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## India, China discuss situation along LAC to narrow down differences and find resolutions

**NEW DELHI:** The ministry of external affairs said that India and China held a discussion along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on Thursday and decided to jointly uphold peace and tranquillity on the ground. MEA said that a 'frank, constructive and forward-looking exchange of views' took place at the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) in Beijing.

The Indian delegation was led by Gourangal Das, joint secretary (East Asia) while the Chinese delegation was led by Hong Liang, director general of the boundary & ocean affairs department of the Chinese ministry of foreign affairs. The two sides narrowed down their differences and sought to find early resolution of the outstanding issues. For this, they further agreed for intensified



### 'Malicious disinformation campaign': Cornered Mamata

**NEW DELHI:** Mamata Banerjee, who has weathered several storms in her long political career, finds herself cornered and isolated over the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's R G Kar Hospital. While the BJP has been mounting relentless

contact through diplomatic and military channels. Following the guidance from two foreign ministers' meetings in Astana and Vientiane in July 2024, both sides engaged with a goal to narrow down differences and find an early resolution to outstanding issues. To achieve this, they decided to intensify

pressure on the West Bengal chief minister, her allies from the opposition INDIA bloc have been divided in their response. The Bengal unit of the Congress and the Left have taken to the streets against the Trinamool government.

contact through both diplomatic and military channels. "In the meantime, they decided to jointly uphold peace and tranquillity on the ground in border areas in accordance with relevant bilateral agreements, protocols and understandings reached between the two Governments. It was reiterated that

### Building collapses in Rajasthan; search & rescue ops on

**NEW DELHI:** A two-storey under-construction building collapsed in Rajasthan's Jaipur on Thursday. The building housed several juice shops on its ground floor, said officials. Emergency responders are at the site, including the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), local police, and teams from the Municipal Corporation, and search & rescue operations have been launched.

restoration of peace and tranquillity, and respect for LAC are the essential basis for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations," MEA said in a press release. Additionally, the leader of the Indian delegation called on the vice minister in the Chinese ministry of foreign affairs.

## Jharkhand govt to give police job to families of Agniveers killed on duty

**NEW DELHI:** Chief minister Hemant Soren on Thursday said that his government will induct into the state police the family members of deceased Agniveers from Jharkhand.

"The Agniveer Scheme has been brought by the central government, and we all know about it... The state government has decided to induct family members of Agniveers from Jharkhand, who lose their lives, in the police," Hemant Soren told news agency PTI. After this announcement, Jharkhand has become the first non-BJP-ruled state which has introduced a provision for Agniveers as most of the parties in the INDIA bloc have opposed the Centre's Agnipath scheme which the government says is a "transformative initiative" that will provide a youthful profile to the armed forces.

Last month, after facing heat from across the spectrum, several BJP-governed states announced reservations to Agniveers after



### US-made F-16 fighter jet crashes in Ukraine due to 'pilot error': Reports

**NEW DELHI:** A US-made F-16 fighter jet given to Ukraine crashed on August 26, resulting in the death of its pilot, Oleksiy Mes, who was known by the call sign "Moonfish", said several US media reports on Thursday. The incident occurred during a significant Russian aerial assault on Ukraine, which involved over 200 missiles and drones targeting various civilian and energy facilities. A CNN report citing a source in the Ukrainian

Defence Forces said the pilot was killed in the crash while "repelling the biggest ever aerial attack" by Russia against Ukraine. The pilot was buried on Thursday. The crash is being investigated and international experts will be invited to participate in the probe, the source told CNN. The crash was reportedly not caused by enemy fire but is believed to have resulted from pilot error. The F-16 was among the first jets delivered to Ukraine.

retirement in state jobs. However, BJP's allies, Nitish Kumar's JDU and Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti

Party (RV), also requested to review the scheme. The home ministry also announced.

### 31 kids in Bihar fall sick after consuming medicine given at school health check-up

**NEW DELHI:** Over 31 children fell ill on Thursday after consuming filariasis medicine in Bihar's Ara. Their condition is now reported to be normal. The medicine, that treats a long-term parasitic infection transmitted by mosquitoes, was given to the kids as a part of health campaign organised in school. The kids were admitted to Ara Sadar Hospital for treatment. The incident brings back the memories of 2022 when nearly 72 kids of two government schools fell ill after consuming de-worming tablets in Bhagalpur and Munger.

### 'Rahul Gandhi's politics has changed': Smriti Irani dissects his new 'white T-shirt strategy'

**NEW DELHI:** BJP leader Smriti Irani pointed out a noticeable shift in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's political strategy. Dissecting the evolution of Rahul's approach, Irani suggested that his newfound focus on caste politics and symbolic gestures marks a significant departure from his earlier tactics. In a recent podcast, Smriti Irani said, "There has been a change in Rahul Gandhi's politics."

Highlighting that the Congress leader appears to believe he has finally tasted success after years of struggling to find his footing, she said, "When he (Rahul Gandhi) speaks about caste, he for the first time in his political career, speaks as an instrument. When he wears white T-shirt in Parliament, he knows what message he is trying to send to the youth." She also noted that every gesture and statement from Gandhi is part of a broader, more calculated strategy. "They're planning a different game in politics now, and these guys are far from naive," she added.

Irani highlighted that Rahul's recent emphasis on caste politics is a deliberate move, a first in his career where he is using such a sensitive issue to resonate with the masses. Rahul's shift towards caste-based rhetoric is a response to his earlier failures in garnering mass appeal through other means.

## 'If someone has audacity of ... ': CM Revanth Reddy gets SC rap for hinting at 'BJP-BRS deal'

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Thursday made strong observations against Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy for "casting aspersions" on apex court's order granting bail to BRS MLC K Kavitha in Delhi excise policy case. Revanth Reddy had raised questions on BRS leader K Kavitha getting bail in 5 months citing the fact that AAP leader Manish Sisodia had

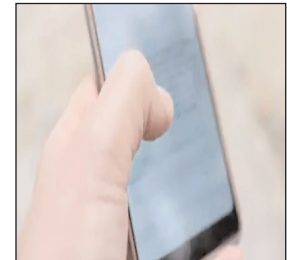


got relief after 15 months and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is yet to get bail in the case. "It is a fact that BRS worked for the victory of the BJP in the 2024 LS polls. There is also talk that Kavitha got bail because of the deal between BRS and BJP," Reddy had said. Taking strong exception to Telangana chief minister's remarks, the SC bench observed:

"Have you read in the newspaper what he said? Just read what he has stated. What sort of statement is this by a responsible chief minister. That might rightly create apprehension in the minds of people. Is this a kind of statement which should be made by a chief minister. A constitutional functionary is speaking in this manner? "Why should they drag court in political rivalry?"

## Government to launch 'repairability index' for electronics by December

**NEW DELHI:** Govt will launch a 'repairability index' for mobile phones and electronic products by Dec, a move that will help consumers make informed decisions before purchasing them. The initiative aims to address the growing e-waste problem and encourage manufacturers to produce more easily repairable items. Speaking at a workshop on 'Right to Repair Framework' organised



by the govt, Union consumer affairs secretary Nidhi Khare said after the roll out of the index, the department will come up with a regulatory framework as well. "As India emerges as the third largest economy in the world,

we should have a vibrant and tech-savvy repair system," she said. Top industry players attended the meeting and supported the govt's move. The 'repairability index' is a display or information that manufacturers will have to put on electrical and electronic equipment to inform about their repairability. Sources said once the regulatory framework is in place, manufacturers in India will have to mandatorily.

## US presidential elections: Trump & Co sink to new low with ugly sexual slurs against Kamala

**WASHINGTON:** Former US President Donald Trump's misogynistic depredations hit a new low this week after he posted yet another crude sexual slur against Kamala Harris, amplifying ugly smears from his sleazy followers.

Trump used his social-media platform on Wednesday to repost an image of Kamala Harris with Hillary Clinton suggesting they traded sexual favors in their political journey. "Funny how blowjobs impacted both their careers



differently..." the caption from the Trump fan read. It was the second time that Trump has amplified such disgusting attacks from followers once described as "deplorables" by Hillary Clinton, who lost the 2016 presidential elections to him in the electoral college despite polling nearly three million more popular votes. Earlier this month, Trump shared a video from a right wing "Meme Team" that parodied an Alanis Morissette song "Ironic" to attack Kamala Harris as "moronic," and who "spent her whole damn life

down on her knees" -- at which point a photo of Willie Brown, a former San Francisco Mayor with whom Harris had a relationship 30 years ago appears.

The former President's supporters in the right-wing ecosystem seemed to take the cue for similar sick innuendos, including one Trump fanboy who posted photos of Harris in a party dress to claim she was once an "escort." In another cheap shot, Fox News anchor Jesse Watters argued on his program that Kamala Harris.

### Karnataka Waqf Board opposes Centre's Waqf Amendment Bill

**NEW DELHI:** The Karnataka State Waqf Board opposed the Centre's Waqf Amendment Bill during an administrative committee meeting on Thursday. During a meeting of the Waqf Board's administrative committee, led by Housing and Minorities Welfare Minister Zameer Ahmad Khan and State Waqf Board Chairman Anwar Basha, a resolution was passed opposing the amendment to the Waqf Act, the Minister's office said in a release, reported news agency PTI. Following the meeting, the Minister and Chief Minister's Political Secretary Nasir Ahmad presented the resolution to chief minister Siddaramaiah, requesting him to write to the union government in opposition to the amendment. The Waqf administrative committee declared that it would not provide any information to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

### Government allows sale of FCI rice for ethanol production; revokes curb on sugarcane



**NEW DELHI:** Government on Thursday lifted a 13-month ban on sale of rice to grain-based ethanol distilleries by allowing such entities to purchase up to 23 lakh tonnes of the foodgrain through e-auction till October, a move that will boost ethanol production and offload excess stock held by Food Corporation of India. The government had banned the sale of rice for ethanol production last year. In another decision just ahead of the Maharashtra assembly election, gov-

ernment also revoked the restriction on use of sugarcane juice and sugar syrup for ethanol production, which was imposed last December. As per a notification issued by the food ministry, it permitted sugar mills to use cane juice or syrup to produce ethanol for the ethanol supply year (ESY) 2024-25, beginning November 1. According to the food ministry, grain-based ethanol producers can participate in e-auctions and purchase FCI rice between August and October 2024.

## NFA celebrates National Sports Day with joy & gaiety Abhinav Shyam Gupta awarded winners of U-15 Football Tournament

Prayagraj: Northern Football Academy celebrated National Sports Day (29 August), the birthday of Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand ji by organizing Football Tournament of five days which ended today with the prize distribution ceremony at the auditorium of Vishnu Bhagwan Public School, Jhalwa, Prayagraj. Chief Guest Olympian, Arjuna Award winner Shuttler Abhinav Shyam



Football Coach Indranil Ghosh presenting memento to Chief Guest Olympian Abhinav Shyam Gupta along with Shyam Babu Gupta

Gupta along with Special Guest Shyam Babu Gupta for National level Hockey Player gave away the prizes to all the winners of U-15 Category in the Auditorium of Vishnu Bhagwan Public School, Jhalwa, Prayagraj.

Football Coach Indranil Ghosh welcomed the Guest & presided over the program while Ankit Gupta proposed

vote of thanks. In the tiebreaker competition in the Under-15 category, the gold medal was won by the pair of Rudransh Jaiswal and Aditya Singh, while the silver medal was won by Ansh and Nishant & the bronze medal was won by Aditya-Anant & Shaksham-Shivansh. In the team championship, first place went to Youth Football Academy, second place to All Star FC while third place to Vishnu Bhagwan Public School.

First place in accuracy competition was won by the pair of Rudransh Jaiswal and Aditya Singh, while silver medal was given to Veer Pal and Akshat whereas Arpit & Ujjwal settle with bronze.

Chief Guest honored the Runner Up Uttar Pradesh Team U-17 Footballers of PEFI National Championship 2024 & VBPS Players who emerged Bronze Medal in U-15 Subroto Cup National Championship 2024. The Senior category final match & prize distribution ceremony will be held on 30 Aug, at VBPS football ground.

## Rotary Club distributed baby kits to newborns at Dufferin Hospital

Prayagraj: The women and child health team of Rotary Club of Allahabad Academia distributed Club President Rotarian Aftab Ahmed, Project Director Rotarian Dr. Ishanya Raj and Project Chairperson Rotarian Alina. Under the leadership of Khan, baby kits were distrib-



uted to 67 newborn babies in the Government Women's Hospital (Dufferin Hospital). Additionally, boxes of protein supplements were presented to lactating mothers. On this occasion, the Medical Officer of Dufferin Hospital and her team appreciated the efforts made by Rotary Academy for the mothers and babies and assured cooperation in future also. Rotarian Tariq Salman and Rotarian Rizwani Khan were also present in the program.

## Bal Gopal, Jhulna swung, aarti performed

Prayagraj: On the occasion of Nandotsav of Krishna Janmashtami in Munshi Ram Prasad's garden in Muthiganj, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra congratulated the world wishing for the well-being of Bal Gopal, Jhulna was swung and Aarti was performed. Pramod Jaiswal, Rajesh Kesarwani, Ajay Agrahari, Rakesh Bharti, Prashant Shukla, TP Singh etc. were present on this occasion.



## Artists staging Krishna Leela under the aegis of Katra Ramleela Committee.

Photo by Sushant shukla

## Khelgaon students shine in Sports Day Competition

Prayagraj: To commemorate the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand, famous as the great hockey player and hockey magician, a three-day sports competition was organized in the Sports Village. Today, on the third and last day of the competition, the finals of three sports were held. Held:- The final of hockey was played between the host Khelgaon Public School - A and Khelgaon Public School - B in which Khelgaon Public School - A won by three goals each. For which they were awarded trophies and medals. Three-day inter-school

sports competition on the occasion of Sports Day at Khelgaon Public School. Hockey championship was given to Khelgaon Public School, football championship was given to Khelgaon Public School and cricket championship was given to Khelgaon Public School. In the second final, there was a football match between Khelgaon Public School and R Basic Inter College in which the team of Khelgaon Public School won the championship by defeating R Basic Inter College with the score of 2-1. In the final of cricket, Khelgaon Public School

champion. Before this, the chief guest of the program Mr. Dr. U.K. Mishra, Chair-

man, Khelgaon Public School, Shri Anil Mishra, Vice Chairman, Khelgaon Public School and Dr. RC Srivastava, Director, Khelgaon Public School in-

augurated the program by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, Saraswati Vandana was presented and Many cultural programs were presented, in which welcome song (Swagatam Swagatam), group dance (Tu Badhta Chal) and sports dance (Chak De) etc. were presented. All the participants were given "Certificate of Participation" and the winners were given "Certificate of Merit". In his address, Chief Guest Dr. U. K. Mishra said that Khelgaon Public School is famous for world class sports and high level education. The students here set records in both

sports and studies, which It is well known that on this occasion, Shri Anil Mishra, Vice Chairman, Khelgaon Public School said that physical and mental capacity is developed through sports. On this occasion, Dr. R. C. Srivastava, Director, Khelgaon Public School, Coordinator Manish Kumar Singh, Aradhana Goswami, Abhay Kumar Singh, sports coaches, managers and students from various schools were present. Vote of thanks was given by the school's director, Dr. R. C. Srivastava. The program was conducted by the school teacher Sara Afsar.



loss of 4 wickets in 20 overs. In response to which Khelgaon Public School achieved the target of 85 runs by losing three wickets in 1201 overs and became the

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## Shivaji Inter College, Tilak Inter College won Manager and Principal awarded winning team

Prayagraj: Tehsil level Kabaddi competition was organized today in Devnahari. Starting the program, school manager Sachin Shukla also highlighted the usefulness of sports in human life and conveyed best wishes to the participating participants. Eight sub-junior teams and eighteen junior teams of Tehsil level participated in the competition and a total of twelve teams participated in the senior group. The players displayed great sportsmanship and added to the competition. In the junior category,

Shiva Ji Inter College Sahashon performed brilliantly and captured the title category also, the players of Tilak Inter College showed excellent perfor-

egory Kabaddi winner Tilak Inter College Kotwan Prayagraj and sub junior boys category Kabaddi winner also became winners in the presence of teacher and sports head of Tilak Inter College Kotwan Dharmendra Singh. At the conclusion of the program, Manager Sachin Shukla and Principal Anil Chaudhary honored the winning and runner-up teams. On this occasion, Ram Sumer Yadav, Dayashankar Sharma, Brijesh Patel, Sanjay Tiwari and Ram Aadhar Maurya encouraged the players.

by defeating Shri Krishna Inter College, Devanahari, while in the junior category, Tilak Inter College Koraon won the title. In the senior



mance and won the trophy by defeating the team of Bala Prasad Kushwaha Inter College, Balrampur Barethi. Senior boys cat-

## Volleyball match conducted at IFFCO to mark Dhyan Chand anniv

PRAYAGRAJ: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of world famous hockey magician Major Dhyan Chand and National Sports Day, a volleyball match was organized between the teams of IFFCO

To promote sports, IFFCO organizes sports competitions & activities every year in various sports like swimming, cricket, lawn tennis, badminton, athletics, volleyball etc. Apart from this, summer sports training is



## Peechha Karti Parchhaiyaan' shows patriarchy negatively impacts both men and women: Param Singh

Kanpur: Popular TV star Param Singh is known for essaying memorable characters on Indian Television. He now plays the tragedy-stricken son of a feudal family in Rajasthan in Zee Theatre's upcoming teleplay 'Peechha Karti Parchhaiyaan', which will premiere on Dish TV & D2H Rangmanch and Airtel Spotlight on 1st September. The play has been adapted by film, television, theatre and music icon Ila Arun from Henrik Ibsen's classic play 'Ghosts' and directed for stage by stalwart KK Raina who represents the face of societal patriarchy in the story. Set in Rajasthan, the teleplay features Param as Yuvraj who is unaware of the calamitous legacy of his late father Maharaja Kunwar Viraj

Bhanu Pratap Singh. When ghosts from the past emerge to haunt the present, Yuvraj, despite the efforts of his protective mother Rani Yashodhara, (played by Ila Arun) pays the biggest price.

Talking about the salient themes of patriarchy in the teleplay, Param says, "Patriarchy impacts men and women equally. For instance, men are supposed to provide and protect but they are not even allowed to be vulnerable or speak about their psychological issues. There is so much stigma against men who are unemployed. They have to be the breadwinners. We can never say that we want to get married and just be a homemaker."



Discussing his own character, he adds, "I interpreted Yuvraj as a young man who unconsciously becomes exactly like his father. When he discovers a secret about the girl he has fallen in love with, he doesn't want to live. At that moment he just wants to die and be free of the pain he has been going through. That pain was something that I tapped into during the rehearsal process."

The actor who did theatre in college, completed a course with Barry John in 2011 and has done plays with IPTA (Indian People's Theatre Association) credits Ila Arun for bringing him back to the stage after a gap of over 10 years. He explains, "In 2022 Ila ma'am

approached me to play Yuvraj. I met her and KK sir and when they told me the story, I came onboard. I wanted to work with them, learn from them and transition from television to something different. Working with them taught me the nuances of script analysis and we performed this play together for almost two years." Thrilled to now be playing a part in the teleplay version as well, he says, "Our filming director Saurabh sir also gave us a lot of freedom to improvise. He didn't interfere in the character analysis because that had already been put in place by KK sir." The star cast of 'Peechha Karti Parchhaiyaan' also includes popular actor Priyamadva Kant and veteran actor Vijay Kashyap.

employees and Newgen Security Guards at IFFCO Ghyanganar Phulpur. The game was played in a friendly atmosphere at R.K. Krishnan Stadium in which Newgen Security team emerged victorious. The program was conducted by Bablesh Mishra. A large number of people enjoyed the match in the stadium.

also organized for the employees and their dependents in various sports. During this General Manager production Sanjay Bhandari, HOD Human Resource Shambhu Shekhar, representative of IFFCO Officers Association & IFFCO Employees Sangh were present during the Match.

## Procession of seventy-two coffins witnesses participation of Civil Defense

Prayagraj: Division Chowk. On Thursday, an international procession of seventy-two coffins took place in Daryabad, in which lakhs of people from India and abroad participated with the spirit of faith. Due to such a huge crowd, the area around Daryabad Peepal Square and Daryabad cemetery has been very busy, on many such occasions the crowd becomes disorganized and the wardens of Civil Defense Chowk express their gratitude to all the friends of the Chowk block to handle it. That all of you spared your precious time to register your presence in

this international event and the procession of 72 coffins was successfully completed under the leadership of ICO Mohammad Yakub ji. On this occasion, ICO Kamlesh Srivastava, Post



Warden of Daryabad, Abbas Haider ji Shariq Mujeeb ji, Rajesh Kumar Verma ji, Zaheer Ahmed etc. were present. Verification of duty was done by Mani Mehra ji. In which the entire team was present in large numbers.

## Concord Enviro Systems files fresh IPO papers with Sebi

Varanasi: Concord Enviro Systems, an environmental engineering solutions firm, has filed fresh preliminary papers with Sebi to raise funds through an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The proposed IPO comprises fresh issuance of equity shares worth Rs 192.3 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of 51.94 lakh equity shares by promoters and an investor, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed on Tuesday. Those selling shares in the OFS are promoters -- Prayas Goel and Prerak Goel, promoter groups -- Namrata Goel, Nidhi Goel and Pushpa Goel

- and investor AF Holdings.

Proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 25 crore will be invested in Concord Enviro FZE (CEF) for setting up a new assembly unit for water treatment systems, and Rs 10.505 crore will be invested in Rochem Separation Systems (India) Private Ltd to expand its manufacturing facilities and support activities.

Additionally, the company will invest Rs 50 crore in CEF for the payment of debt, Rs 33.5 crore will be allocated for technology and growth initiatives to access new

markets, Rs 20 crore will be used to fund CEF's working capital requirements, Rs 10 crore will go towards Reserve Enviro Private Limited to expand its "pay per use/pay as you treat" business. Also, Rs 3.228 crore will be allocated for the company's capital expenditure on plant and machinery and a portion of the proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes. Concord Enviro Systems is an integrated solutions provider for industrial waste water reuse and zero liquid discharge solutions, with an in-house position across the value chain.

## Water level of Yamuna in Prayagraj continuously rising.



## Important role of Special Educator in education of disabled children

Prayagraj: Under Samagra Shiksha (Integrated Education) of Prayagraj district, four-day in-service training of Special Educator was organized on 28/8/2024 at the College of Teacher Education. The ongoing training was inaugurated by Principal College of Teacher Education Ashok Kumar Singh and District Basic Education Officer Praveen Kumar Tiwari by lighting the lamp on the



statue of Mother Saraswati. District Basic Education Officer Praveen Kumar Tiwari praised the work of the Special Educator working under Integrated Education. Appreciated and motivated the disabled children to benefit from various schemes. Principal Ashok Kumar Yadav, DC MDM Rajeev Tripathi and District Coordinator Integrated Education Development Pandey and CTE staff participated in the training. A total of 50 including three reference donors participated in the four-day in-service training. Special Educator participated.

## No NPS, No UPS, only OPS

Prayagraj: On call of ATEWA's Provincial President Vijay Kumar Bandhu, No NPS No UPS Only OPS trended at number one on No NPS, no UPS on Congratulating the employees, he said that in the same way, you all,



together with the top leadership, should continue to run the movement for old pension with strength. One day, under the leadership of Vijay Kumar Pension Man, the old age stick in the form of OPS with 110 pc guarantee will be given to the Social Security Government. Will restore, the above information was given by Ravi Shankar Mishra, District Media Incharge of Ateva, employee leader. Ravi Shankar Mishra, District Media Incharge of Ateva Prayagraj.

## Discussion on social & political participation in Halwai Welfare Society meet

Prayagraj: The meeting of Halwai Welfare Society, Uttar Pradesh, Allahabad was held recently at the bungalow of Qadir Confectioner located on Shaukat Ali Road under the chairmanship of Haji Mujibur Rahman and conducted by Haji Shafiqur Rahman. Irfan Ahmed Advocate National General Secretary (Muslim Halwai Fraternity Committee) was present as the chief guest. Other speakers included the National Secretary of the Committee Shahid Adnani, State Incharge Haji Mohammad Haroon. The aim is to create social and political awareness among the people of the fraternity. Addressing the officials and workers of the All India Muslim Halwai Fraternity Committee, Haji Mujibur Rahman said that on behalf of the committee, I heartily welcome all the people who have come from far and wide to the fraternity in this. There is a great need for education in this era. We need to collect the data, Aadhar card and mobile numbers of the boys and girls aged six years or less belonging to the Halwai community



and ensure that no student of this age group is deprived of going to school. Chief guest Irfan Ahmed Advocate said that we have to save our businesses and also pay a lot of attention towards education. In this connection, a conference will be held in Lucknow in the month of October. Dr. Mehfooz Alam Mohammad, M Nisar Halwai Mohammadi, Shahid Akhtar, Mohammad Shakeel, Mohammad Mustafa, Mohammad Ijaz, Mohammad Zeeshan Halwai, Faiz Ahmed Halwai, etc. were present in the meeting.

## Mourners pay homage to Karbala martyrs

Prayagraj: The pride of Allahabad's Muharram "Seventy two Taboot Procession" describing the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Husain Allaihislam was taken out from Imambara Jaddan Mir Saheb, Daryabad on 25-2024 under the patronage of Anjuman Khuddam-E-Mojiznuma registered Daryabad. After Passing through Sayyadwada, Peepal chauraha and Daryabad Graveyard it finally terminated near Dargah Imam Husain in the same locality. Devotees across the country performed ziyarat and offered flowers and cotton sheets etc. to Taboots. Women of Iranian and Beluchi origin recited Nauhas and performed Matam in their own language and tradition. They used Persian, Pashto, Arabic, Sindhi and Panjabi Languages. The unity in Diversity of Indian culture was witnessed with "very near". It visibly proved that in this holy city Muharram

is being observed with great affinity and Sunni-Shia unity. This tradition must be continue. About one lakh mourners participated in it.

Members of ANJUMAN KHUDDAME MOJIZNUMA brought out "bahattar Alam" Scene. They decorated it liking the temple design. NAUHAKHAN ALI ABBAS DANDUPUR stole the limelight reciting several nauhas (mourning verses) in his melodious voice. SYED SHABIHUL HASAN of Jaunpur and Mirza Sikandar Allahabadi Presented Munajata (prayers for the welfare of the motherland) in the most impressive manner. Anjuman Gulzare Qasimi, Mohafize-Aza Qadeem, Haidari Mohmoodabad State etc. were paraded all along the traditional routes. The president Syed Raza Hasnain Advocate and Vice Presedint and Media Director of Anjuman-e-khuddame-Mojiznuma registered Haji Syed Azadar Husain

Naqvi has thanked the district Administration including police, Nagar Nigam, Jal Sansthan, Sanitation, Medical Department etc. for their kind and valuable co-operation.

The procession started at 9.00 AM with the recitation of Naz and salaam by Manzar-al- Hindi. The 28 year old Zarkhez Najeeb s/o Najeeb Allahabadi addressed the mourners. Maulana Intezar Abidi Jaunpur, threw light on the lives and deeds of each of the 72 Martyrs of Karbala, each taboot was brought out from the Imambara to the public view one by one and a sea of humanity offered its loving homage.

Anjuman-e-Haidari Mahmoodabad state Sitapur presented the scene of Qafilae-Bani-

Asad. Anjuman Naqvia Daryabad with its about 400 members participated in "Yaad-e-Sakina" programme and performed Matam with chains. Maulana SYER RAZO

HAIDER delivered an impressive speech remembering the 4 year old daughter of IMAM Hussain Bibi Sakina. The crowd was sobbing in grief.

Anjuman Asghariya Qadeem Manjhanpur, Kaushambi brought out well decorated Zuljinah. Anjuman Abbasia Banda City, Abbasia Dandupur, Sadqae Zahra Karari (Sahebe Bayaz Hira Bhai), Zainul Eba Regd. Raebareli and Ghuncha-e-Qasimiya Buxi Bazar also participated in the program. Ustad Ghazanfar Ali, Sakhini, Bulandshahar presented the 'Glimpses of Bashir Ibne Jazlam. President Raza Hasnain Advocate, Vice president Haji Syed Azadar Husain Naqvi and General Secretary Syed Najeeb Raza etc. has thanked the mourners. Aftab-e-Nizamata Najeeb Allahabadi conducted the proceeding for eight hours with full throat. Councilor of ward 83, Fashahat Husain khan was seen in action helping the mourners.

## Karbala martyrs eulogized in 72-coffin procession

Prayagraj: In a sad atmosphere, the coffins of the seventy-two martyrs of Karbala, the swing of Hazrat Ali Asghar, the forty feet high huge claws of Machhli Shahar and the white Faraira Alam, Zuljanah and Amari were taken out from Imambara Jaddan Mir Saheb of Daryaabad. Under the supervision of Advocate Raza Hasnain, Vice President Syed Azadar Hussain, President and organizer of Anjuman Khuddame Mojiznuma, Maulana Syed Intezar Abdi introduced each martyr in detail, then the coffins were taken out of the black pandal in a sequence and brought to the people for prayer. Under the direction of Najeeb Allahabadi. Mourning Anjumans chanted Nauhakhwani one after the other. According to Anjuman's co-media director Syed Mohammad Askari, Master Ghazanfar Ali made the announce-

ment sitting on a camel, while Mahmudabad State's Anjuman Hydari showed the painful sight of the buried martyr of Karbala.



Anjuman Sajjadia, Anjuman Sidke Zahra Karari Kaushambi's famous Naukhawan Hamood Rizvi, Anjuman Asgaria Qadeem Manjhanpur, Anjuman Abbasia Dandupur, Anjuman Abbasia Banda along with Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimiya took their flag outside to the field and from there to Daryabad with four hundred and fifty

members. After reaching the graveyard, the buried martyrs joined the painful scene of Karbala. Anjuman Naqviyya performed

Naz Welfare Society. In the procession of seventy-two coffins in Daryabad graveyard, free medical treatment was given under the joint aegis of President of Law Students Association, Syed Abbas Hussain, Shuja Rizvi and Naz Welfare Society. A camp was organized in which about 450 men and women were given free medicines along with free medical consultation by Dr. Tariq Alam, Dr. Mohammad Azeem, Hanif Shaikh, Sara Siddiqui, Azeem, Zeeshan etc. gave medicines to the patients after testing sugar and BP. Dr. Naz Fatma, Amit Yadav, Arsalan Khan, Syed Mohammad Askari etc. contributed in the free medical camp. MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, MLC Dr. Man Singh Yadav, Syed Iftekhar Hussain, Wazir Khan, Mashhad Ali Khan, Moin Habibi, Arshad. Zaidi etc. appreciated the efforts of the team providing medical facilities and Abbas Hussain of a think tank.

## Workshop to be held at all booths on Aug 31

Prayagraj: BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that the membership campaign will be started in the metropolis from September 5 which will continue till the booth level and said that we have to go door to door to

make members and reach the target and we have to publicize the membership campaign through social media. And said that the country and the state are developing under the leadership of Modi and Yogi and welfare schemes for the poor are being run by the government and said that BJP is strengthening India and preserving Indian culture and said that Bharatiya Janata Party is helping the society. The Congress is tying in harmony and the SP is breaking the society in the name of casteism, in such a situation we have to strengthen the Bharatiya Janata Party and make India more powerful and said that the goal of the Bharatiya



Janata Party is to make India a united nation. And to achieve this goal, we have to make Bharatiya Janata Party the largest party in the world once again. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that on August 31, a membership campaign workshop will be organized at all 1216 booths of Prayagraj metropolis. Board President Raghavendra Mishra presided and Rahul Bhardwaj conducted the meeting. Prominent people in the meeting were Pramod Modi, Raghavendra Singh, Rajesh Kesarwani, Chandrashekhar Mishra, Pran Vijay Singh, Sanjay Srivastava,

Rakesh Bharti, Prashant Shukla, Ajay Sharma, Lal Saheb Dwivedi, Meenu Pandey, Pramod Pandey, Lal Saheb, Karthikeya, Ram Singh, Pramod Pandey, Jaiprakash, Sunny Sonkar, Pawan Dubey, Sarvesh Pandey, etc. all the workers and officials of the mandal were present.

## Anganwadi and assistants submitted memo to PM and CM via DM

PRAYAGRAJ: On Thursday on the call of Geetanjali Maurya State President of Anganwadi Employees and Assistants Association, Anganwadi workers and assistants from across the state staged a protest in various districts of the state against the taunting attitude of the government and appealed

is trying to hire teachers at Anganwadi centers without any means through outsourcing. The government and departmental officials have wasted money. If the employees do not stop unnecessary exploitation and harassment and Anganwadis are not given the status of government employees and they do not



to the Prime Minister of the country and the Chief Minister of the state through the District Magistrate. Addressed memorandum and demand letter submitted. State in-charge Shyam Surat Pandey, Divisional Patron Santosh Mishra and District Patron Mauji Lal Rawat, while jointly addressing thousands of Anganwadi workers and assistants who reached the district court from every block of Prayagraj said that the government is treating the Anganwadi and assistants step-by-step. This is the answer. The lowest honorarium is being given in the state as compared to other states. Pension and graduation benefits are also not being given on retirement. The government does not have the money for this and

get the benefit of pension and gratuity, then there will be a strike by intensifying the movement and going on strike. Anganwadi workers and assistants present on the occasion took out a procession along with the leaders of the Sangh, raising anti-government slogans and reached the District Magistrate's office and handed over a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister and the District Magistrate to the ACM. He said that all the demand letters should reach everyone through proper channels. Will go on the said occasion District President Sushila Devi, Block President Suroor Fatima, Sarita Devi, Shashi Maurya, Nisha Pal, Vidya Tiwari, Manoj Tiwari and a large number of Anganwadi and assistants were present.

## Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta UYSM AVSM YSM GOC-IN-C Central Command, visits CAC

Prayagraj: Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta UYSM AVSM YSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Central Command, visited HQ Central Air Command at Prayagraj on 29 August 2024 and discussed Op preparedness with Air Marshal RKG Kapoor, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Central Air Command. The GOC-in-C was briefed on the details of operations by IAF in the middle sector. Joint operations and jointmanship were the main focus areas for discussions. Decisions were taken on the conduct of realistic joint training exercises on a regular basis to draw out lessons for actual operations. The General Officer interacted with all the key appointments of HQ CAC, informed Shantanu Pratap Singh, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Defence, Prayagraj.



## PN Dwivedi State Info Commr takes blessings from Gurudev of Om Namah Shivay

Prayagraj: State Information Commissioner PN Dwivedi took blessings from the revered Gurudev of Om Namah Shivay at the Ashram in Gaughat today and said that you are the head of Tirtharaj Prayagraj due to which lakhs and crores of devotees coming to Magh Mela, Ardh Kumbh Mela and Maha Kumbh Mela. And the bathers get food at various places day and night and they never leave here hungry. Respected Gurudev of Om Namah Shivay told that during the Mahakumbh 2024-25, the organization discussed in detail the preparations for the huge food fields day and night at a dozen places in the fair area. Respected Gurudev said that my aim is that whoever comes with his family to the Magh Mela, Ardh Kumbh Mela and Maha Kumbh Mela of Tirtharaj Prayagraj from every corner of the country and abroad should not go hungry. Gurudev told that talks are going on with Maha Kumbh Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand to provide land, electricity and water for running Annakshetra on all the sectors and major return routes of the Mela area, otherwise we do not want any facilities from the Mela Administration, which are provided by the Mela Administration. He gives it to us to distribute among the residents of Kalpa and the needy so that they do not face any problem in the fair area. Gurudev told that in Mahakumbh, food, snacks and water will be provided day and night to devotees and bathers in all sectors, all major intersections and railway stations, bus stands.



## Editorial

### Wayanad paid the price because Kerala ignored Gadgil's report. Landslide is wake up call

The recent landslides in Wayanad, Kerala, which have left at least 282 people dead, more than 200 injured, and 240 still missing, serve as a stark reminder of the fragile balance between human development and environmental sustainability. As rescue operations enter their third day, with over 1,000 people saved, the immediate focus is on providing relief and finding the missing persons. However, the broader implications of this disaster call for a critical evaluation of our approach to development and environmental management. Kerala, with its unique geographical and climatic conditions, is no stranger to landslides. Districts like Idukki, Kottayam, Malappuram, and Wayanad have long been recognised as landslide-prone areas. According to a study conducted by the Geological Survey of India, around 14.5 per cent of Kerala's total area is prone to landslides. The heavy rains during the southwest monsoon are a yearly phenomenon, yet the scale and frequency of deadly landslides in recent years are alarming. This tragic event underscores the urgency of addressing the root causes of such disasters, which include both natural and anthropogenic factors. The Madhav Gadgil report, submitted by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel in 2011, provides a comprehensive framework for understanding and mitigating these risks. The report emphasises the importance of preserving the ecological integrity of the Western Ghats, advocating for the restoration of denuded flora and the rehabilitation of people in vulnerable areas. The Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are a biodiversity hotspot and play a critical role in regulating the climate and hydrology of the region. However, the report highlights that climate change is exacerbating weather patterns, leading to unprecedented and unpredictable natural disasters. The panel warned that unchecked development and deforestation in the Western Ghats would lead to increased landslides and other ecological disasters. One of the key recommendations of the Gadgil report is to halt engineering projects in ecologically sensitive areas. This includes limiting quarrying, construction activities, and monocropping, all of which compromise the ecosystem's ability to cope with natural changes. Unfortunately, these recommendations have often been overlooked in favour of short-term economic gains. The Chaliyar River's devastating impact this year, intensified by increased rainfall and upstream deforestation, is a direct consequence of such oversight. The river, originating from an altitude of around 2 km, has brought fast-moving waters laden with debris, devastating villages in its path. The recurring nature of these disasters reveals a significant gap in warning systems and emergency preparedness. Despite landslide risk maps clearly identifying vulnerable areas, the state has been repeatedly caught off-guard. According to the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, there were over 400 landslides in the state between 2018 and 2020 alone. The lack of proactive measures to mitigate risks and enhance resilience has resulted in avoidable loss of life and property. This calls for the establishment of well-equipped, staffed, and empowered expert committees to assess the feasibility of development projects in sensitive areas, ensuring that environmental concerns are not sidelined.

In addition to structural measures, there is a need for a paradigm shift in public policy. Sustainable development should not be viewed as an obstacle to economic growth but as a foundational element of long-term prosperity.



### Imane Khelif Vs Angela Carini: Is Third-Gender Olympics the Answer?

To fit Eliot into the free-for-all boxing ring of gender identity that the Paris Olympics has descended into, one might rephrase him: 'Between XX and XY, falls the shadow.' From Elon Musk to Rowling, from Emmanuel Macron to Georgia Meloni, everybody is throwing punches at the torrid global debate on whether those with male hormones, genetic makeup, or genitalia should compete with women. The parody of the Last Supper and trans performances at the Games opening kicked off the controversy. But the real gender fistfight began after Algeria's Imane Khelif, who was ruled out of some previ-

ous competitions for having XY chromosomes and male hormones, clobbered Italy's Angela Carini in women's boxing, a sport which involves heavy physical contact. The International Olympic Committee and organisers in France vocally defended Khelif, saying no rule was violated. But Italian PM Meloni stood by Carini, and the Western Right erupted with outrage at 'men' winning women's sport. The unspoken core of the problem may lie in the Abrahamic Western world's refusal to accept anything other than the man-women binary. There are pas-

sages in the Bible, Jewish texts, and the Quran which occlude or obstruct non-binary sex and gender ideas. Non-Abrahamic religions and ways of life like Sanatan Dharma are far more accepting, with mainstream spiritual concepts like the 'Ardhnarishwar', or the fusing of Shiv and Shakti. The Narendra Modi government brought the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, which prohibits discrimination against transgenders in relation to opportunities for education, job, health care services, and access to services, and also recognises one's right to be transgender. Since 2009, the Election

Commission has added the option of 'Others' to voter registration. In 2014, the Supreme Court recognised the group as Third Gender, stating, "Recognition of transgenders as a third gender is not a social or medical issue, but a human rights issue." Although the definition of transgender in the 2019 Act has been left a bit vague — "a person whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth" — it could be made more specific and widened. The point is, a Third-Gender Olympics, like the Paralympics, could solve the problem of unjust competi-

## Israel's Assassination Spree Forces Iran to Choose: Total War or Total Humiliation?



Iran's 'Axis of Resistance' is in a crisis. If Iran is the mother-ship, the Houthis, Hamas and Hezbollah are its proxies, extending far and wide into the West Asian region. These extensions of Iran have allowed it to project power across the Middle East, tackling its enemy Israel and keeping Arab powers in check. But Israel attacked all three of these heavily armed militant offshoots within days, and it has not even spared Iranian territory in the process. News of the assassination of Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh in the Iranian capital of Tehran has sent shockwaves across the world and has embarrassed Iran. After all, he was a guest of Iran to attend the inauguration of its new President Masoud Pezeshkian, when he was killed in a blast. Before this, Israel struck a building in another capital city, Beirut in Lebanon, eliminating Fuad Shukur, Hezbollah's most senior military commander and a right-hand man to the Shia militant group's leader Hassan Nasrallah. This was apparently in response to a rocket attack by Hezbollah which killed 12 children in the Golan Heights, a Syrian territory controlled by Israel since the 1967 war. Israel also declared that Mohammad Deif, the military leader of Hamas in Gaza, was also killed in an air raid last month. And this is not it. The Houthis also got a taste of Israeli retaliation when a crucial Yemeni lifeline, the Hodeida port, came under attack. The massive air strike on this Red Sea Port was an answer to a drone attack by the Houthis. Israel is prepared

for any further escalation, it says, and is on high alert anticipating a response from Iran. Meanwhile, Iran is trapped in its own web. Israel has killed one of Iran's dearest guests in its capital city. Haniyeh was a guest of the Iranians. He attended the inauguration of the new Iranian President, met Supreme Leader Khamenei with a warm hug and posed with the victory sign with other Iranian leaders. That was the last the world saw of him as he was killed before dawn in his special residence in Tehran. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported it as a "Zionist raid" that took his life. It was initially theorised that it was an Israeli missile attack, and it raised serious questions about Iran's air defence capabilities. But it is now being reported that it was actually a bomb placed inside the guest-house where Haniyeh was staying. And it was placed almost two months before the attack. For two months, the security apparatus in Iran failed to track this bomb. When Haniyeh was finally inside, the bomb was detonated remotely. This raises

serious questions about Iran's security and intelligence capabilities. This was a lapse at many levels, if it was a lapse at all. After all, how could it be so easy to take Haniyeh out? This Hamas leader had been evading the Israelis for decades, enjoying safe haven in Qatar. Israel had been trying to take him out for years. Haniyeh was no small target — he was the political chief of Hamas since 2017, representing the group in diplomatic conversations with Arab and Western leaders. He shuttled from Turkey to Qatar and Iran to secure funding for Hamas. This is why some media reports will tell you that he was seen as a so-called "moderate" face of Hamas. This is not because he did not subscribe to the radical extremist ideology of Hamas but because leaders engaged with him behind closed doors to keep tabs on the Palestinian movement in Gaza. The truth is that Haniyeh was responsible for the intense militarisation of Hamas during his time in Gaza and was even accused of diverting humanitarian aid to the Hamas armed wing. He is also believed to have

amassed a wealth of \$4 billion while being a leading face of Hamas. Israel believes that he was involved in the gruesome October 7 Hamas attack which killed over a thousand Israeli civilians. But the hunt is not over yet, as Israel has hinted that its next target could be searching for a new leader. Some say that it could be Khaled Meshaal, who had previously lost Iran's favour when he supported a rebel movement against Syria's Bashar Al Assad. Meshaal has already survived an assassination attempt by Israel. In 1997, he was injected with poison by Israeli agents in the Jordanian capital of Amman. But the mission was botched, the agents were captured and the then-king Hussein was so furious that he threatened to hang the agents, and scrap Jordan's peace deal with Israel unless it shared the antidote. Under Netanyahu, who was in his first term at the time, Israel agreed to hand over the antidote and Meshaal was saved. If he returns to the paramount position in Hamas, he will surely need to watch his back or perish like his predecessor. Coming back to Haniyeh's death which has caused serious embarrassment for Iran. Everyone wants to know whether Iran will respond. After all, all its proxies and its own sovereign territory are under attack. Israel's message is pretty clear. No one is safe. So, will Iran sit back down, take the loss and lose face as a result — or will it strike back? If you go by the reactions of Iran's leaders,

then revenge is right around the corner. President Pezeshkian said, "I raised his victorious hand and today I have to bury him on my shoulders. Iran will make the terrorist invaders regret their cowardly action." Meanwhile, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The criminal, terrorist Zionist regime martyred our dear guest in our territory and has caused grief, but it has also prepared the ground for a severe punishment... It is our duty to take revenge." Khamenei has even ordered a direct attack on Israel, according to reports. But it's not as simple as it looks. Iran's words are failing to match its actions. In April this year, Israel attacked the Iranian embassy in Syria and killed several IRGC officers. Iran retaliate but it seemed like it did not want a war. It rained down missiles over Israel, almost all of which were intercepted by the Iron Dome air defence systems. The damage was little and by no means a major escalation. Moreover, reports said that Iran had notified countries in the region, indirectly tipping Israel off about the attack and letting it prepare its defences in advance. Could it be that Iran does not want to be dragged into an all-out war with Israel, even though Israel is baiting it for confrontation every now and then? 39,000 Palestinians have been reported dead in Gaza, while over 100 Israeli hostages remain in captivity with no end in sight to the Israel-Hamas war. Israel has made a solid show of force in the last ten months, training its guns at Iran and Iran's proxies, all at the same time.

### BJP wants to partition Bengal again. It's a distortion of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's Hindu Bengal

The Trinamool Congress will bring a proposal in the West Bengal Assembly on 5 August, condemning multiple proposals by BJP leaders to partition the state for the third time, after 1905 and 1947. In the last week or so, nearly half a dozen BJP leaders have demanded that the borders of West Bengal be redrawn, with chunks hived off to the Northeast or as separate Union Territories. Now, for West Bengal, partition is a wound that has never healed. Why then is the BJP hell-bent on stirring this cauldron? Logically, even talk of partition can only benefit Mamata Banerjee and backfire on the BJP. If there is a bigger game plan afoot, a big picture is going to be slowly unveiled ahead of the Assembly elections in the state in 2026. This may sound alarmist but conspiracy theorists could be forgiven for suspecting the worst. On 10 June, BJP Balurghat MP Sukanta Majumdar was sworn into the Narendra Modi cabinet as Minister of State with two portfolios: education and develop-

ment of the North Eastern region. The last time anyone from Bengal held the North Eastern development portfolio was 20 years ago, when late Tapan Sikdar, then-BJP MP from Dum Dum, was the MoS. A little over a month into his new role, Majumdar dropped a bombshell: he said he had just submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi a letter suggesting eight districts of north Bengal be co-opted into the Northeast. His meeting with Modi reportedly lasted about 30 minutes, which, PMO watchers say, suggests a serious conversation. Now, Majumdar is a botany professor so he can be forgiven for being wanting in geography.

But by what stretch of imagination could he bracket north Bengal with the Northeast? Probably realising he was wading into quicksand, he made noises about north Bengal joining the North Eastern Council 'while remaining in West Bengal'. But he ended up sounding incomprehensible.

### If you want an efficient all-India service, allow them to open their mouth freely—Sardar Patel

What is the use of talking about the service people were serving while we were in jail? I myself was arrested; I have been arrested several times. But that has never made any difference in my feeling towards people in the services. I do not defend the black sheep; they may be there. But are there not many honest people among them? But what is the language that you are using? I wish to place it on record in this House that if, during the last two or three years, most of the members of the services had not behaved patriotically and with loyalty, the Union would have collapsed. Ask Dr John Matthai. He is working for the last fortnight with them on the economic question. You may ask his opinion. You will find what he says about the Services. You ask the Premiers of all provinces. Is there any Premier in any province who is prepared to work without the Services? He will immediately resign. He cannot manage. We had a small nucleus of a broken Service. With that bit of Service, we have carried on a very difficult task. And if a responsible man speaks in this tone about these Services, he has to decide whether he has a substitute to propose, and let him take the responsibility. This is not a Congress platform. It is said that we promised Rs. 500 for the Ministers in the Karachi resolution. There is a long distance between Karachi and Delhi today. It is a different thing. You want Rs. 45 a day free of income-tax. What is the use of talking about Rs. 500 today? It is very wrong. But I am prepared to admit that if the Indian Government is to be run today on the basis of Gandhian philosophy without an army, I am prepared to change the whole thing. You are today spending 160 to 170 crores of rupees per year on the army. Are you going to change that set-up? Tomorrow the whole of

India will be run over from one end to the other, if you have not got a strong army. The Police, which was broken, has been brought to its proper level and is functioning fairly efficiently. The Heads of the Departments of the Police in every province are covered under this guarantee. Are you going to change that? Are you going to put your Congress volunteers as captains? What is it that you propose to do? I am grieved to find that in a Parliament of this kind, Members, senior Members, speak in this strain. I would refer you to the Indian Independence Act which gave birth to this Parliament, and you find that the guarantees have been included there. When the Indian Independence Act was to be passed in Parliament, the draft was sent here. The leaders of the nation were called for; the Cabinet was there, the Congress President was there, your President was there, and your Leader today was there. Mahatma Gandhi was also present. Every section was scrutinised and the draft was approved. After that, it was passed in Parliament. Now, these guarantees were circulated before that to the provinces. All provinces agreed.

It was also agreed to incorporate these into the Constituent Assembly's New Constitution. That is one part of the guarantee. Have you read that history? Or, you do not care for the recent history after you began to make history? If you do that, then I tell you we have a dark future. Learn to stand upon your pledged word, and, also, as a man of experience I tell you, do not quarrel with the instruments with which you want to work. It is a bad workman who quarrels with his instruments. Take work from them. Every man wants some sort of encouragement. Nobody wants to

## Pradhan says no contentious texts in DU syllabus



**"The promise came a day after DU vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh rejected the plan. ...the vice chancellor rejected the proposal and an academic council meeting will be held today [Friday]," he said"**

Delhi: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan assured that Delhi University (DU)'s undergraduate law curriculum will not incorporate contentious religious texts like the Manusmriti. The promise came a day after DU vice-chancellor

Yogesh Singh rejected the plan. "...the vice chancellor rejected the proposal and an academic council meeting will be held today [Friday]," he said. Pradhan asked Singh about the plan, who told him it was rejected. He stressed that the government will follow the Constitution and does not consider incorporating problematic parts. We all prioritize the future. Pradhan said the government will uphold the Constitution's spirit and letter. Some teachers opposed teaching legal students Manusmriti (Manu's Laws). The academic council would discuss the proposition. Manusmriti sets four varna/social class responsibilities.

Bhimrao Ambedkar, the constitution's drafting committee chairman, labeled Manusmriti anti-social equality.

Singh announced in a video that Manusmriti will not be taught.

## NEET-UG may be online



Delhi: According to sources, the Centre is considering moving NEET-UG, the national eligibility-cum-entrance test for undergraduate medical studies, to a computer-based format like JEE-Mains (for engineering studies), in the coming years. This move appears to have been prompted by reports of irregularities in this year's test, whose validity is now being challenged in the Supreme Court.

"The committee responsible for making relevant changes has been discussing the idea, but

no formal direction has been given. The recent controversies surrounding competitive exams (NEET-UG and others) has fueled the idea that they should be online, said a central government official asking anonymity. However, a second official said "major scaling up will be required" as 2.3 million pupils took the test in 2024. There are 4,000 test centers nationwide, so equipping them with computers and infrastructure will be difficult. No doubt, online tests like JEE mains will be a fantastic concept. The

offline NEET-UG exam requires candidates to answer multiple-choice questions on an OMR sheet. If it becomes a computer-based test, applicants will need to use a computer and mark answers on a soft response sheet. JEE-Mains was administered at 570 centers in 2024 to 1.4 million students.

Taking this test online is the only way forward to plug the loopholes; there is no point in continuing with the offline mode when the whole world is moving towards computer-based exams..

## CAPSULES

### Education ministry will revise NCERT's bagless school guidelines

Delhi: The education ministry reviewed NCERT bagless day guidelines and announced intentions to enhance them. The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, part of NCERT, created guidelines to make school learning more fun, engaging, and stress-free. During the meeting, students were advised to learn about the local environment, test water purity, recognize local flora and wildlife, and their local monuments. PSSCIVE will refine its recommendations after this review "said a senior education ministry official. All Classes 6-8 pupils should participate in a 10-day bagless period per NEP 2020. Students will intern with area skill specialists and participate in non-school activities. This program helps kids understand their school's ecosystem. Bagless days will include arts, quizzes, athletics, and skill-based learning throughout the year. The official said students will visit historical, cultural, and tourist sites, interact with local artists and craftsmen, and visit educational institutions in their village, tehsil, district, or state based on local skills.

### DU lowers degree correction fees after instructors protest

Delhi: The Delhi University lowered marksheet and degree certificate rectification fees after Academic Council concerns, an official release stated. Last month, Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh raised the fee from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 for marksheet and degree correction within six years of graduation and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for longer periods.

## With diamonds, IIT-M pursues quantum technology

Delhi: Lasers passing through diamonds illuminate IIT Madras' dark research lab red and green. The IIT Madras research center develops diamond-based gear for quantum computing and communications. The National Quantum Mission in India prioritizes quantum technology development, and hardware is crucial. Effective, large-scale quantum computers are not yet available in the country, despite efforts. Quantum Centre of Excellence for Diamond and Emergent Materials (QuCenDIEM) researchers develop materials, devices, and instrumentation for quantum technologies,



including quantum computer systems. India was late to the silicon revolution. We missed much of the electronics hardware market. "We must focus on material aspects to ensure we are not left behind in hard-

ware when quantum technology emerges," says IIT-M physics assistant professor Vidya Praveen Bhallamudi. The IIT Madras centre focused on diamonds because they are used in electronics and other

industries. More crucially, quantum objects, or qubits, lose quantum features like entanglement and phase of their superposition state when they interact with the environment, but when isolated, they may be controlled and used for computation. "Diamonds provide a unique platform for isolating and controlling quantum objects or qubits," he says. Researchers manufacture nitrogen vacancy centres in diamonds to use them. In the diamond lattice, defects act as fake atoms. Isolate them well. Their magnetic and optical properties can be used for quantum devices, says Bhallamudi.

## Univ officials say money crisis, grant cut

Delhi:

DTU authorities announced that their funds for the current academic year have been cut. The Delhi government funds the university. Last year, DTU received Rs 56 crore as grant-in-aid, authorities added. The university management reported a 27% reduction in the grant to Rs 41 crore this year. At a news conference, DTU vice chancellor Prateek Sharma remarked, "We are following government guidelines on price hike. Annual increases range from 5-10%, depending on the institution's

### Universities use alumni funds to create an endowment fund for research

expenses, including salaries. "We're in an excellent position and don't require endowment funds yet. We are raising endowment monies from alumni and industries to expand the institution's infrastructure "VC added. Universities use alumni funds to create an endowment fund for

research or development. In 2019, IIT-Delhi introduced this approach, which is common in top Western colleges. New university courses are also available. Is it closing any old programs with low enrollment? The VC stated, "No courses are being closed at the institution." The VC denied the fund shortage was a "constraint". Fundraising is expected from engineering schools across. Their consultancy and startup initiatives promote 'atma nirbharta' (self-reliance). We're taking moves toward it.

## June demat accounts hit 162 million, NSE active clients 44.2 mn



Delhi: Statistics revealed 162 million demat accounts in June, up 4.2 million month-over-month. Current fiscal year average monthly demat account additions are 3.4 million. According to Motilal Oswal Financial Services, CDSL gained market share in June. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) lost 420 bp/620 bp market share in total/incremental demat accounts year-over-year. National Stock Exchange (NSE) clients rose 3.1% to 44.2 million in June. The top five discount brokers had 64.4% of

NSE active clients, up from 58.2% in June 2022. Zerodha's client base rose 2.1% to 7.7 million (on-month), while its market share fell 20 bps to 17.3%. Groww's client count rose 5.4% to 10.9 million and its market share rose 55 bps to 24.7%.

## Tamil Nadu private institutions book seats amid NEET uncertainties

Delhi: Despite SC considerations about NEET-UG 2024, including the prospect of a re-test due to a question paper leak during the May exam, some private medical colleges in Tamil Nadu have begun undergraduate admissions. Some have boldly posted admissions posters, while others are doing it covertly. They are now "booking" seats with a Rs 2-3 lakh "advance". The process becomes clear when parents request admission. "Parents are asked to meet authorities on campus and leave mobile phones and electronic gadgets," said student counsellor Manickavel Arumugam, who visited one such college. "They let you inside for the meeting only after you surrender the phone," stated. Candidates must pay Rs 3 lakh to reserve a place after first conversations. After this, they are urged to choose the



university-affiliated college as their first choice during counseling. "If they get the seat, they will receive an annual discount of Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh in the fee and the advance will be adjusted in the first year fee. Students receive scholarship certificates to lower tuition "IT professional Sudharshan Y, whose nephew is awaiting medical admission, stated. "The admission manager said the management has around 600 medical seats at university-affiliated colleges and may receive more this year. "They believed we would get the seat," Sudharshan stated. "We were told we will get the money back if we prove to authorities that we

did not get an allotment despite marking the colleges under the university as our primary choice," he said. Another college requires candidates to pay a Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh advance to submit their paperwork to the admission authorities, who apply on their behalf during counseling. Admissions officers "guaranteed" seats. Since deemed university cut-offs grow in later rounds, they want you to block seats and pay fees in the first round. A senior National Medical Commission official claimed they cannot charge or donate in advance. Illegal allotments are those not approved by these agencies.

## JNU to establish Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain centers



Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru University will build a Hindu Studies Centre, along with Buddhist and Jain Studies Centres. Three new centers will be established under the "School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies," according to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 notice. The JNU Executive Council authorized these centers on May 29. "On 29.05.2024, the Executive Council approved the committee's recommendation to explore and recommend NEP-2020 and Indian Knowledge System and its further implementation in the University, as well as the establishment of three centres in the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies: 1. Centre for Hindu Studies; 2. Centre for Buddhist Studies; and 3. Centre for Jain Studies. Delhi University (DU) opened a Centre for Hindu Studies last year, offering a master's degree and aims to offer undergraduate courses. DU's Buddhist Studies department gained national government approval in March to build a 35-crore Centre for Advanced Studies in Buddhism. The Ministry of Education's National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) envisions "an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India, that is Bharat, sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high-quality education to all, thereby making India a global knowledge superpower."

## Anil Ambani, others fined Rs 624 crore by Sebi for fund diversion



**Delhi :** Markets regulator Sebi has banned ADAG chairman Anil Ambani, along with 24 entities associated with him, from the securities market for five years and imposed a total fine of Rs 624 crore for diversion of funds from his group company Reliance Home Finance. Ambani, Amit Bapna, Ravindra Sudhalkar and Pinkesh R Shah (all former top executives at RHFL) have also been barred from associating with any listed entity for five years. "By preponderance of probability, the mastermind behind the fraudulent

### Taxmen get a new target to go after

**Delhi :** The income tax department in New Delhi has instructed officers to concentrate on the top 5,000 cases, which involve a staggering Rs 43 lakh crore of tax demand. This initiative is aimed at bolstering recovery and cutting down on funds locked in litigation, the report said. High-ranking officers are required to establish special teams to scrutinize these

cases and submit the list to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by the end of September. The approach not only focuses on expediting high-value cases under litigation but also includes other strategies. A directive for reviewing cases dating back 10 years has been issued to determine whether they should be written off or pursued with more vigor.

scheme is the chairman of ADAG - Anil Ambani. It is also apparent that (Bapna, Sudhalkar and Shah), KMPs (key managerial personnel) of the company, played an active role in perpetrating the fraudulent scheme," Sebi noted. Sebi's 222-page investigation report detailed how Ambani

and the three former executives had loaned large sums of money to various entities connected to the Anil D Ambani Group (ADAG) that was never paid back. The Sebi probe, which follows interim directions issued on Feb 11, 2022, completes regulatory action in the case.

## Swiggy's Valuation Dips To \$14.7 Bn Ahead Of IPO, Sets Sight On \$15 Bn Target

**Delhi :** US-based asset management firm Baron Capital has marked Swiggy's valuation at USD 14.74 billion as of June 2024, according to regulatory filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), media reports reveal. This is a 2.6 per cent drop from its previous valuation of USD 15.1 billion in March, attributed to rupee depreciation. As per Reuters, Swiggy is preparing for one of India's largest IPOs this year, targeting a valuation of around USD 15 billion. The food delivery giant, backed by SoftBank, aims to raise



between USD 1 billion and USD 1.25 billion through the offering. Swiggy plans to use the IPO proceeds to scale its quick commerce business, Instamart, and add more warehouses to compete with rival Zomato, which has doubled its market value to USD 28 billion since its 2021 listing. In another development, accord-

ing to media reports, Swiggy was valued at USD 11.5 billion by investor 360 One WAM, formerly known as IIFL Wealth Management, as of June 2024. Swiggy recorded Rs 5,476 crore in revenue from operations during the first three quarters of FY24, with reported losses of Rs 1,600 crore.

## Suraksha Group invests Rs 250 crore in Jaypee Infratech

**Delhi:** Suraksha Group has recently infused Rs 250 crore into Jaypee Infratech Ltd (JIL) following their acquisition of the company through an insolvency process. This injection includes both equity and debt. Moreover, Suraksha Group has secured a Rs 3,000 crore loan facility to support the completion of approximately 20,000 unfinished flats in the Delhi NCR region. JIL has Rs 1,000 crore in cash from its real estate

business and toll income from the Yamuna Expressway, which connects Greater Noida and Agra. In total, JIL currently holds Rs 1,250 crore in funds, comprising internal cash and the new infusion. Sources detail that Suraksha Group will require an investment between Rs 6,500 crore and Rs 7,000 crore to complete about 160 residential towers across various projects. Before Suraksha Group's takeover, construction was ongoing only

in 62 of these towers, while work on the remaining 97 towers had come to a halt. "Suraksha Group has accelerated the pace of construction in the 62 towers and is also applying for completion certificates for the completed buildings," said sources. Construction activities are anticipated to reach full momentum by October. On June 4, Suraksha Group took control of JIL following the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) decision.

## How IIMs are shifting focus from campus placements to long-term employability of their graduates

**Delhi** The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are shifting their focus from short-term job placements to enhancing students' long-term employability, as they aim to prepare themselves for the future. The institutes are exploring various options to equip students for a rapidly evolving job market, including increased interactions with recruiters and industry experts to understand their requirements, workshops, external



mentoring, student profile mapping, and soft skill courses. Institutes acknowledge that they have faced challenging placement seasons in the past and will continue to experience them in the future. This realization has prompted them to

adopt a different approach to tackle the emerging scenario and better prepare students for the dynamic job market. According to an report, IIM Kozhikode has established the CARE office this year, an initiative by director Debashis Chatterjee, to focus on improving students' employability rather than solely targeting immediate job opportunities. The office provides a platform for long-term career development through three functions.

## Modi government working on new policy to increase lifespan of NH

**Delhi:** The Modi government is set to finalize a policy that will enable the strengthening of aging national highways through a technique called 'white-topping', which aims to extend their lifespan. The primary focus will be on rehabilitating flexible, or asphalt, pavement, which makes up the largest and most crucial component of the aging national highway network.

According to an report the ministry of road transport and highways is currently seeking feedback on a draft policy that outlines the technique, its advantages, and the criteria for selecting national highways to be rehabilitated.

India's national highway network currently spans approximately 146,000 kilometers. "As India is building more and more two-, four- and six-lane national highways and expressways, the quantum of aged assets is increasing which warrants rehabilitation to extend its life further," a senior government official explained to the financial daily. Although there are various techniques and treatments available for strengthening flexible pavement, India has chosen to implement the thin white-topping technique, according to the official.

Thin white-topping involves constructing a concrete overlay with a thickness of 100-200 mm on top of an existing in-service bituminous pavement.

## CM's relentless monitoring leads to the capture of another wolf

**Lucknow/Bahraich**

With Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vigilant monitoring and the swift action of the Forest department officials, another wolf was finally captured from Bahraich village on Thursday morning. The wolf had terrorized residents in over 35 villages and with its capture the local population is breathing a sigh of relief. So far, the Forest department has caught four wolves from the Bahraich area, with the latest one set to be relocated to Gorakhpur Zoo. CM Yogi praised the Forest department officials for their commendable efforts in ensuring the safety of the local community. Notably, the one captured on Thursday morning was the most ferocious of the four wolves caught so far. As the news of the 'man-eater' wolf capture spread, a wave of relief swept through the nearby villages, and the local community praised the Forest department's tireless work in securing their safety. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Sanjay Srivastava, informed that the wolf was first detected by a thermal drone at 11 p.m. on Wednesday night. "It was monitored again through a drone around 5 a.m. the following morning. The wolf's footprints were spotted, and the local Forest department officials quickly sprang into action. After a challenging effort, they successfully captured the wolf from the floodplain of Sisayya village at around 10:45 a.m. The search for two other wolves is still ongoing," he added. He elaborated: "Drone mapping was carried out, and efforts were made throughout the day on Wednesday. By continuously tracking its movements, the wolf's location was identified from its footprints on Thursday morning. The team then resorted to physico-chemical immobilization and successfully captured the wolf using a net." Principal Chief Forest Conservator (Wildlife) Sanjay Srivastava stated that the captured wolf would be sent to the Gorakhpur Zoo. Earlier, following instructions from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Forest and Environment Minister Dr. Arun Saxena, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Department Sudhir Kumar Sharma, and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Sanjay Srivastava arrived in Bahraich on Wednesday. After visiting the affected villages and reassuring the residents, the Forest Minister confirmed that the department's team was fully equipped to capture the wolf, with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath personally overseeing the situation. Within 24 hours of the Forest Minister's arrival, the man-eater wolf was successfully captured. After considerable effort, the hard work of the Forest Department finally bore fruit. The dedicated efforts of the team.

## Mid-air malfunctions come on top of SpiceJet's financial woes

**Delhi :** SpiceJet Ltd. staged one of global aviation's most remarkable Turnarounds in 2015 after founder Ajay Singh swept in at the eleventh hour to rescue it. Less than a decade later, the Indian budget airline needs a revival of fortunes again. Once an investor darling, SpiceJet is now the worst-performing airline stock in Asia, fighting a run of negative publicity triggered by a slew of seemingly innocuous but frequent technical glitches. The airline also hasn't restored pilot salaries even after a surge in domestic demand and has delayed releasing quarterly results for the three months ended March citing a ransomware attack on its servers. It's reportedly fallen behind on statutory dues, too. SpiceJet, known for naming its



### Ministry of I&B tweaks self-declaration rules for advertisers

**Delhi :** New Delhi/ Mumbai: The food & beverages industry and the health sector - that routinely violate advertising guidelines - will continue signing self-declaration forms for their ads, but just once a year, according to new rules issued by the government. It has made an update superseding two advisories issued earlier in June, stating that only advertisers in these two sectors must fill a self-declaration and not all advertisers.

aircraft after the aromatics used to flavor food, has struggled in India's cut-throat aviation market -- the

world's fastest growing -- where even before the pandemic fierce price wars led to wafer-thin margins.



## FSSAI crackdown on 'A1 or A2' milk product ads

**Delhi :** India's top food safety regulator has prohibited the marketing and sale of milk products labelled as A1 or A2, deeming such practices "misleading". The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an order aimed at curbing what it sees as deceptive promotions, particularly on social media platforms, that tout A2 butter, curd or ghee as superior products, a person aware of the matter said, asking not to be named. It has come to the notice of FSSAI that several food business operators are selling/marketing milk and milk products such as ghee, butter, curd etc in the name of A1 & A2 under FSSAI licence number and/or registration certificate", the order stated. The regulator explained that the A1 and A2 distinction in milk is related to differences in protein structure, specifically beta-casein. Consequently, the FSSAI deemed A2 claims on milk fat products as misleading and not in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006 and associated regulations.

## DGCA fines Air India, 2 officials Rs 99 lakh

**Delhi :** DGCA has slapped a fine of Rs 99 lakh on Air India and two of its senior officials for a rostering lapse that paired a trainee pilot with a non-training captain for operating an international flight this July. The regulator has also suspended post holder approval of Air India director (training) for six months.

## Zydus to buy 50% stake in Sterling Biotech

**Delhi :** Zydus Lifesciences and Perfect Day Inc, a Temasek portfolio company, have signed an agreement to buy the latter's 50% stake in Sterling Biotech in a Rs 550 crore deal. Post the transaction, Sterling Biotech will become a 50:50 joint venture, a company statement said. Sterling Biotech is one of the leading producers of pharmaceutical Gelatine, Di-Calcium Phosphate and some APIs.T

## PMJDY marks decade of success, UP leads in the country with over 9.46 crore bank accounts

**Lucknow**

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, an ambitious financial inclusion initiative launched by the Central Government, completed ten years on Wednesday, with Uttar Pradesh emerging as the leading state, with over 9.46 crore Jan Dhan accounts—18 percent of the more than 53 crore opened across the country during this period. A notable achievement in Uttar Pradesh is the significant participation of women, with approximately 5 crore of these accounts belonging to female account holders. The state also leads in the distribution of Rupay cards through the Jan Dhan accounts. The success of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in Uttar Pradesh is a testament to the Yogi government's commitment to prioritizing and effectively implementing central schemes. Over the past decade, Uttar Pradesh has made remarkable strides in financial inclusion by prioritizing the opening of Jan Dhan accounts for the poor. As of August 21, 2024, the state has successfully opened a total of 9,46,62,464 Jan Dhan accounts. The majority of these accounts, 6,81,66,123, have been opened in rural and semi-urban areas, while 2,64,96,341 accounts have been opened through urban and metro bank branches. The total deposits in Jan Dhan accounts across the state have reached an impressive Rs 48,525.75 crore, representing over 21 percent of the national total. Following Uttar Pradesh, Bihar ranks second with 6,06,80,517 accounts, and other states like West Bengal (5,18,88,115), Madhya Pradesh (4,38,81,099), Rajasthan (3,57,41,553), Maharashtra (3,54,81,136), and Odisha (2,19,54,863) also contribute significantly to the success of the Jan Dhan Yojana. Uttar Pradesh not only leads in the number of accounts but also in the distribution of RuPay cards, with 6 crore 24 lakh 23 thousand 540 cardholders, the highest in the country. In the financial year 2023-24 alone, the state opened around 65 lakh new Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts, with Aadhaar seeding completed for more than 91 percent of them. Launched as a national mission, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has transformed financial inclusion in India over the past decade. The scheme ensures that every family has access to essential banking services, including at least one basic banking account, financial literacy, loans, insurance, and pension facilities. Beneficiaries are also provided with a RuPay debit card, which comes with an accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh. One of the most significant aspects of PMJDY.

## Union Minister JP Nadda launches NMR Portal for registering all MBBS doctors



**Delhi :** Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda, inaugurated the National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) for the registration of all eligible MBBS doctors in India, according to an official statement from the ministry. Union Minister of State (MoS) Anupriya Patel attended the meeting, while Union MoS Prataprao Jadhav participated virtually.

The National Medical Register (NMR) is mandated under Section 31 of the NMC Act, 2019, which states that the Ethics & Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of NMC shall maintain a National Register in electronic form containing the names, addresses, and all recognised qualifications of licenced medical practitioners.

The NMR will serve as a comprehensive and dynamic database for all allopathic (MBBS)-registered doctors in India. Its uniqueness lies in its linkage to the Aadhaar ID of the doctors, ensuring the authenticity of the individual.

Speaking at the event, Nadda commended the NMC and the National Health Authority (NHA) for their efforts in creating the National Medical Register, which he described as a comprehensive and dynamic database for all allopathic (MBBS) registered doctors in India.

## Management of palpitation with homoeopathy

**Delhi:** Palpitation in heart that retains its vigour. Pain in my left shoulder and chest. Anxiety, fear and tingling in fingers. Nux Vom: When due to indigestion, flatulence after eating. Vipera: Inflammation of veins, worse by hanging down the affected limb. Fulness, pain and bursting sensation in veins, constipation; worse after eating. Alumen: Palpitation brought on by lying on the right side which is peculiar and characteristic of this remedy. Pulasatilla: From indigestion in females or blonde persons, acidity, bowels inclined to be loose. Carbo Veg: With excessive flatulence in the stomach after food, better by eructations. Moschus: Nervous palpitation with fainting. Thyroidinum: Palpitation and fainting with exceedingly rapid action of the heart. Crataegus: Palpitation with the threat of heart failure. Pain in the region of heart and left shoulder-blade. Extreme shortness of breath with rapid, feeble and irregular pulse. Blueness of fingers and toes. Digitalis: Palpitation with irregular and intermittent pulse. Ars. Alb: Palpitation of heart when the whole body is shaken thereby and the chest walls flutter. Better by sitting, bending forward or backward. Coca: Shortness of breath, oppression, dyspnoea, violent audible palpitation brought on by hill climbing. Kalmia Lat: Palpitation or pain in the



left arm. Palpitation with dizziness and shortness of breath and flatulence. Pulse feeble, irregular and quick. Naja: Feeling of weight round the heart with stitching pain extending to the nape of neck, left shoulder and arm with anxiety and fear of death. Damage to heart after infectious diseases. Bromium: Palpitation with nausea and headache and nervous excitement. Aversion to work, to reading. No interest in household duties. Indifferent, tired, sad and discouraged. Arnica Mont., Rhus Tox: Palpitation of heart due to overexertion, in athletes, in men handling heavy weights. Numbness of the left arm and shoulder. Try in the given order. Stannum: Palpitation and anxiety occurring after slightest exertion such as giving directions about the household. Cale. Ars: The slightest emotion causes palpitation of heart. Strophanthus: Palpitation due to dilated heart and anaemia. Argentum Nit: Palpitation on lying on the right side. Argentum Met: Palpitation when lying on the back with a sense of quivering, fluttering and trembling in the chest and the whole body. Ignatia: Nervous palpitation in persons of great impression ability; worse at night in bed, palpitation keeping the patient awake. Lachesis: Palpitation on the least excitement especially at the change of life.

heart shooting downwards in the abdomen. Hypertrophy and valvular diseases of the heart following an attack of rheumatism or alternating with it. Laurocerasus: Hypertrophy of the heart with insufficiency of mitral valves, gasping for breath, low vitality, out of breath on climbing or walking. Lycopus Virg: Palpitation, slow pulse, difficult to go on higher level, like staircases, etc. Cannabis Ind: Palpitation of heart awakens from sleep. Iberis: Hypertrophy and dilatation of the heart. Violent and sharp action of the heart with softened pulse. Palpitation on slightest motion or exertion. Cold hands and feet. Choking sensation in the throat. Conscious of heart's action. Give one drop a dose of the mother tincture. Oleander: Palpitation of heart with rapid pulse, nausea and vomiting. Pain all over the body. Cactus: Violent palpitation worse lying on left side and at approach of menses. Iron band feeling around the heart, with suffocation and cold sweat. Pain in the apex of my heart shooting down my



## Pass percentage drops in Class XII Haryana board

**Delhi :** Haryana Board released its Class XII exam results, with 81.65% of students clearing the tests across the state. The board's pass-rate dropped by over five percentage points from last year, when 87.08% students had cleared the exams. Around 2.57 lakh students appeared for Class 12 board exams Senior Secondary (Academic) Examination -- in Haryana. Yet again, girls have outshone boys, getting a pass percentage of 87.11%, 10% higher than their counterparts. BSEH chairman Dr V P Yadav and secretary Krishna Kumar shared these details during a press conference held at board headquarters in Bhiwani. The examinations were conducted from February 27 to March 29 and results were made available on the board's official website.

## 'From 145 to 130...': Former Pakistan captain rues downfall of fast-bowling stocks

**NEW DELHI:** Rashid Latif, a former captain and wicketkeeper-batter for Pakistan, expressed regret about the team's declining fast-bowling capabilities, claiming that their initial 145 kmph pacers have now dropped to 130 kmph. Latif's remarks came one day after Pakistan suffered their first-ever home defeat in a longer format match-by ten wickets in the first Test match against Bangladesh. The hosts adopted a pace-bowling attack and did not employ a frontline spinner. However, they were unable to keep Bangladesh at bay on a submissive field as the visitors scored 565 to Pakistan's 448/6 declaration. Day five saw Bangladesh secure their first-ever Test victory over Pakistan when Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Shakib Al Hasan combined to take seven wickets in the second innings, dismissing Pakistan for just 146. Bangladesh needed just 6.3 overs to chase down 30 runs.

## Decathlon to invest Rs 933 crore in India

**Delhi:** Decathlon announced that it will invest €100 million (Rs 933 crore) in India over the coming five years. The investment will be directed towards expanding its store network to 190 locations across India, said the French retailer in a press release. The move is expected to enhance digital engagement, and strengthen the company's commitment to local manufacturing. Moreover, the sports brand is expecting to



double its business in India in the next three to five years, said Decathlon India CEO Sankar Chatterjee. "India is a dynamic and growing market with a burgeoning sports culture. This investment reflects our unwavering belief in the country's potential and our commitment to contributing to its economic growth. We aim to make sports accessible to everyone, and this investment will help us reach a wider audience and provide a more comprehensive sports experience."

## Pakistan and India now share an unwanted record in Test cricket history

**NEW DELHI:** Pakistan cricket team has matched an unwanted record set by India 48 years ago. On Sunday, Pakistan lost their first-ever Test match against Bangladesh. This defeat came on their home soil in Rawalpindi. Despite declaring their first innings at 448/6, Pakistan lost the game after Bangladesh took a 117-run lead in their first innings. Pakistan collapsed to 146 in their second innings, and Bangladesh chased down the 30-run target with ease. This win marks Bangladesh's first victory against Pakistan in 14 matches. This loss marks the 17th time in Test cricket history that a team has lost after declaring their first innings. Ironically, Pakistan was also the first team to suffer such a defeat. In a 1961 Test in Lahore against England, they declared at 387/9 but lost by five wickets. The recent defeat in Rawalpindi is Pakistan's third such loss. Before this, they lost to Australia in the 2016 Melbourne Test despite declaring at 443/9 in the first innings. India also experienced a similar fate in a 1976 Test against the West Indies in Kingston. India declared at 306/6 but lost by 10 wickets. Pakistan's defeat in Rawalpindi echoes India's 1976 loss.

## Yogi govt to distribute Rs 1,300 crore in financial incentives to 32 investment units in Uttar Pradesh today (August 30)

**Lucknow**  
In line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's goal to boost investments, the state government will distribute financial incentives to companies investing in Uttar Pradesh on Friday at a special event at Lok Bhavan. The Chief Minister will allocate incentives worth approximately Rs 1300 crore to 32 investment units under various industrial investment promotion schemes and policies from the years 2003, 2012, 2015, 2017, and 2022. Additionally, Letters of Comfort certificates will be distributed for 28 investment proposals worth Rs 10,715 crore, with the Chief Minister personally handing out certificates to 10 proposals involving investments exceeding Rs 4500 crore. The Yogi government has introduced several sector-specific policies, including the Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy-2022, aimed at attracting investment across various sectors. These policies offer capital subsidies, SGST reimbursement, and other financial incentives to businesses. Under the leadership of CM Yogi, Uttar Pradesh has made significant strides in developing state-of-the-art infrastructure, including expressways, airports, waterways, freight corridors, and industrial parks, enhancing the ease of doing business. Initiatives such as the Nivesh Mitra Single Window Portal, Nivesh Sarathi Portal, and Udyami Mitra have simplified the investment process in the state, leading to a surge in investment proposals worth lakhs of crores during investors' summits. Friday's incentive and LOC distribution program is the latest step in this ongoing effort to foster a business-friendly environment in Uttar Pradesh. The program will feature prominent dignitaries, including Finance Minister Suresh Khanna, Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', Minister of State for Industrial Development Jaswant Singh Saini, and Minister of State for Electronics & IT Ajit Pal Singh, along with key investors and industry leaders.

## CM Yogi urges all departments to embrace innovation in operations Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath



### Kanpur

Thursday, following the inauguration and foundation stone laying of various development projects in Kanpur, as well as the distribution of appointment letters to thousands of youth through the Rozgar Mela, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath conducted a review meeting with officials focused on development works and law and order in the city. The meeting took place at Naveen Auditorium, Sarasaiya Ghat, where officials presented updates on the progress within their respective departments. During the review, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of promptly addressing citizens' issues at the local level and, if necessary, resolving them at the government level through the Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate. The Chief Minister also issued specific directives for a special cleanliness campaign in the densely populated Sisamau Assembly constituency. He stressed the need for proper arrangements for street lighting, fogging, sanitization, and pure drinking water, and mandated that road repairs be completed within 15 days, without fail. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of innovation in functioning across departments in the district. He instructed that public hearings should be regularly conducted within departments, and core group meetings held monthly at the district, block, and tehsil levels. He further directed officers to promptly address issues raised by public representatives, ensuring that problems concerning the general public are resolved immediately. The Chief Minister also called for the regularization of employment and loan affairs in the city, along with the exploration of new opportunities for employment generation. During the review meeting, the Chief Minister instructed that stray cattle in urban areas should be properly sheltered and not be seen roaming the streets. He also called for the development of a city forest along the banks of the Ganga. Additionally, he directed the Kanpur Development Authority to establish a convention center in the city.

## ICC Women's T20 World Cup to be moved to the UAE

**Delhi :** The International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed that the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 will be moved from Bangladesh, grappling with internal violence and change of government at Dhaka, to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) having refused to host the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup, the UAE has emerged as the likely alternative to host the event, scheduled to take place from 3 to 20 October. ICC's decision to shift Women's T20 World Cup from Bangladesh to the UAE is a fair call. The tournament will now be staged in Dubai and Sharjah. In a media release, ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said: "It is a shame not to be hosting the Women's T20



**"In a media release, ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said: "It is a shame not to be hosting the Women's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh as we know the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) would have staged a memorable event"**

World Cup in Bangladesh, but travel advisories from the governments of a number of the participating teams meant that wasn't feasible. However, they will retain hosting rights. We look forward to taking an ICC global event to Bangladesh in the near future."

## 69 Indians await release from Russian army: Jaishankar

**NEW DELHI:** External affairs minister S Jaishankar Friday said the govt is awaiting release of 69 Indians recruited into Russian army and that in many cases there are indications that the Indian nationals were misled into joining that country's armed forces. So far, Jaishankar said there are 91 Indian nationals recruited into Russian army. Out of them, eight have passed away, 14 were discharged or in some manner have come back with govt's assistance and "there are 69 citizens awaiting release from Russian army," he said, in response to a question in LS.

Out of the eight who died, the mortal remains of four have been sent back to India and in two cases — one from Haryana and Punjab — DNA samples have been sent to the Russian side.

In one case from Gujarat, the family wants the body to be cremated in Russia and in another case



from UP, the mortal remains are being brought back, Jaishankar said while responding to a Parliament question in the Lok Sabha. According to the EAM, the issue is that Russian authorities maintain these Indian entered contracts for services with Russian army. "We are not necessarily subscribing to that... In many cases there are reasons to indicate that our nationals were misled, that they were told that they were going for some other job and then they were deployed with the Russian

army," he added. The issue of Indians recruited into Russian army was taken up by PM Modi during his meeting with Russian president Putin last month. "We take this issue very very seriously. I have myself raised it numerous times with the Russian foreign minister..When the Prime Minister was in Moscow last month, he raised it personally with President Putin and got the assurance that any Indian national in the service of the Russian army will be discharged and released," Jaishankar said.

## On wife's suggestion, CJI arranges screening of 'Laapataa Ladies' to promote gender sensitisation

**NEW DELHI:** On wife Kalpana Das's suggestion, CJI D Y Chandrachud on Friday arranged for an exclusive screening of acclaimed Hindi film 'Laapataa Ladies' for the Supreme Court judges and staff but prior to that producer Aamir Khan and director Kiran Rao had a privileged preview of CJI's Courtroom proceedings. It was Kalpana, who after watching the film, suggested to CJI Chandrachud for the screening of the film for the entire staff of the apex court as she felt that the movie conveyed a moving message on gender sensitisation. Coincidentally, in the 75th year of its establishment, the SC is observing a year-long gender sensitisation programme. It was a spectacle in the CJI's courtroom, the largest and most ornate among all SC courtrooms. With a dozen seats separated with a barricade tape from areas crowded by lawyers, Khan dressed in a printed kurta and Rao in a blue saree over a white top, along with half a dozen their associ-



ates were seen keenly watching proceedings before the CJI and his colleague judges - J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. Security too was deployed to avoid any lawyer fan mobbing the celebrated actor. None did, as for them the court proceedings were more important. But, courtroom cameras, which usually focus on lawyers representing petitioners and respondents, were glued to Khan and Rao. So much so that, when the petitioner's counsel was arguing, many a time he/she was not visible, though audible.

After an hour or so, Khan either lost interest in the proceeding or to prepare for smooth screening or for some pressing engagement, left the courtroom, leaving Rao and two three others to continue sitting in the courtroom till 4 pm. The screening was scheduled from 4.15 pm till 6.20 pm. The SC registry informed that the judges interacted with Khan and Rao after the screening for about 15-20 minutes. Some judges did not attend. Few among them felt that close interaction with the actor and producer would not be ethical as there may be a case in future.

## CAPSULES

### PM Modi urges citizens to make 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a 'mass movement'

**NEW DELHI:** As India gears up to celebrate its 78th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged the citizens of the nation to make the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a mass movement by hoisting the national flag at their homes. Changing his profile picture on social media to 'Tricolour', PM Modi further urged everyone to change their profile picture to the same. Sharing a link, PM Modi also requested everyone to share their selfies with the national flag while celebrating the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. One can submit their selfies on the website - <https://harghartiranga.com> In a social media post on X, PM Modi wrote, "As this year's Independence Day approaches, let's again make #HarGharTiranga a memorable mass movement. I am changing my profile picture and I urge you all to join me in celebrating our Tricolour by doing the same. And yes, do share your selfies on <https://harghartiranga.com>."

### BJD holds first coordination committee meeting after poll debacle

**BHUBANESWAR:** Biju Janata Dal (BJD) held the first coordination committee meeting at Shanka Bhavan in Bhubaneswar after the poll debacle. Different state-level issues were discussed in the key meeting. Discussion was held on the restructuring of the party. Speaking about the first coordination committee meeting held.

## 'Aazaadi ki subah ki pehli chai': Sisodia shares selfie with wife a day after walking out of jail

**NEW DELHI:** Aam Aadmi Party leader and former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday shared a heart-warming selfie on X, capturing a moment of him enjoying a cup of tea with his wife.

This comes a day after Supreme court granted him bail in the Delhi liquor policy case. He had been lodged in Tihar jail for 17 months. "Aazaadi ki subah ki pehli chai ... 17 mahine baad! (First tea on the morning of independence ... after 17 months!)", Sisodia wrote on X.



"The freedom that the Constitution has given to all of us Indians as a guarantee of the right to life. The freedom that God has given us to breathe in the open air with everyone," he added. Upon his release from

Tihar jail on Friday, Sisodia was greeted with a warm reception by AAP leaders and family members, amidst resounding chants of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai.' Thanking BR Ambedkar, Sisodia said it was only because of the power of

the Constitution that he was out of jail today. "Ever since this order came in the morning, every inch of my skin has been feeling indebted to Babasaheb. I don't understand how we will pay off this debt to Babasaheb," he said.

## MHA sets up panel to monitor Indo-Bangla border situation

**NEW DELHI:** Centre on Friday constituted a committee to monitor the situation on the eastern frontier arising out of the political events in Bangladesh and to maintain a line of communication with the authorities in the neighbouring country to ensure the safety of Indian citizens and minority communities there.

"In the wake of the ongoing situation in Bangladesh, the Modi govt has constituted a committee to monitor the current situation on the Indo-Bangladesh



border. The committee will maintain communication channels with their counterparts in Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals,

Hindus and other minority communities living there," home minister Amit Shah said. He added that the committee will be led by additional director gen-

eral, BSF of Eastern Command and comprise BSF inspectors general in charge of south Bengal and Tripura frontier headquarters. Others in the committee include the secretary of Land Ports Authority and member (planning and development), LPAI. The days after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina govt have witnessed some activity along the Indo-Bangladesh border, including Indian students arriving at landports to return home and Nepalese citizens seeking to transit via India.

## Plan to add HPV vaccines to immunisation programme: Nadda



**NEW DELHI:** "The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) has recommended for HPV vaccination. But, at the same time, the govt is having an active consideration on it and there are logistical issues which need to be addressed first," Nadda said in the Lok Sabha. He said the first issue was about single dose and double dose. "The indige-

nous vaccine we have here is double dose and the vaccine being supported by external agencies is single dose," the minister said, adding that the govt must also ensure the capacity and logistics part to roll out the programme. Some states like Sikkim have initiated the introduction of HPV vaccination as part of their routine immunisation programme. Nadda said the Centre accepted and welcomed it.

## LS records 136% productivity in Budget session

**NEW DELHI:** The Parliament was adjourned sine die on Friday, one sitting ahead of the scheduled end of the session, with the two Houses passing several key pieces of legislation, including the Finance Bill, 2024, and the Appropriation Bill, 2024 — both crucial for the Union Budget. The session gained significance after the introduction of the contentious Waqf Board Bill, which was referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee in the wake of opposition parties' strong resistance. "As many as 15 sittings were held during the Session lasting for 115 hours and the productivity of the House during the Session was 136%," said LS Speaker Om Birla in his valedictory



address. Lok Sabha functioned for 123% of its scheduled time and Rajya Sabha for 110%. As many as 12 govt bills were introduced and four bills were passed, during the session. Besides the Finance Bill and Appropriation Bill, the other bills which were passed included the Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill and Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024. Speaker Om Birla said 86 starred questions were answered orally during the session. A total of 400 matters of urgent public importance were raised by members

during the Zero Hour and 358 matters were taken up under Rule 377. Birla said during the session, 25 statements were made under Direction 73A and a total number of 30 statements including two statements given by the minister of parliamentary affairs in connection with parliamentary business and three suo moto statements by ministers were given. As many as 1,345 papers were laid on the table of the House. Rajya Sabha was adjourned sine die amidst opposition walkouts that disrupted the House

proceedings. Parliamentary affairs and minority affairs minister, Kiren Rijiju on Friday thanked the presiding officers of both Houses and said that the Parliament saw very good business transactions in both Houses along with active participation from the members. "After many years, neither the Budget session nor the entire Parliament session was washed out for a single day, and we saw good business transactions in both Houses along with active participation from the members. On behalf of all the members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, and the govt, I want to thank the Chairman of both Houses for their great help in running the Houses," Rijiju said at a press conference.

## No alternative plans for political funding: Govt on electoral bonds

**The govt on Friday told the Lok Sabha that it had no plans to bring any law regarding electoral bonds for the funding of political parties, while replying to questions on electoral bonds. The govt added it had no plans for an alternative funding proposal to the electoral bonds either, for the political parties. Trinamool Congress MP Mala Roy, in written questions on the contentious electoral bonds, asked "whether the govt has any plan to bring any law regarding electoral bonds for political party funding; if so, the details thereof; and if not, the alternative/substitute being considered for funding of political parties. to contest Lok Sabha / Assembly Elections."**