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## CM OR NOTHING? CONGRESS KARNATAKA CHIEF DK SHIVAKUMAR LOCKS HORNS WITH SIDDARAMAIAH FOR THE TOP POST

**SHIVAKUMAR & SIDDARAMAIAH, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE CLAIMED CREDIT FOR CONGRESS'S WIN IN STATE, ARE IN DELHI TO MEET PARTY'S HIGH COMMAND. THE 2 LEADERS HAVE REFUSED ANY PROPOSAL OF POWER SHARING.**

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka state Congress president D.K. Shivakumar, continues to play hardball with the party high command as he remains steadfast in his demand to be made chief minister or remain out of the cabinet and government, two persons directly aware of the developments confirmed to ThePrint.

Unrelenting in his demand, the 61-year-old has claimed his eligibility for the top chair only after he delivered a thumping majority to the party in the 10 May assembly elections.

Shivakumar and former chief minister Siddaramaiah Tuesday met Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi. Kharge met both leaders claims separately.

"Shivakumar has demanded to be CM or capital and their camps are claiming their respective leader be kept out of the government and is the 'frontrunner' in the race. With 135 out of 224 cabinet," said one of the two persons assembly separately won by the party, both leaders have cited above, requesting anonymity.



This person, a close aide of Shivakumar, added that the state party chief has even threatened to resign as MLA and Congress remain a party worker if not given the CM post. His brother, national president Mallikarjun Kharge in Congress MP D.K. Suresh, is reported to have made similar claims before the high command, this person said.

Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah are both in the national Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, too, was part of the talks later Tuesday evening. People aware of the developments add that Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah have

Siddaramaiah also met Kharge Tuesday in Delhi, right after Shivakumar left the national president's residence.

Though the Congress had kept focus on local issues in the run up to the elections, even persuading its national leadership to align with this approach, the party has fallen back on Delhi to decide who will be the next CM of Karnataka.

The Congress party president is likely to make an announcement Wednesday.

On Sunday, the Congress legislature party (CLP) in its first meeting after the elections, passed a single line resolution authorising its national president to appoint the next CLP.

However, Kharge has been unable to make a decision on his own so far as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, too, was part of the talks later Tuesday evening. People aware of the developments add that Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah have



## INDIA On EU envoy's 'crackdown' call, Jaishankar defends India reselling Russian oil as refined fuels

**S. Jaishankar's response comes after the bloc's chief diplomat earlier said that the EU should crack down on India reselling Russian oil as refined fuels. Responding to Josep Borrell, the EU Foreign policy chief's remarks calling for action against Indian refined products from Russian crude, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday (local time) advised him to look at EU Council regulations. "Look at EU Council regulations, Russian crude is substantial."**

## MHADA FAILS TO ATTRACT BUYERS IN VIRAR, THANKS TO WATER WOES

**THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS WATER SHORTAGE, REPORTEDLY EXACERBATED BY WATER TANKER AND PRIVATE BUILDER LOBBIES IN VIRAR**

**Mumbai** In a city where owning a The remaining 1698 IBHK and 2BHK tenements are house is out of bounds for many still awaiting buyers. The housing authority's thanks to staggering real estate Konkani Board drew a lottery of 4640 homes in prices, the Maharashtra Housing and Vasai-Virar, Thane, Kalyan, Palghar and Raigad on Area Development Authority May 10 and another 737 homes were added from (MHADA) is having a hard time selling other suburbs, taking the list of unsold inventory to its low cost inventory of around 2048 2435. The board constructed over 9000 houses in homes in a colony of over 15 22- Virar-Bolinj over the last eight years. Before the pandemic had set in, about 6000 homes were sold



The heart of the problem is water in the first phase, but the scheme garnered bad shortage, reportedly exacerbated by publicity after the first lot of buyers came to live water tanker and private builder here, who are still struggling with acute water shortage. They get their fill from private tankers, which pinches their pockets. Interestingly, other private societies in the area have adequate water supply.

In April this year, when MHADA the issue of water scarcity and the civic body's valve-men being hand-in-glove with members of high-end advertised a special allotment drive housing societies to siphon water was highlighted by HT in a story headlined: 'In Vasai-Virar, protests yield of houses on a first-come-first-serve water once in 8 days' on April 18, 2023. Hitendra Thakur, a local MLA and head of Bahujan Vikas Aghadi (BVA), basis, only 350 buyers showed the party that has been in power in Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation (VVMC), assured that there will be an interest in the lottery additional quota of water to the MHADA colony soon as the suburb will get its supply from Surya dam.



## STOCK Day trading guide for today: Six buy or sell stocks for Wednesday

Indian markets ended Tuesday's trade on a nervous note by breaking a two day winning streak owing to global blurry outlook on macro economic data due coming week. For the day, cautious investors prefer to book profits. According to analysts, Tuesday's profit booking attempt is an indication that the Nifty watch out level would be 18,200-18,000 levels as a key support point for Wednesday. On upside 18,473 is a hurdle to watch out on bullish note.

Investors now look ahead to further talks between President Joe Biden and congressional leaders amid efforts to raise the US debt limit, as well as more Fed commentary and earnings reports due tonight. Despite FII being positive, analysts said it markets may see a neutral to negative trend Wednesday morning due to close watch on global macroeconomic data points.

The benchmark equity indices, the Sensex and the Nifty, declined on May 16. Despite starting the day strongly, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 413.24 points or 0.66% to close at 61,932.47. It dropped 498.3 points, or 0.79%, to 61,847.41 over the day. The NSE Nifty finished at 18,286.50 after falling by 112.35 points or 0.61%. For a straight fourteen days in a row, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought shares of Indian companies.

## FIVE GERMAN GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR GREEN VAULT JEWEL HEIST

The thieves looted goods worth and an ornate diamond more than 113 million euros headdress. However, police (\$123m) from the Green Vault in Dresden in 2019.

A German court has sentenced five gang members to up to six years in prison for snatching priceless 18th-century jewels from a Dresden museum in what has been dubbed the biggest art heist in modern history.

The convicted men, who appeared relieved on Tuesday by the two relatively light sentences, are members of the "Remmo clan", an extended family mostly based in Berlin and known for a web of ties to organised crime.

The pieces stolen from the break-in at the Gruenes Gewoelbe (Green Vault) museum in Dresden in 2019 contained more than 4,300 diamonds with an estimated value of more than 113 million euros (\$123 million). They included a breast star of the Polish Order of the White Eagle.

## UP HORROR: 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL KIDNAPPED, RAPED IN BALLIA

A 16-year-old girl was kidnapped and raped by a man in a village in Ballia District, Uttar Pradesh. The area and the girl was also accused has been arrested and recovered after police received a tip. As per the statement given by her father filed a complaint, the girl, Abdullah had raped her Ballia: In a shocking incident, a 16-year-old girl was allegedly abducted and raped by a man in a village in the Ballia District in the Uttar Pradesh.

The accused, Abdullah alias Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Gulab Muhammad Bahala, has in another shocking incident that been arrested and the girl took place in the Saharanpur recovered this Tuesday morning. district of Uttar Pradesh, a man The accused kidnapped the minor allegedly abducted and raped a by luring her on May 11.

The girl's father filed a complaint and a case was registered under sections 363 (kidnapping) and 366 (abducting or inducing her. He took her to a nearby woman to compel her marriage) forest and allegedly raped her. of the I.P.C., said the Deputy Further legal action will be taken Superintendent of Police (DSP) against the accused, stated the Mohammad Faheem. DSP.

# RAIL MINISTRY GIVES IN-PRINCIPLE NOD TO 238 AC RAKES FOR MUMBAI

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw gave his go-ahead to the procurement of AC rakes at a high-level meeting with rail officers from Mumbai on May 15. The process of setting up new car sheds at Bhivpuri (Karjat) and Vangaon (Dahanu) for the maintenance of these AC local trains will begin simultaneously.



Mumbai: In a significant decision that could boost and improve Mumbai's public transit, the railway ministry has given an in-principle nod to 238 air-conditioned (AC) rakes at an Sources, who were a part of this meeting, approximate cost of ₹20,000 crores. The AC said Vaishnaw enquired about the status of rakes will be procured under Mumbai Urban MUTP-3 and 3A that has been cleared for Transport Project (MUTP), which will Mumbai and its metropolitan region. gradually replace the existing non-AC rakes. Apart from the various rail projects that will Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw be added to the existing suburban network, gave his go-ahead to the procurement of AC one of the most vital components of both rakes at a high-level meeting with rail officers MUTP-3 and 3A is bringing 47 and 191 AC from Mumbai on May 15. The process of trains respectively under both phases of setting up new car sheds at Bhivpuri (Karjat) MUTP. Railway officials pointed out the and Vangaon (Dahanu) for the maintenance pending clearance from the minister's of these AC local trains will begin office and the railway board over procurement of these AC trains.

# MAN ENTERS MUMBAI AIRPORT WITH FAKE TICKET TO LOOK FOR LOST PHONE

MUMBAI: A man was arrested for allegedly using a fake air ticket to enter the city airport on May 14. Sahar police said the accused, Noor Shaikh (37), a Saki Naka resident, committed the offence to get information of his mobile which he lost on the airport premises during his travel from Mumbai to Delhi a week ago. Shaikh managed to clear the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) security check at the entry point of the airport around 10 pm. Shaikh had showed the fake e-ticket for a Mumbai to Delhi flight on his mobile phone. The ticket forgery came to light when Shaikh went to the ticket counter to complete his check-in. The officials at the counter of the airline company alerted CISF officials about the forgery. "Shaikh's family said he is depressed after losing his job recently and has been doing such acts without knowing the consequences. He was caught after he forged the old Mumbai-



Delhi ticket of Vistara Airlines using computer software. He cleared the CISF check to enter before he was caught," said an officer of Sahar police station. The police said Shaikh created the fake airline ticket by editing the old ticket and entered the Mumbai International Airport on May 14. "The accused had travelled on a flight from Mumbai to Delhi recently and he lost his phone at the airport. He decided to make the fake ticket and enter the airport to check the closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in the arrival area to look for his lost mobile. On a fake ticket, the passenger can go up to the security check where tickets are scanned," said an officer. The complaint was filed by CISF assistant sub-inspector Ajay Singh after he was alerted by the CISF control room in-charge inspector Upendra Singh.

# MAN HELD FOR USING THE ROD, WAVING AIR PISTOL IN ROAD RAGE INCIDENT AT ANTOP HILL IN MUMBAI



MUMBAI: A 29-year-old man has been arrested on charges of hitting a man with a steel rod, pulling out an air pistol and threatening to kill the complainant and his friend, who was riding a scooter, in a road rage incident at Antop Hill on Monday evening.

Complainant Deepak Dhilod, 29, and his friend Naveen Duglaj, 28, were passing through Antop Hill on a scooter around 9.15 pm. They were on their way to Dadar to catch a movie. Suddenly a car overtook them dangerously. They stopped it and asked the driver why he was being rash. A heated argument ensued and Nitin Arora, a senior manager with an event management company, threatened them, Dhilod told the police.

"Arora was driving the car. His wife was also in the car. The complainant said they wanted to enquire why he was driving in such a rash manner that the car could have knocked them down. Arora allegedly took out a rod and hit the complainant. The accused pulled out an airgun next and held it to Duglaj's chest and threatened to kill them," said police.

People gathered as the fracas continued. In a video that went viral, Arora could be seen holding the air pistol in one hand and a rod in the other. His wife is seen trying to calm him down.

After the incident, the complainant approached the police and later went to Sion Hospital for a medical examination. Dhilod works in Mahim as a patient caretaker.

A police team brought Arora to the police station and an FIR was registered against him. Arora has been booked under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 II (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the IPC. The police produced Arora before a metropolitan court which granted him cash bail of Rs 7,000.

"We have seized the airgun and steel rod. We are probing further," said senior inspector Nasir Kulkarni of the Antop Hill police.

# MUMBAI-GOIA VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS MAY START NEXT MONTH



MUMBAI: Mumbai-Goa passengers can expect to travel by the premium Vande Bharat Express train between CSMT and Madgaon from June. The train is expected to cut travel time by at least 45 minutes as compared to Tejas Express.

Vande Bharat Express can run up to the maximum speed of 160 mph and has travel classes like Shatabdi Train but with better facilities. A senior official said, "Our tentative plan is to have morning departure from CSMT around 6 am so it can reach in the afternoon at Madgaon, from where it will resume its return journey the same day to CSMT where it is expected to arrive close to midnight."

At present, Tejas Express departs from CSMT at 5.50 am and arrives at Madgaon at 2.40 pm. The train takes almost 8 hours and 40 minutes to cover the 765km distance. On its return, it leaves Madgaon at 3.15 pm and arrives at CSMT at midnight.

Tejas Express has two Vistadome coaches, 11 AC chair cars, one AC Executive Chair Car and two Luggage, generators cum brake vans. Vande Bharat Express has 16 AC coaches, of which two are executive class coaches. The total seating capacity is 1,128 passengers.

The 16-car Vande Bharat Express has eight motor coaches, and an intelligent braking system that enables better acceleration and deceleration and helps save travel time.

This will be the fourth Vande Bharat to be operated from Mumbai. Two of these run on CR between CSMT-Sai Nagar Shirdi and CSMT-Pune-Solapur. The third operates between Mumbai Central and Gandhinagar on Western Railway.

Vande Bharat Express offers a myriad of superior and aircraft-like travel experiences. It is equipped with advanced state-of-the-art safety features, including an indigenously developed train collision avoidance system.

There are reclining seats in all classes while Executive Coaches have 180-degree rotating seats. Every coach has 32" screens giving passenger information and infotainment.

# 'LOVE TRIANGLE' CLAIMS LIFE IN MUMBAI; YOUTH KILLS HIS COLLEAGUE, DUMPS BODY NEAR RAILWAY TRACK

Saafi attacked Patil with a stone, following which he fell unconscious. He then badly smashed his head.

Mumbai: Jealous over his former girlfriend's affair with his male colleague, a 25-year-old employee of a private bank in Mumbai allegedly killed him by smashing his head with a heavy stone, a Government Railway Police (GRP) official said.

The accused, Chuttan Safi, had dumped the body of the victim, Sandesh Patil, near railway tracks in suburban Jogeshwari. He was arrested on Tuesday.

The accused, the victim, and the woman are colleagues working in different branches of the same bank.

Saafi, who hails from Bihar and currently staying in Goregaon, committed the crime on May 15 night after inviting Patil for a drinking session in Jogeshwari.

"Saafi attacked Patil with a stone, following which he fell unconscious. He then badly smashed his head. He dumped the body near railway tracks before fleeing," the GRP official said.

The incident came to light after some passersby spotted the body and informed the Jogeshwari station master. During the investigation, the GRP found that a man working in a bank had prima facie committed the crime. He was identified and arrested.

Police registered a case under section 302 (Punishment for murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Further investigation is underway.

# CALLFIRE BREAKS OUT AT MUMBAI SLUM; NO CASUALTIES

THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO SEVEN-EIGHT GROUND AND GROUND-PLUS-ONE FLOOR STRUCTURES

A FIRE BROKE OUT AT A SLUM IN BANDRA AREA OF MUMBAI EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, CIVIC OFFICIALS SAID. THERE WAS NO REPORT OF ANY CASUALTY IN THE BLAZE WHICH ERUPTED AT 4.40 AM IN THE SLUM ALONGSIDE NARGIS DUTT ROAD, THEY SAID.

THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO SEVEN-EIGHT GROUND AND GROUND-PLUS-ONE FLOOR STRUCTURES, A CIVIC OFFICIAL SAID. AT LEAST EIGHT FIRE ENGINES, SEVEN WATER TANKERS AND SEVERAL OTHER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WERE RUSHED TO THE SPOT, HE SAID.

"NO REPORT OF ANY INJURY TO ANYONE IN THE FIRE AS OF NOW," THE OFFICIAL SAID. THE FIRE BRIGADE WAS MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE BLAZE, HE SAID. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS NOT YET KNOWN, HE ADDED.

# ELON MUSK 'ENDORSES' INDIAN BUTTER CHICKEN AND NAAN IN A VIRAL TWITTER POST, NETIZENS REACT

Butter chicken and naan are the go-to food of many Indians. Well, not just Indians but many in the West also love this cuisine. But did you know that Elon Musk is also an admirer of the Indian butter chicken and naan? The former Twitter CEO has reacted to a viral post calling the cuisine 'insanely good'. A Twitter user named Daniel (with Twitter handle @growing\_daniel) shared a picture of a bowl of butter chicken, accompanied by rice and naan. The post read "I love basic b\*\*\*\* Indian food it's so insanely good." At the time of writing the story, the tweet garnered 3.3 million views and 23.4 million likes. Replying to the post, Elon Musk commented "True". Netizens could not keep calm as Musk tweeted in favour of Indian food to the extent that some are inviting the billionaire for a home-cooked Indian meal.

"You don't know Indian food till you try home-cooked traditional, ground-from-scratch fare. These hotel and restaurant Indian spreads are a mere scratch on the REAL THING," commented a user.

"I invite you for Indian food at my home," replied another user. While another invited Elon Musk to visit India and try different dishes every day. "Try yourself, there are thousands of varieties you have to try every day some different dishes. Please plan a visit to India for the real taste of India," the user said.



VIRAL TWEET