rejected the petition against Adani Transmission! Rs 50,000 fine

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अदानी ट्रान्समिशनविरोधातील याचिका हायकोर्टाने फेटाळली! ५० हजारांचा दंड

■ मुंबई

अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने दिलेले कंत्राट हा घोटाळा असल्याचा आरोप करून कंत्राटाला आव्हान देणाऱ्या याचिकाकर्त्यांना उच्च न्यायालयाने चांगलाच दणका दिला आणि याचिकाकर्त्यांच्या हेतूबरच शंका उपस्थित केली. अशाप्रकारे विरोधार आणि तथ्यहिन याचिका दाखल होत असल्याने काही वेळेला सरकारच्या चांगल्या उद्देशालाही धक्का बसेल, असे स्पष्ट करत याचिकाकर्त्यांना ५० हजारांचा दंड ठोठावत याचिका फेटाळली.

राज्य सरकारने अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्याचे ६६०० मेगावॉटचे कंत्राट दिले. या कंत्राटाला आक्षेप घेत श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐयुरवार यांनी रिट याचिका दाखल केली होती. यावेळी याचिकाकर्त्यांच्यावतीने ॲड. आनंद जोंधळे यांनी उद्योजक गौतम अदानी यांनी तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांच्याशी हात मिळवणी करून कंत्राट पदरी पाडून घेतल्याचा आरोप केला. त्यांच्या या संबंधातून वीज पुरवठ्याचे कंत्राट अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला देण्यात आले, सरकारने अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला दिलेले कंत्राट हा घोटाळा असल्याचा दावा करताना अमेरिकेत अदानी यांच्यावर कथित भ्रष्टाचारप्रकरणी वॉरंट जारी झाल्याच्या कागदपत्रांचा संदर्भ दिला.

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Petition against Adani Power dismissed

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अडानी पावर के खिलाफ याचिका खारिज

मुंबई, 16 दिसंबर। बॉम्बे हाईकोर्ट ने सोमवार को रिन्यूएबल, और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को महाराष्ट्र सरकार से दिए गए कॉन्ट्रैक्ट को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका को खारिज कर दिया है। कोर्ट ने याचिका को अप्रमाणित और लापरवाह करार दिया है। मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी के उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता श्रीराज नागेश्वर एपुरवार पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50,000 रुपये का जुर्माना भी लगाया। एपुरवार ने आरोप लगाया कि 6,600 मेगावाट रिन्यूएबल और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी की सप्लाई के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को दिया गया कॉन्ट्रैक्ट याचिकाकर्ता के उचित दर पर उचित बिजली सप्लाई तक पहुंच के मौलिक अधिकार का उल्लंघन है।याचिका में राज्य के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे, जो वर्तमान में उपमुख्यमंत्री हैं, पर अदाणी ग्रुप को कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देने के दौरान भ्रष्टाचार में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया गया है।

दो जजों की पीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता की इन दलीलों को स्वीकार करने से इनकार कर दिया।

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Plea against power contract dismissed

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Plea against power contract dismissed

The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed a petition challenging a contract awarded by the Maharashtra government to Adani Group for supply of renewable and thermal power electricity, noting the plea was "unsubstantiated and reckless". A division bench of chief justice D.K. Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar also imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the petitioner-Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar-for the vague petition.

Aepurwar alleged the contract awarded to the Adani Group for the supply of 6,600 megawatts of renewable and thermal power was a violation of the petitioner's fundamental right to have access to fair electricity supply at a reasonable rate. The plea also levelled allegations against former state chief minister Eknath Shinde, who is currently the deputy CM, of having been involved in corrupt practices while awarding the contract to Adani Group. PTI

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Rs 50,000 fine to PIL

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जनहित याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजारांचा दंड

वीज करारविरोधातील याचिका फेटाळली

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई : अपारंपरिक आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने अदानी समूहाशी केलेल्या कराराला आव्हान देणारी जनहित याचिका उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळली. याचिका निरर्थक असल्याचे नमूद करत न्यायालयाने याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपयांचा दंड ठोठावला.

सरकारने ६,६०० मेगावॅट अपारंपरिक आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी अदानी समूहाला कंत्राट दिले. त्यामुळे वाजवी दरात वीजपुरवठा मिळविण्याच्या आपल्या मूलभूत अधिकाराचे उल्लंघन झाल्याचा दावा याचिकादार श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी याचिकेत केला होता. अदानी समूहाला वीज कंत्राट देताना माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी भ्रष्टाचार केल्याचा आरोपही याचिकादाराने केला आहे.

कोर्ट काय म्हणाले?

"कधी कधी अशा निरर्थक याचिका करून याचिकेमागील चांगली कारणेही धोक्यात येतात. कंत्राट देताना घोटाळा करण्यात आला आहे, असे आरोप याचिकादाराने केले आहेत. माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी भ्रष्टाचार केल्याचे कोणतेच पुरावे सादर केले नाही," असे मुख्य न्या. देवेंद्र कुमार उपाध्याय व न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने म्हटले. याचिकादाराने दाव्यांचे समर्थन करणारे कोणतेही पुरावे नाहीत, असे कोर्ट म्हणाले.

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Markets

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MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,749	-0.47
US Dollar	84.91	-0.12
Gold	78,350	-1.44
Brent oil	73.87	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2512.40	-15.15
Adani Ports	1243.15	-16.80
Apollo Hosp	7259.20	-0.25
Asian Paints	2402.25	-5.40
Axis Bank	1150.90	2.75
Bajaj Auto	8998.35	-23.05
Bajaj Finserv	1673.65	-6.05
Bajaj Finance	7208.40	25.60
Bharat Elec	316.20	0.55
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BPCL	297.95	-3.75
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HCL Tech	1954.40	-14.40
HDFC Bank	1865.20	-6.55
HDFC Life	634.95	2.40
Hero MotoCorp	4539.00	-36.45
Hindalco	653.50	-8.60
Hind Unilever	2366.15	-23.95
ICICI Bank	1346.10	1.20
IndusInd Bank	999.35	12.70
Infosys	1980.05	-19.65
ITC	470.10	0.10
JSW Steel	990.35	-9.50
Kotak Bank	1804.45	-1.20
L&T	3877.85	-9.15
M&M	3084.85	3.45
Maruti Suzuki	11277.00	4.45
NestleIndia	2238.75	-14.75
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ONGC	251.80	-2.45
PowerGrid Corp	335.00	1.15
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State Bank	860.95	-0.60
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3137.45	-25.10
Sun Pharma	1809.80	-3.65
TataConsumerProduct	920.35	-9.35
Tata Motors	784.80	-5.50
Tata Steel	147.79	-1.16
TCS	4415.20	-58.70
Tech Mahindra	1775.55	-20.85
Titan	3438.20	-70.65
Trent Ltd.	7000.35	0.10
UltraTech Cement	11942.50	-141.40
Wipro	309.20	-0.75

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Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.66	84.98
Euro	88.81	89.15
British Pound	107.05	107.46
Japanese Yen (100)	55.03	55.24
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	94.89	95.26
Singapore Dollar	62.71	62.96
Canadian Dollar	59.44	59.69
Malaysian Ringitt	19.02	19.10
Australian Dollar	53.77	53.97

Source:Indian Bank

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Petition filed against power contract given to Adani Group dismissed

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अदाणी समूह को मिले बिजली ठेके के खिलाफ दायर याचिका खारिज

मुंबई प्रेट्र : बांबे हाई कोर्ट ने नवीकरणीय व तापीय विद्युत आपूर्ति के लिए महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा अदाणी समूह को ठेका देने के विरुद्ध दायर याचिका को यह करते हुए खारिज कर दिया कि इस याचिका के पीछे किसी भी तरह का आधार नहीं है। मुख्य न्यायाधीश डीके उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50 हजार रुपये का जुर्माना भी लगाया। याचिका में कहा गया था, 6,600 मेगावाट नवीकरणीय व तापीय विद्युत आपूर्ति के लिए अदाणी समूह को दिए गए ठेके से याचिकाकर्ता तक उचित दर पर आपूर्ति के उसके अधिकार का उल्लंघन होता है। साथ ही आरोप लगाया कि राज्य के तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे ने ठेका देने में भ्रष्टाचारण किया।

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After Adani bag, now Priyanka Gandhi reached Parliament with a handbag with Palestine written on it

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2	Hindi	101	N/A	Middle Center	10060	375K

अडानी वाले झोले के बाद अब फिलिस्तीन लिखे हैंडबैग लेकर संसद पहुंचीं प्रियंका गांधी

नई दिल्ली: कांग्रेस महासचिव प्रियंका गांधी वाद्रा फिलिस्तीन के लोगों के प्रति एकजुटता प्रकट करते हुए सोमवार को एक ऐसे हैंडबैग के साथ संसद पहुंची जिस पर 'फिलिस्तीन' लिखा हुआ था। वह कई मौकों पर गाजा में इजरायल की सैन्य

कार्रवाई के खिलाफ आवाज उठाती और फिलिस्तीनियों के साथ एकजुटता व्यक्त करती रही हैं। उन्होंने जो हैंडबैग लिया हुआ था उस पर अंग्रेजी में 'पेलेस्टाइन' (फिलिस्तीन) लिखे होने के साथ फिलिस्तीन से जुड़े कई प्रतीक भी बने हुए थे। नई दिल्ली में फिलिस्तीनी दूतावास प्रमुख आबिद अलरजाक अबू जाजर ने पिछले हफ्ते प्रियंका गांधी से मुलाकात कर कांग्रेस नेता को केरल के वायनाड से उनकी हालिया चुनाव जीत पर बधाई दी थी। बीते साल अक्तूबर में प्रियंका ने कहा था, 'अस्पतालों में बमबारी, बच्चों की हत्याएं, आम नागरिकों तक पहुंच रहीं भोजन, पानी और दवाओं का रास्ता रोकना...। गाजा में जो कुछ डरावना हो रहा है, उसकी निंदा के लिए शब्द पर्याप्त नहीं हैं। एक महिला, मां और इंसान होने के नाते मुझे शर्मिंदगी होती है कि दुनिया इन अपराधों को बेरोक टोक होने दे रही है। ज्ञात हो कि इससे पूर्व गत मंगलवार को प्रियंका गांधी 'मोदी-अडानी भाई-भाई' लिखा झोला लेकर संसद पहुंची थी

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After Omar, now TMC snubs Cong for EVM hacking claim

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After Omar, now TMC snubs Cong for EVM hacking claim

Cong Attacks Omar's 'Change In Approach' Towards INDIA After His Win

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New Delhi: Close on the heels of J&K CM Omar Abdullah questioning Congress for its inconsistent stance on EVMs, another INDIA bloc partner, TMC has disengaged itself from the leading opposition party's carping against the voting machines.

"People who raise questions on EVMs should go and show a demo to EC. If work is done properly at the time of EVM randomisation and people at the booth verify during mock polls and counting, then I don't think there is any substance to these allegations," TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee told reporters here, in what marked a strong endorsement of EC's claim about the voting machines being rigging proof.

"If someone still feels that EVMs can be hacked, then they should meet EC, and show how that can be done... Nothing can be done by just making random statements," he added. TMC has been consistently winning elections against powerful opponents: BJP and once-dominant Left.

The divergence of INDIA bloc partners with Congress's stand is the second big instance of dissonance in the coalition. SP, TMC and NCP (SP) have already publicly expressed reservations about Congress's continuing attacks over the Modi govt's alleged links with the Adani group.

Omar's statement on Sunday said, "When you get hundred-plus MPs using the same EVMs and you celebrate that as sort of a victory for your party, you can't then a few months later turn around and say... we don't like these EVMs because now the election results aren't going the way we would like them to," he had said.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore asked J&K CM why has he changed his approach towards INDIA bloc partners after hsi win. Parties such as SP, NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) have spoken against EVMs while Congress is focused on EC. "Please check your facts, Abdullah. Congress Working Committee resolution clearly addresses EC only. Why this approach to our partners after becoming CM?" he asked.

BJP swiftly latched on to the contradictions among its opponents, with party spokesperson Sambit Patra taking a jibe at Rahul Gandhi, saying if he doesn't know how to fight elections, he should not blame EVMs.

Aniruddhasingh Dinore

OUTCRY: Opposition protest against EVMs at Maharashtra Assembly's Nagpur session on Monday

BJP ally JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha said, "We are from Bihar. We have seen how booths were captured and the weaker sections were not allowed to vote. Since EVMs came, the poor could also vote. Congress goes around carrying a copy of the Constitution and is demolishing all constitutional institutions."

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said, "Whenever Congress loses polls, instead of introspecting, it blames someone else... When they form govts in Karnataka and Jharkhand, there is no problem with EVMs, but when they lose Maharashtra, they blame EVMs," he said, terming the Congress's remarks on EVMs as "selective criticism".

Following the Maharashtra polls, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh had said, "EVM is a part of the election process. There are issues in the entire election machinery in the Maharashtra assembly elections, during which targeted manipulation took place...". The results are "impossible and no one can understand them", he had claimed. "We have raised questions on the entire election machinery which is very dangerous for democracy," Jairam had said.

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

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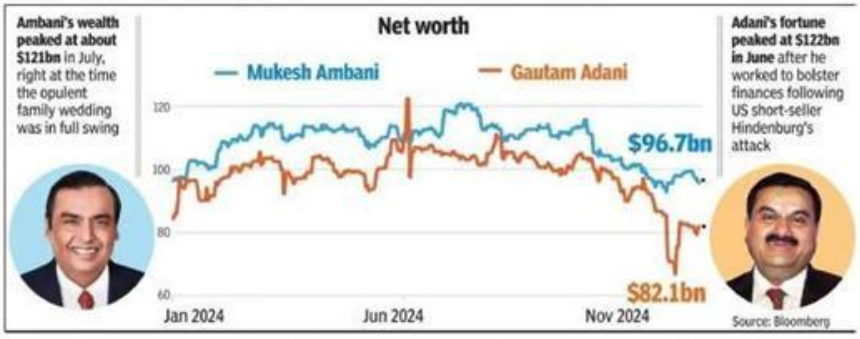
Weak Demand, Earnings Weigh On RIL, While Adani Grp Rocked By US Probe

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani are facing multiple threats that are hitting their businesses — and their immense personal wealth. Both Ambani and Adani have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club — people with fortunes above $100 billion.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US Department of Justice probe that threatens to squeeze funding and make it harder to win contracts. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.

WEALTH EROSION AMID BIZ HEADWINDS



For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in Nov over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight. He's been fighting to shore up investor confidence after short seller Hindenburg last year published a report accusing the firm of fraudulent practices.

Adani, who has denied both charges, has vowed to fight on. Adani's fortune peaked at $122 billion in June after he worked to bolster finances following Hindenburg's attack. Those gains have now evaporated after the US allegations that he oversaw bribes to Indian govt officials, and he's now worth $82 billion *(see graphic)*.

The wealth of Ambani, Asia's richest man, has also taken a tumble, if perhaps in a less dramatic and public way. It peaked at about $121 billion in July, right at the time the opulent family wedding was in full swing. His flagship Reliance conglomerate has struggled with weakening earnings at the energy business to flagging consumer demand at the retail division. His fortune stands at $97 billion. BLOOMBERG

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As INDIA bloc debates leadership question, why Mamata could be an option

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Decision on who should lead Opp alliance does not mean the projection of a PM face. For now, Cong has to do the painstaking work of rebuilding its organisation

THE NEERJA CHOWDHURY COLUMN

Weekly insight into what's changing in national politics — and why

MAMATA DIDI or Rahul bhaiya? With many in the INDIA alliance asking if the West Bengal CM and Trinamool Congress (TMC) chairperson should lead the Opposition bloc, differences between these parties have come to fore and raised a few important questions: will it lead to a group functioning within the larger group; could it lead again to the rise of a third force as in the 1990s; will the Congress agree to play second fiddle to the regional parties as it did from 1996 to 1998, or will it decide to go it alone?

The Congress has not responded, except for its senior leader Manickam Tagore labelling Mamata's offer to lead the alliance — made in the aftermath of the Maharashtra Assembly poll results in which the Opposition was swept away — a "good joke". Though the INDIA alliance has been in existence for almost two years now, the leadership of the bloc has never been clinched even as it held four meetings in Patna, Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi last year, followed by a virtual meeting this January that Banerjee incidentally did not attend.

At the virtual meeting, the group agreed to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge becoming its chairperson after Banerjee shot down the suggestion to make Bihar CM Nitish Kumar the INDIA bloc convener. Even though Kharge was accepted as the chairperson, Congress leaders say the arrangement was neither formalised nor announced. Yet, it was presumed that the Congress was the leader of the INDIA alliance, with the image taking root especially after the party won 99 Lok Sabha constituencies.

However, two factors have suddenly altered the situation. First, the bribery allegations against industrialist Gautam Adani, his indictment in the US, and the Congress's insistence on raising the issue have divided the Opposition alliance right down the middle.

While the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has focused primarily on the Adani issue, demanding that it be discussed in Parliament during the Winter Session and enquiries held, the regional parties have broken ranks over the issue, saying this was hampering discussions on other important matter. The Samajwadi Party (SP), Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar), and TMC did not join the Congress's protests when the ruling alliance did not agree to a discussion on Adani.

The second factor that spurred Mamata and the regional satraps to reseize the initiative was the weakening of the Congress. It failed to build on its Lok Sabha successes, leading to defeats in Haryana and Maharashtra that concerned its allies.

By making a bid for the INDIA bloc's leadership, the regional satraps have expressed their dissatisfaction with the Congress and Gandhi, who is known to take the decisions in the party. They calculate that banding together will also enable them to bargain harder with the Congress, for seats and issues to flag, whenever the moment comes.

As far as they are concerned, there is also greater security in remaining together, "*ek hain toh safe hain*" if you will. Except for Mamata and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, others such as NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray, and even Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad have been weakened after the recent electoral battles.

Even AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal is feeling vulnerable enough to give tickets to people from other parties. While Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy is not part of the INDIA bloc, a senior leader from his party, V Vijaysai Reddy, has offered his support to Mamata to lead the INDIA bloc. The DMK and the Left are silent and clearly on the Congress's side.

What Mamata brings to the table

If the INDIA bloc is serious about battling the BJP in 2029, it has to do better than one virtual meeting a year. At the very least, it has to evolve a common minimum agenda. To have a leaderless INDIA for two long years shows a lack of seriousness about taking on the BJP.

More than any other leader, Mamata has fought back the BJP's electoral machinery and kept the party at bay in West Bengal. A three-time CM and four-time Union Minister, she has both the political acumen as well as administrative experience to run the alliance.

Many of the regional satraps enjoy a comfort level with her and are rooting for her because she does not threaten them in their respective states, unlike the Congress. These parties grew at the expense of the Congress and a Congress revival now, they fear, will be at their expense. It is not without significance that Pawar, Akhilesh, Kejriwal, Lalu and now even Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah have lost no time in backing Mamata. Abdullah recently asked the Congress to justify its leadership role in the alliance "instead of taking it for granted".

Being a woman may also be an added advantage for Mamata at a time when women are emerging as a powerful political constituency everywhere. She may have problems in the Hindi belt but the primary task at the moment is to put in place the nuts and bolts of an effective mechanism to coordinate between the parties.

As for the Congress, it is not as if a decision on the leadership of the INDIA bloc today is equal to the projection of a prime ministerial face. That will be determined by the arithmetic the 2029 battle throws up. And the momentum for it will pick up only in 2027 after important state elections.

What Congress, INDIA bloc need to do

The Congress's recent defeats have yet again underlined the need for it to knuckle down on rebuilding its organisational machinery, emaciated by decades of neglect. This requires hard, unglamorous, painstaking work that the Congress is unused to. Unlike the BJP, which is quick to course-correct in the face of a defeat, the Congress gets demoralised quickly.

Whoever takes on the role of leading INDIA will be wearing a crown of thorns. It has to transform from a loose entity to an effective electoral alliance that can come up with ideas that appeal.

If given the opportunity, can Mamata enable INDIA to do what V P Singh did in 1989? In 28 months, he managed to create a national alternative to the then-dominant Congress by bringing together centrist and regional forces, supported by the Left and the Right despite all their differences. At the ground level, he put in place one-on-one contests in UP against the Congress in all but four constituencies. That was the key to his success in replacing the Congress.

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Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner

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Bombay HC junks plea against power contract to Adani, fines petitioner

The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed a petition challenging a contract awarded by the Maharashtra government to Adani Group for supply of renewable and thermal power electricity, noting the plea was "unsubstantiated and reckless". A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar also imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the petitioner —Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar—for the vague petition. PTI

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Centre shielded Adani, SEBI chief: Venugopal

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Centre shielded Adani, SEBI chief: Venugopal

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Congress MP KC Venugopal on Monday accused the Centre of protecting Adani Group while alleging conflict of interest against Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chairperson Madhabi Buch.

Speaking during a Lok Sabha debate on supplementary demands for grants, Venugopal said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the financial governance framework. "A joint parliamentary committee must probe the entire matter," he demanded, alleging it was a government "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani."

Venugopal alleged between 2017-2024, Buch received over Rs 16.4 crore from ICICI bank while serving as a Sebi official. "This was five times her salary from Sebi, presenting a blatant conflict of interest," he said.

She received rental income from entities linked to a firm under Sebi probe, said Venugopal, who also heads the Public Accounts Committee. "What does it mean sir, Sebi is investigating the company and the chairperson is renting out property to entity linked to that company," he said.

Venugopal also alleged that the Sebi chairperson traded in securities worth of Rs 36.9 crore while holding access to unpublished price-sensitive information which he said was a direct violation of Sebi code of ethics. She failed to disclose assets in Singapore and the US between 2017-21 despite being obligated to do so, he added.

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Congress reiterates allegations against Bitch, govt hits back

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Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back

New Delhi: Congress on Monday levelled 'conflict of interest' allegations against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Buch and said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on the issue has "tarnished the credibility of govt and jeopardised financial governance framework". Attacking govt over Adani issue, Congress MP K C Venugopal said a JPC must probe the matter. He alleged it is a govt "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani". Hitting back, Union minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The person you are talking about, Modi ji did not make him a crorepati, you made him a crorepati. These port and airports have been given by you, don't defame us." TNN

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HIMACHAL BLUNDER

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HIMACHAL BLUNDER

Wayanad's new MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra seems clueless about the places where her Congress Party is ruling. In her maiden speech, she criticised Himachal Pradesh's government for favouring big industrialists while her own party was in power when those decisions were made. Talking about Gautam Adani, caste reservations and Sambhal violence victims, she seemed to be playing to the Opposition gallery. Her advocacy for ballot paper elections is yet another highlight. It's all the more ironic that her brother Rahul Gandhi, MP, appreciated her oratory. One hopes as a new MP she does her homework next time.

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India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM

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India plans to supply LNG to Sri Lanka, connect power grids: PM

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NEW DELHI

India plans to supply liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Sri Lanka's power plants and will work on connecting the power grids of the two countries as well as lay a petroleum pipeline between the neighbours, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

Modi was speaking at a joint press briefing with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in New Delhi.

Dissanayake is on his first official visit to India after winning the presidency in September and securing a landslide parliamentary election victory last month.

Indian state-run firm Petronet LNG has signed a deal to supply liquefied natural gas to Sri Lankan engineering firm LTL Holdings' power plants in Colombo for five years through its terminal in Kochi.

Both sides also discussed a plan to connect power grids and lay a multi-product petroleum pipeline between the two countries, a joint statement from India's external affairs ministry said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake during a meeting in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

The two countries also agreed to jointly develop offshore wind power potential in the Palk Straits, an area where India's Adani Green Energy Ltd already has plans to invest $442 million in two wind power stations. Sri Lanka is reviewing the wind power project along with a $553 million terminal project at Colombo port also linked to Adani Ports. But it was unclear if the projects were discussed during the meeting between Modi and Dissanayake.

Last month, US authorities accused Adani group chairman Gautam Adani and seven others of being part of a $265 million scheme to bribe Indian officials, and of misleading US investors while raising funds there. The conglomerate has termed the allegations "baseless" and said it would seek "all possible legal recourse."

India extended more than $4 billion in aid to Sri Lanka when the island nation's economy plunged into a severe financial crisis in 2022 and entered into a preliminary debt restructuring agreement, along with other bilateral creditors Japan and China, in July.

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Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues

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Modi, Dissanayake take up regional security issues

Sri Lankan President says he will not allow his country's territory to be used to target India; New Delhi converts project loans to grants, agrees to expedite energy, digital cooperation

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said here on Monday that he would not allow his country's territory to be used against India.

"I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability," Mr. Dissanayake said, speaking to the media along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, the official meeting venue.

India promised Mr. Dissanayake, who is on his maiden visit to New Delhi after sweeping presidential and parliamentary elections, to continue its grants assistance to Sri Lanka and help it tide over its economic problems.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with Narendra Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The two leaders said they discussed a number of issues, including regional security, digital infrastructure, connectivity and energy projects, as well as the Tamil issue and rights of fishermen. India announced it would convert loans granted to Sri Lanka for railway signalling systems and Kankesanthurai Port and also extended a $20.66 million grant to settle payment for projects already completed, that had originally been signed under a 'Letter of Credit' or loan. They also agreed to continue with their partnership on energy projects, including connecting to a common grid, an India-Sri Lanka "multi-product pipeline" with support of the UAE, LNG supplies, and completing the much-delayed Sampur coal power project.

Briefing the media later, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri indicated the statement by the Sri Lankan President could have a bearing on Sri Lanka's clearance for foreign vessels, particularly Chinese ships.

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Modi, Dissanayake take up security issues

India has often raised concern Chinese ships berthing in Sri Lankan ports. In January, Sri Lanka will complete its one-year moratorium on all foreign research vessels docking in at its ports.

"We did highlight the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research, etc.," Mr. Misri said indicating India could offer to conduct research for Sri Lanka. "We pointed to the importance and sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he added.

The statements did not, however, indicate any progress on discussing the issues surrounding projects by the Adani Group, that are under review in Sri Lanka and have faced further pushback after indictments by U.S. investigators against the company. While the Adani bid to develop a terminal at Colombo Port is now expected to go ahead with internal funding rather than U.S. agency DFC's funding, the Dissanayake government has said it may put a hold on a 500 MW wind power project in the northeastern regions of Mannar and Pooneryn. Significantly, despite the company's considerable stakes in Sri Lanka, no Adani company representative was listed amongst participants at the "India-Sri Lanka Business Forum", held by business chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham in Delhi on Monday.

In addition, Delhi and Colombo didn't appear to find common ground on the contentious issue of fishermen, although they spoke of the need for dealing with Indian fishermen, whom Sri Lanka accuses of trespassing into its waters, in a "humanitarian manner". Mr. Dissanayake also called on India to curtail the use of "bottom trawlers" that deplete marine resources.

Mr. Modi also said he had discussed the issue of Tamil reconciliation. "President Dissanayake apprised me of his inclusive perspective," said Mr. Modi adding that India hopes the Sri Lankan government shall fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil people, and "fulfil their commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka and conducting the Provincial Council Elections".

Discussing cooperation on the international stage, Mr. Dissanayake said that he had requested India to support Sri Lanka's bid to join the extended BRICS grouping of emerging economies and for India's intervention on the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) for the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Exclusive Economic Zone, that Sri Lanka has asked for.

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Painting New Pictures on an Old Canvas to Pave the Way for a Bolder Future

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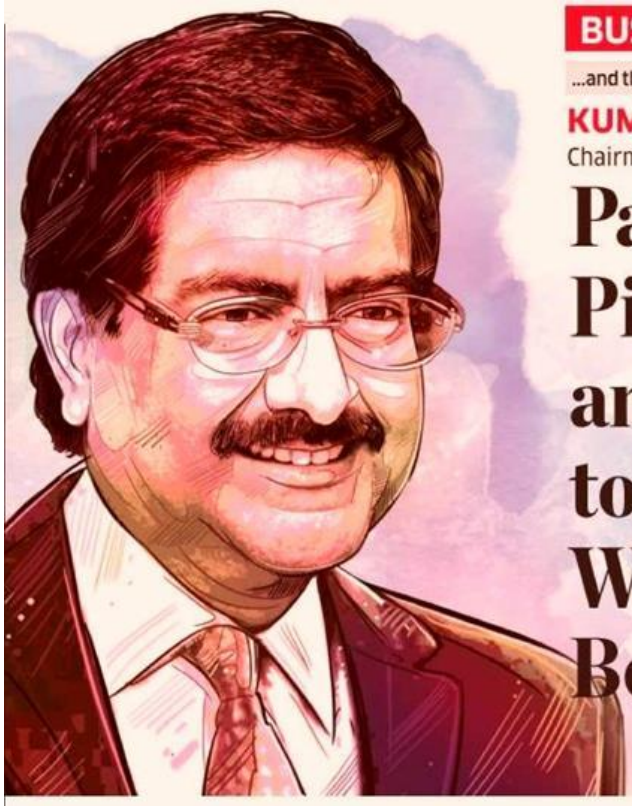

BUSINESS LEADER

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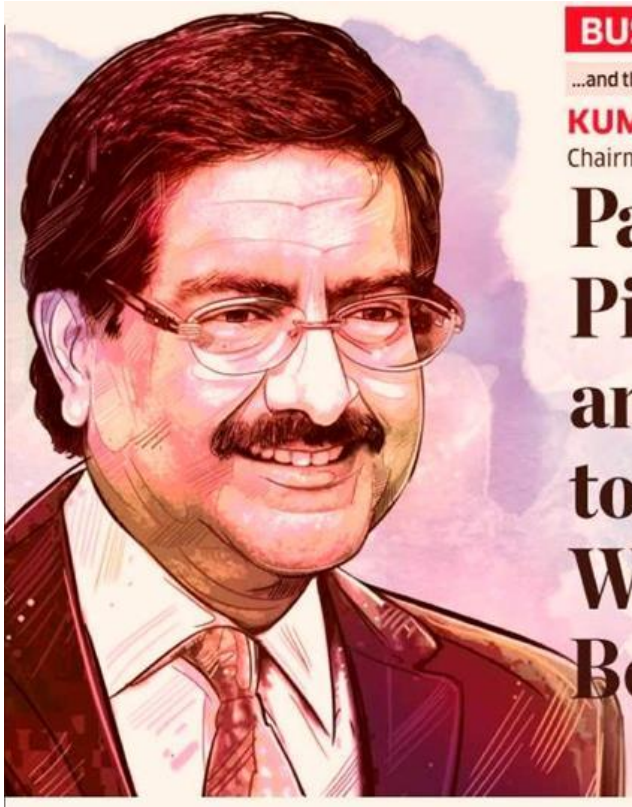

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Petition against 'Adani Power' dismissed

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'अदानी पॉवर कंपनीला औष्णिक व अपारंपरिक पद्धतीने वीजनिर्मिती करण्यास राज्य सरकारने कंत्राट देताना भ्रष्टाचार केला', असा आरोप असलेली याचिका मुंबई उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळून लावली. तसेच निरर्थक याचिका केल्याबद्दल याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपयांचा दंडही लावला.

'तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी सहा हजार ६०० मेगावॅटच्या वीजनिर्मितीचे हे कंत्राट अदानी ग्रुपला देताना भ्रष्ट पद्धतींचा अवलंब केला. त्यामुळे नागरिकांना वाजवी व रास्त दरात वीज मिळण्याच्या हक्कांना बाधा पोहोचत आहे', अशा स्वरुपाचे म्हणणे श्रीराज ऐपुरवार यांनी याचिकेत मांडले होते. मात्र, 'कथित आरोपांविषयी कोणतेच आधारभूत पुरावे याचिकेत दिलेले नाहीत. मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांच्यावरील आरोपांविषयीही पुरावे दाखवले नाहीत. अशाप्रकारच्या याचिकांमुळे काही वेळा चांगल्या कामांनाही बाधा पोचण्याचा धोका असतो', असे निरीक्षण नोंदवत मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्र उपाध्याय व न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने दंडासह याचिका फेटाळली.

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वीज करारविरोधातील याचिका फेटाळली

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई : अपारंपरिक आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने अदानी समूहाशी केलेल्या कराराला आव्हान देणारी जनहित याचिका उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळली. याचिका निरर्थक असल्याचे नमूद करत न्यायालयाने याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपयांचा दंड ठोठावला.

सरकारने ६,६०० मेगावॅट अपारंपरिक आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी अदानी समूहाला कंत्राट दिले. त्यामुळे वाजवी दरात वीजपुरवठा मिळविण्याच्या आपल्या मूलभूत अधिकाराचे उल्लंघन झाल्याचा दावा याचिकादार श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी याचिकेत केला होता. अदानी समूहाला वीज कंत्राट देताना माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी भ्रष्टाचार केल्याचा आरोपही याचिकादाराने केला आहे.

कोर्ट काय म्हणाले?

"कधी कधी अशा निरर्थक याचिका करून याचिकेमागील चांगली कारणेही धोक्यात येतात. कंत्राट देताना घोटाळा करण्यात आला आहे, असे आरोप याचिकादाराने केले आहेत. माजी मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी भ्रष्टाचार केल्याचे कोणतेच पुरावे सादर केले नाही," असे मुख्य न्या. देवेंद्र कुमार उपाध्याय व न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने म्हटले. याचिकादाराने दाव्यांचे समर्थन करणारे कोणतेही पुरावे नाहीत, असे कोर्ट म्हणाले.

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Shock to Adani-Ambani, out of elite centi billionaires club

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अडानी-अंबानी को झटका, एलीट सेंटी बिलेनियर्स क्लब से बाहर

नईदिल्ली, एजेंसी। भारत के सबसे अमीर अरबपति और एशिया के सबसे अमीर लोगों में शुमार रिलायंस ग्रुप के मालिक मुकेश अंबानी और अडानी ग्रुप के चेयरमैन गौतम अडानी ब्लूमबर्ग के 100 अरब डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए हैं। दूसरी ओर, भारत के सबसे अमीर लोगों ने अपनी दौलत में उछाल देखी। टॉप- 20 ने जनवरी 2024 से 67.3 अरब डॉलर जोड़े हैं, जिसमें सबसे बड़ा फायदा टेक मुगल शिव नादर (10.8 अरब डॉलर) और सावित्री जिंदल (10.1 अरब डॉलर) है। ब्लूमबर्ग ने बताया कि अडानी और अंबानी दोनों इसके एलीट सेंटीबिलेनियर्स क्लब से बाहर हैं, जिसमें 100 अरब डॉलर से अधिक की संपत्ति वाले लोग शामिल हैं।

अंबानी को झटका

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार अंबानी की व्यक्तिगत संपत्ति को झटका लगा है। क्योंकि, उनके ग्रुप के एनर्जी और रिटेल बिजनेस ने कमजोर प्रदर्शन किया। ब्लूमबर्ग बिलेनियर इंडेक्स के अनुसार, निवेशक बढ़ते कर्ज और उनकी संपत्ति को लेकर चिंतित हैं। जुलाई में जब बेटे अनंत की शादी हुई थी तब नेटवर्थ 120.8 अरब डॉलर था और अब 13 दिसंबर तक घटकर 96.7 अरब डॉलर हो गई है।

अडानी के लिए मुसीबतें अधिक गहरी हैं। उनके ग्रुप को अमेरिका के न्याय विभाग की जांच से खतरे का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, जो अनिश्चितता के विस्तार के रूप में किसी भी गति को रोक सकता है। बीबीआई के अनुसार, नवंबर में घोषित जांच ने अडानी की कुल संपत्ति को जून में 122.3 अरब डॉलर से घटाकर अब 82.1 अरब डॉलर कर दिया है। इससे पहले अडानी के लिए हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च रिपोर्ट भारी पड़ चुकी है।

रिपोर्ट में यह भी कहा गया है कि अमेरिका के नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के आगामी प्रशासन के कारण अनिश्चितता और दुनिया के सबसे अमीर आदमी एलन मस्क के स्टारलिंक के भारत के उपग्रह ब्रॉडबैंड बाजार में संभावित प्रवेश से भारत के दूरसंचार खिलाड़ियों को भी खतरा हो सकता है।

वॉलमार्ट वाल्टन ने ब्लूमबर्ग के सबसे अमीर परिवारों की 2024 सूची में 432.4 अरब डॉलर की संपत्ति के साथ पहला स्थान हासिल किया। यहां तक कि दुनिया के सबसे अमीर व्यक्ति, एलन मस्क का व्यक्तिगत नेटवर्थ और मध्य पूर्व के शाही परिवारों से भी अधिक है।

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U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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'U.S. case against Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely'

Reuters
NEW YORK

The U.S. fraud case against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani appears to be backed by documents that will help prosecutors make a strong case, legal experts said, but the tycoon is unlikely to be extradited to stand trial anytime soon.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn last month unsealed an indictment accusing Adani of bribing Indian officials to convince them to buy electricity produced by Adani Green Energy, a subsidiary of his Adani Group conglomerate, and then misleading U.S. investors by providing reassuring information about the company's anti-corruption practices.

Prosecutors may also struggle to secure live testimony from witnesses in India as it may require New Delhi's assistance

Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani, and another Adani Group executive were charged with securities fraud and conspiracy. To be sure, prosecutors may face challenges. Gautam Adani could argue that he was not personally involved in crafting the statements the company made to investors about its anti-bribery practices, said Paul Tuchmann, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn and now a partner at law firm Wiggin & Dana.

Prosecutors may also struggle to secure live testimony from witnesses in India because the process could require assistance from New Delhi, and the government may be reluctant to facilitate testimony that could paint Indian officials in an unfavourable light, said Mark Cohen, a former federal prosecutor in Brooklyn. The U.S. Justice Department declined to comment on whether the U.S. had asked India to extradite Gautam Adani.

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Why Govt not acting against SEBI chief, asks Congress

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Why Govt not acting against SEBI chief, asks Congress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday levelled conflict of interest allegations against the SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch and claimed that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the financial governance framework. Attacking the government over the Adani issue during the discussion on the supplementary demands for grants in Lok Sabha, Congress MP KC Venugopal said a joint parliamentary committee must probe the entire matter. He alleged it is a government "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani".

Venugopal said between 2017-2024, Buch allegedly received over Rs 16.4 crore from ICICI bank while serving as a Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) official regulating that bank. "This was five times her salary from SEBI, presenting a blatant conflict of interest," he said. She received rental income from entities linked to a firm under SEBI investigation, said Venugopal, who also heads the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). "What does it mean sir, SEBI is investigating the company and the chairperson is renting out property to entity linked to that company," he said. Venugopal also alleged that the SEBI chairperson traded in securities worth of Rs 36.9 crore while holding access to unpublished price-sensitive information which he said was a direct violation of SEBI code of ethics. She failed to disclose assets in Singapore and the US between 2017-21 despite being obligated to do so, Venugopal said.

Despite these allegations, the finance minister neither initiated an independent inquiry nor has taken any disciplinary action, Venugopal said. "Inaction undermines the government's claim of transparency and commitment to investor confidence," he said. Posing questions to the Finance Minister, Venugopal asked why has the Finance Ministry not initiated any disciplinary and legal proceedings against the SEBI chairperson despite clear evidence of conflicts of interest that undermines the integrity of the regulatory body.

"Doesn't the finance minister take note, acknowledge and take responsibility for the damage to investor confidence, both domestic and foreign, due to the lack of timely action against SEBI chairperson?" he said. Can the Finance Minister clarify whether the government is willing to accept responsibility for the uncertainty and volatility of stock market, stemming from the conflict of interest involving the SEBI chairperson, he said. What steps does the finance minister intend to take to ensure transparency and accountability in SEBI leadership especially in the light of the allegations, Venugopal asked.

"Does the Ministry believe that retaining the chairperson under such circumstances send a wrong signal to India's commitment to corporate governance and regulatory transparency?" he said. "The Finance Minister's failure to act decisively not only tarnished the credibility of the government but also jeopardised the national financial governance framework. What is the complicit interest of the government and the SEBI chairperson?" Venugopal said. Why the Government is not taking any action, he asked.

He alleged that the name of Adani group figured in stock manipulation and questioned how the SEBI chairperson can investigate that when "she is part of the scandal". He demanded that a JPC inquiry be initiated in the entire matter. In the country, 11 crore people are dependent on stock markets, most of them from middle income groups, he said.

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High Court rejected the petition in the renewable-thermal power supply contract case

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अक्षय-औष्णिक वीजपुरवठा कंत्राट प्रकरणी हायकोर्टाने याचिका फेटाळली

मुंबई : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने दिलेले कंत्राट हा घोटाळा असल्याचा आरोप करून कंत्राटाला आव्हान देणाऱ्या याचिकेची उच्च न्यायालयाने गंभीर दखल घेत याचिकाकर्त्यांलाचा चांगला दणका दिला. मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्यायमूर्ती अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने याचिकाकर्त्यांच्या हेतूवरच शंका उपस्थित केली. अशाप्रकारे निराधार आणि तथ्यहीन याचिका दाखल होत असल्याने काहीवेळेला सरकारच्या चांगल्या उद्देशालाही धक्का बसेल, असे स्पष्ट करत याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजारांचा दंड ठोठावत याचिका फेटाळून लावली. राज्य सरकारने अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्याचे ६६०० मेगावॅटचे कंत्राट दिले.या कंत्राटाला आक्षेप घेत श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी रिट याचिका दाखल केली होती.या याचिकेवर मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्यायमूर्ती अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठासमोर सुनावणी झाली.

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Petition against 'Adani Power' dismissed

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'अदानी पॉवर'विरोधातील याचिका फेटाळली

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'अदानी पॉवर कंपनीला औष्णिक व अपारंपरिक पद्धतीने वीजनिर्मिती करण्यास राज्य सरकारने कंत्राट देताना भ्रष्टाचार केला', असा आरोप असलेली याचिका मुंबई उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी फेटाळून लावली. तसेच निरर्थक याचिका केल्याबद्दल याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजार रुपयांचा दंडही लावला.

'तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांनी सहा हजार ६०० मेगावॅटच्या वीजनिर्मितीचे हे कंत्राट अदानी ग्रुपला देताना भ्रष्ट पद्धतींचा अवलंब केला. त्यामुळे नागरिकांना वाजवी व रास्त दरात वीज मिळण्याच्या हक्कांना बाधा पोहोचत आहे', अशा स्वरुपाचे म्हणणे श्रीराज ऐपुरवार यांनी याचिकेत मांडले होते. मात्र, 'कथित आरोपांविषयी कोणतेच आधारभूत पुरावे याचिकेत दिलेले नाहीत. मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांच्यावरील आरोपांविषयीही पुरावे दाखवले नाहीत. अशाप्रकारच्या याचिकांमुळे काही वेळा चांगल्या कामांनाही बाधा पोचण्याचा धोका असतो', असे निरीक्षण नोंदवत मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्र उपाध्याय व न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने दंडासह याचिका फेटाळली.

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Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh

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Mkts slip as weak global trends, financials weigh

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Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Monday as investors turned cautious ahead of the US Fed interest rate decision amid weak global cues.

Besides, selling pressure in metal and IT counters amid a weak rupee and sluggish Chinese economic data hit investors' sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex declined 384.55 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 81,748.57. During the day, it dropped 581.84 points or 0.70 per cent to 81,551.28.

The NSE Nifty lost by 100.05 points or 0.40 per cent to 24,668.25.

Domestic equities took cues from Asian and European indices and ended negative, as investors await the outcome of the US FOMC meeting on rate decision later this week.

"Although a rate cut is on the cards, there is a lack of confidence amongst the investors due to the sluggish Chinese economy and concerns ahead of Trump's decision on import tariffs on key economies," Prashanth Tapse, senior vice-president (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

There is heightened action in the primary markets, with five IPO listings and seven new IPOs opening for subscription in this week, he added.

From the 30-share Sensex blue-chip pack, Titan, Adani Ports, UltraTech Cement, Tata Consultancy Services, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever and JSW Steel were the biggest laggards.

The BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.73 per cent, and smallcap index climbed 0.47 per cent.

"The national market traded in a range-bound manner while the realty sector outperformed in expectation of growing demand and a potential rate cut cycle in 2025. Rising US 10-year bond yields and a strengthening dollar led investors to remain watchful of the upcoming US Fed policy and its commentary for 2025 rates," Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Among sectoral indices, metal dropped by 0.95 per cent, teck fell by 0.82 per cent, oil & gas (0.75 per cent), BSE Focused IT (0.74 per cent) and utilities (0.63 per cent).

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Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Monday as investors turned cautious ahead of the US Fed interest rate decision amid weak global cues.

Besides, selling pressure in metal and IT counters amid a weak rupee and sluggish Chinese economic data hit investors' sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex declined 384.55 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 81,748.57. During the day, it dropped 581.84 points or 0.70 per cent to 81,551.28.

The NSE Nifty lost by 100.05 points or 0.40 per cent to 24,668.25.

Domestic equities took cues from Asian and European indices and ended negative, as investors await the outcome of the US FOMC meeting on rate decision later this week.

"Although a rate cut is on the cards, there is a lack of confidence amongst the investors due to the sluggish Chinese economy and concerns ahead of Trump's decision on import tariffs on key economies," Prashanth Tapse, senior vice-president (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

There is heightened action in the primary markets, with five IPO listings and seven new IPOs opening for subscription in this week, he added.

From the 30-share Sensex blue-chip pack, Titan, Adani Ports, UltraTech Cement, Tata Consultancy Services, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever and JSW Steel were the biggest laggards.

The BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.73 per cent, and smallcap index climbed 0.47 per cent.

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Sensex' slips in global recession

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जागतिक मलूलतेत 'सेन्सेक्स'ला गळती

लोकसत्ता व्यापार प्रतिनिधी

मुंबई: अमेरिकी मध्यवर्ती बँकेचा व्याज दरासंबंधाने निर्णय अपेक्षित असताना, जगभरात दिसून आलेल्या सावध व्यवहारांचे प्रतिबिंब स्थानिक बाजारातही उमटले. परिणामी सोमवारी अत्यंत क्षीण स्वरूपाच्या व्यवहाराअंती सेन्सेक्स आणि निफ्टी असे दोन्ही निर्देशांक नकारात्मक पातळीवर स्थिरावले.

पहाटे खुल्या झालेल्या आशियाई बाजारांचे अनुकरण करीत, मुंबई शेअर बाजारात सेन्सेक्सने घसरणीनेच सुरुवात केली आणि दिवसअखेरीस तो ३८४.५५ अंशांच्या नुकसानीसह ८१,७४८.५७ वर बंद झाला. एकेसमयी हा निर्देशांक शुक्रवारच्या बंद स्तराच्या तुलनेत ५८१ अंशांनी घरंगळला होता. दुसरीकडे राष्ट्रीय शेअर बाजाराचा निफ्टी निर्देशांक १००.०५ अंशांच्या तोट्यासह २४,६६८.२५ या पातळीवर दिवस सरताना बंद झाला.

बाजार घसरणीत असतानाही, सेन्सेक्समधील इंडसइंड बँक, बजाज फायनान्स, पॉवरग्रिड, महिंद्र अँण्ड महिंद्र आणि ॲक्सिस बँक या समभागांचे मूल्य गुंतवणूकदारांकडून खरेदी झाल्याने वधारले. दुसरीकडे टायटन, अदानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टीसीएस, एनटीपीसी, भारती एअरटेल, टेक महिंद्र, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्थान युनिलिव्हर आणि जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील हे आघाडीचे समभाग गडगडले.

परकीयांकडून पुन्हा खरेदीला जोम

स्थानिक बाजाराकडे पाठ करून वेगाने माघारी परतत असलेल्या परकीय गुंतवणूक संस्थांच्या (एफआयआय) गुंतवणुकीने डिसेंबर महिन्यांच्या पहिल्या पंधरवड्यात (१३ डिसेंबरपर्यंत) तब्बल २२,७६६ कोटी रुपयांची नक्त खरेदी केल्याची दिलासादायी आकडेवारी पुढे आली आहे. सरलेल्या शुक्रवारी सेन्सेक्स-निफ्टीच्या एक टक्क्याच्या उसळीत, परकीय गुंतवणूकदारांनी केलेल्या २,३३५.३२ कोटी रुपये मूल्याच्या समभाग खरेदीचेही योगदान राहिले. मुख्यतः लार्ज कॅप श्रेणीतील समभाग ते खरेदी करत आहेत.

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Stock markets fall due to selling pressure

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विक्रीच्या दबावामुळे शेअर बाजारात घसरण

मुंबई, ता. १६ : कमकुवत जागतिक संकेतांमुळे गुंतवणूकदारांनी अमेरिकी 'फेड'च्या व्याजदराच्या निर्णयापूर्वी सावधगिरी बाळगल्याने आज 'सेन्सेक्स' आणि 'निफ्टी' निर्देशांक घसरत बंद झाले. याशिवाय, कमजोर रुपया आणि मंदावलेल्या चिनी अर्थव्यवस्थेने धातू आणि आयटी शेअरमध्ये विक्रीचा दबाव वाढला. त्यामुळे 'सेन्सेक्स' ३८४.५५ अंशांनी घसरून ८१,७४८.५७ अंशांवर स्थिरावला. 'निफ्टी' १०० अंशांनी घसरून २४,६८८ अंशांवर पोहोचला.

गुंतवणूकदारांचे लक्ष या आठवड्याच्या शेवटी होणाऱ्या अमेरिकी फेडच्या पतसमितीच्या बैठकीकडे लागले आहे. त्यामुळे आशियाई आणि युरोपीय निर्देशांकांतील नकारात्मक वातावरण निर्माण झाले, त्याचा परिणाम देशांतर्गत शेअर बाजारावर जाणवला, असे मेहता इक्विटीज लि.चे वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष प्रशांत तपासे यांनी सांगितले.

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-सिद्धार्थ खेमका, मोतीलाल ओसवाल फायनान्शिअल सर्व्हिसेस

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अदाणी ग्रुप के खिलाफ याचिका रद्द

HC ने याचिकाकर्ता पर लगाया जुर्माना

■ मुंबई, नवभारत न्यूज नेटवर्क. बॉम्बे हाई कोर्ट ने सोमवार को रिन्यूएबल और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को महाराष्ट्र सरकार से दिए गए कॉन्ट्रैक्ट को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका को खारिज कर दिया. कोर्ट ने याचिका को अप्रमाणित और लापरवाह करार दिया.

निराधार और लापरवाह बयानों वाली याचिकाएं न दायर करें

एपुरवार ने आरोप लगाया कि 6,600 मेगावाट रिन्यूएबल और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी की सप्लाई के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को दिया गया कॉन्ट्रैक्ट याचिकाकर्ता के उचित दर पर उचित बिजली सप्लाई तक पहुंच के मौलिक अधिकार का उल्लंघन है. याचिका में राज्य के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे, जो वर्तमान में उपमुख्यमंत्री हैं, पर अदाणी ग्रुप को कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देने के दौरान भ्रष्टाचार में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया गया है. दो जजों की पीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता की इन दलीलों को स्वीकार करने से इनकार कर दिया और कहा, 'हमारी राय में, निराधार और लापरवाह बयानों वाली ऐसी याचिकाएं दायर करने से कभी-कभी अच्छे कारणों के भी खत्म होने का खतरा रहता है. याचिका में 'अस्पष्ट और निराधार' दावे किए गए हैं.'

मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी के उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता श्रीराज नागेश्वर एपुरवार पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50,000 रुपये का जुर्माना भी लगाया.

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Air India announces product upgrades, schedule tweaks on key international routes

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SUKALP SHARMA
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AIR INDIA has decided to make changes to its international network schedules for destinations in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Australia in an evident bid to capture more international connecting traffic to and from these geographies via its main hub Delhi, and even Mumbai. The Tata group airline on Monday announced a slew of product upgrades and optimised flight schedules for these markets, with most of the changes taking effect in January and February.

The changes will see Air India deploy its best aircraft—including those of the erstwhile Vistara—to key gateways in Southeast Asia and Europe. This would complement the deployment of Air India's new flagship Airbus A350 and its new leased Boeing 777 aircraft with upgraded cabin interiors on various US and UK routes earlier. Vistara, which was also a Tata group airline and was rated highly as a full-service carrier, merged into Air India in November.

File

In October, *The Indian Express* had reported that following the merger with Vistara, Air India will progressively deploy erstwhile Vistara aircraft and its own new and retrofitted aircraft on certain priority routes, both within India and overseas. The idea is to set the customer's expectations right and offer a superior and consistent product on key routes irrespective of the flight booked.

A few months ago, Air India initiated a $400-million retrofit programme to spruce up and upgrade its legacy narrow-body fleet, much of which was in a rundown state from the airline's government ownership days. While the narrow-body retrofit programme is likely to be completed by the middle of 2025, a similar refit programme for the carrier's legacy wide-body fleet is expected to start in the coming year.

"The updates also lead to optimised flight schedules for key international routes to offer greater flexibility to travellers as well as to enable seamless intercontinental travel between North America or Europe and Australia or Southeast Asia via Air India's hubs in Delhi and Mumbai," Air India said Monday. The government as well as major Indian airlines—Air India and IndiGo—want to develop major Indian airports as international hubs with significant international-to-internal connecting traffic. Recent network expansion plans announced by both the large airlines, at least in part, seem to be aligned with that objective.

Delhi-Bangkok: Spruced-up product

The international product upgrades and optimised schedules will include the introduction of Air India's retrofitted narrow-body A320 aircraft on all Delhi-Bangkok flights, and an additional daily frequency. These retrofitted aircraft will have fully refreshed interiors in a three-class cabin configuration—economy, premium economy, and business.

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IIT-B's annual science fest to begin today

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THE THREE-DAY annual science and technology festival of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Techfest, is set to begin on Tuesday. Like every year, the festival will include an impressive set of exhibitions of tech-innovations along with a list of notable speakers for the lecture series.

Some of the speaker attractions are Chairman Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr. Samir V Kamat, Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), ISRO A. Rajarajan, Former Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd Jeet Adani, lead scientist at LIGO, Caltech - John E. Brian O'Reilly and Ananya Birla, entrepreneur and singer.

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

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Weak Demand, Earnings Weigh On RIL, While Adani Grp Rocked By US Probe

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani are facing multiple threats that are hitting their businesses — and their immense personal wealth. Both Ambani and Adani have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club — people with fortunes above $100 billion.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US Department of Justice probe that threatens to squeeze funding and make it harder to win contracts. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.

WEALTH EROSION AMID BIZ HEADWINDS

For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in Nov over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight. He's been fighting to shore up investor confidence after short seller Hindenburg last year published a report accusing the firm of fraudulent practices.

Adani, who has denied both charges, has vowed to fight on. He said at an event after the US allegations that the firm is committed to "world-class regulatory compliance" and that each attack against the company "only makes us stronger".

The wealth of Ambani, Asia's richest man, has also taken a tumble, if perhaps in a less dramatic and public way. It peaked at about $121 billion in July, right at the time the opulent family wedding was in full swing. His flagship Reliance conglomerate has struggled with weakening earnings. Ambani is counting on a strategic shift that has seen his conglomerate focus more on digital platforms, retail brands, and renewable energy to lift growth.

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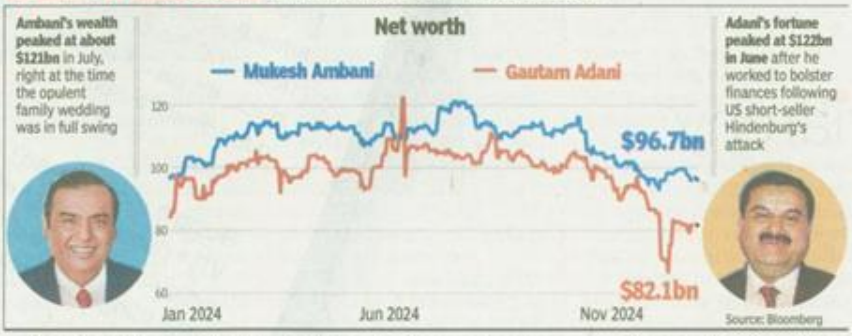

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■ मुंबई, नवभारत न्यूज नेटवर्क. बॉम्बे हाई कोर्ट ने सोमवार को रिन्यूएबल और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को महाराष्ट्र सरकार से दिए गए कॉन्ट्रैक्ट को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका को खारिज कर दिया. कोर्ट ने याचिका को अप्रमाणित और लापरवाह करार दिया.

निराधार और लापरवाह बयानों वाली याचिकाएं न दायर करें

एपुरवार ने आरोप लगाया कि 6,600 मेगावाट रिन्यूएबल और थर्मल पावर इलेक्ट्रिसिटी की सप्लाई के लिए अदाणी ग्रुप को दिया गया कॉन्ट्रैक्ट याचिकाकर्ता के उचित दर पर उचित बिजली सप्लाई तक पहुंच के मौलिक अधिकार का उल्लंघन है. याचिका में राज्य के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे, जो वर्तमान में उपमुख्यमंत्री हैं, पर अदाणी ग्रुप को कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देने के दौरान भ्रष्टाचार में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया गया है. दो जजों की पीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता की इन दलीलों को स्वीकार करने से इनकार कर दिया और कहा, 'हमारी राय में, निराधार और लापरवाह बयानों वाली ऐसी याचिकाएं दायर करने से कभी-कभी अच्छे कारणों के भी खत्म होने का खतरा रहता है. याचिका में 'अस्पष्ट और निराधार' दावे किए गए हैं.'

मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी के उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता श्रीराज नागेश्वर एपुरवार पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50,000 रुपये का जुर्माना भी लगाया.

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Petition against Adani's contract dismissed by court

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'अदाणी'च्या कंत्राटाविरोधात याचिका न्यायालयाकडून रद्द

मुंबई, ता. १६ : अक्षय ऊर्जा व औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी सरकारने अदाणी समूहाला दिलेल्या कंत्राटाला आव्हान देणारी याचिका मुंबई उच्च न्यायालयाने सोमवारी (ता. १६) फेटाळून लावली. ही याचिका निरर्थक असल्याचे नमूद करून मुख्य न्या. देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय यांच्या खंडपीठाने याचिकाकर्त्याला न्यायालयाचा वेळ वाया घालवल्याप्रकरणी ५० हजारांचा दंड ठोठावला आहे. श्रीराज ऐपुरवार यांनी ही याचिका दाखल केली होती.

सहा हजार ६०० मेगावॉट वीजपुरवठ्यासाठी अदाणी समूहाला सरकारकडून कंत्राट देण्यात आले आहे. या कंत्राटामुळे वाजवी दरात वीजपुरवठा मिळण्याच्या मूलभूत अधिकाराचे उल्लंघन झाल्याचा आरोप करून ऐपुरवार यांनी याचिका दाखल केली होती. या याचिकेवर आज (ता. १६) मुख्य न्या. देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्या. अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठासमोर सुनावणी झाली. हा करार सरकारी अधिकाऱ्यांचा घोटाळा होता, एकनाथ शिंदे हे या कंत्राटदाराच्या भ्रष्ट व्यवहारात गुंतलेले आहेत, हे सिद्ध करण्यासाठी याचिकेत आधार असलेले पुरावे नाहीत. त्यामुळे ही याचिका तग धरू शकत नाही, असे स्पष्ट करून कोर्टाने ती फेटाळली.

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Plea against power contract dismissed

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HC said the petition didn't have materials showing that the former CM was involved in corruption. HT

Plea against power contract dismissed

The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed a petition challenging a contract awarded by the Maharashtra government to Adani Group for supply of renewable and thermal power electricity, noting the plea was "unsubstantiated and reckless". A division bench of chief justice D.K. Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar also imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the petitioner-Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar-for the vague petition.

Aepurwar alleged the contract awarded to the Adani Group for the supply of 6,600 megawatts of renewable and thermal power was a violation of the petitioner's fundamental right to have access to fair electricity supply at a reasonable rate. The plea also levelled allegations against former state chief minister Eknath Shinde, who is currently the deputy CM, of having been involved in corrupt practices while awarding the contract to Adani Group.

The HC said the petition did not contain any supporting materials to show the former chief minister (Shinde) was involved in any corrupt practices. The petitioner was not a participant in the tender process of the contract, the court added.

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Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit 2024: The state has become the best destination for investors

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राइजिंग राजस्थान इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट 2024 : प्रदेश बना निवेशकों का बेस्ट डेस्टिनेशन

32 देश हुए शामिल, 17 देश आयोजन के बने सांझेदार

गुलाबी नगरी के नाम से विश्वभर में विख्यात जयपुर में राइजिंग राजस्थान ग्लोबल इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट के सफलतापूर्वक व ऐतिहासिक आयोजन की गूंज सात समंदर पार तक सुनाई दे रही है।

पहली बार देश-विदेश के जाने-माने उद्योगपति, केंद्रीय व राज्यमंत्री, निवेशक, कारोबार और व्यापार जगत के अधिकारी, डेलिगेट्स सहित पूरा राजस्थान इस आयोजन का साक्षी बना। समिट को राजस्थान इसलिए भी याद रखेगा कि पहली बार समिट के प्रारंभ होने से पूर्व ही सरकार ने निवेशकों का भरोसा जीतकर 35 लाख करोड़ रुपए के एमओयू किए थे, जो प्रदेश के लिए बड़ी उपलब्धि है। वहीं यह राजस्थान के इतिहास में पहली बार है जब इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट में 32 देश शामिल हुए जिसमें 17 देश आयोजन के सांझेदार बनें और देश-विदेश के 5 हजार से ज्यादा निवेशक आए।

भजनलाल शर्मा के नेतृत्व में राज्य सरकार ने महज 1 वर्ष के अल्प समय में राजस्थान राइजिंग समिट के जरिये आगामी 4 वर्षों में एमओयू को धरातल पर उतारने का एक खाका खींचा है। साथ ही निवेशकों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए 10 नई नीतियां लागू की है। आधारभूत संरचनाओं को मजबूत करने के लिए राज्य बजट 2024-25 में पूंजीगत व्यय को पिछले बजट के मुकाबले 65 प्रतिशत बढ़ाया है। इसी कारण से प्रदेश में पहली बार सरकार की पहली वर्षगांठ पर 1.25 लाख करोड़ के विकास कार्यों के लोकार्पण, शिलान्यास के साथ राज्य के 15 हजार से अधिक युवाओं को

राजेन्द्र राठौड़, पूर्व नेता प्रतिपक्ष

सरकारी नौकरी के नियुक्ति पत्र एवं 85 हजार से अधिक पदों पर भर्ती प्रक्रिया शुरू की गई, जो ऐतिहासिक है। सरकार ने ईज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस को सरल बनाया है तथा प्रदेश में एक साथ 9 ग्रीनफील्ड एक्सप्रेस वे बनाने का काम हाथ में लेकर निवेश का वातावरण बनाने में अहम भूमिका निभाई है।

विकसित राजस्थान बनाने में मील का पत्थर साबित होगा

राजस्थान में जमीनों की प्रचुरता और सौर व पवन ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में असीम संभावनाएं हैं। इसके अलावा लॉजिस्टिक, माइनिंग, हेल्थ, एजुकेशन, आईटी और टैक्सटाइल्स क्षेत्रों में भी राजस्थान में निवेशकों के लिए वर्तमान में बेहतरीन अवसर हैं। इन्हीं विशेषताओं ने राजस्थान को एक ऐसा राज्य बना दिया है जो न केवल देश के विकास में महती भूमिका निभा रहा है बल्कि वैश्विक निवेशकों के लिए भी आकर्षण का केंद्र बन गया है। निश्चिततौर पर प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था को 350 बिलियन डॉलर तक पहुंचाने तथा विकसित भारत विकसित राजस्थान का लक्ष्य पाने की दिशा में राइजिंग राजस्थान इन्वेस्टमेंट समिट मौजूदा आर्थिक जगत में एक मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।

प्रदेश के आर्थिक व औद्योगिक विकास को देगा बूस्टर डोज

निश्चित तौर पर 5 साल में राज्य की अर्थव्यवस्था दोगुनी करने के संकल्प में राइजिंग राजस्थान सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आयोजन साबित हुआ है। यह समिट 2024 की विदाई से पहले राज्य में निवेश का नया सूर्योदय साबित हुआ है जो प्रदेश के आर्थिक व औद्योगिक विकास को बूस्टर डोज प्रदान करेगा। राज्य की जीएसडीपी में उद्योग क्षेत्र का योगदान 28.21 प्रतिशत है। राज्य में 15 लाख से अधिक पंजीकृत लघु उद्योग हैं, जो लाखों लोगों को रोजगार देते हैं। अब राइजिंग राजस्थान समिट के जरिये एमएसएमई के लिए 20 हजार नई इकाइयों को स्थापित करने का लक्ष्य तय किया गया है। समिट में प्राप्त प्रस्ताव के अनुसार यहां पेट्रो जोन, मेडिटेक पार्क और ग्लोबल टेक्नोलॉजी सेंटर जैसे जोन में ऑटोमोबाइल, फार्मा और डिफेंस मैन्युफैक्चरिंग की नई इकाइयां स्थापित हो सकेंगी।

निवेशकों को दिया रिलायबल, रिसेप्टिव व रिफाइन का भरोसा

समिट की सफलता के पीछे मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा की टीम बड़ा योगदान रहा। टीम ने विदेशों में दौरे किए, अन्य राज्यों में रोड शो आयोजित किए और निवेशकों से व्यक्तिगत संपर्क साधा। सरकार ने उद्योगों के लिए अनुकूल नीतियों और सुविधाओं का खाका तैयार कर निवेशकों को यह विश्वास दिलाने का प्रयास किया कि राजस्थान निवेश के लिए बेस्ट डेस्टिनेशन बन चुका है। समिट के सफल आयोजन से अभिभूत होकर पीएम मोदी ने यहां तक कह डाला कि राजस्थान राइजिंग तो है ही शिलाचल भी है, रिसेप्टिव भी है। समय के साथ खुद को रिफाइन करना भी जानता है। चुनौतियों से टकराने का नाम राजस्थान है। नए अवसर बनाने का नाम है राजस्थान। समिट में वेदांता ग्रुप के चेयरमैन अनिल अग्रवाल, अडानी सीमेंट के एमडी करण अडानी, आदित्य बिड़ला समूह के चेयरमैन कुमार मंगलम बिड़ला एवं महिंद्रा ग्रुप के चेयरमैन आनंद महिंद्रा ने भी अपने भाषणों में राजस्थान को निवेश, उद्योग व उद्यम की भरोसे बताया है।

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High Court rejected the petition in the renewable-thermal power supply contract case

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अक्षय-औष्णिक वीजपुरवठा कंत्राट प्रकरणी हायकोर्टाने याचिका फेटाळली

मुंबई : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीज पुरवठ्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने दिलेले कंत्राट हा घोटाळा असल्याचा आरोप करून कंत्राटाला आव्हान देणाऱ्या याचिकेची उच्च न्यायालयाने गंभीर दखल घेत याचिकाकर्त्यांलाचा चांगला दणका दिला. मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्यायमूर्ती अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठाने याचिकाकर्त्यांच्या हेतूवरच शंका उपस्थित केली. अशाप्रकारे निराधार आणि तथ्यहीन याचिका दाखल होत असल्याने काहीवेळेला सरकारच्या चांगल्या उद्देशालाही धक्का बसेल, असे स्पष्ट करत याचिकाकर्त्याला ५० हजारांचा दंड ठोठावत याचिका फेटाळून लावली. राज्य सरकारने अदानी ट्रान्समिशनला राज्यात अक्षय आणि औष्णिक वीजपुरवठ्याचे ६६०० मेगावॅटचे कंत्राट दिले.या कंत्राटाला आक्षेप घेत श्रीराज नागेश्वर ऐपुरवार यांनी रिट याचिका दाखल केली होती.या याचिकेवर मुख्य न्यायमूर्ती देवेंद्रकुमार उपाध्याय आणि न्यायमूर्ती अमित बोरकर यांच्या खंडपीठासमोर सुनावणी झाली.

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Markets fall due to cautious attitude of investors

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गुंतवणूकदारांच्या सावध पवित्र्यामुळे बाजारात घसरण

सेन्सेक्स ३८५ अंकांनी घसरला

मुंबई : जागतिक स्तरावर कमजोर कल असताना सोमवारी स्थानिक शेअर बाजार घसरला आणि बीएसई सेन्सेक्स ३८४ अंकांपेक्षा अधिक घसरला. यूएस मध्यवर्ती बँक फेडरल रिझर्व्ह या आठवड्यात धोरणात्मक दराचा निर्णय घेईल. हे पाहता, गुंतवणूकदारांनी सावधगिरीचा अवलंब केल्यामुळे जागतिक बाजार नरमला. याचा परिणाम देशांतर्गत बाजारावरही झाला. याशिवाय, रुपयाची घसरण तसेच धातू आणि आयटी समभागांमध्ये विक्रीचा दबाव, चीनमधील कमकुवत आर्थिक आकडेवारीमुळे गुंतवणूकदारांच्या भावनांवर परिणाम झाला.

३० शेअर्सचा सेन्सेक्स ३८४.५५ अंकांनी घसरून ८१,७४८.५७ अंकांवर बंद झाला. व्यवहारादरम्यान तो ५८१.८४ अंकांवर घसरला होता. निफ्टीही १००.०५ अंकांच्या घसरणीसह २४,६६८.२५ अंकांवर बंद झाला. देशांतर्गत शेअर बाजार आशियाई व युरोपीय बाजारांवर परिणाम झाला आणि घसरला. गुंतवणूकदार या आठवड्यात जाहीर होणाऱ्या एफओएमसी (फेडरल ओपन मार्केट कमिटी) बैठकीच्या निकालाची वाट पाहत आहेत. धोरणात्मक दरात कपात होणार असली, तरी चीनमधील कमकुवत आर्थिक आकडेवारी आणि प्रमुख देशांवर आयात शुल्क लादण्याच्या डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प यांच्या निर्णयापुढे गुंतवणूकदारांमध्ये आत्मविश्वासाची कमतरता आहे. या आठवड्यात पाच प्रारंभिक सार्वजनिक ऑफरिंग (आयपीओ) आणि सात नवीन आयपीओ उघडण्यामुळे प्राथमिक बाजारातील व्यवहार वेगवान आहे. बाजार मर्यादित राहिला. त्याच वेळी, मागणीत वाढ आणि २०२५ मध्ये धोरणात्मक दर कपातीची अपेक्षा यामुळे रियाल्टी क्षेत्राची कामगिरी चांगली होती. यूएसमधील १० वर्षांच्या रोखे उत्पन्नात वाढ आणि डॉलर मजबूत झाल्यामुळे गुंतवणूकदार यूएस फेडरल रिझर्व्हच्या धोरणात्मक निर्णयाबद्दल सावध आहेत. दरम्यान, अन्नधान्य स्वस्त झाल्यामुळे घाऊक महागाईचा दर नोव्हेंबरमध्ये १.८९ टक्क्यांच्या तीन महिन्यांच्या नीचांकी पातळीवर आला. तर, नोव्हेंबरमध्ये मालाची निर्यात ४.८५ टक्क्यांनी घसरून ३२.११ अब्ज डॉलरवर आली आहे.

घसरले - वधारले

सेन्सेक्समधील ३० समभागांमध्ये टायटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सिमेंट, टाटा कन्सल्टन्सी सर्व्हिसेस, एनटीपीसी, भारती एअरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्थान युनिलिव्हर आणि जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील या समभागांमध्ये मोठी घसरण झाली. दुसरीकडे, लाभधारकांमध्ये इंडसइंड बँक, बजाज फायनान्स, पॉवर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा अँड महिंद्रा आणि ॲक्सिस बँक यांचा समावेश आहे. मध्यम आकाराच्या कंपन्यांच्या समभागांचा समावेश असलेला बीएसई मिडकॅप निर्देशांक ०.७३ टक्क्याने वधारला, तर छोट्या कंपन्यांच्या समभागांचा समावेश असलेला बीएसई स्मॉलकॅप निर्देशांक ०.४७ टक्क्याने वधारला.

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अमेरिकन चलनाच्या तुलनेत रुपया सोमवारी ९ पैशांनी घसरून ८४.८९ (तात्पुरती) प्रति डॉलर या सर्वकालीन नीचांकी पातळीवर बंद झाला. शेअर बाजाराच्या आकडेवारीनुसार, परदेशी संस्थागत गुंतवणूकदारांनी शुक्रवारी २,३३५.३२ कोटी रुपयांचे शेअर्स खरेदी केले.

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सैंसेक्स 384.55 अंक लुढ़का

मुंबई, 16 दिसम्बर (एजैंसी): वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच स्थानीय शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही और बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बी.एस.ई.) सैंसेक्स 384.55 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 अंक पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था।

नैशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एन.एस.ई.) का निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक यानी 0.40 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 अंक पर बंद हुआ। सैंसेक्स के तीस शेयरों में से टाइटन, अडानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटैक सीमैंट, टाटा कंसल्टैंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटैल, टैक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे।

दूसरी ओर, लाभ में रहने वाले शेयरों में इंडसइंड बैंक, बजाज फाइनांस, पावर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा और एक्सिस बैंक शामिल हैं। एशिया के अन्य बाजारों में दक्षिण कोरिया का कॉस्पी, जापान का निक्की, चीन का शंघाई कम्पोजिट और हांगकांग का हैंगसेंग नुकसान में रहे।

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बाजार सतर्क, सेंसेक्स 385 अंक लुढ़का

वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही और बेंचमार्क सेंसेक्स 384 अंक से अधिक के नुकसान में रहा। कारोबारियों के अनुसार अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व इस सप्ताह नीतिगत दर पर निर्णय लेगा। इसे देखते हुए निवेशकों ने सतर्क रुख अपनाया जिससे वैश्विक बाजार में नरमी रही। इसका असर घरेलू बाजार पर भी पड़ा। सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था। निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स के तीस शेयरों में से टाइटन, अडानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे।

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யுஎஸ் ஃபெடரல் முடிவுக்கு காத்திருப்பு

சென்செக்ஸ், நிஃப்டி சரிவுடன் நிறைவு

நமது நிருபர்

மும்பை / புதுதில்லி, டிச.16: இந்த வாரத்தின் முதல் வர்த்தக தினமான திங்கள்கிழமை பங்குச் சந்தை எதிர்மறையாக முடிந்தது. இதைத் தொடர்ந்து, மும்பை பங்குச்சந்தைக் குறியீட்டு எண்ணான சென்செக்ஸ், தேசிய பங்குச்சந்தைக் குறியீட்டு எண்ணான நிஃப்டி ஆகிய இரண்டும் சரிவுடன் நிறைவடைந்தன.

உலகளாவிய சந்தைக் குறிப்புகள் பலவீனமாக இருந்தன. இதன் தாக்கத்தால் உள்நாட்டுச் சந்தை சரிவுடன் தொடங்கி சற்று மேலே சென்றது. அமெரிக்க மத்திய வங்கியான ஃபெடரல் ரிசர்வ், வட்டி விகிதம் குறித்த முடிவை இந்த வாரக் கடைசியில் அறிவிக்க உள்ளது. இதைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு முதலீட்டாளர்கள் பெரிய அளவில் வர்த்தகத்தில் கவனம் செலுத்தாததால் சந்தை சுணக்கம் கண்டது. ரியால்ட்டி, மீடியா, பார்மா, ஹெல்த்கேர் பங்குகளுக்கு ஓரளவு ஆதிரவு இருந்தாலும், ஐடி, மெட்டல், ஆயில் அண்ட் காஸ் நிறுவனப் பங்குகள் அதிகம் விற்பனையை எதிர்கொண்டன. இதனால், சரிவு தவிர்க்க முடியாததாகியது என பங்கு வர்த்தகத் தரகு நிறுவனங்கள் தெரிவித்தன.

சந்தை மதிப்பு சிறிதளவு உயர்வு: சந்தை மூலதன மதிப்பு ரூ.64 ஆயிரம் கோடி உயர்ந்து வர்த்தக முடிவில் ரூ.460.42 லட்சம் கோடியாக இருந்தது. அந்நிய நிறுவன முதலீட்டாளர்கள் கடந்த வெள்ளிக்கிழமை ரூ.2,335.32 கோடிக்கு பங்குகளை வாங்கியிருந்த நிலையில், உள்நாட்டு நிறுவனங்கள் ரூ.732.20 கோடிக்கு பங்குகளை விற்றிருந்தது சந்தை புள்ளிவிவரத் தகவல்கள் மூலம் தெரிய வந்தது.

சென்செக்ஸ் 385 புள்ளிகள் வீழ்ச்சி: சென்செக்ஸ் காலையில் 132.81 புள்ளிகள் குறைந்து 82,000.31-இல்தொடங்கி அதிகபட்சமாக 82,116.44 வரை மேலே சென்றது. பின்னர், 81551.28 வரை கீழே சென்ற சென்செக்ஸ், இறுதியில் 384.55 புள்ளிகளை (0.47 சதவீதம்) இழந்து 81,748.57-இல் நிறைவடைந்தது. வர்த்தகத்தின் போது ஒரு கட்டத்தில் சென்செக்ஸ் 581.84 புள்ளிகளைஇழந்திருந்தது. மும்பை பங்குச்சந்தையில் மொத்தம் வர்த்தகமான 4,240 பங்குகளில் 2,346 பங்குகள் விலையுயர்ந்த பட்டியலிலும், 1,796 பங்குகள் விலை குறைந்த பட்டியலிலும் இருந்தன. 98 பங்குகள் விலையில் மாற்றமின்றி நிலைபெற்றன.

டைட்டன் விலை சரிவு: சென்செக்ஸ் பட்டியலில் டைட்டன், அதானி போர்ட்ஸ், டிசிஎஸ், அல்ட்ரா டெக் சிமென்ட், என்டிபிசி, டெக் மஹிந்திரா, ஜேஎஸ்டபிள்யூ ஸ்டீல், இன்ஃபோசிஸ் உள்பட 24 பங்குகள் விலை குறைந்த பட்டியலில் இருந்தன. அதே சமயம், இண்ட்ஸ்இண்ட் வங்கி, பஜாஜ் ஃபைனான்ஸ், பவர்கிரிட், ஆக்ஸிஸ் வங்கி, எம் & எம், ஐசிஐசிஐ வங்கி ஆகிய 6 பங்குகள் மட்டும் விலை உயர்ந்த பட்டியலில் இருந்தன.

நிஃப்டி 100 புள்ளிகள் வீழ்ச்சி: தேசிய பங்குச்சந்தையில் 50 முதல் தரப் பங்குகளை உள்ளடக்கிய நிஃப்டி 14.90 புள்ளிகள் குறைந்து 24,753.40-இல் தொடங்கி அதிகபட்சமாக 24,781.25 வரை மேலே சென்றது. பின்னர், 24,601.75 வரை கீழே சென்ற நிஃப்டி, இறுதியில் 100.05 புள்ளிகளை (0.40 சதவீதம்) இழந்து 24,6568.25-இல் நிறைவடைந்தது. நிஃப்டி பட்டியலில் 9 பங்குகள் ஆதாயப் பட்டியலிலும் 41பங்குகள் வீழ்ச்சிப் பட்டியலிலும் இருந்தன.

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धारावी : धारावी पोलीस ठाणे, नशाबंदी मंडळ महाराष्ट्र राज्य आणि विविध संस्था यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने रविवारी सायंकाळी आयोजित केलेल्या नशामुक्ती अभियान रॅलीला उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद मिळाला. रॅलीत सहभागी झालेल्या शेकडो धारावीकरांनी अंमली पदार्थ मुक्तीची शपथ घेतली. रॅलीत धारावी पोलीस ठाण्याचे वपोनि. श्रीकांत धरणे, नशाबंदी मंडळाच्या सरचिटणीस वर्षा विद्या विलास व धारावी नशामुक्त संघटनेचे पदाधिकारी कार्यकर्ते, नशाबंदी मंडळाचे सदय - राष्ट्रीय प्रशिक्षक बॉस्को डिसोजा, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते विनोद साडविलकर, मावा संस्थेचे कृष्णा नारायणकर यांच्यासह तमाम धारावीकरांनी भाग घेतला. शिव स्थानक ते धारावी ९० फूट रोड रॅली काढण्यात आली.

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संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में अनुपूरक मांगों पर चर्चा के दौरान सत्ता पक्ष और विपक्ष में आरोप-प्रत्यारोप

भ्रष्टाचार पर सदन में तीखी नोकझोंक

लोकसभा में सोमवार को 2024-25 के लिए अनुदानों की अनुपूरक मांगों (प्रथम बैच) पर चर्चा के दौरान विपक्ष ने केंद्र सरकार पर भ्रष्टाचार पर रोक न लगा पाने का आरोप लगाया। इसके जवाब में सत्तापक्ष ने मोदी सरकार की जीरो टॉलरेंस की नीति की जमकर वकालत की और मनमोहन सरकार को कठघरे में खड़ा करते हुए कहा कि वह भ्रष्टाचार को गठबंधन की मजबूरी मानते थे।

केंद्र भ्रष्टाचार नहीं रोक पा रहा

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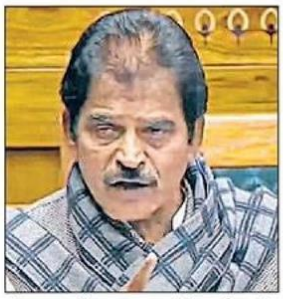
चर्चा की शुरुआत करते हुए कांग्रेस के केसी वेणुगोपाल ने कहा कि भ्रष्टाचार रोकने में विफल सरकार अनुपूरक मांगें ला रही है। उन्होंने अदाणी का मामला उठाया। कहा कि जो सेबी की प्रमुख हैं, वह शेयरों में घोटाले की जांच कैसे कर सकती हैं। उन पर भी इस मामले में आरोप लग रहे हैं। वेणुगोपाल ने कहा कि सरकार साठगांठ वाली पूंजीवादी व्यवस्था और भ्रष्टाचार को बढ़ावा दे रही है। अदाणी मामले में लोगों के मन में कई तरह के सवाल उठ रहे हैं। सरकार को मामले की जांच के लिए जेपीसी का गठन करना चाहिए, पर वह इस मामले में चुप्पी क्यों साधे हुए है।



लोकसभा में अनुपूरक मांगों चर्चा करते कांग्रेस नेता केसी वेणुगोपाल। • प्रेट

उद्योगपतियों को कांग्रेस की शह

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। संसदीय कार्यमंत्री किरेन रिजिजू ने वेणुगोपाल के आरोपों पर कहा कि मोदी सरकार ने अदाणी या किसी अन्य को अरबपति नहीं बनाया है। उद्योगपतियों को शह कांग्रेस की सरकारें देती रही हैं। उन्होंने ही इन उद्योगपतियों को पत्तन और अन्य स्थलों पर काम सौंपा है।

भाजपा के डॉ. संजय जायसवाल ने कहा कि राज्यों को केंद्र सरकार ने पांच लाख करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की सब्सिडी दी थी। उन्होंने कहा कि यूपीए का नाम बदलकर इंडिया गठबंधन कर दिया है, क्योंकि यूपीए भ्रष्टाचार का पर्याय बन गया था। मनमोहन सिंह भ्रष्टाचार को गठबंधन की मजबूरी मानते थे।

सदन में विपक्ष के आरोपों का जवाब देते केंद्रीय मंत्री किरेन रिजिजू। • प्रेट

सपा ने औचित्य पर सवाल उठाए

सपा सांसद लालजी वर्मा ने कहा कि 87,762 करोड़ रुपये का अनुपूरक मांगों का बजट है और सरकार का एक माह बाद बजट आना है। इस स्थिति में इन मांगों को लाने का कोई औचित्य नहीं है। बजट का पैसा समय पर खर्च नहीं हो रहा है।

एफसीआई के गोदाम न बनने पर केंद्र को घेरा

नई दिल्ली। संसद की एक समिति ने पिछले चार वर्षों के दौरान सितंबर 2024 तक भारतीय खाद्य निगम (एफसीआई) के गोदाम निर्माण से जुड़े लक्ष्य पूरा नहीं करने पर सोमवार को सरकार की आलोचना की। समिति ने नोडल मंत्रालय से पूर्वोत्तर, पहाड़ी राज्यों में इस काम में तेजी लाने को उच्च स्तरीय समिति गठित करने को कहा।

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण संबंधी स्थायी समिति ने संसद में 2024-25 के लिए अनुदान मांगों पर अपनी छठी रिपोर्ट पेश की। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया कि 2023-24 में 50,100 टन क्षमता वाले गोदाम निर्माण के लक्ष्य की तुलना में एफसीआई 52.75 करोड़ रुपये खर्च करके केवल 1,760 टन क्षमता ही हासिल कर सका।

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Fed rate call keeps stocks on edge

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OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mumbai: Stocks kicked off the week on a muted note with the benchmark Sensex falling more than 384 points on tepid global cues even as cautious investors awaited interest rate decisions of the US Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan (BoJ) and the People's Bank of China (PBOC).

Markets in both Europe and Asia were largely in the red with France's CAC trading lower 0.91 per cent, DAX 0.40 per cent and the FTSE 0.36 per cent.

In Asia, the data was not encouraging with key indices falling anywhere between 0.03 per cent and 0.88 per cent.

Analysts said investors were biding time, waiting for the interest rate calls of the three central banks.

While the US central bank is forecast to cut borrowing costs 25 basis points on Wednesday, the BoJ will announce its decision the next day, followed by the PBOC's decision on Friday. The BoJ is largely expected to hold rates.

On the BSE, the 30-share gauge opened lower at 82000.31 and slipped 581.84 points to the day's low of 81551.28.

It gave up 384.55 points to settle at 81748.57. The NSE Nifty lost 100.05 points or 0.40 per cent to end at 24668.25.

Titan was the top loser in the Sensex pack falling 2.04 per cent. It was followed by Adani Ports, TCS, UltraTech Cement, NTPC and Bharti Airtel which fell up to 1.37 per cent.

Only six stocks ended in the green with IndusInd Bank leading this group as its shares rose 1.28 per cent.

GLOBAL CUES

- Investors waiting for rate calls by Fed, Bank of Japan and Chinese central bank
- Weak sales data from China pulled down sentiment
- Sensex falls 384 points. Rupee falls 3 paise to 83.86
- Seven IPOs lined up this week

Siddhartha Khemka, head — research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said metal stocks were under pressure on Monday because of weak global prices and concerns over the future of US-China trade.

He said that weaker-than-expected retail sales data from China, a key consumer of metals, added to fears of slowing demand. IT stocks also declined with the Nifty IT shedding 0.9 per cent on account of profit booking.

"Investors also await the US manufacturing and services PMI to be released later today, followed by US retail sales data on Tuesday. There is heightened action in the primary markets with five IPO listings and seven new IPOs opening for subscription this week. We expect markets to consolidate within a broad range, as sentiments remain cautious ahead of US Fed and Bank of Japan's interest rate decision this week." he added.

US services sector activity slowed in November after posting big gains in recent months but remained above levels consistent with solid economic growth in the fourth quarter.

At the forex markets, the rupee settled at 84.86 against the dollar after opening at 84.83. The domestic currency was under pressure on account of weak equity markets and a firm greenback overseas.

"Market participants observed heightened volatility with the week packed with significant global economic events, including the Fed's policy announcement, and monetary policy decisions from BoJ and China. The rupee's trading range is expected to remain between 84.75 and 85.00," Jateen Trivedi, VP research analyst — commodity and currency, LKP Securities, said.

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उच्च न्यायालयाकडून याचिकाकर्त्यास दंड

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नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। संसदीय कार्यमंत्री किरेन रिजिजू ने वेणुगोपाल के आरोपों पर कहा कि मोदी सरकार ने अदाणी या किसी अन्य को अरबपति नहीं बनाया है। उद्योगपतियों को शह कांग्रेस की सरकारें देती रही हैं। उन्होंने ही इन उद्योगपतियों को पत्तन और अन्य स्थलों पर काम सौंपा है।

भाजपा के डॉ. संजय जायसवाल ने कहा कि राज्यों को केंद्र सरकार ने पांच लाख करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की सब्सिडी दी थी। उन्होंने कहा कि यूपीए का नाम बदलकर इंडिया गठबंधन कर दिया है, क्योंकि यूपीए भ्रष्टाचार का पर्याय बन गया था। मनमोहन सिंह भ्रष्टाचार को गठबंधन की मजबूरी मानते थे।

सदन में विपक्ष के आरोपों का जवाब देते केंद्रीय मंत्री किरेन रिजिजू। • प्रेट्र

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Ambani and Adani out of 100 billion dollar club, Bloomberg report reveals

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एशिया के सबसे अमीर आदमी मुकेश अंबानी का नाम 100 बिलियन डॉलर यानी 8 लाख 49 हजार करोड़ के क्लब से बाहर हो गया है। ब्लूमबर्ग की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के चेयरमैन मुकेश अंबानी और अदाणी ग्रुप के चेयरमैन गौतम अदाणी, इस वर्ष के लिए ब्लूमबर्ग के 100 बिलियन डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए हैं। इन दोनों उद्योगपतियों की संपत्ति में हाल के समय में पैदा हुई व्यापारिक समस्याओं के कारण गिरावट आई है। 2024 की शुरुआत से अब तक भारत के टॉप-20 अरबपतियों ने 67.3 बिलियन डॉलर की वृद्धि हासिल की है। इसमें आईटी

टायकून शिव नाडर ने 10.8 बिलियन डॉलर और सावित्री जिंदल ने 10.1 बिलियन डॉलर का सबसे बड़ा लाभ देखा है।

अदाणी के लिए जांच बड़ी चुनौती बनी

गौतम अदाणी के लिए स्थिति और भी गंभीर है। अमेरिकी न्याय विभाग की जांच उनके समूह के लिए एक बड़ी चुनौती बन गई है, प्रगति रुक सकती है। हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च की रिपोर्ट और धोखाधड़ी के आरोपों ने अदाणी को कठिनाई में डाला है, जिसके कारण उनकी संपत्ति जून 2024 में 122.3 बिलियन डॉलर से घटकर नवम्बर में 82.1 बिलियन डॉलर यानी लगभग 7 लाख करोड़ हो गई।

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Adani University hosts int'l meet on green infra

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Adani University recently organized a two-day international conference on Emerging Challenges in Sustainable Infrastructure Development, Green Transition, and Financing (ICIDS). The event brought together national and international experts, researchers, policymakers and industry leaders to discuss critical challenges and opportunities in building sustainable infrastructure.

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The primary goal of ICIDS was to unite researchers and academicians from India and across the globe on a single platform to deliberate on key issues, including economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social equity. With participation from over 250 attendees on the first day and the presentation of more than 50 research papers on the second day, the conference highlighted the urgent need to align infrastructure development with global sustainability goals.

Sustainability and India's Energy Transition

Adani University Provost, Professor Ravi P. Singh, emphasized the success India has made in the infrastructure and energy sectors in recent years. "India currently boasts an energy capacity of about 450 GW, with nearly 50% of this generated from non-fossil fuel sources," he noted.

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अंबानी-अडानी ब्लूमबर्ग के 100 अरब डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हुए

नई दिल्ली, जेएनएन। भारत के सबसे अमीर अरबपति और एशिया के सबसे अमीर लोगों में शुमार रिलायंस ग्रुप के मालिक मुकेश अंबानी और अडानी ग्रुप के चेयरमैन गौतम अडानी ब्लूमबर्ग के 100 अरब डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए हैं। दूसरी ओर, भारत के सबसे अमीर लोगों ने अपनी दौलत में उछाल देखी। टॉप- 20 ने जनवरी 2024 से 67.3 अरब डॉलर जोड़े हैं, जिसमें सबसे बड़ा फायदा टेक मुगल शिव नादर (10.8 अरब डॉलर) और सावित्री जिंदल (10.1 अरब डॉलर) है। ब्लूमबर्ग ने बताया कि अडानी और अंबानी दोनों इसके एलीट सेंटीबिलेनियर्स क्लब से बाहर हैं, जिसमें 100 अरब डॉलर से अधिक की संपत्ति वाले लोग शामिल हैं।

मुकेश अंबानी को झटका

अंबानी की व्यक्तिगत संपत्ति को झटका लगा है। क्योंकि, उनके ग्रुप के एनर्जी और रिटेल बिजनेस ने कमजोर प्रदर्शन किया। ब्लूमबर्ग बिलेनियर इंडेक्स के अनुसार, निवेशक बढ़ते कर्ज और उनकी संपत्ति को लेकर चिंतित हैं। जुलाई में जब बेटे अनंत की शादी हुई थी तब नेटवर्थ 120.8 अरब डॉलर था और अब 13 दिसंबर तक अंबानी की नेटवर्थ 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर से घटकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर हुई जुलाई में जब उनके बेटे अनंत की शादी हुई थी, तब उनकी नेटवर्थ 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर थी, जो 13 दिसंबर तक घटकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर रह गई है।

दुनिया का सबसे अमीर परिवार वॉलमार्ट वाल्टन

वॉलमार्ट वाल्टन ने ब्लूमबर्ग के सबसे अमीर परिवारों की 2024 सूची में 432.4 अरब डॉलर की संपत्ति के साथ पहला स्थान हासिल किया। यहां तक कि दुनिया के सबसे अमीर व्यक्ति, एलन मस्क का व्यक्तिगत नेटवर्थ और मध्य पूर्व के शाही परिवारों से भी अधिक है। इस लिस्ट में भारत से अंबानी और शापूरजी पालोनजी के मिस्त्री ने क्रमशः आठवें और 23 वें स्थान पर हैं। अडानी लिस्ट में नहीं हैं, क्योंकि इसमें सभी पहली पीढ़ी के धन और एकल-उत्तराधिकारी फॉर्चुन शामिल नहीं थे।

अडानी की मुसीबतें अधिक गहरी

वहीं, नवंबर में अमेरिकी न्याय विभाग ने अडाणी पर सोलर एनर्जी से जुड़ा कॉन्ट्रैक्ट हासिल करने के लिए रिश्वत देने और धोखाधड़ी का आरोप लगाया, जिसके बाद उनकी संपत्ति में गिरावट देखी गई। जून में अडाणी की कुल नेटवर्थ 122.3 बिलियन डॉलर थी, जो घटकर 82.1 बिलियन डॉलर रह गई। हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च की रिपोर्ट और धोखाधड़ी के आरोप के कारण भी अडाणी को बड़ा नुकसान हुआ है। घटकर 96.7 अरब डॉलर हो गई है। अडानी के लिए मुसीबतें अधिक गहरी हैं। उनके ग्रुप को अमेरिका के न्याय विभाग की जांच से खतरे का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, जो अनिश्चितता के विस्तार के रूप में किसी भी गति को रोक सकता है। बीबीआई के अनुसार, नवंबर में घोषित जांच ने अडानी की कुल संपत्ति को जून में 122.3 अरब डॉलर से घटाकर अब 82.1 अरब डॉलर कर दिया है। इससे पहले अडानी के लिए हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च रिपोर्ट भारी पड़ चुकी है। रिपोर्ट में यह भी कहा गया है कि अमेरिका के नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के आगामी प्रशासन के कारण अनिश्चितता और दुनिया के सबसे अमीर आदमी एलन मस्क के स्टारलिंक के भारत के उपग्रह ब्रॉडबैंड बाजार में संभावित प्रवेश से भारत के दूरसंचार खिलाड़ियों को भी खतरा हो सकता है।

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अंबानी-अडाणी की संपत्ति 100 अरब डॉलर के नीचे खिसकी

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देश के दो सबसे अमीर उद्यमियों मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अडाणी की संपत्ति में बीते कुछ महीनों के दौरान खासी गिरावट दिखी है। ब्लूमबर्ग की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अडाणी की संपत्ति हाल के महीनों में 100 अरब डॉलर से नीचे आ गई है। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, रिलायंस के चेयरमैन मुकेश अंबानी और अडाणी समूह के संस्थापक गौतम अडाणी इन दिनों कारोबार के मोर्चे पर कुछ चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं, जिससे उनके नेटवर्थ और संपत्ति पर खासा असर पड़ा है। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, अंबानी और अडाणी की संपत्ति में गिरावट के बावजूद भारत के टॉप 20 अरबपतियों की संपत्ति की बात करें तो सामूहिक रूप से उनकी संपत्ति में इस वर्ष 67.2 अरब डॉलर का इजाफा हुआ है। यह देश के अभिजात्य वर्ग में आर्थिक लचीलेपन को दर्शाता है। इस अवधि के दौरान एचसीएल समूह के संस्थापक शिव नादर और स्टील कारोबार की दिग्गज सावित्री जिंदल की कुल संपत्ति में क्रमशः 10.8 अरब डॉलर और 10.1 अरब डॉलर का इजाफा हुआ।

अंबानी की संपत्ति 24 अरब डॉलर कम हुई

ब्लूमबर्ग बिलियनेयर्स इंडेक्स के अनुसार, मुकेश अंबानी की कुल संपत्ति, जो जुलाई में उनके बेटे अनंत की भव्य शादी के दौरान 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर थी, 13 दिसंबर तक घटकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर रह गई।

कारण: यह गिरावट रिलायंस के मुख्य व्यवसायों, विशेष रूप से ऊर्जा और खुदरा क्षेत्रों में चुनौतियों को दर्शाती है। हाल के महीनों में इन क्षेत्रों का प्रदर्शन कमतर रहा है। निवेशकों ने कंपनी के बढ़ते ऋण स्तरों पर चिंता जताई है, जिससे के शेयर पर दबाव बढ़ा दिया है।

अडाणी की संपत्ति 40 अरब डॉलर घटी

गौतम अडाणी को कारोबार के मार्चे पर और भी गंभीर चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ा है। ब्लूमबर्ग के मुताबिक, उनकी कुल संपत्ति जून में 122.3 अरब डॉलर से गिरकर दिसंबर में 82.1 अरब डॉलर रह गई है।

कारण: यह भारी गिरावट आरोपों और जांचों की एक श्रृंखला शुरू के बाद हुई है। अमेरिकी न्याय विभाग (डीओजे) ने अडाणी समूह से जुड़े कथित रिश्वतखोरी के मामले में नवंबर में एक जांच शुरू की, इसमें पिछले साल प्रकाशित हिंडनबर्ग रिसर्च रिपोर्ट के खुलासे भी शामिल हैं।

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देश के दो सबसे बड़े कारोबारियों ने रणनीतियों में किए बदलाव, फिर भी नहीं रुक रही गिरावट

मुकेश अंबानी और अडाणी की संपत्ति में 100 अरब डॉलर से अधिक की गिरावट

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देश के दो सबसे अमीर कारोबारियों मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अडाणी की पूंजी में 100 अरब डॉलर से ज्यादा की गिरावट देखने को मिली है। कारोबार में देखने को मिली इस गिरावट ने उनके वित्तीय भविष्य और कारोबारों पर सवाल खड़े कर दिए हैं। दोनों की पूंजी में उस समय यह गिरावट आई है, जब देश के अन्य अरबपति समृद्धि की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं।

रिलायंस इंडिस्ट्रीज के चेयरमैन मुकेश अंबानी ने अपनी कंपनियों में कई बदलाव किए हैं, खासकर डिजिटल प्लेटफार्मों और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में, इसके बावजूद उनकी संपत्ति में कमी आई है। अडाणी समूह के अध्यक्ष गौतम अडाणी, को कई आरोपों और जांचों का सामना करना पड़ा है, जिसने उनकी वित्तीय स्थिति को प्रभावित किया है।

देश और एशिया के नंबर एक कारोबारी मुकेश अंबानी की संपत्ति जुलाई में 120.8 अरब डालर थी, लेकिन अब वह घटकर 96.7 अरब डालर के स्तर पर आ गई है।

- 67.3 अरब डॉलर इस साल देश के प्रमुख अरबपतियों ने जोड़े
- 20 बड़े कारोबारियों ने अपनी पूंजी में की उल्लेखनीय बढ़ोतरी
- तेजी से बदल रहा देश का कारोबारी स्वरूप, अब अपरिहार्य हो गया है नए क्षेत्रों में प्रवेश

ऊर्जा और खुदरा कारोबार में अंबानी को लगा झटका

उल्लेखनीय है कि रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के चेयरमैन मुकेश अंबानी की कुल पूंजी में आई गिरावट रिलायंस के ऊर्जा और खुदरा कारोबारों में पिछले कुछ समय से चल रही मंदी के की वजह से आई है। हाल के दिनों में रिलायंस की तेल-रासायनिक क्षेत्र में कमी, चीनी निर्यात से बढ़ती प्रतिस्पर्धा, और खुदरा कारोबार में धीमी गति से बढ़ती मांग ने इस गिरावट को प्रोत्साहित किया है।

इसके अलावा, हाल के दिनों में रिलायंस पर बढ़ते कर्ज का दबाव भी साफ दिखाई दे रहा है, जिससे निवेशकों में चिंता बढ़ी है। मुकेश अंबानी ने डिजिटल, रिन्यूएबल ऊर्जा और खुदरा क्षेत्रों में विकास की उम्मीद जताई है, लेकिन इन क्षेत्रों में भी कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धा है। उदाहरण के तौर पर, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के डिजिटल कारोबार को भारत के बड़े शहरों में तेजी से प्रतिस्पर्धा का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, खासकर घरेलू सामान और ग्रॉसरी के क्षेत्र में। इसके साथ ही, हाल के दिनों में मुकेश अंबानी ने मीडिया और एआई जैसी नई तकनीकी क्षेत्रों में निवेश बढ़ाया है, जिसमें उनकी साझेदारी वॉल्ट डिज्नी और एनविडिया के साथ है, परंतु फिर भी उनकी संपत्ति में गिरावट देखने को मिल रही है।

भ्रष्टाचार के आरोपों की जांच से अडाणी समूह को हुई हानि

गौतम अडाणी की संपत्ति जून में 122.3 अरब डालर थी, लेकिन अब वह घटकर 82.1 अरब डालर हो गई है। अडाणी की संपत्ति में यह गिरावट अडाणी ग्रुप पर लगे आरोपों और जांचों के कारण आई है। हाल ही में अमेरिकी न्याय विभाग ने अडाणी समूह के खिलाफ भ्रष्टाचार के आरोपों की जांच शुरू की है, जो पहले हिन्डनबर्ग रिसर्च रिपोर्ट के बाद से और अधिक गंभीर हो गई। इस रिपोर्ट में अडाणी ग्रुप पर धोखाधड़ी के आरोप लगाए गए थे, हालांकि अडाणी ने इन आरोपों का खंडन किया है। इसके बावजूद, इन आरोपों और जांचों ने निवेशकों का विश्वास घटाया है, जिससे अडाणी समूह के शेयरों की कीमतों में गिरावट आई है। इन दोनों की संपत्ति में गिरावट ने उन्हें सेंटीबिलियनेयर क्लब से बाहर कर दिया है, जो उन व्यक्तियों को शामिल करता है जिनकी संपत्ति 100 अरब डालर से ऊपर होती है।

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Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion

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1	Hindi	30	N/A	Middle Left	18088	500K

100 अरब डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हुए अडाणी-अंबानी

नई दिल्ली। ब्लूमबर्ग की ताजा रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के चेयरमैन मुकेश

अंबानी और अडानी ग्रुप के चेयरमैन गौतम अडाणी अब 100 बिलियन डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए हैं। दोनों की संपत्ति में हाल के महीनों में आई बड़ी गिरावट ने उन्हें क्लब से बाहर किया है।

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Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani see net worth drop below $100 billion

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अंबानी व अडाणी एलीट बिलेनियर क्लब से बाहर

दोनों की नेटवर्थ इस साल 100 बिलियन डॉलर से नीचे पहुंची

मुंबई, आरएनएन। भारत के सबसे अमीर व्यक्ति मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अडाणी इस साल ब्लूमबर्ग की 100 बिलियन डॉलर (करीब 8.49 लाख करोड़ रुपए) वाली सूची से बाहर हो गए हैं। इसी के साथ ही ये दोनों बिलिनियर एलीट सेंटी बिलेनियर क्लब से बाहर हो गए हैं, जो 100 बिलियन डॉलर से ज्यादा की नेटवर्थ वालों के लिए बना है। हालांकि, भारत के टॉप 20 अमीरों की संपत्ति जनवरी 2024 से अब तक 67.2 बिलियन डॉलर बढ़ी है। जिन लोगों की संपत्ति सबसे ज्यादा बढ़ी है, उनमें आईटी टाइकून शिव नादर (10.8 बिलियन डॉलर) और सावित्री जिंदल (10.1 बिलियन डॉलर) शामिल हैं। ब्लूमबर्ग के अनुसार, अंबानी की संपत्ति तब कम हुई जब उनकी कंपनी के रिटेल और एनर्जी डिवीजन का परफार्मेंस खराब रहा।

ब्लूमबर्ग बिलियनेयर इंडेक्स के अनुसार, जुलाई में जब उनके बेटे अनंत की शादी हुई थी, तब उनकी नेटवर्थ 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर थी, जो 13 दिसंबर तक घटकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर रह गई है। **(शेष पेज 8 पर)**

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Plea against Adani contract dismissed with Rs 50K cost

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14	English	112	N/A	Middle Center	46520	294.06K

Plea against Adani contract dismissed with ₹50k cost

Urvi Mahajani
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court dismissed a petition alleging corruption in awarding a contract to Adani Power for the supply of 6,600 MW of bundled renewable and thermal power, terming the allegations "vague and unsubstantiated." The court imposed a cost of Rs50,000 on the petitioner, directing payment to the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority.

The petitioner, Shriraj Nageshwar Aepurwar, had claimed the contract violated the fundamental right to access electricity at fair rates under Article 21 of the Constitution. It was alleged that the former chief minister Eknath Shinde had engaged in corrupt practices while awarding the contract. However, the bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Justice Amit Borkar found no merit in the claims. The bench remarked, "Filing such a writ petition containing unsubstantiated and reckless averments runs the risk of sometimes even good causes being lost."

The petitioner referred to the recent indictment of Gautam Adani by the United States Department of Justice, alleging that he orchestrated a bribery scheme to influence Indian government officials. The court rejected this argument, stating that the petitioner failed to substantiate the allegations. "The submissions cannot be accepted merely on the basis of charges filed in a US court," the judges noted.

The court observed that the petitioner was not a participant in the tender process leading to the award of the contract to Adani Power.

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US case against India's Gautam Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

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1	English	176	N/A	Bottom Center	36932	177.96K

US case against India's Gautam Adani appears strong but extradition unlikely

Agencies, New York

The U.S. fraud case against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani appears to be backed by documents that will help prosecutors make a strong case, legal experts said, but the tycoon is unlikely to be extradited to stand trial anytime soon.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn last month unsealed an indictment accusing Adani of bribing Indian officials to convince them to buy electricity produced by Adani Green Energy, a subsidiary of his Adani Group conglomerate, and then misleading U.S. investors by providing reassuring information about the company's anti-corruption practices.

Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani, and another Adani Group executive were charged with securities fraud and conspiracy. Five people affiliated with Azure Power Global, a formerly-U.S.-listed company also allegedly involved, were charged with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Azure has said it had cooperated with the investigation and that those charged were no longer with the company. Adani Group has called the allegations "baseless" and vowed to seek "all possible legal recourse."

Gautam Adani is not in custody. He has made at least two public appearances in India since the indictment, including at a Dec. 9 event also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the indictment, prosecutors found ledgers of the alleged payments on Sagar Adani's cellular phone, which they called "bribe notes." Prosecutors also said Gautam Adani emailed himself a copy of a search warrant and grand jury subpoena the FBI had served on his nephew on March 17, 2023.

Those electronic records could be important pieces of evidence for prosecutors to try to prove that Sagar Adani and Gautam Adani knew they misled investors by failing to disclose the investigation and insisting they had strong anti-corruption practices when in fact they had paid bribes, experts said.

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

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11	English	728	N/A	Bottom Left	983098	1.02M

Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

Weak Demand, Earnings Weigh On RIL, While Adani Grp Rocked By US Probe

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani are facing multiple threats that are hitting their businesses — and their immense personal wealth. Both Ambani and Adani have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club — people with fortunes above $100 billion.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US Department of Justice probe that threatens to squeeze funding and make it harder to win contracts. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.

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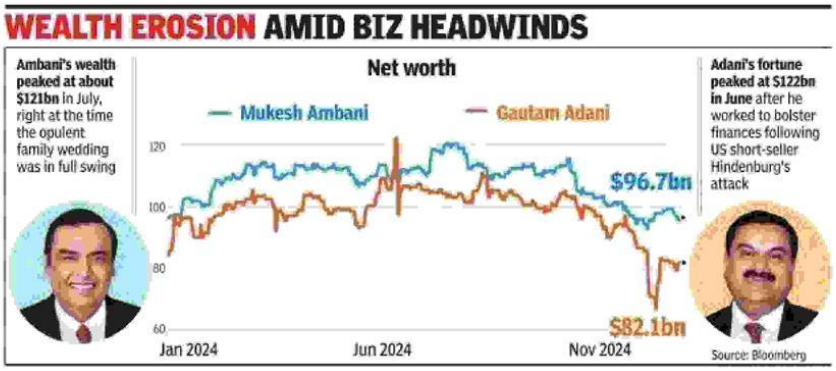

For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in Nov over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight. He's been fighting to shore up investor confidence after short seller Hindenburg last year published a report accusing the firm of fraudulent practices.

Adani, who has denied both charges, has vowed to fight on. Adani's fortune peaked at $122 billion in June after he worked to bolster finances following Hindenburg's attack. Those gains have now evaporated after the US allegations that he oversaw bribes to Indian govt officials, and he's now worth $82 billion *(see graphic)*.

The wealth of Ambani, Asia's richest man, has also taken a tumble, if perhaps in a less dramatic and public way. It peaked at about $121 billion in July, right at the time the opulent family wedding was in full swing. His flagship Reliance conglomerate has struggled with weakening earnings at the energy business to flagging consumer demand at the retail division. His fortune stands at $97 billion. BLOOMBERG

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Cong reiterates allegations against Buck govt hits back

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8	English	153	N/A	Top Left	206484	1.02M

Cong reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back

New Delhi: Congress on Monday levelled 'conflict of interest' allegations against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Buch and said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "failure" to act decisively on the issue has "tarnished the credibility of govt and jeopardised financial governance framework". Attacking govt over Adani issue, Congress MP K C Venugopal said a JPC must probe the matter. He alleged it is a govt "by Adani, of Adani, for Adani". Hitting back, Union minister Kiren Rijiju said, "These port and airports have been given by you, don't defame us." TNN

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Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back

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8	English	108	N/A	Top Center	213501	1.27M

Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back

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New Delhi: Congress on Monday levelled conflict of interest allegations against Sebi chairperson **Madhabi Buch** and claimed that finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 'failure' to act decisively on it has not only tarnished the credibility of the govt but also jeopardised the country's financial governance framework.

Attacking the govt over the Adani issue during the discussion on the supplementary demands for grants in the Lok Sabha, Congress MP K C Venugopal said a joint parliamentary committee must probe the entire matter. He alleged it is a govt 'By Adani, of Adani, for Adani'.

Venugopal said between 2017-24, Buch allegedly received more than ₹16.4 crore from ICICI Bank while serving as a Sebi official regulating that bank, an allegation that has been rejected by Buch as well ICICI Bank who have pointed out that no law was violated and the gains were part of renumerations agreed to under the contract that applies to all similarly-placed bank officials.

Hitting back at Venugopal, Union minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The person you are talking about again and again, Modi ji did not make him a crorepati, you made him a crorepati. We made unicorns... These port and airports have been given by you, don't defame us."

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market slowdown amid weak global trends; Sensex lost 385 points, Nifty slipped below 24,700

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9	Gujarati	103	N/A	Top Left	76944	271.15K

નબળા વૈશ્વિક વલણો વચ્ચે બજારમાં મંદી; સેન્સેક્સ ૩૮૫ પોઈન્ટ તૂટ્યો, નિફ્ટી ૨૪,૭૦૦ની નીચે સરક્યો

(વાણિજ્ય પ્રતિનિધિ તરફથી)

મુંબઈ: સપ્તાહના પહેલા દિવસે નબળા વૈશ્વિક સંકેતો અને અમેરિકાની ફેડરલ રીઝર્વના વ્યાજ દરના નિર્ણયની જાહેરાત અગાઉના સાવચેતીના માહોલમાં વેચવાલીનું દબાણ વધી જતાં બેન્ચમાર્ક સૂચકાંકો સેન્સેક્સ અને નિફ્ટી સોમવારે નીચા મથાળે બંધ રહ્યા હતા. ટાઈટન અને અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ જેવા સેન્સેક્સના મુખ્ય શેરોમાં ઘટાડો જોવા મળ્યો હતો, જ્યારે ઈન્ડસઈન્ડ બેન્કમાં સુધારો જોવા મળ્યો હતો. સેન્સેક્સ ૩૮૪.૫૫ પોઈન્ટ અથવા ૦.૪૭ ટકા ઘટીને ૮૧,૭૪૮.૫૭ પોઈન્ટની સપાટી પર સેટલ થયો હતો. દિવસ દરમિયાન, તે ૫૮૧.૮૪ પોઈન્ટ અથવા ૦.૭૦ ટકા ઘટીને ૮૧,૫૫૧.૨૮ પોઇન્ટની નીચી સપાટીને અથડાયો હતો. જ્યારે એમએસઇનો નિફ્ટી ફિફ્ટી ઇન્ડેક્સ ૧૦૦.૦૫ પોઈન્ટ અથવા ૦.૪૦ ટકા ગબડીને ૨૪,૬૬૮.૨૫ પોઈન્ટ પર બંધ થયો હતો. સેન્સેક્સના ૩૦-શેર બ્લુ-ચિપ પેકમાંથી, ટાઇટન, અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ, અલ્ટ્રાટેક સિમેન્ટ, ટાટા કન્સલ્ટન્સી સર્વિસિસ, એનટીપીસી, ભારતી એરટેલ, ટેક મહિન્દ્રા, ઇન્ફોસિસ, હિન્દુસ્તાન યુનિલિવર અને જેએસડબ્લ્યુ સ્ટીલ સૌથી ગબડનારા શેરોની યાદીમાં હતા. બીજી તરફ ઈન્ડસઈન્ડ બેન્ક, બજાજ ફાઈનાન્સ, પાવર ગ્રીડ, મહિન્દ્રા એન્ડ મહિન્દ્રા અને એક્સિસ બેન્ક ટોપ ગેઇનર્સ શેરોમાં સમાવિષ્ટ હતા.

આ સપ્તાહે નવ કંપની આઇપીઓ મારફત રૂ. ૩,૫૦૦ કરોડ એકત્ર કરશે. કોનકોર્ડ એન્વાયરો સિસ્ટમ લિમિટેડ ૧૯ ડિસેમ્બરે મૂડી બજારમાં પ્રવેશ કરશે અને ભરવું ૨૩મી ડિસેમ્બરે બંધ થશે. પ્રાઈસ બેન્ડ રૂ. ૬૬૫થી રૂ. ૭૦૧ નક્કી થઈ છે, મીનીમમ લોટ ૨૧ શેરનો છે. શેર બીએસઈ અને એનએસઈ પર લીસ્ટ થશે. આ ઈસ્યુમાં રૂ. ૧૯૨.૩૦ કરોડના નવા ઈસ્યુ અને ૦.૫૨ કરોડ શેરના વેચાણની ઓફરનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. પાવર સેક્ટરની કંપની ટ્રાન્સરેલ લાઈટિંગ લિમિટેડ ૧૯ ડિસેમ્બરે મૂડી બજારમાં પ્રવેશ કરશે અને આ રૂ. ૪૦૦ કરોડનું ભરવું ૨૩મી ડિસેમ્બરે બંધ થશે. પ્રાઈસ બેન્ડ રૂ. ૪૧૦થી રૂ. ૪૩૨ નક્કી થઈ છે, મિનિમમ લોટ ૩૪ શેરનો છે. શેરની ફાળવણી ૨૪મી ડિસેમ્બરના રોજ ફાઈનલ થવાની અપેક્ષા છે અને ૨૭મી ડિસેમ્બરે બીએસઇ અને એનએસઇ પર લિસ્ટિંગ થશે. ડેમ કેપિટલ એડવાઈઝર લિમિટેડ ૧૯ ડિસેમ્બરે મૂડી બજારમાં પ્રવેશ કરશે અને ભરવું ૨૩મી ડિસેમ્બરે બંધ થશે. પ્રાઈસ બેન્ડ રૂ. ૨૬૯થી રૂ. ૨૮૩ નક્કી થઈ છે, મીનીમમ લોટ ૫૩ શેરનો છે. શેર બીએસઈ અને એનએસઈ પર લીસ્ટ થશે. આ ઈસ્યુ સંપૂર્ણપણે ૨.૯૭ કરોડ શેરના વેચાણ માટેની ઓફર છે. ફાળવણી ૨૪મી ડિસેમ્બરે ફાઈનલ થવાની અપેક્ષા છે. સન્નાથન ટેક્સટાઇલ લિમિટેડ ૧૯ ડિસેમ્બરે બુક બિલ્ટ ઇસ્યુ સાથે મૂડી બજારમાં પ્રવેશ કરશે અને ભરવું ૨૩મી ડિસેમ્બરે બંધ થશે. પ્રાઈસ બેન્ડ રૂ. ૩૦૫થી રૂ. ૩૨૧ નક્કી થઈ છે, મીનીમમ લોટ ૪૬ શેરનો છે. શેર બીએસઈ અને એનએસઈ પર લીસ્ટ થશે. આ ઈસ્યુ ૪૦૦.૦૦ કરોડના તાજા ઈસ્યુ અને રૂ. ૧૫૦.૦૦ કરોડના વેચાણની ઓફરનું સંયોજન છે. બજારના અગ્રણી ટેક્નિકલ એનાલિસ્ટે જણાવ્યું કે, નિફ્ટી સત્ર દરમિયાન રેન્જ-બાઉન્ડ રહ્યો હતો અને ૨૪,૬૦૦ અને ૨૪,૮૦૦ના બેન્ડમાં ફંગોળાતો રહ્યો હતો. એકંદરે સેન્ટિમેન્ટ ટૂંકા ગાળા માટે સકારાત્મક રહે છે કારણ કે ઇન્ડેક્સ દૈનિક સમયમર્યાદા પર નિર્ણાયક મૂવિંગ એવરેજથી ઉપર ટકી રહ્યો છે. ઇન્ડેક્સ ટૂંકા ગાળામાં આગેકૂચ ચાલુ રાખી ૨૫,૦૦૦ પોઇન્ટના ઊંચા સ્તર સુધી પહોંચી શકે છે અને તેનાથી વિપરીત જો ગબડે તો નીચલા સ્તરે ૨૪,૫૦૦ની સપાટી નિર્ણાયક ટેકો પૂરો પાડી શકે છે.

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Mumbai Sensex Down 384 Points

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மும்பை பங்குச்சந்தை 384 புள்ளிகள் சரிவு

அமெரிக்க ரிசர்வ் வங்கி இந்த வாரம் கடனுக்கான வட்டி குறித்து முடிவு எடுக்கிறது. இதனால், உலகம் முழுவதும் முதலீட்டாளர்கள் பெரிய தொகையை முதலீடு செய்ய முன்வராததால், பங்குச்சந்தைகள் சரிவுடன் காணப்பட்டன.

மும்பை பங்குச்சந்தை குறியீட்டு எண் 384 புள்ளிகள் சரிந்து, 81 ஆயிரத்து 748 புள்ளிகளுடன் வர்த்தகம் நிறைவடைந்தது. அதானி துறைமுகம், டைட்டன் உள்ளிட்ட நிறுவனங்கள் இழப்பை சந்தித்தன. ஆக்சிஸ் வங்கி, பஜாஜ் பைனான்ஸ் உள்ளிட்ட நிறுவனங்கள் லாபம் சம்பாதித்தன.

தேசிய பங்குச்சந்தை குறியீட்டு எண்ணான 'நிப்டி' 100 புள்ளிகள் சரிந்து, 24 ஆயிரத்து 668 புள்ளிகளுடன் வர்த்தகம் முடிவடைந்தது.

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

Weak Demand, Earnings Weigh On RIL, While Adani Grp Rocked By US Probe

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani are facing multiple threats that are hitting their businesses — and their immense personal wealth. Both Ambani and Adani have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club — people with fortunes above $100 billion.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US Department of Justice probe that threatens to squeeze funding and make it harder to win contracts. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.

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For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in Nov over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight. He's been fighting to shore up investor confidence after short seller Hindenburg last year published a report accusing the firm of fraudulent practices.

Adani, who has denied both charges, has vowed to fight on. Adani's fortune peaked at $122 billion in June after he worked to bolster finances following Hindenburg's attack. Those gains have now evaporated after the US allegations that he oversaw bribes to Indian govt officials, and he's now worth $82 billion *(see graphic)*.

The wealth of Ambani, Asia's richest man, has also taken a tumble, if perhaps in a less dramatic and public way. It peaked at about $121 billion in July, right at the time the opulent family wedding was in full swing. His flagship Reliance conglomerate has struggled with weakening earnings at the energy business to flagging consumer demand at the retail division. His fortune stands at $97 billion. BLOOMBERG

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Ambani Adani's net worth falls below $100 billion

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அம்பானி, அதானி சொத்து மதிப்பு 100 பில்லியன் டாலருக்கு கீழ் சரிவு

இந்தியாவில் பணக்கார தொழில் அதிபர்களான முகேஷ் அம்பானி, கவுதம் அதானி ஆகியோர் 100 பில்லியன் டாலர் (ரூ.8 லட்சத்து 40 ஆயிரம் கோடி) சொத்து கொண்டவர்கள் பட்டியலில் இருந்து வெளியேறி உள்ளனர். அவர்களின் சொத்து மதிப்பு குறைந்ததே இதற்கு காரணம்.

முகேஷ் அம்பானி சொத்து மதிப்பு கடந்த ஜூலை மாதம் 120 பில்லியன் டாலராக இருந்தது. ஆனால், எரிசக்தி, சில்லறை வணிகம் போன்றவற்றில் ஏற்பட்ட பின்னடைவுகளால், தற்போதைய சொத்து மதிப்பு 96.7 பில்லியன் டாலராக குறைந்துள்ளது. அதானியின் சொத்து மதிப்பு கடந்த ஜூலை மாதம் 122 பில்லியன் டாலராக இருந்தது. ஹிண்டன்பர்க் அறிக்கை, அமெரிக்க கோர்ட்டில் வழக்கு போன்ற காரணங்களால் அவரது சொத்து மதிப்பு 82.1 பில்லியன் டாலராக குறைந்துள்ளது.

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Congress reiterates allegations against Buch, govt hits back

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செபி தலைவர் விவகாரத்தில் அரசு செயல்பட தவறியது குறித்து விசாரணை

மக்களவையில் காங். வலியுறுத்தல்

புதுடெல்லி, டிச.17: மக்களவையில் மானியக் கோரிக்கைகள் மீதான விவாதத்தின் போது காங்கிரஸ் எம்பி கேசி வேணுகோபால் பேசுகையில், அதானி விவகாரத்தில் அரசு கவனம் செலுத்தாதது ஏன்? கடந்த 2017ம் ஆண்டு முதல் 2024ம் ஆண்டு வரை செபி தலைவர் ஜஸி ஜசி வங்கியில் இருந்து ரூ.16.4கோடி பெற்றதாக கூறப்படுகின்றது. இது செபியிடம் இருந்து அவர் பெற்ற சம்பளத்தை காட்டிலும் 5 மடங்கு அதிகமாகும். செபி விசாரணையின் கீழ் இணைக்கப்பட்ட நிறுவனங்களிடம் இருந்து வாடகை வருமானத்தையும் அவர் பெற்றுள்ளார். செபி ஒரு நிறுவனத்தை விசாரிக்கிறது. அதன் தலைவர் அந்த நிறுவனத்துடன் தொடர்புடைய நிறுவனத்திற்கு சொத்தை வாடகைவிடுகிறார். செபியின் தலைவர் ரூ.36.9கோடி மதிப்பிலான பத்திரங்களில் வர்த்தகம் செய்துள்ளார். செபியின் நெறிமுறைகளை மீறியுள்ளார். மாதபி புச் மீது இவ்வளவு குற்றச்சாட்டுக்கள் இருந்தபோதிலும், நிதியமைச்சகம் அவருக்கு எதிராக சுதந்திரமான விசாரணையை தொடங்கவில்லை. எந்த ஒரு ஒழுங்கு மற்றும் சட்ட நடவடிக்கையையும் எடுக்கவில்லை. நிதியமைச்சரின் செயலற்ற தன்மை அரசின் வெளிப்படைதன்மை மற்றும் முதலீட்டாளர்களின் நம்பிக்கைக்கான அர்ப்பணிப்பை குறைமதிப்பிற்கு உட்படுத்துகின்றது. நிதியமைச்சர் தீர்க்கமாக செயல்படத் தவறியது அரசின் நம்பகதன்மையை களங்கப்படுத்துகியது மட்டுமின்றி நிதி நிர்வாக கட்டமைப்புக்கு ஆபத்தை ஏற்படுத்தி உள்ளது. இது அதானியின் அரசாங்கம், இது அதானிக்கான அரசாங்கமாகும். நாடாளுமன்ற கூட்டுக்குழுவானது இந்த மொத்த விவகாரத்தையும் விசாரிக்க வேண்டும்" என்றார்.

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நிப்டி NSE

முந்தைய முடிவு	24,768.30
நேற்றைய முடிவு	24,668.25
மாற்றம் ↓	100.05

சென்செக்ஸ் BSE

முந்தைய முடிவு	82,133.12
நேற்றைய முடிவு	81,748.57
மாற்றம் ↓	384.55

முன்னெச்சரிக்கையால் இறக்கம்

• வாரத்தின் முதல் வர்த்தக நாளான நேற்று, சந்தை குறியீடுகள் இறக்கத்துடன் நிறைவடைந்தன

• உலகளாவிய சந்தை போக்குகளின் தொடர்ச்சியாக, நேற்று வர்த்தகம் ஆரம்பித்தபோது, இந்திய சந்தை குறியீடுகள் இறக்கத்துடன் துவங்கின. 2024ம் ஆண்டின் இறுதி பணக்கொள்கை குறித்து முடிவு செய்வதற்காக, அமெரிக்க மத்திய வங்கியின் கூட்டம் இன்று துவங்கும் நிலையில், முதலீட்டாளர்கள் மிகுந்த முன்னெச்சரிக்கையுடன் சந்தையை அணுகினர்

• நிப்டி குறியீட்டில் ரியல் எஸ்டேட், ஊடகம் மற்றும் பொதுத்துறை வங்கி துறைகள் சார்ந்த நிறுவனங்களின் குறியீடுகள் ஓரளவு உயர்வு கண்டன. உலோகம், தகவல் தொழில்நுட்பம் மற்றும் எரிசக்தி, எண்ணெய் மற்றும் எரிவாயு துறை சார்ந்த குறியீடுகள் இறக்கம் கண்டன

• மும்பை பங்குச் சந்தையில் பட்டியலிடப்பட்ட நிறுவனங்களில் 2,338 நிறுவன பங்குகள் உயர்ந்தும்; 1,802 நிறுவன பங்குகள் குறைந்தும்; 100 நிறுவனங்களின் பங்குகள் மாற்றமின்றியும் வர்த்தகமாகின.

அன்னிய முதலீடு
அன்னிய முதலீட்டாளர்கள் நேற்று 279 கோடி ரூபாய் அளவுக்கு பங்குகளை விற்று இருந்தனர்.

கச்சா எண்ணெய்
உலகளவிலான கச்சா எண்ணெய் விலை நேற்று 1 பேரலுக்கு 0.75 சதவீதம் குறைந்து, 73.91 அமெரிக்க டாலராக இருந்தது.

ரூபாய் மதிப்பு
அமெரிக்க டாலருக்கு எதிரான இந்திய ரூபாயின் மதிப்பு 11 பைசா குறைந்து, வரலாறு காணாத அளவில் 84.91 ரூபாயாக சரிந்தது.

டாப் 5 நிப்டி 50 பங்குகள்
அதிக ஏற்றம் / இறக்கம் கண்டவை

- டாக்டர் ரெட்டீஸ்
- இண்டஸ்இண்ட் பேங்க்
- எச்.டி.எப்.சி.,லைப்
- பவர்கிரிட்
- பஜாஜ் பைனான்ஸ்
- டைட்டன்
- ஹிண்டால்கோ
- அதானி போர்ட்ஸ்
- ஐ.சி.எஸ்.,
- டெக் மஹிந்திரா

நிறுவனங்கள் நிலை
(முன்னை பங்கு சந்தை)

- ஏற்றம் கண்டவை 43%
- இறக்கம் கண்டவை 55%
- மாற்றம் காணாதவை 2%

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मुम्बई । भारतीय शेयर बाजार सोमवार को गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ। सप्ताह के पहले ही कारोबारी दिन बाजार में ये गिरावट दुनिया भर से मिले कमजोर संकेतों के साथ ही बिकवाली हावी रहने से आई है।

आज आईटी और धातु सेक्टरों में गिरावट से भी बाजार नीचे आया। अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व के ब्याज दरों पर फैसले से पहले निवेशकों के सतर्क रुख से भी बाजार पर दबाव पड़ा है। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद 30 शेयरों वाला बीएसई सेंसेक्स 81,551.28 अंक 0.47 फीसदी कमीब 384.55 अंक गिरकर 81,748.57 पर बंद हुआ।

वहीं इसी प्रकार 50 शेयरों वाला नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 0.49 फीसदी तकरीबन 120.50 अंक टूटकर 24,647.80 पर बंद हुआ। निफ्टी की 40 कंपनियों के सेंसेक्स में गिरावट रही जबकि केवल 9 कंपनियों भी बढ़त पर रहे जबकि एक के सेंसेक्स में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ।

आज कारोबार के दौरान सेंसेक्स की कंपनियों में टाइटन का सेंसेक्स सबसे ज्यादा 1.93 फीसदी नीचे आकर बंद हुआ। साथ ही अदानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टीसीएस, एसटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, जेएसडब्लयू स्टील, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर इन्फोसिस, टाटा मोटर्स के शेयर भी नीचे आये।

वहीं इंडसइंड बैंक, बजाज फाइनेंस, पावर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा, एक्सिस बैंक और आईसीआईसीआई बैंक के सेंसेक्स तेजी के साथ बंद हुए।

बाजार जानकारों के अनुसार अमेरिका के सेंट्रल बैंक फेडरल के ब्याज दरों पर फैसले को लेकर हुई अनिश्चितताओं के चलते आईटी स्टॉक्स में भारी बिकवाली से भी बाजार नीचे आया है। इसके अलावा चीन के कमजोर आर्थिक आंकड़ों के बाद भी धातु सेक्टरों में गिरावट रही जिससे भी बाजार पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ा है। वहीं रिलायंस कंपनियों के सेंसेक्स में रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज, एचडीएफसी बैंक और भारती एयरटेल के सेंसेक्स में गिरावट रही।

वहीं सप्ताह के आखिरी कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार (13 दिसंबर) को शेयर बाजार बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए थे।

वहीं आज सुबह यैरीसिक बाजार गिरावट के साथ खुले। इंडेक्स में देखी वेटेज रखने वाले एचडीएफसी बैंक और आईटी स्टॉक्स में राबट की वजह के चलते बाजार में कमजोरी देखने को मिल रही है। अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व के ब्याज दरों पर फैसले से पहले निवेशक सतर्क रुख अपना रहे हैं। तीस शेयरों वाला बीएसई सेंसेक्स 133 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 82,000.31 अंक पर खुला।

इसी तरह नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी-50 भी 15 अंक की गिरावट लेकर 24,753.40 पर खुला।

एशियाई बाजारों की बात करें तो कोरिया इंडेक्स में 0.20 फीसदी की बढ़त दर्ज की गई, जबकि निक्केई 0.27 फीसदी ऊपर बंद हुआ। दूसरी ओर एशएक्स 200 में 0.33 फीसदी की गिरावट देखने को मिली। अमेरिकी बाजारों में डाउ जोन्स लगातार सातवें सत्र में 0.2 फीसदी गिरा, जो 2020 के बाद सबसे लंबी गिरावट है। हालांकि, नैसडैक 0.12 फीसदी चढ़ा, और एसएंडपी 500 लगभग स्थिर रहते हुए 6,051.09 पर बंद हुआ।

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आज आईटी और धातु सेक्टरों में गिरावट से भी बाजार नीचे आया। अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व के ब्याज दरों पर फैसले से पहले निवेशकों के सतर्क रुख से भी बाजार पर दबाव पड़ा है। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद 30 शेयरों वाला बीएसई सेंसेक्स 81,551.28 अंक 0.47 फीसदी कमीब 384.55 अंक गिरकर 81,748.57 पर बंद हुआ।

वहीं इसी प्रकार 50 शेयरों वाला नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 0.49 फीसदी तकरीबन 120.50 अंक टूटकर 24,647.80 पर बंद हुआ। निफ्टी की 40 कंपनियों के शेयरों में गिरावट रही जबकि केवल 9 कंपनियों भी बढ़त पर रहे जबकि एक के शेयर में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ।

आज कारोबार के दौरान सेंसेक्स की कंपनियों में टाइटन का शेयर सबसे ज्यादा 1.93 फीसदी नीचे आकर बंद हुआ। साथ ही अदानी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टीसीएस, एसटीसीएल, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, जेएसडब्लू स्टील, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर इन्फोसिस, टाटा मोटर्स के शेयर भी नीचे आये।

वहीं इंडसइंड बैंक, बजाज फाइनेंस, पावर ग्रिड, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा, एक्सिस बैंक और आईसीआईसीआई बैंक के शेयर तेजी के साथ बंद हुए।

बाजार जानकारों के अनुसार अमेरिका के सेंट्रल बैंक फेडरल के ब्याज दरों पटाने को लेकर हुई अनिश्चितताओं के चीन आईटी स्टॉक्स में भारी बिकवाली से भी बाजार नीचे आया है। इसके अलावा चीन के कमजोर आर्थिक आंकड़ों के बाद भी धातु शेयरों में गिरावट रही जिससे भी बाजार पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ा है। वहीं रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज, एचडीएफसी बैंक और भारती एयरटेल के शेयरों में गिरावट रही।

वहीं सप्ताह के आखिरी कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार (13 दिसंबर) को शेयर बाजार बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए थे।

वहीं आज सुबह यैरोपियन बाजार गिरावट के साथ खुले। इंडेक्स में यैरो फेटेज रखने वाले फ्यूचरिंडेक्स और आईटी स्टॉक्स में राहत की वजह के चलते बाजार में कमजोरी देखने को मिल रही है। अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व के ब्याज दरों पर फैसले से पहले निवेशक सतर्क रुख अपना रहे हैं। तीस शेयरों वाला बीएसई सेंसेक्स 133 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 82,000.31 अंक पर खुला।

इसी तरह नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी-50 भी 15 अंक की गिरावट लेकर 24,753.40 पर खुला।

एशियाई बाजारों की बात करें तो कोरयाई इंडेक्स में 0.20 फीसदी की बढ़त दर्ज की गई, जबकि निक्केई 0.27 फीसदी ऊपर बंद हुआ। दूसरी ओर एशएसएक्स 200 में 0.33 फीसदी की गिरावट देखने को मिली। अमेरिकी बाजारों में डाउ जोन्स लगातार सातवें सत्र में 0.2 फीसदी गिरा, जो 2020 के बाद सबसे लंबी गिरावट है। हालांकि, नैसडैक 0.12 फीसदी चढ़ा, और एसएंडपी 500 लगभग स्थिर रहते हुए 6,051.09 पर बंद हुआ।

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नयी दिल्ली : बीते कुछ महीनों के दौरान देश के दो सबसे अमीर उद्यमियों मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अदाणी की संपत्ति में भारी गिरावट दिखी है। इस गिरावट से मुकेश अंबानी और गौतम अदाणी की संपत्ति हाल के महीनों में 100 अरब डॉलर से नीचे आ गई है। एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार दोनों इन दिनों कारोबार के मोर्चे पर कुछ चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं, जिससे उनकी संपत्ति पर प्रतिकूल असर पड़ा है। अंबानी और अदाणी की संपत्ति में गिरावट के बावजूद भारत के सर्वोच्च 20 अरबपतियों की संपत्ति में इस वर्ष 67.2 अरब डॉलर की वृद्धि हुई है। इस अवधि के दौरान एचसीएल समूह के संस्थापक शिव नादर और स्टील कारोबार की दिग्गज सावित्री जिंदल की कुल संपत्ति में क्रमश: 10.8 अरब डॉलर और 10.1 अरब डॉलर की वृद्धि हुई है।

क्या रही स्थिति : रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के एनर्जी और रिटेल सेक्टर में कमजोर प्रदर्शन देखा गया है। बढ़ते कर्ज को लेकर निवेशकों की चिंता से कंपनी पर दबाव बढ़ा है। उनकी संपत्ति जुलाई में 120.8 बिलियन डॉलर पर थी, लेकिन अब घटकर 96.7 बिलियन डॉलर (13 दिसंबर तक) रह गई है। 2023 में अदाणी की संपत्ति जून में 122.3 बिलियन डॉलर पर पहुंची थी। इस दौरान उन्होंने हिंडनबर्ग विवाद के बाद कंपनी की वित्तीय स्थिति को सुधारने के कई कदम उठाए थे। अब उनकी संपत्ति घटकर 82.1 बिलियन डॉलर रह गई है।

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सबसे अमीर व्यक्तियों में अंबानी 17 वें अदाणी 19 वें पर

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मुंबई: बंबई उच्च न्यायालय ने नवीकरणीय-तापीय बिजली आपूर्ति के लिए महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा अदाणी समूह को ठेका देने के खिलाफ दायर एक याचिका को खारिज कर दिया। मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी के उपाध्याय और न्यायमूर्ति अमित बोरकर की खंडपीठ ने याचिकाकर्ता श्रीराज नागेश्वर एपुरवार पर अस्पष्ट याचिका के लिए 50,000 रुपये की लागत भी लगाई।

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दुनिया के दूसरे सबसे अमीर जेफ बेजोस की कुल नेटवर्थ 20.88 लाख करोड़ रुपए है। लेकिन दशकों से वे सालाना 68 लाख रुपए ले रहे हैं। कंपनी में अपनी हिस्सेदारी से उन्होंने 2023-24 के बीच हर घंटे 68 करोड़ रुपए कमाए।

देश के 20 सबसे अमीरों ने 5.71 लाख करोड़ रु. जोड़े

देश के टॉप-20 अमीरों ने इस साल 5.71 लाख करोड़ रुपए जोड़े हैं। शिव नाडर ने 91,681 करोड़ व सावित्री जिंदल ने 85,739 करोड़ जोड़े हैं। रिटेलर राधाकृष्ण दमानी की संपत्ति 1.44 लाख करोड़ रही, जो 2021 में 2.36 लाख करोड़ रु. थी।

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All is not well in the 'India' alliance these days

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इंडिया गठबंधन ने जिस तरह से उपराष्ट्रपति- जो कि राज्यसभा के सभापति भी हैं- को हटाने के लिए एकजुट होकर नोटिस पेश किया, उससे गठबंधन सहयोगियों के बीच मजबूत संबंध का आभास हो सकता है। लेकिन यह केवल एक भ्रम है। हाल के दिनों के राजनीतिक घटनाक्रमों से स्पष्ट संकेत मिलता है कि इंडिया गठबंधन के सहयोगियों के बीच दरार बढ़ती जा रही है। ऐसा नहीं है कि विभिन्न मुद्दों पर उनके बीच पहले ही कोई मतभेद नहीं थे। विचारधाराओं का टकराव और राज्यों के स्तर पर राजनीतिक प्रतिस्पर्धा पहले भी थी। लेकिन विभिन्न मुद्दों पर गठबंधन सहयोगियों के बीच समन्वय और परस्पर संवाद की कमी ने इसे और बढ़ा दिया है।

तमाम मतभेदों के बावजूद, इंडिया के सहयोगी लोकसभा चुनावों के दौरान भाजपा के खिलाफ एक ताकतवर मोर्चा बनाने में कामयाब रहे थे। हां, बंगाल, पंजाब और केरल जैसे कुछ राज्य जरूर अपवाद थे। लेकिन कांग्रेस, टीएमसी, सपा और द्रमुक के अच्छे प्रदर्शन ने भाजपा के खिलाफ विपक्ष के एकजुट संघर्ष की उम्मीदें जगाई थीं। लेकिन हरियाणा में कांग्रेस की अप्रत्याशित हार और महाराष्ट्र में महा विकास अघाड़ी की करारी पराजय ने सहयोगियों में उभरते मतभेद के संकेत दिए। अदाणी, संभल और यूपी उपचुनाव परिणामों पर गठबंधन सहयोगियों द्वारा अपनाए गए अलग-अलग रुख ने मतभेद को और बढ़ाने में ही योगदान दिया है।

हरियाणा में भाजपा को हराने में कांग्रेस की असमर्थता ने कुछ इंडिया गठबंधन सहयोगियों- खासकर टीएमसी और सपा के बीच इस विश्वास को मजबूत किया कि कांग्रेस आमने-सामने के मुकाबले में भाजपा से पार नहीं पा सकती है। विश्वास जगा था कि कांग्रेस आम चुनाव के बाद पुनरुद्धार की राह पर आगे बढ़ रही है। लेकिन हरियाणा में हार, विजेता गठबंधन का हिस्सा होने के बावजूद जम्मू-कश्मीर और झारखंड में खराब प्रदर्शन और महाराष्ट्र में भारी पराजय के बाद यह टूट गया। टीमसी ने अदाणी मुद्दे पर संसद में कांग्रेस के नेतृत्व वाले विरोध-प्रदर्शन से खुद को अलग कर लिया। टीएमसी नेता डेरेक ओ ब्रायन ने पार्टी के रुख को व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि संसद में भाजपा को घेरने की रणनीति में विपक्षी दल एकजुट हैं, लेकिन उनके पास अलग-अलग रणनीतियां हैं। टीएमसी ने संभल मुद्दे पर सपा सहित विभिन्न मुद्दों पर अन्य विपक्षी दलों का समर्थन किया, लेकिन अदाणी मुद्दे पर विरोध-प्रदर्शन में शामिल नहीं होने का फैसला किया। एक सपा नेता ने कहा, कई दल हमेशा कांग्रेस के पीछे खड़े होकर अपनी चुनावी संभावनाओं को नुकसान नहीं पहुंचाना चाहते हैं क्योंकि कांग्रेस कभी-कभी राहुल गांधी के प्रभाव के कारण किसी एक मुद्दे में उलझ जाती है। वहीं अन्य दलों को किसानों की मांगों और संभल के मुद्दे को छोड़ने में कोई फायदा नहीं दिखता, क्योंकि यूपी चुनाव सिर्फ दो साल दूर हैं। टीएमसी सांसद काकोली घोष दस्तीदार ने कहा, हम नहीं चाहते कि कोई एक मुद्दा संसद को बाधित कर दे।

समाजवादी पार्टी द्वारा उठाए उत्तर प्रदेश उपचुनावों में विसंगतियों के मुद्दे पर कांग्रेस की चुप्पी पर अखिलेश यादव के समक्ष कई सांसदों ने नाराजगी जताई। एक ने कहा, जब अखिलेश यादव ने अध्यक्ष से समय मांगा और पार्टी के सांसदों और विधायकों को संभल जाने से रोके जाने का मुद्दा उठाया तब कांग्रेस संसद के बाहर अदाणी के खिलाफ विरोध-प्रदर्शन कर रही थी। विपक्ष के नेता के तौर पर राहुल गांधी को इस मुद्दे को भी अध्यक्ष के समक्ष उठाना चाहिए था। सांसद ने पूछा, जब सपा ने संसद में संभल हिंसा का मुद्दा उठाया तो कांग्रेस ने जानबूझकर चुप्पी साधी, लेकिन एक दिन बाद राहुल और प्रियंका खुद ही संभल के लिए रवाना हो गए। इसे कोई क्या समझे? सपा नेतृत्व लोकसभा में फैजाबाद सांसद अवधेश प्रसाद को अग्रिम पंक्ति से हटाने पर कांग्रेस की चुप्पी से भी नाराज है। एक सांसद ने कहा, क्या कांग्रेस प्रियंका के लिए अग्रिम पंक्ति में सीट आरक्षित रखना चाहती है? सपा की महाराष्ट्र इकाई के अध्यक्ष अबू आजमी ने हाल ही में घोषणा की कि उनकी पार्टी ने महा विकास अघाड़ी से बाहर रहने का फैसला किया है। ऐसा उन्होंने उद्धव के सहयोगी मिलिंद नार्वेकर द्वारा बाबरी विध्वंस में शामिल लोगों की कथित तौर पर प्रशंसा करने के बाद किया।

इंडिया गठबंधन सहयोगी विभिन्न चुनावों में सीट-बंटवारे के मुद्दे को भी हल नहीं कर पाए हैं। हरियाणा में अगर कांग्रेस ने आप के साथ गठबंधन किया होता तो नतीजे अलग हो सकते थे। अब आप ने साफ कर दिया है कि वह दिल्ली में कांग्रेस के साथ गठबंधन नहीं करेगी। इंडिया गठबंधन के भविष्य पर सवालिया निशान लग रहे हैं।

(ये लेखक के अपने विचार हैं)

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Ambani & Adani drop out of $100bn club

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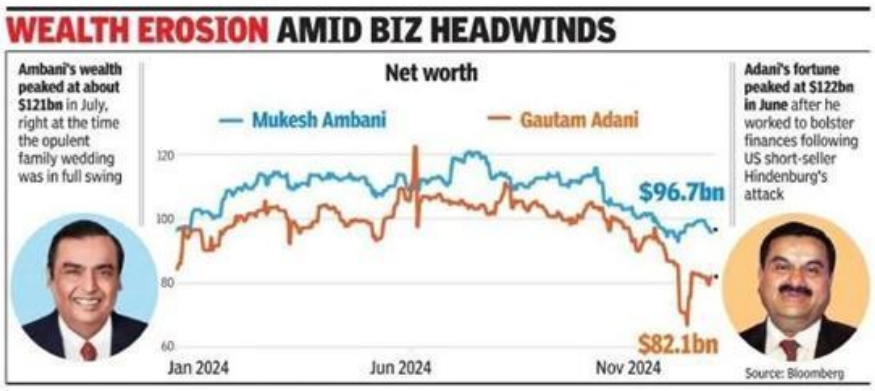
Weak Demand, Earnings Weigh On RIL, While Adani Grp Rocked By US Probe

Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani are facing multiple threats that are hitting their businesses — and their immense personal wealth. Both Ambani and Adani have tumbled out of the elite centibillionaires club — people with fortunes above $100 billion.

Ambani's energy and retail businesses have been underperforming amid rising investor concern about debt, while Adani's empire was rocked by a US Department of Justice probe that threatens to squeeze funding and make it harder to win contracts. And it's still not clear if the worst is over for either.



For Adani, the move by US prosecutors in Nov over alleged bribery was an unwelcome return to the international media spotlight. He's been fighting to shore up investor confidence after short seller Hindenburg last year published a report accusing the firm of fraudulent practices.

Adani, who has denied both charges, has vowed to fight on. Adani's fortune peaked at $122 billion in June after he worked to bolster finances following Hindenburg's attack. Those gains have now evaporated after the US allegations that he oversaw bribes to Indian govt officials, and he's now worth $82 billion *(see graphic)*.

The wealth of Ambani, Asia's richest man, has also taken a tumble, if perhaps in a less dramatic and public way. It peaked at about $121 billion in July, right at the time the opulent family wedding was in full swing. His flagship Reliance conglomerate has struggled with weakening earnings at the energy business to flagging consumer demand at the retail division. His fortune stands at $97 billion. BLOOMBERG

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Duniya ke 100 billion dollar club se Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani bahar

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बिजनेस संवाददाता | नई दिल्ली

एशिया के सबसे अमीर शख्स मुकेश अंबानी दुनिया के अमीरों की प्रतिष्ठित 100 बिलियन डॉलर संपत्ति (करीब 8.49 लाख करोड़ रुपए) वाली लिस्ट से बाहर हो गए हैं। इस साल उनकी संपत्ति में महज 3 हजार करोड़ रुपए का इजाफा हुआ और वे दुनिया के अमीरों में 17वें नंबर पर पहुंच गए। कोविड के बाद कुछ समय तक मुकेश अंबानी टॉप 10 में रहे थे। इस साल मई-जून के दौरान मुकेश अंबानी की संपत्ति 115 बिलियन डॉलर (9.76 लाख करोड़ रुपए) के आंकड़े तक भी पहुंच गई थी। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज पर कर्ज को लेकर निवेशकों की बढ़ती चिंता के बीच अंबानी का एनर्जी और रिटेल बिजनेस खराब प्रदर्शन कर रहा है। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के शेयर इस साल जनवरी से अभी तक 2% से ज्यादा गिरावट पर हैं। बीते छह माह में इनमें 14% से ज्यादा गिरावट देखी गई है।

अदाणी की संपत्ति इस साल 19 हजार करोड़ घटी: देश के दूसरे सबसे अमीर गौतम अदाणी की कंपनियों के शेयरों का संयुक्त मार्केट कैप 2024 में 6.2% या करीब 87,805 करोड़ रुपए घटकर 13.31 लाख करोड़ रुपए रह गया है। अदाणी ग्रीन एनर्जी में सबसे ज्यादा गिरावट हुई। ब्लूमबर्ग बिलियनेयर्स इंडेक्स के मुताबिक गौतम अदाणी की संपत्ति इस साल 19 हजार करोड़ रुपए कम हुई है। वह भी 100 बिलियन डॉलर क्लब से बाहर हो गए। वे दुनिया के सबसे अमीर व्यक्तियों की सूची में 19वें नंबर पर पहुंच गए हैं।

सबसे अमीर व्यक्तियों में अंबानी 17 वें अदाणी 19 वें पर

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1	इलॉन मस्क	38.63	19.19
2	जेफ बेजोस	20.88	5.91
3	मार्क जकरबर्ग	18.60	7.74
17	मुकेश अंबानी	8.21	0.03
19	गौतम अदाणी	6.97	-0.19
34	शिव नाडर	3.80	0.92
38	शापूर मिस्त्री	3.53	0.54

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देश के टॉप-20 अमीरों ने इस साल 5.71 लाख करोड़ रुपए जोड़े हैं।

शिव नाडर ने 91,681 करोड़ व सावित्री जिंदल ने 85,739 करोड़ जोड़े। राधाकृष्ण दमानी की संपत्ति घटकर 1.44 लाख करोड़ रह गई, जो 2021 में 2.36 लाख करोड़ थी।

जेफ बेजोस ने 2024 में हर घंटे 68 करोड़ रुपए कमाए

दुनिया के दूसरे सबसे अमीर जेफ बेजोस की कुल नेटवर्थ 20.88

लाख करोड़ रुपए है। लेकिन दशकों से वे सालाना 68 लाख रुपए सैलरी ले रहे हैं। कंपनी में अपनी हिस्सेदारी से उन्होंने 2023-24 के बीच हर घंटे 68 करोड़ रु. कमाए।

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Lanka Prez assures India on maiden trip

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Lanka Prez assures India on maiden trip

ANITA JOSHUA

New Delhi: Amid apprehensions here about a traditionally hostile-to-India party in power in Colombo, Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Monday assured New Delhi that his country's territory would not be used in any way that was detrimental to India.

Dissanayake said he had given India the assurance while addressing the media at Hyderabad House after one-to-one and delegation-level discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The assurance comes in the backdrop of India raising objections with Colombo in 2022 for allowing a Chinese "research" vessel to dock at Hambantota Port.

Asked if the berthing of foreign research vessels in Sri Lankan ports was taken up with Dissanayake during the discussions, foreign secretary Vikram Misri told reporters that India's understanding is that Colombo is looking into the issue.

"There are a number of considerations that they need to take into account. We did highlight from our perspective the role that India could play in a number of activities related to maritime security, maritime research and we pointed to the importance and the sensitivity of our security interests in this area," he said.

Referring to Dissanayake's assurance, Misri said: "We will continue to engage with the Sri Lankan government on all these issues and we are confident that such issues will be given due care by Colombo."

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3	English	194	N/A	Top Center	503531	2.33M

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New Delhi: Amid apprehensions here about a traditionally hostile-to-India party in power in Colombo, Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Monday assured New Delhi that his country's territory would not be used in any way that was detrimental to India.

Dissanayake said he had given India the assurance while addressing the media at Hyderabad House after one-to-one and delegation-level discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The assurance comes in the backdrop of India raising objections with Colombo in 2022 for allowing a Chinese "research" vessel to dock at Hambantota Port.

Asked if the berthing of foreign research vessels in Sri Lankan ports was taken up with Dissanayake during the discussions, foreign secretary Vikram Misri told reporters that India's understanding is that Colombo is looking into the issue.

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India's QIP fundraising doubles, crossing ?1 lakh crore

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7	Gujarati	69	N/A	Middle Left	113128	2.66M

૨૦૨૪માં QIPs દ્વારા એકત્ર કરાતું ભંડોળ ટોચે, રૂ. ૧ લાખ કરોડને પાર

નવી દિલ્હી, તા. ૧૯

ક્વોલિફાઇડ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યુશનલ પ્લેસમેન્ટ્સ (ક્યુઆઇપી) દ્વારા ભંડોળ ઊભું કરવાનું ૨૦૨૪માં સર્વકાલીન ઉચ્ચ સ્તરે પહોંચ્યું હતું, જે કેલેન્ડર વર્ષમાં પ્રથમ વખત રૂ. ૧ લાખ કરોડના આંકને વટાવી ગયું હતું, જે મજબૂત સેરબજારની સ્થિતિ અને ઉચ્ચ મૂલ્યાંકન દ્વારા પ્રતિબિંબિત થયું હતું.

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વિશ્લેષકોએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, તીવ્ર વધારો દર્શાવે છે કે બજારની સ્થિતિસ્થાપકતા આ વૃદ્ધિ માટેનું મુખ્ય પરિબળ છે કારણ કે કંપનીઓ ક્વોલિફાઇડ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યુશનલ પ્લેસમેન્ટ્સ (ક્યુઆઈપી) દ્વારા મૂડી મેળવવાનું ચાલુ રાખશે.

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મૂડી બજારોને ટેપ કર્યા છે, જ્યારે ગયા વર્ષના સમાન સમયગાળા દરમિયાન માત્ર ૩૫ કંપનીઓએ રૂ. ૩૮,૨૨૦ કરોડ એકત્ર કર્યા હતા.

સંસ્થાકીય રોકાણકારો પાસેથી ભંડોળ ઊભું કરવા માટે ક્યુઆઈપી એ સૌથી ઝડપી ઉત્પાદનોમાંનું એક છે. તે લિસ્ટેડ કર્મ્પ અને ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ ટ્રસ્ટ્સ માટે ડિઝાઈન કરવામાં આવ્યું છે, જે તેમને માર્કેટ રેગ્યુલેટર્સને પ્રી-ઈશ્યુ ફાઈલિંગ સબમિટ કર્યા વિના સંસ્થાકીય રોકાણકારો પાસેથી ઝડપથી ભંડોળ એકત્ર કરવાની મંજૂરી આપે છે.

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The market declined due to weak global trend

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12	Hindi	51	N/A	Bottom Center	29040	589.66K

डालर था।

कमजोर वैश्विक रुख से बाजार में रही गिरावट

मुंबई: वैश्विक स्तर पर कमजोर रुख के बीच स्थानीय शेयर बाजार में गिरावट रही। अमेरिकी केंद्रीय बैंक फेडरल रिजर्व इस सप्ताह नीतिगत दर पर निर्णय लेगा। इसको देखते हुए निवेशकों ने सतर्क रुख अपनाया जिससे वैश्विक बाजार में नरमी रही। इसका असर घरेलू बाजार पर भी पड़ा। रुपये में गिरावट और चीन में कमजोर आर्थिक आंकड़ों के बीच धातु तथा आईटी शेयरों में बिकवाली दबाव से भी निवेशकों की धारणा प्रभावित हुई। बीएसई सेंसेक्स 384.55 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 81,748.57 अंक पर बंद हुआ। कारोबार के दौरान यह 581.84 अंक तक लुढ़क गया था। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 100.05 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 24,668.25 अंक पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स के शेयरों में से टाइटन, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज, एनटीपीसी, भारती एयरटेल, टेक महिंद्रा, इन्फोसिस, हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर और जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील प्रमुख रूप से नुकसान में रहे।

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Drugs worth Rs 5.50 crore seized from Thai citizen at Ahmedabad airport

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14	Gujarati	77	N/A	Middle Left	126948	2.66M

ક્રિસ્પીઝ ફૂડ પેકેજમાં છુપાવીને લવાયું હતું

એરપોર્ટ પરથી થાઈલેન્ડના નાગરિક પાસેથી ૫.૫૦ કરોડનું ડ્રગ્સ જપ્ત

અમદાવાદ, સોમવાર

અમદાવાદના ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટ પરથી ફરી એક વાર કરોડો રૂપિયાનું ડ્રગ્સ ઝડપાયું છે. કસ્ટમ્સ વિભાગે રવિવારે મોડી રાત્રે થાઈલેન્ડના નાગરિક એવા પેસેન્જર પાસેથી કરોડ રૂપિયાનો ગાંજો પકડ્યો છે. થાઈલેન્ડના નાગરિકે ચાલાકી વાપરીને પોતાની બેગમાં વેક્યુમ પેકિંગ કરીને રાઈસ ક્રિસ્પીઝ સહિતની ફૂડ આઈટમમાં ગાંજો છુપાવ્યો હતો.

હાઈબ્રીડ ગાંજાના ૧૦ પેકેટને વેક્યુમ પેકિંગ કરી ખાદ્ય સામગ્રી તરીકે દર્શાવીને ડ્રગ્સ ઘૂસાડવાનો પ્રયાસ

કસ્ટમ્સ વિભાગનાં સૂત્રોએ આપેલી માહિતી પ્રમાણે, થાઈલેન્ડના પેસેન્જર પાસેથી કસ્ટમ વિભાગે ૫.૫૦ કિલો હાઈબ્રીડ ગાંજો જપ્ત કર્યો તેની આઠ બહાર નિકળતાં હતો ત્યારે તેની વર્તણૂકથી કસ્ટમ વિભાગને શંકા ગઈ હતી. આ કારણે તેના બેગેજને ખોલાવીને તેની ઝીણવટ ભરી તપાસ કરતાં કેટલાંક ખાવાની સામગ્રીનાં પેકીટ મળ્યાં હતાં. સામાન્ય રીતે આ પેકીટ કોઈ બહારની બેગમાં રાખે પણ તેને બદલે અંદર રખાયાં હતાં. આ ઉપરાંત તેનું વજન પણ સામાન્ય પેકીટ કરતાં વધારે હતું તેથી કસ્ટમ્સ વિભાગને શંકા જતાં આ પેકેટની તપાસ કરી હતી. તપાસમાં બહાર આવ્યું કે, ખાદ્ય સામગ્રીના પેકેટની અંદર વેક્યુમ પેકિંગ કરીને પોલીથીન પેકેટમાં ગાંજો છુપાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

કસ્ટમ્સ વિભાગને આવાં ૧૦ પેકેટ મળી આવ્યા છે કે જેમાં રાઈસ ક્રિસ્પીઝ સહિતની ફૂડ આઈટમની અંદર ગાંજો છુપાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો. કસ્ટમ વિભાગે એનડીપીએસ એક્ટ હેઠળ પેસેન્જરની ધરપકડ કરીને તપાસ શરૂ કરી છે. આ ગાંજો અમદાવાદમાં કોને આપવાનો હતો તેની પણ કસ્ટમ વિભાગ તપાસ કરી રહ્યું છે અમદાવાદના ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એરપોર્ટ ઉપર અગાઉ પણ પાંચ જેટલા ડ્રગ્સના કેસ થયેલા છે જેમાં પાંચ પેસેન્જરની ધરપકડ પણ કરાઈ હતી. હવે પેસેન્જર ફ્લાઈટમાં ડ્રગ્સની હેરાફેરી કરતા થઈ જતા ડી.આર.આઈ અને કસ્ટમ એર ઈન્ટેલિજન્સ યુનિટના અધિકારીઓ સતર્ક થઈ ગયાછે. અગાઉ શાહીબાગ વિસ્તારમાં આવેલી કસ્ટમની કોરેન પોસ્ટ ઓફિસમાંથી પણ બે કરોડનો ગાંજો પાર્સલમાંથી પકડાયો હતો.

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Ahmedabad: 21 flights from Ahmedabad delayed by one

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16	Gujarati	34	N/A	Middle Left	16006	2.7M

ધુમ્મસના કારણે અમદાવાદની ૨૧ ફ્લાઈટો દોઢ કલાક સુધી મોડી પડી

પૂણે, જયપુર, ચેન્નાઈ, કોલકાતા, દિલ્હીના મુસાફરોએ હાલાકી ભોગવવી પડી

અમદાવાદ એરપોર્ટ પર સોમવારે ૨૧ ફ્લાઈટો દોઢ કલાક સુધી મોડી પડી હતી, જેમાં ઘઈ કાલ એરની બેંગલોર-અમદાવાદ એક ફ્લાઇટ, અને અમદાવાદ-બેંગલોર એક ફ્લાઇટ મોડી રવી હતી. મુખ્યત્વે અન્ય શહેરોમાંથી મોડી પડી હતી. પૂણેની ૩, બેંગલુરુની બે, દિલ્હીની એક, કોલકાતાની બે અને ચેન્નાઈની બે ફ્લાઈટો મોડી પડતા આ ફ્લાઈટના મુસાફરોએ ઠંડીમાં હાલાકી ભોગવવી પડી હતી.

ઈન્ડિગોની મુંબઈની પાંચ ફ્લાઈટોના શિડ્યુલ ખોરવાયા હતા. આ ઉપરાંત ચેન્નાઈ, જયપુર, પૂણેની ફ્લાઈટો લેટ રવી હતી. અલાયન્સ એરની બેંગલુરુ, મુંબઈ અને કોલકાતા આવતી જતી ફ્લાઈટો તેનો નિયત સમય જાળવી શકી નહોતી. એર ઈન્ડિયાની અમદાવાદ-દિલ્હીની ફ્લાઈટ સાંજે ૬:૨૦ના બદલે ૭:૧૦ કલાકે ટેકઓફ થઈ હતી. ઈન્ડિગોની ચેન્નાઈની આવતી ફ્લાઈટ રાત્રે ૮:૪૦ને બદલે ૯:૪૫ કલાકે આવશે અને સ્પાઈસ જેટની પુનેથી આવતી ફ્લાઈટ ૮:૫૫ને બદલે મોડી પડીને ૯:૩૦ કલાકે આવી તેવી એરપોર્ટ પર જાહેરાત કરાઈ હતી.જ્યારે અમદાવાદથી ઉપડતી ઈન્ડિગોની અમદાવાદ-ચેન્નાઈની ફ્લાઈટ રાત્રે ૯:૨૦ને બદલે રાત્રે ૧૦:૨૦ કલાકે ઉપાડવાનું હોવાનું એરપોર્ટ પર એનાઉન્સ થતા મુસાફરો એક કલાક સુધી અટવાઈ રહ્યા હતા.

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Ambani and Adani drop out of $100 billion club

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ટોચના ૨૦ ઉદ્યોગપતિઓની સંપત્તિમાં એકંદરે વધારો થયો

અંબાણી અને અદાણીની સંપત્તિ ઘટીને ૧૦૦ અબજ ડૉલરથી નીચે આવી ગઈ

શિવ નાદર, સાવિત્રી જિંદાલની કુલ સંપત્તિ ૧૦.૮ અબજ ડૉલર અને ૧૦.૧ અબજ ડૉલર વધી

(...ની વિગતો)

દેશના બે ટોચના ઉદ્યોગપતિ મુકેશ અંબાણી અને ગૌતમ અદાણીની સંપત્તિમાં છેલ્લા ચોક મહિનામાં ચોંકાવનાર ઘટાડો થયો છે અને તેમની સંપત્તિનો આંક ગગડીને ૧૦૦ અબજ ડૉલરથી નીચે આવી ગયો છે. બ્લૂમબર્ગના રિપોર્ટ મુજબ રિલાયન્સ જૂથનાં ચેરમેન મુકેશ અંબાણી અને અદાણી જૂથનાં વડા ગૌતમ અદાણી આજકાલ વેપારના મૂર્ખ કેટલાક પડકારોનો સામનો કરી રહ્યા છે. આથી તેમની નેટવર્થ અને સંપત્તિ પર ખાસી અસર પડી છે. દેશનાં ટોચનાં ૨૦ ઉદ્યોગપતિઓની સંપત્તિમાં આ વર્ષે કુલ ૬૭.૨ અબજ ડૉલરનો વધારો થયો છે. જો કે નવીન જિંદાલ ગ્રુપનાં ચેરમેન JCLનાં શિવ નાદર અને સ્વીકનાં નિવર્તમાન ચેરમેન દિલીપ સંઘવીની કુલ સંપત્તિ અનુક્રમે ૧૦.૮ અબજ ડૉલર અને ૧૦.૧ અબજ ડૉલર વધી છે.

અંબાણીની મિલકત કેટલી ઘટી?

બ્લૂમબર્ગ બિલિયોનેર્સ ઈન્ડેક્સ મુજબ મુકેશ અંબાણીની કુલ સંપત્તિ ચાલુવર્ષે તેમનાં પુત્ર અનંત અંબાણીનાં આજ લગ્ન વખતે ૧૨૯.૮ અબજ ડૉલર હતી જે ૩૩ ડિસેમ્બરે ઘટીને ૮૬.૬ અબજ ડૉલર થઈ ગઈ છે. આમ ૬ જીને રિલાયન્સનાં મુખ્ય વેપાર સેક્ટર ઉર્જા તેમજ રિટેલ સેક્ટરના અગ્રણી કંપનીઓને સાંકળીને ૬૮૦૦ પડ્યો હતો. ઓઈલ અને કેમિકલ ક્ષેત્રે ઘટતી માંગ, ચીનમાં નિકાસ સામે સ્પર્ધા, રિટેલ માર્કેટમાં વધારાથી ભવિષ્ય ઘટાડો જોવા મળ્યા છે.

ગૌતમ અદાણીની સંપત્તિ કેટલી ઘટી? અદાણી ગ્રુપના ગૌતમ અદાણીની કુલ સંપત્તિ ચાલુવર્ષ ૨૨.૩ અબજ ડૉલર હતી જે ડિસેમ્બરમાં ઘટીને ૮૨.૧ અબજ ડૉલર થઈ ગઈ છે. અદાણી ગ્રુપ સામે ૬ ઠગાઈ આક્ષેપો કરવામાં પછી તેમાં શેયર ઉંધા પડ્યા અને ભારે નુકસાન થયું છે. શેરનાં ભાવમાં ૬૦થી વધારેનો તેમની સંપત્તિ ઘટી છે.

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What happen to Ambani, Adani in 6 months

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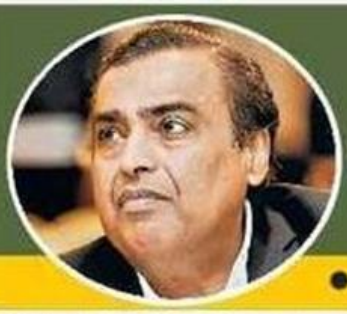
17	English	545	N/A	Middle Center	216950	147.23K



అంబానీ, అదానీకి 6 నెలల్లో ఏమైంది?

● భారీగా తగ్గిన నికర సంపద ● 100 బి. డాలర్ల మైలురాయి దిగువకు చేరిక

దేశీయ కుబేరుల్లో అగ్రస్థానాల్లో ఉండే ముకేశ్ అంబానీ, గౌతమ్ అదానీలిద్దరూ తమ నికర సంపద విషయంలో ఓ మైలురాయి కంటే దిగువకు వచ్చారు. వేర్వేరు సవాళ్లను ఎదుర్కొంటున్న ఈ దిగ్గజాల నికర సంపద విలువ 100 బిలియన్ డాలర్ల దిగువకు చేరింది. దీంతో 'సెంటిబిలియనీర్' క్లబ్ నుంచి నిష్క్రమించారు.

అనంత్ పెళ్లి సమయానికి..

ముకేశ్ అంబానీ నికర సంపద విలువ ఆయన కుమారుడు అనంత్ పెళ్లి సమయానికి అంటే 2024 జులైలో 120.8 బి. డాలర్లుగా ఉంది. బ్లూమ్‌బర్గ్ బిలియనీర్స్ ఇండెక్స్(బీబీఐ) ప్రకారం.. ఈనెల 13 నాటికి ఈ విలువ 96.7 బిలియన్ డాలర్లకు పరిమితమైంది. ఇందుకు కారణాలేమంటే..

✦ రిలయన్స్ ఇండస్ట్రీస్‌లోని ప్రధాన వ్యాపారాలైన ఇంధనం, రిటైల్ రంగాలు ఇటీవల మెరుగైన పనితీరు ప్రదర్శించకపోవడం ప్రధాన కారణం.

✦ చైనా ఎగుమతుల నుంచి పోటీ, చమురు-రసాయన విభాగంలో గిరాకీ తగ్గడం, రిటైల్ విస్తరణ వ్యయాలు తగ్గడంతో సంస్థ పనితీరుపై ప్రభావం పడింది.

✦ కంపెనీకి పెరుగుతున్న అప్పులపై మదుపర్లు ఆందోళన వ్యక్తం చేస్తున్నారు. ఇది కూడా ఆర్ఐఎల్ షేరుపై ఒత్తిడి తీసుకువచ్చింది.

✦ డిజిటల్ ప్లాట్‌ఫారాలు, పునరుత్పాదక ఇంధనం, రిటైల్ బ్రాండ్లకు గట్టి పోటీ ఎదురవుతోంది. వాల్ట్ డిస్నీ, ఎన్‌విడియా కార్ప్‌తో భాగస్వామ్యంతో వరుసగా మీడియా, ఏఐ కంప్యూటింగ్ మనరులను పెంచుకోవడానికి సంస్థ భారీగా ఖర్చు పెట్టింది.

వేర్వేరు సవాళ్లు ఉన్నప్పటికీ.. రిలయన్స్ సామర్థ్యంపై విశ్లేషకులు సానుకూలంగా ఉన్నారు. సంపద సృష్టిలో రిలయన్స్ బలంగా కనిపిస్తోంది. ప్రతి వ్యాపారానికీ మంచి విలువ ఉంది. చమురు వ్యాపారంలోని ఒత్తిడి వల్లే షేరు పనితీరుపై ప్రభావం పడుతోందని అంటున్నారు.

తొలి 20 మంది రాణించారు..

భారత్‌లోని అగ్రగామి 20 మంది బిలియనీర్లు ఈ ఏడాది తమ సంపదకు సమష్టిగా 67.3 బిలియన్ డాలర్లను జత చేశారు. శివ్ నాడార్, సావిత్రి జిందాల్ అత్యధికంగా 10.8 బి. డాలర్లు, 10.1 బి. డాలర్ల చొప్పున సంపదను పెంచుకున్నారు. అంతర్జాతీయ అనిశ్చితులు.. ముఖ్యంగా అమెరికా అధ్యక్ష పీఠంపై డొనాల్డ్ ట్రంప్ కూర్చోనుండడం వంటి పరిణామాలు భారత వ్యాపారాలపై ప్రభావం చూపించొచ్చు. ఈ సమయంలో అంబానీ, అదానీలే కాదు.. ఇతర వ్యాపార దిగ్గజాలూ దీర్ఘకాల వ్యూహంతో ముందుకు వెళ్లడమే కీలకంగా మారింది.

ఆరోపణలు, దర్యాప్తులతో.. అదానీకి ఒత్తిడి

గౌతమ్ అదానీ నికర సంపద విలువ ఈ ఏడాది జూన్‌లో 122.3 బిలియన్ డాలర్లుగా ఉండగా.. డిసెంబరుకల్లా 82.1 బి. డాలర్లకు పరిమితమైంది. వరుస ఆరోపణలు, దర్యాప్తులు కాస్తా అదానీ గ్రూప్ షేర్లపై మదుపర్ల విశ్వాసాన్ని దెబ్బతీశాయి. గతేడాది హిండెన్‌బర్గ్ నివేదిక నుంచి కోలుకుంటున్న అదానీ గ్రూప్‌పై, గత నెలలో అమెరికా న్యాయ శాఖ లంచం ఆరోపణలు చేయడంతో మళ్లీ దెబ్బపడింది. గతేడాది తరహాలోనే మళ్లీ వాటాదార్ల విశ్వాసాన్ని పొందడమే అదానీ ముందున్న సవాలు.

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બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટે અદાણી પાવર ડીલ સામેની અરજી ફગાવી

અરજીમાં કરવામાં આવેલા આક્ષેપો સામાન્યીકૃત અને અસ્પષ્ટ : હાઈકોર્ટ

[અમદાવાદ]

બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટે સોમવારે અદાણી પાવર પર રિન્યુએબલ અને થર્મલ પાવર ક્ષમતાના સંબંધમાં કરવામાં આવેલા આક્ષેપોને ફગાવી દીધા છે. મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકાર દ્વારા આપવામાં આવેલા ડેવલપરને પડકારતી અરજી ફગાવી દેતા હાઈકોર્ટે નોંધ્યું હતું કે અરજી "સામાન્યીકૃત અને અસ્પષ્ટ" રીતે કરવામાં આવી હતી.

અરજદાર શૈલેશ ચતુર્વેદીની કંપની પર એવો આક્ષેપ લગાવ્યો હતો કે ૬,૪૦૦ મેગાવોટ રિન્યુએબલ અને થર્મલ પાવરના સપ્લાય માટે અદાણી ગ્રુપને આપવામાં આવેલ ડેવલપમેન્ટ લાઈસન્સ દ્વારા દરે વીજ પુરવઠો મેળવવાના અરજદારના મૂળભૂત અધિકારનું ઉલ્લંઘન થાય છે. ચીફ જસ્ટિસ દી કે ઉપાધ્યાય અને જસ્ટિસ અમિત બોરકરની ડિવિઝન બેન્ચે અસ્પષ્ટ અરજી માટે અરજદાર ચતુર્વેદી પર ૧૦,૦૦૦ રૂપિયાનો દંડ લાદ્યો હતો.

હાઈકોર્ટમાં દાખલ કરવામાં અરજીમાં મહારાષ્ટ્રના ભૂતપૂર્વ મુખ્યમંત્રી અને હાલના નાયબ મુખ્યમંત્રી એકનાથ શિંદે પર અદાણી ગ્રુપને કોન્ટ્રાક્ટ આપવામાં ભ્રષ્ટાચાર કરવાનો પણ આરોપ મૂક્યો હતો. જો કે, બેન્ચે દલીલો સ્વીકારવાનો ઈનકાર કરતા કહ્યું હતું કે, "આવરા મતે, આવી અસ્પષ્ટતાઓ અને અધિકારી દલીલો પરવાની આવી અરજીઓને દાખલ કરવાથી કયાંક સારા કામમાં પણ નુકસાનનું જોખમ રહેલું છે."

હાઈકોર્ટે કહ્યું હતું કે પૂર્વ મુખ્યમંત્રી (શિંદે) સોઈપણ ભ્રષ્ટાચારમાં સામેલ હોય તેવા અરજીમાં કોઈ આક્ષેપ પુરવામાં નથી. વિશિષ્ટતાને "અસ્પષ્ટ અને નિષ્કાળજી" ઠરાવીને કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. કોર્ટે વધારામાં ઉમેર્યું હતું કે અરજદાર કોન્ટ્રાક્ટની રે-ઓર પ્રક્રિયામાં સહભાગી ન હતો.

હાઈકોર્ટે અરજીને ફગાવી દેતા જણાવ્યું હતું કે, "આ અરજીમાં કોઈપણ આધારભૂત અને સહાયક સામગ્રી જણાતી નથી અને તેમાં એકદમ અસ્પષ્ટ આક્ષેપો થયા છે." કોર્ટે અરજદારને ૧૦,૦૦૦ રૂપિયાનો દંડ મહારાષ્ટ્ર સ્ટેટ લીગલ સર્વિસ ઓથોરિટીને જમા કરાવવાનો નિર્દેશ આપ્યો હતો.

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బలహీన అంతర్జాతీయ సంకేతాల ప్రభావంతో సోమవారం దేశీయ సూచీలు నష్టాల్లో ముగిశాయి. బుధవారం అమెరికా ఫెడరల్ రిజర్వ్ వడ్డీ రేట్ల నిర్ణయాలు వెలువడనుండటంతో మదుపర్లు అప్రమత్తత పాటించారు. రూపాయి బలహీనతలతో లోహ, ఐటీ షేర్లు అమ్మకాల ఒత్తిడి ఎదుర్కొన్నాయి. డాలర్‌తో పోలిస్తే రూపాయి 11 పైసలు తగ్గి జీవనకాల కనిష్ఠమైన 84.91 వద్ద ముగిసింది. బ్యారెల్ ముడిచమురు 0.75% నష్టంతో 73.91 డాలర్ల వద్ద ట్రేడవుతోంది.

✦ సెన్సెక్స్ ఉదయం 139 పాయింట్ల (క్రితం ముగింపు 82,133.12) నష్టంతో 82,000.31 వద్ద ప్రారంభమైంది. రోజంతా నష్టాల్లోనే కదలాడిన సూచీ, ఇంట్రాడేలో 81,551.28 వద్ద కనిష్ఠాన్ని తాకింది. చివరకు 384.55 పాయింట్ల నష్టంతో 81,748.57 వద్ద ముగిసింది. నిఫ్టీ 100.05 పాయింట్లు కోల్పోయి 24,668.25 దగ్గర స్థిరపడింది. ఇంట్రాడేలో ఈ సూచీ 24,601.75-24,781.25 పాయింట్ల మధ్య కదలాడింది.

సమీక్ష

✦ సెన్సెక్స్ 30 షేర్లలో 24 నష్టపోయాయి. టైటన్ 2.04%, అదానీ పోర్ట్స్ 1.37%, టీసీఎస్ 1.29%, ఆల్ట్రాటెక్ 1.29%, ఎన్‌టీపీసీ 1.25%, ఎయిర్‌టెల్ 1.16%, టెక్ మహీంద్రా 1.11%, జేఎస్‌డబ్ల్యూ స్టీల్ 1.08%, ఇన్ఫోసిస్ 1.01%, హెచ్‌యూఎల్ 0.98% డీలాపడ్డాయి. ఇండస్‌ఇండ్ బ్యాంక్, బజాజ్ ఫైనాన్స్, పవర్‌గ్రిడ్, యాక్సిస్ బ్యాంక్ 1.28% లాభపడ్డాయి.

ఐపీఓ సమాచారం

✦ ఇన్వెంచరస్ నాలెడ్జ్ సొల్యూషన్స్ ఐపీఓ ముగిసేసరికి 52.68 రెట్ల స్పందన లభించింది. ఇష్యూలో భాగంగా 1,03,66,780 షేర్లను ఆఫర్ చేయగా, 54,60,95,396 షేర్లకు బిడ్లు దాఖలయ్యాయి. రిటైల్ విభాగంలో 14.56 రెట్ల స్పందన వచ్చింది.

✦ ఇంటర్నేషనల్ జెమొలాజికల్ ఇన్‌స్టిట్యూట్ ఐపీఓ రెండో రోజు 72% స్పందన దక్కింది. ఇష్యూలో భాగంగా 5,85,60,392 షేర్లను జారీ చేయగా, 4,24,06,035 షేర్లకు బిడ్లు దాఖలయ్యాయి.

వేదాంతా డివిడెండ్ రూ.8.50

ప్రస్తుత ఆర్థిక సంవత్సరానికి ఒక్కో ఈక్విటీ షేరుకు నాలుగో మధ్యంతర డివిడెండ్‌గా రూ.8.50 చెల్లించేందుకు బోర్డు అనుమతి ఇచ్చినట్లు గనుల దిగ్గజ సంస్థ వేదాంతా సోమవారం ప్రకటించింది. ఇందుకు రూ.3,324 కోట్లు వెచ్చించనున్నట్లు తెలిపింది. డివిడెండ్ చెల్లింపునకు రికార్డు తేదీగా ఈనెల 24ను నిర్ణయించారు. కంపెనీ ప్రస్తుత ఆర్థిక సంవత్సరంలో తొలి మధ్యంతర డివిడెండ్‌గా రూ.11, రెండోసారి రూ.4, మూడోసారి రూ.20 చెల్లించగా, తాజా నిర్ణయంతో కలిపి మొత్తంగా రూ.43.5 చెల్లించినట్లు అవుతుంది.

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Bogus bomb call to stop flight to Delhi

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મહિલાએ બે વખત એરપોર્ટ પર ફોન કર્યા

દિલ્હી જતી ફ્લાઈટ અટકાવવા બોમ્બ મૂકાયાનો બોગસ કોલ

(પ્રતિનિધિ દ્વારા) મુંબઈ તા. ૧૬

મુંબઈમાં છત્રપતિ શિવાજી મહારાજ ઈન્ટરનેશન એરપોર્ટ પર રવિવારે મધ્યરાત્રીએ દિલ્હી જતી ફ્લાઈટને રોકવા માટે ફ્લાઈટમાં બોમ્બ હોવાનો દાવો કરીને એક મહિલાએ કથિત રીતે બે વખત એરપોર્ટ હેલ્પલાઈન નંબર પર કોલ કર્યો હતો. જો કે, સંપુર્ણ તપાસ બાદ કોઈ શંકાસ્પદ વસ્તુઓ મળી ન હતી. સહાર પોલીસે આ મામલે મહિલા સામે કેસ નોંધી તેની શોધખોળ હાથ ધરી હતી.

એક વાર બોમ્બ મૂકાયાની જાણ કરી, બીજી વાર શું ફ્લાઈટ ઉપડી ગઈ તેવું પૂછવા ફોન કર્યો

પ્રાપ્ત માહિતી મુજબ, એરપોર્ટના જોઈન્ટ કંટ્રોલ સેન્ટરના ૪૪ વર્ષીય આસિસ્ટન્ટ મેનેજર પ્રીતી મજવેલકરે આ અંગે ફરિયાદ નોંધાવી હતી. ફરિયાદના આધારે સહાર પોલીસે આ મામલે અજાણી મહિલા સામે ભારતીય ન્યાય સંહિતાની કલમ ૧૨૫, ૩૫૨ (૪) અને ૩૫૩ (૧)(બી) હેઠળ ગુનો નોંધ્યો છે. ફરિયાદ મુજબ, ૧૫ ડિસેમ્બરની મધ્યરાત્રીએ આરોપી મહિલાએ એરપોર્ટ હેલ્પલાઈન પર ફોન કર્યો હતો અને દિલ્હી જતી ફ્લાઈટમાં બોમ્બ રાખવામાં આવ્યો હોવાનો દાવો કરીને દિલ્હી જતી ફ્લાઈટને રોકો એમ જણાવ્યું હતું.

આ માહિતી મળતા જ મામલાની ગંભીરતાને ધ્યાનમાં લેતા એક ઉચ્ચસ્તરીય સુરક્ષા બેઠક યોજાઈ હતી અને દિલ્હી જતી ફ્લાઈટની સંપુર્ણ તપાસ કરવામાં આવી હતી. જોકે, તપાસમાં કોઈ શંકાસ્પદ વસ્તુઓ મળી ન હતી. આ ઘટના બાદ મહિલાએ ફરી એરપોર્ટ હેલ્પલાઈનમાં ફોન કર્યો હતો પૂછ્યું હતું કે શું ફ્લાઈટ દિલ્હી જવા રવાના થઈ ગઈ છે. આ કોલ બાદ પ્રાથમિક તપાસ કરતા મહિલાએ ફ્લાઈટ અટકાવવા માટે એરપોર્ટને ખોટી માહિતી આપી હોવાનો ખુલાસો થયો હતો.

આ બાદ ફરિયાદના આધારે સહાર પોલીસે જાહેર શાંતિમાં ખલેલ પહોંચાડવાના હેતુથી ખોટી માહિતી આપવા બદલ મહિલા વિરુદ્ધ કેસ નોંધ્યો હતો અને આ મામલે વધુ તપાસ હાથ ધરી હતી.

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Indexes fall due to weak global factors

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નબળાં વૈશ્વિક પરિબળોથી સૂચકાંકો ઘટ્યા

આઈટી અને મેટલ શેર્સમાં ખરીદી

વાણિજ્ય પ્રતિનિધિ તરફથી

મુંબઈ, તા. ૧૬ : આ સપ્તાહમાં અમેરિકન ફેડની નાણાનીતિ જાહેર થશે તે પહેલાં વૈશ્વિક બજારોના નરમ વલણ પાછળ સ્થાનિક બજાર ઘટ્યું હતું. સેન્સેક્સ ૩૮૪.૫૫ પોઈન્ટ્સ (૦.૪૭ ટકા) ઘટીને ૮૧,૭૪૮.૫૭ પોઈન્ટ્સ ઉપર અને નિફ્ટી ૧૦૦.૦૫ પોઈન્ટ્સ (૦.૪૦ ટકા) ઘટીને ૨૪,૬૬૮.૨૫ પોઈન્ટ ઉપર બંધ રહ્યા હતા. બેન્કની નિફ્ટી ૨.૪૫ પોઈન્ટ્સ ઘટીને ૫૩,૫૮૧.૩૫ પોઈન્ટ્સ ઉપર બંધ રહ્યો હતો.

સેન્સેક્સમાં ટાઈટન, અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ, અલ્ટ્રાટેક સિમેન્ટ, ટીસીએસ, એનટીપીસી, ભારતી એરટેલ, ટેક મહિન્દ્રા, ઈન્ફોસિસ, હિન્દ યુનિલિવર અને જેએસડબલ્યુ સ્ટીલ સૌથી વધુ ઘટ્યા હતા. જ્યારે બીજી તરફ ઈન્ડસઈન્ડ બેન્ક, બજાજ ફાઈનાન્સ, પાવર ગ્રીડ, મહિન્દ્રા એન્ડ મહિન્દ્રા અને એક્સિસ બેન્ક વધ્યા હતા.

નિફ્ટીમાં ટાઈટન, ટીસીએસ, અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ, હિન્ડાલ્કો અને બીપીસીએલના ભાવ સૌથી વધુ ઘટ્યા હતા. જ્યારે ડો. રેડ્ડીઝ લેબ, ઈન્ડસઈન્ડ બેન્ક, બજાજ ફાઈનાન્સ, એચડીએફસી લાઈફ અને પાવર ગ્રીડના ભાવ સૌથી અધિક વધ્યા હતા.

બીએસઈ સ્મોલકેપ ઈન્ડેક્સ ૦.૭ ટકા અને મિડકેપ ઈન્ડેક્સ ૦.૫ ટકા વધ્યા હતા. આમ, મુખ્ય સૂચકાંકો થાસણીમાં હતા ત્યારે વિસ્તૃત બજારમાં સુધારો હતો.

આઈટી અને મેટલ સૂચકાંકો ઘટ્યા હતા, જ્યારે રિયલ્ટીનો સૂચકાંક વધ્યો હતો.

એક્સચેન્જના એક અહેવાલ મુજબ શુક્રવારે એફઆઈઆઈએ રૂ. ૨૩૩૫.૩૨ કરોડના શેર ખરીદ્યા હતા.

એંજલ બ્રોકિંગના રાજેશ ભોસલેએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે ટેક્નિકલી બજારનું વલણ સકારાત્મક રહ્યું છે છતાં હાલમાં બજાર કોન્સોલિડેશન મૂડમાં છે. છેલ્લાં કેટલાંક સપ્તાહથી બજારને ૨૪,૭૦૦-૨૪,૮૦૦ના લેવલ પાસે રેઝીસ્ટન્સનો સામનો કરવો પડે છે. આજે પણ આ લેવલ પાસે પ્રોફિટ બુકિંગ જોવા મળ્યું હતું. નિફ્ટી એકવાર મજબૂતીથી ૨૪,૭૦૦-૨૪,૮૦૦ની રેંજ ક્રોસ કરીને આગળ વધે તો બજારની પ્રગતિ થાય. કોઈ પણ ઘટાડાને પસંદગીના શેરો ખરીદવાની તક સમજવી.

અમેરિકન ફેડની ૧૭-૧૮ ડિસેમ્બરની બેઠકના અંતે વ્યાજદર ઘટાડો થાય છે કે નહીં તેના ઉપર સમગ્ર વિશ્વની નજર છે. જ્યાં સુધી તે જાહેર નહીં થાય ત્યાં સુધી બજારમાં સાવચેતીનું વલણ રહેશે.

મોતીલાલ ઓસ્વાલના સિદ્ધાર્થ ખેમકાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે હાલમાં બજારને અસર કરે તેવું કોઈ પરિબળ નથી. આ સપ્તાહની ફેડની નાણાનીતિની બેઠક પહેલાં વૈશ્વિક બજારોમાં સાવચેતીનો માહોલ છે. હવે જાન્યુઆરીમાં ત્રીજા ત્રિમાસિકના પરિણામોની સિઝન શરૂ થશે ત્યારબાદ બજેટની તૈયારીઓ થશે.

બીએસઈમાં સિયારામ સિલ્ક મિલ્સ, ડોનિયર ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ, પંજાબ પેપર, બજાજ હેલ્થકેર, ચોખાર્ટ, ઝેન ટેક્નોલોજી, શિવાલિક રસાયણ, ઓબેરોય રિયાલ્ટી, પીડીએસ, કેઈન્સ ટેક્નોલોજી, ડિક્શોન ટેક્નોલોજી, ગોલ્ડિયમ ઈન્ટરનેશનલ, લોયડ્સ મેટલ, હોકિન્સ કુકર, કેપીઆર મિલ, વેજ ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ, રાજકો સિમેન્ટસ, એલટીઆઈ માઈન્ડ ટ્રી, ક્રિસિલ, ગોકળદાસ એક્સપોર્ટ, સફારી ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ, એચસીએલ ટેક્નો, વેદાંત, નેલ્કો, સ્વાન એનર્જી, અલ્ટ્રાટેક સિમેન્ટ વગેરે શેરના ભાવ બાવન સપ્તાહની ઉંચાઈએ પહોંચ્યા હતા.

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Market retreats amid correction in cash, banks remain flat in Nifty

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14	Gujarati	542	N/A	Top Left	433908	389.96K

માર્કેટ મૂડ

અનિલ પટેલ

રોકડામાં સુધારા વચ્ચે બજારની પીછેહઠ, બેન્ક નિફ્ટીમાં જૈસે-થે

BSE અને CDSL નવાં શિખર બતાવી સુધારામાં બંધ : સનફાર્મા ગ્રુપની સ્પાર્ક વૉલ્યુમ સાથે ઝળકી, ન્યુલેન્ડ લેબમાં ૫૩૩ની ખરાબી : સ્કાય ગોલ્ડ શૅરદીઠ ૯ બોનસમાં એક્સ-બોનસ થતાં ઉપલી સર્કિટમાં : ઇન્ટરિમ માટે બોર્ડ-મીટિંગ પૂર્વે વેદાન્ત નવા શિખરે જઈ નરમ બંધ : વૉકહાર્ટ નવું બેસ્ટ લેવલ હાંસલ કરી ૧૩૧ રૂપિયા ઊંચકાયો : જયકૉર્પ 'એ' ગ્રુપમાં ટૉપ લૂઝર : બિટકૉઇન નવી સર્વોચ્ચ સપાટી સાથે સુધારામાં : નારાયણ મૂર્તિએ ફરી પાછું ૭૦ કલાકનું વળગણ જાહેર કર્યું

નારાયણ મૂર્તિને ચેપ્રં કાઢવાની આદત પડી ગઈ છે. આમેય આ માણસની જે ઉંમર છે એ જોતાં આ સાહજિક છે. મૂર્તિબાબાએ ફરી એક વાર ૭૦ કલાકનો ચીપિયો પછાડ્યો છે. દેશને આગળ લાવવો હોય તો સપ્તાહમાં ૭૦ કલાક કામ કરજિયાત કરો. નારાયણ મૂર્તિને દેશ આટલો બધો પહાલો હોય તો ૫૦ કરોડનો બીજો લક્ઝુરિયસ અપાર્ટમેન્ટ આ વયે શા માટે લીધો? દેશપ્રેમનાં ગાણાં ગાતાં આ માણસ પાસે આશરે ચાર લાખ કરોડની સંપત્તિ છે. ભલા માણસ, બરોબર દેશદાઝ હોય તો પુરી નહીં, ૫૦ ટકા તો દાનમાં આપી દે. સવાલ અકવાડિયામાં ૭૦ કલાક કામ કરવાનો નથી, પગારનું શું? દેશ સુધારવાની વાતો કરનારી જમાત, ખાસ કરીને કૉર્પોરેટ જમાતે સૌથી પહેલાં પોતે સુધરવાની જરૂર છે. ઇન્ડિયા ટુડેનો તાજેતરનો એક રિપોર્ટ કહે છે છેલ્લાં ૪ વર્ષમાં કૉર્પોરેટ સેક્ટરનો નફો વધીને ૪ ગણો થયો છે, પરંતુ વેતન ત્યાંનું ત્યાં જ છે. મતલબ કે લોકો પાસે જેટલા કલાક કામ કરાવો છો એનું તો પૂરતું વેતન આપવું નથી અને હાલી નીકળ્યા છો ૭૦ કલાક કામ કરાવવા, ત્રાસ છે આવાઓનો.

એની વે, ૧૮મીએ અમેરિકન ફેડની બેઠક છે. વ્યાજદરમાં ૦.૨૫ ટકાનો ઘટાડો નક્કી મનાય છે. તાઈવાનના નામકે વાસ્તે સુધારાને બાદ કરતાં તમામ અગ્રણી એશિયન બજારોએ સપ્તાહની શરૂઆત નરમાઈથી કરી છે. ઇન્ડોનેશિયા અને થાઈલૅન્ડ એકથી સવા ટકો તો હૉન્ગકૉન્ગ એક ટકા નજીક બગડ્યું હતું. યુરોપ રનિંગમાં નેગેટિવ બાયસમાં જોવાયું છે. પાકિસ્તાની શૅરબજાર તેજીના ગાંડપણમાં ૧,૧૬,૬૮૧ની નવી સર્વોચ્ચ સપાટી હાંસલ કરી રનિંગમાં ૧૪૭૦ પૉઇન્ટ વધીને ૧,૧૬,૧૨૯ દેખાતું હતું. છેલ્લા ૨૪ કલાક દરમ્યાન બિટકૉઇન ૧,૦૬,૫૪૨ ડૉલરની ઑલટાઇમ હાઈ બનાવી આ લખાય છે ત્યારે અહીં ટકા વધી ૧,૦૪,૫૭૩ ડૉલર ચાલતો હતો. ઘરઆંગણે સેન્સેક્સ આગલા બંધથી ૧૩૩ પૉઇન્ટ નીચે, ૮૨,૦૦૦ ખૂલી છેવટે ૩૮૪ પૉઇન્ટ ઘટી ૮૧,૭૪૮ તથા નિફ્ટી ૧૦૦ પૉઇન્ટની નરમાઈમાં ૨૪,૬૬૮ બંધ થયો છે. બજાર આરંભથી અંત સુધી માઇનસ ઝોનમાં હતું. શૅર આંક ઉપરમાં ૮૨,૧૧૬ અને નીચામાં ૮૧,૫૫૧ દેખાયો હતો. સેન્સેક્સ નિફ્ટીની અડધો ટકો જેવી નબળાઈ સામે રોકડું અડધો ટકો પ્લસ હતું. નિફ્ટી રિયલ્ટી ત્રણ ટકા તથા નિફ્ટી મીડિયા દોઢ ટકો મજબૂત હતા. મેટલ, ઑઇલ-ગૅસ, આઇટી તથા ટેક્નોલૉજી જેવા સેક્ટોરલ અડધાથી પોણો ટકો કટ થયા હતા. બૅન્ક નિફ્ટી આગલા લેવલે યથાવત હતો તો પીએસયુ બૅન્ક નિફ્ટી અડધો ટકો પ્લસ હતો. બૅન્કિંગના ૪૧માંથી ૨૫ શૅર વધ્યા છે. માર્કેટ બ્રેડ્થ થોડી પૉઝિટિવ હતી. NSE ખાતે વધેલા ૧૫૧૫ શૅર સામે ૧૩૨૯ જાતો ઘટી છે. બજારનું માર્કેટકૅપ ૬૪,૦૦૦ કરોડ જેવા વધારામાં ૪૬૦.૦૬ લાખ કરોડ રહ્યું છે.

ગ્રોથ થિયરી વહેતી થતાં ટેક્સટાઇલ શૅર ડિમાન્ડમાં

NSEL પ્રકરણમાં ઇન્વેસ્ટર્સ ફોરમ સાથે વન ટાઇમ સેટલમેન્ટ થઈ જતાં ૬૩ મૂન્સ ગઈ કાલે એકદર ડલ માર્કેટમાં પાંચ ટકાની ઉપલી સર્કિટ મારી ૮૯૮ બંધ થયો છે. MCX બે ટકા કે ૧૩૨ની મજબૂતીમાં ૬૬૯૯ હતી. BSE લિમિટેડ ૫૭૩૬ની સર્વોચ્ચ સપાટી દેખાડી અડધો ટકો સુધરી ૫૬૬૪ નજીક રહી છે. CDSL પણ ૧૯૮૦ના શિખરે જઈ પોણો ટકો વધી ૧૯૫૮ હતી. સ્કાય ગોલ્ડ એક શૅરદીઠ ૯ બોનસ શૅરમાં એક્સ-બોનસ થતાં પાંચ ટકાની તેજીની સર્કિટમાં ૪૬૬ નજીક રહ્યો છે. પીસી જ્વેલર્સ ૧૦ શૅરના એકમાં વિભાજનમાં એક્સ-સ્પ્લિટ થતાં પાંચ ટકાની ઉપલી સર્કિટમાં ૧૮.૩૫ બંધ આવ્યો છે. શીશ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ ૧૦ના શૅરના એકમાં વિભાજનની પૂર્વસંધ્યાએ પોણાત્રણ ટકા વધી ૧૩૮ થયો છે. વેદાન્તા થોડા ઇન્ટરિમ માટેની બોર્ડ મીટિંગ પૂર્વે ૫૨૭ની નવી ટૉપ બનાવી સવા ટકો ઘટી ૫૧૩ હતો. ગઈ કાલે ટેક્સટાઇલ શૅરો ડિમાન્ડમાં હતા: ડોનિયર ઇન્ડ., સિયારામ સિલ્ક, મફતલાલ ઇન્ડ, જિંદાલ વર્લ્ડ વાઇડ, ઝોડિઆક ક્લોથિંગ્સ, શિવા મિલ્સ, સૂર્યલતા સ્પીનિંગ મિલ્સ, સૂર્યલક્ષ્મી કૉટન, અરવિંદ, ઇન્ડો કાઉન્ટ ઇન્ડ, હિંમતસીંઘકા સીડ, વર્ધમાન ટેક્સટાઇલ્સ, એક્સિટ, પાયોનિઅર એમ્બ્રૉઇડરી, પીસીએમ પોલી, મરલ ઓવરસીઝ, અમર જ્યોતિ સ્પીનિંગ, પાયો ટેક્સ ઇત્યાદી જેવાં કાઉન્ટર પ્રમાણમાં સારાં એવાં આકર્ષણમાં હતાં.

એલ્સિડ ઇન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ્સ તળિયે જઈ ઉપલી સર્કિટમાં ૯૩૭૭ રૂપિયા ઊછળ્યો

નિફ્ટીમાં ડૉ. રેડ્ડીઝ લેબ ૧.૯ ટકા તો સેન્સેક્સમાં ઇન્ડસઇન્ડ બેન્ક સવા ટકો વધી ટૉપ ગેઇનર બન્યા છે સામે ટાઇટન બે ટકા, ટીસીએસ ૧.૩ ટકા, અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ ૧.૪ ટકાની નબળાઈમાં વર્સ્ટ પર્ફોર્મર હતા. ટેક મહિન્દ્ર, ઇન્ફી, NTPC, અલ્ટ્રા ટેક, ભારતી એરટેલ, JSW સ્ટીલ, ભારત પેટ્રો, તાતા કન્ઝ્યુમર, હિન્દાલ્કો એકથી સવા ટકો ઘટ્યા છે. બજાજ ફાઇનેન્સ, એક્સિસ બેન્ક, પાવર ગ્રીડ, HDFC લાઇફ સામાન્ય સુધર્યા હતા. રિલાયન્સ અડધા ટકા નજીક ઘટી ૧૨૬૮ હતો.

સનફાર્મા ગ્રુપની સ્પાર્ક ૨૯ ગણા પોલ્યુમે ૨૪૧ની ઇન્ટ્રા-ડે હાઈ બનાવી પોણાનવ ટકાની તેજીમાં ૨૩૦ બંધ આપી 'એ' ગ્રુપમાં ઝળક્યો હતી. જિંદલ વર્લ્ડવાઇડ સાડાદસ ટકા ઊછળી ૪૨૭ અને વકરાંગી ૧૦ ટકાના જમ્પમાં ૩૧ નજીક હતો. વોકહાર્ટની ડ્રગના ક્લિનિકલ ટ્રાયલને લીલી ઝંડી મળતાં ભાવ ૬ ગણા કામકાજે ૧૦ ટકાની ઉપલી સર્કિટમાં ૧૫૩૬ના બેસ્ટ લેવલે જઈ ૯.૪ ટકા કે ૧૩૧ રૂપિયાની મજબૂતીમાં ૧૫૨૮ રહ્યો છે. વર્ષ પહેલાં શૅર ૩૭૬ હતો. રોકડામાં કેરકેમ ઓર્ગેનિક્સ, ઓરિયેન્ટ સેરાટેક, આલ્ફા જિયો, એક્સિટ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝ, ટિપ્સ ફિલ્મ્સ, ડોનિયર ઇન્ડ. જેવા શૅર ૨૦-૨૦ ટકાની તેજીની સર્કિટમાં ગયા હતા. નવા ઇટાલિયન પરફ્યુમના લૉન્ચિંગનો કરન્ટ આગળ ધપાવતાં સિયારામ સિલ્ક ૭ ગણા કામકાજે ૧૧૬૦ના શિખરે જઈ ૧૭ ટકા કે ૧૬૫ રૂપિયાની છલાંગ મારી ૧૧૩૪ થયો છે. જયકૉર્પ પોણાસાત ટકા, એન્જલ વન ૪.૮ ટકા, બેકટર ફૂડ્સ સાડાચાર ટકા, લેન્ડમાર્ક લીઝર ચાર ટકા, એલટી ફૂડ્સ સાડાત્રણ ટકાના ઘટાડે 'એ' ગ્રુપ ખાતે મોખરે હતા. ન્યુલેન્ડ લેબ ૩.૫ ટકા કે ૫૩૩ રૂપિયા બગડી ૧૪,૭૮૧ હતો. એલ્સિડ ઇન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ રિ-લિસ્ટિંગ પછી ૧,૭૮,૧૫૮ની સૌથી નીચી સપાટી બનાવી પાંચ ટકા કે ૯૩૭૭ રૂપિયાના બાઉન્સબૅકમાં ૧,૬૬,૯૧૧ બંધ આવ્યો છે. ૮ નવેમ્બરે અહીં ૩,૩૨,૩૯૮ની વિક્રમ સપાટી બની હતી.

હિંમતનગરની ધનલક્ષ્મી કૉપમાં ૧૦૦ ટકાનો લિસ્ટિંગ ગેઇન

ગુજરાતના હિંમતનગરની ધનલક્ષ્મી કૉપ શૅરદીઠ પંચાવનની ઇશ્યુ પ્રાઇસ અને ગ્રે માર્કેટ ખાતે છેલ્લે ૫૦ના પ્રીમિયમ સામે ગઈ કાલે ૧૦૪ પ્લસ ખૂલી પાંચ ટકાની ઉપલી સર્કિટમાં ૧૧૦ નજીક જઈ ત્યાં જ બંધ થતાં અત્રે લગભગ ૧૦૦ ટકાનો લિસ્ટિંગ ગેઇન છૂટ્યો છે. મંગળવારે ટોસ ધ કૉઈન તથા જંગલ કૅમ્પસનું લિસ્ટિંગ છે. ટોસ ધ કૉઈનમાં ૧૮૨ની ઇશ્યુ પ્રાઇસ સામે હાલ ૨૧૪ તો જંગલ કૅમ્પસમાં ૭૨ની ઇશ્યુ પ્રાઇસ સામે ૬૦નું પ્રીમિયમ બોલાય છે.

આરઝેડ ઘરાનાની ઇન્વેન્ચર્સ નોલેજનો એકના શૅરદીઠ ૧૩૨૯ના ભાવનો ૨૪૯૮ કરોડનો પ્યૉર ઑફર ફૉર સેલ ઇશ્યુ કુલ ૫૨.૭ ગણા રિસ્પોન્સમાં પૂરો થયો છે. પ્રીમિયમ સુધરીને ૪૨૧ ચાલે છે. બરોડાની યશ હાઈ વૉલ્ટેજનો શૅરદીઠ ૧૪૬ના ભાવનો ૧૧૦ કરોડનો SME IPO કુલ ૧૮૨ ગણા રિસ્પોન્સ સાથે પાર પડ્યો છે. પ્રીમિયમ ૧૩૫ જેવું બોલાય છે. હેમ્સ બાયો અને ઇન્ટરનેશનલ જેમોલોજિકલનાં ભરણાં આજે બંધ થશે. હેમ્સમાં ૪૦ અને ઇન્ટરનેશનલ જેમોલોજિકલમાં ૧૧૫ પ્રીમિયમ ક્વોટ થઈ રહ્યું છે. અત્યાર સુધીમાં હેમ્સ કુલ ૧૭૬ ગણો તથા ઇન્ટરનેશનલ જેમોલોજિકલ ૭૬ ટકા ભરાઈ ચૂક્યો છે. ગાઝિયાબાદ ખાતેની નેક્ટર્ડાક ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર ૧૦ના શૅરદીઠ ૩પની અપર બેન્ડમાં ૧૦ કરોડ રૂપિયાનો BSE SME IPO આજે કરવાની છે. ગ્રે માર્કેટમાં ૨૧થી શરૂ થયેલું પ્રીમિયમ વધતું રહી હાલ ૩૩ બોલાય છે. વિશાલ મેગા માર્ટમાં ૧૯ રૂપિયા, સાંઈ લાઇફમાં ૭૦ રૂપિયા, મોબિક્વિકમાં ૧૬૫ રૂપિયા, પર્પલ યુનાઇટેડમાં ૭૫ રૂપિયા તથા સુપ્રીમ ફેસિલિટીમાં ૨૪ રૂપિયાનું પ્રીમિયમ અત્યારે સંભળાય છે.

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'प्रलंबित प्रकरणे निकाली काढा'

धारावी, ता. १६ (बातमीदार) : शिक्षणसेवक २००१ मध्ये नोकरीला लागलेल्या अनेकांना संस्थेने नंतर काढून टाकले. त्यानंतर न्यायाधिकरणाने शिक्षकांना पुन्हा रुजू करून घेण्याचे आदेश संस्थांना दिले; मात्र संस्थाचालकांनी आदेश मानले नाहीत. त्यामुळे ही प्रकरणे मागील वीस वर्षे मुंबई उच्च न्यायालयात प्रलंबित आहेत. या प्रकरणांवर तत्काळ सुनावणीसाठी घेत अन्यायग्रस्त शिक्षकांना न्याय द्यावा, यासाठी शिक्षक लोकशाही आघाडीने उच्च न्यायालयाच्या मुख्य न्यायमूर्तींची भेट घेत शनिवारी (ता. १४) तसे पत्र दिले आहे. अशी माहिती अध्यक्ष जनार्दन जंगले यांनी दिली.

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शब्दांजली

उस्ताद झाकिर हुसेन यांच्या निधनाने संपूर्ण संगीत विश्व शोकसागरात बुडाले आहे. त्यांच्या निधनाबद्दल अनेक कलाकारांनी आपल्या भावना व्यक्त केल्या आहेत

झाकीर हुसेन यांच्या निधनाने देशातील कला व संगीत क्षेत्राची मोठी हानी झालेली आहे. कला क्षेत्रात त्यांचे अभूतपूर्व योगदान राहिलेले आहे. कलेबद्दलचा समर्पण भाव आणि त्यांचे योगदान कायम स्मरणात राहील.
- नितीन गडकरी,
केंद्रीय रस्तेवाहतूक आणि दळणवळण मंत्री

महाराष्ट्राचे सुपुत्र झाकीर हुसेन यांनी अवघ्या जगाला तबल्याचे वेड लावले. तीन पिढ्यांसोबत तबल्याची जुगलबंदी सादर करत त्यांनी अनेक युवकांना तबला वादनाकडे आकर्षित केले. जादुई बोटांनी त्यांनी स्वरमंडलात उभे केलेल्या अनेक अद्‌भुत मैफिली यापुढे या तालयोगी तबलानवाझ यांच्याविना सुन्या सुन्या वाटतील.
- देवेंद्र फडणवीस, मुख्यमंत्री

झाकीर आपल्यात नाहीत या बातमीवर माझा विश्वासच बसत नाही. मी त्यांना कधीही वावगं वागलेलं पाहिलं नाही. त्यांचा आहार-विहार अत्यंत संतुलित होता. ते केवळ तबला आणि त्यांची वाद्ये आणि तालासाठी जगले.
- पंडित हरिप्रसाद चौरसिया, प्रसिद्ध बासरी वादक

झाकीरजी तालवाद्यांमध्ये एवढे निपुण होते की त्यांनी अनेकांना संगीताचे अमूल्य धडे दिले. अनेकांसाठी ते प्रेरणास्थान होते. ते 'लार्जर दॅन लाईफ' काम करणारे व्यक्ती होती. त्यांचं अचानक जाणं खूप धक्कादायक आहे. ते माझ्यासाठी मोठ्या भावासारखे होते.
-हरिहरन, गायक, संगीतकार

उस्ताद झाकीर हुसेन यांच्यासारखा कलाकार पुन्हा होणे अशक्य आहे. त्यांनी भारतातून सुरू केलेला संगीत प्रवास जगभर पोहोचवला. साधेपणा, शिस्त आणि सगळ्यांप्रती आदर असलेले त्यांचे व्यक्तिमत्त्व अनोखे होते. त्यांच्या पाया पडल्यावर ते उलट माझ्या पाया पडायचे, इतके मोठे असूनही ते नम्र होते.
- अनुप जलोटा, गायक

झाकीरभाई हे माझे जिवलग मित्र होते. त्यांची एक गोष्ट जी नेहमी लक्षात राहील, ती म्हणजे त्यांचा अतुलनीय सेवाभाव. एकदा कोलकता विमानतळावर त्यांनी सर्वांच्या बॅग स्वतः उचलल्या होत्या. अशा या साध्या, पण अतिशय प्रभावी व्यक्तिमत्त्वामुळे ते सर्वांसाठी लाडके आणि आदरणीय होते. त्यांच्याकडून मला खूप शिकायला मिळाले.
- पं. सतीश व्यास, संतूर वादक

उपजत ताल प्रतिभेतून श्रोत्यांना अलौकिक आनंदाची अनुभूती देणारे झाकीर हुसेन हे संगीत क्षेत्रातील दिग्गज कलाकार होते. त्यांच्या संगीताने स्थलकालाच्या सीमा ओलांडल्या असून, ते चिरकाल टिकणारे आहे.
- सत्या नडेला, मायक्रोसॉफ्टचे अध्यक्ष आणि मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी

जगाने आज असा ताल गमावला आहे ज्याची भरपाई कधीही होऊ शकणार नाही. झाकीर हुसेन यांच्या तबल्याचे बोल हे भारतीयांच्या अंतरंगात कायम ऐकू येत राहतील. त्यांनी दिलेला कालातीत कलेचा वारसा पुढील पिढ्यांमध्येही निनादत राहील.
- गौतम अदाणी, अदाणी समूहाचे अध्यक्ष

उस्ताद झाकीर हुसेन केवळ महान कलाकार नव्हते, तर सगळ्यांना आपले मानणारे माणूस होते. त्यांच्या कलेची व्याप्ती विचारांच्या पलीकडे होती आणि त्यांनी नेहमीच आपल्या कार्याने स्वतःला महानतेच्या एका उंच शिखरावर नेले. साधेपणाने आणि सगळ्यांशी जवळीक राखण्याच्या स्वभावाने ते सर्वांना आपलेसे करत. अशा या अजरामर कलाकाराला कोटी कोटी प्रणाम.
- रोणू मजुमदार, बासरी वादक

झाकीरभाईंच्या जाण्यामुळे संगीत विश्वाचा अपूर्व तोटा झाला आहे. ते एकमेव कलाकार होते, जे भारतातच नव्हे, तर पाश्चिमात्य देशांमध्ये देखील अत्यंत लोकप्रिय होते. झाकीरभाईंचे उद्दिष्ट नेहमीच स्पष्ट होते, "संगीताच्या खऱ्या 'तल्लीन'तेला मोठे व्यासपीठ मिळवून देणे आणि संगीत क्षेत्रातील नवीन कलाकारांना पुढे आणणे. ते सर्व कलाकारांसाठीदेखील एक आदर्श होते."
- राकेश चौरसिया, बासरीवादक

झाकीरजींसारखी व्यक्तिमत्त्व कधी जाणार याचा विचार मनाला शिवत नाही. शेकडो वर्षांतून एखादा कलाकार असा होतो, जो सर्वगुणसंपन्न असतो. झाकीरजींनी केवळ तालवाद्याला जागतिक दर्जा मिळवून दिला नाही, तर अभिजात कला आणि संस्कृती यांचे मूल्यही जपले. त्यांच्या साधेपणाने आणि प्रामाणिकपणाने ते प्रत्येकासाठी आदर्श होते.
- महेश काळे, गायक

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महाराष्ट्र में अभी हुए चुनाव में सत्ता में वापसी करने वाली शिवसेना की प्रवक्ता मनीषा कायंदे ने भी कहा है कि राहुल गांधी और उनकी गैंग उद्योगपतियों को टारगेट कर रहे हैं। ये सब बस मोदी जी को नीचा दिखाने के लिए और चिढ़ाने के लिए करते हैं। शिवसेना प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि जब उनकी सरकार थी वो खुद कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देते थे, अब महायुति की सरकार है तो ऐसी बात कर रहे हैं। उदाहरणतः केरल में एक बंदरगाह बन रहा है जिसे गौतम अडानी की कंपनी बना रही है। बन रहे इस बंदरगाह का नाम वैसे तो विझिंजम पोर्ट है पर इसे अडानी पोर्ट के नाम से भी जाना जाता है। विझिंजम पोर्ट या अडानी पोर्ट देश का पहला ऐसा बंदरगाह होगा, जहां बड़े-बड़े कंटेनर जहाज आ सकेंगे। लेकिन इस पोर्ट को बनाने का विरोध भी होता रहा है। आपको बता दें कि केरल में समुद्री तट पर बसा एक छोटा सा गांव, तिरुवनंतपुरम से करीब 20 किलोमीटर दूर इस इलाके में लंबे समय से अडानी समूह का विरोध हो रहा। अडानी ग्रुप की विझिंजम अंतरराष्ट्रीय बंदरगाह परियोजना के लिए सौदे को 2015 में अंतिम रूप दिया गया था। मगर राज्य में कुछ मछुआरों ने इसका विरोध किया था। इसके बाद से निर्माण कार्य प्रमुख रूप से प्रभावित हुआ। इस बंदरगाह का निर्माण 75 हजार करोड़ रुपयों की लागत से हो रहा है। इस बंदरगाह का प्रस्ताव कांग्रेस और यूडीएफ़ के गठबंधन की सरकार के दौरान आया था। तब ओमन चांडी केरल के मुख्यमंत्री थे, उस समय भारत में डीप वॉटर पोर्ट भी नहीं था। इस समय बड़े कंटेनर जहाज दुबई, सिंगापुर और कोलंबो में ठहरते हैं। ये सभी भारत से आने-जाने वाला सामान के हब भी हैं। दरअसल इस समय अडानी भारतीय राजनीति में एक बड़ा मुद्दा बन चुके हैं। कारोबारी पहले भी देश की राजनीति में मुद्दा होते थे ,लेकिन तब सिर्फ यह फर्क यह था कि टाटा, बिरला, बजाज, अंबानी या फिर अडानी की जगह अमेरिका की कोई डाऊ केमिकल,

एनरान या रूस की रेसाटॉम (कुडनकुलम) और इटली के कारोबारी ओतावियो क्वात्रोची आदि मुद्दे होते थे। कहने का मतलब यह कि पहले भारतीय राजनीति में विदेशी कंपनियों के खिलाफ जनभावना दिखती थी। इस समय हमारे यहाँ हब न होने के कारण हम दुबई, कोलंबो और सिंगापुर की 'मेहरबानी' पर निर्भर हैं। इस मेहरबानी के बदले हमें अच्छी खासी कीमत चुकानी पड़ती है। समुद्री रास्ते से चाहे कोई सामान भेजना हो या फिर लाना ही हो- इन्हीं तीन केन्द्रों पर निर्भरता है। ये तीनों केंद्र हमारे ही कारोबार की वजह से हब बने हुए हैं। सिर्फ इसी एक खूबी ने उन्हें हब बना दिया है। बिना नून-फिटकिरी लगाए तगड़ा मुनाफा कमाते हैं। यह उस देश की हालत है जो हजार साल पहले समुद्र पर राज करने की स्थिति की वजह से दुनिया के कारोबार का सबसे बड़ा केंद्र था। इस मामले में पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री मनमोहन सिंह और पूर्व वाम मुख्यमंत्री ओमान चांडी के प्रति देश को शुक्रगुजार होना चाहिए। उन्होंने मोदी सरकार से पहले ही जरूरत को ध्यान में रखते हुए बड़े बंदरगाह की रूपरेखा पर काम शुरू कर दिया था। काश कि मनमोहन से पहले हमारे पास कोई डीप वाटर पोर्ट बन गया होता। अब जब केरल में मनमोहन की उसी योजना को मूर्त रूप दिया जा रहा है। अडानी पोर्ट से तो कायदे से दुबई, कोलंबो और सिंगापुर को परेशान होना चाहिए था। कोलंबो ही क्यों, कायदे से केरल पोर्ट से चीन को परेशान होना था। इसी वजह से चीन- श्रीलंका का इस्तेमाल हमें घेरने के लिए करता रहा है। वह कोलंबो में दुनिया का सबसे बड़ी पोर्ट सिटी बना रहा है ताकि समुद्र पर राज करते हुए भारत के कारोबारी हितों को नुकसान पहुंचा सके। लेकिन चीन, दुबई या फिर सिंगापुर तो भारत के पोर्ट का विरोध कर नहीं सकते। उन्हें सिंडिकेट की जरूरत पड़ेगी। अब सवाल तो किया ही जा सकता है कि क्या अडानी पोर्ट का विरोध करने के पीछे देश विरोधी ताकतें शामिल हैं? विरोध करने वालों का तर्क रहा है कि अडानी पोर्ट से समुद्री तटों को नुकसान पहुंच रहा है। लोगों का ठीक से पुनर्वास नहीं हो पाया है। और भी आरोप हैं। कुल मिलाकर स्थानीय लोगों को पर्यावरण और जोरदार राहत पुनर्वास का लालच दिखाकर परियोजना तय होने के सालों बाद विरोध की आग को हवा दी जाती रही। अगर पुनर्वास और पर्यावरण ही मसला था तो प्रदर्शनकारियों को हिंसा की बजाए कोर्ट और दूसरे विकल्पों का सहारा लेना चाहिए। अभी हाल में हिंसा हुई और पता चला कि विरोध करने वाले, हाईकोर्ट के आदेश तक की अनदेखी कर रहे हैं। क्या यह गंभीर मसला नहीं है? यह भी कम दिलचस्प नहीं कि केरल पोर्ट के समर्थन में वहीं के स्थानीय लोग प्रदर्शन भी कर रहे हैं। लैटिन चर्च से अलग ईसाई ही पोर्ट को समर्थन वाले आंदोलन के अगुआ भी हैं। समर्थन करने वालों में मुस्लिम और हिंदू आबादी भी है। उन्हें मालूम है कि पोर्ट बनने के बाद सबसे ज्यादा फायदा उन्हें ही मिलने वाला है। समझने वाली बात यह भी है कि पर्यावरण को नुकसान पहुंचाने का जो तर्क गढ़ा गया- उसके दूसरे पहलू भी हैं। पोर्ट के लिए जिन तटों पर कुछ महीने पहले काम हुआ था, अब वे अपनी प्राकृतिक स्थिति में वापस आ चुके हैं। कोलंबो में चीन की मौजूदगी को देखते हुए केरल में पोर्ट बनाने के अलावा देश के पास कोई विकल्प भी नहीं है। शायद मोदी सरकार गंभीरता को समझ रही हो, तभी उसने इसे अन्य राज्यों से जोड़ने की पहल भी की है। मनमोहन सिंह के रूप में एक प्रधानमंत्री ने जरूरी प्रोजेक्ट अडानी को दिया। दूसरे प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने केरल पोर्ट को विशाखापट्टनम पोर्ट और देश के दूसरे हिस्सों से जोड़ने के लिए विशाल हाइवे का नेटवर्क बना रहे हैं। राहुल गांधी और उनकी टीम का मानना है कि दक्षिण की परियोजनाओं से अब स्थानीय लोगों को नुकसान पहुंच रहा है। क्या है यह? राहुल एंड टीम क्या चाहती है। अडानी पोर्ट के विरोध में राहुल और कांग्रेस सीधे-सीधे नहीं दिख रहे, मगर उनकी भूमिका गंभीर है।कांग्रेस कई महीनों से संबंधित पोर्ट और उसे जोड़ने वाले हाइवे के निर्माण के विरोध की पटकथा लिखती रही है। प्रदर्शनकारियों को उकसा रही है, उन्हें सपोर्ट कर रही है। इसमें पर्यावरण का हवाला देते हुए दक्षिण की तमाम परियोजनाओं का विरोध किया गया था। केरल पोर्ट भी। सभी परियोजनाएं सीधे-सीधे चीन और अरब को प्रभावित करने वाली हैं।

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महाराष्ट्र में अभी हुए चुनाव में सत्ता में वापसी करने वाली शिवसेना की प्रवक्ता मनीषा कायंदे ने भी कहा है कि राहुल गांधी और उनकी गैंग उद्योगपतियों को टारगेट कर रहे हैं। ये सब बस मोदी जी को नीचा दिखाने के लिए और चिढ़ाने के लिए करते हैं। शिवसेना प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि जब उनकी सरकार थी वो खुद कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देते थे, अब महायुति की सरकार है तो ऐसी बात कर रहे हैं। उदाहरणतः केरल में एक बंदरगाह बन रहा है जिसे गौतम अडानी की कंपनी बना रही है। बन रहे इस बंदरगाह का नाम वैसे तो विझिंजम पोर्ट है पर इसे अडानी पोर्ट के नाम से भी जाना जाता है। विझिंजम पोर्ट या अडानी पोर्ट देश का पहला ऐसा बंदरगाह होगा, जहां बड़े-बड़े कंटेनर जहाज आ सकेंगे। लेकिन इस पोर्ट को बनाने का विरोध भी होता रहा है। आपको बता दें कि केरल में समुद्री तट पर बसा एक छोटा सा गांव, तिरुवनंतपुरम से करीब 20 किलोमीटर दूर इस इलाके में लंबे समय से अडानी समूह का विरोध हो रहा। अडानी ग्रुप की विझिंजम अंतरराष्ट्रीय बंदरगाह परियोजना के लिए सौदे को 2015 में अंतिम रूप दिया गया था। मगर राज्य में कुछ मछुआरों ने इसका विरोध किया था। इसके बाद से निर्माण कार्य प्रमुख रूप से प्रभावित हुआ। इस बंदरगाह का निर्माण 75 हजार करोड़ रुपयों की लागत से हो रहा है। इस बंदरगाह का प्रस्ताव कांग्रेस और यूडीएफ़ के गठबंधन की सरकार के दौरान आया था। तब ओमन चांडी केरल के मुख्यमंत्री थे, उस समय भारत में डीप वॉटर पोर्ट भी नहीं था। इस समय बड़े कंटेनर जहाज दुबई, सिंगापुर और कोलंबो में ठहरते हैं। ये सभी भारत से आने-जाने वाला सामान के हब भी हैं। दरअसल इस समय अडानी भारतीय राजनीति में एक बड़ा मुद्दा बन चुके हैं। कारोबारी पहले भी देश की राजनीति में मुद्दा होते थे ,लेकिन तब सिर्फ यह फर्क यह था कि टाटा, बिरला, बजाज, अंबानी या फिर अडानी की जगह अमेरिका की कोई डाऊ केमिकल,

एनरान या रूस की रेसाटॉम (कुडनकुलम) और इटली के कारोबारी ओतावियो क्वात्रोची आदि मुद्दे होते थे। कहने का मतलब यह कि पहले भारतीय राजनीति में विदेशी कंपनियों के खिलाफ जनभावना दिखती थी। इस समय हमारे यहाँ हब न होने के कारण हम दुबई, कोलंबो और सिंगापुर की 'मेहरबानी' पर निर्भर हैं। इस मेहरबानी के बदले हमें अच्छी खासी कीमत चुकानी पड़ती है। समुद्री रास्ते से चाहे कोई सामान भेजना हो या फिर लाना ही हो- इन्हीं तीन केन्द्रों पर निर्भरता है। ये तीनों केंद्र हमारे ही कारोबार की वजह से हब बने हुए हैं। सिर्फ इसी एक खूबी ने उन्हें हब बना दिया है। बिना नून-फिटकिरी लगाए तगड़ा मुनाफा कमाते हैं। यह उस देश की हालत है जो हजार साल पहले समुद्र पर राज करने की स्थिति की वजह से दुनिया के कारोबार का सबसे बड़ा केंद्र था। इस मामले में पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री मनमोहन सिंह और पूर्व वाम मुख्यमंत्री ओमान चांडी के प्रति देश को शुक्रगुजार होना चाहिए। उन्होंने मोदी सरकार से पहले ही जरूरत को ध्यान में रखते हुए बड़े बंदरगाह की रूपरेखा पर काम शुरू कर दिया था। काश कि मनमोहन से पहले हमारे पास कोई डीप वाटर पोर्ट बन गया होता। अब जब केरल में मनमोहन की उसी योजना को मूर्त रूप दिया जा रहा है। अडानी पोर्ट से तो कायदे से दुबई, कोलंबो और सिंगापुर को परेशान होना चाहिए था। कोलंबो ही क्यों, कायदे से केरल पोर्ट से चीन को परेशान होना था। इसी वजह से चीन- श्रीलंका का इस्तेमाल हमें घेरने के लिए करता रहा है। वह कोलंबो में दुनिया का सबसे बड़ी पोर्ट सिटी बना रहा है ताकि समुद्र पर राज करते हुए भारत के कारोबारी हितों को नुकसान पहुंचा सके। लेकिन चीन, दुबई या फिर सिंगापुर तो भारत के पोर्ट का विरोध कर नहीं सकते। उन्हें सिंडिकेट की जरूरत पड़ेगी। अब सवाल तो किया ही जा सकता है कि क्या अडानी पोर्ट का विरोध करने के पीछे देश विरोधी ताकतें शामिल हैं? विरोध करने वालों का तर्क रहा है कि अडानी पोर्ट से समुद्री तटों को नुकसान पहुंच रहा है। लोगों का ठीक से पुनर्वास नहीं हो पाया है। और भी आरोप हैं। कुल मिलाकर स्थानीय लोगों को पर्यावरण और जोरदार राहत पुनर्वास का लालच दिखाकर परियोजना तय होने के सालों बाद विरोध की आग को हवा दी जाती रही। अगर पुनर्वास और पर्यावरण ही मसला था तो प्रदर्शनकारियों को हिंसा की बजाए कोर्ट और दूसरे विकल्पों का सहारा लेना चाहिए। अभी हाल में हिंसा हुई और पता चला कि विरोध करने वाले, हाईकोर्ट के आदेश तक की अनदेखी कर रहे हैं। क्या यह गंभीर मसला नहीं है? यह भी कम दिलचस्प नहीं कि केरल पोर्ट के समर्थन में वहीं के स्थानीय लोग प्रदर्शन भी कर रहे हैं। लैटिन चर्च से अलग ईसाई ही पोर्ट को समर्थन वाले आंदोलन के अगुआ भी हैं। समर्थन करने वालों में मुस्लिम और हिंदू आबादी भी है। उन्हें मालूम है कि पोर्ट बनने के बाद सबसे ज्यादा फायदा उन्हें ही मिलने वाला है। समझने वाली बात यह भी है कि पर्यावरण को नुकसान पहुंचाने का जो तर्क गढ़ा गया- उसके दूसरे पहलू भी हैं। पोर्ट के लिए जिन तटों पर कुछ महीने पहले काम हुआ था, अब वे अपनी प्राकृतिक स्थिति में वापस आ चुके हैं। कोलंबो में चीन की मौजूदगी को देखते हुए केरल में पोर्ट बनाने के अलावा देश के पास कोई विकल्प भी नहीं है। शायद मोदी सरकार गंभीरता को समझ रही हो, तभी उसने इसे अन्य राज्यों से जोड़ने की पहल भी की है। मनमोहन सिंह के रूप में एक प्रधानमंत्री ने जरूरी प्रोजेक्ट अडानी को दिया। दूसरे प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने केरल पोर्ट को विशाखापट्टनम पोर्ट और देश के दूसरे हिस्सों से जोड़ने के लिए विशाल हाइवे का नेटवर्क बना रहे हैं। राहुल गांधी और उनकी टीम का मानना है कि दक्षिण की परियोजनाओं से अब स्थानीय लोगों को नुकसान पहुंच रहा है। क्या है यह? राहुल एंड टीम क्या चाहती है। अडानी पोर्ट के विरोध में राहुल और कांग्रेस सीधे-सीधे नहीं दिख रहे, मगर उनकी भूमिका गंभीर है।कांग्रेस कई महीनों से संबंधित पोर्ट और उसे जोड़ने वाले हाइवे के निर्माण के विरोध की पटकथा लिखती रही है। प्रदर्शनकारियों को उकसा रही है, उन्हें सपोर्ट कर रही है। इसमें पर्यावरण का हवाला देते हुए दक्षिण की तमाम परियोजनाओं का विरोध किया गया था। केरल पोर्ट भी। सभी परियोजनाएं सीधे-सीधे चीन और अरब को प्रभावित करने वाली हैं।

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(पान १ वरून) सौर ऊर्जा प्रकल्पाशी संबंधित कंत्राट मिळवण्यासाठी हिंदुस्थानातील अधिकाऱ्यांना २६५ मिलियन डॉलर्सची लाच दिल्याच्या आरोपावरून अदानी उद्योग समूह अमेरिकेत कारवाईच्या कचाट्यात सापडला आहे. अदानी उद्योग समूहाच्या कथित लाचखोरीने जगभर खळबळ उडाली. त्यापाठोपाठ अमेरिकन कंपन्यांनी हिंदुस्थानातील प्रमुख कंपन्यांशी भ्रष्ट संबंध ठेवल्याची धक्कादायक माहिती पुढे आली आहे. अमेरिकेतील रिसर्च आणि डिझाईन फर्म असलेली मूग आयएनसी ही कंपनी हिंदुस्थानी रेल्वे व एचएएलला मिलियन डॉलर्सची लाच देताना जाळ्यात सापडली. कंपनीने हे प्रकरण मिटवण्यासाठी अमेरिकन सिक्युरिटीज अँड एक्सचेंज कमिशनकडे १.६८ मिलियन डॉलर्सहून अधिक दंड भरला. 'मूग'ची हिंदुस्थानातील उपकंपनी मूग मोशन कंट्रोल्स प्रायव्हेट लिमिटेड कंपनीने कंत्राट मिळवण्यासाठी दक्षिण मध्य रेल्वे आणि एचएएल या कंपन्यांना लाच दिल्याचे उघडकीस आले आहे.

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अमेरिकेच्या ओरॅकल कॉर्पोरेशनने हिंदुस्थानबरोबरच यूएई, तुर्की आदी देशांशी भ्रष्ट संबंध ठेवल्याचा आरोप आहे. कंपनीने विशेषत: इंडियन रेल्वेला अधिक लाच दिली. ६.८ मिलियन डॉलरची लाच दिल्याचे प्रकरण कंपनीने २३ मिलियन डॉलर्सचा दंड भरून मिटवले.

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कंत्राटांच्या हव्यासापोटी अनेक अमेरिकन कंपन्या भ्रष्टाचारात गुंतल्या आहेत. याच पार्श्वभूमीवर अमेरिकेच्या प्राधिकरणाने विदेश पातळीवरील स्थानिक कंपन्यांच्या भ्रष्ट व्यवहाराविरोधात कठोर कारवाईचा बडगा उगारला आहे. अदानी उद्योग समूहाच्या लाचखोरीनंतर कारवाई आणखी तीव्र केली आहे.

'अल्बेमारले'ने १९८ मिलियन डॉलर्स इतका भरला दंड

अमेरिकेतील केमिकल मॅन्युफॅक्चरिंग कंपनी 'अल्बेमारले'ने मागील काही वर्षांत विविध कंत्राटे मिळवण्यासाठी ६३.५ मिलियन डॉलर्स इतकी रक्कम लाचेपोटी दिली. या लाचखोरीच्या गंभीर प्रकरणात खटला टाळण्यासाठी अखेर कंपनीने १९८ मिलियन डॉलर्सहून अधिक दंड भरल्याची माहिती समोर आली आहे.

लाच घेणाऱ्या हिंदुस्थानी कंपन्यांवर कारवाई कधी?

अमेरिकेतील कंपन्यांनी हिंदुस्थानच्या सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रातील रेल्वे, इंडियन ऑईल कॉर्पोरेशन, हिंदुस्थान एरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड यांसारख्या कंपन्यांना लाच दिली. या प्रकरणी अमेरिकेने लाच देणाऱ्या त्यांच्या कंपन्यांवर कारवाई केली आहे. मात्र अमेरिकन कंपन्यांकडून लाच घेणाऱ्या हिंदुस्थानातील कंपन्यांच्या अधिकाऱ्यांवर कुठलीच कारवाई करण्यात आलेली नाही. लाच देणाऱ्या अमेरिकन कंपन्यांवर कारवाई झाली, मग लाच घेणाऱ्या हिंदुस्थानी कंपन्यांवर कारवाई कधी, असा सवाल ज्येष्ठ वकील प्रशांत भूषण यांनी 'एक्स'च्या माध्यमातून उपस्थित केला. त्यांनी 'द पायोनिअर'च्या वृत्ताचा फोटोदेखील शेअर केला.

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Stock Market erased some of the previous session gains to end lower. Selling was seen in the IT, metal, oil & gas and FMCG names, while buying in realty, PSU bank, media restricted further fall.

At close, the Sensex was down 384.55 points or 0.47 percent at 81,748.57, and the Nifty was down 100.05 points or 0.40 percent at 24,668.25.

On Nifty, the top gainers were Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (1.89 per cent), Indusind Bank (1.29 per cent), HDFC Life Insurance Company (0.38 per cent), Bajaj Finance (0.36 per cent), and Power Grid Corporation of India (0.34 per cent).

The top losers were Titan Company (2.01 per cent), Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone (1.33 per cent), Tata Consultancy Services (1.31 per cent), Hindalco Industries (1.30 per cent), and Bharat Petroleum Corporation (1.24 per cent).

On BSE, over 300 stocks touched their 52-week high on the BSE, including, Oberoi Realty, Kaynes Technologies, Dixon Technologies, 360 One wam, Affle India, Lloyds Metals, Paytm, Indian Hotels, Info Edge, HBL Power, KPR Mills, Page Industries, Ramco Cements, LTIMindtree, Persistent Systems, BLS International, CRISIL, Coforge, Swan

Energy, HCL Technologies, among others.

The broader indices outperformed with BSE Midcap and smallcap indices were up 0.5 per cent each.

Among the sectors, realty index was up 3 per cent, media index by 1.5 per cent and PSU Bank index gained 0.5 per cent. On the other hand, the IT, metal, oil & gas shed 0.5-1 per cent.

IT Stocks ended its five-day winning streak, dipping 0.3 per cent due to losses in TCS, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, and Coforge.

Shares of real estate companies surged as investors bet on hopes of strong housing demand in 2025, driven by new launches, imminent rate cuts, and favourable demographic trends.

Oberoi Realty, Prestige Estates, Macrotech Developers led gains within the sector and surged, lifting the Nifty Realty index over 3 per cent higher.

Some of the key individual performers were Angel One as its shares tanked 5 per cent amid a sharp uptick in volumes. As many as 46 lakh shares changed hands in just 2 sessions.

Shares of GE Power surged 3.3 per cent after the company received an extension of a Rs 18.27 crore purchase order.

Swiggy share price hit the fresh record high after the domestic brokerage Axis Capital initiated coverage on the food delivery and quick-commerce major. The stock touched an intraday high of Rs 612.40 per share on the NSE.

Benchmark indices ignored fall in WPI which is recorded at 1.89 per cent (Provisional) for the month of November.

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Sensex closes down 385 at 81,748 on sell-off in metal-IT shares

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ચીનના અર્થતંત્રના નબળા ડેટા વચ્ચે માર્કેટમાં નેગેટિવ સેન્ટિમેન્ટ

મેટલ-IT શેર્સમાં વેચવાલીને પગલે સેન્સેક્સ 385 ઘટી 81,748 પર બંધ

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વૈશ્વિક સ્તરે નબળા સંકેતો વચ્ચે યુએસ ફેડના વ્યાજદરો અંગેના નિર્ણય અંગેની અનિશ્ચિતતા ઉપરાંત નબળા રૂપિયા વચ્ચે મેટલ અને આઈટી શેર્સમાં વેચવાલીના દબાણ તેમજ ચીનના અર્થતંત્રના નબળા ડેટાને કારણે રોકાણકારોના સેન્ટિમેન્ટને અસર થવાને પગલે શેરમાર્કેટની સાપ્તાહિક શરૂઆત નેગેટિવ રહેતા સેન્સેક્સ 384.55 ઘટીને દિવસના અંતે 81,748.57 પર બંધ રહ્યો હતો. દિવસ દરમિયાન સેન્સેક્સમાં 581નું ગાબડું જોવા મળ્યું હતું.

સેન્સેક્સ ઉપરાંત નિફ્ટી પણ 100.05 ઘટીને 24,668.25ની સપાટીએ બંધ રહ્યો હતો. એશિયન અને યુરોપિયન સૂચકાંકોને પગલે સ્થાનિક ઇક્વિટી માર્કેટમાં વેઇટ અને વોચ જેવી સ્થિતિ પણ સર્જાઈ છે. રોકાણકારોએ યુએસ ફેડની રેટકટની મીટિંગને લઈને સતર્કતાભર્યું વલણ અપનાવ્યું હતું.

મહેતા ઇક્વિટી લિમિટેડના સીનિયર વાઇસ પ્રેસિડેન્ટ (રિસર્ચ) પ્રશાંત તાપસેએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે યુએસ ફેડ દ્વારા રેટકટ કરવામાં આવે તેવી પ્રબળ શક્યતા વચ્ચે પણ રોકાણકારોમાં ભરોસાનો અભાવ હતો.

ટોચના 30 શેર્સમાં ટાઇટન, અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ, અલ્ટ્રાટેક સીમેન્ટ, તાતા કન્સલટન્સી સર્વિસીઝ, એનટીપીસી, ભારતી એરટેલ, ટેક મહિન્દ્રા, ઇન્ફોસિસ, હિન્દુસ્તાન યુનીલિવર અને જેએસડબલ્યુ સ્ટીલમાં ઘટાડો જોવા મળ્યો હતો.

આ 10 શેર્સમાં સૌથી વધુ ઘટાડો

કંપની	ઘટાડો	કિંમત
ટાઇટન	1.96%	3,440
BPCL	1.23%	298.00
JSW સ્ટીલ	0.91%	990.80
હિન્દ પેટ્રો	1.86%	407.35
ભારતી હેક્સા.	2.89%	1,441.55
NMDC	0.42%	232.75
ગોપાલ સ્નેક્સ	6.42%	387.25
જય કોર્પ	6.88%	347.90
કોફીડે	5.04%	25.08
સેન્ટમ	4.04%	2,180.10