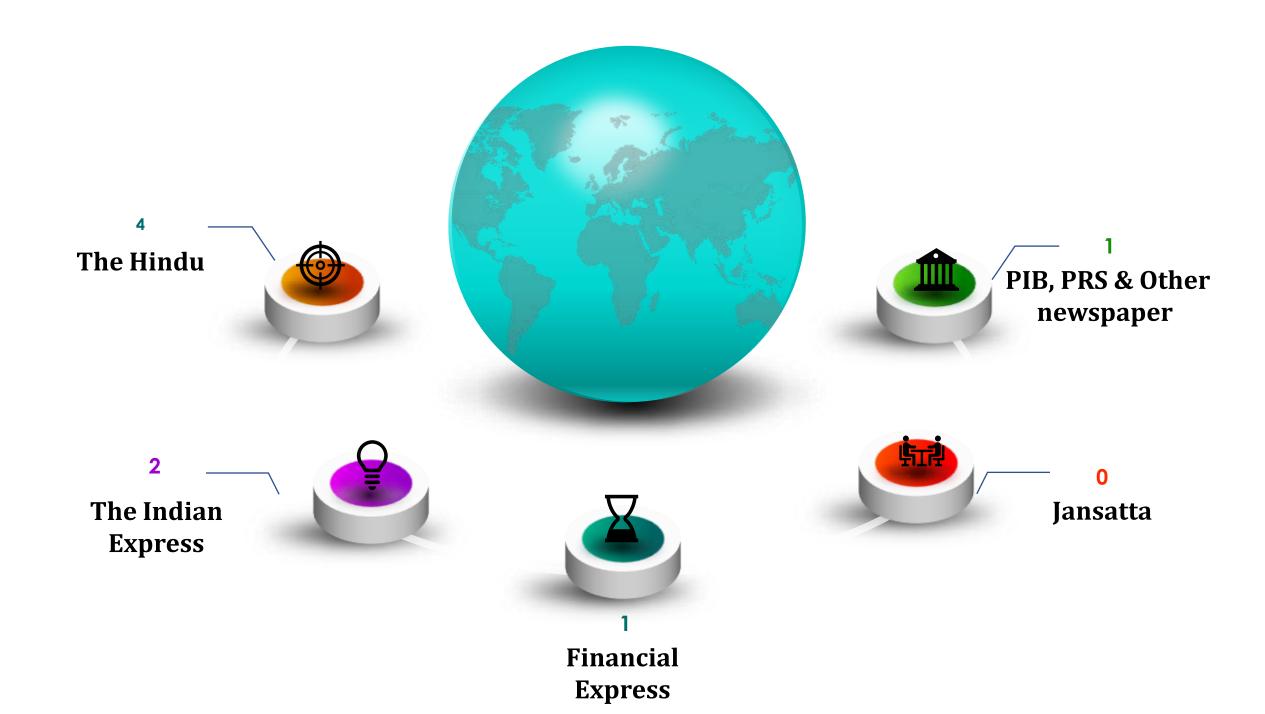
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New species of jumping spider discovered

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Jagriti Chandra NEW DELHI

he Centre on Saturday announced the setting up of a highlevel committee headed by the Home Secretary to suggest "comprehensive guidelines" to respond to aviation accidents against the backdrop of Thursday's crash in Ahmedabad of Air India flight AI-171.

The order issued by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation says the committee will "focus on formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for preventing and handling such occurrences in the future" and publish its report within three months.

The order states that it will not substitute other enquiries by relevant organisations, referring to the main accident probe conducted by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) which recovered the black box of the aircraft on Friday.

Panel's tasks

The committee will also assess the emergency response by various stakeholders, including rescue operations and coordination among them, and suggest roles for various agencies and organisations to deal with post-crash incident handling and management. It will have access to all records.



Debris analysis: Forensic team checks wreckage of the aircraft in Ahmedabad on Saturday. VLIAY SONEJE

including flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance details, air traffic control logs, and witness testimonies.

The committee will also conduct site inspections, and interview crew, air traffic controllers, and relevant personnel. It will also collaborate with relevant international agencies if necessary.

Apart from the Home Secretary, who will be the Chairperson, the high-level committee will include the Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs; representatives of the State Home Department and the State Disaster Response Authority of Gujarat; the Ahmedabad Police Commissioner; the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security; the Director General of Civil Aviation; the Director General of Inspection and Safety, Indian Air Force; the Special Director, Intelligence Bureau; and the Director, Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

Scope of the committee

The four-point scope of the high-level committee defined in the order states that it will "ascertain the root cause of the [flight Al-171] crash" and its contributing factors, including mechanical failure, human error, weather conditions, and regulatory compliance.

The committee will also recommend necessary improvements, and formulate suitable SOPs to prevent such incidents in the future, including best international practices.

The committee will also suggest policy changes, operational improvements, and training enhancements to prevent such occurrences, and to handle post-crash incident situations.

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19 identified through DNA testing: govt.

AHMEDABAD

A total of 19 victims of the flight Al-171 crash have been identified through DNA testing, Gujarat Minister Harsh Sanghavi said on Thursday. One more body stuck beneath the tail portion of the crashed aircraft was recovered on Saturday, said Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery, at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. However, there was still no official confirmation of the deaths beyond that of the 241 people who were on board the aircraft. to PAGE 4

Key Highlights:

Aspect	Details (
Context	Aftermath of Air India Flight AI-171 crash in Ahmedabad
Action Taken	Centre has set up a high-level committee headed by the Home Secretary
Mandate	Formulate comprehensive guidelines and SOPs for future air crash responses
Timeframe	Report to be submitted in 3 months
Clarification	Committee will not substitute formal investigations by statutory bodies

o Scope of the Committee:

Focus Areas (4 Points)

- Ascertain causes of crash (AI-171) and contributing factors
- Identify gaps in mechanical, weather, human or regulatory domains
- Suggest global best practices for SOPs to manage crash events
- Recommend post-crash coordination protocols and system improvements

Tehran will burn if civilians are hit, Israel warns Iran



Back and forth: Israeli rescue workers at an impact site in Rishon LeZion on Saturday after overnight attacks from Iran. REUTERS

Agence France-Presse

TEHRAN/TERUSALEM

Israel on Saturday warned Iran against targeting Israeli civilians, saying that "Tehran will burn" if attacks continued and said that it now had control of the airspace till Tehran.

The threat came as both countries exchanged fire a day after Israel unleashed an unprecedented aerial bombing campaign on Iran said hit its nuclear facilities, "martyred" top commanders and killed dozens of civilians.

Iran had hit back with waves of drone and missile strikes, with a barrage of dozens lighting up the skies over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv overnight, killing three people and wounding dozens.

"We will hit every site, every target of the Ayatollah regime," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a video statement on Saturday, referring to Iran's Supreme » PAGES 3 & 12

Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "We have dealt a real blow to their nuclear programme" since Friday. he added.

'Heavy price'

"The Iranian dictator is turning the citizens of Iran into hostages and bringing about a reality in which they - especially the residents of Tehran - will pay a heavy price because of the criminal harm to Israeli civilians," Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said. adding that "if Khamenei continues to fire missiles toward the Israeli home front - Tehran will burn".

The Israeli military said its raids had cleared the path to the Iranian capital. "We have created aerial freedom of action from west Iran all the way to Tehran... Tehran is no longer immune," said spokespeson Brigadier General Effie Defrin.

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Aspect	Details
Date	Saturday (exact date not specified)
Event	Israel warned Iran: "Tehran will burn" if Iranian strikes kill civilians
Trigger	Iranian drone & missile retaliation following Israeli aerial bombardment
Casualties	3 Israeli civilians killed, dozens injured in Iranian retaliation
Israel's Action	Unprecedented aerial bombing targeting Iran's nuclear and military assets
Commanders Killed	Israel claims to have "martyred" top Iranian military leaders





Ensure no claim is denied or delayed. IRDAI tells insurers on Air India crash

N. Bavi Kumar

Insurance regulator IRDAI has advised insurers in the wake of the Air India plane crush to ensure no claim ertaining to those who lied is either denied or delayed on account of pro-cedural formalities.

"Ensure no claim is de-nted or delayed... in the ase of confirmed decoased individuals from the passenger list and per-sons at the affected build-ings of the crash area," the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of

Development Authority of India (BIDA) said in a cir-cular to all innurent, rein-surers. Life Insurance Council and General Insu-rance Council councils in art up a dedicated joint cell at the baseful where those injured after the Booing 7878 Dreamliner crashed into by Medical College were getting treatment. were getting treatment. This will help provide

information to insurers in-mediately in respect of the claims or any other assis-tance required for any of their health/life insurance

officies. IRDAI wanted all insurers to act immediately as the passenger list has alrea-dy been released. Since redical insurance cover for overseas travel is man-datory, it wanted them to obtain an authenticated list of the passengers as well as insurance policy details of those affected in

Insurers case claim process of crash victims

Insurance companies 5th Life, Into C Life and ICSC Lombard on Soluniay said they have released the claim settlement pracess for Air itsdia plane crash victims. In:

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(FIR) or post-mortem re-ports where official confir-mation from authorities concerned are available. It also wanted them to note the claim settlement to the nominee as recorded to

the policy.
IRDAL also advised the dal officer at senior level to co-ordinate with the joint cell for speedy aettlement of claims, Starting June 16, the insurers should submit a report on weekly basis for a month.

The Councils should publish insurer-wise sum-mary level claims settle-ment data, it said.

Arunachal declares 2025-35 as 'decade of hydropower'

Move aimed at harnessing the State's potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity, creating stable and supportive regulatory framework for overall development of industrial ecosystem: CMO

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The Cabinet further di-rected the Public Works Department to initiate a survey for a necklace road along the Hang River, above the likely submer-

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SpiceJet profit after tax jumps nearly threefold to ₹325 crore

Budget carrier Spicejet on Saturday said its standalone profit after rax (PAT) surged mearly threefold to C324.87 cross in the March 2025 trustered to \$124.97 crote in the March 2020 quarter. The Carriagne-based affine had posted to the property of the Carriagness of the Carriagness of according to a regulatory filing. However, the revenue from especiation for the separting quarter declined 40% year-on-year to \$1,448.37 crore from \$1,719.3 crore in \$24.794. Spicelet

Natco Pharma's API plant gets U.S. FDA observation

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U.S. FDA issues 8 observations to Sun Pharma's Halol facility

Sun Pharma's drug manufacturing facility in Halol, Gujarat, has been issued 8 observations by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The U.S. FDA issued a Form-480 with eight observations following conclusion of a good manufacturing practices inspection of the facility from him 233, Sur Pharms and in a filing with from the 233, Sur Pharms and in a filing with the stock exchanges. The U.S. FIM's warning letter had summarised violations with respect to current good manufacturing practice regulations

Cherrapunji Gin becomes first alcohol label from northeast to be exported

WORLD GEV DAY

Meghalaya's rain fed 'Cher-rapiaul' is literally in high spirits. The Cherrapunii Eastern Craft Gin has be-come the first alcohol label om the northeastern part of India to be exported. The Meghalaya based company announced this on World Gin Day.

arms of Solyry to available name of Soltra is available in parts of the European Union. Beyond this blac, the product is expected to be marketed in Japan. Thailand, and the United Kingdoni later this year.

"This is a moment of pride not just for us, but for the region. We wanted for the region. We wanted to create a product that tells a story about where it comes from, and we are seeing that story resonate far bayened our expectations, the said. The girs international points of the condition of the con

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"Designed to be reused and repurposed, the bottle is a quiet challenge to the thrownewy culture of hom-ey packaging. Most glass bottles are used once and discarded. We wanted our to be functional, long-last-ing — rousefuling neople-seous large, he said.

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NCLT directs insolvency resolution against Gensol Engineering, EV arm

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interim order in April, barred the company's pro-moters from the securities market for alleged fund di-versions and corporate governance lapses.

ITC completes acquisition of 24 Mantra Organic brand owner Sresta Natural

Press Trust of India

Multi-conglomerate FTC has completed the acquisi-tion of Sresta Natural Bio-prishacts, which owns the 24 Martra Organic brand in an aB-cash deal valued at 4472.50 crore.

This will help FTC to ex-

pand its play in the fast-growing organic food proucts segment.
"The company has com-

pleted the acquisition of 100% of the share capital of SNBPL on 13th June, 2025, FFC said in a regulatory

On the acquisition cost. FTC said it had an upfrom consideration of \$400 crore on a cash-free debt free basis and addition consideration of up to \$72.50 crore, which is payable in the next 24 months.

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Move aimed at harnessing the State's potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity, creating stable and supportive regulatory framework for overall development of industrial ecosystem: CMO

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he Cabinet headed by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has declared 2025-2035 as the 'Decade of Hydropower' to harness the State's potential to generate 58,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The special Cabinet meeting held on Friday termed the thrust on hydropower as a "strategic management of revenues generated through free power from the hydroelectric projects (HEPs).

Strategic measures

"During the Decade of Hydropower, the government aims to undertake strategic policy and governance measures not just to harness the hydropower potential through a judicious mix of mega, large, and small hydroelectric proiects, but also to create a stable and supportive policy and regulatory framework for the overall development of the industrial ecosystem in the State," a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said.

According to the agreement with power developers, Arunachal Pradesh will receive 12% free power from each HEP, and an additional 1% for a local area development fund.

Arunachal Pradesh expects \$4,525 crore in annual revenue from 2035 onwards from projects in



Watt formula: According to the agreement with power developers, the State will receive 12% free power from each HEP. FILE PHOTO

Arunachal Pradesh expects ₹4,525 crore in annual revenue 2035 onwards from projects in various stages of completion

various stages of completion. These projects, riding cumulative investments of more than ₹2 lakh crore in the next 10 years, have a combined capacity of generating 19 gigawatts (GW) of electricity.

Escrow account

The State Cabinet approved the creation of an escrow account for "strategic management and effective utilisation of the revenue generated from the proceeds of free power" from these HEPs.

"By effective management of these benefits, the State can make strategic and financial decisions about investing in the overall development of the State. This initiative will not only streamline financial processes but also ensure that the benefits of free power are maximised for the State's long-term sustainable growth and prosperity," the CMO said in the statement.

Plans for Siang project

The Cabinet underscored the need to allay fears and build consensus among the people likely to be affected by the controversial Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) that antidam activists said is targeted to generate 11,000 MW of electricity.

The Centre declared the SUMP as a national project in 2008, given its significance from the national security point of view.

The project is being pursued as a counter to China's proposed 60,000 MW project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet upstream.

The Cabinet sought regular and detailed interactions with the likely project-affected families (PAFs) regarding the urgent need to conduct the pre-feasibility survey for the SUMP. Villagers in three districts - Siang, East Siang and Upper Siang have been resisting this survey. The Cabinet emphasised the need for continuous engagement with the PAFs to ensure fair. just, and equitable compensation and solatium, in case the SUMP is found to be feasible.

Alternate towns

The Cabinet directed the State's Department of Urban Development to constitute a New Yingkiong Development Authority and a New Geku Development Authority to pursue "future-ready alternate towns".

It accordingly approved the constitution of a committee to examine land and property compensation rates and suggest the mechanisms to be adopted for designing and implementing a robust rehabilitation and resettlement plan for the PAFs. Geku and Yingkiong are towns in the Upper Siang district.

The Cabinet further directed the Public Works Department to initiate a survey for a necklace road along the Siang River, above the likely submer-

Aspect	Details 🗇
Initiative	Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet declares 2025-2035 as the Decade of Hydropower
СМ	Pema Khandu
Objective	Harness hydropower potential to generate 58,000 MW electricity
Revenue Expected	₹4,525 crore annually from 2035 onward
Free Power Agreement	State to receive 12% free power + 1% local area development fund from each HEP
Investment	₹2 lakh crore over the next 10 years
Total Planned Capacity	19 GW from multiple hydroelectric projects (HEPs)

Strategic and Policy Measures:

- Strategic governance and policy to promote industrial ecosystem.
- Create an escrow account to manage revenue and improve fiscal discipline.
- Regular interaction with Project Affected Families (PAFs) to ensure transparency and social justice.
- Emphasis on pre-feasibility survey for Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (10,000 MW).
- Development of alternate towns (Yingkiong and Geku) to reduce displacement impact.
- Cabinet directed Urban Development & Public Works to plan for infrastructure in the Siang River region.

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THE HINDU

Double delight for Bavuma in South Africa's moment of glory



SERO TO BERO

Weird how things worked out after the duck in first innings: Markram



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FOR THE NATION

It's special and may be a stepping stone for greater things: Maharai



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TOP STREET

Markram's knock was one of the best I've ever seen: Rickelton



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Markram makes it a majestic day for Rainbow Nation

The Protess hant down 282 with five wickets in hand to dethrone Australia: the opener's gritty 136 proves the bedrock of the fabulous run chase, the second-highest at Lords

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2025 SOL

Agence France Presse

magnificent centustone of South Africa's five-wicket victory over Austra-lia in the World Test Championship final at Lord's on Saturday as the Proteas ended decades of cricket hearthreak by final-by winning a major ICC office.

South Africa, set 282 to win, finished on 282 for five before lunch on the fourth day, with opening batter Marloram falling for 136 after taking South Afri-

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cs to within six runs of the tible. The Protess resumed on 202 for two, needing past 69 more runs for victory. South Africa did suffer a setback early on Saturday

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1964. This Test was also a per-sonal triumph for Kagiso Rabada, who finished with match figures of nine for ery that cut back sharply.

Australia took the new
ball with South Africa just

needing 14 more runs to

win at 260 for four.
But Markeam drove the first delivery with the new

ball, from Josh Haslewood, for four, and the next one for three. He was unable to finish the job, however, a

This time for South Africa!

It was a March night at Mir-pur on the outsidets of Dhaka. Graeme Smith faced the media with moist eyes. The first question, more a statement, was bru-tal. "They used to call you chokers earlier, now they

chokarts staffer, now they
are calling you jolens.

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against New Zealand by 45
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glorious Saturday when South Africa claimed the ICC World Test Champion-ship final at Lord's. A five-



wicker victory in a match the Aussies dominated for a large part, revealed the steel within Temba Bavuma's men. On the hope-metre, what Bavuma's troops achieved is on par-with the leat of Kapil's De-

with the feat of Kapil's De-vila in the 1983 World Carp. This triumph was a tri-bute to what Havuma and his lead stars like spear-head Kapine Habada and centurion Markram achieved. Conceding a foreigning lead and crid first-innings lead and still to find that belief deep within is remarkable. Equally, it

Equally, it was a re-demption song for a Rain-bow Nation that dealt with the spectre of aparthold, and the resultant sporting isolation, before Nelson Mandela applied the heal-

regained its spirit and made a slow comeback. Often a sigh accompa-

nied cricketing yarns about South Africa. The lost years of Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards, Mike Procter and to some exten-clive like. The subsequenise and to acone extent Circe Rice. The subsequent losses in ICZ events despite being a fine side. The match-thining circle that the things croup. The list seemed endless till is and welcome a new chain-pion in the willow game. Once Shakira nam "Tile

Once Shakira sang "Thi time for Africa" in her 2010 'Waka, Waka' number. Ba vuma and his men will per-baps whisper: "This time for South Africa." Sport off.

Purpose, passion and belief

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Everything went right from the tress Ergoy the celebrations HERSCHELLE GIBBI

Masherful Markeand Great win by South Africa led by Temba Bayerra, This was a great advertisement for Test cricket

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thosh and boom! What a win for Process! They contdelled and outwitted the Australians, showed how purpose, possion and belief shaped the path to a RUMAN NANGARKANA

Brilliani. Marknam esot only engraved his name on the Lords Honours Roard, hus also in the history of South African

Champions finally! Mighty CONGRUIDATIONS

Domestic season to begin on Aug. 28; Duleep Trophy back to the zonal format

CHICKET

Vivek Krishnan

The 2028-26 domestic cricket season will lick off cricket season will lick off season season

ed to be held from October 15 to February 28. Like last senson, the league stage of India's premier First Chan competition will be held in two phases. The first phase will be held from October 5 to November 19 wille the second phase will in-volve two rounds from La-nuary 22 to February 1. The Lanckoutst will begin on Pe-THEAN PATHAN

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Among the key deci-sions taken at the meeting was a return to the gonal format for the Daleep Tro-phy. In the 2024-25 season, the tournament was played between four teams

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Super League stage instead of the knockouts. The Supof the knockouts. The sup-er League stage well feature two groups of four teams each based on standings at the end of the lengus phase. The group toppers will directly content the tinal.

Real.

Meanwhile, the itiner-ary for New Zealand's white-hall tour of India in January 2026 was also confirmed.
The Black Caps will play three Oble and five T20is

from January II to 31.

Following the stampede in Bengalaru after Royal Challengers Bongalarus IPI, victory that led to II deaths, the BCG has also decided to "constitute a

U Mumba pulls off a Houdini, sneaks into the summit clash

Amol Karhadhar

Never had a team made a comeback after trailing 4-7 in an Ottmate Table Tennis knockeut match. And never had U Mam-ba TT been able to breach

ha TT been able to broad he semiliard berrier in the first few editions. Both the first few editions. Both the firsts were achieved on Saturday, couriesy 1-18. Abbit and Vadiaswini Chorpads. With his back against the wall and trailing 0-2 against Vitor Ishly, Abbitmandh finally found an answer to Ishly's serve and structured the match. and stretched the match into the deciding tie. Yash assemt then blanked Kritt

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camp burst into a wild bout of celebration.

Earlier, captain Har-meet Desai couldn't have gotten the Challengers off to a better start than a clean slate against Lillan Bardet, Harmest went all out with his forehand win-

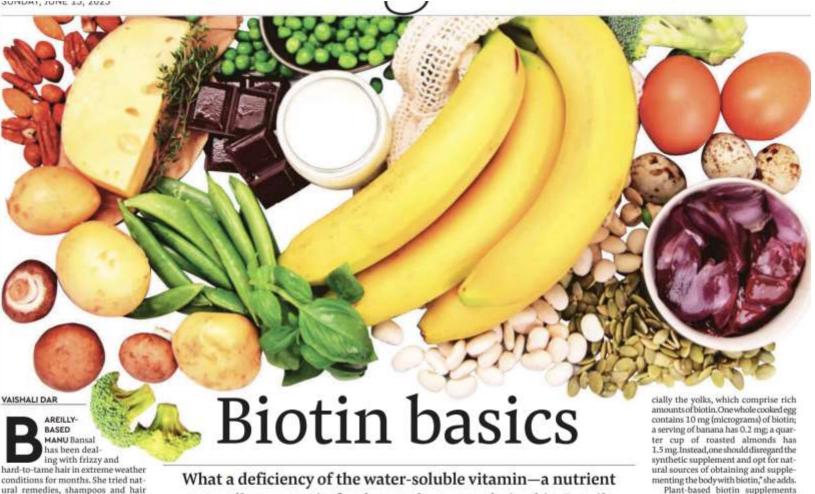
out with his forehand win-ners to not let Bardet get into his game. But Bernadette Szocs brought O Manuha back in-to the game by inflicting the first defeat on Zeng Jan. When Szocs and Akash Pal reduced the def--

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27-year wait: Bavuma's South Africa will relish the World Test Championship triumph which ended decades of heartbreak. GETTY IMAGES



naturally present in food—can do to your hair, skin & nails

While the treatment was taking its own course, an inherent reason indicating the cause was found to be a deficiency of biotin (vitamin H or B7), a water-soluble vitamin that helps the body metabolise fats, carbohydrates,

creams, but with zero results. At long

last, a friend advised her to consult a

scalp expert or a dermatologist.

and protein.

Biotin is an essential vitamin that plays an important role in the health of hair, nails, and skin. It promotes the production of keratin, a key protein to strengthen all the three tissues. A biotin deficiency can lead to issues like brittle nails, thinning hair, and dry, scaly skin. All in all, biotin is the champion ingredient essential to incorporate in diet or through supplements for overall

beauty and wellness. "Biotin deficiency can be detected

BENEFITS GALORE

FOR HAIR Biotin is crucial for hair growth & strength; it helps in

reducing hair thinning, breakage, and split ends while promoting healthier and shinier hair

While there are no highly specific symptoms, biotin deficiency can result in dull, dry, and less hydrated skin; biotin supports structure of skin by helping maintain moisture, giving it a healthy glow

FOR NAILS Biotin is essential for maintaining nails that are strong

and healthy. It helps prevent brittleness and splitting, making nails stronger, thicker, and shinier

Dr Raina Nahar, senior consultant, dermatology, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai

Plant-based biotin supplements such as those derived from extracts of Sesbania grandiflora, commonly known as agati or vegetable hummingbird, can be effective for a broader range of benefits. As per Mihir Gadani, biotechnologist and co-founder of clean nutrition brand Oziva, standardised agati leaf extracts have been clinically proven to improve hair density, and support healthy hair growth. "Supplements are beneficial for maintaining healthy skin and nails. But a balanced diet rich in plant-based biotin sources can promote stronger hair, healthier skin, and resilient nails," says Gadani.

So is there a particular age when one should start taking supplements? Not really, say experts, but it all depends on individual symptoms and nutritional needs. Dr Nahar says, "If a person has healthy hair, skin, and nails, there is generally no need for supplementation.

Aspect	Details	ð
What is Biotin?	A water-soluble B-vitamin (Vitamin B7 or H) that supports metabolism of fats, proteins & carbohydrates	
Main Functions	Crucial for hair health, skin repair, and nail strength; promotes keratin production	
Symptoms of Deficiency	 Hair thinning or loss Dry, irritated skin Brittle, weak nails Fatigue or cramps 	
For Hair	Helps reduce hair breakage, promotes shinier and thicker hair	
For Skin	Maintains moisture, reduces dullness, acne-like eruptions	
For Nails	Reduces brittleness, improves nail strength and smoothness	

Dietary Sources of Biotin

Mushrooms

Plant-based	Animal-based	ð
Nuts (especially walnuts, hazelnuts)	Eggs (yolks)	
Seeds (sunflower seeds)	Liver, dairy, meats	
Legumes (soybean, peanuts)	Salmon, sardines	
Whole grains (oats, brown rice)		

Note: Biotin is naturally produced in **gut microbiota** but can be insufficient during illness, antibiotic use, or aging.



PM Modi arrives in Cyprus for 2-day visit NEWS O PAGE 6





Amit Shah reviews Census preparedness

New Tatkal rules to curb bots. bulk bookings To give genuine users INION IS PAGE 5



U Mumba bags its maiden UTT crown SPORT IS PAGE SE

Helicopter crash kills 7 on Char Dham route

FIR filed against chopper company for not following DGCA rules on flying in bad weather: State government suspends chopper services to review operators, pilots, after fifth crash in two months, committee formed under Uttarakhand Home Secretary to draft SOPs for public safety, helicopter company announces ₹5 lakh for kin of deceased

A helicopter ferrying pilgrims from the Kedarnath temple crashed near Guptkasht on Sunday morning, killing all seven people on board, a two-year-old child among

twee-year-old child attents from the control of the

The deceased passen-gers are Vikram Rawai, a representative of the Ba-dri-Kedar Temple Commit-Vined Devi. 66, and her granddaughter Tushti Singh, 19, from Ultar Preand Raikumar tais wal, 41. his wife, Shradda-ha, and their two-year-old daughter. Kashi, from

The couple's son had stayed with his grandfath



er in Yavatmal. The pilot of the helicopter was Lt. Col. Rapeer Singh Chanhan retch, 39, who had served in the Army for over 15

Years. The State Disaster Res the accident involved a Bell 407 helicopter (call sign VT-BKA) of Aryan Aviation operating in the Kedarnath temple sector.

The Rudraprayag police bave filed an FIR against Aryan Aviatron under Sec-tion 105 (culpuble bomi-ciste not amounting to marder) of the Bharatiya beautical and the second

One killed as landslip hits Kedarnath path

NEW DELINE landslip, triggered by incessant ram, bit the Jungleshalo walking route of Kedamath in Uttarakhand on Sunday. Authorities suspended the Medamath yatra from Sonpraying until further notice Citing safety concerns, the police appealed to develope oming to the tomple to wore, and satisfaccurity was being provided, a made a

weather conditions before

Services suspended The company has an-nounced a compensation of \$5 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased. Sunday's crash marked the fifth such accident – and the second with fatalities – on the Chier Dham Yetru route in the State since the pilgrim age began on April 30. Utterakhand Chief Mi-nister Pushkar Singh Dhain Badrinath on May 12. On m Badringth on May 12, on May 17, an air ambolance belonging to AHMS Bishi-lesh crashed in Sedar-nath, but we cannot year reported. On June 7, a helimt has ordered an inquiry.
"Hellespier services to
Char Dham will remain Char Dham will remain completely suspended un-til Monday. Services will be resumed only after a com-prehensive meeting with all operators. Mr. Dhami said. He also ordered a command and Coordinareported. On Jame 7, a heli-coptor on its way to Ecclar-nath made an emergency landing on the highway af-tur developing a technical sang during take-off, in which the pilm austained

Command and Coordina-tion Centre to be set up for bottler management and coordination of helicopter services. There are time belicopter operators run-ning private services on the Clair Dham runts.

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Harjab — had been airmatable weather conditions. Accordingly, the
ficences of both have been long-term experience or flying in high-altitude Hi malayan regions will be allowed to operate," Mr. Dhami said. The DGCA will also post officers to over-see the airworthiness, safe-The government has al-so formed a committee un-Relicopter activity in the Redarnath valley, and to

review the State aviation der the chairmanship of the Uttarakhand Home Seauthority's functioning.
On May 8, six people died when their helicopter crashed in Uturkashi. There was an averted crash cretary to draft Standard Operating Procedures giv-ing top priority to public safety.

INSIDE



App-based bike taxi services to stop in Karnataka

MINISTRAL ALBORS

Ethan elevanteurs drown in the river Godavari

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Axiom launch scheduled for June 19, savs Minister

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The Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), which is set to carry indian astronaut Shubban shu Shukla and three oth ers to the International Space Station (193), is sche-rhiled to take off on June 19, "as of now," Union Mi-nuister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said on Similay. This comes a day after the 1980 first declared and

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DNA profiling identifies 86 victims of AI crash; cockpit voice recorder retrieved

Abbinay Deshpande

Authorities at the Alumeda had Civil Hospital have identified 86 victims of the Air India flight AI-17) crash through INA profiling, Gujarat Minister of State

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Helicopter crash kills 7 on Char Dham route

FIR filed against chopper company for not following DGCA rules on flying in bad weather; State government suspends chopper services to review operators, pilots, after fifth crash in two months; committee formed under Uttarakhand Home Secretary to draft SOPs for public safety; helicopter company announces ₹5 lakh for kin of deceased

Ishita Mishra

NEW DELHI

helicopter ferrying pilgrims from the Kedarnath temple crashed near Guptkashi on Sunday morning, killing all seven people on board, a two-year-old child among them.

The accident likely occurred due to low visibility caused by bad weather, officials said. The exact cause of the crash will be determined through a detailed investigation by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB).

The deceased passengers are Vikram Rawat, a representative of the Badri-Kedar Temple Committee, who was returning to his home in Ukimath after official work at Kedarnath; Vinod Devi, 66, and her granddaughter Tushti Singh, 19, from Uttar Pradesh; and Rajkumar Jaiswal, 41, his wife, Shraddaha, and their two-year-old daughter, Kashi, from Maharashtra.

The couple's son had stayed with his grandfath-



Burned out: Rescue personnel at the site of the crash near Kedarnath in Uttarakhand on Sunday, PTI

er in Yavatmal. The pilot of the helicopter was Lt. Col. Rajveer Singh Chauhan (retd), 39, who had served in the Army for over 15 years.

The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said the accident involved a Bell 407 helicopter (call sign VT-BKA) of Aryan Aviation operating in the Kedarnath temple sector.

It took off from Guptkashi at 5 a.m. and landed at Kedarnath at 5.10 a.m.

"At 5.18 am, it flew back from Kedarnath to Guptkashi but crashed near Gaurikund. The SDRF worked for five hours to retrieve the charred bodies from the debris of the chopper," said Arpan Raghuvansi, SDRF chief in Uttarakhand. The Rudraprayag police have filed an FIR against Aryan Aviation under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and Section 10 of the Aircraft Act, 1934. The company is accused of not following the protocols laid down by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on checking

One killed as landslip hits Kedarnath path

NEW DELHI

A person was killed and two sustained injuries after a landslip, triggered by incessant rain, hit the Junglechatti walking route of Kedarnath in Uttarakhand on Sunday. Authorities suspended the Kedarnath yatra from Sonprayag until further notice. Citing safety concerns, the police appealed to devotees coming to the temple to remain safe wherever they were, and said security was being provided. » PAGE 4

weather conditions before a flight.

Services suspended

The company has announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased. Sunday's crash marked the fifth such accident – and the second with fatalities – on the Char Dham Yatra route in the State since the pilgrim-

age began on April 30.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has ordered an inquiry. "Helicopter services to Char Dham will remain completely suspended until Monday. Services will be resumed only after a comprehensive meeting with all operators," Mr. Dhami said. He also ordered a Command and Coordination Centre to be set up for better management and coordination of helicopter services. There are nine helicopter operators running private services on the Char Dham route.

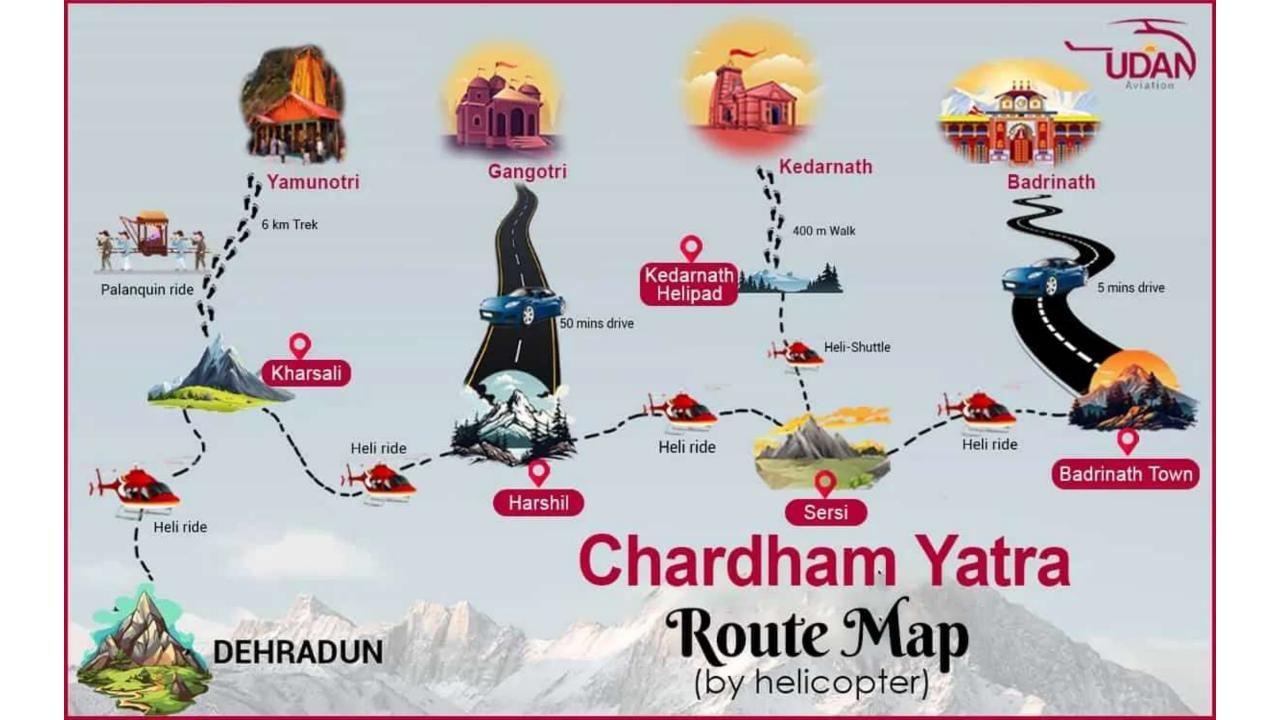
"Only those pilots with long-term experience of flying in high-altitude Himalayan regions will be allowed to operate," Mr. Dhami said. The DGCA will also post officers to oversee the airworthiness, safety, and operations of all helicopter activity in the Kedarnath valley, and to review the State aviation authority's functioning.

On May 8, six people died when their helicopter crashed in Uttarkashi. There was an averted crash in Badrinath on May 12. On May 17, an air ambulance belonging to AIIMS Rishi-kesh crashed in Kedarnath, but no casualty was reported. On June 7, a helicopter on its way to Kedarnath made an emergency landing on the highway after developing a technical snag during take-off, in which the pilot sustained injuries.

High-level inquiry

Following the incident, a high-level review meeting was convened by Mr. Dhami. It was found that two helicopters belonging to TransBharat Aviation – VT-TBC (Capt. Yogesh Grewal) and VT-TBF (Capt. Jitender Harjai) – had been airborne under similar unsuitable weather conditions. Accordingly, the licences of both have been suspended for six months.

The government has also formed a committee under the chairmanship of the Uttarakhand Home Secretary to draft Standard Operating Procedures giving top priority to public safety.



Detail	Information
P Location	Near Guptkashi, Uttarakhand
Date	Sunday morning
Time of crash	Approx. 5:18 a.m.
* Aircraft	Bell 407 Helicopter (VT-BKA) operated by Aryan Aviation
	Ferrying pilgrims from Kedarnath Temple
† Casualties	All 7 on board died (including a 2-year-old child)
Probable Cause	Bad weather/low visibility (to be confirmed by AAIB inquiry)

Administrative and Legal Actions

FIR Filed:

- Under Section 105 (culpable homicide) & Aircraft Act, 1934.
- Allegation: Violation of DGCA protocols for flying in inclement weather.

Compensation:

₹5 lakh announced by Aryan Aviation for kin of deceased.

Services Suspended:

- Helicopter services for Char Dham suspended till Monday (by order of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami).
- Kedarnath Yatra suspended from Sonprayag due to concurrent landslip.

Other Related Incidents

- This crash is 5th since the Char Dham Yatra began (April 30, 2025).
- May 8: 6 people died in a similar crash in Kedarnath valley.
- May 17: AlIMS Rishikesh air ambulance crash (no casualties).
- June 7: Helicopter made emergency landing due to technical fault.

Key Government Responses

Action	Details
SOP Committee	Committee formed under Uttarakhand Home Secretary to frame SOPs for aviation public safety
Operator Review	All 9 chopper operators flying Char Dham to undergo review
High-Level Review	Meeting chaired by CM, attended by top officials incl. DGCA & Transbharat/VYTB representatives
S Flight Restriction	Only pilots with long-term high-altitude experience allowed to fly in Kedarnath

Iran vows severe response to Israel as regional crisis intensifies in West Asia

Reuters

JERUSALEM/DUBAI

Israel and Iran launched fresh attacks on each other overnight into Sunday, killing scores and raising fears of a wider conflict.

While the Israeli military has warned Iranians living near weapons facilities to evacuate, Iran's armed forces on Sunday told residents of Israel to leave the vicinity of "vital areas" for their safety.

Israel's military said several sites were hit by the latest Iranian missile barrage on Sunday night.

In Iran, images from Tehran showed the night sky lit up by a huge blaze at a fuel depot after Israel began strikes against Iran's oil and gas sector – raising the stakes for the global economy and the functioning of the Iranian state.

Iranian President said that responses will grow 'severe' if Israel's hostile actions continue

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Sunday that the country's responses will grow "more decisive and severe" if Israel's hostile actions continue.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that armed forces have destroyed Iran's principal uranium enrichment facility at Natanz.

U.S. President Donald Trump early on Sunday said the two sides will have peace "soon", adding that many unspecified meetings were taking place.

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end the war by agreeing to tough restrictions on its nuclear programme, which Iran says is for peaceful purposes but Western countries say could be used to make bombs.

The latest round of nuclear negotiations between Iran and the U.S., due to be held on Sunday, was scrapped after Tehran said it would not negotiate while under Israeli attack.

Iran has not given a full death toll but said 78 people were killed on Friday and scores more have died since, including in a single attack that killed 60 on Saturday, half of them children, in a 14-storey apartment block flattened in Tehran.

Israeli rescue teams on Sunday combed through the rubble of residential buildings destroyed by Iranian missiles, using sniffer dogs and heavy excavators, to look for survivors after at least 10 people, children among them, were killed, raising the two-day toll to 13

'Will pay a heavy price'Israeli skies have been

streaked with barrages of Iranian missiles and Israeli interceptor rockets.

"Iran will pay a heavy price for the murder of civilians, women, and children," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said from a balcony overlooking blown-out apartments in the town of Bat Yam, where six people were killed.

(With AFP inputs)

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TRUMP'S WARNING

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Issue	Details 🗇
[₱] Region	Israel-Iran-West Asia
	Both countries exchanged heavy missile and drone strikes
♣ Warning	Iran's President: "Responses will grow more severe if hostile actions continue"
	Iran's uranium enrichment facility at Natanz destroyed
	Missile barrage hit fuel depot, oil & gas infrastructure
Death Toll	78 killed across two days (including women and children)
Negotiation Fallout	Iran backed out of nuclear talks with US due to ongoing Israeli strikes

- Israel's military claimed to have destroyed major nuclear assets of Iran.
- Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian warned of "more decisive and severe" retaliation.
- U.S. President Donald Trump expressed hope for peace and hinted at backdoor diplomacy.
- Nuclear Talks: The U.S.-Iran dialogue scheduled for Sunday was scrapped.

Strategic Implications for India

Sector	Impact	ð
■ Energy	Risk to India's oil supply, as India imports ~80% of its oil; price volatility expected	
Ø Diaspora	Indian nationals in Iran at potential risk; evacuation or assistance likely	
Diplomacy	Balancing act between Israel and Iran—India has ties with both	
✓ Inflation	Crude oil and gold prices rising globally due to instability	
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BSF jawan kills senior at camp in Bengal; probe ordered

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India will continue efforts to strengthen ties with Cyprus: PM

Both nations to hold delegation-level talks today; Modi says visit will add significant momentum to bilateral trade and investment relations

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"This visit will add sig-nificant momentum to in-dia-Cyprus relations, espe-cially in areas such as trade, investment and more," Mr. Modi said on

arrival.

"I thank the Indian com-munity for the leve. India will continue its efforts to strengthen its des with Cyprus in the future," said Mr. Modi after meeting the In-



Closer tiles Prime Minister Nargneira Medi being received by Cyprus President hillos Christophulides at the alruort on Sunday. 27e

with the resident Indians, Mr. Modi attended a Cy-prus-India Roundtable Disprus-india Roundfalte Be-cussion organised by the Cyprus Chamber of Com-merce and Industry. The visit, which is signif-icant for India as it sends a message to neighbouring Turkey, coincided with the

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were closed owing to the conflict, Mr. Modi's official aircraft aircraft flew over

PM has time for foreign trips, but not for Manipur'

Press Trust of India

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Raj Bhavan, NC govt. spar over job for kin of terror attack victim

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Cash Plus model pushes up early breastfeeding | British Navy's fighter jet rate, dietary diversity among Rajasthan women makes emergency landing

Bindu Shajan Perappadan NEW DELAH

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Cash Plus model pushes up early breastfeeding rate, dietary diversity among Rajasthan women

Bindu Shajan Perappadan NEW DELHI

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Improving lives: The scheme scaled up from a district-wise pilot to a State-wide initiative has benefited over 3.3 million women. AFP

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Rajasthan carried out the assessment of its enhanced programme through a three-year field study starting 2021.

"Rajasthan is the first to combine cash support for pregnant women with social and behaviour change interventions (SBCI), such as counselling, home visits, and sessions on nutrition and health. It also includes second-time mothers. This model is already showing a real impact on diet, early registration, and check-ups," said Om Prakash Bunkar, Director, Women and Child Development Department, Rajasthan.

The scheme was started at the end of 2020 in five districts: Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur, Pratapgarh, and Baran, as a pilot project. It was scaled up to cover the entire State in 2022. The announced budget for the scaled-up version of the scheme is ₹210 crore, targeting around 3.5 lakh second-time pregnant women in the State per year, as per the budget announcement.

Through the programme, pregnant and lactating women are offered home-based and group nutrition counselling on maternal and child health and nutrition. The programme also includes community and social engagements to drive local behaviour change, and the use of digital media to target younger audiences and male household members.

Challenges faced

While Rajasthan is focused on reducing mortality rates and improving overall wellbeing, the challenges it faces includes – incomplete data collection (maternal deaths), disparities in care with the large part of the densely populated State being rural, tackling poverty and lack of education cover.

To date, the initiative has directly benefited over 3.3 million women. As per the survey report, 80% of women reported improved affordability and access to nutritious food, attributing this to greater household awareness and counselling support.

Speaking about how the scheme has helped her, Raju Kumari from rural Rajasthan shared: "During pregnancy, the anganwadi worker registered me and ensured I got vaccinations and checkups. My anemia was detected early, and I was given iron treatment and nutrition advice. I had a normal delivery at a government hospital, and my baby weighed over 3 kg."

What is the Cash Plus Model?

India's first State-led project to integrate:

Target Group:
Pregnant and lactating
women (especially
second-time mothers)

Goal: Improve maternal and child nutrition

Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT)

With Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC)

Indicator	Impact (
Early breastfeeding	Increased by 49% (now 90% of newborns)
Momen accepting home-based counselling	Increased by 44%
Dietary diversity during pregnancy	Improved by 49%
Use of nutrition-specific cash	54% more women used it for nutritional purposes
Beneficiaries	Over 3.3 million women impacted
Awareness	80% reported better access to nutrition & counselling

Feature	Details
☑ Pilot Districts	Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur, Pratapgarh, Baran
Start Year	End of 2020
■ Study Period	2021-2024
în Coordinating Bodies	Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Rajasthan
8 Budget	₹210 crore/year for 3.5 lakh women
Augments	Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- Strategy Used
- Home-based nutrition counselling
- Early registration of pregnancy
- Sessions on diet & health
- Use of digital platforms for awareness
- Cash transfers linked to nutrition compliance
- Focus on second-time mothers

Challenges Faced

Issue	Description
Data	Incomplete collection (esp. maternal deaths)
Rural Outreach	Poor access in remote tribal areas
Education	Lack of awareness
Socioeconomic Barriers	Poverty limits dietary choices
Health Infrastructure	Limited follow-ups and anaemia detection

AviList

 The launch of AviList, the world's first unified global checklist of bird species, is a major step towards standardizing bird taxonomy.

About AviList

• It is the first-ever unified global checklist of bird species, launched after four years of intense collaboration by the Working Group on Avian Checklists, under the International Ornithologists' Union.

It replaces all major existing lists (like the IOC and Clements) to bring consistency and clarity to avian taxonomy.

It uses a combination of morphological traits, genetic data, vocalization patterns, ecology, reproductive isolation, and biogeography.

It is **downloadable in .csv and .xlsx formats** — open to scientists, students, and citizens.



 Rudrastra is India's new indigenous vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) drone, successfully tested by the Indian Army.

Rudrastra

- It is a **hybrid vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) dron**e developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL).
- It is capable of vertical takeoff like a helicopter and long-range flight like an aircraft.

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It is Designed for precision anti-personnel strikes, it can hit targets over 50 km away and has a full range of 170 km.

It is Ideal for deep strikes on enemy camps or artillery and offers the Army a powerful stand-off weapon with no risk to soldiers.

Desi Drones for Cross-Border Strikes



Drones can relay back live video and return to the launch position in automated mode

Army looking to acquire drones in significant numbers

of 170 km, which included loitering over the target area and an endurance of close to an hour-and-a-half for cross-border strikes to take down enemy artillery positions

Trials conducted at Pokhran firing range

ability to take down targets at a range of over 50 km



Word of the day

Puerile:

of or characteristic of a child; displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity

Synonyms: adolescent, juvenile

Usage: I do not like his puerile jokes.

Pronunciation: newsth.live/puerilepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpjʊə.ɹaɪl/

