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More BJP-ruled states announce reservation to Agniveers in state jobs

NEW DELHI: As the BJP-led government faces heat from the opposition over the Agnipath scheme, several BJP-governed states have come to its rescue announcing reservation to Agniveers after retirement in state jobs. BJP's allies, Nitish Kumar's JDU and Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (RV), also requested to review the scheme. Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh announce reservation. The Rajasthan government on Saturday announced that they will provide reservation in the recruitment of jail and forest guards and state police. "The Rajasthan government has made a provision of reservation in state police, jail guard and forest guard recruitments for the Agniveers who protect the country's borders



Niti Aayog is a failure,' says RJD leader Manoj Jha as meeting of nodal agency takes place in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Calling Niti Aayog a "failure," Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Manoj Jha criticised the nodal agency on Saturday and said that till now it has achieved nothing. "What is NITI Aayog? It is a body that was formed for a particular academic exercise. What is achieved from it? Absolutely nothing" said Manoj Jha while speaking to ANI.

"NITI Aayog is a failure, a failed idea. The 240 mandate of the BJP also has the same message: that the collective should be restored," he added. Planning Commission vs Niti Aayog The RJD leader also questioned the problem in continuing with the Planning Commission. said chief minister Bhanjanlal Sharma's

office. However, the percentage of reservation in these services for Agniveers was not disclosed. The Arunachal Pradesh government also announced that they will provide training to local youths to prepare for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme. They also announced that retired Agniveers will be given preference in state's police, emergency and fire services. "The government of Arunachal Pradesh will facilitate training for local youths to prepare them for recruitment as Agniveers under the AGNIPATH scheme," chief minister Khandu said in a post on X. "Additionally, retired Agniveers from Arunachal Pradesh will be given preference in recruitment. for the Arunachal Pradesh Police.

Was not allowed to speak ... mic turned off': Mamata walks out of Niti Aayog

NEW DELHI : A visibly agitated West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee walked out of the Niti Aayog meeting midway on Saturday and accused the central government of "insulting" her deliberately by not providing enough time to talk. She further said that NDA members present at the meeting were given ample time to present their views. The Centre, however, refuted all allegations. The TMC supremo, who did not take the same route as her colleagues in the INDIA bloc to boycott the meeting, pointed out that she was the sole opposition member, adding that the Centre's "discriminatory action" to stop her from talking was an "insult" to not only Bengal but also to regional parties. Picking a cue from her fellow INDIA bloc colleagues, the TMC chief said she also hit out at the government as "politically biased" for overlooking certain states over other states in the Union Budget for



Family carries injured man on cot for 14 km to reach hospital

GADCHIROLI: Family members carried an injured tribal man on a cot for about 14 kilometres, crossing a swollen stream by boat, to reach the nearest hospital in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, an official said on Saturday. Mallu Majji (67) of Bhatpar village in Bhamragadh tehsil,

about 1,000 km from Mumbai, suffered injuries while working on his farm on Thursday. His son, Pusu Majji, and a few others turned a cot into a makeshift stretcher and set out for the hospital, the health official said. The rural hospital at Bhamragadh in the district, bordering Chhattisgarh. the meeting that central funds are due to West Bengal under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Prime Minister Awas Yojana. Centre refutes allegations

'Aurangabad Fan Club strong in Gujarat': Sanjay Raut counters Amit Shah's remarks against UBT Sena

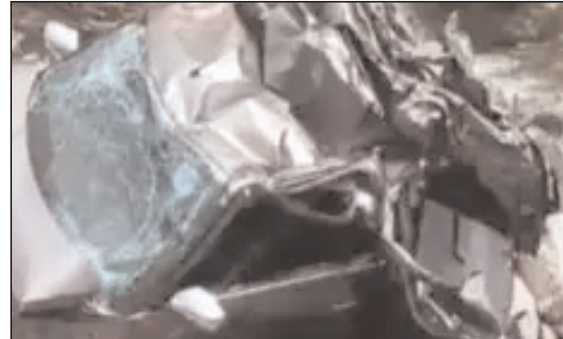
NEW DELHI: Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut countered home minister Amit Shah's remarks on Saturday, saying that the influence of Chhatrapati Shivaji's admirers prevails in Maharashtra, while the sway of the "Aurangabad Fan Club" holds strong in Gujarat. He asserted that the people of Maharashtra cherished his party chief, Uddhav Thackeray, just as they adored his father and Shiv Sena founder, Bal Thackeray. Raut added that the "cronies of Aurangzeb from Gujarat" cannot extinguish the Sena (UBT), news agency PTI reported. "This is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja's Maharashtra. Here, the writ of 'Shivaji Fan Club' runs.

'Upset over not getting to play' cricketer jumps to death from Kathipara flyover in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI: A 23-year-old cricketer leaped to his death from a height of 20ft at the Kathipara flyover in Guindy on Friday morning. No suicide note was found, but police said inquiries with some of his friends suggested he may have ended his life upset at not being selected for a city-based squad in the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL). Police identified the deceased as S Samuel Raj of Virugambakkam. Was upset over not getting to play TNPL, says friend. Police said Samuel Raj, an MBA holder, had completed a practice session and was going on his two-wheeler towards Butt Road. Witnesses told police he stopped in the middle of the Kathipara flyover and jumped down. People, who found him in the open space, called for an ambulance and alerted police. He was rushed to the Chromepet Govt Hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The body was sent for postmortem. A case of unnatural death was registered under Section 194 of the BNSS Act. During investigation, a few of his friends told police he was upset at not being selected to play in the TNPL. "We suspect this could have led him to take his life," said an officer, adding that he did not send any last-minute messages to his friends or family. Later, police handed over his body to his father Siva. (Assistance for those experiencing suicidal thoughts is available through Tamil Nadu.

5 children among 8 dead after car falls into gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag

NEW DELHI: Eight people, including 5 children, lost their lives when the vehicle they were traveling in plunged into a gorge along the Simthan-Kokernag Road near Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday. A policeman, two women and five children aged between six and 16 are among the dead, said officials.



The accident occurred as the vehicle was en route from Madwah Kishtwar, and the driver reportedly lost control. The tragic incident follows another recent accident in which six people died in two separate road mishaps in the Union Territory's

Rajouri and Reasi districts. On July 21, a taxi carrying eight passengers fell off a hilly road near Chalan village in Rajouri, as reported by PTI. Three people were killed. In another accident, a car with four members of a family fell into a gorge in Reasi district, resulting in the death of three individuals.

Foxconn to expand its product manufacturing operations for Apple in India

Bengaluru Foxconn to expand its product manufacturing operations for Apple in India, to add this gadget to the list Foxconn, Apple's major contract manufacturer, is reportedly planning to expand its operations in India to include the assembly of iPads. According to sources familiar with the matter, the Taiwanese company is considering using its facility in Sriperumbudur, Tamil



Nadu, to manufacture Apple's popular tablet devices. Discussions with the Indian government have already taken place, with initial feedback appearing positive. This move would mark a significant expansion of Foxconn's current operations in India, which have so far

focused primarily on iPhone assembly. Industry experts suggest that the capabilities required for iPad production are similar to those used in smartphone assembly, making it a logical next step for Foxconn's Indian operations. The expansion aligns with Apple's strategy to diversify its supply chain away from China, a trend that has accelerated in recent years.

'Leftists hijacked Olympics': Kangana calls Paris opening ceremony 'blasphemous'

NEW DELHI: Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut, who does not shy away from making her views public, weighed in on the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympic on Saturday and criticised the performance as "hyper-sexualized, blasphemous" acts, which she said were a result of "Leftists hijacking the Olympics." The performance involved children apparently reimagining "The Last Supper." Kangana's Instagram story Posting photos of the performance in her Instagram stories, Kangana Ranaut said, "The Paris Olympics is under fire for including a child in their hyper-sexualized, blasphemous rendi-



tion of The Last Supper. An apparent child could be seen joining during the performance. They also showed a naked man painted blue as Jesus and mocked Christianity. Leftists totally hijacked Olympics 2024. Shame." The BJP MP from Mandi also posted a photo of a man covered in blue paint. The actor commented, "Naked body painted Christ at the Olympics opening in Paris." Kangana's Instagram story In another post, Kangana remarked, "This is how France welcomed the world for the 2024 Olympics... What message are they trying to send? Welcome to the world of Satan? Is this their intention?" Kangana's Instagram story The actor further shared a collage of the performances, captioning it, "The Olympics opening was all about promoting homosexuality. I'm not

against homosexuality, but I don't understand how the Olympics are connected to any sexuality. Why is a global event celebrating human excellence being overshadowed by discussions of sex? Why can't sex remain a private matter? Why does it need to be a national identity? This is bizarre!" Ranaut's comments echoed those of many, who felt that the performance was an insult to Christians. However, neither the Paris Olympics organisers nor the performers have confirmed that their act was a rendition of The Last Supper. Meanwhile, Elon Musk also weighed in, calling the performance.

Woman, daughter killed in landslide following heavy rains in Tehri

NEW TEHRI: A 42-year-old woman and her teenage daughter were buried alive by a landslide in a village here on Saturday following incessant rainfall in the Budhakedar area of Tehri Garhwal district, officials said. The bodies of Sarita Devi and 15-year-old Ankita were retrieved during a search operation carried out by police and SDRF personnel in Toli village, according to District Magistrate (DM) Mayur Dikshit. A retaining wall behind their house collapsed amid heavy rains in the early hours of the day and they were buried under debris, he said, adding that two other members of the family were rescued. Violent currents of the Dharmganga river washed away.

4 Delhi men thrashed by kanwariyas in Meerut

Vatika Times MEERUT: A mob of kanwariyas attacked four men from the minority community after their car, allegedly driving in the wrong lane, accidentally brushed a devotee on the Delhi-Dehradun highway in Meerut on Friday. SP (City) Ayush Vikram Singh said, "Cops were alerted, but the mob had already vandalised the car before the police arrived." A purported video of the incident shows the four men locked in the car while the mob vandalised it and thrashed the occupants. Three managed to escape, while one was caught by the mob and handed over to the police. Another video of the incident showed a kanwariya standing on the car's roof, raising religious slogans. Police have not disclosed the victims' names, saying that neither party have sought legal action. On Thursday, a speeding car hit a devotee, causing a head injury on the same highway. Police later said both had minor injuries, and no FIR was lodged. This isn't the first instance of violence involving kanwariyas. Recently, in Muzaffarnagar, they thrashed Mohd Abid and vandalised his car, alleging "desecration". Abid said, "I wasn't speeding. I stopped abruptly as a biker suddenly crossed my car. The kanwariyas thrashed me and tried to stab me." In another incident, 50 kanwariyas were charged for thrashing a petrol pump employee and vandalising a store after the employee resisted littering on the premises. Additionally, in Muzaffarnagar,

Sulem Sarayan Dadhikando Fair Committee meet today

Prayagraj: An urgent meeting of Sulem Sarai Dadhikando Mela Committee has been organized by Thakur at Temple Sulem Sarai on Sunday, 28th July at 05 PM. Fair spokesperson Himanshu Kesarwani said that in the meeting there will be a discussion regarding conducting the upcoming Dadhikando Fair 2024 in a grand manner.

Remembering APJ Abdul Kalam on d'anniv

Prayagraj: Many people recognized him as the "missile man" who mesmerized many people during his travels to the city. When our writer visited the home of Congress spokesperson Javed Urfi, he found a large



portrait of him (Urfi) sharing space with former President A P J Abdul Kalam on the walls of his drawing room. Sharing his remarkable interaction with "Missile

Man," he stated, "Kalam Saab was here for the release of a book 'Bal Katha Sagar' penned down by my father, renowned witer and freedom fighter Janab Kalim Urfi. Kalam Saab was the same regardless of the position he occupied - always in quest of things that would help the common man. He was incredibly encouraging and provided us all, particularly our young students, with tremendous moral support."

"I'm remembering the happy times. As I go through old images. I am reminded of joyful moments I shared with DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM, President of India. His love gives me strength," he added.

CSC Day celebrated with great pomp

Prayagraj: To commemorate the completion of 15 years of establishment of Common Service Center (CSC), an undertaking of the Ministry of Electronics, Information Technology, Government of India, the annual festival is being celebrated with great pomp on 27th July at all the Commerce Service Centers across the state, which is organized by 50000 people of the state. Most are being held at Common Service Center and the main event is being held at Indira Gandhi Auditorium, Lucknow in which VLE brothers who have performed excellently in various services across the state were honoured. In the



last 15 years, the Common Service Center has been at the forefront in providing various government services to the common people in the rural areas, which include digital literacy, various government schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan, E-Shram Kisan Samman Nidhi, Aadhar Seva. Chief, and the work of 6th Economic Survey was also done by CSC by the Statistics Department of Government of India. District Manager of Common Service Center Prayagraj, Shailendra Singh told that on the occasion of completion of 15 years of CSC, 500 people of the district CSC Day was celebrated with great pomp at more than 100 Common Service Centers in which VLEs doing good work in the district were honored. CSC Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by CSC Prayagraj at the Sarthak Computer CSC Center in Kaudihay Development Block in which Piramal Housing Finance, Dish Hundreds of public service center operators including TV and HDFC Bank representatives, District Manager Ashish Tiwari were present.

Free Medical Camp Organized at Salaiya Kala Village by Meja Urja Nigam (Pvt.) Limited

Meja. Meja Urja Nigam (Pvt.) Limited, under its CSR initiatives by R&R Department and Arogyam Hospital, successfully organized a free medical camp at Salaiya Kala village on July 27, 2024, aiming to provide essential healthcare services to the local community.

The medical camp benefitted more than 60 residents (including 37-Males and 23 Females) of Salaiya Kala Gram including women, old age people and children. Dr. A K Chaudhary, Sr. Consultant and other healthcare professionals from Arogyam Hospital provided a wide



range of medical services, including general health check-ups, tests, and distribution of free medicines.

Meja Urja Nigam (Pvt.) Limited is committed to the welfare and well-being of its nearby communities. This free medical camp is a testament of its dedication towards providing accessible healthcare to deprived section of society.

The beneficiaries of this medical camp also expressed their gratitude for the free medical camp, highlighting the positive impact it had on their health and well-being. On this occasion, senior officials of CSR department were also present.

Poetic symposium organized

Prayagraj/ Bareilly: Under the aegis of Bareilly's literary organization Likhhaika Sangh, a poetry symposium was organized at the Indranagar residence of poetess Meera Mohan, which was presided over



by Bareilly's senior poet Acharya Devendra Dev ji and chief guest Himanshu Shrotriya was impartiial. The program was conducted by senior lyricist Kamal Saxena. After lighting the lamp by the guests, the poetry seminar started with the speech of Dr. Kiran Kainthwal. Senior lyricist Kamal Saxena, while reading his ghazal on daughters, said, "Sindoor in your hands in demand. May the bracelets remain for many births." Now the honor of your two houses is in your

hands. Forget the stones in front of you." Himanshu Shrotriya said, "It is very difficult to regain the faith. It has become quite hollow. The roots of the human being. People are busy worrying about their

homes, from where are you taking the talk about India." Patron of the organization, Mrs. Nirmala Singh ji read her poem on life, "The form of a human being in a world that is changing like the weather. We change. The journey of life is long, we walk in the sun and shade. "Poets took the seminar to new heights with their poems, songs and ghazals. In the seminar, Acharya Devendra Dev, Himanshu Shrotriya, Kamal Saxena, patron of the organization Mrs. Mausam In a changing world, the form of a human being changes. The journey of life is long, we walk in the sun and shade. Nirmala Singh, President Deepi Pandey, Vice President Chitra Johri, Secretary Dr. Kiran Kainthwal, Avinash Aggarwal, Sudhir Mohan, Meera Mohan, Mona Pradhan, and Meena Aggarwal and Shailja Bhardwaj etc. recited poetry. The poetry seminar continued till late night and at the end Meera Mohan expressed her gratitude to everyone.

Foundation stone laid for construction of running room at New Kanpur And also for increasing sectional speed to 100 kmph at Sujatpur- DDU

Prayagraj: Trial run conducted from New Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction to New Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction on 27.07.24. A special purpose inspection rail car was run at a speed of 100 kilometers per hour till Kanpur. The sectional speed of New DDU-New Shujaatpur (210 km) was fitted for goods train movement at the speed of 75 kmph. To further increase the sectional speed, a successful trial run of this section was conducted today at a speed of 100 kmph. The railcar left DDUN at 09:00 hrs and reached New Kanpur station at 13:05 hrs, covering a distance of 337 kms in 04 hours 05 minutes at an average speed of 82.53 kmph. Along with this, inspection of the newly constructed Naini bridge was also done by DFCCIL. The inspection was done and the rail car passed through this bridge at a speed of 100 kilometers per hour. Besides, the foundation stone of the Running Room lobby was also laid in New Kanpur. The inspection was done by Managing Director Ravindra Kumar Jain and Director Project Planning Pankaj Saxena. During the

inspection, G D Bhagwani, Executive Director (Asset Management), Anurag Yadav, General Manager (Civil) (CTE), AS Tomar, General Manager (S&T), A B Saran Chief General Manager Prayagraj East, Ashish Mishra, General Manager, Security, Shashikant Dwivedi General Manager



Power, Mannu Prakash Dubey Additional General Manager (Operations & Business Development)-EDFC and other DFC officials were present. The inspection was conducted in the presence of Grandhi Mallikarjuna Rao, GCM of M/s GMR and other officials of GMR.

Central Budget Seminar: Union Minister Ajay Tamta outlines budgetary benefits

Prayagraj: Modi's guarantee vehicle reached every village, the budget is focused on poor young farmers and women empowerment: Ajay Tamta Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways. Ajay Tamta, who came to attend the Central Budget Seminar, said that the Government of India presented the budget as per the system of the country. Have done. On Saturday, in the Union Budget Seminar organized under the joint ae-

gis of the workers of Prayagraj Metropolitan, Gangapar and Yamunapur at the BJP office in Civil Lines, Union Minister Ajay Tamta said that when Narendra Modi formed the government in 2014, he decided the draft of the budget as per the system of the country. And care was taken in every budget to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the person standing till the last line. Modi's guarantee vehicle reached every village. This is the

first government which works with guarantees.



Samman Nidhi is reaching the accounts of crores of farmers. The budget is focused on poor young farm-

ers. Women empowerment was taken to the whole

world through technology. Prayagraj is developing as a new advanced city. Ring road work is going on

in 2 packages. A package is being outlined. Work is being done as per Developed India 2047. MP Praveen Patel said that the budget is dedicated to the poor, farmers and women and is going to take the country forward. The program was conducted by Gangapar District President Kavita Patel, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra gave the welcome address while the vote of thanks was given by Yamunapur District President Vinod

Rajapati. On this occasion, MP Phulpur Praveen Patel, former minister Dr Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Gangapar President Kavita Patel, Yamunapur President Vinod Rajapati, Sanjay Srivastava, Prakash Shukla, Murari Lal Aggarwal, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Prabha Shankar Pandey, Dilip A large number of workers like Chaturvedi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra etc. were present.

In absence of doctors, injured kept suffering for hours

Seeing son's injured condition, father became distraught, after several hrs referred injured

Fatehpur: Both bike riders got injured when two bikes collided between Bairi and Chakia of Fatehpur police station area. The injured Shivsharan, son of Rakesh, resident of Garhwa Silmi, while returning home from Bairi to his aunt in Khakhru police station area, got his leg broken due to a collision between two bikes in the middle of Bairi Chakia of Khakhru police station area. He was brought to CHC Khakhru emergency ward. Due to absence of any doctor or pharmacist, the patient continued to suffer for about 2 hours. This information was given to CMO, Deputy CMO and many top officials.



of the injured, was talked to, he told that after getting his son first aid done in Manjhanpur, he was brought from Manjhanpur and his son is being treated in a private hospital in Prayagraj. On one hand, Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak is making sure that the health system runs smoothly, for which Health Minister Brajesh Pathak is inspecting many districts and giving orders to the responsible officers to ensure proper treatment of patients. But the health system seems to be failing in CHC Khakhru of Fatehpur district. An example of which was seen yesterday evening where the injured Shivsharan resident Garhwa had come from Silmi

with his aunt to drop her to Bairi in Khakhru police station area. While returning, there was a collision between two bikes between Barry and Chakia, in which both the youths riding the bikes were injured. Shivsharan's leg was broken due to which he was brought to CHC Khakhru, where the injured Shivsharan kept suffering for about 2 hours in CHC Khakhru. An attempt was made to talk to CHC Superintendent Dr. Raju Rao, but no response was received. On talking to Chief Medical Officer Fatehpur Dr. Rajeev Nayan Giri, he said that after taking cognizance of the matter, action will be taken after reaching the spot.

Curtains draw over CISCE Regional Cricket Competition at St. Joseph's College

Prayagraj won the competition series by scoring 55 runs for 1 wicket

Prayagraj: The final match and closing ceremony was organized on the third day of CISCE Regional Cricket Competition at St. Joseph's College Prayagraj. In today's competition, Prayagraj and Uttarakhand faced each other. In the inauguration of the program, Director Teacher Linda Gaffney introduced Chief Guest Justice Vivek Verma and his wife Dr. Ruchika Verma, Guest of Honor Dr. Zareen Rizvi, Special Guests Dr. Omar and Abbas Rizvi, Principal Rev. Father Walter De Silva, Headmaster Rev. Father Melvin Pace, Additional Administrator Aubrey Magawan, Chief Coordinator Jyoti Dubey were welcomed and congratulated. After which teacher Madhulika D'Souza recited the Lord's Word and prayed. Thereafter, the Prin-

icipal greeted the guests by giving them a bouquet and memento. Chief Guest Justice Vivek Verma is currently working as a judge in the Allahabad High Court. He is also an alumnus of Saint Joseph's College. Guest of



Honor Dr. Zareen Rizvi is currently the Zonal Coordinator of CISCE Prayagraj Zone and also the Principal of Saint John Academy Karchana.

After this, the principal and headmaster of the college introduced the players of both the teams and wished them all the best for

the match. In the final between Prayagraj and Uttarakhand, Prayagraj won the toss and decided to field first, in which Uttarakhand batted first and scored 50 runs at the loss of 5 wickets in 15 overs.

Prayagraj won the competition series by scoring 55 runs for 1 wicket. The best batsman of the match was Karanveer Singh and the best bowler and best player of the match was Mohd. Hammad who is from Prayagraj team. The best batsman of the series was Aditya Yadav (Agra Zone), the best bowler was Mohammad Hammad (Prayagraj Zone) and the best player of the series was Aditya Yadav (Agra Zone). Excellent commentary of

today's final match was done by spokesperson Dr. Vishnu Deb and teacher Tyran Albert, Saint Joseph's College Prayagraj. The chief guest while addressing the contestants said that participating in the game is more important than winning, you should break your own limits. And perform their best. After that, the Guest of Honor congratulated all the players for their amazing performance and said that it is more important than winning and losing, it is necessary to have respect for the spirit of the game. After which the college band played 'Ashasha', which forced people to clap.

After which the awards were distributed in which the chief guest and guest of honor presented the winning trophy to Prayagraj zone and the runner-up trophy to Uttarakhand zone.

Health tests revealed sugar and BP patients, anemia in women

Healthy lifestyle is important formula for a happy life: VC

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh, Health Sciences Vidya Branch of Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj and Vineeta Hospital, Phaphamau. A health check-up camp was organized in Saraswati campus on Saturday under the joint auspices of . Inaugurating the health check-up camp, Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam said that diseases can be warded off only through a healthy lifestyle. Healthy lifestyle is the important formula for a happy life. Along with regular exercise, balanced diet and healthy environment are necessary for a healthy life. Professor Satyakam said that on the instructions of Chancellor and Governor Anandiben Patel, the university has been organizing regular health check-up camps in the university campus in collaboration with various voluntary organizations. He said that in today's fast-paced world,



health check-up is a very important task. Every person must get a health checkup done twice a year, so that we can get correct information about our health.

On this occasion, there was a crowd of teachers and employees to get the

health checkup done. More than 75 people enrolled and got their health checkup done. Weight, height, pulse rate, oxygen level, sugar and blood pressure etc. were checked by the hospital management. The team of doctors conducted the examination with full dedi-

cation and gave important suggestions regarding adopting a healthy lifestyle. Doctors took anemia in women seriously. For which doctors suggested consuming tonic to increase blood. In the health checkup, most of the cases related to sugar and blood pressure were

recorded. Many people who were feeling tired during work came to know for the first time that they were facing problems of sugar and blood pressure due to disturbance in their regular routine. Professor Meera Pal, in-charge of the Department of Health Sciences, expressed her gratitude to the doctors Dr. Rajiv Singh, Dr. Sudhir Maurya and Dr. Navneet and the para medical team who came on behalf of the hospital management. Earlier, in the beginning, Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam and Vineeta came for the health checkup. The doctors and paramedical staff of the hospital were welcomed by Professor Meera Pal, in-charge of the Health Sciences Vidya Branch. Registrar Colonel Vinay Kumar presented the outline of the event and thanked Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam for the success of the event.

Technical session on UP Govt Policy on Tourism Promotion held

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh -Prayagraj Hotel and Restaurant Association successfully organized a technical session on "Uttar Pradesh Government Policy on Tourism Promotion: Classifications of Hotels for Tourism Growth and Benefits to the Tourism Sector in Uttar Pradesh" on 26th July, in collaboration Tourism Department, Kumbh Mela Administration, Prayagraj Development Authority and Nagar Nigam. The session was graced by several distinguished dignitaries and prominent figures such as Shri Arvind Chauhan, Vice Chairman of Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA), Ms. Aprajita Singh, Regional Tourist Officer and Shri Pramod Kumar Dwivedi (CTO).

The event was spearheaded by Shri Harjinder Singh, President of the Prayagraj Hotel and Restaurant Association. In his keynote address, Shri Arvind Chauhan, Vice Chairman of Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) highlighted the significant initiatives and policies implemented by the

Uttar Pradesh Government to promote tourism, particularly focusing on the classification of hotels and the benefits offered to enhance tourism growth. His insights were invaluable to the attendees, offering a comprehensive understanding of the current and future landscape of the tourism sector in the state.

The session also saw active participation from Shri Vidhup Agrahari, Shri

ment and the hospitality sector to achieve sustainable tourism growth. The interactive session allowed hoteliers to address their queries and share their experiences, fostering a productive dialogue.

Shri Harjinder Singh, President of the Prayagraj Hotel and Restaurant Association, expressed his gratitude to the esteemed guests and participants for their enthusiastic involvement. He



Anil Kumar Gupta, and Shri Rakesh Roy, who contributed their perspectives on the tourism industry's development. Over 100 hoteliers from Prayagraj and surrounding areas attended the session, engaging in discussions and exploring ways to leverage the benefits provided by the state's tourism policies. Ms. Aprajita Singh, Regional Tourist Officer, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the govern-

reiterated the association's commitment to working closely with government bodies to drive the region's tourism growth and ensure that the benefits of the policies reach every stakeholder. The technical session was a resounding success, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and networking among industry professionals. It underscored the collective efforts needed to make Uttar Pradesh a leading tourism destination in India.

Five-day farmer training prog held under Atma Yojana in SHUATS

Naini, Prayagraj: Five-day farmer training program under 'Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA) scheme' sponsored by Deputy Agriculture Director of Extension,

SHUATS Prayagraj Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Prakash Dubey gave detailed information to the farmers on value addition and processing of the produce of various crops. While including Ragi,

Praveen Charan highlighted the importance of planting different species of bamboo in the vacant fields which do not yield crops and its usefulness. Joint Director Extension Dr. Arun Kumar Chaurasia, while discussing the importance of seeds in seed production, said that high quality The seed gives 20-25 percent more production than normal seed. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by training coordinator Dr. T.D.



Sonbhadra at Extension Directorate, Shuats, Prayagraj for farmers of Chatra, Nagwan and Robertsganj development blocks of Sonbhadra district on Saturday, Auditorium, Extension Directorate. In the closing ceremony of the training program, Chief Guest Director Development,

Jowar, Bajra, Maize flour in his food grains in various ways, he said that by using these mixed flours in biscuits, laddus, halwa, panjiri and in various other ways, they provide micronutrients (iron, zinc, protein, etc.) can be put to good use by the farmer brothers. Director Extension Dr.

Mishra. At the conclusion of the program, coordinators Dr. Arun Yadav, Dr. Yogesh Chandra Srivastava, Dr. Shishir Kumar, Dr. Sarvendra Kumar, Dr. Madan Sen Singh, Dr. Shailendra Kumar Singh and Directorate of Extension All the employees were present.

Bogus registry game prospering under Yogiji's control

Prayagraj: (Registered case number: 359/2023 in Kotwali of the city, Colonelganj, like many cases are registered in different police stations, people committing fraud are very dangerous, even when everything is in plain sight and the truth is known, the police remains ignorant, action will be taken. They are afraid of! Why...?

In the Sadar tehsil of the city, the police avoids exposing the henchmen of mafia Atiq Ahmed who have created and captured fraudulent registry/deed, whereas in other cases, strict action is being taken against the mafia, but due to fraudulent registration of lands/fake wills. After a lot of efforts to find out why it avoids disclosure, the information received from reliable sources is shocking. The matter is of the Revenue Department. If highly trusted sources are to be believed, then all the top officials of the police administration know that fraud happens on a large scale. But the revenue department's peon, babu, sub-registrar, tehsil peon, babu, amin, accountant, law enforcer, naib, thesildar, SDM and other senior officers may be in trouble, that is why STF, Crime Branch, SOG do not make any disclosure. Neither does it allow this very serious matter to go to CBI, nor is any forensic investigation done on the forged documents, otherwise within 24 hours all the land mafias, thugs and departmental officers and employees deeply involved in corruption would be caught. And the gang that has been running unabated for years and making forged documents of land and houses should be exposed. But now it seems that apart from Chief Minister Yogi ji, no one has the capacity to break this caucus of fraud, because no official of the district would want these dangerous land mafias to be exposed so that action can be taken against the government people involved in corruption.

DAVSPPS commemorates b'anniv of JRD Tata

Prayagraj: DAVSPPS, commemorated 120th birth anniversary of the legendary J.R.D. Tata, a great philanthropist and industrialist. As a mark of respect and admiration, the entire week was dedicated to commemorating his birth anniversary. Ms. Jaijeet Kaur, SDM BARA and Mr. Kunwar Pankaj, ARO Prayagraj were invited as the guests of the month. They witnessed the exhibition organized by the school that showcased various aspects of J.R.D. Tata's life.

For students of Nursery to UKG, a coloring activity was conducted. Students of classes 1 to 5 participated in collage-making and quiz competitions. An interhouse debate competition on the topic "Philanthropy vs Profit" was conducted for classes 6 to 9 and 11.

Students exhibited exceptional enthusiasm and energy throughout the various activities. The distinguished chief guests lauded the students and inspired them with their uplifting words. The celebration was an overwhelming success, characterized by exuberance and an atmosphere of high spirit.

Students' faces brightened up once they received tablets

Prayagraj: Tablets were distributed to 149 students of postgraduate classes at Har Narayan Singh Degree College, Karailabagh, Prayagraj today. Under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme UP, today in the 7th phase of the program, the chief guest of the college, Mr. Devendra Singh Chandel, the founder/manager of the college, inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Director of the college, Dr. Uday Pratap Singh ji distributed tablets to the PG students and highlighted their



contribution in the development of the nation along with making their future bright by giving them technical empowerment. Nodal Officer Shri Ravi Prakash Gupta explained in detail the smartphone/tablet scheme running in Uttar Pradesh. Principal Dr. Ajay Govind Rao outlined the background of the college and informed the students about all the courses running in the college. Mainly Deputy Director Shri Vinay Pratap Singh, Shri Akhilendra Pratap Singh, Dr. Jitendra Verma, Rakesh Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Garima Jaiswal, Ishwar Lal Saroj, Suraj Gautam etc. were present in this program. The stage was conducted by Dr. Ambika Prasad Pandey.

MLC Surendra Chaudhary felicitated

Prayagraj: BJP workers gave a grand welcome to MLC Surendra Chaudhary on his first arrival in the city after becoming the Chairman of the Study Committee of the Legislative Council. Today, during his arrival in the city by road from Lucknow, district border Nawabganj Phaphamau Telierganj Balsan intersection BJP office Civil Line And in the Circuit House, BJP workers gave a grand welcome to the Chairman of the Study Committee, MLC Surendra Choudhary. On this occasion, Chairman Surendra Choudhary also garlanded the statues of Pandit Deendayal



Upadhyay, Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad and Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. On this occasion, Senior leader and convener of Policy Research Department, Metropolitan Dr. Rajesh Singh Yuva Morcha Metropolitan President Rohit Pandey Pappu Yuva Morcha Kashi State Minister Saurabh Singh Ankit, District Media Incharge Rajesh Kesarwani District General Secretary Shyam Prakash Pandey Abhinav Chaudhary Ajay Hela Harishankar Mandal President Sorav Nimish Khatri Sushil Maharaj Bhupendra Singh, former chief Alok Pandey, Rohit Pandey, Kunjan Pandit Balkrishna, Anupam Shukla, Surendra Pandey, Anshu Khanna, Uday Yadav, Sushil Yadav, Vivek Bhaduria etc. were prominently present.

Annual investiture ceremony held at Benhur High School and College

Prayagraj: The annual investiture ceremony of the school was held at Zahida Auditorium of Benhar High School and College on Saturday, July 27 at 11 am. The chief guest of this program was Rapid Action Force Commandant Manoj Kumar Gautam. On this occasion, the chairperson of the school, Dr. Afroz Jahan, Principal Sabiha Khan and Vice Principal Alina Khan along with the founder of the school, Tariq Khan, wore the badges of their posts and administered the oath to the office bearers of the session 2024-25.

This year Mohammad Abu Bakar Khan took oath as the headboy of the school and Afifa Qamar as the headgirl. Similarly, Ahaan Kumar became the deputy headboy of the school and Rida Fatima became the deputy headgirl. Mohammad Shahrukh Khan, Mirza Ali Nawaz, Abdul Rehman, and Farhan Khan took oath as captains of Junoon House, Mother

House, Gomes House, and Stephen House respectively. On this occasion, 8 Vice Captains, 12 Prefects

guest Manoj Kumar Gautam in his speech emphasized on 'Country First' and said that this school is your alma

College is a part of India, every patriot should love it. Blessing the students, he said, I hope that you will



and 20 Class Monitors also assumed charge.

Badges were also awarded to the officials of Zahida Foundation, a social organization of Benhar School and College. Chief

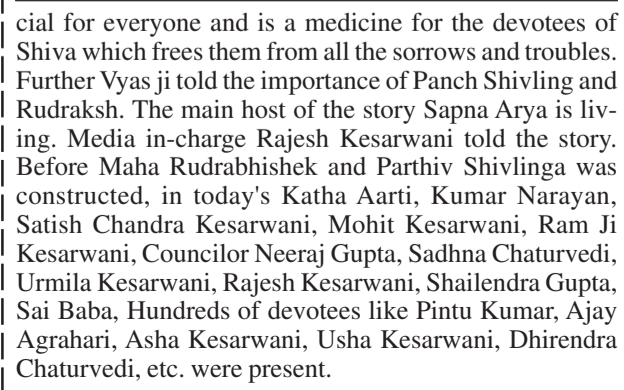
matter, but first of all the country India is your alma mater. Therefore, loving your country while you sleep should be the first priority. He said that since Benhar High School and

definitely fulfill your oath. I am overwhelmed by your discipline, patience and decency and congratulate Benhar management, founder and all the teachers for this.

Shiva's character is medicine for devotees: Satanandji Maharaj

Maharudrabhishek and construction of Parthiv Shivalinga

Prayagraj: On the fourth day of the story of Shri Shiv Mahapurani in Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Narayan Vatika in Muthhiganj, organized under the aegis of Kartavya Path Pariwar, revered Shri Satanand Maharaj said that the character of Shiva is important for the nation. It is benefi-



cial for everyone and is a medicine for the devotees of Shiva which frees them from all the sorrows and troubles. Further Vyas ji told the importance of Panch Shivling and Rudraksh. The main host of the story Sapna Arya is living. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told the story. Before Maha Rudrabhishek and Parthiv Shivlinga was constructed, in today's Katha Aarti, Kumar Narayan, Satish Chandra Kesarwani, Mohit Kesarwani, Ram Ji Kesarwani, Councilor Neeraj Gupta, Sadhna Chaturvedi, Urmila Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Shailendra Gupta, Sai Baba, Hundreds of devotees like Pintu Kumar, Ajay Agrahari, Asha Kesarwani, Usha Kesarwani, Dharendra Chaturvedi, etc. were present.

Editorial

Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

The court was also informed that third parties were unfairly benefiting commercially from the sale of merchandise featuring his pictures and voice for ringtones. Most alarming was the online circulation of fake pornographic images and videos of the actor with other actresses. Notably, in its order, the Delhi High Court stated that satirical writing and genuine criticism would be safeguarded and not construed as violations of personality rights. While the word 'Jhakaas' can be used by people, they cannot exploit it commercially in the manner Anil Kapoor does. Similarly, it can be used for satire, criticism or parody, but not for monetary gains. In the Jackie Shroff case as well, the court declined to order the removal of a video titled 'Jackie Shroff is Savage, Jackie Shroff Thug Life', posted on a YouTube channel named 'Thugesh'. The court deemed the video a form of artistic expression and said imposing restrictions would have significant consequences. In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

The Delhi High Court recently issued an order safeguarding the personality and publicity rights of film actor Jackie Shroff, restraining several social media accounts, AI Chatbots, and e-commerce websites from exploiting the actor's name, voice, or image for commercial purposes without his consent. Shroff petitioned the court against the unauthorised use of his name and persona, seeking protection against various individuals and entities utilising and misusing his identity without permission. The proliferation of AI-generated deepfake videos has exacerbated concerns for celebrities. Jackie Shroff's isn't the first instance of a film star resorting to legal action to protect their personality rights. Over the past two years, the Delhi High Court has issued interim orders to prevent the unauthorised use of Amitabh Bachchan and Anil Kapoor's name, image, and voice. The question arises: why are some celebrities turning to courts for the protection of their personality rights, while others refrain? "Where there is demonstrable misuse, people are approaching. Personality right is a facet of publicity right," says advocate Ameet Naik, who has represented Bachchan, Kapoor and now Shroff in their respective personality rights suits.

Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities

On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion of Tibet for India's northern border. Five days later, the dying Sardar (who passed away on December 15) constituted this committee to examine the possibility of Chinese communist troops occupying the areas south of the McMahon Line or elsewhere on the Indo-Tibet border and "to consider the feasibility or advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress".

Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then



Jadhang), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district.

The Role of Jairamdas Daulatram

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

Precise tasks were given to

the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests in you and not in them." He was directed to submit detailed reports about the Tibetan 'influence' in the area and the nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for."

An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces." Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and

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

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

On February 9, 1951, the Tsona Dzungpons met Khathing again, and the latter reported to the governor: "As regards the lay officials, like Tsona Dzungpons and Drekhangs, the salt monopolists and grain collectors, I have not allowed them to

exercise any of their powers and influence." Undoubtedly, the merit of having taken over Tawang's administration goes to Daulatram as well as to the most reliable major.

Nehru's Reaction

On March 18, 1951, the prime minister noted: "I hear constantly about the activities of the North and North-East Border Defense Committee. These activities have resulted in action being taken on the Tibetan border and in Nepal. At no stage have these matters been brought up before me for consultation, although apparently consultations have taken place with the Governor of Assam and other people far away. ... I am greatly concerned about this matter because ... the manner of our going to Tawang and taking possession of it and thus creating some international complications, has not been a happy one. I am yet not quite clear how all this was done without any reference to me."

Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. The central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation

of the border villages of Nelang and Jadung, near the Line of Actual Control in Chamoli district.

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

"This court's mind is not free from doubt that the said community has been treated as a commodity for political ends. This is clear from the chain of events that led to the classification of the 77 Classes as OBCs and their inclusion to be treated as a vote bank. Identification of the classes in the said community as OBCs for electoral gains would leave them at the mercy of the concerned political establishment and may defeat and deny other rights," it noted. The court observed that the decision of the State was an affront to the Muslim community as it was being treated purely as a vote bank. The National Commission for Backward Castes had discovered that 118 of

179 groups in the Bengal OBC list were Muslims! In the Most Backward Class category, of 81 communities 73 are Muslim and only eight are Hindu. Of the 98 communities in Category B, 45 are Muslim and the rest Hindu. The state's Muslim population in 2011 was 27 per cent. How can one-fourth of the population snatch three-fourths of OBC benefits? Besides, NCBC chairperson Hansraj Gangaram Ahir found that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar's Rohingyas had made their way into the beneficiaries list. He said state officials initially claimed that these were Hindus who had later converted to Islam. Asked for proof, they slinked away. Earlier, a

Constitution bench of the Supreme Court under CJI YK Sabharwal had stated that the concerned State will have to "show in each case the existence of the compelling reasons, namely, backwardness, inadequacy of representation and overall administrative efficiency before making provision for reservation...the State has to collect quantifiable data showing backwardness of the class and inadequacy of representation of that class in public employment in addition to compliance of Article 335." The Calcutta High Court has gone as far as calling the practice of arbitrarily giving Muslims a slice of the OBC quota a fraud on the Constitution. "The State has reserved to itself.

BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation

Thiruvananthapuram. Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 per cent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyookavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manaloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad.

Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, K o v a l a m , N e y y a t t i n k a r a , Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur,

Hindu voters make up 63.2 per cent of the population, followed by Christian voters at 21.4 per cent and Muslim voters at 15.4 per cent (according to the 2011 Census figures). This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like Guruvayur, Vadakkunnathan, and Paramakkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the

winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing setbacks in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters and continued his humanitarian work in the region. In 2023, Thrissur was confronted with a severe crisis. The cooperative banks had reached their peak, resulting in many individuals losing their hard-earned deposits to the Karuvannur bank scam. Suresh Gopi emerged as a champion for the people, mirroring his on-screen action-hero persona. His proactive involvement in this crisis established him as a real-life champion for the people. During the Nari Shakti Sammelan held in Thrissur in January 2024, party leadership indirectly endorsed Suresh Gopi's candidacy. Around the same time, Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister K. Karunakaran and Suresh Gopi's former opponent in the Assembly elections, joined the BJP. Further bolstering his support, the Left-leaning independent mayor of Thrissur.

A changing Kashmir votes and vents about education, aspiration, and 3 de-hyphenations

UPSC, NEET, JEE—all the things young people want—are sought after by all. These hoardings feature several successful student photographs. Kashmiri post-stone-throwing generation. They represent the Valley's future. I messaged my old buddy and fellow traveler Uday Shankar, previously of Star-Disney and now a great entrepreneur, to say I see so many Allen hoardings that the location should be renamed the Valley of Allen or Allenistan. He proudly told me how many young Kashmiris are passing these tests to become physi-

cians, engineers, etc. Those nostalgic for militancy and secession might find it a distraction. If so, no distraction is more good. Even tripling defense funding or enacting a legislation three times as harsh as UAPA cannot change the fact that so many tens of thousands of boys and girls desire to compete with the best and choose employment elsewhere. We see what hasn't changed and the tensions within most clearly on the walls. Gupkar Road is home to Kashmir's powerful. The principal Valley parties created the Gupkar Alliance for that reason.

Reinforced concrete walls up to 18 feet and more make each 'home' a fortress. On walls, you may discover stronger steel sheets with rolled concertina fencing. Even Sergei Bubka, a famous pole vaulter, would struggle to pass this hurdle. This won't change soon. Farooq Abdullah teaches me for about two hours under a tree. He says violence is gone, things are better. Youth are still outraged, though. They consider Delhi 'vindictive'. Too many are imprisoned in distant states. My best translation and summary of this peaceful teaching over

fresh, sliced strawberries would be: Peace is fine, but what's the benefit? Things are improved, people appreciate peace, and Pakistani delusions are ended. Take nothing for granted. He often discusses history, the numerous turns he has taken since making his public debut as a subaltern to his father. He is one of India's oldest and most vibrant and passionate politicians, approaching 87. When we revisit Article 370, that passion shines. "They say Kashmiris are now Indians after abrogation. We weren't Indians before? Like every chronic geopolitical.

Jay Shah, who may run for chairman

Delhi: Sri Lanka, 220 delegates from 108 ICC member countries will attend the four-day International Cricket Council (ICC) annual conference. However, like all cricket these days, the spotlight will be on the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and its influential administrator Jay Shah, who may run for chairman. 'Capitalising on the Olympic Opportunity' and 'Cricket's victorious return at LA28' are among the gathering's topics. Before cricket moves forward in the US, the T20 World Cup's poor performance will be reviewed. A \$20 million overrun, inadequate pitches, and high ticket prices plagued the USA part of the 2024 T20 World Cup co-hosted by West Indies. ICC director Pankaj Khimji has requested a detailed budget audit from the board. Two senior ICC executives, including head of events Chris Tetley, have resigned.



The issue will likely be discussed under 'Any other business', where most major conversations occur. The ICC will consider India's 2025 ODI Champions Trophy trip to Pakistan and Pakistan Cricket Board's planned itinerary (Feb 19-March 9). Indian matches in Lahore will be meaningless until the government allows its team to travel to Pakistan. According to a BCCI official, this is unlikely.

Even if PCB seeks clarity in the ICC boardroom, progress may be slow. The BCCI wants a hybrid event with UAE or Sri Lanka as co-hosts. But that process may be delayed too. On Jay

Shah's interest in the ICC Chair, the BCCI secretary wants to go, not because it's a bigger office but because the constitution requires a cooling-off period after two three-year terms. His BCCI term ends in late 2025, while ICC elections are in November. Shah may want to act now, but he hasn't been forthcoming. Another theory is that Barclay might use the amended ICC constitution, which now allows two three-year terms for the chairman instead of three two-year terms. Shah can take over in 2025 if the ICC elections are delayed. ICC board members 'refuted' this idea for now.

Sourav Ganguly ahead of the 2024 season, boosting the Indian Racing

Delhi: The Kolkata Royal Tigers Racingteam will be owned by former India cricket captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly ahead of the 2024 season, boosting the Indian Racing Festival's third season. Racing Promotions Pvt. Ltd. launched the Indian Racing Festival to attract India's growing motor-sport fanbase. The event features the Indian Racing League (IRL) and Formula 4 Indian Championship (F4IC), promising an exciting season of high-speed racing. Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Kochi, and Ahmedabad will compete from August to November this year. Kolkata debuts this year. Sourav Ganguly, nicknamed as the 'Prince of Calcutta' and 'Dada,' is an Indian cricket icon. As Kolkata Royal Tigers owner, he brings excitement and reputation to motor racing in West Bengal and eastern India. Ganguly is expected to increase cricket's appeal and make the Kolkata Royal Tigers a force in the Indian Racing Festival. "We are happy



to announce Sourav Ganguly as Kolkata franchise owner. His creative leadership and dedication to perfection, forged by decades of cricketering success, give the Indian Racing Festival unmatched energy. "RPPL Chairman and Managing Director Akhilesh Reddy said Ganguly's legacy will ignite passion and propel future motorsport lovers in India to greatness. He stated that Ganguly's engagement is expected to raise awareness of the Indian Racing Festival (IRF) and secure its place as India's top motorsport event.

"I am thrilled to join the Kolkata team in the Indian Racing Festival. I've always loved motorsports, and this chance lets me help Kolkata's motorsport expand and

promote excellence and sportsmanship "Ganguly. "Together with the Kolkata Royal Tigers, we aim to build a strong legacy in the Indian Racing Festival and inspire a new generation of motorsport enthusiasts, making the Kolkata Royal Tigers a formidable force in the festival," he said.

The former Indian cricket captain, who played 113 Tests and 311 ODIs, is noted for developing fresh talent and winning games. His ownership of ATK Mohun Bagan and involvement in the Indian Racing Festival demonstrate his dedication to sports in India. He encouraged spectators to attend the races in big numbers and support the drivers, assuring an exciting experience.

CAPSULES

The Delhi government provides funding of Rs 100 crore to 12 DU colleges

Delhi: The Delhi government has resolved to put teacher and student welfare first, even in light of financial mismanagement issues that have revealed at 12 Delhi University campuses recently. The government has granted Rs 100 crore to these colleges under its funding. According to Minister Atishi, "Many issues of financial mismanagement have come to the fore in these colleges in the last few years, but the Kejriwal gov't has decided that the teachers and students at those colleges should not suffer due to the mistakes of the management and administration." She stated: "Keeping in mind the welfare of teachers, their medical benefits and pension benefits which were struck due to financial mismanagement, Delhi gov't is releasing a fund of Rs 100 crore in the second quarter for these 12 colleges." The minister went on, saying, "Kerry's government concentrated on higher education in addition to schools, opening three new universities and expanding existing ones. Delhi's higher education system is significantly influenced by the 12 Delhi University colleges that receive full government funding." The minister has authorized the release of the second quarter installment, according to the government. Additionally, the Kejriwal government has budgeted roughly Rs 400 crore for these financed universities in 2024-2025, according to a release. "Ever since the Kejriwal gov't came to power in Delhi, the budget given to these colleges has been increased more than three times, which shows the government's commitment towards education," it stated.

Hardik Pandya's Fitness, Workload Management Cost Him T20I Captaincy

Delhi: The BCCI named Suryakumar Yadav India's T20I captain for the three upcoming matches against Sri Lanka, bypassing Hardik Pandya. The apex board chose SKY over Pandya, who worked as Rohit Sharma's deputy at the T20 World Cup and led India in Rohit's absence. The five-match T20I series against Australia last year, directly after the ODI World Cup 2023, was captained by Suryakumar. Indian won the series 4-1, and many players reportedly wanted SKY to captain India when Rohit retired from T20I. ESPNcricinfo reported that Hardik Pandya was snubbed for replacing Rohit due to fit-



ness difficulties and workload management. This comes after new coach Gautam Gambhir suggested that a good player play all three formats. "Professional cricketers, your span is small. You desire

to play as much as possible for your country. "Play all three formats when you're in good form," Gambhir told Star Sports. Sportsmen suffer injuries. If you play all three formats, you get injured, heal,

but you should.

I don't believe in identifying players and saying, "We'll keep him for Test matches and manage his injury and workload", he said. Given Pandya's injury issues, it was a direct message. After overcoming back troubles, Hardik missed the entire ODI World Cup 2023 due to an ankle injury. BCCI may be right to favor Suryakumar Yadav over Hardik Pandya due to his injury record. While only six matches remain until the Champions Trophy 2025, Hardik Pandya has sought the BCCI for a sabbatical during the ODI portion.

From Mumbai trouble child to India T20 leader

Delhi: Shams Mulani's rise to national prominence has been arduous. The left-arm spinner has taken 180 wickets in 38 first-class matches, 82 in 55 List A games, and 52 in 45 T20s in Ranji Trophy. The 27-year-old awaits his big break. Suryakumar Yadav, his club team Parsee Gymkhana, and IPL franchise Mumbai Indians' changing rooms inspire him to keep going. Mulani saw Surya's struggle to break into the Indian squad before receiving his cap at 30. Everyone saw Surya's extraordi-



which inspires me. As Mumbai players attempt to break into the national team, his late India debut inspires us. We look up to Surya, who has given many Mumbai players like Tushar Deshpande (29).

nary batting talent in juniors. He scored 73 on his Ranji debut at 18 in 2010 and 754 in nine games the following season. He worked for approximately 12 years before making his India debut in March 2021. His presence has been obvious. The No.1 T20 hitter helped India win the World Cup,

Mulani, who was the highest Ranji wicket-taker in 2021-22, second in 2022-23, and had another remarkable 35 last season, feels the hardship and grind are crucial. After a late start, Surya has risen quickly in the past three years and was selected T20I captain this week.

Delhi Skills University "revokes" EWS, SC/ST fee concession; no clearance in place

Delhi: On July 9, a second-year Scheduled Caste student at Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) requested a fee waiver from the academics department. The student, enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration (Facilities and Hygiene Management) study at the main campus in Dwarka, was advised to pay the same course fee as 2022-23 students without a waiver. "SC students paid Rs 45,140. We must pay Rs 56,700 (the 2022-23 batch's standard fee)," the youngster said. This BBA course costs this year. Students, reeling from a significant cost spike across most programs, claimed DSEU has abolished the 10% fee concession for EWS students and 20% for



SC and ST students, which the institution disputed. Students' group Aawaz protested by posting posters on 22 campuses asking: "Why does DSEU revoke aid for SC, ST and EWS students... (sic)." According to DSEU Vice-Chancellor Prof Ashok Kumar Nagawat, "SC/ST and EWS students do not currently receive fee concessions. The finance committee will decide on concessions, but until then, no action can be made because of audit objections."

The V-C declined to comment on how concessions from last year were approved. "Waivers will be discussed in the meeting," Nagawat said. Professor Gagan Dhawan, Registrar, said, "On February 14, the Board of Management discussed not charging students the recovery charge (of previously waived sums). The fee waiver previously lacked official approval, so the government is ensuring that the concession is offered after proper approval.

Non-teaching faculty can now be HoD in government hospitals



Delhi: In a major change from the usual, the health ministry now allows non-teaching professors to become department heads at government hospitals and medical colleges. "Non-teaching specialists and GDMO (General Duty Medical Officer) cadre officials working in the concerned department are also eligible to become HoD (Head of Department)," the

rule adds. It applies to three Delhi-based central government hospitals and medical colleges: Lady Hardinge Medical College and Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. In the event of a non-teaching/GDMO HoD, academic activ-

ities must be supervised by the senior most teaching faculty. Most medical schools and hospitals follow the National Medical Commission (NMC) guideline that a potential department head must have at least 10 years of teaching experience as a professor or associate professor, including five years as a department profes-

Delhi Cyber Crime DCP recommends schooling on cyber safety



Delhi: A top police officer said cyber crime awareness should be taught in schools since virtual frauds and thefts don't shock the public as much as street and house muggings and robberies. Cybercrime has increased in the past 1.5 years and may continue to rise. "Crime against cyber property will see a rise and a time may come when each district will have more cyber police stations than traditional crime police stations," stated. Also Read: Delhi High Court orders city chief secretary to expedite Rs 387 crore hybrid hearings sanction. Thieves are shifting online as more individuals do business online and store money on phones and PCs. However, the average person seems unaware of cyber fraud's potential. Tiwari said awareness is needed, not legislation change. Cybercrime awareness is low. "In a crowded train, you check your purse because pick pockets could steal it, but not in cyberspace," Tiwari remarked. AAP protests BJP office over 1,100 trees destroyed in Delhi's southern ridge. Tiwari added that most people don't know they may lock their Aadhaar cards. "Even I was not aware about it but when a case came in our unit, I got to know that one can lock it," remarked. Tiwari said a cheater might get an Aadhaar account and commit fraud. "Locking your Aadhaar card prevents misuse.

Dr. Vinod Kumar conferred D. Litt

Chandigarh: Hessen International University of Germany has conferred the honorary degree of D.Litt on Dr. Vinod Kumar. This degree was conferred on him during the 8th edition of India Intellectual Conclave-2024 held at Holiday Inn International Aero City, New Delhi. He received this degree from the hands of Brahmachari (Dr.) Girish Chandra Verma, Chancellor of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic University, Madhya Pradesh, who was present as the chief guest. Senior Technical Director (Retd.), National Informatics Centre, Pramod Rajput, Delhi Police, Presidential Medal in Policing recipient SI Kiran Sethi, Group Director of TNP GNIOT NAAC A+ Group of Institutions, Greater Noida, Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of Global Trade and Technology Council of India Lions Club Delhi, President of New Delhi



Bar Association, Advocate Jagdeep Vats, Dr. P.K., Former Senior Vice President of Cadila Pharmaceutical Limited Rajput, Environment and Consumer Protection Foundation Executive Chairman Dr. Rakesh Chandra Agarwal, Army Veteran Major Mohammad Ali Shah, Dr. (Colonel) Gunjan Malhotra Sareen, Army Veteran, Motivational Speaker Lieutenant Colonel Himanshi Singh, Academic Scholar, Iran Dr. Mehran Lahooti, International Academician, Georgia, Dr. Deepika Joshi, Abhishek Pandey, Kamal Wadhawan and Manish Gupta were also present. The program started with

the lighting of the lamp. The hon'ble guests were welcomed. After the speech of the guests, the citation was read and oath was given. Thereafter, the honorary degree was awarded. Dr. Vinod Kumar said that the Honorary Degree Committee used specific criteria when considering candidates. The University generally gives preference to honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their field. Whose exceptional achievements have promoted cultural and social work and have achieved international standards of excellence.

We believe in people's poll, not exit polls: TMC

Rejecting the exit poll predictions regarding the 42 LS seats in West Bengal, Trinamool Congress Saturday said it believed in people's mandate. Most of the polls predicted BJP would get more seats than TMC in the state. "Most of the exit polls predicted a victory for BJP in the 2021 assembly elections. We all know what the actual results were - TMC won a two-thirds majority. TMC will win more than 30 LS seats in the state," TMC's Santanu Sen claimed.

Hyderabad no more capital of Andhra Pradesh from today

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad will cease to be the official joint capital of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh from Sunday. Section 5(1) of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, said: "On and from the appointed day, i.e June 2, Hyderabad in the existing state of Andhra Pradesh shall be the common capital of the

state of Telangana and the state of Andhra for such period not exceeding 10 years." Section 5(2) said after expiry of the period, Hyderabad would be the capital of Telangana only and there would be a new capital for Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh has no permanent capital yet with the fight over

Amaravati and Visakhapatnam still raging in courts. Incumbent Andhra chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy has said that if he retains power, Visakhapatnam will be the administrative capital while Amravati will be the seat of legislature and Kurnool will be the judicial capital.

Lorenzi Apparels Ltd. Board Approves the Allotment of Equity Shares against Conversion of Warrants

CHANDIGARH: Lorenzi Apparels Ltd. (BSE: 540952, NSE: LAL), a prominent player in the realm of manufacturing, designing, and marketing readymade garments, has announced that its board has approved the conversion of 2,47,230 warrants into 2,47,23,00 equity shares of face value of Rs. 1/- each, out of the 10,38,37,10 warrants allotted on October 5, 2023 on preferential basis, upon receipt of an amount aggregating to Rs. 3,74,99,846.4 (being 75% of the issue price per warrant) from Kiwi Dealcom Private Limited. Earlier, the company announced its earnings for the year ended 31 March 2024. The revenue from Operations stood at Rs. 54.76 Crores, and the EBITDA came in at Rs. 10 Crores, growth of 29% YoY. PAT more than dou-



bled, growing from Rs. 2.52 Crores (FY23), to Rs. 5.30 Crores (FY24). Lorenzi Apparels Ltd. is a prominent player in the realm of manufacturing, designing, and marketing readymade garments, catering to the diverse fashion needs of both men and women. With a comprehensive array of formal, semi-formal, and casual wear, it prides itself on delivering quality

attire that resonates with contemporary trends and timeless styles. Operating through retail outlets and e-commerce platforms, the company ensures accessibility and convenience for its clientele. At the heart of its operations lies a meticulous garment manufacturing process encompassing cutting, stitching, sewing, finishing, inspec-

tion, and packing. While maintaining stringent quality standards, Lorenzi Apparels Ltd. also engages in strategic partnerships with third-party contractors for garment production on a job work basis. These collaborations involve the dissemination of detailed technical specifications, including designs, patterns, quality standards, and fabric preferences. By leveraging the expertise of external manufacturers and providing precise guidelines, the company ensures the realization of its vision for exceptional apparel, while fostering a network of trusted collaborators.

Lorenzi Apparels Ltd. is not only committed to delivering superior quality garments but also places a strong emphasis on sustainability and ethical manufacturing practices.

Srestha Finvest Ltd. Reports Excellent Earnings for Q4FY24, Revenue

CHANDIGARH: Srestha Finvest Ltd., a leader in financial solutions, has announced its earnings for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. For the quarter ended 31 March 2024, the company reported Revenue from operations at Rs. 391.85 Lakhs, a growth of 462.36% YoY. PAT was reported at Rs. 506 Lakhs

(Q4FY24), and Net PAT (total comprehensive income) came in at Rs. 1767.74 Lakhs (Q4FY24). For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company saw a stellar 269% growth in its revenue from operations, growing from Rs. 274.56 Lakhs (FY23) to Rs. 1013.01 Lakhs (FY24). PAT came in at Rs. 173.86 Lakhs (FY24), while the

Net PAT (total comprehensive income) stood at Rs. 2404 Lakhs (FY24). Srestha Finvest Ltd. is a leader in the field of financial solutions, offering comprehensive solutions to both individuals and businesses. In an Indian financial landscape predominantly reliant on traditional financing avenues, Srestha Finvest rec-

ognizes the gaps that stem from a lack of specialized players in the sector. The company, observing the absence of structured financial solutions, limited skill sets, and regulatory constraints that restrict tailored offerings from financial institutions, discerns an opportunity to innovate and deliver customized solutions.



Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. Reports Solid Earnings for FY24, PAT Grows 31.50% YoY

Chandigarh: Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. (BSE: 540642, NSE: SALASAR), is a one stop engineering and infrastructure solution provider. The Company is engaged in providing turnkey EPC services for Railway and Power sectors and is also engaged in designing and manufacturing of telecom towers, Monopoles and other Heavy Steel Structures. **EBITDA is calculated including Other Income.** Commenting on the results, the management team of Salasar said, "We are pleased to share our business and financial performance for Q4 FY24 and FY24. Our revenue from operations reached Rs. 3,673.3 Mn in Q4 FY24, up from Rs. 2,947 Mn in Q4 FY23, and totaled Rs. 12,084.3 Mn for FY24 compared to Rs. 10,049.0 Mn in FY23. This growth was driven by rising demand for our diverse EPC solutions across power, railways, and telecom. Our EBITDA for Q4 FY24 was Rs. 364.6 Mn, an increase from Rs. 298.5 Mn in Q4 FY23, and for FY24, it reached Rs. 1,224.2 Mn, up from Rs. 918.1 Mn in FY23, reflecting improvements of 22.1% and 33.3% respectively. EBITDA margins were 10.1% for FY24 as compared to 9.1% in FY23 which showed an increase by 100 bps owing to efficient execution. Profit after tax (PAT) for Q4 FY24 was Rs. 169.7 Mn, compared to Rs. 147.3 Mn in Q4 FY23, and for FY24, it stood at Rs. 529.3 Mn, compared to Rs. 492.5 Mn in FY23. PAT margins was 4.4% for FY24 while for FY23 it was 4.0%. Our current order book of ~Rs. 24,600 Mn demonstrates client confidence and establishes a strong foundation for future growth. The high demand in the railway, power, and telecom sectors highlights the effectiveness of our solutions and aligns with our strategic focus, enabling sustainable growth.

SBC Exports Ltd. Unveils Expansion Strategy, Looks to Increase Export Volumes

CHANDIGARH: SBC Exports Limited, a pioneering force in the realm of global trade, today announces an electrifying leap forward in its trajectory with a comprehensive blueprint for expansion for Next 5 years. Focused on amplifying its market presence and fostering innovative growth avenues, the Company reveals plans to venture into the realms of Retail, Franchising, and Exports, marking a sig-

nificant milestone in its journey toward Global Prominence. Leveraging its robust infrastructure, unwavering commitment to quality, and a deep understanding of consumer needs, the company is poised to redefine the landscape of commerce with its multifaceted expansion strategy. The Company's Next 5 Year strategic plan focuses on expanding through a Franchise Model, Boosting Online Sales, establishing Retail

Stores, increasing Exports, and Securing New Government Projects. Franchise Model: Recognizing the power of collaboration and local expertise, SBC Exports Limited is set to introduce a dynamic franchise model, inviting passionate entrepreneurs to join its global network. Empowering individuals to own and operate their own SBC Exports outlets, this initiative promises to unlock new

avenues of growth while fostering entrepreneurship and creating employment opportunities within communities. Company aims to Launch 50 franchise stores in high-potential markets. Retail Stores: In a strategic move to enhance accessibility and engage directly with consumers, SBC Exports Limited will be establishing a network of flagship retail stores in key markets worldwide. These meticulously

Chandigarh: The UNM Foundation (named after UN Mehta, the Founder of Torrent Group) and the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre (UNMICRC), Ahmedabad have signed a MoU to provide financial assistance for heart transplants to needy patients.

This first of its kind collaboration in the country aims to alleviate the financial burden on underprivileged families facing the devastating challenge of advanced heart failure. As per MoU, Foundation shall provide full financial assistance to UNMI-

CRC for conducting heart transplants to needy patients for free. Patients suffering from advanced heart failure, unresponsive to guideline-directed medical therapy and those who lack the financial means to afford the necessary treatment will be eligible for this financial assistance. The Foundation will cover the cost of the entire procedure – pre-operative evaluation, transport of donor heart (including by air ambulance where necessary), heart transplant surgery, post-operative hospitalization for nearly 3 weeks, post-operative use of medical devices and med-

ication for 1 year following the Transplant.

This initiative will be in effect from 1st June 2024 for an initial period of five years. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Chirag Doshi, Director of UNMICRC, stated that "This unique initiative by the UNM Foundation is a beacon of hope for countless families requiring a heart transplant but lacking the financial means for it. By providing comprehensive financial support, we are not only saving lives but also ensuring that the highest quality of medical care is accessible to those who need it the most."

As soon as Hooda government is formed, there will be permanent recruitment on 2 lakh vacant posts: Sultan Jadoula

Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula said that the court's decision regarding CET has made it clear that the BJP government is deliberately being negligent in the recruitment rules and procedures, the brunt of which is being borne by the youth of the state. He said that the government's anti-youth and anti-unemployment policies have been exposed and due to the wrong policies of the government, the future of lakhs of youth of Haryana is hanging in the balance. While interacting with journalists at his establishment in New Grain Market Dhand, Congress leader Sultan Jadoula said that for the last 4 years, the BJP government has been continuously misleading the youth in the name of CET. First, every



recruitment was canceled and suspended citing CET, then under a conspiracy, such rules were made which could not stand in the court. The brunt of which is now being borne by lakhs of youth. Former MLA Jadoula said that in the name of CET, the BJP government has left no stone unturned in exploiting and harassing the youth at every step. It is clear from the court's decision that BJP wants to end government recruitments completely on a policy basis. BJP wants to completely end merit and

reservation by making recruitments through Kaushal Nigam. So that educated youth can be exploited by making them work at low salaries. He said that today due to the wrong policies of the BJP government of the state, the youth is mentally disturbed and Haryana is number one in unemployment in the country. Due to lack of employment, the youth is forced to migrate to foreign countries, but the government is not paying any heed to it. BJP will have to be ready to bear the brunt of ignoring the youth in the upcoming assembly elections. Former MLA Sultan Singh Jadoula said that the youth preparing for jobs need not be disappointed, because the BJP government in Haryana is a guest for a few days.

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Govt. to hold centenary celebrations of Kakori train action across UP from August 9

Lucknow Various competitions will be held in schools; families of martyrs will be honored. UP Forest Department to establish Shaheed Smriti Vatika in every district for Kakori martyrs. Lucknow, July 27: As part of its ongoing effort to introduce the younger generation of Uttar Pradesh to India's glorious history, the Yogi government will organize centenary celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the 'Kakori Train Action' starting from August 9, 2024. The event will be celebrated throughout the year with various activities across the state in honor of the revolutionaries. On August 9, a special event featuring various competitions, will be held in

schools, colleges and universities at Kakori and Shahjahanpur in Lucknow. The district administration will also honor the families of freedom fighters on the occasion. At the same time, the Forest Department will establish Shaheed Smriti Vatika in every district in memory of the martyrs of Kakori. On this occasion, preparations for Shaheed Smriti Yatra by 100 cyclists are also proposed. Furthermore, the Kakori Literature Festival will take place, featuring an exhibition of books related to Kakori freedom fighters, the freedom movement, and the Kakori train action. Historians and experts will hold interactive sessions in schools and col-

leges. The events will also feature theatrical performances, book releases, and seminars related to Kakori incident, organized by university history departments. Digital versions of the books will also be released. Additionally, poetry and story writing competitions related to the Kakori incident, open mic events in schools, and quiz competitions based on the lives of revolutionaries will also take place. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Kakori Train Action, the Yogi government has instructed the Forest Department to establish Shaheed Smriti Vatika in every district. Additionally, the State Lalit Kala Academy and

the Education Department will organize on-the-spot painting and camp events at freedom struggle sites and martyr memorials. There will be painting, mural, and clay modeling competitions in universities, colleges, and schools. Other activities will include folk drama competitions, theatrical performances on events related to martyr sites and memorials, and theater festivals. The Uttar Pradesh Directorate of Culture will organize cultural processions, and cultural programs filled with patriotism will be held on the birth anniversary and martyrdom day of the martyrs. Additionally, grand events will take place in Chauri Chaura (Gorakhpur), Ballia,

Firozabad, Ayodhya, Mainpuri, Varanasi, Meerut, Prayagraj, Kanpur (Bithoor), Jhansi, Bareilly, Saharanpur, and Gonda. Other districts will also host related events. Under the directives of the Yogi government, district administrations will honor the families of freedom fighters. Culture Department as Nodal Agency, coordinated by various departments. To mark the 100th anniversary of the Kakori Train Action, the centenary celebration will be organized with the Culture Department as the nodal agency. The event will be coordinated with the cooperation of several departments including Secondary Education.

New commissionerate building in Agra to feature dedicated war

Lucknow/Agra The Uttar Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has developed a comprehensive action plan to enhance the security infrastructure of the state. A key component of this plan includes the expedited construction of a new Commissionerate Building in Agra and the development of residential and non-residential buildings in the GRP Line area. The Planning Department has initiated the process of appointing and allocating a project management consultancy agency to oversee these projects, as directed by CM Yogi. The new Commissionerate Building in Agra, to be built at a cost of Rs 65 crore, will feature various modern facilities, including an advanced dedicated war room for surveillance and video monitoring. This facility will enable comprehensive surveillance and

monitoring across the Agra region. Additionally, the residential and non-residential buildings in the GRP Line area will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 55 crore. These buildings will feature futuristic designs and advanced civic amenities. According to CM Yogi's vision, all construction and development work for the new Commissionerate Building and GRP Line in Agra will be carried out in Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) mode. The target is to complete the construction and development of the new Commissionerate Building within 18 months of the determination and allocation of the PMC agency. In this sequence, the agency will prepare the architectural design and detailed project report within the first 75 days. Upon approval, construction work will commence.

The PMC agency will also be responsible for a defect liability period of 36 months during this time. Simultaneously, the construction and development of residential and non-residential buildings on 2.12 acres in the GRP Line area will also be completed within 18 months following the appointment and allocation of the agency. The agency is required to prepare the architectural design and detailed project report (DPR) within the first 75 days. Additionally, a defect liability period of 36 months will apply to this project as well. It is anticipated that the process of appointing and allocating the agency will be completed in August, paving the way for expedited progress on both projects. All construction activities will adhere to the Energy Conservation Building Code. The projects will incorporate the latest innovative technologies and comply with the standards.

Yogi govt offers subsidized seeds to farmers to help them fight drought conditions

Lucknow In a significant move to support farmers affected by adverse weather conditions, the Yogi government is providing subsidized seeds for crops such as maize, millet, sorghum, pulses, and oilseeds. The initiative aims to assist farmers in areas of the state where insufficient rainfall has hindered paddy cultivation or where crops have been damaged by floods. Additionally, the Agriculture Department is actively

educating farmers on ways to mitigate their losses. Contrary to the Meteorological Department's forecast, July experienced approximately 42 percent less rainfall than usual. This shortage has significantly impacted the sowing of paddy, the primary Kharif crop. Central Uttar Pradesh and Bundelkhand have received considerably less rainfall than the average, leaving 25 to 30 percent of fields in these regions still

unsown. According to the Meteorological department, there is little hope for significant rain in the remaining days of July. State Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi recently advised farmers who are still waiting for rain to plant paddy to consider switching to other crops that require less time and water to grow. As alternatives, he suggested that farmers could plant maize, millet, sorghum, and pulses-oilseeds.

Mahakumbh-2025 Special Yogi government gears up to provide world-class health services at Maha Kumbh-2025

Lucknow The Yogi government is set to offer world-class health services to the devotees attending Maha Kumbh-2025, with a significant investment of approximately Rs 125 crore allocated for 18 health-related projects. This funding will be used to upgrade hospitals in the fair area, Prayagraj city, and CHC-PHCs located along routes leading to the event. The facilities will be equipped with advanced technology to enhance service quality. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, 43 temporary hospitals will be established in the fair area to ensure optimal health services for the devotees. Additionally, 305 beds will be reserved across four city hospitals. To ensure continuous care, doctors and paramedical staff will be on duty around the clock to manage emergency situations effectively.

Mahakumbh Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand stated

that CM Yogi is continuously holding meetings and giving necessary directions to ensure the grand and safe organization of Maha Kumbh 2025. As per his vision, 18 health-related projects are being implemented in Prayagraj at an estimated cost of around Rs 125 crore. To date, Rs 41.73 lakh have been released by the government for health-related works, and an additional Rs 57.97 lakh have been approved and will be released soon. Additional Director (Health), Dr. Rakesh Sharma, mentioned that the government initially allocated Rs 28 crore for upgrading four hospitals in the city: Motilal Nehru Hospital (Colvin), Tej Bahadur Sapru (Beli) Hospital, State Tuberculosis Hospital Teliyanganj, and District Women's Hospital (Dufferin). These hospitals are reserving 305 beds for devotees, with 50 beds specifically reserved for female devotees at Dufferin Hospital.

NSSRC to help Kushinagar grow a wide variety of spices

Kushinagar the land where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana, will soon be known for its spices. Under the leadership of the double-engine government, efforts are being made with the help of the National Seed Spices Research Center (NSSRC) in Ajmer to cultivate a wide array of spices apart from Kushinagar's traditional produce turmeric. The centre will help farmers from Kushinagar to grow additional spices such as coriander, cumin, fennel, mangrail, and celery. These spices are expected to enhance the flavor of dishes not just locally, but also in the kitchens of every Indian around the world. With assistance from the NSSRC in Ajmer, certain spice varieties will be cultivated in a select number of farmers' fields during this year's Rabi crop season.

Govt to build new convention center in Hapur spanning 17,409 sq meters

Lucknow/Hapur

As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance civic amenities, the Yogi government will soon build a new convention center in Hapur. The initiative aims to provide excellent facilities to residents across the state and foster integrated development in all regions. It is important to note that a detailed action plan was developed under CM Yogi's guidance for Hapur's development, and the Hapur-Pilkhuwa Development Authority (HPDA) has begun implementing it. The new convention center will be constructed in Sector H of the Anand Vihar Scheme, developed by HPDA. Spanning 17,407 square meters, the project is in the process of selecting an agency and allocating work for its construction and development. It is anticipated that agency selection and work allocation will be completed by early August, paving the way for the swift construction and development of the convention center. According to the action plan, once the agency is selected and work is allocated, the chosen agency will be required to survey the site and prepare a detailed project report. This report must include architectural designs, a complete layout plan, and specifications for all sections and facilities. Additionally, the agency will need to create video presentations with 3D views and high-resolution walk-throughs to present a comprehensive proposal for the project to the authority. Construction work for the project will commence only after the authority approves the detailed project report (DPR). Following this approval, the construction and development of the convention center in the designated area will proceed. In line with CM Yogi's vision, the convention center will be built based on the green building concept. It will feature modern civic amenities, including advanced audio-visual systems, lighting, fire alarm systems, elevators, a solar-powered energy plant, modular seating and furniture, and a vibrant interior design.

No farm relief": Opposition leader criticizes Maharashtra's Rs 11 crore prize money for the T20 champions.

Delhi: With the government reeling under an enormous debt of Rs 7.9 lakh crore and the state's struggling farmers taking their own lives, Mahayuti government's Rs 11 crore gift for India's T-20 champion squad has drawn criticism from Congress's Vijay Wadettiwar, the head of Maharashtra's opposition. "In just four months, at least 1,068 farmers committed suicide, but they get no assistance." The Maharashtra government gave wealthy cricket players an unjustified gift in order to further its own agenda, according to Wadettiwar. "We should support players but within our means and must give due weightage considering the broader picture," Wadettiwar said. The opposition MVA coalition's unity and preparedness for this year's assembly elections in October and November was reiterated by the Bramhapuri MLA. "Shiv Sena (UBT), the National Congress Party .

CM Yogi concludes review meetings with MPs, MLAs, and MLCs, instructs action plan

Lucknow division's public representatives on Friday. Lucknow, July 26: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has concluded an extensive review meeting with public representatives from all 18 divisions of Uttar Pradesh, focusing on the results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Over the past 20 days, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs from each division presented the

issues and expectations of their constituencies to the Chief Minister. After carefully listening to their concerns, CM Yogi instructed officials to develop a new strategy for regional development for each region. The division-wise review meetings began on July 7 with the Devipatan and Ayodhya divisions and were completed with the

Lucknow division on Friday. During the division-wise meetings, representatives openly shared their concerns and suggestions. After listening to these discussions, CM Yogi provided the mantra of victory for the upcoming 2027 assembly elections. He emphasized the need to focus on communication, active engagement, and social media.

Govt preparing students for the future by incorporating skill development from an early age

Lucknow The Yogi government is taking significant steps to equip students with future-ready skills by integrating skill development from an early age. On Friday, the children received vital information on skill development and its benefits under the Basic Education Department's program 'Shiksha Saptah'. It is noteworthy that the UP government is continuously making efforts to create an excellent educational environment in the

state and to make Uttar Pradesh a 'Nipun Pradesh' through council schools. Skill development is also becoming a part of this process. Following the directives of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the Basic Education Department is celebrating 'Shiksha Saptah' from July 22 to 28/29 in all council schools of Uttar Pradesh. Various activities are being organized each day as part of this initiative.

CM-VNY to be monitored at state and local levels, aiming to boost urban contribution to a \$1 Trillion economy

The Yogi government is optimistic about the 'Mukhyamantri Vaishwik Nagaroday Yojana' (CM-VNY), launched to boost the income of urban local bodies and enhance infrastructure. The government aims to integrate urban bodies into its vision for a \$1 trillion economy. To ensure transparency and timely completion, all projects and proposals within these bodies will be evaluated and monitored from the local to the state level. The Urban

Development Department has initiated this scheme as a 'Mission to Movement,' expanding various existing schemes and missions across all urban local bodies in Uttar Pradesh, promoting comprehensive city development and increased revenue collection. The scheme will be overseen at the highest level by the Urban Development Minister, who will not only supervise but also guide its overall implementation. The State Level Governing Body

will be chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department, with the Director of Local Bodies serving as the Member Secretary. The committee will include secretaries from the Housing, Health, Energy, Basic Education, Finance, Women and Child Development, and PWD departments as well as the Director of C&DS. The Director of NIC will also participate in relevant projects,

and special invitees may be included at the Chairperson's discretion. The State Program Monitoring Unit will operate under this body. The Technical Appraisal Committee will be chaired by the Director of Local Bodies, including the Chief Engineer, AD Accounts, Director C&DS, and PMU Representatives. This committee will also incorporate the State Program Monitoring Unit. In committees formed for Municipal Corporations.

CID forms SIT to probe Bangladesh MP's murder in Kolkata flat

Kolkata: The CID has formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) — to be led by an IG, three DIGs and 10 to 12 other officers — to probe the murder of Bangladeshi lawmaker, Anwar Azim Anar on . Besides ensuring quick collection of digital evidence and forensic reports, the team will liaison with the Dhaka Metropolitan police and Interpol to track down the main accused, Md Akhtaruzzaman alias Shaheen, (who is hiding in the US) and his accomplice Md.Siam Hossain, who is hiding in Nepal. The team will be going to Nepal soon. The CID has now recovered the entire conversation between Celesty and Anar and has also realized that it was Siam who handled Anar's Whatsapp messages after his murder. It is in this regard that the CID has decided to request Dhaka Police to track down and send notice to another woman, who had accompanied Anar on his earlier visit to Kolkata this year. This woman, claimed sources, was found to be sharing messages with Celesty.



Dhaka metropolitan magistrate, Shanto Islam Mallik, on Friday extended the police remand of the three arrested accused - Amanullah alias Shimul Bhuiyan, Celesty Rahman and Tanvir Bhuiyan - by five more days . They were taken to court on the expiry of the eight-day police remand period, following their initial arrest. Detective Branch (DB) sleuths had prayed for eight-day remand of the accused, stating further recoveries had to be made and motive of murder needed to be clearly established, said a court staffer.

In a letter from the Dhaka Metropolitan Detective (DB) police to the National Central Bureau (NCB), the investigators stated that after killing Anwarul Azim, his body was cut into pieces. The meat pieces were flushed down two toilets, while the bones and head pieces were packed in a suitcase and given to arrested butcher Jihad Howladar and Siam. They disposed of these pieces in a nearby waste canal. Both CID and Dhaka Police believe that if Siam is arrested, the remaining body parts may be found.

We also published the following articles recently 'Conspirator may have escaped to US': Bangladesh detective chief to collaborate with Interpol to probe MP Anar murder case Bangladesh MP Anwarul Azim Anar murder suspect, Akhtaruzzaman, possibly fled Kathmandu to the US via Dubai. Bangladesh detectives aim to collaborate with Interpol and CID to locate him for legal action. Businessman-friend Shahin key suspect in MP Anar's murder in Kolkata: Bangladesh home minister

Flipkart's Big End of Season Sale 2024 sets the stage for the largest fashion extravaganza

GURUGRAM : Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has announced its much-anticipated 'Big End of Season Sale' (Big EOSS) beginning 1st June 2024. With the stage set to be one of the largest celebrations of fashion, the Big EOSS will offer customers a wide range of trendy styles, premium brands and exciting Gen Z offerings curated on 'SPOYL', delivered to every serviceable pin code PAN India. Speaking about the Big EOSS, Arief Mohamad, Vice President and Head of Flipkart Fashion said, "Season after season, Flipkart's Big EOSS isn't just a fashion shopping event - it's a celebration! It gives us the opportunity to bring joy to our customers as we continue to focus on offering the best value and the widest range of trendy styles from top brands. The Big EOSS shopping extravaganza



has not only delighted customers across India, but has fuelled positive growth for sellers and brands on our platform. We're dedicated to offering the latest and best in fashion - across apparel, footwear, and accessories - all accessible through customized on-app experiences." The Flipkart Big EOSS 2024 will offer choices from over 12,000 brands and 2 Lakh+ sellers, with the option of open-box delivery

across categories like sports shoes, watches and jeans. Same-day delivery will be available on over 1 lakh products. Some of the popular choices include styles from Puma, Adidas, Nike, Tommy Hilfinger, Fossil, Titan, Crocs, UCB, Vero Moda, Only, W, USPA, Arrow, American Tourister, Peter England, to name a few among the wide selection of brands available on Flipkart.

BSV and FOGSI partner to bring India's first colposcopy workshop to Tier 2 cities

GURUGRAM : Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited (BSV) a leading biopharmaceutical company in India, has partnered with the Public Awareness Committee, Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) to increase awareness and access of colposcopy, a diagnostic method that allows for detailed examination of the cervix, vagina, and vulva, in the early detection of precancerous changes and cervical cancer. The first colposcopy workshop was conducted by renowned



and acclaimed faculty Dr Priya Ganeshkumar at the New Ramakrishna Sevasadan Hospital, Siliguri. The workshop, which is the first-ever attempt in a Tier 2 city aimed to enhance awareness among several gynaecologists and specialists on the importance of colposcopy in the early detection and

accurate diagnosis of cervical cancer. Speaking on the initiative, Dr Priyankur Roy, Chairperson, Public Awareness Committee, FOGSI, said, "Ranked as the second most frequent cancer among women in India between 15 and 44 years of age, cervical cancer remains a signifi-

cant public health concern in India. Current estimates indicate that every year 123907 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 77348 die from the disease. One of the most effective tools in the fight against cervical cancer is the colposcopy procedure. He added, "While colposcopy is a critical tool, access to this procedure remains limited in many parts of India, particularly in the

2, rural and underserved parts of our country. Through our partnership with BSV,

Heatstroke kills 16, including 11 polling staff, in 3 UP districts

LUCKNOW/ VARANASI: At least 16 people, including 11 polling personnel, died of heatstroke in Uttar Pradesh on Friday. The deaths were reported from Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Rae Bareilly districts. Among the polling personnel, eight, including five home guards, died in Mirzapur, while two polling staff died in Sonbhadra and one in Rae Bareilly. A home guard posted in Mirzapur but not on poll duty also succumbed to the heatwave. Four more people died of heatstroke in Mirzapur.

District Magistrate, Mirzapur, Priyanka Niranjana, said govt will provide financial assistance to the families of the deceased personnel. Mirzapur medical college principal Dr RB Kamal said, "We recorded 13 deaths, including those of eight polling personnel, due to heatstroke on Friday. All the victims had medical complications including high fever, high blood pressure, diabetes. The victims were in the 50-plus age group. The exact cause of death would be known after postmortem reports come.



Beer goes bearish in Delhi, fails to meet mercury highs in peak summer

NEW DELHI: Delhi's temperature has broken all records this year, but tippers' favourite summer drink — beer — has failed to cope with the demand. Many popular brands of the alcoholic beverage are missing from the shelf and many liquor shops do not have the facility to sell chilled beer. According to industry estimates, other states, where beer sells in big numbers, have registered a growth in sale while it has come down, though marginally, in the national capital for the second year in succession. According to the estimates, Delhi sold 224 lakh litres of beer — through a network of nearly 660 liquor stores and over 950 hotels, bars and restaurants — till April 30 this year in comparison with 228 lakh litres during the corresponding period in 2023 and 369 lakh litres in 2022. The new excise policy was in place in 2022 and the retail outlets offered schemes and discounts on various alcoholic beverages, resulting in a huge spike in the sale. Karnataka and Maharashtra sold 1,418 and 1,049 lakh litres of beer, respectively, between Jan and April this year against 1,237 and 1,016 lakh litre in 2023. Though Delhi is nowhere close to Maharashtra or Karnataka in respect of size, population and the network of liquor shops and bars, the numbers only show how the alcoholic beverage registered a growth in other states. Beer comprises more than one-third of the total volume of liquor sold in stores during the peak summer. Industry insiders, however, said the potential was much higher, considering the intense heat and high humidity levels in Delhi for almost six months of the year. However, due to the poor availability of popular brands, people living in areas closer to Haryana and Uttar Pradesh prefer to cross the state border to buy the stock. "That is why the sale of beer as well as other spirits in the neighbouring towns registers a growth of 15-20% annually while it has come down in Delhi," said an industry expert. Vinod Giri, director general-designate of Brewers Association of India.

Bar in Pune biz family-run Mahabaleshwar club sealed



KOLHAPUR: The Satara district administration has temporarily suspended the licence of the bar of a club owned by the grandparents and father of the teenager allegedly

involved in the Porsche crash that left two engineers dead in Pune's Kalyanagar on May 19. The action came a day after chief minister Eknath Shinde ordered Satara district collector Jitendra Dudi to bulldoze the MPG Club in Mahabaleshwar if its construction was carried out illegally as alleged by local RTI activist Abhaysingh Havaldar. The club has been built on govt land leased to Parsi Gymkhana Club and is run by a trust whose members are the parents and grandparents of the teenager. The club's bar has been sealed by the excise department. Dudi confirmed in a text message to TOI

Father finds NEET aspirant missing from Kota in Goa, police face flack for inaction

KOTA: A 19-year-old student who went missing from Kota since May 6 after not performing well in NEET exam was found by his father 23 days later at a railway station near Goa. The boy's family accused the Kota police of not making efforts to search for him beyond the city limits. Rajendra Prasad Meena, from Sawai Madhopur's Bamanwas village disappeared, from his PG room in Kota a day after taking the NEET exam. Before leaving, he messaged his parents saying he would



return home in five years, asking his mother not to worry, and assuring her that he would not take any drastic steps. Upon receiving the message, the family rushed to Kota and filed a missing person report at the

Vigyan Nagar police station on May 6. "The boy's family had deployed four separate teams, each comprising three members (cousins, nephews, and relatives), in four directions to search for Rajendra since the day

he went missing," Rajendra's uncle, Mathural Lal Meena said on Friday. "One of the four teams, including Rajendra's father Jagdish Prasad and his two cousins, eventually found Rajendra at Madgaon railway station around 9:30am on Wednesday when he was about to board a train for Goa," the uncle added. "It is only by God's blessing that the boy and his father came face-to-face at Madgaon railway station. At first sight, Rajendra appeared.

'Rivals using black magic to target me': DK Shivakumar

BENGALURU: Karnataka deputy CM DK Shivakumar has claimed that his "rivals" were performing yagnas and animal sacrifices at a Shiva shrine in Left-governed Kerala's Kannur to "destroy his political career" and that of his Congress colleague and CM Siddaramaiah. Ministers in Kerala and authorities of the Rajarajeshwara Temple in

Kannur's Thaliparambu responded with dismay and scepticism to Shivakumar's accusations. Court grants bail to Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, his deputy DK Shivakumar in defamation case **Rivals performing rituals to destroy me & Siddaramaiah: DK Shivakumar** Kerala CPM secretary MV Govindan said "Shivakumar

is crazy" and accused him of "mocking" the state's culture. Shivakumar made the allegations Thursday, saying his "political opponents in the state were performing a yagna at Rajarajeshwara Temple", over 300km from Bengaluru. The shrine is named after 'Rajarajeshwaran' - an epithet of Lord Shiva - and is among 108 revered Shiva

temples in Kerala. Asked if he suspected BJP or JDS, Shivakumar claimed he knew the people behind it but refused to take names. "For this yagna, pancha bali (five kinds of sacrifices) has been given: 21 goats, three buffaloes, 21 black sheep, five pigs and three hens. Aghoris (a monastic order of Shaivite ascetics) have been approached. It is going on,"

Shivakumar had said. On Friday, the temple authorities in Kerala expressed dismay at being embroiled in the row and insisted that no animal sacrifice is part of their rituals. "This is an ancient temple and one of the most popular in Kerala. We dismiss the allegations," the temple's administrative officer said.