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Ratan Tata's last rites performed with full state honours at Worli crematorium

NEW DELHI: The final rites of Industrialist Ratan Tata were performed at Worli crematorium. His mortal remains were initially kept at the NCPA lawns at Nariman Point for public viewing. Union home minister Amit Shah personally paid his respects to the veteran industrialist, representing the Government of India.

Ratan Tata, the former chairman of Tata Group who transformed the company into India's largest and most influential conglomerate, passed away at the age of 86. He breathed his last at Breach Candy Hospital in South Mumbai at 11.30pm on Wednesday, after being in intensive care since Monday. Abhijeet Makashir, a resident of Pune, had been receiving numerous calls from acquaintances and family members. The reason behind this sudden attention is the resurfacing of a photograph from 2021, featuring Makashir and his daughter alongside Ratan Tata, taken in the parking area of their residen-



The tall leader: When Ratan Tata stood outside Taj Hotel for 3 days during 26/11 Mumbai terror attack

In November 2008, Mumbai witnessed a devastating terrorist attack orchestrated by the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). Ten terrorists infiltrated the city via the sea and targeted several prime locations, including the iconic Taj Hotel and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. The attack claimed 166 lives, including 33 at the Taj Hotel, and injured more than 300 people. During the attack, Ratan Tata, then 70

years old, displayed remarkable courage and leadership. He was seen standing at the Colaba end of the Taj Hotel as security forces carried out operations against the terrorists inside. In the aftermath, Tata pledged to reopen the hotel and support the families of those killed or injured in the attack. Speaking to National Geographic later, Tata recalled, "Somebody called me and said there had been shooting at the Taj.

The encounter took place on January 3, 2021, when Tata visited Pune to meet an employee who was unwell and resided in the same housing society as Makashir in Kothrud. "We were amazed to see none other than Ratan Tata, wearing a mask, in our society's parking space. We approached him and spoke to him. It was a brief interaction, but it was very impactful as he advised me and my daughter to set a goal and focus and work on it. We were overwhelmed by his humility and simplicity," Makashir told PTI. The Indian Navy paid a touching homage to the renowned Ratan Tata, following his demise at the age of 86 in Breach Candy Hospital the previous evening. "Indian Navy pays tribute to Shri Ratan Tata, an iconic leader whose passing leaves a void in India's industrial and philanthropic landscape. His pioneering efforts in promoting home-grown industries have fortified the vision.

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NC tally in J&K now at 46, Omar Abdullah says waiting for Congress' letter of support

Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the National Conference's tally in Jammu and Kashmir has reached the majority mark of 46 seats after 4 Independent MLAs extended support to the party, adding that he was now waiting for the letter of support from Congress to stake claim to form the government. Earlier in the day, Omar was elected the leader of the legislature party by the National Conference -- a stepping stone towards becoming the chief minister. Thanking the legislators, Abdullah told reporters: "You are aware of the decision that was taken. A meeting of the NC legislature party took place, the legislature party has decided its leader and I am thankful from the bottom of my heart to the NC legislators that they have reposed their faith in me and given me a chance to stake claim for government formation."



RG Kar case: Bengal governor, Kolkata police expresses concern over deteriorating health of protesting doctors

NEW DELHI: West Bengal governor, CV Ananda Bose, expressed concern over the deteriorating health conditions of junior doctors who have been on a hunger strike for the past five days and requested them to continue their protest without affecting

their health, news agency PTI reported citing a source of Raj Bhavan. "The governor is very concerned with the deteriorating health conditions of the agitating young medics who have been fasting since Saturday. On behalf of the people of Bengal, civil society of India. Congress for their letter of support. Once we have it, will go to the governor as soon as possible. We have given Congress' today's day to complete the process for the letter," Abdullah said. "We are in talks with

On being asked when he will meet the governor to stake claim to form the government in J&K, Abdullah said he was waiting for the letter of support from the Congress. "We are in talks with

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8 railway services notified as sub cadre under IRMS

NEW DELHI: Barely days after the personnel department (DoPT) allowed railways to recruit engineers through two different examinations, the railway board has notified that now there will be eight streams under the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), which the Cabinet had approved in 2019.

The eight services have been notified as a "sub-cadre" under IRMS and these include traffic, accounts, personnel, electrical, mechanical, signal & telecommunication and stores. The recruitment for first four services will be done through Civil Services Exam (CSE) and remaining will be through Engineering Services Exam (ESE). Earlier there was only one exam of CSE for recruitment under IRMS. This move comes as a big relief for aspiring.

Second major drug bust in Delhi this week: Police seize 200 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,000 crore

NEW DELHI: Law enforcement in west Delhi has confiscated 200 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,000 crore, marking the second largest seizure within a week. This operation is suspected to be linked to a previous bust involving over 560 kg of cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana, with six arrests made across multiple cities. Second major drug bust in Delhi this week: Police seize 200 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,000 crore In a major drug bust on Thursday evening, law enforcement officials confiscated 200 kg of cocaine from west Delhi, with an estimated street value of Rs 2,000 crore. According to a police official, this marks the second largest seizure of cocaine within a week. Currently, a raid is being conducted in the Ramesh Nagar area of west Delhi as part of the ongoing investigation. The officials suspect that the seizure is connected to the previous recovery of drugs, worth over Rs 5,000 crore. In the biggest drug bust this week, Delhi Police, on October 2, reported confiscating a substantial amount of illegal substances from a storage facility located in Mahipalpur, south Delhi. The seized contraband included over 560 kg of cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana with an estimated street value of Rs 5,620 crore. Law enforcement officials apprehended four individuals who were present at the scene. Following the initial arrests, two more suspects were taken into custody.

Rohit likely to miss one Test in Australia

NEW DELHI: India could miss the services of skipper Rohit Sharma during one of the first two Test matches in Australia due to personal reasons which have been communicated to the BCCI. The Indian team will embark on a tough five-Test series in Australia starting November 22 in Perth and there is a possibility that Rohit could give either the first or the second game in Adelaide (December 6-10) a miss. "There isn't any com-



plete clarity about the situation. It is understood that Rohit has intimated to the BCCI that there is a possibility that due to a pressing personal matter, he might have to skip one of the two Tests at the beginning of the series," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "In case, the personal issue is sorted before the start of the series, he might play all five Tests. We will get to

know more in the coming days," he said. The 37-year-old Rohit played both the home Tests against Bangladesh. India will next host New Zealand for a three-Test rubber starting October 16. In case Rohit misses a Test match in Australia, the in-form Abhimanyu Easwaran is likely to be his cover although Shubman Gill and KL Rahul are also players with enough experience in the opening slot.

Ahead of polls, Maharashtra govt seeks hike in non-creamy layer income limit

NEW DELHI: The Maharashtra cabinet has decided to request the central government to raise the income limit for the 'non-creamy layer' category to Rs 15 lakh per annum from the current Rs 8 lakh. This decision came ahead of the upcoming assembly elections, likely to be held next month. Months before the Haryana polls, CM Nayab Singh Saini had also implemented a similar move and

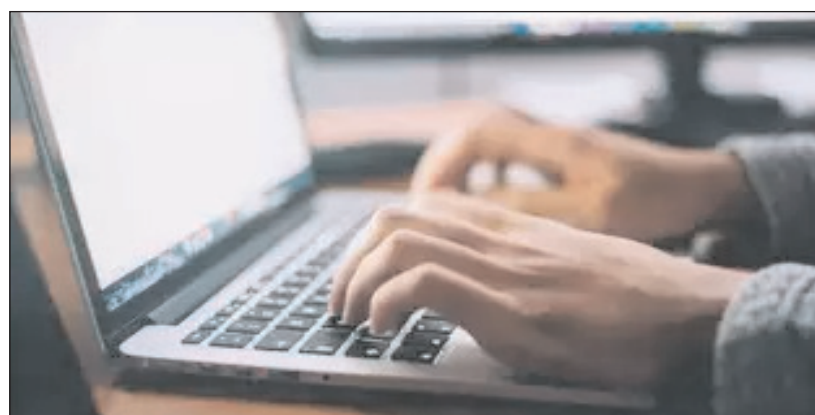


increased annual income limit for creamy layer from ₹6 lakh to 8 lakh. Poll experts have opined that the move was crucial in helping the BJP get the SC and OBC vote in the recently concluded

Haryana polls in which the party won 48 seats. The cabinet also approved a draft ordinance to grant constitutional status to the Maharashtra state scheduled caste commission, which will be presented in the next legislative session. The commission will have 27 approved posts. A non-creamy layer certificate, stating that the family income of a person is below the prescribed limit.

Man quits on Day 1 after manager calls work-life balance 'Western Behaviour'

A product designer's post on Reddit has sparked debate on work-life balance once again. In the post, the individual narrated how he resigned from his job on the first day as the manager pressured him to "work beyond normal hours without any compensation". He also stated that the manager dismissed and mocked him for talking about "work-life balance", calling it a "fancy term" and "western developed nation behavior." The individual says that he joined the company as an Associate Product Designer with a package of Rs 7 LPA which is "below fair median pay". Being one of the co-founders of an AI



startup, he accepted the offer to support it financially as the job offered "remote setup flexibility". "At the end of my first day (October 7th), my reporting manager made it clear that he expected unreasonable commitments — work beyond normal hours without any compensation," he said in the post. "I understand that startups sometimes require extra

hours—I've done that myself as a founder. But there's a difference between going the extra mile for your own project out of passion and being coerced into it in a professional setting with an established, profitable company." The user further added. The user sent a resignation letter to the company and manager. Here's what he wrote in it: Hello Mr. I hope this

message finds you well. After reflecting on recent events that unfolded on my first day of work, I must convey that our professional alignment does not seem to match. Specifically, I find your approach toward work expectations and personal boundaries seriously concerning. You have repeatedly made remarks about my activities.

Coach Class: Tim Walz and a teachable moment in US

WASHINGTON: Presented as a regular guy, a workaday dad, a teacher and a coach from the time he came into national limelight, Minnesota governor Tim Walz accepted the Democratic vice-presidential nomination on Wednesday at the party convention with an address highlighted by a memorable teachable moment. Walz was speaking about reproductive rights being infringed on by Republicans and the difficulties infertile couples.

Government bans Hizb-ut-Tahrir, labels it a threat to security



NEW DELHI: The government has officially declared Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT), a global pan-Islamic organisation founded in Jerusalem in 1953, as a terrorist group. The Union home ministry issued a notification saying that HuT aims to establish an Islamic state and caliphate worldwide, including in India, through jihad and terrorist activities. The ministry accused HuT of radicalising vulnerable youth, encouraging them to join terrorist organisations like Isis, and raising funds for terror activities. Union

home minister Amit Shah's office reiterated the government's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism and emphasized the commitment to secure the nation by dealing with terror forces firmly. The office highlighted HuT's involvement in various acts of terror, including radicalizing youth, raising funds for terror activities, and posing a serious threat to India's national security and sovereignty. The office of Union home minister Amit Shah said in a post on X, "Pursuing PM @policy of zero tolerance terrorism.

Minister Nandi attended Shaktipeeths on Ashtami

Prayagraj: On Ashtami, Minister Nandi attended the Shaktipeeths and worshiped in the Devi temples. On the Ashtami date of Navratri, Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister, Prayagraj City South-



ern Assembly MLA Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi visited the ancient Devi temples and Shaktipeeths of Prayagraj. He performed worship via Vedic rituals and wished for public welfare. On the occasion of Durga Ashtami, Minister Nandi first offered prayers at Maa Durga Temple, Anandi Devi Temple and Vaishno Devi Temple located on Zero Road. After this, Minister Nandi bowed at the feet of Goddess Alopshankari located at Alopibagh. Kalyani Devi and Mother Lalita Devi located at Shaktipeeth Meerpur were also worshipped as per the rituals. Also went to Kalibari temple and paid obeisance.

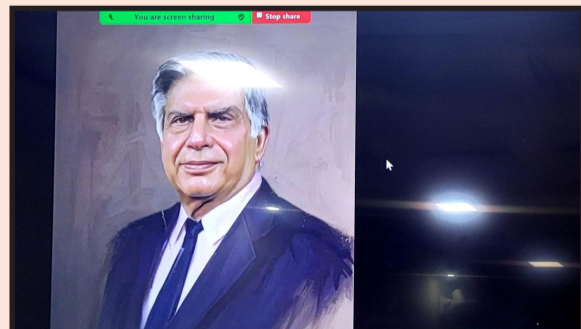
Innovative two-wheeler loan solution launched

Prayagraj: Shriram Finance Limited, the flagship company of the Shriram Group, today announced the launch of "Two-Wheeler Loan Eligibility Voucher", an innovative and first-of-its-kind two-wheeler loan solution for customers looking to buy their dream two-wheeler in this festive season. Y. S. Chakravarti, MD & CEO, Shriram Finance, speaking about this initiative, said: "We are proud to introduce the Two-Wheeler Loan Eligibility Voucher, a first-of-its-kind initiative for all the customers who are looking to buy their two-wheelers this festive season. Shriram Finance is one of the largest two-wheeler financiers in Uttar Pradesh and this initiative will help consolidate and enhance our position in Uttar Pradesh." Chakravarti further added, "Customers typically invest a significant amount of time researching and deciding on the bike they want to purchase. However, they often overlook the financing aspect, leading to uncertainty when it comes to choosing a loan provider. Many are unaware that they can determine their loan eligibility for the two-wheeler of their choice. With Two-Wheeler Loan Eligibility Voucher, customers can easily check their loan eligibility upfront, giving them the confidence to own their dream two-wheeler with the assurance that financing is in place."

The Two-wheeler Loan Eligibility Voucher is designed to reduce the time that it takes a customer to find out his/her eligibility for a two-wheeler loan, the eligibility amount, the rate of interest, and subsequently the tenure of the loan. Customers need to visit the Shriram Finance website or Shriram One app, fill in basic details about themselves and the two-wheeler they want to buy and within moments they get a breakdown of the loan amount including the down payment amount and the loan eligibility. All they need to do then is download their Two-wheeler Loan Eligibility Voucher, present it to the Shriram Finance representative at the dealership along with the necessary documents for loan application approval, a process that typically gets completed within 10 minutes. The loan gets disbursed within 24 hours and the customer rides back home on his/her dream two-wheeler.

Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal described Ratan Tata, irreparable loss to nation

Lucknow: On the death of Ratan Tata, a major pillar of India's industrial world and social worker, an emotional tribute was paid by the Department of Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday. On this occasion, Department Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal, Principal Secretary Alok Kumar (IAS), departmental officers and representatives of Tata Technologies participated in the meeting organized through physical and virtual medium. In his address, Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal acknowledged



the demise of Ratan Tata. Said to be a big loss for the nation. He said that Ratan Tata's life was like a banyan tree, which nurtured countless areas of industry, education and social service. His departure is such a void that it is impossible to fill. His visionary thinking took India to new heights, and we have to carry forward his ideals by following the path shown by him. Principal Secretary Alok Kumar, along with all present, prayed for the peace of the departed soul and consoled the bereaved family in this difficult time. Discussing Ratan Tata's industrial and social contributions, he said that he was a pioneer not only in the field of industry but also in medical and social services.

Rajnikant Upadhyay, representative of Tata Technologies Limited, while throwing light on the personal aspects of Ratan Tata's life, said that he was rich in positive thinking and was always dedicated to providing facilities to the common man.

Rly plans to run 1225 trains during Maha Kumbh, while ensuring pleasurable & memory journey to devotees

Prayagraj: Under the chairmanship of Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj, Himanshu Badoni, a press conference was organized in the auditorium of Prayagraj Divisional Office to inform about the preparations and work progress of Mahakumbh-2025. In this press conference, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General, Sanjay Singh, through a power point presentation, explained the preparations of the Railways for Mahakumbh-2025, the planning, the work under construction, the time period of completion of the ongoing works and the arrangements of the Railways for the transportation of passengers. On this occasion, Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj, while addressing the press conference, said that in Mahakumbh-2025, North Central Railway and North Eastern Railway will jointly provide services to the devotees in which North

Central Railway will coordinate between the three railways. He said that Prayagraj Division is launching a comprehensive public relations campaign regarding the arrangements related to Maha Kumbh of Railways to inform the passengers and devotees about the facilities and schemes being provided by the Railways through this press conference, which will be further expanded and will also be continued. During this period, passengers will be made aware about internal movement and other facilities through various publicity mediums.

In the same sequence, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj Sanjay Singh said that in the last Kumbh Mela-2019, Railways had run 694 trains, whereas this time a plan has been prepared to run 1225 trains and if necessary, it can be increased to 1600 trains. Railways have prepared a plan to run 284 trains to depart from Prayagraj for passengers on Mauni



Amavasya. Apart from this, 140 regular trains will also provide daily services during the entire fair. With the help of additional ticket counters in Prayagraj area, tickets can be distributed to 80 thousand passengers per hour and 10 lakh tickets can be issued daily.

In this sequence, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj said that Railways has provided waiting room, waiting hall, sleeping pod, retiring room, executive lounge, battery upgraded car, wheel chair, catering facility, first aid, passenger convenience center, tourist booth, ar-

rangements have been made to provide the facilities of Prime Minister Janaushadhi Center and cloak room. The aim of Railways is to provide satisfaction to the passengers with advanced and excellent services. In the last years, Railways has increased its capacity in Prayagraj region by doubling, upgrading railway routes, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges. Railways is ready to provide transportation and better services to the passengers in the upcoming Kumbh Mela-2025. Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj

further said that in the last Kumbh Mela-2025, Prayagraj Junction had provided services to about 45 percent of the railway passengers in Prayagraj area. All the 9 stations of Prayagraj region namely Prayagraj Junction, Prayagraj Chheoki, Naini, Subedarganj, Prayagraj Rambagh, Prayagraj Sangam, Jhansi and Phaphamau stations have been further developed due to which the capacities of all the stations have increased.

In this press conference, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Himanshu Shukla issued toll free number - 1800 4199 139 for the convenience of the travelers in Mahakumbh Mela-2025. Through this toll free number, passengers will be able to get all types of information from the call center. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching said that the facility of "Multilingual Announcement System" will be provided to the passengers in

Maha Kumbh Mela-2025. Through the multilingual announcement system, during the Mahakumbh, travel related information will be announced in different languages to the devotees coming from every corner of India at the railway stations and in the fair area. In this press conference, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Kunwar Singh Yadav told about the preparations of Railways for Mahakumbh Mela-2025 that a four-level plan has been made for uninterrupted power availability at the stations. In case of power supply disruption, passengers will be provided lighting facilities through alternative arrangements like DG backup, AT supply, UPS inverter and rechargeable bulbs. On this occasion, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Goods, Atul Yadav, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Kunwar Singh Yadav, Station Director/Prayagraj Junction, VK Dwivedi and officers were present.

Continuation of ADJ Ravi Diwakar, matter of concern: Arshad Ali

Prayagraj: Gave memorandum to the Supreme Court CJ via ADM. On this occasion, City President Arshad Ali said that he is against the making of communal remarks against dignity by Additional District Judge Ravi Kumar Diwakar in the case under section 376(2)n and 504. Judge Ravi Kumar Diwakar has been making controversial remarks for the last years. Latest case - Aleem, a Muslim man in an inter-religious marriage, under section 376 (2)n of the Indian Penal Code and his father Sabir under section 504 of the IPC, Bareilly judge Ravi Kumar Diwakar, in his 42-page conviction verdict on September 30, 2024. While sentencing

him to life imprisonment, he said that it was a case of love jihad. Although the criminal case against the Muslim man, Mohammad Aalim, and his father did not include allegations of un-



lawful conversion, Judge Diwakar concluded that it was a case of "unlawful conversion through love jihad" and was in violation of the state's stringent anti-conversion laws. He criticized the police for not fil-

ing charges under IPC. Arshad Ali said while testifying in the court, the girl said that the FIR and the statement recorded by her before the magistrate, were given by her under pressure

from her parents and Hindu extremist groups. But Judge Diwakar rejected her statement. Diwakar also directed the court registrar to send a copy of its judgment to the Superintendent of Police, Bareilly, to alert all police

stations that "whenever there is a case of interfaith marriage (love jihad), in addition to other relevant sections of the law, The police should also ensure action under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Act, 2021, whereas the word 'Love Jihad' has not been used anywhere in the law on religious conversion made by the Uttar Pradesh government in 2021, so the judge will not hesitate in his decision. Diwakar said that a copy of the decision should be sent to the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Home Secretary so that they can ensure strict compliance with the illegal conversion law in the state.

Mother Mahagauri Aishwarya symbol of beauty and women's power: Pandit Sushil Kumar Pathak

Prayagraj: On the occasion of Navratri Mahotsav fair in the abode of Mahashakti Peeth Maa Kalyani Devi, on the Ashtami day of Navratri, Maa Kalyani assumed the form of Var Mudra and gave darshan to the devotees in the form of Mata Mahagauri. On this occasion, in the morning, Mata Kalyani appeared in the form of Mata Mahagauri. Mangala Aarti and Abhishek were performed and she was invoked. On this occasion, the devotees worshiped the mother and circumambulated the Shatchandi Mahayagya and got their children ton-

sured. The chief priest of the temple, Pandit Sushil Pathak said that the mother of the world, Mahagauri, is



the feminine power. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said that at 6:00 pm, the doors of the temple

were opened to see the makeup of Mother Mahagauri form, the mother is riding on a bull with her

hands in groom's posture. Mother, who was holding Damru, Trishul and Chakra, was adorned with jewels

studded with gems and in the morning with lotus flowers and havan was performed. Evening aarti of the mother was performed at 7:00 pm and Shayan Aarti was performed at 12:00 pm. On this occasion, devotees offered pudding of Mata Rani. Received gram prasad. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that on October 11, on the ninth day of Navratri, she will give darshan in the form of Siddhidatri and Shatchandi Mahayagya will conclude at 4:00 pm. Before this, Kanya Puja will be organized in the temple courtyard, after that Mata Rani. Food Prasad will be distributed.

Modi Inaugurates Indian Institute of Skills to train 5000 students annually

Varanasi: In a significant step towards enhancing the employability of Indian youth for national and global opportunities, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai, which aims to cultivate an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0, equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training across a range of trades including factory automation, digital manufacturing, mechatronics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and

additive manufacturing, catering to both the services and manufacturing sectors, as well as other emerging businesses. Established through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the institute is a collaboration between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and Tata IIS (a section 8 company under Tata Trusts).

The Prime Minister emphasized that the world only trusts a country when its youth is filled with confidence. He noted that the confidence of today's young

India is writing the story of a new future for the nation and highlighted that the global community sees India as a significant hub for human resources, with vast opportunities in education, skilling, healthcare, and software development across the globe. To prepare India's youth for these opportunities, the Prime Minister emphasized that the government is aligning their skills with global standards. Expressing his happiness on the inauguration of IIS Mumbai, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister

of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Govt of India remarked, "Institutions like IIS are pivotal in shaping a future-ready workforce, translating the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of India as the 'Skill Capital of the World' into a reality. By equipping our youth with cutting-edge expertise, this institute is not merely opening doors to opportunities within India but is positioning them to compete and excel in global markets as well."

Khan Furniture and Arish XI in quarter finals Late Chhote Lal Hela Memorial Cricket Tournament

Prayagraj: Khan Furniture Ghazipur and Arish XI have made it to the quarter finals of Late Chhote Lal Hela Memorial Tennisball Cricket Tournament. In the match played on Thursday at Daulat Hussain College ground, Dulhipur XI Chandauli scored 49 runs in 8 overs (Armaan 10 not out, Sahil Sarkar and Mansoor one wicket each). In reply, Khan Furniture Ghazipur scored 43 runs for 7 wickets in 6.5 overs (Sawan Gupta 21, Shoheb Hussain, Ravi Yadav and Chiku one wicket each). Sahil Sarkar was declared man of the match.



In the second match, Arish XI made 73 runs in 8 overs (Aaqib 38, Md. Salman 10, Himanshu Tripathi 2/22) and bundled out Gantaki XI for 45 runs in 8 overs (Harikesh Yadav 20 not out, Harris 2/08, Sagar, Hitesh Gupta and Amit took one wicket each). Aaqib was selected as the man of the match. Chief guest MLC candidate Vishnu Siddharth gave the man of the match award. CLH Junior High School manager Ratan Kumar Hela welcomed the chief guest by presenting him a shawl.

Celebrate Dussehra with Akasa Air's Culinary Tribute

Varanasi: Caf  Akasa, the onboard meal service of Akasa Air has launched the third edition of its Dussehra special meal to celebrate the spirit of the festival with flavours that resonate with the festive season. The special meal features Hinge Aer Dal Kochuri, a delightful blend of spices and lentils, served alongside Kaju Fulkopi, a rich and flavourful cauliflower dish, and delectable Baked Rasgulla for dessert, accompanied with a beverage of choice. The specialty will be available throughout October 2023, across the Akasa Air network and can be conveniently pre-booked on Akasa Air's website or mobile app.

ICICI Bank inaugurates branch in Gorakhpur

Gorakhpur: ICICI Bank has set up a new branch - Budh Vihar branch, in Siddharth Enclave at Taramandal Road, Gorakhpur. The branch, which is 13th of the Bank in the city, is equipped with an ATM. Anand Vardhan (I.A.S.), Vice Chairman, Gorakhpur Development Authority, inaugurated the branch. Shri Uday Pratap Singh, Secretary of Gorakhpur Development Authority, also graced the occasion.

Aditya Infotech limited files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: Aditya Infotech limited is the largest Indian-owned company offering video security and surveillance products, solutions and services with a market share of 20.2% of the video surveillance industry in India in terms of revenues in Fiscal 2024. (Source: F&S Report). The company offers a comprehensive range of advanced video security and surveillance products, technologies and solutions for enterprise and consumer segments under our 'CP PLUS' brand which has strong recall value. In addition, company offers solutions and services such as fully integrated security systems and Security-as-a-Service directly and through its distribution network who address the requirements of end-customers engaged in a broad range of sectors such as banking, insurance, real estate, healthcare, industrial, defence, education, hospitality, manufacturing, retail and law enforcement.

Nazareth Hospital holds "Blind Walk" to mark World Sight Day



Prayagraj: Nazareth Hospital, Prayagraj, organized a "Blind Walk" on Thursday, to mark World Sight Day, raising awareness about the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals and promoting eye donation. The event

featured a unique activity called "Walk Blindfolded: Experience Something Unique," where participants walked in a line blindfolded, experiencing the difficulties of blindness. Students from Divya Jyoti Niketan, Ranjana and

Muskan, led the walk alongside local participants, starting at Hotstuff Chauraha and ending at Subhash Chauraha in Civil Lines, Prayagraj. The event included hospital staff, doctors, local residents and volunteers, who gained a

deeper understanding of the hardships of blind individuals.

Fr. Vipin D'Souza, Director of Nazareth Hospital, emphasized the importance of eye donation, calling it a noble act. The initiative was organized with the support of

Divya Jyoti Niketan, Prayagraj, and left a strong impact on the local community. Father Isidore D'Souza, Administrator of Nazareth Hospital, expressed gratitude to the participants and administration after they pledged to donate their eyes. The event

saw significant participation, including Father Vipin D'Souza, Akhil Pattnaik, Matron Sister Moncy, Sister Sheeba, Sister Maxie, Sr. Meena and around 200 local residents, raising awareness about blindness and encouraging eye donation.

Seminar & awareness rally held on World Mental Health and Int'l Daughter's Day

Prayagraj: Interact Club Benhur, the youth wing of Rotary Academia, today organized an awareness seminar on the occasion of World Mental Health and International Daughter's Day at Zahida Auditorium, Karailabagh. Psychiatrist Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra par-



ticipated in this program as the chief guest. Founder President of Academia, Major Donor Tariq Khan, highlighted the increasing challenges related to mental health after Covid. In the seminar, Dr. Ishanya Raj explained the main reasons for the decline in mental health, while Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra considered stress as a cause of mental ill health. Told the main reason. He emphasized that proper treatment of mental problems should be taken from experts only, rather than going to temples, dargahs or exorcists. After the seminar, 500 students led by Interact Club President Abubakr Khan and Secretary Ahaan Kumar. An awareness rally was also taken out in Karaili area. In the rally, emphasis was laid on reducing the use of plastic, importance of vaccination to prevent cervical cancer and giving priority to mental health. President of Academia Aftab Ahmed, former President Dr. Afroz Jaha and many other prominent people were present in the program.

BJP members expressed condolences on demise of Ratan Tata

Prayagraj: BJP members expressed condolences on the demise of the top Indian industrialist Ratan Tata and prayed to God to give him a place at his feet. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani expressed condolences and said that Ratan Tata was such a gem of the Indian industry. With his demise, who will be remembered for centuries, India



has lost one of its precious stars. Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that the demise of Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata is extremely sad and his demise has caused irreparable loss to the Indian industry. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said. Expressing his condolences, he said that the life of the great industrialist Ratan Tata was dedicated to the industrial, social and cultural development of the country. He was one of the true gems of the country. Among those who expressed condolences, the prominent ones were Kunj Bihari Mishra, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh. Kesarwani, Raees Chandra Shukla, Ramesh Pasi, Vivek Aggarwal, Vivek Mishra, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Pramod Modi, Raghavendra Singh, Prashant Shukla, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal etc.

SBI General Insurance launches 'SBIG Health Super Top-Up'

Prayagraj: SBI General Insurance, one of India's leading General Insurance companies announces the launch of 'SBIG Health Super Top-Up', a health insurance top-up plan designed as an economical and affordable option supplementing over and above the basic health insurance policy. The product offers versatility for individuals seeking insurance to enhance their existing policy - by seamlessly complementing any existing health insurance policy from any provider, whether corporate or personal. It enables customers to customize their coverage to suit their specific needs, ensuring a convenient and hassle-free experience.

Nandi, Bahuguna, MLAs Harsh & Siddharth Nath condole passing away of Ratan Tata

Prayagraj: Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Industrial Development Minister of Government of Uttar Pradesh, has expressed deep grief over the demise of Ratan Tata, world renowned industrialist and former Chairman of Tata Group, who was awarded Padma Vibhushan. In the release, Minister Nandi said that the Tata Group should be remembered for its successful contribution to the country. The demise of Honorary Chairman of Tata Group Shri Ratan Tata Ji, who established it as a prestigious industrial group, was a top entrepreneur and left a mark in the hearts of people with his personality, his death is the end of an era. He started his journey of success and worked as a general employee in the same company Tata Steel. With his dedication, hard



work, dedication and foresight, he took the Tata Group to the pinnacle of achievements. Due to his inspiration, the Tata Group is a leader in business as well as social work. His specialty was his sense of responsibility towards the society and this was the reason why he donated 60 percent of his business income to social causes. Minister Nandi said that today, with the demise of Ratan Tata, a void has emerged in the industry, which will be not be filled. Compensation is impossible! The rich

legacy he left behind will keep his name and work alive for centuries!

Similarly, Congress leader Shekhar Bahuguna on Thursday condoled the passing away of Ratan Tata and said that he gave new heights to the Indian industry with his tireless efforts and progressive approach. "Tata's contribution to the country can never be forgotten.

Today, when is he no more, he will never be forgotten as what he has done for India is great and he took the country to greater

heights. Ratan Tata ji gave new heights to the Indian industry with his tireless efforts and progressive approach. The unprecedented example set by Ratan Tata ji in the field of public welfare and service to humanity will continue to inspire for centuries. The country will always miss him. My deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Ratan Tata ji. He was a man with a vision who has left a lasting mark on both business and philanthropy," he added.

City North MLA Harsh

Bajpai condoled the passing away of industry stalwart Ratan Tata as the "end of an era". He said Tata was deeply associated with the modernisation of the Indian industry. "The passing away of Ratan Tata is the end of an era. He was deeply associated with the modernisation of Indian industry. And even more so with its globalisation. A visionary businessman and philanthropist who left an indelible mark on India's corporate landscape, his legacy of ethics, empathy & compassion will forever inspire," he added.

"My heartfelt condolences to the entire Tata group family and all those whose lives he touched with his generosity and kindness. Om Shanti," the former minister and City West MLA Siddharth Nath Singh said.

New committee of HQ branch elected

Prayagraj: A convention of the Headquarters branch was held in which Chairman Mr. Abhijeet Rai ji presided and under the leadership of guest Joint General Secretary Mr. Rupam Pandey, Election Officer Mr. Ashish Mishra Divisional Minister, Co-Election Officer Mr. Satyam Gupta Joint Divisional Minister and proposer Mr. Ajay Singh Mann Chairman and Supporters Mr. Sabhajit Chaubey was the Divisional Organization Minister. Mr. Rupam Pandey was the Joint General Secretary and conducted the proceedings. Many people from NCRMU and NCRES took membership in which some officials were made. During the session, the new committee of the headquarters was elected.

Special Ashtami worship in Om Sai Durga Puja Pandal, people cheered

Prayagraj: Special puja and worship took place on the day of Ashtami in Om



Sai Durga Pandal located in Pritam Nagar Colony. Mother was worshiped in the pandal in the morning. After which aarti was performed in the evening on Saptami and Ashtami and flowers and prasad were distributed. During the evening aarti, devotees per-

formed traditional dance on Dhak playing. On this occasion, Committee Presi-

dent Ajit Kesarwani, Vice President Sujit Jaiswal, Treasurer Lokesh Maurya and General Secretary Shivam Mishra and main workers Chandan Singh, Ayush Singh, Ayushman Singh, Gaurav Singh, Aditya Singh and Ajit Sharma were present.

Population Foundation of India pays tribute to Tata

Prayagraj: It is with profound grief that we mourn the passing of Ratan Naval Tata, a revered leader, philanthropist, and cherished member of Population Foundation of India's Governing Board since 1994. His three decades of unwavering commitment to Population Foundation of India reflected his deep belief in the power of societal change. His wise counsel, leadership, and vision have shaped and strengthened our mission to promote population, gender and youth initiatives that create lasting impact.

Tata was an enduring symbol of philanthropy and social responsibility in India. Through Tata Trusts, he spearheaded a wide range of philanthropic initiatives, directing about 65 per cent

of Tata Sons' profits to charitable causes in sectors like healthcare, education, and rural development. He was not only an iconic industrialist but also a humanitarian whose compassion and generosity set the gold standard for corporate social responsibility.

"Ratan Tata's passion for creating a better world was unparalleled. His generosity and vision for an inclusive and just society have inspired us all. He lived by the values of humility, dignity, compassion, and selfless service," said Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director of Population Foundation of India. "We will continue to honor his legacy by working towards the values he championed so passionately."

At Population Founda-

tion of India's 50th-anniversary celebration in 2020 in New Delhi, Mr. Tata laid out his vision for India's youth, emphasizing their role as drivers of the nation's future. In his address, he called for collective action among citizens, the government, and the private sector to address pressing issues like education, employment, health, and gender equality. "If we are to succeed in creating a nation that we want to see, it needs to be a nation of equal opportunity... a country where working together spells strength and goodwill," he remarked.

"Ratan Tata's life embodied entrepreneurial excellence that spurred India's industrial growth but also epitomised a values-based commitment to social

causes like population health, especially of women and adolescent girls," said Dr Srinath Reddy, chairperson of Population Foundation of India's Governing Board. "Population Foundation of India was blessed by his presence in its governing body and will continue to draw strength from the immense wisdom he gifted it."

Our deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His presence and wise counsel will be greatly missed, but his contributions will forever be embedded in the social fabric of India. Bringing his vision to life through concerted public action would be the greatest tribute to his legacy.

Play addresses domestic violence & need for control that men have: Gurpreet Saini

Prayagraj: Well-known actor, lyricist, and poet Gurpreet Saini is known for his soulful posts on Instagram and took his fans by surprise when he essayed a grey role in Zee Theatre's teleplay 'Trial of Satyam Kaushik' with simmering angst. Saini plays an ambitious immigrant in America about to secure funding for his start-up when he is accused of domestic abuse and threatened with deportation.

Mentioning the core themes of the teleplay, Saini says, "The teleplay of course addresses domestic violence and the need for

control that men have. There is also an element of racism somewhere, but not in the sense that Satyam is a victim of racism."

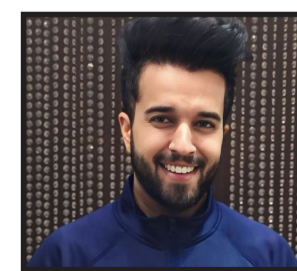
Discussing his role, Saini concedes that it was challenging for him to portray physical aggression and says, "Yes, Satyam Kaushik was a new character for me to play. For one, he is a typical Alpha Male, who despite his education and his dependence on his wife in a new country, turns into a different person at home. He has issues controlling his anger and wants to dominate his wife even though he needs her for

sponsoring his stay in the US. This complexity was difficult for me to play also because I cannot relate to dominating people."

He credits the director Sajit Warrior and his co-star Rumana Molla for helping him to get the character's tonality right through workshops and rehearsals. He shares, "I have never raised my hand on anyone or relied on verbal aggression. I am a poet and a lyricist, so my anger comes out in songs. I do not shout at people and do this experience was very new for me. Rumana was very helpful through moments when I

had to push her, pin her down on the floor, and throw things at her."

Rituraj Singh, his co-



star in the teleplay passed away earlier this year and Saini grows emotional while recalling the time they spent together. He recounts, "Rituraj sir was a brilliant person, actor, and

an amazing human being. I knew him even before I met him on the sets of this teleplay. He was my neighbour and we would often take a walk together. He would give me his blessings and tell me to keep working hard, stay physically fit, and work on my craft. It was so sad when he left all of us suddenly."

Since then he has featured in TV shows like '24' with Anil Kapoor and in films including 'Rocky Handsome', 'Ginny Weds Sunny' and 'Tumse Na Ho Payega'. Looking back at this journey, Saini says, "It has been a blessing to be able to play different char-

acters like Satyam Kaushik and inhabit someone else's skin as it allows me to learn something new about life, people and relationships everyday."

His passion for theatre also remains alive and he says, "It is wonderful that teleplays are now taking theatre to places where plays are not easily accessible. The thrill of performing live drew me to theatre and Zee Theatre's 'Trial of Satyam Kaushik' has put me back in touch with the person within who used to love being on stage. I am now once again feeling a deep desire to get back on stage."

Haj proceedings explained

Prayagraj: On behalf of Prayagraj Khuddamane Haj Committee, a meeting was held at Palki Guest House Kareli under the chairmanship of Haji Moin Ahmed Khan in which all the important Haj proceedings like medical fitness or first installment of Rs 1,30,300 one lakh thirty thousand three hundred per person dated 9, Deposit will have to be made in State Bank of India and Union Bank of India from 10.10.2024 to 21.10.2024. And the challan for deposit will be given by filling in Palki office. Receipt of first installment of Haj or medical fitness will have to be completed and submitted to Uttar Pradesh State Haj Committee Lucknow by post on 23.10.2024. Chairman of the committee in the meeting, Mr. Haji Altamas Nazim, Haji Shah Ahmed Ali, Bade Babu, Haji Mazhar Ali, Haji Mohammad Hussain, Mohd. Salman, Aziz Ahmed were present. For further information, you can contact Haj Committee's health line number 9936226971, 7317289678 or 9565566866.

Editorial

Personality rights, as the name implies

The Delhi High Court recently issued an order safeguarding the personality and publicity rights of film actor Jackie Shroff, restraining several social media accounts, AI Chatbots, and e-commerce websites from exploiting the actor's name, voice, or image for commercial purposes without his consent. Shroff petitioned the court against the unauthorised use of his name and persona, seeking protection against various individuals and entities utilising and misusing his identity without permission. The proliferation of AI-generated deep-fake videos has exacerbated concerns for celebrities. Jackie Shroff's isn't the first instance of a film star resorting to legal action to protect their personality rights. Over the past two years, the Delhi High Court has issued interim orders to prevent the unauthorised use of Amitabh Bachchan and Anil Kapoor's name, image, and voice. The question arises: why are some celebrities turning to courts for the protection of their personality rights, while others refrain? "Where there is demonstrable misuse, people are approaching. Personality right is a facet of publicity right," says advocate Ameet Naik, who has represented Bachchan, Kapoor and now Shroff in their respective personality rights suits. In India, laws regarding personality rights are still evolving, with courts deriving principles from Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech and expression), Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty), and intellectual property rights laws. "A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies, pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names, images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today. In 1995, the Supreme Court recognised a person's right to control the commercial use of one's identity in the R Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu case, commonly known as the Auto Shankar case. In 2015, the Madras High Court intervened to protect actor Rajinikanth's personality rights, halting the release of the movie Main Hoon Rajinikanth. The filmmakers had utilised the actor's name and style without his express permission, with the title itself serving as a clear indication of its connection to Rajinikanth. In yet another case involving actor Amitabh Bachchan, the Delhi High Court in November 2022 restrained the use of the actor's name, image, voice, or any of his characteristics without his consent. It is crucial to note that in intellectual property right cases, it's often impractical to name all infringing parties, leading affected parties to seek blanket injunctions or ban orders, known as 'John Doe' orders. Originating from the UK, John Doe orders are passed by a court against unknown defendants and the world at large. In September 2023, the Delhi High Court ruled in favour of actor Anil Kapoor in a case filed by him to protect his image and personality from misuse by third parties. Kapoor had petitioned the court, stating that several parties were using aspects of his personality, including popular terms from his dialogues, like 'Jhakaas,' 'Lakhan,' 'Mr. India,' 'Majnu Bhai,' and 'Nayak', without his permission.

Milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance

After extensive negotiations, India and Iran have finally sealed a historic 10-year bilateral agreement for the operation of the strategically located Chabahar Port on the Gulf country's eastern coast. While India initially engaged in short-term agreements with Iran starting in 2016, the newly inked deal marks a significant milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance on Pakistan's ports in Karachi and Gwadar, facilitating smoother access to landlocked Afghanistan and other Central Asian nations via Iran. This deal has a lot of economic significance for India. Despite the nation's preoccu-

ration with the ongoing Lok Sabha election, the Narendra Modi government's decisive action, including the special permission reportedly obtained from the Election Commission of India (ECI) to dispatch a central minister to Iran, underscores the paramount importance of this deal for the nation's strategic interests and economic future. In geopolitical dynamics, this deal is a major achievement for India and a testament to Modi's personal diplomacy. It marks our first step into managing overseas ports and serves as a strategic move against the emerging China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Its timing,

amid the chaos in West Asia disrupting important trade routes, makes it even more significant. Furthermore, beyond these tangible benefits, India's diplomatic success shines through the forging of successful ties with conflicted powers. Its diplomatic success is evident in its ability to foster friendly relations with Israel while extending support to Palestine. Simultaneously, New Delhi adeptly navigates deepening ties with the United States and successfully negotiates with Iran, showcasing its diplomatic prowess. Meanwhile, our longstanding partnerships with countries such as Saudi Arabia, Russia,

and Japan continue to flourish. India's leadership roles in the G20 forum and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) highlight that its diplomacy is actually working. These platforms not only allow us to highlight our progress but also assert our presence on the world stage. What is noticeable is that while the G20 provides a global platform, the SCO involves non-Western nations, some of which have strained relations with the US such as China, Russia, and Iran. This adept handling of relationships with diverse and sometimes competing powers showcases a remarkable milestone in our diplomatic .

Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities



Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. A central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation of the border villages of Nelang and Jadung, near the Line of Actual Control in Chamoli district. During the 1962 Indo-China war, both villages were abandoned, and their residents were relocated to safer nearby areas.

Far away in the east, at the Tawang War Memorial in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army, along with the Tawang administration and the local Monpa population, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the arrival of Maj Bob Khathing in the area. In 1951, the Manipuri Naga officer took over the administration of the border town of Tawang, south of the McMahon Line; a communication of the Defense PRO in Guwahati thus explained, "After the valiant Major undertook a treacherous march from the plains of Assam to Tawang, negotiating Sela and Bomdila passes during peak winters, leading a contingent of 200 Assam Rifles troops and 600 porters for a difficult maiden mission, thus materialised the formal establishment of Indian civil administration at Tawang."

The above two events are linked as the takeover of both places' administration is the result of a decision of the Himmasinghi Border Defence Committee created by the Army Headquarters on November 12, 1950. Let us remember the facts On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion of Tibet for India's northern border. Five days later, the dying Sardar (who passed away on December 15) constituted this committee to examine the possibility of Chinese communist troops occupying the areas south of the McMahon Line or elsewhere on the Indo-Tibet border and "to consider the feasibility or advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress". esides Maj Gen Himmasinghi, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then Jadhung), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district. The Role of Jairamdas

Daulatram

One man was central in the setting up of Maj Khathing's expedition to Tawang; it was Jairamdas Daulatram, the governor of Assam. It is sad that his role has been more or less forgotten today. On December 10, 1950, he managed to get the concurrence of the Ministry of External Affairs headed by Nehru; a Joint Secretary concurred with the Committee, "We cannot agree to a unilateral occupation of Tawang by the communists." The ball then started rolling, and preparations for the expedition began. Maj Khathing received detailed instructions from Nari Rustomji, the advisor to the governor, on behalf of Daulatram himself.

Precise tasks were given to the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests in you and not in them." He was directed to submit detailed reports about the Tibetan 'influence' in the area and the

nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for." An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces." Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and

74 years later, he was still considered by the Monpas as their liberator. Khathing was also asked to keep daily wireless telegraphic contact with Daulatram after crossing the Se-La pass. It is what Khathing did, and his dispatches and cables still make fascinating reading. Finally, Daulatram asked Khathing to "conduct [the] operation with tact, firmness, and discretion". The logistics of the expedition were not easy; for example, the question of porters and loads was difficult to coordinate. One can imagine having as many as 200 troops and 600 porters to feed.

Another issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities.

Snatching Mamata's OBC Pie for Muslims, Starving Vote-Bank Politics

By cancelling all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued by the West Bengal government after 2010, the Calcutta High Court has struck at the darkest instincts of appeasement of not just the Mamata Banerjee government but of Indian polity in general. Remember, the Left was still in power in 2010 in Bengal, when the legislation was created. Nakedly soliciting Muslim votes by misusing the OBC quota is not unique to West Bengal.

Karnataka and many other states have been brazenly doing it. Taking advantage of the ambiguity in the Constitution in defining 'Backward Classes' and bending the guarantee under Article 15.1 that the State

shall not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, caste, or gender, Muslims were brought under the OBC quota by the PV Narasimha Rao government. The Sachar Committee report was used as groundwork for the abomination. The Rao government was in overcompensation mode since the fall of the Babri masjid, bringing in a slew of constitutional blunders like the Places of Worship Act, the suicidal new Waqf Act, and the OBC lollipop for Muslims. All this not only robbed the share of the genuinely backward, but also brazenly incentivised conversions to Islam and demographic change, placing Bharat's destiny on a doomed path. Why should Muslims, the 200-million strong sec-

ond largest religious group in India with a global Ummah of nearly two billion, eat into the share of OBCs? That is precisely what the Calcutta High Court ruling questions by cancelling all OBC certificates issued during the tenure of the Trinamool Congress administration led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee since 2011. The Bench struck down many parts of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012. But the most remarkable part of the judgment by the division bench of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Rajasekhar Mantha was the blunt wording.

The votes are in and officials have begun counting ballots cast in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections — the first in the region since Article 370 was abrogated. All eyes are on the Union Territory with its 90 seats up for grabs where parties have to attain the magical number of 46 to emerge victorious in the polls. However, as votes are being counted in this neck-to-neck race, the focus has turned to the issue of nominated Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), with the Congress, the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) opposing it during government formation.

Matter of the 5 MLAs

When the region was reorganised under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the legislation held a section according to which the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir "may nominate two members to the Legislative Assembly to give representation to women." This provision would be exercised by the LG if they felt that the Assembly lacked adequate representation of the women.

However, in 2023, this was amended. An addition was made allowing for the nomination of three more members to the Assembly. Two members from the Kashmiri migrant community, one of whom is

to be a woman, and one member from the "displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir". The nominations are at the discretion of the LG, meaning he, Manoj Sinha, can select any five individuals. However, some note that the LG's nomination would be based on the advice of the Union Home Ministry. The law, however, isn't clear if these members would have voting rights and could participate in government formation. But as the Jammu-Kashmir Assembly is modelled on the Puducherry Assembly, it seems that these nominated MLAs would then be given voting rights. Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's power to nominate five MLAs to the JK Assembly has become a bone of contention between the BJP and the opposition. File image/PTI

Why this matters

The nomination of five MLAs by the LG is significant for a number of reasons. Firstly, it changes the dynamics of the Assembly.

How?

Currently, the J-K Assembly is of 90 seats where the halfway mark is set at 45. However, if these MLAs are selected and given voting rights, the number of MLAs in the House increases to 95 and the halfway mark moves to 48. What this means is that the NC-Congress will need 48 MLAs, rather than the

previous 45, to form the government. On the other hand, with five MLAs supporting the BJP, the saffron party would require only 43 MLAs to reach the majority mark.

Secondly, the addition of five MLAs could change the dynamics of the House if it comes to a hung Assembly, which many exit polls are predicting could be the result of today's counting. Poll pundits note that these five MLAs could swing the results in the favour of the BJP. Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) president Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah show their fingers marked with indelible ink after casting vote during the second phase of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Senior Abdullah has said that he would approach the Supreme Court against the LG. This move has not gone down well with the opposition, namely the Congress and the National Conference. The Congress in the Union Territory likened it to electoral fraud, with Ravinder Sharma, spokesman of the party saying, "The right to form a new government lies with the elected MLAs of whichever party or coalition gains a majority in the elections. Any nominations contemplated before the government formation in J&K UT would be a fraud on democracy and the people's mandate."

BCCI opens Bengaluru National Cricket Academy

Delhi: The BCCI opened the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The world-class facility is now the BCCI Centre of Excellence. The former facility operated at M Chinnaswamy Stadium since 2000. The BCCI Centre of Excellence, located on 40 acres near Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru, has three world-class grounds and 86 pitches, including indoor and outdoor areas, demonstrating its ability to provide full training facilities. In addition, its revolutionary subsurface drainage system speeds up recovery after rain, avoiding disturbances and ensuring a steady playing schedule. The magnificent 45 outdoor net pitches for practice are divided into nine clusters, including Mumbai red soil, Mandya soil, Kalahandi black cotton soil, and concrete pitches, and separated by UK-made safety nets. Fielding practice



and six outdoor running tracks with natural grass and Mondo synthetic surfaces are next to the nets. The indoor practice facility has eight premium UK and Australian turf fields with an 80-meter run-up. The G 2 South Pavilion, at 45,000 square feet, has one of the largest dressing rooms at roughly 3,000 square feet, replete with a jacuzzi, lounge, massage room, kit room, and restrooms. The Sports Science & Medicine (SSM) Block has a 16,000-square-foot gym with top-notch equipment. Four sports tracks and high-quality Mondo rubber flooring are included. It has a physiotherapy rehab gym, cutting-edge sports science and medicine

lab, recovery area with jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, underwater pool spa, and cold shower. The building will feature a carefully curated Hall of Fame for Indian cricket. Commentator and match referee rooms with cutting-edge broadcasting, a large press conference area, VIP lounge and dining area, and administrative offices are also available. The G 1 Dining and Dormitory block, with 15,000 square feet, provides food and accommodation for staff, including male and female dormitories with room for development. Secretary Jay Shah's BCCI CoE seeks to revolutionize sports training and development in India with its world-class facilities.

Afghanistan hosts Bangladesh in the November three-match ODI series

Delhi: The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) confirmed the dates for Afghanistan's three-match ODI series against Bangladesh in the UAE. The series' host venue is unknown. The series opener is on Wednesday, November 6, and the other two games are on Saturday, November 9 and Monday, November 11. The Future Tour Program (FTP) scheduled three T20is, two Tests, and three ODIs between the two nations in July-August. Due to high heat in the UAE and India, Afghanistan's home cricket grounds, it was postponed. Considering the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy, both countries' cricket boards have chosen to play the ODI series. An eventful year for Afghanistan cricket. The past year has been significant for Afghanistan Cricket. They beat England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,



ISL: Kerala Blasters FC, NorthEast United FC share spoils in pulsating stalemate

Delhi: Kerala Blasters shared points with NorthEast United FC following a gripping 1-1 draw in their Indian Super League match on Sunday. Alaeddine Ajarai's goal from a freekick was equalised by Noah Sadaoui's stunning strike as the Kerala Blasters FC salvaged a crucial point on the road. Right from kickoff, it was a very high-intensity match with end-to-end football from both sides. However, the visitors made the more impres-

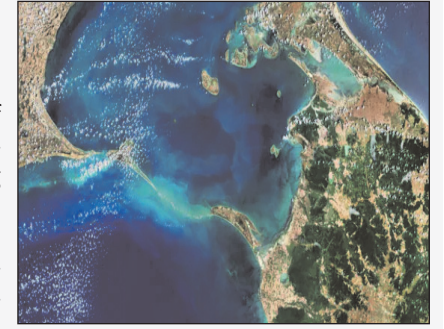
sive moves with the likes of Noah, Jesus Jimenez and Danish Farooq combining in attack. Blasters FC almost had the opener when their Moroccan superstar lost his marker and made a telling run down the left flank before finding Farooq in the box. The 28-year-old failed to make contact with the ball with only the goalkeeper to beat. Noah kept pushing for the opening goal as he once again dropped a shoulder and rifled an effort from outside.

and the Netherlands to finish sixth at the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India. They reached the semifinals of the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, co-hosted by the West Indies and the USA, in June.

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European Space Agency shares high-resolution 'Ram Setu' image

Between Rameswaram Island on India's southeast coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. The Ram Setu, or Adam's Bridge, a network of shoals connecting India and Sri Lanka, was recently photographed by the European Space Agency in great detail. Copernicus Sentinel-2 satellites captured the image. Satellites with an innovative wide-swath high-resolution multispectral imager with 13 spectral bands offer a unique view of land and vegetation. Between Rameswaram Island on India's southeast coast and Mannar Island on Sri Lanka's northwest coast, the Ram Setu runs 48 kilometers. It divides the Indian Ocean's Gulf of Mannar from the Bay of Bengal's Palk Strait. One bridge end is on Mannar Island. The 130-square-kilometer island is connected to mainland Sri Lanka by a road and railway bridge at its southern end. Pamban Island (Rameswaram Island) is the bridge's other end. The 2-km Pamban Bridge connects India to the island. Pamban on the western tip and Rameswaram 10 kilometers east are the island's principal settlements.



I was not aware I could bowl so quick: Mayank

Delhi: Mayank Yadav was having his dinner at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) when he learnt the selectors had picked him for the T20i series against Bangladesh.

"I wasn't aware of the selection. But I saw my mates here receiving congratulatory calls. I just checked the BCCI website and got to know my name was there," Mayank told. He rang up his mother, spoke to her about six minutes before she got emotional and tears started rolling down her cheeks. "Once I put down the phone, I had flashbacks in front of my eyes—from the day I first went to Sonnet Club to the four anxious months spent at the NCA to recover from frequent nig-



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gles," he said of his first reaction.

Mayank is just 22 and he has only played one first-class match, 17 List A matches and 14 T20s for Delhi before the four exciting IPL

matches for LSG this year. That's not a lot to go by before being picked for India. It's his electric pace which easily breaches the 150 kmph mark on the speed gun that stood out.

'Good to get some overs under the belt' says Bumrah

Delhi: Jasprit Bumrah is gradually increasing his workload at home as the India pace spearhead knows he would be required to bowl a lot more overs during the five Test series in Australia. After the two Test series against Bangladesh, India will host New Zealand for three games before departing for Australia. "You have to be smart (to stay fit for Australia) and it's good to get some overs under the belt here although the number of overs to be bowled will be a lot more in Australia".

Indian shooters start Junior World Championships with two golds

Delhi: Indian shooters started their ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun campaign in the Peruvian capital with two team golds in both men and women's 10m air pistol. With two golds India led the medal tally after competition day one, with Romania and Chinese Taipei winning the two golds and five other nations winning medals. Umesh, Pradyumn, and Mukesh, the junior men's three, led India to the top of the 10m air pistol men's team cate-



gory with 1726 points. Romania finished second, 10 points behind, Umesh shot 580 and Pradyumn 578 but finished sixth and eighth, respectively. Luca of Romania won gold and Hsieh Hsiang-Chen of Taiwan silver. Mukesh scored 574 to finish eighth in qualifying. Kanishka Dagar, Lakshita, and

Anjali Chaudhary won the junior women's 10m air pistol team gold with 1708. They beat Azerbaijan by one point and bronze-winning Ukraine by four. Kanishka and Kanika, who shot 573 but with lower inner 10s, made the individual final in third and fifth place, respectively.

SC calls Punjab's NRI quota a 'fraud' on medical education

Delhi: The Supreme Court called Punjab's medical colleges' extension of the non-resident Indian (NRI) quota a "fraud" that excludes meritorious candidates. A bench chaired by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud dismissed petitions challenging a Punjab and Haryana high court ruling that invalidated the Punjab government's proposal to widen the NRI quota criteria to include distant relatives. We must end NRI quotas today! The bench, which included Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the NRI quota was being used to circumvent merit-based admissions. The bench called such a broad interpretation of NRI eligibility, which permitted distant relatives to qualify, a



"money-spinning tactic" that undermined the school system. "All three petitions fail. Keep this under control. This scam must end. This NRI business is a scam. Senior counsel Shadan Farasat stated that Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh previously employed the larger NRI quota interpretation during the hearing.

The Court rejected these arguments, stressing that the larger definition weakened merit and permitted less deserving individuals to be admitted based on

'For the next 10 years, we've got players who will make our country proud' says VVS

NEW DELHI: VVS Laxman admitted that he took over as the chief of BCCI Centre of Excellence with trepidation, but now he is a contented person after setting in place a robust bench strength that will allow India to dominate world cricket for the next 10 years, if not more.

money and connections.

India's GenNext looks to 'Test' red-ball mettle against Australia

Delhi: The India U-19 team is set to step into unfamiliar territory. With youth Tests being a rarity, India will play their first multi-day match in over five years when they cross swords with Australia U-19 in the first of two games that begins on Monday here. The India U-19 side had last featured in a red-ball fixture way back in February 2019. At the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Soham Patwardhan & Co, all new kids on the block, should tackle an element of uncertainty and handle the vagaries of long-format cricket besides adapting to the pitch and weather.

Both India and Australia will have their work cut out, having had only three days to acclimatise to the challenging conditions in Chennai - in the one-day series that preceded the Tests and



ended on Thursday in Puducherry, the hosts produced a 3-0 whitewash. India U-19 head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar acknowledged that the home team has a tough task in front of it. "It is a great initiative to play Tests. Red-ball cricket really tests you. For every player, it is the ideal challenge to see where they stand," Kanitkar said on Sunday.

"There is enough time for the bowlers to plan and devise their strategies. Playing against a foreign side is a great thing.

Playing foreign teams at the U-19 level has helped a lot of players, including myself," said Kanitkar, a former India batter.

While India will head into the assignment as the favourites, considering the home advantage and recent results over their rivals, Kanitkar stressed that they will start afresh.

"The boys are confident, we had a good one-day series. But having said that, this is a different format altogether. The place is different. It is better to take the good thing.

s and leave the highs as we prepare for the Tests. That is what we have done," said Kanitkar. As for the Oliver Peake-led Australia, they will be keen to open their account after having a frustrating start to the tour.

A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies between theory and practical scores in a few courses, CBSE has recently instructed schools to assess practical exams appropriately.

In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results, it had used sophisticated AI techniques to identify significant disparities between theory and practical grades in specific courses among 50% or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools. In the meantime, the July 15th date of the CBSE supplementary examinations for Classes 10 and 12 has been set. The Class 12 supplementary test will take place on a single day, July 15, while the Class 10 CBSE supplemental exam 2024 will end on 22.

NCR housing rates up 49% in 5 years, unsold inventory down 50%

Delhi: Anarock, real estate consultants, report a 49% increase in average home prices in the NCR over the past five years. This sharp increase is due to rising building costs and robust sales, according to the research. "The five-yearly jump in average residential prices between H1 2019 and H1 2024 from Rs 4,565 per sq ft to Rs 6,800 per sq ft is a clear indicator of the market's strength," stated Anuj Puri, Anarock Group CEO. The survey also indicated that NCR residential property demand remained high despite the pandemic. After attracting consumers with offers and incentives, developers



raised average prices as demand grew. Sales have increased, reducing unsold inventories by 52% from 182,000 units in H1 2019 to 86,900 units in H1 2024. The inventory overhang dropped from 44 months in H1

2019 to 16 months in H1 2024. "Developers have launched around 172,000 units in NCR between H1 2019 and H1 2024, and 272,000 units were sold during this period," the study said. "The market's growth is supported by

lower unsold inventory and higher absorption. This rise shows the region's real estate potential and post-pandemic economic rebound and GDP growth." "Despite the higher costs, sales continue to surge, driven

by a combination of improved infrastructure, robust economic growth, and a desire for modern living spaces". The survey noted that the NCR housing market revived before the pandemic after price stagnation from late 2016 to 2019. Covid-19 increased sales of larger homes. In prime real estate, the study shows strong demand and growth. The interest is broad, drawing first and second-generation buyers seeking a more luxurious lifestyle. "Latent demand has increased since the pandemic, spurring new project launches. He noted that around 3,000 pre-launch units sold out in days.

Killer caliber: Meet BSF's first woman sniper



INDORE: The sniper stealthily crawls into position, smoothly works the bolt and slides a round into the chamber. Target in crosshairs. And a glass ceiling pierced at 3,200kmph... It's only when the sniper gets up and takes off the camouflage ghillie suit that you realise it's a 'she'. Meet BSF's first woman sniper, sub-inspector, Suman Kumari, also the first woman to get 'instructor grade' in the gruelling eight-week BSF sniper course at Central School of Weapons and

Tactics (CSWT), Indore. Suman joined BSF in 2021 and was commanding a platoon in Punjab when she realized, with fury, the threat of sniper attacks from across the border. Determined to pay back in kind, Suman volunteered for the sniper course and that she wrote to her superiors. Encouraged by her steely resolve, they readily gave the go-ahead. "She was the lone woman among 56 men and she put up an amazing performance in every activity. We are hoping that more

female recruits will take up this course," CSWT IG Bhaskar Singh Rawat told TOI on Saturday. "Trainees who perform exceptionally well get Alpha and Bravo grading, but a separate screening test is done for 'instructor grade' that Suman has achieved. She is the first woman sniper in BSF and will be an inspiration for other women to come forward. This course is one of the toughest after the commando training," Rawat said.

Electronic papers acceptable as court evidence

Delhi: Text, voice, and video messages contain what Post July 1, "digital documents" are admissible as primary evidence, not simply emojis, PPTs, PDFs, group conversations, forwards, or tete-a-tete. The last one is a rewrite of the 1872 Indian Evidence Act and an acknowledgment of digital information's importance today. The 2023 Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam defines and interprets evidence. It states that "an electronic or digital record" can be "admissible" in a case under certain conditions, taking into account technical



improvements and the widespread use of digital communication. Senior counsel Amit Manchanda said protections must be addressed first to prevent misuse given the uncharted field of artificial intelligence and new software to manipulate words, photos, and digital content on a recipient's device. Advocate Mohit

Bhardwaj called Section 57 BSA's "singularly significant" inclusion because it makes digital data, including messages, primary evidence "without much ado," until disputed. For disputed digital records, the new rule mandates a certificate proving authenticity from a specific computer or device. Thus, under Section 61

The Andhra government expects an 11k crore deficit this year

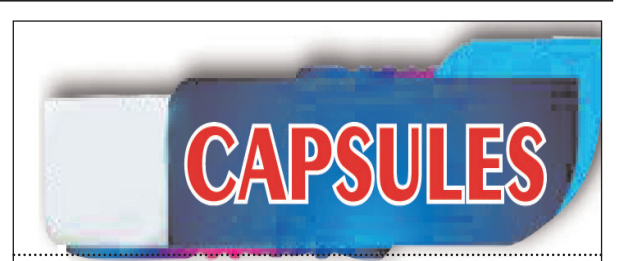


Delhi: Andhra Pradesh's request for Centre financial assistance, including debt restructuring, is expected to cover a projected Rs 11,000 crore deficit this year and leave a meager surplus for development next year. According to sources familiar with the discussions with the Centre, the Chandrababu Naidu government has prepared a blueprint to revisit almost two dozen direct benefit transfer schemes started by the Jagannathan Reddy administration and start a series of steps to boost revenue, start capital works, and help the needy. Naidu met with finance, defence, and health ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Rajnath Singh, and JP Nadda. "The treasury needs

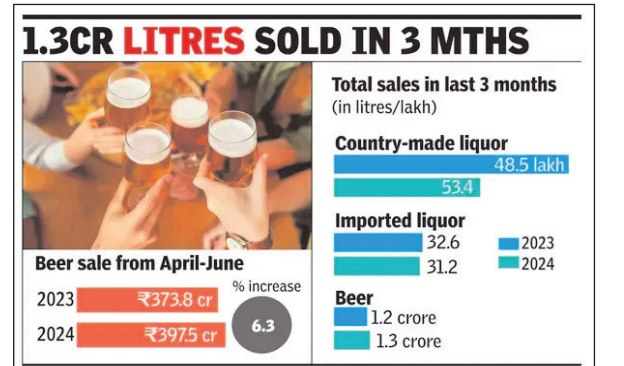
income growth and capital funding. The previous government discontinued vital payments, causing a huge loan burden. We'll need five to six months to fix it and resume the cycle "A source said Andhra will pursue central initiatives and TDP focus areas. Through a series of initiatives, the Naidu administration hopes to raise Rs 37,000 crore by the fifth year of its term for state development. The TDP plans to develop industrial hubs in Visakhapatnam, near Odisha, and Karnataka, with the proposed port in Dugarajapatnam as a key aspect. Central aid for the port was promised a decade ago when Andhra and Telangana split, but nothing has happened.

BJP gathering in Bengaluru causes political dispute over liquor

Delhi: A BJP public rally to celebrate former minister K Sudhakar's election as Chikballapur MP was criticized as footage showed booze being given. Nelamangala hosted the event. Sudhakar, Opposition Leader R Ashoka, and JD(S) leaders attended. Sidelined videos showed cops giving out booze packages and bottles to people in a long line. Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar criticized BJP. In Nelamangala, liquor was distributed publicly. BJP National President JP Nadda must explain for registering a case. How could the MP distribute alcohol? Said Shivakumar. "More than local leaders, it is important for the BJP's national leaders to tell citizens how their party is upholding culture by distributing liquor at public meetings," he said.



Ghaziabad Residents Drink Nearly Rs 400 Crore in Beer During Heatwave



Delhi: The excise agency reports that Ghaziabad residents have consumed approximately Rs 400 crore in beer due to the past three months' scorching. Officials credit high heat and consistent prices for this record sales result. People in Ghaziabad and the National Capital Region sought ways to cool themselves due to extreme heat. In addition to lemonade, lassi, and buttermilk, many Ghaziabad inhabitants chose alcoholic beverages, especially beer, which generated large excise money. Ghaziabad beer drinkers spent Rs 397.16 crore during April to June 2024, up 106% from the previous year. Even more, beer can sales rose 116%. Over 13.3 million cans were sold this year, up from 11.5 million last year. Beer helps many cope with soaring temperatures. Due to this tendency, the excise department saw significant income growth throughout these three months. District excise inspector Rakesh Kumar said the severe heat and stable beer pricing drove record sales. said, "The data clearly shows that the intense heat and no price hike were the primary reasons for the exceptional revenue of Rs 397 crore." Beer sales during the heatwave generated significant excise department money, showing how extreme weather can affect consumer behaviour and local economies.

Shankaracharya Backs Rahul Gandhi After "Hindus Are Violent" Row

Delhi: Swami Avimukteshwarananda, the 46th Shankaracharya of Jyotir Math, defended Rahul Gandhi days after his Lok Sabha speech. Rahul Gandhi accused BJP leaders of communally dividing people during the debate on the President's address Motion of Thanks. Narendra Modi denounced the speech, saying Rahul Gandhi called the "entire Hindu community violent." Parliament heatedly debated this claim, and the Speaker removed some disputed statements from the records. Hindu revered Shankaracharya provided a different view. Our attention was on Rahul Gandhi's entire address.

No farm relief": Opposition leader criticizes Maharashtra's Rs 11 crore

Delhi: With the government reeling under an enormous debt of Rs 7.9 lakh crore and the state's struggling farmers taking their own lives, Mahayuti government's Rs 11 crore gift for India's T-20 champion squad has drawn criticism from Congress's Vijay Wadettiwar, the head of Maharashtra's opposition. "In just

four months, at least 1,068 farmers committed suicide, but they get no assistance." The Maharashtra government gave wealthy cricket players an unjustified gift in order to further its own agenda, according to Wadettiwar. "We should support players but within our means and must give due weightage considering

the broader picture," Wadettiwar said. The opposition MVA coalition's unity and preparedness for this year's assembly elections in October and November was reiterated by the Bramhapuri MLA. "Shiv Sena (UBT), the National Congress Party (led by Sharad Pawar), and the other three opposition.

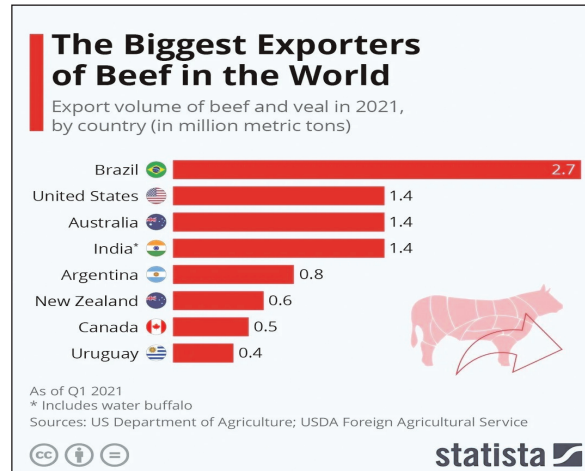
Rising Drunk Driving, \$12k Fine in 6 Months

Delhi: Delhi Traffic Police reported that more than 12,000 people were penalized for DUI from January 1 to June 30, up 27% from last year. Rajouri Garden had the most drunk driving violations in the past six months, 770. Samaypur Badli had 514 instances, Rohini 441. Traffic police released data on Saturday showing that police penalized 12,468 intoxicated drivers through June 30 compared to 9,837 last year. Punjabi Bagh (387), Mehrauli (367), Mayur Vihar (364), Narela (364), Kalkaji (344), Karol Bagh (342) and Sadar Bazar (342) also had high drunk

driving rates in the first half of the year. The traffic police also examined the top 10 traffic circles with the most drunk driving challans. This research identifies areas with the highest traffic offenses, enabling focused enforcement to improve road safety and traffic law compliance, an officer stated. "Drunk driving endangers the driver, passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers. It impairs judgment, lowers reaction times, and increases accident risk leading to injuries or deaths. The officer cautioned that careless behavior can have dire consequences.

Muslim groups want India to stop exporting beef

Delhi: Minority organization Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC) held a seminar to condemn cow vigilante attacks and seek a ban on beef export from India and illicit slaughter to end cattle suffering. They also sought to clarify that "beef"—associated with cows—was being misused to characterize buffalo meat export, thus the government should clarify. At a full Mavalankar Hall in Constitution Club, Muslim and dalit representatives approved the memorandum to Union home minister Rajnath Singh. There were also threats that demonstrators would go to the streets and Ramlila Grounds if the administration did



not meet these demands. "We are concerned about Muslim minority atrocities, suppression, and discrimination under the guise of cow protection, beef eating, terrorism, national security, etc. The IMC said vigilante cow defender groups had grown since

a Dadri man was beaten to death for consuming meat last September. "After a long silence, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, finally joined the fray, condemning attacks by Hindu cow protection squads and vowing to investigate those engaged in vio-

lence," the report added. "There have been several instances of religious violence against Muslims in the recent past, frequently in the form of violent attacks on Muslims by Hindu mobs that form a pattern of sporadic sectarian violence between Hindu and Muslim communities," it said. IMC demands "India should abolish cow and calves slaughter. The Supreme Court of India upheld state-enacted anti-cow slaughter regulations in a landmark ruling. 24 of 29 Indian states ban cow slaughter and sale. Cow slaughter is legal in Kerala, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim."

Devender attended executive committee meetings



Delhi: In order to begin preparations for the 2025 assembly elections, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) chairman Devender Yadav attended executive committee meetings of Adarsh Nagar and Karawal Nagar district units. A resolution was voted to host monthly block-level meetings, raise party flags at all members' houses, and invite social organizations, residents' associations, and NGOs to join or support the party, Congress officials stated. Congress workers are proud that the party's vote share increased in the Lok Sabha elections and that Delhi residents are again looking to the party for excellent administration. Congress rule brought unparalleled growth to Delhi. In his Adarsh Nagar talk, Yadav said people now struggle to access potable water, experience frequent power shortages, and deal with waterlogging,

air, and water pollution. In the 2024 Delhi Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won all seven seats despite Congress and AAP's partnership. The AAP and Congress stated their alliance was restricted to Lok Sabha polls and it was unclear whether they would contest assembly elections separately or together. A Delhi Congress senior said block and district members offered methods to strengthen the party and solidify grassroots achievements. The leader noted that strengthening the block and district units, which work on the

frontlines of the party, is necessary to strengthen the party in the Capital. Devender Yadav said sessions with grassroots workers will strengthen the party at the booth level and put it in a strong position for the early 2025 Delhi assembly elections. "Congress workers should not lower their guard and diminish their enthusiasm, as, under the dynamic leadership of Rahul Gandhi, the party was poised for a major leap, because people wanted change and stable leadership," Yadav stated.

Core sector growth drops to 6.3% in May

In , the eight key industries grew 6.3% year-on-year, down from 6.7% in April, mostly due to weaker steel, refinery products, and crude oil output, the commerce ministry. Core sector growth was 5.2% in May 2023. As a sequential measure, core sector output grew 3.7% in May. May output usually rises from April. In the preceding 12 years, the month-on-month growth averaged 6.8%, but this year it was lower. "A combination of factors, including the heat-wave over parts of the country and the phased parliamentary elections.

Government prepares senior folks' fifth home

Delhi: Delhi's new senior citizen home in Paschim Vihar, north west Delhi, is ready for opening. The capital's fifth elderly and infirm facility, officials said. Four old age homes at Bindapur, Wazirpur, Tahirpur, and Kanti Nagar are operated by the social welfare department, while eight others, including Paschim Vihar, are under development. A senior social welfare official said the five-story geriatric care building is ready for the city's elderly who require shelter. The new senior home will house 96 people. "The building finished early this year. A few finishing touches can be done 10-15 days before the inauguration. An official said the fire department's no objection certificate is required before the center's opening. Destitute Delhi citizens 60 years and older who have no family can live in old age homes if they don't have an infectious condition. Residents receive free housing, food, clothes, bedding, TV-radio, books, an amusement center with religious and spiritual programs, health check-ups, and physiotherapy. For the elderly to "interact with each other, sit together and talk about their joys and sorrows" officials set up round tables. "No one wants to live in old age homes, but the government must develop them and offer all the amenities they need. The official added we will provide free cutting-edge facilities to seniors in old age homes. Another senior age home in Sarita Vihar may open in 2025.



Oyo to buy G6 Hospitality from Blackstone Real Estate for \$525 million cash

Delhi: OYO's parent business, Oravel Stays, will buy G6 Hospitality from Blackstone Real Estate for \$525 million in cash. G6 Hospitality is the largest economy lodging franchisor and owner of Motel 6 and Studio 6. G6 Hospitality LLC operates almost 1,500 Motel 6 and Studio 6 Extended Stay economy hotels in the US and Canada. In the fourth quarter of 2024, the deal should close. Since launching in 2019, IPO-bound Oyo has progressively increased its US presence to over 320 hotels in 35 states, according to a joint statement. The platform added roughly 100 hotels in 2023 and plans to add 250 in 2024. Motel 6's franchise network generates \$1.7 billion in gross room revenues, giving G6 solid cash flow. Oyo plans to strengthen Motel 6 and Studio 6 and generate financial growth by using its full technology suite, worldwide



distribution network, and marketing skills. "This acquisition is a milestone for a startup like us to expand internationally. Oyo International CEO Gautam Swaroop said Motel 6's strong brand awareness, financial profile, and network in the US, along with Oyo's entrepreneurial drive, will help the company continue to function as a sepa-

rate organization. Accor sold its US Economy Hotels segment to Blackstone Real Estate Partners VII for \$1.9 billion in 2012.

"Oyo's innovative approach to hospitality will allow us to enhance our offerings and great value to our guests while maintaining the iconic Motel 6 brand that travelers have trusted for over six decades.

The Directorate of Estates constructs homes for parliamentarians

Delhi: A top government source, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed that Gandhi would be given a new home fit for a Union Minister. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' Directorate of Estates is searching for and assigning residences to the 280 new MPs, the highest since 2014. Rahul Gandhi and other Union ministers will take possession of their new Lutens Delhi residences next week. A top government source, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed that Gandhi would be given a new home fit for a Union Minister. Up to his disqualification from the Lok Sabha in August 2023, Gandhi resided at 12 Tughlak Lane. Though we haven't chosen the address, Rahul Gandhi will receive a category VIII mansion similar to those owned by cabinet ministers.

Panel warns officials about illegal tree cutting

Delhi: A three-member Delhi ministerial fact-finding committee has issued letters to senior DDA, forest, and Delhi Police officials for reportedly destroying 1,100 trees in Ridge without authorization. On Saturday, ministers Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, and Imran Hussain constituted a committee to report to the forest minister. Does the opposition's request for a SC-appointed inquiry into NEET-UG 2024

irregularities make sense The committee has ordered the principal secretary, DDA vice-chairman, principal commissioner (LD and LM), DDA commissioner (housing), deputy commissioner of police (south Delhi), station house officer (SHO), and other senior officials to attend a July 1 meeting. The committee's factual report to Supreme Court is due July 11. "As the next date of hearing in this matter is

12.07.2024 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed GNCTD to file an affidavit based on the facts before 11.07.2024, your cooperation is needed to adhere to the strict timelines imposed by Supreme Court of India," Bharadwaj wrote in his email. Delhi's government and civic agencies were ordered to meet to consider comprehensive green cover measures by the court.

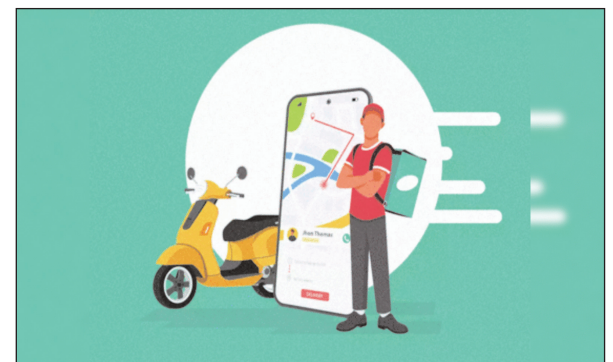
Smt Smriti Irani Launches 24/7 Violence Helpline for Women

Delhi: Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Former Union Minister for Women and Child Development, inaugurated the National Commission for Women's 24/7 helpline number 7827170170 today to improve women's safety and security nationwide and advance the Union Government's goals. The helpline supports women afflicted by vio-

lence 24/7 online by referring them to police, hospitals, District Legal Service Authority, psychological treatments, etc. Smt. Irani praised the NCW and the new helpline at a virtual launch. In times of need, this digital helpline assures women that their government and Commission would support them.

Over three months, doorstep delivery has been discontinued

Delhi: Residents could register for Delhi's doorstep delivery program. Over three months, home-accessible documents are unavailable. Reports say the plan was 31. Administrative reforms prolonged the plan until March last November, but Delhi cabinet approval was delayed. The effort gave Delhi citizens over six lakh papers, certificates, permits, and licenses in four and a half years, 100 services until March 31. After free Wi-Fi, this is AAP's second major project. A senior Delhi government official said that while extending the project in November 2023, the department made it plain that it will either last till March 31 or be replaced by a new program. "The government must revive the initiative after its term. The cabinet must receive a suitable concept paper after planning, finance,



legal, and other ministries approve it. "An anonymous official unexpectedly quit working." Model code of conduct blocked policy renewal. A government source said the cabinet would soon get it. The 30-service plan started in September 2018. The project added 40 and 30 services in March and September 2019. The government first engaged visa-related private company VFS Global to handle the system for three years. Core Doc2 and CSC e-Governance were hired after retendering. Core Doc2 served east Delhi,

while CSC e-Government served the rest. After calling 1076 to schedule a service, a mobile sahayak, the last-mile agent, collected the necessary papers, saving customers time and travel to government organizations. The system supplied income, caste, and domicile certificates; sewage, water, and power connections; ration cards, drivers licenses, drug licenses, and bus tickets from 14 government agencies, including revenue, transport, Delhi Jal Board, social welfare, and food and supply

Wait 7 days to port after replacing the SIM

Delhi: New Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) rules require mobile phone users to wait at least seven days after replacing a lost or non-functional SIM card before switching service providers. The Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2024, prevent fraudsters from

porting to new service providers under new names. The service provider cannot give the user a unique porting code until this seven-day period ends. The customer receives an alphanumeric porting code from the current TSP to port their phone number to a new TSP. TSPs had three-and-a-half months from the TRAI to modify their

telecommunication systems to refuse UPC requests in the seven-day period and test the systems before the system was rolled out across India. The (DoT) wrote to TRAI in September 2022, "It has come to the notice that mobile connections are being fraudulently ported out by the criminals/fraudsters by way of fraudulent

Two new booze vends will cheer up domestic flyers at Delhi airport

Delhi: Delhi Consumers' Cooperative Wholesale Store Limited plans to open a liquor shop at T3's arrival section by the first week of July and another at T1's departure area in the following weeks. This strategy aims to help Delhi restore share of domestic liquor sales after the closure of private-operated premium liquor stores due to the rescission of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 in September 2022.



International passengers can buy liquor at T3's duty-free shops. Following this trend, domestic terminals will shortly open shops. The Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 allowed six private premium liquor stores

in the Delhi airport's domestic terminals at its height. After the scheme was canceled amid CBI and ED probes for alleged irregularities, the Delhi government returned to the excise regime and gave

retail liquor to four government corporations. Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation tried to rent airport space for booze shops but couldn't negotiate conditions. Finally, Delhi Consumers' Cooperative Wholesale Store Limited found space for the shops.

Magenta Line is first driverless Metro network

Delhi: All 29 Magenta Line trains are presently unmanned. DMRC has removed the drivers' cabins, although an attendant is present after three-four trains. They will be removed in phases. Magenta Line trains would be fully automated. "Magenta Line can now transport people without drivers. DMRC officials stated attendants will be removed gradually. The Pink Line will follow the Magenta Line. Full automation is available on Magenta and Pink



lines in Delhi Metro's 97km network. Only one network operates driverless trains in India. Driverless trains will operate in DMRC's Phase-IV expansion lines. Driverless train operation was inaugurated on the Janakpuri

West-Botanical Garden Magenta Line in December 2020 and the Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar Pink Line in November 2021. A train operator was present until now to instill trust and support. With the expertise from these two lines, we will

try this in Phase IV soon. We installed track monitoring cameras for driverless operations in Phase IV "DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar. A DMRC spokesman remarked, "Driverless trains increase flexibility and eliminate human errors. The system also increases coach availability for operations. Driverless trains eliminate pre-induction manual checks, relieving train personnel. Depot stabling line parking is automated.

Evexia Lifecare Ltd. Executes Term Sheet to Acquire 51% Stake in Vittal's MediCare

Chandigarh: Evexia Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 524444), engaged in the trading of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods, has announced that it has executed Term sheet with Vittal's MediCare Private Limited to acquire 51% stake in Vittal's MediCare Private Limited, for INR 35 crores. Vittal's MediCare Private Limited will become a Subsidiary Company of Evexia Lifecare Limited after completion of entire transaction as described in the Term Sheet. Vittal's MediCare is engaged in the business of Diagnostic Centers

and hence it signifies a strategic alignment aimed at capitalizing on synergistic opportunities for business advancement. Additionally, the company informed that Evexia Lifecare's subsidiary company intends to enter as an Investor in 10 LLCs/Entities incorporated in UAE for the expansion of its business. For the purpose of the said investment the existing Partners of the said LLCs are obligated to incorporate an SPV in the form of a Limited Liability Company under the applicable laws of the UAE and has to transfer all of its holding in all the LLCs which are part of this transaction through swap, thereby becoming the

shareholders / partners of the SPV holding 100% of its capital. Upon the Capital Contribution, Evexia Lifecare Africa Limited shall hold 51% share in the capital of the SPV and the existing Partners will hold 49% share in the SPV. The subsidiary Company i.e. Evexia Lifecare Africa Limited intends to bring in an aggregate amount of INR. 190 Cr as an investment and capital contribution to the SPV subject to completion of entire transaction. Recently, the company has approved the issuance of up to 24 Crore Convertible Warrants, of the company, at a price of Rs. 3.60/- per Warrant aggregating to up to Rs. 86.40 Cr by way of pref-

erential issue, subject to necessary approval of the members of the Company and other regulatory authorities, as maybe applicable. Evexia Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 524444) is engaged in the trading of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods. It is mainly engaged in the trading of pharma chemicals.

The Company in trading of various petrochemical downstream products, such as special oils, special chemicals, petroleum sulphates and solvents for industrial applications, such as rubber, leather, ink and paint industries.

Its products include pharma intermediates, plastic granule, chemicals, and gold and diamond. The Company focuses to expand its line of business in Web development, software development for overseas clients, trading in gold and entertainment segment.

The company is committed to delivering high-quality products and services to its customers. It aims to achieve customer satisfaction by providing cost-effective and timely solutions. The company has a team of experienced professionals who ensure that the products meet the highest standards of quality.

Amazon India partners with Startup India, DPIIT to empower startups through e-commerce



GURUGRAM: Amazon India has announced that it will be working with Startup India under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), to drive multiple initiatives aimed towards empowering startups to build and grow their businesses through e-commerce. Amazon will collaborate with Startup India to enable eligible startups to tap into opportunities in e-commerce by registering on Amazon India's marketplace through a dedicated page on the Startup India portal. Amazon will provide dedicated onboarding experience to the startups, which will help them gain access to the domestic market as well as mentorship from Amazon leaders, go-to-

market support and logistics guidance. Further, it will partner with Startup India to empower women entrepreneurs in e-commerce, through its Saheli program. The collaboration will drive a high-impact learning program designed to fuel the e-commerce journeys of eligible women led small and medium businesses in India. Amazon's extensive suite of services including Amazon Pay, Amazon Incentives, Amazon Business, Amazon Transport, AWS, Amazon Advertising, and Mini TV will be available to the women startups, who will be part of the program. It will cover a broad gamut of relevant

industries including Fashion, F&B, Textile & Apparel, Toys and Games, Automotive, Art & Photography, Pets & Animals, Agriculture and many more. Mr. Chetan Krishnaswamy, Vice President – Public Policy, Amazon India said, "Startups in India are an inspiration to everyone because of their sheer determination and willpower to build successful businesses across different industries. By leveraging the power of e-commerce, they are scaling new heights, and catering to customers across different parts of the country with their We are honoured to join hands with Startup India, DPIIT, to pursue our common goal."

Students of Art and Craft of Maharishi Dayanand Public School made effigies of Ravana

Chandigarh: People all over India are busy giving finishing touches to the effigies on the occasion of Dussehra. On the other hand, under the guidance of Art and Craft teachers of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh, students displayed their art by making effigies of Ravana. On one hand, senior students are busy making a big effigy of Ravana. On the other hand, students of junior classes



showed their art by making effigies of Ravana. Vice Principal of the school Anju Modgil said that festivals show us the way to live a better life. These are connected to our culture. Dussehra festival is the victory of good over evil.

We should learn from them. We should follow the right path. She said that through this, students have to be connected to our great culture. She praised the art of all the students and wished them a Happy Dussehra.

Vi Business and Genesys partner to bring next-gen cloud contact centre as a service solution across India

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Vi Business, the enterprise arm of the leading telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi), today announced it will leverage its partner agreement with Genesys®, a global cloud leader in AI-powered experience orchestration, to enable Indian businesses with advanced cloud and telecom solutions, transforming their contact centre operations and strengthening customer engagement and services. This collaboration marks Vi's entry into the Contact Centre as a Service (CCaaS) sector, to introduce next-gen cloud and telecom solutions while offering a unified omnichannel customer experience (CX). This move will allow Indian enterprises to adapt to evolving customer needs, leverage cutting-edge technologies, and scale operations without the substantial capital investments typically required by traditional contact centre setups. Speaking on the partnership, Arvind Nevatia, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vodafone Idea, commented, "We are thrilled to embark on this groundbreaking collaboration with Genesys. This part-



nership marks a significant step forward for Vi Business in delivering innovative solutions that will transform the way businesses operate, enabling them to harness AI and Cloud technology more intelligently and efficiently. Together, we are committed to driving the future of digital transformation, ensuring enterprises stay ahead in a rapidly evolving technological landscape". Vi Business and Genesys bring together two industry leaders with a shared vision to help businesses thrive in the digital world by leveraging next-generation technology with faster go-live. By combining Vi Business's robust network infrastructure and the leading expertise in AI-powered experience orchestration from Genesys, the partnership will facilitate Vi Business to provide cloud-based CCaaS solutions that will help businesses manage their customer interactions.

India hands over first consignment of emergency relief materials to Nepal

Delhi: The Indian Embassy here handed over the first consignment of emergency relief materials, including sleeping bags, blankets and tarpaulin sheets, to authorities in flood-struck Nepal, according to an official statement. The 4.2 tonnes of aid supplies handed over on Monday were for families affected by the recent inundation in Nepal, the Indian Embassy said in a press release. Days of relentless downpours late last month triggered widespread floods and landslides, leaving more than 240 people dead across the Himalayan nation. Transported to Nepalgunj from India, the consignment was handed over by Second Secretary Narayan Singh on behalf of the Indian government to the Chief District Officer of Banke, Khagendra Prasad Rijal.



32-year old man killed after being hit by minor's motorcycle in Mumbai

NEW DELHI: A 32-year-old man was killed on Thursday after a 15 year-old boy allegedly hit him with a motorcycle in Mumbai. Irfan Nawab Ali Shaikh, the victim sustained severe injuries from the crash and was immediately rushed to JJ Hospital for medical attention. However, he succumbed to his injuries. In response to the incident, Mumbai Police have taken the minor into custody and sent him to a juvenile home. Additionally, the minor's father has been detained by the authorities. A case has been registered under section 304(2) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 3 and 4 of the Motor Vehicle Act. This comes following a similar incident in Pune where a Porsche crash involving a minor that killed two people. The 17-year-old driver, initially granted bail within 15 hours by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), faced lenient bail conditions that sparked widespread public anger. The bail terms, which included writing a reflective essay and working with traffic police, were perceived as too lenient given the gravity of the charges. In response to the backlash, the Juvenile Justice Board in Pune revoked the minor's bail and ordered him to be held in an observation home. Furthermore, the board is now contemplating whether to try the teenager as an adult, which could result in a more severe sentence if he is convicted. The father of the minor involved in the luxury vehicle accident has been sent to police custody. The Juvenile Justice Board also issued a notice to the 17-year-old, requiring him to appear before them on Wednesday.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead. Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2.

Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

Delhi: Philippine lawmakers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be.

The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recog-

nized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign education agent.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from

districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended.

How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning. One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and



relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity. India is diverse, and different states have distinct educational systems and stan-

dards, therefore uniformity is essential. NCERT textbooks help create a level playing field, ensuring that students have a consistent educational experience regardless of their geographical location

NCERT textbooks follow the National Curriculum Framework, which is modified to reflect educational changes. This keeps the curriculum current and prepares students for a continually.