



# INSIDE Outside

The Amazing World



## SHOCKED!!

A WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD ON A STREET IN BANGKOK AFTER THE TREMORS OF A MASSIVE MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE LED TO A FORCED EVACUATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ON FRIDAY. THE WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD ON A STRETCHER AS THE STAFF FROM THE HOSPITAL SURROUNDED HER AND HELPED HER IN THE DELIVERY.

## THE FLOATING NEWS TODAY



A VENDOR SELLS GARLANDS AT A WHOLESALE MARKET, AHEAD OF THE UGADI FESTIVAL, IN BENGALURU, KARNATAKA, SATURDAY. UGADI IS CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE HINDU CALENDAR MONTH OF CHAITRA.



FILMMAKER KARAN JOHAR AND BOLLYWOOD ACTOR TAMANNAAH BHATIA WITH FASHION DESIGNER FALGUNI PEACOCK DURING THE LAKME FASHION WEEK X FDCI, IN MUMBAI, FRIDAY.



## DAILY HOROSCOPES

**Aries**  
Neptune enters your sign today, dear Aries, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that directly affects your personality and image. This transit sensitizes your mind, body, and soul to a higher energy. It can act to soften your disposition as you become more attuned to the subtleties in your environment and everyday activities.

**Taurus**  
Flashes of insight are likely now, dear Taurus. It's a powerful day for your inner world. Neptune moves into a new sign today, and this is a very long-term influence that will slowly yet significantly boost your powers of intuition.

**Gemini**  
Neptune's move into your social sector today boosts a theme of some mystery surrounding your friends and associations, dear Gemini, but it can also be a time for an entirely different perspective on your social life and needs.

**Cancer**  
Neptune moves into your solar tenth house today, dear Cancer, beginning a very long-term cycle that affects your reputation, life path goals, and career. Neptune clouding your vision of where you are headed in life can sometimes cause inner restlessness and confusion, especially initially.

**Leo**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your adventure sector, dear Leo. Your perspective on life will expand in the years ahead, and you are becoming more willing to embrace unusual, mystical, or spiritual philosophies.

**Virgo**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, dear Virgo, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your sharing and intimacy sector. You may encounter some challenges regarding shared finances or property in the coming years.

**Libra**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your partnership sector, dear Libra. In the coming years, there can be some ambiguities surrounding close partnerships or your relationship goals.

**Scorpio**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your work and health sector, dear Scorpio. You can be more sensitive to imbalances in your environment, routines, and even medications, stress, and chemicals.

**Sagittarius**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your romance and creativity sector, dear Sagittarius. In the period ahead, your romantic life can be considerably more colorful and rich.

**Capricorn**  
Neptune enters a new sign today, beginning a very long-term cycle for you that affects your home and family sector, dear Capricorn. You may be more idealistic than usual regarding relationships with close loved ones, particularly family, which can cause a few problems if you're not careful.

**Aquarius**  
Neptune moves out of your finance sector and into your communication zone today, dear Aquarius. While Neptune isn't entirely done with your sector of resources, you are heading toward a clearer, more enlightened period for your relationship with your money and things.

**Pisces**  
Your modern planetary ruler, Neptune, moves out of your sign and into your resources sector today, dear Pisces, which is momentous. While this is a huge shift, Neptune's not yet truly finished in your sign (the permanent moving-on phase will happen in 2026). For now, you benefit from more clarity regarding your personal identity.

## SPOTLIGHT



A farmer burns crop residues in a paddy field, in Nadia, West Bengal, Saturday, March 29, 2025.

## Brainware University Hosts Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025

KAMAL GUHA

Kolkata: The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025, a prominent state-level initiative aimed at engaging the youth, took place successfully in Barasat on March 27 and 28, 2025. This significant program saw the participation of selected students and young individuals from every district across West Bengal. Organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra under the auspices of the Government of India, the event received significant support from Brainware University, Barasat. The proceedings began on March 27 with a ceremonial lamp-lighting conducted by esteemed dignitaries, including Binayak Kumar, NSS Regional Coordinator for the Government of India; Debkumar Chatterjee, Deputy Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra; Mahuya Pal, Registrar of Brainware University, Barasat; along with various heads of departments from the university and other distinguished guests.



Participants from various districts highlighted the importance of the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution, addressing themes such as civic rights, fundamental rights and duties, constitutional values, national determination, and the pledge to protect the nation. The speakers, who primarily communicated in Bengali, Hindi, and English, conveyed their commitment to the vision of a developed India (Viksit Bharat) within a defined timeline. The competition was open to youth aged 18 to 25, and following rigorous rounds of debate, three participants were chosen to represent the state at the national-level competition in Delhi. The two-day event was judged by a distinguished panel, including Dr. Anup Kumar Maity, Dean of Student Welfare at Brainware University; Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Head of the Law Department at Brainware University; Amit Sengupta, a former bank official; Shibashis Banerjee, a former official of Nehru Yuva Kendra; and journalist Samrat Chattopadhyay. The enthusiasm displayed by the students throughout the event was both palpable and commendable.

## Traders in Kashmir witness lacklustre sales ahead of Eid

Srinagar: Markets in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley lack the usual hustle-bustle ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr with many traders staring at losses due to sluggish sales during the festival. The Eid-ul-Fitr festival, which marks the culmination of Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, will be celebrated either on Monday or Tuesday depending on the sighting of the crescent on Sunday. However, markets in and around the Lal Chowk city centre -- the Srinagar's commercial hub -- have been witnessing muted sales. Local traders attributed the



lack of enthusiasm among shoppers to the rising trend of online purchase as well as consumers' concerns over increasing prices. Traders say the usual hustle and bustle associated with Eid shopping is missing this time and the overall sales have declined by around 70 per cent. "The market is about 70 per cent down from what it used to be before Eid festivals," vice president of the Lal Chowk Traders Association Suhail Shah told PTI. He said the market outlook on Eid was "worse than normal days". The markets, especially the shops dealing with bakeries, confectioneries, ready-made garments and crockery, which used to witness a heavy rush of customers before Eid, are experiencing sluggish sales, he added. "Every sector is affected. The sales were sluggish even in bakeries and confectionaries this year. Ready-made garment dealers are the most affected. "To some extent, online shopping is to blame for that, but overall, the purchasing power of the people has decreased," Shah said.

## India launches 'Operation Brahma' To Help Myanmar

New Delhi: PM Modi expressed deep condolences for the lives lost in the devastating earthquake in a conversation with Myanmar's Junta chief. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi wrote, "Spoke with Senior General H.E. Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar. Conveyed our deep condolences at the loss of lives in the devastating earthquake." Emphasising that India stands with Myanmar during this challenging time, PM Modi said, "As a close friend and neighbour, India stands in solidarity with the people of Myanmar in this difficult hour. As part of Operation Brahma, disaster relief materials, humanitarian aid, and search and rescue teams are being swiftly dispatched to the affected regions, the Prime Minister said. About 15 tonnes of relief material landed in Yangon this morning, as part of India's 'Operation Brahma' to provide



relief to Myanmar following the deadly earthquake. Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson at Ministry of External Affairs, said, "Operation Brahma - India acts as a First Responder to assist the people of Myanmar affected by yesterday's massive earthquake. Our first tranche of 15 tonnes of relief material, including tents, blankets, sleeping bags, food packets, hygiene kits, generators, and essential medicines has landed in Yangon." More than 1,000 people have been killed in Myanmar and thousands more injured in the temblor that was also felt in neighbouring countries. Most of the fatalities are in Mandalay, Myanmar's second largest city, and the region closest to the earthquake's epicentre. Meanwhile, rescue workers are still scrambling to find survivors in Myanmar and in Thailand. The quake has destroyed buildings and downed bridges across various regions of Myanmar while rescuers in Thailand capital's Bangkok are also fighting through rubble for workers trapped when a 30-storey skyscraper under construction collapsed.

## India Developed Its First Indigenous MRI Machine To Cut Scan Cost By Over 30%

New Delhi: India has developed its first home-grown Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine to reduce the cost of scans by more than 30 per cent. The project, which originated from an idea proposed in an internal meeting of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) eight years ago, is now set to come to fruition. While the machine is expected to be commercially available by June next year, in the next few weeks, human clinical trials are likely to begin. MeitY is preparing for its deployment for feedback and fine-tuning at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, by November this year. The Union government's goal is to reduce treatment costs and decrease reliance on imported medical devices as 80-85 per cent of such machines are currently imported. This indigenous MRI machine will help enhance India's self-reliance in medical technology. These machines, once ready, will be deployed across government hospitals, R&D labs, primary healthcare centres (PHCs) and will be open for purchase by private laboratories and hospitals. The Made-in-India MRI machine

is a result of a collaboration between AIIMS, New Delhi, and the MeitY's autonomous R&D institution, Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER). The project is funded by MeitY, and Sameer is responsible for design, development and integration. MRI machines have a very complex system. While hardware, though complex, is still something we can grasp, understanding software is very complex. The project is jointly executed by SAMEER, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC). C-DAC is an R&D organisation under MeitY focused on developing and deploying IT products and solutions. "The health division threw an idea saying why don't we attempt to make our own MRI machine and then we at SAMEER conducted several meetings with internal experts, medical experts, symposiums and workshops to understand how to begin," Dr P Hanumantha Rao, director general, SAMEER, said. "This journey has been very long as we started almost seven years ago."



## 10 Grams Of This Wood Costs As Much As 1 Kg Of Gold

Tel Aviv: In a world where gold and diamonds are symbols of wealth, there exists a wood so rare and valuable that a mere 10 grams of it rivals the price of an entire kilogram of gold. Known as Kynam, this extraordinary variety of agarwood is considered the rarest and most expensive wood on Earth, often referred to as the "Wood of the Gods."



Agarwood, commonly found in Southeast Asia, India, China, and the Middle East, has long been prized for its deep, resinous aroma. It plays a crucial role in the perfume industry, particularly in the production of oud, a highly sought-after essential oil. However, within the agarwood family, Kynam is a rarity beyond measure. Its scarcity and unparalleled fragrance have made it a coveted treasure, with prices reaching astronomical heights. According to a report by Al Jazeera, a mere 10 grams of Kynam can command a price of Rs 85.63 lakh (approximately \$103,000), making it one of the most expensive natural materials in the world. At such a valuation, one could purchase nearly 1kg of gold for the same amount. In some instances, large pieces of this wood have fetched fortunes, such as a 16kg piece of 600-year-old Kynam that sold for

an astounding Rs 171 crore (\$20.5 million). The reason behind Kynam's extraordinary value lies in the complex and unpredictable process that creates agarwood. The transformation occurs when the Aquilaria tree, which naturally produces agarwood, undergoes an infection by a particular type of mold. In response, the tree secretes a dark, aromatic resin that gradually turns the wood into a fragrant, precious substance. This process takes decades, and only a fraction of agarwood trees develop the coveted resin in a form pure enough to be classified as Kynam. In the Middle East, small pieces of agarwood are traditionally burned to welcome guests, filling homes with a distinctive, long-lasting fragrance. In Korea, the wood is an essential ingredient in medicinal wines, while in Japan and China, it plays a role in spiritual and ceremonial practices. In India, Assam is regarded as the country's agarwood capital, where local farmers cultivate and harvest the tree. However, the rising demand for agarwood and its increasing rarity have made conservation efforts critical. As the number of naturally occurring agarwood trees declines, experts warn that overharvesting and illegal trade could push the species toward extinction.

## Archaeologists Discover a 3,200-Year-Old Tomb Possibly Linked to Ramesses III

Cairo: A 3,200-year-old tomb has been found in northeastern Egypt. Researchers believe that it may have belonged to a military commander who served during the reign of Ramesses III. The location of the discovery was at the site known as Tell el-Maschuta. It was confirmed by the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. The mud-brick tomb consists of a burial chamber along with three adjoining rooms. Among the artifacts found inside, a gold ring bearing the name of Ramesses III and a collection of bronze arrowheads have drawn particular attention. Other objects recovered include an ivory box and pottery vessels with inscriptions. According to the ministry's statement, some of the inscriptions on the pottery refer to Horemheb, a pharaoh who ruled between 1323 and 1295 B.C. Before



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becoming king, he was known for his military background. It is still not clear why his name appears on the artifacts. One possibility is that burial

items from an earlier period were reused. Despite this, the presence of objects linked to Ramesses III has led experts to believe that the tomb was used during his reign, which lasted from around 1184 to 1153 B.C. Anthony Spalinger, professor emeritus at the University of Auckland, said that further study of the inscriptions is necessary to have more details about the individual buried there. Egyptologist David Warburton from Northeast Normal University in China also pointed out that without titles in the inscriptions, it is difficult to confirm whether the person was a military commander. Meanwhile, Aidan Dodson, an Egyptology professor at the University of Bristol, suggested that the tomb may have been built during Horemheb's reign and later reused during the time of Ramesses III and the Twenty-second Dynasty.