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It's Congress that wants to change Constitution: PM Modi

KOLHAPUR/VASCO: PM Modi alleged at a campaign rally in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, on Saturday that Congress wants to extend the "Karnataka model" of offering reservation to all Muslims in the country by "planning a dacoity on 27% OBC quota", and that it "plans to change the Constitution for this appeasement".

Later, addressing a rally in Sancoale, South Goa, Modi said "the Constitution holds no significance for Congress. "With the kind of clarification given by Congress candidate (Viriato Fernandes for South Goa), Congress's hidden agenda has been exposed... And this isn't a singular instance, they have talked of dis-integrating the country earlier, too," Modi said. In Goa, he reiterated his allegations of the last few days that Congress wants to impose a 55% inheritance tax. "The mystery of Congress's shehzada has been unravelled.



He has brought an X-ray machine from abroad by which he intends to assess your wealth and redistribute it among its vote bank," he said. "And you know who their vote bank is," he added. "If a fisherman wants to bequeath two of his boats to his son, he will be able to give only one." In Kolhapur, Modi also claimed INDIA bloc partners are dreaming of forming govt and planning to share the PM's post amongst themselves. "One year, one PM is their plan... But such formulas will not work," he said. Modi said Congress and the INDIA bloc have their eyes set on wealth earned by com-

mon people, including the jewellery of women. "Congress's Shehzada is going to bring inheritance tax through which 50% of the wealth earned by you will be recovered. Your wealth will be distributed to those whom they had once said have the first right over India's wealth," Modi said. He also accused Congress and DMK of trying to create narratives to divide the country and alleged that state govts in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are openly talking about carving out a separate nation for southern states. "Ahad (from) Tanjavur, Tahad (to) Peshawar is our land' was Chhatrapati

Shivaji Maharaj's slogan for achieving the goal of Hindavi Swarajya. Will you (Kolhapur residents) support Congress's agenda to divide the country," Modi asked. Modi claimed Congress was unable to compete with BJP's track record of development and hence started using "anti-national and appeasement planks" in poll campaigns. "Are they (Congress) aware what their situation will be if they dare revoke CAA?" Modi said. "DMK leaders called Sanatan Dharma dengue and malaria. I was surprised when an INDIA bloc partner invited DMK leaders in Maharashtra and felicitated them. Nakli (fake) Shiv Sena is walking shoulder-to-shoulder with those who praised Aurangzeb. Balasaheb Thackeray's aatma (soul) would certainly be unhappy over his (Uddhav Thackeray's) deeds," said Modi. Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis.

Nobody can break Delhi CM, wife Sunita says as she begins city campaign

NEW DELHI: "Aapke mukhyamantri sher hain... unhe koi jhuka nahi sakta, unhe koi tod nahi sakta... (Your chief minister is a lion... no one can make him bend or break him)," said Sunita, wife of jailed chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, while exhorting voters of Kalyanpuri, a resettlement colony in East Delhi, to vote in large numbers to ensure the defeat of "dictatorship" and to restore "democracy" in the country in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the city. Participating in her first roadshow to campaign for AAP in Delhi on Saturday, Sunita, dressed in a green salwar-kameez, went through the streets of the colony in an SUV with a poster saying "I love Kejriwal" in the background. AAP's star campaigner attracted a large number of people, who lined up a 1km stretch of a narrow road in the densely populated locality. Though new to politics, Sunita Kejriwal spoke



like a seasoned politician, weighing her words carefully and not opening a tirade against BJP or its leaders. Sunita has already made a few public appearances since the CM was arrested on March 21. She addressed an INDIA rally at Ramlila Maidan on March 31 and also spoke at the alliance's rally in Ranchi on April 21, apart from making a few media appearances. Party sources said her roadshows in Delhi and campaign in Punjab, Gujarat and Haryana are being carefully planned to make her a popular and acceptable face in

absence of Arvind, who is currently lodged in Tihar. Though she spoke briefly (3-4 mins each) at three spots during her roadshow, Sunita did not name PM Modi or any other leader even once, unlike her husband who is known to go all out against his opponents. She did not even talk about INDIA and only exhorted people to beat the "fascist" regime. "Jail ka jawab vote se," she said. Attempting to strike an emotional chord with the residents, Sunita kept referring to Arvind Kejriwal as "aapke mukhyamantri aur mere pati".

Karnataka slams 3.4k crore drought aid

BENGALURU/KALABURAGI: Nearly six months after Karnataka submitted a memorandum, the state on Saturday finally received Rs 3,454 crore from Centre under Natural Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to counter the prevailing drought situation. This, however, is way short of Karnataka's initial demand of Rs 18,174 crore, which included Rs 5,662 crore for compensation to farmers.

Eye on LS polls? Centre lifts 5-month ban on onion exports

NASHIK: Bringing much-needed relief to onion cultivators, specially across Maharashtra, Centre allowed the export of nearly one lakh tonnes of the kitchen staple, mainly sourced from Maharashtra, to six neighbouring countries - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bahrain, Mauritius, and the UAE. Centre has also permitted the export of another 2,000 tonnes of white onions cultivated specifically for export markets in the Middle East and some European countries. Ministry of consumer affairs said in a statement that National Cooperative Exports Ltd (NCEL), the agency for onion exports to these countries, sourced the domestic produce through an e-platform at L1 (lowest quoted) prices. NCEL has supplied to the agency/agencies nominated by govt of the destination country at the negotiated rate on a 100% advance payment basis. On Dec 8 last year, Centre had banned export of onions to ensure adequate domestic availability, against the backdrop of estimated lower kharif and rabi crops in 2023-24 and increased demand in the international market. Maharashtra deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis turned to social media platform X to thank PM Modi for allowing the exports. He told reporters on Saturday that the opposition, which was unhappy with Centre's decision, "have now lost an issue to attack the BJP-led central govt. Farmers' issues were never a priority for the opposition". Union minister and BJP nominee from Dindori, Bharati Pawar said onion farmers heaved a sigh of relief with the announcement. Pawar, who had been criticised by onion farmers in Dindori over the export ban, said "I believe this is a fresh move by govt to provide relief to farmers." Dindori has a significant number of voters who are onion cultivators. Nashik BJP functionaries admitted that Centre's announcement has come as a huge relief for the party.

No Muslim in MVA list of 48 picks, Maha Cong neta sulks

MUMBAI: Mumbai Congress chief and party candidate from Mumbai North Central Varsha Gaikwad on Saturday visited former minister Arif Naseem Khan at his office a day after he resigned from the panel of campaigners and as star-campaigner, however, said he stands by his decision. "There is huge resentment among



minorities and north Indians, including Muslims, for non-nomination of even a single Muslim candidate in the 48 seats that MVA is fighting. I'm getting reports that many district Congress workers and office bearers are resigning to

protest injustice to the minorities," said Khan. When asked if he would change his decision, he said he would think about it only after the high command intervenes. A section of Congressmen said the party should replace Varsha Gaikwad with Khan in Mumbai North Central if it wants to control damage.

26/11 prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam gets BJP ticket

New Delhi: BJP has fielded 26/11 prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam as its candidate from Mumbai North Central seat, dropping two-term incumbent Poonam Mahajan from the contest. Nikam, a prominent presence on prime time TV during the trial of Ajmal Kasab, the sole survivor among the Lashkar gang who went on a rampage killing innocents, as well as during the trial of the accused



in the 1993 serial blasts, is expected to be a good fit for BJP's "tough-on-terrorism" plank. He has come in place of the daughter of late BJP leader stalwart Pramod Mahajan. "We can serve society and the country

through politics. I have received this opportunity to serve the nation. Therefore, I consider myself lucky," said Nikam after being named as BJP's candidate. In its edition of April 23, had reported the BJP leadership's plan to drop Poonam and Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, the incumbent at Ladakh, who has been substituted by Tashi Gyalson. With this, the spotlight has turned on the party leadership's plans.

Congress again skips call on Rae Bareilly, Amethi; Rahul may visit old seat soon

LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI: Stoking the suspense further on Amethi and Rae Bareilly candidatures, Congress on Saturday left it to party president Mallikarjun Kharge to decide on the nominees, amid another strong demand that Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra contest from the twin seats identified with the Gandhi family. Congress has announced all its 17 candidates from UP, barring Amethi and Rae Bareilly. The Congress Election Committee discussed Uttar Pradesh constituencies at its meeting late evening, with AICC state in-charge Avinash Pande and legislature party



leader Aradhana Mishra urging the party that the Gandhi siblings contest, if they are willing. Other members of the CEC also supported the UP request. It was said there is a strong sentiment among workers that Rahul and Priyanka should take charge. The meeting was chaired by Kharge and attended by Sonia Gandhi, KC Venugopal, Madhusudan Mistry, Salman Khurshid, Uttam Reddy, Ameer Yajnik. The CEC also discussed the pending five seats of Punjab with state president Amarinder Warring and leader of opposition Partap Bajwa. A similar plea for Rahul and Priyanka was made in the CEC meeting on March 21, and it was decided that the Gandhi family and the party brass will take a call

on the issue. Sources said the proposal presented on Saturday was an updated version of what was earlier submitted to the CEC, with revised information about the "current public sentiment and party's preparedness" on the high-profile seats. The UP unit assured the CEC that the cadres and the party unit are "all set" to launch the campaign the moment the leaders decide on contesting. Interestingly, Rahul is likely to visit Amethi on May 2 or 3, which is the last date of nomination. This has only heightened the anticipation in the party. Party leaders rate the chances of Rahul contesting very high, but uncertainty.

Mamata, BJP spar over arms recovery in Sandeshkhali

KOLKATA: Trinamool Congress and BJP engaged in a heated exchange of accusations on Saturday, after a joint operation by CBI-NSG-CRPF led to the discovery of seven firearms and 348 cartridges at Sandeshkhali in Bengal's North 24 Parganas district a day earlier. BJP urged EC to confiscate all illegal arms, saying Bengal is sitting on a powder keg. CM Mamata Banerjee criticised BJP for allegedly using central agencies to stage-manage political "drama" in Bengal while Manipur remained engulfed in turmoil. "Manipur is burning even now, but they are busy playing with sandesh, laddu in Bengal. Two CRPF jawans have died (in Manipur), my condolences to their families.

Two CRPF men killed in Manipur attack, 1st strike on peacekeepers in state

GUWAHATI: Two personnel from 128 Battalion of CRPF lost their lives and two colleagues were wounded in an attack by unidentified militants at 12.15am Saturday in Manipur's Bishnupur district. This was the first attack on a Central Armed Police Force deployed for peacekeeping duties in the state since the ethnic conflict began in May last year. The deceased men have been identified as sub-inspector N Sarkar (55) of Bhombrabil village in Assam's Kokrajhar district and head constable Arup Saini. of Panchal village in Bengal's Bankura district. oth wounded men are from Assam — inspector Jadav Das and constable Aftab UI

Husain. They have been admitted to RIIMS Hospital in Imphal and their condition is stable. Two CRPF men killed in Manipur attack, 1st strike on peacekeepers in state The attack with gunfire and bombs happened in stormy conditions and darkness deep inside the buffer zone separating the hills and Imphal valley. "The militants shot at the camp's residents. Security forces retaliated but four CRPF men were hit. Two of them died," Manipur security advisor and former CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh said. The CRPF post was established in that location to provide additional security after mobs looted.

All Student Conference inaugurated in Allahabad University

Prayagraj: All Student Conference (Alumni Meet), 'Familiar Faces Fiesta' was inaugurated in Allahabad University on Saturday. The program was started by University Chancellor Ashish Kumar Chauhan, Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava, President of University of Allahabad Alumni Association, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi and Secretary Prof. Kumar Birendra lit the lamp. After this, the students of music department presented Kulgeet. Former students of the university from different parts of the country and abroad participated in it. The conference is being attended by many people including former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, judges currently serving in the Supreme Court and sitting judges of the High Courts. Along with this, officers holding various posts spread across all major cities of the country also participated. Alumni students who are earning name in the field of film and literature in India and abroad also graced the programme.

During this, former Chief Justice of India Justice VN Khare shared his experiences of Allahabad

University. Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath said that he used to measure the entire city on a bicycle during his student days. He appealed to the people present to understand the glorious history of the university especially by looking at the science faculty, it is a matter of pride to be associated with Allahabad University. At the same time, former Supreme Court judge Justice Krishnamurari said that while giving credit to Allahabad University for his education, knowledge and his grateful personality, he said that this institution has given a meaningful direction to his life. Supreme Court judge Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia also shared his experiences. At the same time, while praising the teachers, Supreme Court judge Justice Pankaj Mittal said that the teachers in this university used to teach in such a way that there was no need to open the book for the examination. At the same time, film director Tigmanshu Dhulia said that when I studied here, the teachers used to speak such fluent English that it seemed as if they were sitting in Oxford and not in India. Along with this he

said that if I had not been in Allahabad University, I would not have been able to earn such a big name in Mumbai. During this, many speakers including former student Praveen Rai presented their views.

In his presidential address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava welcomed the ALUMNI students from different parts of



the world to the university. He said that a university is not just made up of buildings and boundary walls, but its identity is made up of the achievements of the students who have graduated from there. The students here have brought glory to the university with their achievements in every sphere of life. The university is still committed to providing excellent education, knowledge and skills, for

which the teachers and other employees work hard day and night with full dedication. Ishwar Topa Bhawan has been constructed with the help of our alumni. He expressed hope that in future also the alumni will continue to cooperate fully in the development of Allahabad University. The Vice Chancellor also said that the way the University

is functioning now, it will definitely find its place in the list of top 200 institutions of NIRF and earn A+ rating in NAAC. The program was conducted by Professor Jaya Kapoor and Dr. Sonal Shankar. Vote of thanks was given by Alumni Association Secretary Prof. Kumar Birendra did it. During the program, Bharatnatyam dancer Urvasi Jaitley gave a captivating presentation of

Bharatnatyam. Mumbai and Delhi chapters received affiliation certificates. Mumbai and Delhi chapters were honored with affiliation certificates by the University of Allahabad Alumni Association during the Alumni Student Conference.

In this conference, Chancellor of Alumni Association's mobile app "UOAAA" Prof. Ashish Kumar Chauhan and VC Prof. Launched by Sangeeta Srivastava. The film 'The Banyan Tree' based on the university was also released. During this, the book 'Crime, Grime and Guption' by Shri Om Prakash Singh, former DGP of Uttar Pradesh, was unveiled. In this sequence, the poetry collection 'Shadnaad' of former student Anamika Srivastava was launched. At the same time, the book 'Dastaan Aur Bhi Hai' by former student Virendra Ojha was unveiled. Food Court and Craft Exhibition Food court and art and craft exhibition was set up near Lubhayanirala Art Gallery. Alumni coming from India and abroad enjoyed delicious food here. The beauty of the exhibition also attracted the students. Cultural evening was orga-

nized with songs and ghazals. A cultural evening was organized in the evening on the first day of the alumni meet. Bhajans, tabla playing, sitar playing, folk music, Russian songs, western classic songs, poems and ghazals were presented in it. Along with this, group dance presentation was given. Today there will be poetry reading by Kumar Vishwas. On Sunday evening, on the second day of the conference, the country's well-known poet Dr. Kumar Vishwas will give his poetry presentation at Banyan Lawn. In this, poet Sandeep Bholia, Kavita Tiwari, Rajeev Raj and Priyanshu Gajendra will also tickle the audience. These programs will be held on Sunday: Heritage Walk/ Sangam Tour (from Central Library Garden) in the University at 6.30 am, Art Exhibition at Nirala Kala Gram from 9.30 am and Food Festival, Open Mic program at Ishwar Top Complex from 5 pm, Kavi Sammelan at Banyan Lawn from 7.30 pm, presentations by other poets including Dr. Kumar Vishwas. The program will be telecast live on the official YouTube channel of the University, its link will be available on the University website.

Dhananjay Singh, ex-MP, granted bail by High Court MP-MLA court in Jaunpur convicted Singh

Prayagraj: The Allahabad High Court granted former MP Dhananjay Singh bail on Saturday, but denied his request to postpone or delay a seven-year prison sentence imposed by a local court in a 2020 abduction and extortion case. Singh will be granted bail following the high court judgment, but he will be unable to run for office. On March 6, the MP-MLA court in Jaunpur convicted Singh and his collaborator Santosh Vikram to seven years in prison in a 2020 abduction and extortion case involving Namami Gange project manager Abhinav Singhal. Justice Sanjay Kumar Singh reserved the ruling after hearing the former MP's and associate's criminal appeal on April 24. This appeal was filed against the March 6 judgment of the special judge, Jaunpur MP/MLA. Singh's wife, Srikala Reddy, is running for office in the Jaunpur parliamentary constituency on the Bahujan Samaj Party ticket. Singh was apparently planning to run for Lok Sabha in the Jaunpur constituency, but his conviction disqualified him.

Selection of three players of Khelgaon Public School in Indian gymnastics team

Prayagraj: Asian Junior Gymnastics Championship 2024 will be organized in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 16 to 19 May 2024. To participate in the said championship, selection trials will be organized in Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 18 to 19 April 2024. In which the best 16 gymnasts from all over India participated, in which four gymnasts from Khelgaon Public School, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh participated and out of these four gymnasts, three gymnasts were selected in the Indian team to participate in the Asian Junior Gymnastics Championships. Went. The three players selected in the Indian team are Harshit D, Jatin Kushwaha and Pranav Kushwaha from Khelgaon Public School, Prayagraj. The names of three trainers were announced for training the said Indian team, in which the trainer of Khelgaon Public School, Shri Raja Babu Yadav stood first. The training camp of the selected Indian team will be organized at the International Gymnastics Hall of Khelgaon Public School from 29 April to 13 May 2024. After which the Indian team along with the coach will leave for Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Woman falls into well in Kushmanda temple complex, dies Prima facie it appears that the woman committed suicide

Kanpur: In Kushmanda Nagar of Ghatampur police station area, a woman fell into a well in the Kushmanda temple complex on Friday night, due to which she died. Police and fire brigade employees reached on the information and took out the body of the woman and took legal action. Deputy Commissioner of Police South Ravindra Kumar said that Guddi, 52, wife of Vinod Kumar Sharma, resident of Kushmanda Nagar, Ghatampur, was mentally ill since 2010. On Friday night at around 11 pm, Kushmanda suddenly fell into a dry deep well in the temple complex. On receiving information, fire brigade personnel reached the spot with a fire engine and somehow pulled her out. After which it was revealed that she had died. After interrogation, the body has been taken into custody and sent for post-mortem. From the investigation, prima facie it appears that the woman committed suicide by jumping into the well due to mental distress. However, the post mortem report is awaited to know the clear cause of death. The investigation is still ongoing for further legal action.

Seminar on hygiene and health care in adolescence held at St. Joseph's College

Prayagraj: A seminar was organized on Saturday on hygiene and health care in adolescence stage. Adolescence is undoubtedly the most challenging and confusing part of a person's life. It is logical that teenagers should be counseled to lead a morally upright life. St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj always strives to solve the issues of teenagers, guide and inspire them to become



wise adults. Sensitizing students about general awareness on adolescent hygiene and sexual health, a seminar on it was organized at Hogan Hall. The seminar started with Administrator A Magavan felicitating the guest speaker Dr. Vibhav Malviya. Daksh Loyal offered the prayer after which Aditya Mishra introduced Dr. Vibhav Malviya. In the prayer, senior teacher C. Walia and Aditya Mishra, as the representative of the students, introduced Dr. Vibhav Malviya as a renowned personality in the field of medicine. After this, Dr. Vibhav Malviya, Head of the Department of Urology, Phoenix Hospital, Prayagraj, resolved the doubts of the students of class 11 and 12 through an interactive seminar. The program was attended by the Principal of the school, Father Thomas Kumar, Chief Coordinator Jyoti Dubey and all the seniors teachers graced the occasion with their august presence.

Indranil Ghosh became chief selector of UP football team 3rd PEFI National U-17 Football Championship

Prayagraj: PEFI Under-17 National Football Championship is being organized by Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) in Vardaman West Bengal in the coming month of June in which Uttar Pradesh state football team will also participate. Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) is a national sports promotion organization certified by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Govern-



ment of India. Northern Football Academy chief coach Indranil Ghosh has been nominated

as the chief selector of the Uttar Pradesh football team. This information was given by PEFI Uttar Pradesh Secretary Nandini Rawat in an email letter to Indranil Ghosh. Indranil has earlier been a coach of Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep as well as Allahabad University, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Uttar Pradesh, Prayagraj District in many national & state level football compe-

titions. Recently Indranil was also the goalkeeper coach of the Tripura team in the Santosh Trophy Senior Men's and Women's National Competition. On this achievement of Indranil, Vishnu Bhagwan Public School Director Abhishek Tiwari, Principal Dinesh Kumar Srivastava, Dr. Shailesh Verma, football coach Sanjay Bhattacharya, Sunil Nigam, Sushil Kumar congratulated him.

Soil testing is necessary before using balanced fertilizer: Principal AVOID EXTRA EXPENSE, KEEP SOIL HEALTHY

PRAYAGRAJ: A one-day farmer training and seminar was organized under the coordinated rural development program by Cordet IFFCO Phulpur in Bahria village Nari. Principal of Cordet Phulpur While addressing the gathering Dr. Harishchandra discussed about the revolutionary changes taking place in agriculture and gave information about the use of IFFCO Nano Urea and Nano DAP and also appealed that the farmers should test the soil of their fields for balanced fertilizer use. Make sure



that they do not use chemical fertilizers. We can avoid additional expenditure and keep the soil of the farm healthy so that future generations can get healthy production. At this time, farmer brothers should sow urad, moong in their vacant fields and sow crops like dhaicha or sanai for green manure. By doing this, your farm can be strengthened for the upcoming Kharif crops. In this sequence, Mukesh Tiwari of Cordet gave information about the use of bio-fertilizers in farming.

COLORS present journey of Krishna as saaRthi in drama 'Krishna Mohini'

Varanasi: Navigating the turbulent seas of life can seem daunting with obstacles and uncertainties challenging every step one wants to take towards a chosen path. During such times, having a 'saaRthi' is like having a force akin to a lighthouse guiding ships through treacherous waters. 'Krishna Mohini' traces the journey of Krishna, who personifies the essence of sisterhood as she weathers any number of storms for her brother Mohan as his 'saaRthi'. Breaking stereotypes, their bond transcends conventional roles, as the show promises to redefine the core of a brother-sister relationship with its belief 'Krishna Behen Ka Farz Aise Nibhayegi... Ki Duniya Mein, Rakhi Ki Paribhasha Badal Jayegi'. Showcasing this endearing bond between a brother and sister, COLORS is all geared up to present 'Krishna Mohini' set against Dwarka's scenic beauty and coastal charm. Starring Debattama Saha as

Krishna, Ketaki Kulkarni as Mohan, and Fahmaan Khan as Aryaman, and produced by Susanta Das and Nispal Singh's Boyhood Productions, 'Krishna Mohini' premieres on the 29th April and will air every day at 7:00 pm only on COLORS.

Alok Jain, President, General Entertainment,



Viacom18, says, "At COLORS, we are committed to pioneering stories that deeply resonate with our viewers' emotions. Our new offering 'Krishna Mohini', is one such story that celebrates the unbreakable bond between a brother and sister, defying stereotypes and transcending the connections beyond traditional roles. The show underlines

the importance of having a 'saaRthi' by one's side further tracing the journey of an elder sister who is a guiding light for her brother. With this heartfelt narrative we aim to foster a deep emotional connection that goes beyond entertainment."

Embodying the timeless

virtues of Lord Krishna as a 'saaRthi' and margdarshak to Arjun, the 21-year-old Krishna portrays the role of a 'saaRthi' to her brother Mohan. Her journey epitomizes resilience and support, showcasing the enduring power of familial bonds. This voyage is not merely a tale of a sister serving as a steadfast guiding force in his journey, but it

also anchors the journey of Krishna who is destined to meet Aryaman. He is a reticent businessman who abandoned his musical aspirations to pursue entrepreneurship and is reminded of his days as a musician, blown away by her singing prowess. With her bringing back Aryaman's zest for life, how will fate tie him to the journey of Krishna and Mohan?

Talking about portraying the character of Krishna, Debattama Saha says, "Bringing Krishna's character to life in 'Krishna Mohini' has been an absolute privilege. Like a 'saaRthi' illuminating the darkest nights, Krishna's character casts a light to her brother, and is always ready to protect him from life's tumultuous seas. The universal theme of unconditional and boundless love makes Krishna Mohini an ode to the unbreakable bond shared between brothers and sisters."

Accused arrested with illegal country-made bombs

Prayagraj: 01 accused arrested by police station Shahganj, 04 illegal country-made bombs recovered from their possession. On 26.04.2024, accused Rajesh Kumar Vishwakarma son of late Ramdular NRI Jamkhuri police station Mauaima district Prayagraj, on the information of informer, was arrested by police station Shahganj near the mosque inside GRP Colony. Four illegal country made bombs were arrested and recovered from Shahganj area. On the basis of the above arrest/seizure, FIR No. 38/2024 Section 4/5 Explosive Substances Act was registered at the local police station. Advance legal action was taken as per rules.

Football match played for first time under floodlight at DSA Ground

Prayagraj: The final football match was played between the Headquarters of North Central Railway and Prayagraj Division at DSA Ground, Prayagraj. In the inter-divisional football competition of North Central Railway, Prayagraj Division won the competition by defeating NCR Headquarters 6-1. This match was played in the dim light of flood lights. DSA Ground/Prayagraj is the first ground in Prayagraj with the facility of day night match and the first day night football match was played between North Central Railway, Headquarters and Prayagraj Division. The match was started by Principal Chief Electrical Engineer and President of North Central Railway Sports Association, Shri Anup Aggarwal by kicking the football. In the title match, Manish and Sheran Ayubi of the winning team of Prayagraj division scored two goals each and JP Yadav and Shah Alam scored one goal each. Pushkar Verma scored the only goal for the runner-up team HQ. After the game, the chief guest, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer and President of North Central Railway Sports Association, Anoop Aggarwal distributed the prizes. Manish was adjudged man of the

match, Sheran Ayubi was adjudged best scorer and Rakesh Verma was adjudged best player. Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj, Himanshu Badoni congratulated the winning team and asked all the players to perform better in the coming times. Divisional Sports Secretary, Dharmendra



Nishad; Co-Secretary Rakesh Mishra welcomed the guests and Javed Ahmed conducted the program. In this match, Ataullah Khan acted as referee, Kabir Khan and Jitendra acted as linesman and Sanjeev Singh acted as table referee. Senior Divisional Finance Manager Ashutosh Sharma and Senior Public Relations Officer Dr. Amit Malviya and other senior officers and employees were present in this match.

DEO INSPECTED NOMINATION ROOMS

Seeks no-holds-barred arrangements

Prayagraj: District Election Officer/District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal along with Chief Development Officer Gaurav Kumar inspected the nomination rooms made for nomination in Lok Sabha General Election-2024 on Saturday. During the inspection, District Election Officer has asked to ensure all necessary arrangements including cleanliness, lighting, CCTV cameras, computers in the nomination room made in the District Magistrate

Court Room and Chief Revenue Officer Room. He gave necessary directions to the concerned officials in view of the routes to and from the nomination room and the barricading being done for security.

DM visited the Collectorate premises and other areas outside the premises including Kachari Road, Laxmi Crossing Kachari Crossing and took stock of the security arrangements, traffic arrangements, barricading installed



and other necessary arrangements and gave necessary directions to the concerned officials. He gave instructions to get videography done of the nomination process. On this occasion, Deputy District Election Officer Pooja Mishra, Chief Revenue Officer Kunwar Pankaj, Sub-District Magistrate Sadar Abhishek Singh, Sub-District Magistrate Karchana Jagriti Awasthi and all the concerned officers were present.

Case filed against passenger for traveling in train with gas cylinder

Prayagraj: Sub Inspector Krishna Kumar of Railway Protection Force/Hathras, during checking while traveling from Aligarh to Gorakhpur in train number 15708 Amrapali Express. A small gas cylinder was found near the passenger which contained gas. On interrogating the passenger, he identified himself as Safiur Rahman, son of Afazur Rahman, aged 42 years, resident of Ghosipura police station, Tiwaripur district, Gorakhpur. A case has been registered against Railway Protection Force/Hathras Junction Post Safiur Rehman under crime number 166/24 under section 164 153 and the case is being investigated by Sub Inspector Krishna Kumar.



Death of Prof. G.K.Rai is a deep loss: Kishore

Prayagraj: Former spokesperson of UP Congress Committee Kishore Varshney has expressed deep grief over the untimely demise of Prof. G.K. Rai, former Chairman of the Ancient History Department of Allahabad University. It is said that he was an important personality of the university who provided employment to hundreds of people as the founder director of the Institute of Professional Studies. His contribution cannot be forgotten.

Executive Engineer Kumbh Mela suspended

Prayagraj: Executive Engineer of Kumbh Mela has been suspended. He was suspended on charges of irregularities in the purchase of sleepers, the mela adhikari (fair officer) had written a letter to the government, against the Executive Engineer, taking cognizance of the letter, and the government suspended him with immediate effect.

Man commits suicide

Prayagraj: A person committed suicide on the railway line in Daraganj police station area of Prayagraj, committed suicide by jumping in front of Vande Bharat Express going from Delhi to Banaras, reason for suicide unknown, police engaged in investigation.

5 lost mobile phones returned to owners

Prayagraj: 05 lost mobile phones were recovered by the joint police of Nawabganj police station and surveillance cell and handed over to their rightful owner. 05 lost multimedia mobile phones (worth about Rs 80 thousand) were recovered under Nawabganj police station area by the joint police team of Nawabganj police station and surveillance cell. After tax investigation, the concerned mobile phones were handed over to their rightful owner.

107 cases disposed of in Police Commissioner's Court

Prayagraj: Record cases were heard and disposed of in the Police Commissioner's Court on Saturday. 112 cases were heard in the Police Commissioner's Court on Saturday. Out of which, after the hearing of 5 cases on Saturday, the next date has been fixed. Whereas, 107 old cases, pending since years, have been heard and disposed of. The cases were heard on the lines of Lok Adalat to settle the cases. This was the reason why there was a holiday in the District Court due to it being the fourth Saturday, despite that, the litigants and their lawyers were gathered in the Police Commissioner's court. Many litigants themselves presented their side and after listening to their views, 107 cases were disposed of.

Rape accused arrested

Prayagraj: One wanted accused arrested related to the allegation of rape, registered at police station Uttaraon, MO No. 93/2024, wanted accused related to Section 376 (AB) IPC and 5M/6 POCSO Act, resident of village Samodhipur, police station Uttaraon. Uttaraon police team arrested him on 26.04.2024 from near Rahimpatti culvert under Uttaraon police station and took further legal action as per rules.

Phaphamau Club reached final due to Priyanshu's bowling

Prayagraj: Phaphamau Club defeated Daulat Hussain Inter College by nine wickets and made it to the final of Santosh Dixit Memorial T-20 Cashmoney Cricket Competition. Left arm spinner Priyanshu Yadav's accurate bowling (4-0-25-5) played an important role in this victory. In the second semi-final match played on Saturday at Daulat Hussain College ground, after winning the toss, 67 runs in 12.3 overs (Anas Ahmed 15, Priyanshu Yadav



5/25, Nitin Yadav 2/08, Dhruv Pratap Singh 2/29). In reply, Phaphamau Club scored 70 runs for one wicket in 6.2 overs (Gaurav Pathak 40 not out, Shashank Mehrotra 1/33). Priyanshu Yadav was given the Man of the Match

award by former AGUP cricketer Askari Abbas. According to the competition's general secretary Kaleem Khan and organizing secretary Imroz Ali, the final match will be played on Sunday (April 28) between Chaudhary Naunihal Club and Phaphamau Club at 1 pm. In the prize distribution ceremony to be held at 5 pm, Dr. Jyoti Bhushan, M.S. (Surgery) will be former Senior Resident Gastro, Surgery Department-Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. Gynecologist Dr. Shreya Dixit, CUPL Director Robin Dixit and CUPL Dr. Prashant will be present as special guests.

Sikkim Guv congratulates ICAI Institute on completing 4 decades

Prayagraj: Prayagraj branch of ICAI organized a special meeting of CA members with Governor of Sikkim Laxman Prasad Acharya, on Friday. Senior members of ICAI were honored for their excellent service in the profession for more than 50 years and were presented with shawls and mementos. During the meeting Governor of Sikkim spoke about the importance of Chartered Accountants and their signatures in the financial statements. He also congratulated ICAI Institute on completing 40 years. Ashish Kesarwani - Divisional President, Indian Industry Association (Prayagraj Division) was also present there.

During the meeting held with Governor of Sikkim Laxman Prasad Acharya



ICA I members got an opportunity to get guidelines. In the program, free medical health camp check-up was also organized by Vatsalya Hospital.

CA Gaurav Mishra - President Prayagraj Branch welcomed the chartered accountants and program was conducted by CA Pooja Aggarwal. On the occasion,

CA Sushil Shukla Vice President, CA Rajesh Pandey - Secretary, CA Shubham Agarwal - Treasurer, CA Sachin Agarwal - Former President etc. were present.

Induction Prog held in MPVM Ganga Gurukulam

Prayagraj: MPVM Ganga Gurukulam had organised an Induction Programme on Saturday in the Vivekananda Auditorium in which the parents of the new students were invited. The purpose of the Induction Program was to

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp and floral tribute which was accompanied by Saraswati Vandana. One behalf of Ganga Gurukulam, the co-ordinators of the schools Ms. Rinku Srivastava and Ms. Kavita

that education is the guiding force in the life of a nation, significant in transforming the very pattern of life. Further the co-ordinator Ms. Kavita Chakraborty said that the Gurukulities are the super heroes of today, will be the future of our country. Along with the school rules and regulations, the parents were acquainted with the assessment pattern regarding the academics.

An enriching programme was organised by the school in which the new students both from the Primary and the Secondary sections got a platform in which they showcased their hidden talent. English recitation 'Twenty Froggies went to school', by the students of classes 2 and 3 and

'Why God made Teachers' by the students of classes 4 and 5 were recited very confidently. After this the new little sparkling stars of class 1 presented an action song. A prayer song 'God will make a way' was sung melodiously by the students of class 8 and a group dance was performed by the students of classes 6 and 7. Thereafter the students of class 9 expressed their gratitude to God by their English song 'Showers of Blessings'.

At the end the Principal of the school Madhuri Srivastava addressed the Parents and appreciated their effort and the interest shown by attending the programme and expressed her hope in getting their co-operation in their children's learning process. She laid stress on the responsibility of the parents to support their ward during different activities and programmes conducted by the school. Parents had enjoyed the program and were benefited with the information that was shared with them.



inculcate in the new students the ethos and culture of the institution and help them in building bonds with the other students and faculty members. Getting a platform through this programme, the new students were able to execute their hidden talents.

Chakraborty welcomed the parents of the new students the parents were made to know about the completion of 21 years of the establishment of Ganga Gurukulam. The school has strived to fulfill the dreams of the founder President Shri Lokmanilalji who believed

SHUATS organizes campus drive, 20 gets selection

Prayagraj: Directorate of Career Planning & Counseling, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology And Sciences (SHUATS), Prayagraj organized campus placement drive for the students of B.Tech Agriculture Engineering, MBA, MBA Agribusiness with four recruiting companies Tractors & Farm Implement Ltd (TAFE), Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFCLife Insurance Col Ltd and The House of Originals. Total 20 students have been selected in these four companies. Director Career Planning & Placement Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Tripathi highlighted the importance of organizing campus placement drives in university, especially for the professional academic programmes. He asked the final year students to actively participate in the drive

and assured that more such campus placement drives shall be conducted in future. According to Dr. Tripathi, 15 students of B.Tech Agriculture Engineering got selected in FAFE and Mahindra and Mahindra. Four students of MBA Agribusiness have been recruited by HDFC Life Insurance Co. while one student of MBA was selected as Business Development Executive in The House of Originals. Selected students gave credit of their success to the academic environment of the University and the quality education provided by the faculty members. The Vice Chancellor, Most Rev. Prof.(Dr.) Rajendra B. Lal, congratulated the selected students and wished them a golden career ahead.

NCEL to export rs 400 crore of sugar, rice, onion in April: Ministry of Cooperation

Prayagraj: National Co-operative Exports Limited (NCEL), set up by the Ministry of Cooperation, is expected to export approximately Rs 400 crore worth of sugar, rice, and onion during April 2024. NCEL was set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 in January 2023 to provide a complete ecosystem for the promotion of exports mainly of agri commodities for the benefit of farmers and achieve the goal of "Sahkar-se-Samridhi". Co-operative societies from pri-

mary to national level can become members of NCEL. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, the Ministry of Cooperation, recently reviewed the progress achieved by the NCEL. Among others, the meeting was attended by Pankaj Kumar Bansal, AS (MOC), and NCEL Chairman. During the meeting, the MD of NCEL made a presentation and informed that during financial year 2023-24 NCEL exported rice, onion, and wheat to various countries worth about Rs 1,100 crore, the Ministry of Coop-

eration said in a social media post on X (formerly Twitter). During April 2024 (financial year 2024-25) the expected exports of sugar, rice, and onion to various countries will be about Rs 400 crore, it said in another post. NCEL has been formed to provide thrust to exports from the cooperative sector by acting as an umbrella organization for promoting exports. This will help to unlock the export potential of Indian cooperatives in global markets by providing them with access to better infrastructure, expertise,

and market linkages. In March, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah had inaugurated the new office building of three multi-state cooperative societies - National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL), Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) and National Co-operative Organics Limited (NCOL) in New Delhi. The Ministry had informed Parliament that NCEL will also help cooperatives in getting benefits of various export-related schemes and policies of dif-

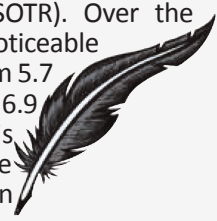
ferent ministries of the Government of India in a focused manner through 'Whole of Government Approach.' Four leading co-operatives- Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF - Amul), Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO), Krishak Bharti Cooperative (KRIBHCO) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) have jointly promoted NCEL.

Editorial

Economic progress is a composite reflection of the growth trajectories

India's economic progress is a composite reflection of the growth trajectories of its states. Given the federal structure of the country, each state operates with a degree of autonomy in implementing policies that drive their individual economies. This results in a broad spectrum of growth rates across states, highlighting significant disparities. For the nation to achieve holistic growth, it is imperative for all states to experience economic advancement. Despite this, there is a notable discrepancy in the attention paid to fiscal matters at different levels of government. The Union Budget, detailing the central government's finances, often garners substantial scrutiny and debate for its potential impacts on the nation's economic direction. In contrast, state budgets, which are crucial for addressing local needs and fostering regional development, do not attract a similar level of public and analytical scrutiny. Fiscal capacity, the government's ability to generate revenue from available tax and non-tax bases, is crucial for several reasons. First, it underpins a government's ability to provide essential public goods and services. These range from healthcare and education to infrastructure and defense, which are fundamental for the welfare of the citizenry and the smooth functioning of the economy. Without adequate fiscal capacity, governments may struggle to maintain these services at levels that meet public demand and expectations, potentially leading to social unrest or a decline in the quality of life. Second, fiscal capacity is vital for economic development and growth. Governments need resources to invest in infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, and digital networks, which are critical for enhancing productivity and competitiveness. Such investments not only improve current living standards, but also set the stage for future economic expansion. The Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in 2017 and the World Bank in 2015 highlighted the risk of economies falling into a 'middle-income trap' where they are unable to transition to high-income status due to inadequate fiscal capacity among other factors.

Moreover, fiscal capacity is essential for macro-economic stability. It allows governments to manage economic cycles more effectively, applying fiscal stimulus in downturns and restraint in booms to maintain economic stability. The Covid-19 pandemic's impact on Indian states underscored this point, as reduced fiscal capacities constrained their ability to respond effectively to the crisis and its economic repercussions. Finally, a robust fiscal capacity enables equitable social development. It allows for redistributive policies that can mitigate income inequality and fund social safety nets for the vulnerable. Studies have shown that factors such as high per capita income, education levels, and low corruption contribute to higher fiscal capacity, which in turn can be used to foster a more inclusive society. Given that state governments account for over 60 per cent of general government expenditure in India, enhancing their revenue-generating capacity is imperative for the needed investment in areas such as education, research and development, and skill development. The Reserve Bank of India recently released a report on state finances, which gives an insight into the state budgets of 2023-24. It has some important findings. First, revenue mobilisation in Indian states comprises both tax and non-tax revenues, with a significant portion coming from state's own tax revenues (SOTR). Over the years, there has been a noticeable increase in SOTR, growing from 5.7 per cent of GDP in 2003-04 to 6.9 per cent in 2022-23. This growth, particularly in the post-GST era, reflects a shift in the composition of tax revenues.



BJP does not want to win so many seats but wants to snatch them

This time, the first phase of voting for the Lok Sabha elections is to be held on April 19 and the entire BJP lobby including the Modi government at the Center is trying to win more than 400 seats. But it seems that by giving the slogan of 'This time we cross 400', BJP does not want to win so many seats but wants to snatch them. Otherwise, any government would not only get nervous due to so many protests from different sections of the people all over India, but would also try to pacify the angry people and also accept their legitimate demands. But despite opposition on many issues across the country, not only the Modi government at the Center and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but even a single BJP worker is not ready to bow down. Not only this, the Modi government at the Center is eager to come to power at the Center for the third time by crushing every protest, every movement and every person who opposes its policies like an intoxicated elephant. In fact, if we look at the two tenures of the Modi government at the Center in the last 10 years, we find that it has not refrained from crushing any movement, any protest or any opposition. Be it the movement of farmers, be it the



movement of the country's daughters and women wrestlers, or any demonstration by unemployed youth demanding jobs, be it the movement of women employees of Anganwadi centres, or the protests against EVM Tehelka, or the movements in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to the North-Eastern states. In this way, if we look at the last 10 years of the tenure of the Modi government at the Center, about twenty types of movements took place at various places; But most of the movements were either crushed badly by this government which suppressed democracy or they were suppressed to such an extent that their voice could not reach the country and abroad. The remaining work in ending these movements was done by a special group of Modiya and those people who have got contracts for various odd jobs in the country. However, if we look

at the movements going on in the country in the last 10-12 years, then first of all we have to look at the protests that took place across the country against the Anna movement and the Nirbhaya incident, due to which the UPA central government was ousted. However, the UPA central government of that time also tried to crush both types of movements; But not to the extent that the Modi government at the Center has done anything to crush all the movements. If we talk about the time after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power at the Centre, then the Patel movement of Gujarat, Maratha movement of Maharashtra, farmers movement of Maharashtra, farmers movement of Tamil Nadu, Anganwadi movement, teachers' movements in different states.

Apart from the movement of unemployed youth and the movement of

women wrestlers, all the farmers' movements across the country and the farmers' movement that started in the year 2020 have been crushed by the Modi government at the Center and the BJP state governments. Their demands and problems have been ignored. And the agitators and protesters have been kicked and water cannons have been used. In the first farmer movement against the three agricultural laws, an attempt was made to end the movement by putting all kinds of pressure on the farmers, and this time, when the central government did not fulfill its promises, the farmers decided to march to Delhi. So the attack on them was intensified. Attempts were made to harm them in every possible way, which again led to the martyrdom of 16 farmers. There is still a ban on farmers coming to Delhi as if they are not food providers but terrorists. Recently, Section 144 was imposed in Delhi for more than a month to stop the farmers and even today Section 144 is applicable at some protest sites in Delhi. For example, after the protest by women wrestlers was crushed at Jantar Mantar, Section 144 is still in force and no victim can sit there and raise his voice. Recently, regarding crushing the farmers' movement, Rajasthan's Jat leader Hanuman Prasad Beniwal

wrote on Twitter handle '@narendramodi ji, the way he arrogantly wrote on India

Is! Let me remind you that you did not fulfill the promise made to the farmers during the farmers' movement. Therefore, the step to agitate again for the farmers and their rights was forced to be taken. On one hand you say that violence has no place in democracy. Farmers are being shelled at the behest of the other government, keeping in mind the current situation after the Rashtriya Lok Dal, which fought for the farmers of Western UP, joined hands with the BJP, it is your utmost responsibility to Take cognizance yourself and agree to the demands of the farmers! Leader of the main opposition Congress, Rahul Gandhi has spoken many times about suppressing the voice of the people by the Modi government at the Centre. Fearless and impartial journalists and intellectuals of similar nature are also unhappy with this attitude of the government.

Experts and scholars belonging to the rural context are also continuously opposing the policies of the government.

But the government does not care about all this. In fact, now even the police pick up people sitting in any protest and put them in jail, even if.

Why China Blocks the Dalai Lama's Sri Lanka Visit

Why does a benevolent exiled leader agitate an aspiring superpower so much? The answer lies in the complex history of Tibet and the Chinese subjugation of the same over the last 70 years Tibet lies in the confluence of Central, South and East Asia. It has a recorded history dating back to 602 AD when Namri Songsten became the first king of Tibet, uniting the central Tibetan states. There are records of conflict between China and Tibet, which was ended by the China-Tibet Peace Treaty 821 AD. The treaty famously mentions, "Tibetans shall be happy in Tibet, and Chinese shall be happy in China." After more than 700 years, China and Tibet both sustained subsequent Mongol invasions. In the latter half of the

16th century, Altan Khan, the Mongol ruler, gave the title of Dalai Lama to Sonam Gyatso, leader of the Gelugpa school of Buddhism. In return, the Dalai Lama decreed that Altan Khan be reincarnated as Kublai Khan, which gave legitimacy to his rule. This event marks the founding of modern Tibet. For the next two hundred years Chinese tried to take hold of Tibet but could not succeed, and their influence declined in the first half of the 20th century. In 1912, the Qing emperor of China renounced his post, giving way to the establishment of the Republic of China. China also lost whatever suzerainty it had over Tibet, and the Dalai Lama reiterated that, "We are a small, religious, and independent

nation." In 1914, Britain, Tibet, and China met in Shimla to negotiate the borders between British India and Tibet. In that treaty control of Qinghai was given to China, and the rest of Tibet was recognised as autonomous. Thereafter Tibet enjoyed a relatively peaceful three decades until China invaded it again after the end of the Chinese civil war in 1950. The new People's Republic of China initially gave the 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) complete authority over Tibet. However, widespread Chinese brutality on Tibetans continued which finally resulted in the Tibetan National Uprising of 1959. In March 1959, Chinese troops attacked the Potala Palace in order to arrest.

Iran-Israel conflict will now be shaped by 3H

"Unprecedented" is the adjective used in almost every global newspaper's description of Iran's retaliatory attack against Israel on 14 April, which the Benjamin Netanyahu government responded militarily by firing missiles at an Iranian airbase in Isfahan Friday morning. Iran's counter-attack last week wasn't exactly unprecedented—Tehran made it pretty clear it would respond to a suspected Israeli attack on its consulate in Syria on 1 April that killed two of its senior military commanders. It named its operation "True Promise", reflecting its vow to punish those who attacked its diplomatic mission. But the barrage of Iranian drones and missiles—approximately 300—had no precedent. Neither did the suspected Israeli strike near an Iranian military base that followed. It was the first time, after 45 years of an icy shadow war, that we saw a direct confrontation between the regional archenemies. And that is why the new arc of violence in the Israel-Iran conflict, now marked by direct confrontation, is ThePrint's Newsmaker of the Week. Some view Iran as dealing the first hand or lighting the first match. But certain analysts suggest Tehran's calculation involved not just sending a message to Israel but also to its own proxies in the region.

Sanam Vakil, Director of the Middle East and North Africa programme at the Chatham House think tank, told The Guardian: "Iran's calculation was that if [it] didn't respond, Israel will keep trying to push back and degrade the axis of resistance across the region. This was about reinforcing its red lines and some measure of deterrence." For five days, the world waited with bated breath for Israel's response. The German and British foreign ministers flew into Israel earlier this week in efforts to prevent an escalation of the conflict, but it was clear that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu was going to strike back. It was just a matter of when and how. By launching direct attacks on each other's soil after decades of covert operations, cyber attacks and proxy wars, Israel and Iran have diverted from long-standing foreign policy strategies. On the one hand, Iran had always followed a policy of "strategic patience", which involves propping up proxy forces in the Middle East to fight off Israel and its Western allies, while also projecting power in the region. Hezbollah in Lebanon is a prime example of this. In 1982, when Israel invaded Lebanon to expel the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), Iran's Islamic

Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) sent in what was known as the "Prophet Mohammad Corps" to Syria, which was then sent to Lebanon to fight against Israeli forces. This was the birth of Hezbollah. "The Islamic Republic is a survivalist regime," explains Arman Mahmoudian, a lecturer of Russian and Middle Eastern Studies and a PhD candidate in politics and international affairs at the University of South Florida, in an article for Gulf International Forum.

"Hezbollah's foundational purpose raises the question: why has the militant group thus far avoided confrontation? The brief answer is that Hezbollah is too valuable an asset to be deployed recklessly," he adds. By launching 300 drones and missiles into Israel, Tehran effectively abandoned this policy and any previous reluctance it had in attacking Israel directly. Similarly, Israel seems to have diverted from its "reverse periphery doctrine". Previously, under Israel's first prime minister David Ben-Gurion, Israel followed the "periphery doctrine" in a bid to end its isolation in the Middle East. The idea was to pursue relations with non-Arab states at the 'edges' of the Middle East, mainly Iran and Turkey. With Iran and Israel diverting from their traditional strategies.

One of the primary issues of the election campaign has become Sanatana Dharma

One of the primary issues of the 2024 national election campaign has become Sanatana Dharma. The BJP accuses the Opposition of insulting Sanatana Dharma. The Opposition rebuts this by saying that the BJP is deliberately politicising the issue, and misleading ordinary voters. Elections will come and go. Political parties will win and lose. But in a country where the overwhelming majority is Hindu, the debate is one of pivotal importance, transcending transient political dividends. It has a bearing on the very nature of Sanatana

Dharma, its evolution, its philosophical wisdom, its inherently eclectic and inclusive character, and all the factors which make it different from Abrahamic faiths. Let me clarify at the outset that I am a proud Hindu. The number of books I have written on the Hindu faith, and the sheer profundity of its thought as well as the remarkable achievements of Hindu civilization which forms the foundational period of our history, bears testimony to this. My real worry, however, is that this acrimonious political wrangling on Sanatana

Dharma could reduce this great religion to a new level of fundamentalist illiteracy. And such a consequence goes far beyond the immediate political fortunes of expedient politicians. The crux of the matter is: what is Sanatana Dharma? Is it an unchanging monolith? Is it compiled in a single text, like the Bible or Koran, which cannot be transgressed by believers? Is it written in stone, to be interpreted by one Pope or Ayatollah? Or, has it evolved to be what it is precisely because it is none of the above? It is exceptionally significant that in its entire

history, not a single Hindu has been burnt on the stake or killed for blasphemy, as is not uncommon in some other faiths.

What this means is that Sanatana Dharma has allowed for differences of opinion within its fold, including trenchant criticism of some aspects of it, by its own followers. The Hindu faith had not one but six systems of philosophy attempting to understand the truth behind the vast and bewildering plurality of the cosmos. Each of them had a different interpretation.

CEIB pushes private bank required clearance, threatening loans

Delhi: The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau has written to the finance ministry's department of financial services to require all private banks to obtain CEIB clearance, as with government banks, before lending to a company with an enforcement case. Businesses under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) may find it difficult to obtain loans once CEIB's report becomes mandatory. The existing 'antecedent verification report', confined to public sector banks, gives financial institutions timely CEIB information to assess and mitigate risk and conduct complete due diligence against fraud. CEIB generated almost 6,000 antecedent studies for banks seeking approval for high-value loans in 2022-23.



These loan proposals totaled around Rs 39 lakh crore. In FY 2021-22, 1,300 loan applications totaled Rs 4.5 lakh crore. Before making large loans, government banks need CEIB approval. Before publishing reports on economic offenders, CEIB thoroughly checks data. These reports are for banks' risk assessment and decision-making alone.

Even if an entity is under investigation, banks can grant or deny loans. NPAs or entities facing fraud or money laundering investigations are under observation.

Sources said these reports use the bureau's rich economic offenses database. Over 18 enforcement agencies are uploading case data and FIR details to CEIB's economic offence database, which will soon be renamed the National Economic Offence Record, in real time using an online application. In another proposal, CEIB may issue a unique code for each economic offender or company. The 'Unique Economic Offender Code' will be connected to an individual's Aadhaar number or a company's PAN.

Green Apple invests in Indian solar projects

Delhi: Apple is producing billions of dollars in India through factories and is also becoming green. The company, which is expected to earn \$14 billion in India this year, is going green with renewable solar energy projects. Apple has partnered with CleanMax to invest in six rooftop solar projects totaling 14.4 megawatts to support its growing corporate operations in India. Apple noted in its sustainability announcement that the new capacity powers its headquarters, two retail locations, and other operations in India locally. The company stated it promotes water security



in Telangana and Maharashtra where its operation is. Manufacturing supply chain collaboration creates long-term collaborations to restore ecosystems, solve community water requirements, and improve watershed climate resilience. Apple has begun fresh water replenishment in Northern and Southern California, Arizona's

Colorado River Basin, and Telangana and Maharashtra, where water impacts are seen locally. Apple is using innovative methods and long-term contracts to save and benefit entire watersheds, similar to its renewable energy buying strategy. Since 2023, Apple has invested \$8 million in high-stress watersheds to replenish freshwater.

Tata Sons requests RBI IPO waiver after debt reduction

Delhi: Tata Sons has asked RBI for an exemption from a mandated IPO a month after raising over Rs 9,000 crore from TCS stake sale. The \$150-billion salt-to-software Tata Group's holding firm told RBI in the new proposal that it has cut its debt significantly. Tata Sons must eliminate its debt to avoid RBI

classification as a 'upper layer' NBFC. Tata Sons' FY23 report shows Rs 21,909 crore in debt and Rs 451 crore in cash and bank balances. Last year's debt statistics improved dramatically. Tata Sons sold TCS shares last month to pay off foreign and domestic creditors, raising Rs 9,362 crore (\$1.1 bil-

lion). Tata Sons declined to comment, while RBI didn't react to email until press time. Tata Sons, a CIC registered with the RBI, must be listed by September 2025. Tata Trusts, a group of public charities, controls the corporation, which is considering avoiding the IPO.

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Vishal Mega Mart selects ICICI and Kotak for a massive IPO

Delhi: According to persons acquainted with the situation, Indian grocery chain Vishal Mega Mart Pvt has chosen banks as it moves forward with a planned IPO in Mumbai this year. These individuals, who wished to remain anonymous due to the confidentiality of the discussions, stated that Vishal Mega Mart selected Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd and ICICI Bank Ltd to assist in setting up a share sale as early as the fourth quarter of this year. According to the persons, Partners Group Holding AG and Kedaara Capital, two private equity firms that hold it, would be able to reduce their ownership stakes through the IPO. The people claimed that other banks will probably be brought on board to work on the IPO. According to them, the Gurugram-based business might raise anywhere from \$850 million and \$1 billion through the IPO. Partners Group, Kotak, ICICI, and Vishal Mega Mart did not immediately respond to requests for comment made outside of business hours, while a spokesman for Kedaara declined to comment. In 2018, investment firm TPG Capital sold Vishal Mega Mart to Switzerland-based Partners Group and India-focused private equity firm Kedaara for an undisclosed sum. Food and groceries, fashion and general products, and private labels are all available at Vishal Mega Mart. Because of its potential for expansion, India has become a burgeoning market for deals, especially initial public offerings (IPOs).

Adani Group will buy My Home's TN cement business for 414cr

Delhi: Ambuja Cements, owned by Adani Group, agreed to buy My Home Group's cement grinding mill in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, The 1.5-MTPA cement grinding machine was acquired for Rs 413.75 crore. Ambuja Cements told the stock exchange it will use internal accruals to acquire. Ambuja will increase its southern Tamil Nadu and Kerala coastal presence with the acquisition. The Adani Group now has 78.9% of cement capacity after this acquisition. "We are pleased to announce this acquisition, strengthening our regional presence," stated Adani



Group CEO Cement Business Ajay Kapur. "In addition to the infrastructure and geographical advantages, Ambuja Cements will also inherit the existing dealer network and retain current

employees, facilitating a smooth transition and enabling the rapid ramp-up of utilisation." Ambuja Cements will use its coastal position and marine infrastructure and equipment to

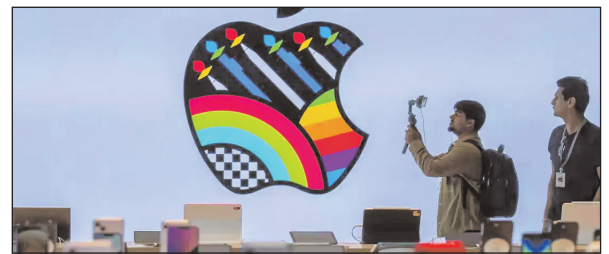
Zomato doubles its platform charge to Rs 5 in a year

Delhi: Based on information found on the company app, Zomato has raised its platform fees—a cost charged to consumers as part of food delivery orders—to Rs 5. Zomato did not answer any questions.

operate efficiently and produce high-quality products. The Tuticorin unit, on 61 acres near the port, has a long-term fly ash supply deal. Ambuja Cements gains southern market access and a dealer and employee.

Apple may hire 5 lakh Indians in 3 years

Delhi: Government sources expect Apple and its vendors to employ over 5 lakh Indians over the next three years. Apple's distributors and suppliers employ 1.5 lakh Indians. Tata Electronics, which operates two Apple plants, creates the most jobs. "Apple is employing more in India. Its vendors and components suppliers will employ five lakh people in the next three years, conservatively," a senior government officer told PTI. Apple would not comment on the forecast.



Apple wants to increase Indian output by five-fold to USD 40 billion (approximately 3.32 lakh crore) in 4-5 years. Counterpoint Research reported that Apple dominated the India market in revenue for the first time in 2023, while Samsung led in volume sales. The company reported that Apple surpassed

10 million units in shipments and topped revenue in a calendar year for the first time. According to commercial intelligence platform The Vision, Apple's iPhone shipments from India increased nearly 100% to USD 12.1 billion in 2023-24 from USD 6.27 billion in 2022-23.

Over 10% of Tesla Workers Will Be Fired

Delhi: Tesla announced it would lay off more than 10% of its workforce to cut costs and two top executives left, indicating upheaval. The corporation lost 14,000 jobs amid rising competition and falling sales. At a crucial time for Tesla, Elon Musk's managerial moves and layoffs demonstrate his unpredictability. Musk has not detailed a plan to reverse a loss in car sales, and he appears focused on long-shot endeavors like a self-driving taxi rather than new models that might help Tesla compete with established carmakers and Chinese rivals.



"As we prepare the company for the next phase of growth, it is extremely important to look at every aspect of the company for cost reductions and increasing pro-

ductivity," Musk said in an email reviewed by The New York Times. "There is nothing I hate more, but it must be done," said. Drew Baglino, a senior vice president who helped the company grow from startup to electric car leader, quit hours after the email. "I made the difficult decision to move on from Tesla after 18 years yesterday," Mr. Baglino wrote on X. Mr. Baglino is one of

Apple pulls WhatsApp, Threads from China App Store

Delhi: The Chinese government ordered Apple to ban WhatsApp and Threads from its Chinese App Store for "national security" reasons. Apple said the Cyberspace Administration of China, which governs and censors China's severely limited internet and online content, ordered it to remove the two Meta apps. Meta owns Facebook. VPNs allow people to access WhatsApp and other foreign apps and websites even while China's Great Firewall prohibits them. If their iCloud accounts are outside China, Chinese Apple users can download WhatsApp and Threads. China's Communist party tightens internet control by censoring critical social media topics and monitoring

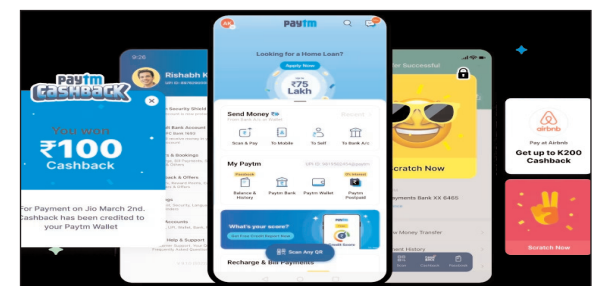


conversations. It advocated regulations to limit kids' online time. It was unclear what the administration's national security worries were. WhatsApp and Threads were removed before a US legislative vote on a bill that would require ByteDance to sell TikTok or be banned from the US market. Lawmakers have pushed to prohibit TikTok or transfer it from Chinese control, citing national security worries about China's impact on the American public and data retention.

HDFC Bank CEO tells investors transformation will bring rewards

Delhi: HDFC Bank CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan has asked investors to be patient during the bank's transition. He compared it to Mumbai's coastline road and promised benefits after the transition. Jagdishan remarked in an investor call after the bank's results that the firm wanted to sustain its deposit franchise. He noted that when faced with unreasonable pricing, like in the fourth quarter, the bank will slow down rather than use pricing to gain market share.

Paytm approved for UPI ID migration



Delhi: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has permitted Paytm operator One97 Communications (OCL) to begin customer migration to a new PSP the bank controls. SBI, Axis, HDFC, and YES Bank will be Paytm's PSPs. Paytm users will need permission to use a new UPI ID with one of the four banks' UPI handles. Paytm may urge you to change your '@paytm' handle to a UPI handle linked to one of the banks listed (such as yourname@axis). Bank selection is available. This shouldn't affect UPI payments. Paytm will continue to transfer and receive money. This modification lets Paytm offer UPI services. A UPI handle update prompt may appear soon. To ensure uninterrupted UPI payments for customers and merchants, Paytm will transition users from its Paytm Payment Bank to Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, SBI, and YES Bank. Users with @paytm handles will migrate first. Users can continue offering UPI through partner banks with NPCI clearance. The Paytm app will let them make UPI payments from their bank accounts. Create bank-specific VPAs: Paytm now lets users set up VPAs with SBI, Axis, HDFC, and YES Bank. Your new VPA may be yourname@sbi or yourname@axis, depending on the bank.

Aadhaar Not Mandatory For Admission To Private Schools In Delhi



Delhi: The Delhi High Court has said in an order that Aadhaar number for admission to private schools in the national capital under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Disadvantaged Group (DG), Children with Special Needs (CVSN) categories is not mandatory, refusing to interfere with an earlier order. The court said demanding Aadhaar card from students during admission would mean infringing their right to privacy. It was hearing an appeal filed by the Delhi government against the order by a single-judge bench. A bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma dismissed the appeal stating that the

● **Aadhaar card did not violate a child's right to free and compulsory education, rather it served as a safeguard against fraudulent applications and admissions based on false identities**

requirement is prima facie in conflict with the constitutional provisions (under Article 21) pertaining to privacy. "The issue of obtaining sensitive personal details of a child, as observed in the K S Puttaswamy case (by the Supreme Court), would have the potential of infringing their right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution of

India," the bench said in an order passed last week. Presenting the Delhi government's view, standing counsel Santosh Kumar Tripathi argued that Aadhaar card serves a practical purpose and is aimed at keeping a check on duplicate applications. He added that the policy was initiated to modernize the admission process for the EWS and DG categories in entry-level classes in private, unaided, recognised schools. It was also argued that mandating an Aadhaar card did not violate a child's right to free and compulsory education, rather it served as a safeguard against fraudulent applications and admissions based on false identities

Over 1,400 Children Of Labourers To Benefit From Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas In UP

● **Each of the schools is being built on an area of 10-15 acres with classrooms, recreational areas**

Delhi: In a move to benefit the children of labourers and those orphaned during the Covid-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated 18 'Atal Residential Schools' in UP. The first academic session of the schools has already started with around 80 students which include 40 boys and 40 girls. These students were admitted in



Class 6 based on their merit in divisional-level entrance examination. The cost of setting the Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas is about 1,115 crore. The average cost of construction of one school is nearly 65 crore. The residential schools built under the programme have been designed to accommodate 1,000 students each. Chief Minister saying, "Around 1400 children who lost their parents and guardians in the Covid era are given

admission in 18 schools of the first phase of the Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas. The schools will focus on skill development of the students and promoting Sports. The curriculum at the school is based on the National Education Policy." Each of the schools is being built on an area of 10-15 acres with classrooms, playground, recreational areas, a mini auditorium, hostel complex, mess and residential quarters for staff members.

DoE launches CUET mock test modules

Delhi: To help students of Delhi government schools, the directorate of education (DoE) has prepared a full-fledged module of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) mock examination. Students can log in from the department's website and practice. The IT branch has prepared the module with

academic support from the Core Academic Unit. Majority of the subjects taught in DOE schools are covered in it. The mock test also includes general test questions. It was inaugurated by DoE director Himanshu Gupta. It took us close to 3-4 months to finish the preparation of the papers. All the latest

formats as prescribed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) have been followed. "In courses such as commerce and mathematics, where the number of questions has been reduced, the same format has been followed," said a senior teacher who was part of the module preparation.

After Abu Dhabi And Africa's Zanzibar, UK Now Invites IITs

● **"Government official recently expressed the country's interest in collaborating with India's premier institutes"**



Delhi: After Abu Dhabi and African country Zanzibar, the UK might become the next destination to have the offshore campus of the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT). A top British government official recently expressed the country's interest in collaborating with India's premier institutes. Similarly, many universities from the UK are also looking forward to set-

ting up their branch campuses in India and are working out on formulating a final regulatory framework from the University Grants Commission (UGC). The official said that the UK was in a process of clearing the regulatory framework so that universities from their country are able to set up their campuses in India. Steve Smith, the International Education

Champion of the UK government, noted that discussions were ongoing between the governments and authorities of the two countries for setting up campuses of IITs in the UK. Two of India's top IITs have already entered into agreements with foreign countries for setting up their offshore campuses abroad. While IIT Madras is setting up its campus in Tanzania's Zanzibar, IIT Delhi is setting up an offshore campus in Abu Dhabi.

The increase in India's industrial reputation and startup growth ecosystem has attracted the attention of many global universities. Many of our IIT graduates have gone on to top jobs and are leading the global markets.

US Issues Record 90,000 Visas To Indian Students

Delhi: The United States has issued a record number of visas to students from India in the months of June, July and August. The US Mission in India announced on X (formerly Twitter) that more than 90,000 visas were issued to the aspirants from India who filed applications to pursue their higher education from the US. In the post on X, the US Mission also said that almost one in four student visas worldwide was issued in India. Greeting the Indian students, the US Mission



said, "Congratulations and best wishes to all the students who have chosen the United States to make their higher education goals a reality." The numbers were released as the US

Mission was closing its applications for the session.

A recent report highlighted an increase in the number of Indian students who are heading abroad for their higher education. The

rise is a result of eased application formalities, financial aid and scholarships offered by foreign universities to attract students from India. Earlier, France had also expressed its desire and goal to welcome around 30,000 students from India. The country is making efforts to increase the intake of Indian students by 2030. The aim will be achieved by fostering academic excellence, boosting cultural ties and enhancing long lasting friendship between the two countries.

All You Need To Know About Education In Dubai

Delhi: United Arab Emirates is one of the growing economies in the world. The city is expanding in various sectors which is consequently leading to increased job opportunities for students who graduate from there. Few reasons that are making Dubai a preferred destination to study abroad for Indian students. The sectors such as oil and gas, tourism, trade, finance, logistics, manufacturing, and renewable energy are growing at a high pace in Dubai. The recent boost in the economy has resulted in increased job opportunities. Students who wish to pursue their higher education from Dubai will also benefit from improved and increased jobs in these sectors. The country therefore has emerged as a major higher-education destination in recent years. The easy application process and



other flexible government policies further simplify international student recruitment in the United Arab Emirates. The government policy such as the new long-term 'golden visa' for outstanding students rewards top-performing international students. The students who benefit from this policy are given a 10-year residency permit which helps them to begin with their careers soon after graduating in the country. A major attraction of the students or working professionals in Dubai is the Tax free income that they earn. The employees in the United Arab Emirates

enjoy tax free salaries which acts as one of the key selling points for study in Dubai. Pursue affordable degree from UK, US universities Most of the international universities have set up their branches in Dubai. A student can pursue a degree from any recognised university of the US, UK or more by enrolling in its branch located in Dubai. These degrees will be cheaper as compared to studying the same in the respective Countries. Dubai has a smooth visa process wherein the institutions will help in the application process, thus making it much easier. No language problem Over 80% of the population in the country including the locals in Dubai speak in English. This makes it convenient for foreign students to communicate and interact with the local population.

CBSE switch underway, but Jagan plans US system for Andhra govt schools

● **School bags, books, uniforms, shoes-socks, belts etc are provided free once a year under the Jagananna Vidya Kanuka scheme**

8Delhi: Nearly two and half years after a road map was announced to introduce CBSE curriculum, the Jaganmohan Reddy government signed an agreement with International Baccalaureate (IB) to introduce the American education system in government schools. In February 2021, Jagan announced a road map to introduce CBSE curriculum in all the government schools, beginning with Classes 1 to 7 from 2021-22. But, only 1,096 high schools out of about 45,000 government schools had switched to CBSE till last year, with the rest continuing to follow the AP State Council of Education



Research and Training (SCERT) curriculum. The IB syllabus, in vogue in the American schools, will be introduced in the government schools at the foundation level initially and expanded to the higher classes gradually," Jagan said, after the agreement was signed. "IB, which specialises in modern, innovative examination patterns, will vastly improve our students' worldly knowledge and help them grab good opportunities in global universities." The same day, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet gave its approval for the MoU with IB. "The tangible outcome of this transformation is students who graduate from Class 10th, 12th will receive a joint certificate of AP board and IB," the document says. While a top

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education official says the plan is to introduce IB for Class 1 from 2024-25. There are 62,530 schools, including private ones, which are recognised by the Andhra Pradesh government and follow the SCERT curriculum. They have to switch to IB once the state adopts the pattern. The over 320 schools — including private, Navodaya, Kendriya Vidyalayas that offer CBSE and ICSE courses — can continue to operate under these central boards. Ahead of the next year's state election, Jagan's present idea comes on the back of initiatives like Jagananna Ammavodi, which provides Rs 13,000 annually to poor mothers for sending their children to schools.

National School of Drama To Set Up New Campus In Tripura

Delhi: The Tripura government has allocated a plot of 2.36 acre to the National School of Drama (NSD) to set up a campus in the state. The campus will be set up at Ranirbazar in West Tripura district, and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed regarding it. "Following NSD's request, the state government has provided a plot of 2.36 acre. A MoU was signed between the two sides on Tuesday," Subir Roy, NSD Agartala centre's programme coordinator, said. Now, we will do mutation of the land, before starting the work for setting up a full-fledged NSD Centre in Tripura. Presently, the NSD Centre is functioning from Nazrul Kalashetra," he said. At present, the Agartala centre is offering a one-year course in 'Theatre in Education', which will be extended to two years, he added.

DoE notifies classes X and XI of non-plan entry

Delhi: The Directorate of Education declared that non-plan admissions to grades X and XI using a common entrance test (CAT) will begin for the 2024-25 academic year. The only applicants who can get in are kids who live in Delhi. The deadline for submitting the application is April 30. It will be available on April 18. On May 7, the admit cards will be sent out, and on May 9, the CAT is scheduled. On May 14, the results will be announced. Children who have missed time from school, dropped out, attended an unrecognized school, or whose parents were transferred from outside Delhi are eligible for non-plan enrollment. Applications accepted both online and offline. Lucky draw for admissions to Classes 6 and 9. Orphans are given priority. 50% of the seats are reserved for women. Reserve 25% for stu-



"PS Baghel is in charge of enrollment, making sure that rules are followed and that, in the event that parents are not present, a legal guardian is named"

IIT-Kharagpur has announced graduated fines for fighting and alcohol misuse

Delhi: IIT Kharagpur has proposed graded fines of Rs 5,000 for the first offense and Rs 10,000 for a repeat offense for students caught consuming alcohol on campus. In both situations, parents will be notified. A disciplinary committee will be tasked with reviewing cases involving students found guilty more than twice. The committee's recommendation will include "appropriate punishment" and a minimum penalty of Rs 50,000.

dents studying BPL. Class 1 admissions minimum age is specified by the state government, which also emphasizes Aadhar registration and parental details. PS Baghel is in charge of enrollment, making sure that rules are followed and that, in the event that parents are not present, a legal guardian is named.

15% of vacancies filled in 30 days, doctors pension age may reach 70

Delhi: A six-member expert committee led by Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences chancellor Dr. S K Sarin has proposed filling 15% of state hospital and dispensary vacancies within 30 days and raising clinician retirement age to 70 to address the city's severe manpower shortage. An internal assessment by Delhi's health and family welfare department found that more than half of the sanctioned medical professional positions, including senior and junior resident doctors, nurses, paramedics, officials, and ministerial staff, were vacant in eight autonomous hospitals registered under the



Societies Registration Act. At least six Societies Act-registered hospitals including Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital, Dr. Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan, and Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, haven't had full-time MS or MD, whereas Ch Brahm Prakash Ayurvedic Chikitsa Sansthan hasn't since May 2018. The situation is slightly better in government hospitals, but not perfect. The

research states that 10 government facilities, including Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital, Dr. Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan, and Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, haven't had full-time MS or MDs since last Delhi has 39 state hospitals, 8 autonomous hospitals, 427 dispensaries, 546 mohalla clinics, 30 polyclinics, and 8 medical colleges.

Manu, Anish win 25m pistol trials

Delhi: Pistol pro In the Olympic Selection Trial T1 (OST T1) at the Karni Singh Shooting Range, in-form Anish Bhanwala won the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol regulation and Manu Bhaker won the 25m pistol final with a world-beating score. Manu, who finished third in the five-woman field behind Esha Singh and

Simranpreet Kaur Brar in the Paris Olympics-style qualification and final on consecutive days, won the final with 47 out of 50 hits. She missed a shot on the first, second, and seventh flawless five-shot series. Her final score beat Yang Jin of Korea's 41 world record. Abhidnya Patil (32) followed Rhythm Sangwan (39). Brar (27) was

fourth and Esha (23) last. "I didn't consider overnight leaders. There's no difference between world champions in finals. All that matters is final shooting, so I quit checking my rankings" stated. After reconnecting with her personal teacher Jaspal Rana, Manu said the multiple Asian Games.

Indian women's Paris Olympics quota secured by Vinesh

Delhi: As dominant as ever, Vinesh Phogat earned Paris Olympics quota in women's 50kg category, reaching the Asian Olympic Qualifier final without losing a point. India received its second Paris Games quota after Antim Panghal's 53kg bronze medal at the World Championships last year. After Rio (2016) and Tokyo (2020), 29-year-old Vinesh has earned her third straight Olympic quota. Vinesh, a notable protester against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan



Sharan Singh, thrashed her opponents one by one. As usual, Vinesh sought one chance to defeat Miran Cheon in her opening bout and found it after measuring her Korean opponent for 30 seconds.

The fight concluded at 1:39 as she grabbed Cheon and took her down. Vinesh's stronghold was hard to escape. The Indian used three gut wrenching and one 'exposure' to win. The following

fight lasted 67 seconds. Cambodia's Smanang Dit was easy prey. Vinesh quickly pinned her to go to the women's 50kg semi-finals. The famous Indian used her experience to defeat 19-year-old Kazakh wrestler Laura Ganikyzy in the semi-finals. Laura twice attempted left-leg attempts, but Vinesh scored on the counter and led 4-0 after one period. Vinesh was first pushed to the second period in this competition.

Late-arriving wrestlers denied Olympic qualifying

Delhi: India's aspirations of getting extra Paris Games wrestling quotas were dashed. Leading wrestlers Deepak Punia and Sujeet Kalakal missed the Asian Olympic qualifying event after reporting late for their mandatory weigh-ins in Bishkek Tokyo Olympic and Birmingham CWG gold medalist Punia was to compete in the men's freestyle 86kg, while young talent Kalakal will lead the country in 65kg. Unfortunately, both must return to India



uncontested. Since arriving from Dagestan in Russia the two have been trapped at Dubai airport without sustenance. Both wrestlers were training in Dagestan for the Olympic qualifiers and had tickets to fly from Makhachkala to Bishkek via Dubai for

the Asian meet, the second-last Paris Games qualifying tournament. They were with Russian coach Kamal Malikov and physio Shubham Gupta. The two wrestlers had to weigh in at 8 am in Bishkek after the airplane arrived at 5:30

am. Their fights were later that day. However, severe weather in Dubai delayed their travel to Kyrgyz capital, so the wrestlers missed their weigh-ins. Malikov and other Indian coaches in Bishkek for the continental event asked the organizers to let them compete in the qualifiers, but they were denied. This cost the country two Asian meet quota spots. World Qualifiers in Turkey in May will be the last chance for wrestlers to qualify for Paris.

The govt. wants to mainstream 46 lakh Class X and XII dropouts



Delhi: In the first 100 days of the future government and the five-year education program, the Centre would prioritize mainstreaming 46 lakh dropouts/missing children in secondary and senior secondary schools. One plan is to let kids who don't qualify for classes XI and up sit exams in the same class as regular applicants. The center also plans to use APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) to track failed students, who often drop out.

Education ministry officials say all possibilities are being investigated to educate 34 lakh low-performing class X pupils and 12 lakh class XII students nationwide. Ministry sources indicated basic education enrollment is around 100% according to the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), but "secondary and higher secondary levels are difficult. Only 55% of 100 class I pupils reach class XII. The National Education Policy 2020 requires 100% GER in secondary and senior

secondary levels by 2030." In the previous four years, class X dropout rates have dropped by approximately 8%, according to government data. In 2021-22, 20.6% of class X pupils dropped out, down from 28.4% in 2018-19. Even after failing, they deserve education. The official said failed students should be provided regular study opportunities, which are currently limited. "The official said that open-system pupils should be given a chance.

DMC requests that foreign medical graduates be permitted to complete internships at non-teaching institutions



Delhi: Due to a lack of seats, the Delhi Medical Council (DMC) has petitioned the National Medical Commission to permit foreign medical graduates to complete internship training in non-teaching institutions. Dr. Girish Tyagi, the DMC Secretary, stated in a letter to NMC that there are only 60 places available for internship training. We will not be able to offer intern-

ships to FMGE members in Delhi, he stated, considering the amount of seats and applications received. According to the DMC, 230 Delhi residents in all applied to begin the internship at different Delhi medical colleges. "More than a thousand students are eager to begin an internship in Delhi, but we only accepted applications from residents of Delhi. Furthermore, accord-

ing to the information obtained, there are currently only 60 seats available for internship training," DMC stated, requesting that it not be allowed to offer internships to FMGE from Delhi. The DMC requested that, given the volume of applications, they be permitted to complete their internship training in a non-teaching institution, as was the case the previous year.

EWS Enrollment In Private Schools Has Not Yet Begun

Delhi: Due to the fact that Delhi's private schools do not yet have an admissions process for economically weaker section (EWS) and disadvantaged groups (DG) admissions, children would be forced to miss one whole month of lessons, which started in April. A number of parents who are waiting for the publication of the admission papers have contacted the helpline in search of support. Twenty-two percent of entry-level seats at private schools must be set aside for EWS and DG students. The circular outlining the dates for the admissions procedure has not yet been released by the Directorate of Education.

Globally, IIT-Delhi is ranked 45th among engineering and IT institutes

Delhi: Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has released the World University Rankings by Subject 2024, and IIT-Delhi is ranked 45th out of the top 50 engineering and technology universities in the world. Along with being listed in the top 100 worldwide universities in eight different fields, IIT Delhi is the best university in India for civil engineering, computer sciences, electrical engineering, and environmental sciences. IIT Delhi has been ranked in the top 100 worldwide in five distinct fields under engineering and technology: computer science and information systems (rank 63), mechanical engineering (rank 50), electrical and electronic engineering (rank 55), chemical engineering (86), and civil and structural engineering (rank 39). IIT-Delhi is the nation's leader in the fields of civil, electrical, and computer science engineering, and ranked second in mechanical and chemical engineering.

More checks on Big Tech for anti-competitive acts



NEW DELHI: A government-appointed panel has recommended enactment of a new law - Digital Competition Act - to allow the Competition Commission to monitor large digital enterprises and intervene before instances of anti-competitive conduct transpire. The move is meant to deal with entities such as Google, Facebook and Amazon that use data ("the defining feature of digital markets") and supplement the Competition Act. It will apply to a list of pre-defined "core digital services"

that are susceptible to concentration, the 10-member panel headed by corporate affairs secretary Manoj Govil said. When it comes to anti-competitive practices, mergers and acquisitions is to be kept out of the proposed law, while in case of nine others the draft legislation has worked out a principle-based framework, laying down the broad contours of each of them. A parliamentary standing committee report, which had dealt with the issue and has been used

extensively by the panel had listed anti-competitive practices such as anti-steering that is seen in app stores and prevents users from tapping into third party apps, or self-preferencing by marketplaces to promote their own products, along with other concerns such as bundling, deep discounting, exclusive tie-ups, search and raking preferences, advertising policies and data usage that allows personal data to be stored by large digital enterprises for profiling customers and sale to others.

ICICI Pru MF curbs flows into mid, small-cap funds

MUMBAI: ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund on Tuesday said it will not accept any fresh investment in mid-cap and small-cap funds, effective March 14 until further notice. I-Pru MF joined a long list of fund houses that have over the last few months stopped inflows into small-cap funds. Some fund houses have suspended inflows into mid-cap funds, too. These decisions have been taken to insulate investors in these funds from excessive market volatility and loss in value of investments in case of sudden slide in stocks

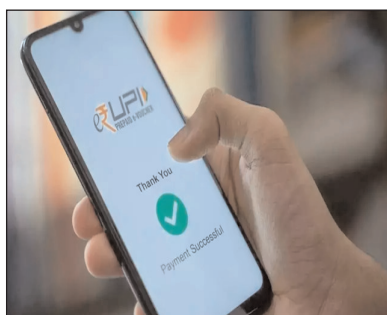


from these market segments of the market. On, Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch had also flagged about froth building up in mid and small-cap funds, referring to high valuations. The regulator had also, through MF industry trade body Amfi, alerted fund houses to strengthen their risk

management mechanisms relating to schemes belonging to these categories to safeguard investors. Sebi chairperson has also announced that the regulator is currently carrying out stress testing for mid-cap and small-cap funds, and the results would be out this Friday.

Now in Nepal, Scan & Pay With UPI

Delhi: The introduction of UPI for cross-border transactions has been announced by Phonepe Payment Service of Nepal and NIPL, the international division of NPCI. With UPI-enabled apps, Indian customers may now make quick UPI payments at a variety of business outlets in Nepal. Indian consumers



can easily accept UPI payments from merchants connected to the

Fonepay network. The Global Fintech Fest in September 2023 in India marked the launch of the Indo-Nepal UPI payments program. The collaboration is live and enables person-to-merchant UPI transactions between India and Nepal using QR codes.

CAPSULES

AAP welcomed Congress' decision, stating "Together, we will fight dictatorship"

Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) hailed the Congress's support for Mahesh Khichi in the national capital mayoral election. Durgesh Pathak, prominent AAP leader and party MCD in-charge, stated, "We appreciate this initiative (of the Congress). We will combat authoritarianism and corruption together. The AAP and Congress will sweep the MCD election." "The BJP lost the last election despite hooliganism. Our only goal is to save the country and its Constitution "He accused the saffron party of seeking votes by promising to change the Constitution if elected. "The nation is struggling. BJP leaders today declare, "Give us votes and we'll amend the Constitution." After numerous fights, BR Ambedkar wrote the Constitution that provided women and Dalits rights." Pathak said Earlier in the day, Delhi Congress president Arvinder Singh Lovely stated Congress councillors would support AAP mayor and deputy mayor candidates.

E-way urban toll policy may reduce your burden

Delhi: The government is developing an 'urban toll strategy' for the Dwarka and Meerut Expressways, which connect two neighboring cities and Ring Roads. Under the proposed strategy, such segments would have a lower user fee than other NHs or expressways, making travel more inexpensive. The present NH Fee Rules charge 10 times more for each km of elevated stretch than for a kilometre of grid-connected roadway.

The Delhi Development Authority has chosen to carry out building and repair work

Delhi : The Delhi Development Authority has chosen to carry out road building and repair work in order to enhance connection to the future apartments and inventory that has already been sold in Narela. The long-standing demand from the locals led to the decision. According to officials, the current policy is for building a single road that faces the housing units (mainly forthcoming). Its goal is to make excavating for installing subterranean service lines easier. But the majority of the housing developments are now finished, and the subterranean utilities have been installed. As a result, it was decided to carpet the entire



highway, and a design was created accordingly. In certain sectors, work has already begun, and in others, the tendering procedure is in progress," an official stated. By the end of this year, the authority hopes to have all of

Narela's roadways covered, including those that face the forthcoming areas. "We aim to eventually cover all roads in the A1-A4 and A1-A10 sectors in the Narela area," said the official. In order to guarantee the smooth and safe

operation of vehicles on the highways, plans are also in place to install or replace power poles. "The organization given the task of laying these roads will be in charge of maintenance and upkeep for an additional year after that. Furthermore, we'll make sure that no damage or excavation is done to these roadways without first obtaining consent from the service providers.

The official stated, "We have written to other agencies to begin sanitation work and to lay water and sewer lines." The authorities have so far committed to fixing about 50 kilometers of road with complete carriageway development.

ITC's top shareholder BAT to sell 3.5% stake for \$2bn

KOLKATA: British American Tobacco, one of the world's largest tobacco products companies that is also the biggest shareholder in tobacco-to-FMCG major ITC, is selling about 3.5% stake in the Indian conglomerate, aiming to garner about Rs 16,800 crore (about \$2 billion). London-headquartered BAT will sell nearly 44 crore shares of ITC at a price band of Rs 384-400 through block deals on Wednesday, the deal's term sheet showed. At the lower end of the price band, the shares are priced at a 5% discount to the stock's Tuesday close on the BSE at Rs 404. ITC's block deal will be one of the largest in India. The biggest block deal in India was executed in May 2020 when global pharma major



GSK had sold 5.7% in FMCG major HUL for about Rs 25,600 crore. BAT holds a little over 29% stake in ITC but it is not the promoter of the company. BAT's top management has been talking about monetising part of its stake in ITC for three to four months, provided it could successfully navigate India's strict foreign holding rules in tobacco companies. BAT had indicated that it's holding in ITC would not fall below the strategically important 25% mark. "They (BAT) will continue to remain a major shareholder in ITC," a source told. On Tuesday evening, BAT through a statement said that after the completion of this block trade, "BAT will remain a significant shareholder of ITC.

25m high rail road to cross Barapullah in Delhi for RRTS train

Delhi: The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will finish a 260-metre-long special span on a viaduct or railroad at 25 meters, the second highest point on the Regional Rapid Rail Transit (RRTS) line, by month's end. The high-



est point in the 82-kilometer track between Delhi and Meerut is Ghaziabad RRTS station, erected 28 meters above the

Panasonic's arm looks to boost production in India

TOKYO: Panasonic Electric Works Company, a subsidiary of one of the world's largest electronics companies, wants to enhance its production capacity in India. It is also planning to expand its footprint in the Indian market over next five years, with a focus on wiring device business segment

over Barapullah may have delayed vehicle travel. We built the railroad span.

Pakistan inflation slows to 23.1% yr/yr in Feb

KARACHI: Pakistan's consumer price index for February was up 23.1% from the same month last year, marking the slowest rate of annual inflation since June 2022, data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics showed on Friday.

The country has been struggling with soaring inflation, which last May hit an all-time high of 38% on an annual basis, partly driven by new taxation measures the government imposed to comply with International Monetary Fund demands. Islamabad's funding agreement with the IMF expires on April 11. On a month-on-month basis the February CPI was unchanged, having risen every month since the fiscal year began last July. Pakistan's finance ministry projected in a monthly report on Thursday that inflation would hover around 24.5%-25.5% in February, with expectations of further easing to 23.5%-24.5% in March as the crop situation and the supply of commodities improves. The annual CPI for January had clocked in at 28.3%. February's improvement on that was partly due to base effects.

In January, Pakistan's central bank held its benchmark interest rate at 22% for the fifth policy-setting meeting in a row and raised its full-year inflation projections.

Once a global ideal, Germany's economy struggles with an energy shock that's exposing longtime

ESSEN: For most of this century, Germany racked up one economic success after another, dominating global markets for high-end products like luxury cars and industrial machinery, selling so much to the rest of the world that half the economy ran on exports. Jobs were plentiful, the government's financial coffers grew as other European countries drowned in debt, and books were written about what other countries could learn from Germany. No longer. Now, Germany is the world's worst-performing major developed economy, with both the International Monetary Fund and European Union expecting it to shrink this year. It follows Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the loss of Moscow's cheap natural gas - an unprecedented shock to Germany's energy-intensive industries, long

The governor of the State Bank of Pakistan said the rise in its average inflation forecast for the fiscal year ending in June to 23%-25%.

HKV eateries closed for noise pollution



Delhi: The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) sealed three restaurants in south Delhi's Hauz Khas area for operating without a CTO license and fined them Rs 30 lakh. DPCC reported to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that Hauz Khas village restaurants, pubs, and cafes were holding live music events on rooftops with loudspeakers and other sound equipment, producing noise pollution. The committee listed 31 inspected businesses, three of which were sealed. The submission came after a Hauz Khas village resident addressed the tribunal in April last year and again earlier this year, stating that pub noise pollution continued despite the NGT's orders. DPCC informed the tribunal that three restaurants, pubs, etc. were sealed on April 6 due to licensing violations. The local SDM reported that three units against whom the DPCC issued closure directives under section 33(A).