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BJP will keep plum portfolios, asks allies to pare down hopes



NEW DELHI: As the buzz about allies seeking to secure a higher share of berths and high-profile portfolios in Modi 3.0 govt persisted on Saturday, there were indications of the BJP leadership asking NDA partners to 'pare down' their demands to 'reasonable limits' while assuring that unfulfilled desires may be given due consideration at an appropriate time later. TOP PICKS FOR YOU articleShow 110825148 Narendra Modi set to take oath as prime minister for historic third term Sources said none of

the crucial ministries, including the four represented on the Cabinet committee on security - home, defence, finance and external affairs - are on the table. BJP is also likely to keep education, parliamentary affairs, culture and I&B, while ensuring that the Speaker is from its own ranks. Allies may have representation of 12-15 ministers and talks are also under way with Shiromani Akali Dal. TDP (16 MPs) and JD-U (12) have been asked to settle for a Cabinet berth and a junior minister slot. Shiv Sena (7)

and LJP (5) have each been offered a Cabinet berth. RLD (2 MPs) chief Jayant Chaudhary is expected to be part of the Cabinet. Although the BJP brass is keen to accommodate Pawan Kalyan, founder of Jana Sena (2), it's not clear whether the willingness will extend to his colleagues if the Telugu cine star refuses to shift to Delhi.

Sources said a call on Jana Sena's representation may be taken in consultation with TDP boss and Kalyan's ally N Chandrababu Naidu.

Ram could be a probable for the Cabinet berth

BJP's old ally Anupriya Patel, the Apna Dal chief who served as a minister in the earlier Modi dispensations, is seen as a certainty. The claims of both Jitan Ram Manjhi, former Bihar CM who is the sole representative of Hindustan Awam Morcha, the Mahadalit outfit that he founded, as well as NCP for Cabinet berths are considered to be strong, and will be settled by Narendra Modi. While those involved in negotiations were tight-lipped, sources said three-term Srikakulam MP Ram Mohan Naidu could be a probable for the Cabinet berth from TDP's quota. Though only 34, Naidu, son of former Cabinet minister, the late Yerran Naidu, and nephew of TDP's AP unit chief Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu, is seen as a rising OBC face. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, a doctor from the Kamma community with assets of over Rs 5,000 crore.

CWC urges Rahul to take over as leader of opposition; will consider, says MP

NEW DELHI: With the party claiming that people have put it "firmly on the path of revival", the Congress Working Committee led by president Mallikarjun Kharge Saturday demanded in one voice that Rahul Gandhi take over as the leader of opposition (LOP) in Lok Sabha to carry forward the fight for welfare and democracy inside the Parliament. The CWC also passed a resolution urging Rahul-as-LOP, while the Gandhi scion replied he will think over the demand. Later, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said, "Rahul Gandhi is the best person to lead us in the Parliament. For a strong and vigilant opposition, those who want to protect the Constitution also... should be safe under the leadership of Rahul as LOP." Also, Sonia Gandhi



Sub-Lt Anamika Rajeev is Navy's first woman helicopter pilot

NEW DELHI: After IAF and Army, Indian Navy has also begun inducting women as helicopter pilots, with sub-lieutenant Anamika B Rajeev becoming the first to get the "golden wings" at the passing-out parade at naval air station INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu's Arakkonam. In another

milestone, Lieutenant Jamyang Tsewang, the first officer from Ladakh to be commissioned into the Navy, also successfully graduated as a qualified helicopter pilot. The two were among the 21 pilots of the 102nd helicopter conversion course to be awarded the "golden wings."

was re-elected as the chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs, who would now nominate the leaders in the two Houses. While Kharge is set to stay on as the

LOP in the Upper House, the possibility of Rahul taking up the top responsibility in the LS is open. As an upbeat Congress wrapped up the inhouse formalities in the wake of electoral performance.

Police outposts, houses torched in calm Manipur district

Unidentified gunmen torched govt offices, police outposts, and houses in Manipur's Jiribam district, escalating ethnic strife and sectarian conflict in the already tense region. Police outposts, houses torched in previously calm Manipur district. Unidentified gunmen torched govt offices, including two police outposts, and more than 70 houses in several villages of Manipur's Jiribam district bordering Assam early Saturday, shattering peace in the north-eastern state already grappling with ethnic strife since May last year, reports Prabin Kalita. Jiribam, known for its diverse ethnic composition of Meiteis, Nagas, Kukis, and non-Manipuris, had remained unaffected.

Won't run away, I'm a fighter: Fadnavis on Maharashtra poll jolt

MUMBAI: Asserting that he was a fighter who took responsibility when things did not go right, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Saturday that the BJP got its political arithmetic wrong in the Lok Sabha election in the state. "I am not one to run away, I am the one who fights," he said when the BJP held a meeting of its MLAs at its Dadar office for feedback on the factors that led to its dismal performance in the state. The BJP won nine seats this time compared to the 23 in 2024. Fadnavis said he had even requested the central leadership to relieve him of the deputy chief minister's post so that he could work full-time with the party for the upcoming assembly election. "Since I am leading the party in the state I take responsibility for the party's defeats," he said. "When I said relieve me and let me work in the party, I am not one who will run away, I am one who fights. Our inspiration is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It is not true that I am disheartened or saying this in a surge of emotions. There was a strategy in my mind. You have all expressed confidence me... I met Amit Shah and told him what is in my mind. His opinion was not very different from yours but he said that whatever is going on now let it be and later we shall prepare a blueprint for Maharashtra," he said. "The gap in voteshare between the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and Mahayuti is only 0.3%. The MVA got 2.5 crore votes and the Mahayuti 2.48 crore yet with only a difference of two lakh votes they got 31 seats and the Mahayuti 17. We lost 11 constituencies by a margin of less than 5% votes. These include Dhule, Ahmednagar, Nanded, Bhandara-Gondia, Beed, Latur, Mumbai North-East, Mumbai North-Central, Amravati and Bhiwandi," he said. State party president Chandrashekhar Bawankule said they had passed two resolutions, one congratulating Narendra Modi on being sworn in for the third time as Prime Minister and the second.

Inequality declined between 2011-12 & 2022-23: Government data

NEW DELHI: Inequality has reduced both in urban and rural areas across the country between 2011-12 and 2022-23, results of the Household Consumption Expenditure survey have shown. The latest data is expected to add to the raging debate over the extent of inequality in the country with some experts saying



it had increased while others have said that it has shown a decline after a spike during the Covid-19 pandemic period. The Gini coefficient, a statistical measure of inequality in the population, shows a decline, from 0.283 to 0.266 for the rural sector and from 0.363 to 0.314 for the urban sector of the country, according to the survey results.

"A decline in the Gini coefficient across urban and rural areas suggests a reduction in income inequality between 2011-12 and 2022-23. Remarkably, income inequality has decreased both in industrially advanced states and in states that have not performed well in attracting businesses," said Nilanjan Banik.

INDIA bloc offered Nitish PM post: JD(U)'s Tyagi; opposition rubbishes

PATNA: Senior JD(U) functionary K C Tyagi claimed on Saturday that the opposition INDIA bloc had offered the prime ministership to Bihar CM Nitish Kumar if he joined the alliance, but INDIA politicians dismissed the claim. RJD alleged that it was a JD(U) tactic a day before Narendra Modi's swearing-in as PM to get more for its support to BJP. The Bihar CM's confidante, Sanjay Jha, too said neither the party nor the CM was



aware of any such proposal. After the election results, one party after another and one opposition leader after another called some top JD(U) netas, including me, and offered the PM's post to Nitish if

JD(U) returns to INDIA bloc," Tyagi told TOI. He, however, did not reveal any names. Dismissing K C Tyagi's claim, RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tiwari said, "Nitish has completely surrendered in front of Modi. JD(U) netas are making such claims just to get more ministerial berths." Asked whether any INDIA bloc politician from Bihar also made the offer, Tyagi declined to reveal the name of anyone.

4-member panel to review NEET-UG results of 1,563 candidates

NEW DELHI: The ministry of education has constituted a four-member panel headed by a former Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) chairperson to review the grace marks awarded to more than 1,563 candidates in the medical entrance exam National Eligibility Entrance Test-undergraduate (NEET-UG). This was informed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced on Saturday. The medical/dental entrance test results were announced on June 4, and thereafter aspirants have been alleging multiple issues, including irregularities in the exam demanding fresh examination.



Meanwhile, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, the student wing affiliated to the RSS, on Saturday demanded a CBI inquiry into the allegations on the NEET-UG. Many aspirants have also approached courts for relief on the matter. Meanwhile a political slugfest commenced between AAP and BJP on the exams which recorded over 24 lakh registration and 97% attendance. Earlier Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticised the government on purported irregularities in the medical entrance examination demanding a thorough investigation. According to NTA officials, the four-member panel is being mandated to submit its recommendations within a week and the results of these candidates might be revised accordingly. The move comes amid allegations of marks leading to 67 candidates sharing first rank in the exam including six from the same centre in Haryana. Demanding re-exam candidates are alleging that the grace marks awarded to make up for the loss of time at six exam centres have led to the inflation of marks and tampered with the chances of other candidates.

We never thought it would happen to us: Lynched men's kin

SHAMLI/SAHARANPUR: Azma Qureshi, 33, is in shock like many others in North Haryana at Banat town in Shamli. Her husband Tehseen (Guddu) Qureshi was among two labourers transporting cattle who were lynched in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh. on Friday. The third man is battling for life. "She was the last person to have spoken to Guddu, the night before the incident. Chhattisgarh vigilantes lynch 2 truckers carrying buffaloes article Show 110826474 24 hrs on, cops yet to identify killers 7 Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh, 3 security personnel injured He told her they were leaving for Odisha. She has gone quiet since the news.

Modi to make day-long visit to Italy for G7 on June 14

NEW DELHI: Days after his swearing-in, Narendra Modi will undertake a day-long visit to Italy to participate in the G7 summit on June 14. With Modi unlikely to attend the Ukraine peace summit, which will be hosted by Switzerland immediately after G7, he's expected to be back the next day, in time for the Parliament session beginning mid-June. Unlike China, India is likely to participate in the Switzerland summit, for which Russia has not been invited, but at a junior level. Modi will address the G7 outreach session on June 14 and have bilateral meetings with several G7 leaders, as also with counterparts from other invitee countries. Govt sources said efforts were on to schedule as many bilateral meetings as possible

on the margins of the summit. Modi is expected to address issues related to development, health and food security, while ducking G7 recriminations against Russia. The G7 is expected to announce at the summit progress in their plans to use income from frozen Russian assets for the benefit of Ukraine. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who will host the summit in Apulia, was among the first heads of govt to congratulate Modi for the majority his NDA got in the Lok Sabha elections. In a post on X, Meloni said she was sure "that we will continue to work together to strengthen the friendship that unites Italy and India and consolidate cooperation on the various issues that bind us, for the well-being of our nations."

Seminar held by Police Commr with cops for effective control of law and order and crimes

Prayagraj: Police Commissioner Prayagraj held a meeting with all the Gazetted Police Officers of the Commissionerate Prayagraj in the Triveni Auditorium located at Reserve Police Lines. A seminar was organized with gazetted police officers in which Additional Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner of Police City/Ganganagar/Yamunanagar/Headquarters, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Yamunanagar/Traffic/High Court Security/Protocol and all Assistant Commissioners of Police participated. During the seminar,

instructions were given by drawing attention to the following points: - 1. Paying special attention to women related complaints/crimes, immediate effective action should be taken against them. 2. All Assistant Police Commissioners were instructed to review the pending investigations in their respective circle areas and ensure that they are disposed of under their close supervision. Investigation of serious crimes committed in the past, which are pending, should be disposed of as soon as possible on priority basis. 3. Verification of the updated physical con-

dition of the accused named/who have come to light in old incidents of

4. For effective control over crime and criminals, arrangements for effective

ers should be verified from time to time, action should be taken against suspicious persons as per requirement.

6. On receiving information about any incident, immediately take cognizance of it and reach the spot with adequate police force and take necessary effective action to ensure peace and law/order. 7. By making an action plan to maintain smooth and orderly traffic system in the district. Action should be implemented so that a situation like traffic jam does not arise anywhere. 8. 100% timely compliance of the forms (NBW/BW/summons etc.) re-

ceived from the courts should be ensured. 9. Training on all three new laws (Indian Justice Code, Indian Civil Defense Code, Indian Evidence Act) should be ensured as per the prescribed schedule. 10. The availability of police resources currently available in the Commissionerate should be reviewed and their fulfillment should be ensured as per the requirement. 11. The digital volunteer group should be updated and the required co-operation should be obtained from the active members by including them in the group.



theft/fake robbery etc. by preparing details of them. While doing so, keep a vigilant eye on their activities.

and regular intensive patrolling/patrolling should be made in the area. 5. In areas where nomads/camp-

Asterisk software based SIP exchange started at Kanpur Anwarganj station

Prayagraj: Asterisk software based SIP exchange has been successfully installed and started at Kanpur Anwarganj station in Prayagraj division. The capacity of this exchange is 144 lines and can be expanded to another



500 customers. This exchange is being started by the project unit of North Central Railway. This development marks a remarkable advancement in railway communication system and safety and will provide better and reliable services for train operations. With the launch of this SIP exchange, departmental intercom, railway phone, PSTN phone, byte intercom facility and various other advanced services will be available from a single phone with good quality audio and video calls. Asterisk software based SIP exchange is low cost to setup and maintain and convergence of audio and video data over a single connection can be easily achieved.

ABVP demands CBI inquiry into NEET-UG 2024 irregularities

Prayagraj: Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) demands CBI inquiry into "irregularities" in the conduct of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG 2024) and to address the questions arising on the examination process and results of NEET-UG 2024. Irregularities were reported from different parts of the country on the very day of the examination, solvers were caught at different places, and there were also irregularities in the distribution of question papers at some places. ABVP stands with the justified demands of the NEET exam candidates.

"There is grave mistrust among the students about the transparency of this

exam conducted for admission to medical institutions. Irregularities in arrangements were also reported from different parts of the country on the day of the NEET-UG exam. It is also evident that the National Testing Agency had not made the necessary preparations for the conduct of the exam," the ABVP stated.

ABVP National General Secretary Yagyawalkya Shukla while addressing a press conference in Surat said, "There is growing mistrust among the aspirants of NEET-UG regarding the results of the examination, to address which a CBI en-

quiry needs to be conducted to investigate this whole issue and bring the culprits to justice. Many toppers of this year's NEET-UG examination were from



the same centre which has raised a lot of questions on this year's examination result. A lot of questions have already arisen on the National Testing Agency with

regard to the conduct of UGC-NET and other examinations. We strongly believe that the bureaucracy concerned with the conduct of examinations is responsible for the shortcomings that have been highlighted in the conduct of NEET examination."

Dr. Abhinandan K. Bokriya, national convener of ABVP's MeDeVision, said that it is extremely sad that there have been cases of students committing suicide after the NEET exam results were declared. Proper action should be taken in this matter so that there is an atmosphere of trust among the students regarding the conduct of the examination.

Drunk Driving on Shastri Bridge might lead to a Pune-like accident

Mirzapur: In the wake of the heartbreaking incident in Pune, where drunk driving led to the deaths of two people, a nationwide debate on drinking and driving has been sparked. The issue of drunk driving on the Shastri Bridge in Varanasi requires urgent attention. Connecting the entire Varanasi and Mirzapur region, the Shastri Bridge is facing a severe problem with drunk driving. This matter has become so serious that immediate and strict measures are required from the administration. Regular patrolling, heavy fines for violators, and awareness campaigns about traffic safety are necessary. Drunk driving is a grave issue that demands continuous efforts to elimi-

nate. Heavy vehicles should be encouraged to take NH 2 (NH 19) to reduce traffic problems on the Shastri Bridge and minimise accident risks.

The Shastri Bridge, a 50-year-old structure, has undergone multiple repairs. Nowadays, the bridge is under serious threat due to overloaded vehicles, which are weakening the bridge. The problem of drunk driving has exacerbated the situation. Citizens need to understand this issue as well. Strict enforcement by the administration is necessary, but citizens must learn that traffic rules are not just guidelines or regulations but are essential for the safety of their lives and property. Varanasi is a historic city that attracts tour-

ists from all over the world. If residents follow traffic rules, the problem can be reduced, and accidents can be avoided.

In the recent Pune case, it has become clear that if a minor causes an accident while driving under the influence of alcohol, action can be taken against the parents. Parents are held responsible for the actions of their minor children. They could face a three-year prison sentence and a fine of Rs. 25,000. Additionally, the registration of the vehicle involved in the accident can be cancelled for 12 months. If the minor has a driver's license, it will be immediately suspended and not reissued until the individual turns 25 years old.

The legal drinking age varies across states, ranging

from 18 to 25 years. States like Gujarat, Bihar, Nagaland, and Manipur have completely prohibited alcohol. In states such as Haryana and Goa, the legal drinking age is 25 years, while it is 21 in several others. In many states, if any level of alcohol is found in the blood of a minor while driving, it is considered illegal.

Commercial vehicle drivers on Shastri Bridge should also undergo strict alcohol testing. According to the Motor Vehicles Act, there are even stricter regulations regarding blood alcohol levels for commercial drivers. If caught for the first time, the police can impose a fine of up to Rs 10,000 and a jail term of up to six months. The driver's license may also be suspended. The punitive

measures become even more severe for a second offence. If caught driving under the influence again, the fine can increase to Rs 15,000, with a possible jail term ranging from two to seven years. Furthermore, the driver's license may be permanently revoked.

Drunk driving on the Shastri Bridge is even more dangerous because the bridge has already exceeded its traffic capacity and is in poor condition. It could lead to a major accident at any time. Due to potholes on the bridge, people often drive in the wrong direction, causing traffic jams and accidents. Overloaded commercial and heavy vehicles are also passing through the Shastri Bridge. People have not yet started taking

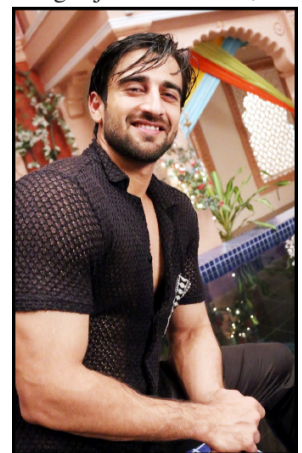
NH 2 (NH 19), and all the load is falling on the Shastri Bridge. This has become such a big problem that drunk drivers might cause a major accident someday. The biggest negligence is that there is no visible police or traffic administration on the bridge.

A local resident stated, "The district administration should immediately enforce traffic rules strictly on the Shastri Bridge. Strict action should be taken against those driving under the influence. Efforts should also be made to divert heavy and commercial vehicles towards NH 2 (NH 19). If we want to prevent a major accident on the Shastri Bridge in the future, the administration should immediately focus on this issue."

Bare body scene in Suhagan Chudail," Zayn Ibad Khan

Varanasi: Staying fit is a top priority for television actor Zayn Ibad Khan, who is currently portraying the role of Moksh in COLORS' fantasy-thriller-romance 'Suhagan Chudail'. Following the instant success of the supernatural show, the actor opened up about his dedication to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and the rigorous fitness regime he swore by during the show's shoot in Rajasthan. While Zayn doesn't follow a strict diet, he is committed to his workouts, whether it's squeezing them in on set or completing them before starting his workday. His dedication to his physique even led him to take extreme measures, such as skipping salt for a while to achieve a shredded look for a few scenes that captured him shirtless.

shares, "Every morning, I wake up at 6 a.m. and get straight into my workout routine. It has become like second nature to me, something I just can't miss, es-



pecially before heading to the set. I follow a strict diet routine and it has been the same since a very long time and when I don't work out my body feels energy less

and especially when there's a bare body scene scheduled, I put in extra efforts to make sure I'm looking my best for those moments. To keep up that energy for all those scenes I had to pass on meals and sometimes even limit my water intake. It wasn't easy, but it was all worth it to bring my best to every moment on screen. Fitness isn't just about looking good on camera; it's about bringing my A-game to every performance. The audience deserves to see us actors giving our absolute best. Having said that I want to showcase my acting skills to viewers. I can't get enough of the love that Suhagan Chudail is getting. At the end of the day, that's what motivates me to keep pushing boundaries and outdoing myself, both physically and as an actor."

Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd files DRHP with SEBI for IPO

Varanasi: Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL), part of the Bajaj Group (with Bajaj Finance Limited and Bajaj Finserv Limited as promoters), has filed Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with SEBI for an Initial Public Offering (IPO). BHFL is a non-deposit taking Housing Finance Company ("HFC"), registered with the National Housing Bank ("NHB") since September 24, 2015, and engaged in mortgage lending since Fiscal 2018.

The Public Offer aggregating up to Rs. 7,000 crore comprises a fresh issue of equity shares of up to Rs. 4,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to Rs. 3,000 crore by the "Selling Shareholder" (The "Offer for Sale") with face value of Rs. 10 each equity share by Bajaj Finance Limited (The "Promoter Selling Shareholder").

The Public Offer Includes a reservation of Equity Shares for subscription by Eligible Employees ("Employee Reservation Portion") and a reservation Equity Shares of Face Value of Rs. 10 each for subscription by Eligible Shareholders of

promoters ("Shareholders Reservation Portion") including individuals and HUFs who are public equity shareholders of the Promoters. BHFL proposes to use the net proceeds for augmenting the company's capital base to meet future business requirements of the company towards onward lending.

This Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. Not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs"), and such portion, the "QIB Portion" provided that the Company, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), of which at least one-third shall be available for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price.

11-yr-old Vihana Kapoor creates history by crossing Yamuna in 17 min

Prayagraj: This year too, children, women and men are being given intensive training in the swimming training camp organized under the aegis of Prayagraj Navjeevan Swimming Club. Children are receiving swimming training under the able leadership of Chief Instructor Tribhuvan Nishad, Smt. The daughter, along with instructor Tribhuvan Nishad, started swimming from Banyan Ghat Meerapur at 6:15 am and started swimming



in Yamuna river from Sindhu Sagar Ghat Kakra Ghat at 6:25 am. Vihana reached the other end of Vidyapeeth School Maheva at 6:42 and crossed Yamuna river in 17 minutes.

It is noteworthy that the width of Yamuna river is about 600 meters and depth is about 30 feet. Other members of the children's family were accompanying them by boat to see this amazing feat of Vihana. During the swimming, the crowd present clapped and encouraged and the entire river area echoed with the slogans of Ganga Maiya ki Jai, Yamuna Maiya ki Jai. Recently also, 8-year-old Manya Kanojia, 18-year-old Anushka Sahu and 41-year-old Jyotsna Kesari had crossed the huge Yamuna river by swimming. Today 8 year old boy Dhruv is also ready to cross the Yamuna river.

Water containers for birds distributed

Prayagraj: On this occasion, water containers for birds and birds were distributed in Muthiganj area by Janhit Karini Samiti. But the national president of the committee, Rajesh Kesarwani and the state president Sushil Jain, along with the workers, went door-to-door



and distributed water containers to the birds and urged people to make soil at their homes to provide water to the birds in view of the heat. Keep the vessel on their respective rooftops. On this occasion Convenor of the program, District President Abhilash Kesarwani, City President Sonu Kesarwani, the National General Secretary of the Committee was Rajkumar Gautam, State General Secretary Narendra Patel, State Vice President Prabhat Kumar Tirath Singh Vinay Kumar Nishad Bacha Chaurasia Archana Kesarwani Ajay Agrahari Mukesh Joshi Kamlesh Kumar, Neeraj Kesarwani, Kishan Chand Jaiswal and other workers were present.

BJP workers celebrated victory of MP Praveen Patel

Prayagraj: Phulpur After the victory of newly elected MP Praveen Patel from Lok Sabha, BJP councilor in Rajrooppur celebrated by distributing sweets under the leadership of Gulab Patel and Dhyan Singh. There is a lot of discussion among the people. The local people accepted the sweets in a happy mood and enthusiastically welcomed the victory of BJP. Addressing Ravi Kesarwani, General Secretary said that BJP got the people's mandate from Phulpur by feeding them lotus. Councilor Gulab Patel said that this is the victory of BJP



workers. Mandal President Kaushki Patel said that the people of Kalindipuram and Rajrooppur have reiterated their resolve to send BJP to Delhi by giving about eleven thousand leads for the second time. On this occasion, Kamlesh Kumar, Ram Prakash Singh, Dinesh Tiwari, Ganesh Patel, Rajesh Mishra, Councilor Deepika Patel, Sangam Lal Singh, Paras Srivastava, Ranjan Shukla, Meera Sinha, Jitendra Bahadur Rai, Rita Pasi, Shubham Pandey, Goli Singh, Shashank Gupta, Ram Abhilash Chaurasia etc. along with thousands of citizens passing by. They celebrated by gifting a box of sweets.

On Nandi's instance, Rs 86.6L released for treatment of 39 people suffering from serious diseases in the month of May

Prayagraj: In the month of May, amidst the scorching heat, strong sunlight and heat wave, as well as busyness and political heat due to Lok Sabha elections, Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government and Prayagraj City South MLA Nand Gopal Gupta lagged behind in helping the seriously ill people. On the initiative of Minister Nandi, like every month, in the month of May too, 39 patients from Prayagraj and other areas suffering from serious diseases were provided financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for their treatment. In the month of May, financial assistance of Rs 86 lakh 60 thousand 300 was provided from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the treatment of 39 victims i.e. pa-

tients suffering from serious diseases. With the help of which many people got a lease of life. During the Lok Sabha elections, the Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi was entrusted with the big responsibility of uniting the businessmen and people of Vaishya community along with the election campaign by the BJP top leadership and the state organization. From 16th April to 31st May, Minister Nandi continuously toured and did public relations in various districts of the state and also held business conferences. In which Minister Nandi participated as the chief guest. Amidst the scorching heat, Minister Nandi, who considered organization paramount, travelled to various Lok Sabha

constituencies along with his cluster in-charge in support of BJP candidates. But meanwhile, the work of completing the pro-



cess of providing financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the treatment of people suffering from serious diseases continued from his camp office. Amidst the busyness of election campaign, Minister Nandi did not forget to serve the people suffering

from serious diseases living in his Prayagraj city southern assembly constituency. Provided financial assistance to the people from the

Chief Minister's Relief Fund and provided them treatment. On the initiative of Minister Nandi, every month two to three dozen seriously ill people of Prayagraj city, Southern Assembly constituency as well as other assembly constituencies and districts are

provided financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Assistance is being provided so that the economically weak people can also get the best treatment and save their lives. Minister Nandi said that the happiness and sorrow of the people of the area is our happiness and sorrow. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath considers 24 crore people of the state as his family and stands with the people in every difficult time. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has opened the government treasury so that people suffering from incurable and serious diseases and financially weak people do not have to wander or face trouble for treatment. The money received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is proving to be life-

saving for seriously ill people. There is no delay in providing assistance to the victims. In the month of May, an amount of Rs 86 lakh 60 thousand 300 was provided as financial assistance for the treatment of 39 patients suffering from serious diseases. Due to which, with better treatment, the lives of many people could be saved. The people who were provided financial assistance include Allapur, Rajapur, Naini, Sadiyapur, Muthiganj, Kidganj, Karamat ki Chowki, Khuldabad, Pandariba, Begumsarai, Bairhana, Baluaghat, Meja Khas, Unchamandi, Dhumanganj, Karaili, Gaughat, Maheva, Bahadurganj, Salori, Karailbagh as well as people from Sitapur, Lucknow are included.

Condolences on demise of Cong leader's nephew

Prayagraj: Congressmen have expressed deep grief over the untimely demise of Mustafa Hashmi, nephew of Congress State Committee member Fuzail Hashmi, in New Jersey, USA on Thursday. A condolence meeting was held at the party office Zero Road in the afternoon under the chairmanship of District Congress Committee President Suresh Yadav. It was said that Mustafa, who was working on a senior position in a multi-national company, was a bright and cheerful person. On this occasion, two minutes silence was observed for the peace of the deceased soul. Former UP Congress Committee spokesperson Kishore Varshney, UPCC members Harikesh Tripathi, Talat Azim, Arshad Ali, Sanjay Tiwari, Parvez Siddiqui, Manoj Pasi, Rakesh Patel, Sartaj Mohammad, Ajay Srivastava, Mohd. Javed, Rakesh Srivastava, Vinay Pandey, Zahid Neta etc.

BJP to celebrate Modi's oath taking ceremony

Prayagraj: BJP celebrates the moment Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes the oath as the Prime Minister for the third time Workers are excited. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that preparations are going on in Delhi for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take oath as the Prime Minister for the third time on May 9, while the workers of Prayagraj are also waiting for that moment and are preparing to celebrate. Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra has gathered at the Civil Line office and BJP Mandal Presidents have gathered at the Mandal office. As soon as Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes oath, they will congratulate each other by feeding sweets and bursting crackers. Apart from this, BJP leader Vijay Vaishya will celebrate Diwali and Holi like celebrations in Bahadurganj area at 6:00 pm and sweets will be distributed among the people.

Traders demand Board's share in Union Cabinet, re-constitution of GST

Prayagraj: A meeting of the Indian Industry Trade Board was held at Hotel Yash Padam Continental, Civil Lines. In this meeting, Metropolitan President of the organization Yogesh Goyal expressed happiness over the formation of BJP government again. On this occasion, Goyal said that for the last several years no parliamentarianism on Prayagraj has been included in the cabinet. Murlu Manohar Joshi last became the Union Minister from Prayagraj. Therefore, now the government needs that an MP from Prayagraj should get the post of Union Minister so that the development of Prayagraj can take place in full swing. Also, in view of Kumbh, it is very important to have a Union Minister from Prayagraj so that proper inspection of Kumbh preparations and its assessment report can reach the government directly.



On this occasion, the organization said that there is a great need to promote tourism in Prayagraj and this is possible only when the development of Allahabad can be done under the supervision of a Union Minister. On this occasion, Goyal said that since this is BJP's term 3.0, there is a need to pay special attention to the simple reasons of GST so that traders do not face problems in business. He said that at present GST is so complex that traders are more worried about GST than their business, hence if the government understands, then it should stop GST and re-establish it in the interest of traders. Along with this, all the members of the organization demanded from the government to either close down the online or implement some such rules so that the business of retailers and small traders does not collapse and they do not face any problem in running their livelihood.

Eid ul Fitr alike, Eid uz Zuha two days celebration this yr

Prayagraj: Shia community and one sect of Sunnah Jamaat will celebrate Eid uz Zuha on 17th June and one sect of Sunnah Jamaat will celebrate Eid uz Zuha on 18th June. This time too, due to the contradiction regarding the moon of Uz Zuha i.e. Islamic month of Zil-Hijja, the festival of Eid-e-Qurban will be celebrated for two days on June 17 and June 18. On Friday 29th Ziqad, Maulana Saif Abbas Naqvi, President of Shia Markazi Chand Committee, Lucknow, confirmed the moon sighting, while Ahmed Makin Mazhari, Secretary of Prayagraj's Markazi Chand Majlis Ruete Helal Jama Masjid Hazrat Maulana Shah Wasi Ullah, also confirmed the sighting of the moon on Friday and it was announced that Eid-ul-Zuha would be celebrated on 17th June. Meanwhile, a large section of the Sunnah Jamaat said that the moon would not be sighted on Friday. The moon was sighted on Saturday and on Sunday, due to the first of Zil-Hijja, on 18th June. A large section of Sunnat Jamaat will celebrate Eid uz Zuha. According to Syed Mohammad Askari, General Secretary of Ummul Baneen Society, this time like Eid ul Fitr, Eid uz Zuha will also be celebrated for two days on 17th and 18th June. Special prayers of Eid-ul-Zuha will be offered at the fixed time in all the small and big mosques including Idgah, Jama Masjid, while the prayers of sacrifice will also be performed by people of every respectable status.

Appeal: On behalf of Ummul Baneen Society, Hasni Hussaini Foundation, Shia Sunni Ittehad Committee and Moharram Committee and all the mourning organizations across the city, an appeal has been made to the people that neither to display the sacrificial animal nor to post its photo on social media for show. Wazir Khan, President of Hasni Hussaini Foundation, said that Allah does not like show off, hence stay away from show business. Syed Mohammad Askari, General Secretary of Ummul Baninn Society, said that do not sacrifice in open places nor throw the remains of animals on the roads and streets. It is the biggest responsibility to bury the remains of the animal in a pit so that the rituals read on the sacrificial animal are fulfilled. There should be no desecration of the verses of the Quran and the foul smell should not spread in the surrounding areas. Shia Sunni Ittehad Committee Chairman Kitab Ali Advocate Secretary Kashan Siddique Advocate, Councilor Abdul Samad, Councilor Rameez Ahsan, Councilor Fasahat Hussain, former Councilor Anees Ahmed etc. He also appealed to the people to show mutual understanding on the occasion of Eid-Uz-Zuha and to give full cooperation to the government administration and to make proper cleaning arrangements and lime sprinkling at the mosques and places where prayers are offered from the Municipal Corporation and from the Water Institute. They demanded 24 hours water supply and electricity department to keep the city free from power cuts on the day of Eid Uz Zuha.

Prayagraj @ 45.2 degrees C, hottest in India

Prayagraj: For the eighth consecutive day, Uttar Pradesh cities, particularly from West UP, recorded the hottest day in the country. On Saturday, Prayagraj emerged as the hottest city in India with mercury breaching the 45 degrees-Celsius mark. Between June 1 to 8, UP cities set a new benchmark in terms of maximum temperature. On June 7, Jhansi blazed at 45.8 degrees Celsius; on June 6, Orai sizzled at 45.2, on June 5, it was Fatehpur where mercury rose to 46.2 degrees Celsius, on June 4, again Jhansi at 46.8 degrees, on June 3 Kanpur (IAF) set a record at 46.8 degrees, on June 2, Fatehpur was blazing at



46.2 and on June 1 again Jhansi's day temperature remained highest in the country at 46.9 degrees Celsius. On Saturday, the maximum temperatures were in

the range of 42-45°C in many parts of East Uttar Pradesh and in some parts of West Uttar Pradesh. These are above normal by 2 to 4°C in these areas. Heat

wave conditions prevailed in isolated pockets of East Uttar Pradesh too, as a result mercury rose to 45.2 degrees Celsius in Prayagraj.

Mahant Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj met Chief Minister Yogi Unveiling of Mahant Narendra Giri Maharaj statue on the anvil

Prayagraj: The tomb and statue of Kailashvasi Mahant Narendra Giri Ji Maharaj, who was the President of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, will be unveiled in July. Peetadhishwar Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj of Math Baghambari Gaddi met Chief Minister Adityanath Yogi. During this, there was discussion regarding the development works of Mahakumbh in Prayagraj. He gave information about most of the works to be done in view of Mahakumbh. At the same time, talks were held for unveiling the Samadhi and statue of Kailash resident Narendra Giri Maharaj. CM was invited for the unveiling of the statue as well as the inauguration of the newly constructed cow shed next month. On Saturday, Peetadhishwar Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj of Math Baghambari Gaddi reached Lucknow to meet Chief Minister Adityanath Yogi.

He told CM here about the ongoing development work in Prayagraj. He told that development work is going on in the monastery. He told that next month the Samadhi and statue of Kailash resident Mahant Narendra Giri Ji Maharaj will be unveiled. Besides this, a state-of-the-art cow shed will also be inaugurated.



Blaming local concerns & sheltering Modi from defeats in UP is self-deception by BJP: Shekar Bahuguna

Prayagraj: Shekar Bahuguna, senior member of UP Congress Political Affairs Committee during the review meeting held in Lucknow opined, "It seemed necessary to remind people of all this now because while the BJP is still trying to come to terms with the severe blow dealt to it by the SP and Congress in Uttar Pradesh, its well-wishers - intellectuals and analysts - are leaving no stone unturned and giving one argument after another to paint it as an ordinary event. Many of them claim that the BJP has lost in the state either due to local reasons or due to the 'fear psychosis' spread by INDIA or perhaps because of the huge anti-incumbency towards its MPs elected in 2019. The helplessness of

these gentlemen is pitiable as they are forced to blame the mandate in UP on local reasons in the same breath in which they are declaring the mandate of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh - or even the gains of BJP in Kerala and Telangana - a result of the arrogance of the respective state governments. They do not even seem to comprehend the contradiction in it."

"Not only this, they talk about anti-incumbency against BJP MPs and claim that had their tickets been cut, the poll outcome would be different. But they do not blame Modi and his government the slightest bit. Recently, a well-known poll expert artfully defended Modi by saying that the voters may be a little dissatisfied with him, but they

are not angry. If these gentlemen are to be believed, the biggest fault of INDIA is that it had spread fear about Modi and the BJP that they will change the constitution of the country and abolish reservation, if they get 400 seats. As a result, a fear psychosis was created in the voters which made them shift from their dominant (Hindutva) identity to a limited identity - from religion to caste - and out of fear of losing their rights, they voted against the BJP," he opined.

"Who spread the fear psychosis?" quipped Bahuguna scion and further added, "Someone should ask these gentlemen what kind of psychosis was Modi spreading with his incendiary remarks about Hindus and Muslims stirring a fear

that reservations for Dalits and backward classes will be handed to Muslims, women's mangalsutra and buffaloes will be taken



away and 'Babri lock' will be put on Ram temple if INDIA comes to power. Weren't his own people the first to claim that their party could form

the government with 272 seats but 400 plus seats were needed to change the constitution? If it weren't so, how else could INDIA

unable to tolerate the fact that the voters of Uttar Pradesh, considered it as the last opportunity to save the constitution, refused to serve as bhakts or subjects any longer and took a step towards being responsible citizens? Should they be praised or criticised that they snatched power from undeserving hands? Should SP and Congress also be criticised for considering this as the final chance to survive, grabbing the opportunity to reshape old images and reinvent themselves in such a way that their alliance did not seem unnatural or limited only to party leaders like previous attempts but also brought the hearts of workers of both the parties closer to each other? They did not limit themselves to trying to

have fulfilled its duty of being the opposition by countering these claims?" He went on to say, "The question is - why are they

defeat the BJP with the help of their traditional vote bank but also attacked its vote bank and that of the BSP?" "They also did away with the inhibitions due to which many sections avoided getting close to them despite being dissatisfied with BJP. Resultantly, Union minister Smriti Irani lost to a 'party worker' Kishorilal Sharma by three times the number of votes with which she had defeated Rahul Gandhi in Amethi in 2019," he remarked.

Prior to signing off, he said, "I have already mentioned the defeat of the BJP in Ayodhya. But it is necessary to mention it here to ask these gentlemen whether that defeat was also based on local issues. Was the BJP fighting the elections there on local is-

suces? Then why are the people of Ayodhya being blamed for the defeat and insulted in such a language that cannot even be replicated here? Why is it being claimed that they neither belong to Lord Ram, nor to those who were here to end a 500-year-long wait for his return? Why are they being compared to the subjects of Lord Ram? Is the intention to keep them as subjects and not to let them become citizens? This is not all, the rivalry between Modi and Yogi, which the BJP often wastes its energy on coveting up, has flared up to such an extent that both sides are engaged in a slugfest at least on social media. The wound is deep and hurts a lot too, but it will only fester if concealed."

Editorial

Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

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

Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities

Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. 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. During the 1962 Indo-China war, both villages were abandoned, and their residents were relocated to safer nearby areas. Far away in the east, at the Tawang War Memorial in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army, along with the Tawang administration and the local Monpa population, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the arrival of Maj Bob Khathing in the area. In 1951, the Manipuri Naga officer took over the administration of the border town of Tawang, south of the McMahon Line; a communiqué of the Defense PRO in Guwahati thus explained, "After the valiant Major undertook a treacherous march from the plains of Assam to Tawang, negotiating Sela and Bomdila passes during peak winters, leading a contingent of 200 Assam Rifles troops and 600 porters for a difficult maiden mission, thus materialised the formal establishment of Indian civil administration at Tawang."



The above two events are linked as the takeover of both places' administration is the result of a decision of the Himmatsinghji Border Defence Committee created by the Army Headquarters on November 12, 1950. 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 of advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress". Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then Jadhung), two tiny villages south of the Tchangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district. The Role of Jairamdas

Daulatram

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

Precise tasks were given to the young and bold officer.

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

nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for." An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces." Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and 74 years later, he was still considered by the Monpas as their liberator. Khathing was also asked to keep daily wireless telegraphic contact with Daulatram after crossing the Se-La pass. It is what Khathing did, and his dispatches and cables still make fascinating reading. Finally, Daulatram asked Khathing to "conduct [the] operation with tact, firmness, and discretion". The logistics of the expedition were not easy; for example, the question of porters and loads was difficult to coordinate. One can imagine having as many as 200 troops and 600 porters to feed. Another issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities.

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

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

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

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

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

Punjab to Andhra to Telangana—state govts' spending on freebies harming India's growth story

The heat of the 2024 Lok Sabha election is at its peak.

Every vote is important, and, therefore, political parties are trying to woo every section of society. Earlier, political parties used to make announcements about their proposed policies in their election manifestos. But for the last one and a half to two decades, they have started making announcements for free schemes to woo voters. It's beyond doubt that providing free electricity, water, or travel to everyone could ruin government budgets and increase debt too. Today, there is an ongoing competition between political parties about freebies, and in an effort to woo voters and gain power by hook or by crook, many Indian states are already getting burdened with debt. As a result, on the one hand, they are failing to fulfil their promises completely, and on the other, the development work and essential government activities in those states are getting affected. During the 2022 assembly election in Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) made many promises, including free electricity. After the formation of the AAP government, some of these were implemented, but today, the situation is such that the debt burden on the government is continuously increasing and the state is trying to take more

loans. The central government is also being accused of not giving money to the state, whereas the reality is that the state government is irresponsibly spending on freebies to garner votes. The situation is the same in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand. Meanwhile, the central government is not in favour of states taking more loans because it is against the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003. The states in debt due to expenditure on freebie schemes are unable to spend on the necessary responsibilities. Industries in Punjab are incurring high electricity bills because the AAP government is giving free electricity to nearly 60 lakh people. Infrastructure development in the state is getting badly affected too. Punjab, once the state with the highest per capita income in the country, has slipped to the 19th position. Other debt-ridden states are suffering a similar fate. In its 2024 election manifesto, Congress has announced Rs 1 lakh as an unconditional cash transfer to the poor every year as part of its Mahalaxmi Scheme. If the party comes to power, the implementation of such a scheme can be frightening. It's notable that as of 31 March 2023, the total

debt on the governments (central and state) in India (including the guarantees given by them) was Rs 231.7 lakh crores, which was 85.1 per cent of GDP at current prices. Out of this, the total debt of the central government is equal to 57.1 per cent of the GDP and the rest is of the state governments (nearly 28 per cent of GDP). According to the FRBM Act, the target debt-GSDP (gross state domestic product) ratio, in any state, should not exceed 20 per cent. But as per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in many of the states of the country, this ratio is much more than the targeted one. It reached 48.98 per cent in Punjab, 42.37 per cent in Rajasthan, 37.39 per cent in West Bengal, 36.73 per cent in Bihar, 35.30 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 31.53 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 27.80 per cent in Telangana, 27.27 per cent in Tamil Nadu, and 26.47 per cent in Chhattisgarh in 2020-21. If the debt on state government enterprises and the guarantees given by the state governments are also added, then by 2020-21, the debt to GSDP ratio in Rajasthan would be 54.94 per cent and in Punjab, it would be 58.21 per cent. In Andhra Pradesh also it has been estimated at 53.77 per cent; it is 47.89 per cent in Telangana,

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

The metaphor Writings On TheWall came from 30 years of travel, especially in poll-bound India. This installment comes from Kashmir. It's my first time witnessing an election in such a sensitive, important, and fascinating location. What is Writings On The Wall? It involves literally gazing at the walls to see what's changing, what's not, and what people want and don't want. The walls reveal what people are buying (branded underwear, Nitish's Bihar, 2010) or if they're too broke to buy anything (Lalu's Bihar, 2005). That shows an

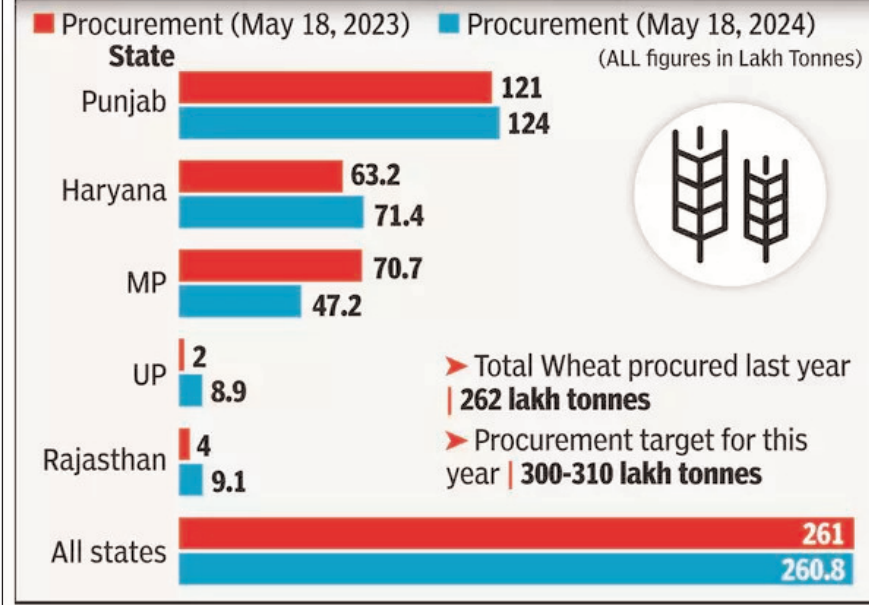
economy's state and change. For improvement in Kashmir. Read all the previous reports in this series here. Three things stand out in the Kashmir Valley, where Srinagar and Baramulla have already voted and Anantnag-Rajouri votes on Saturday. Say three de-hyphenations stand out, but only one can be read from the walls. The other two require entry. Three de-hyphenations: First, a large portion of Kashmiri youth have distanced themselves from radicalism, separatism, resentment, and grievance. Don't think it's over. It waits until young people

trust you enough to talk. Education, competitiveness, jobs, and careers are priorities. Pakistan's de-hyphenation is noteworthy. Political instability, Imran Khan's detention despite his popularity, and economic collapse are hot topics. It also stems from Pakistan's tragic decline and India's ascent. Third, security agencies' tactical and ground-level achievements in de-hyphenating weapons and people. Everyone knows there are lots of weapons in the Valley and many trained and motivated users. For now, that cord is cut, or de-hyphenated. The like-

ly users can't get the weapons and vice versa. Coaching academy hoardings and posters are common in most of India, except in the north, especially Punjab, where immigration/visas/IELTS dominate. I don't think they're as prominent anywhere as in Kashmir. Allen Career Institute, Chanakya IAS Academy, Elite IAS, Emerge Institute of Coaching, The Commercians, Vedantu, Nucleus Institute Of Excellence—hundreds of brands line walls, trees, unipoles, and anywhere else you can hang something.

Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

75% OF TOTAL FROM PUNJAB & HRY



Delhi: This Rabi selling season, the Food Ministry announced that the Central government had purchased 262.48 lakh metric tonnes of wheat in various states, beating previous year's 262.02 lakh. The Rabi marketing season 2024-25 MSP outflow was Rs. 59,715 crores, benefiting 22.31 lakh farmers. Five states dominated procurement. Punjab procured 124.26 lakh metric tons (LMT), followed by Haryana with 71.49 LMT and Madhya Pradesh with 47.78 LMT. Rajasthan and

Uttar Pradesh followed with 9.66 and 9.07 LMT. According to the Ministry, 728.42 LMT paddy equivalent to 489.15 LMT of rice has been acquired directly from 98.26 lakh farmers during the Kharif marketing scheme 2023-24, with a total MSP outflow of Rs. 1,60,472 crores. The Food Ministry said the Central Pool's wheat and rice stock had topped 600 LMT, allowing the country to meet its food grain needs under PMGKAY, other welfare initiatives, and market interventions.

'Not giving clean chit to anyone ... CM Kejriwal was at home': Swati Maliwal

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on Thursday recounted her ordeal of May 13, stating that she was assaulted by Bibhav Kumar, personal aide of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. In an exclusive interview with ANI, Maliwal described the incident in detail. "On May 13 at around 9 am in the morning, I went to meet Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at his residence. The staff asked me to sit in the drawing room and told her that Arvind Kejriwal ji was at home and he was coming here to meet me. After that the PA of Arvind Kejriwal ji Bibhav Kumar came in a state of aggression and I asked 'Kya Hua Kejriwalji aa rahe hai. Kya hogya?' I said this much, after which he slapped me. He (Bibhav Kumar) slapped me 7 to 8 times. When I tried to push him, he held my legs and mujhe ghasheet diya. Ensuring that my head bumped into the center table. I fell to the floor and he (Bibhav) started beating me with his legs. I was



screaming and begging for help but no one came there," Maliwal said. Maliwal stated that she is unsure whether the assault was carried out on someone's instructions or if Bibhav acted on his own accord, emphasizing that this is a matter of investigation. She expressed her cooperation with the Delhi Police and clarified that she is not giving anyone a clean chit, as the incident occurred while she was in the drawing room and Arvind Kejriwal was at home. "Everything is a matter of investigation. I am very cooperative with the Delhi Police. I am not giving anyone the clean chit. Because the fact is I was

in the drawing room and Arvind Kejriwal was at home and I was beaten up very badly. I was literally screaming very badly but no one came to help to out. I never thought what will happen to me and my career. What will they do with me? I just thought that 'Jo cheez maine saari mahilao ko bola hai ki hamesha sach ke saath khade raho, aap sachi sachi complain karo and jo bhi aapke sath kuch galat hua hai toh uske liye jarur lada, toh aaj mai kaise nhi ladh sakti,' she said with tears in her eyes. Maliwal has accused Bibhav of assaulting her at the CM's residence.

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

NEW DELHI: A 32-year-old man was killed on Thursday after a 15-year-old boy allegedly hit him with a motorcycle in Mumbai. Irfan Nawab Ali Shaikh, the victim sustained severe injuries from the crash and was immediately rushed to JJ Hospital for medical attention. However, he succumbed to his injuries. In response to the incident, Mumbai Police have taken the minor into custody and sent him to a juvenile home. Additionally, the minor's father has been detained by the authorities. A case has been registered under section 304(2) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 3 and 4 of the Motor Vehicle Act. This comes following a similar incident in Pune where a Porsche crash involving a minor that killed two people. The 17-year-old driver, initially granted bail within 15 hours by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), faced lenient bail conditions that sparked widespread public anger. The bail terms, which included writing a reflective essay and working with traffic police, were perceived as too lenient given the gravity of the charges. In response to the backlash, the Juvenile Justice Board in Pune revoked the minor's bail and ordered him to be held in an observation home. Furthermore, the board is now contemplating whether to try the teenager as an adult, which could result in a more severe sentence if he is convicted. The father of the minor involved in the luxury vehicle accident has been sent to police custody until May 24.

Chhattisgarh has high number of stateless individuals

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh is the second state with the maximum estimated number of 62,890 stateless, refugee persons. In India, there are a total of 2,89,394 as per the last public statistics released in the year 2014. In the state capital Raipur, authorities have received a total of 52 applications for citizenship from January one to April 30 this year of which 23 have been forwarded to the district magistrate's office while 29 applications are under process in the police stations for fur-

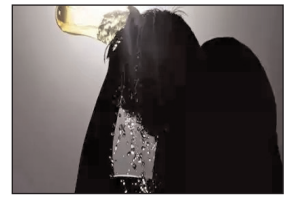


ther verification, Rapur senior superintendent of police Santosh Singh said. Between the formation of the state and December 31, 2023, 841 citizens were granted citizenship in the state capital district. This year, from the first of Jan to April 30, a total of 56 stateless people have been granted citizenship. Most of the citizenship applications are from Pakistanis while a

single applicant is from Nepal. In Bilaspur, within the last 10 years only a single applicant has been granted the naturalization certificate, said an official from administration. Raj Kumar Khetwani is a 39-year-old individual who along with a family consisting of wife, two girls children and an elderly mother for the first time applied for Indian citizenship in the year 2021. Khetwani told, it was the year 2012 when on a tourist visa my family had the privilege to visit India to my relative's place and while on the grounds of ill-treatment in the then home country Pakistan, the family finally decided to stay back in India. "When we came here, my children were 10 and 12 years old and somehow were admitted to a school. Since then, I have been striving to obtain citizenship", he said. All this while, I've been surviving on dependency. It's been 10 years but still, I live in a rented house and survive on a rented shop, which is now my source.

Urbanization led to overall 60% enhancement in warming in Indian cities: IIT study

BHUBANESWAR: Urbanization alone has led to an overall 60 percent enhancement in warming in Indian cities, with eastern tier-II cities leading the way. It was revealed through a study conducted by the researchers from IIT Bhubaneswar. This research provides a science based quantitative ranking of urbanization for Indian cities. The study titled 'Urbanization and regional climate change-linked warming of Indian Cities' published in the journal



'Nature Cities' provides insight by carefully separating regional climate change and urbanization in multiple cities. Sethi Vinoj_NatCities2024 (1) (1) The researchers investigated the contributions of local-scale urbanization and regional climate change to the warming in 141 major Indian cities over the

past two decades. They took 18 years of high-resolution land surface temperature data from NASA's Aqua satellite for the period between 2003 and 2020. They also compared urban and rural warming trends. The study found that Tier II cities in eastern India showed stronger urbanization-driven warming compared to larger metro cities like New Delhi and Mumbai. "This disparity underscores the importance of targeted urban planning.

Non-recovery of cash not prima facie proof no graft took place: HC

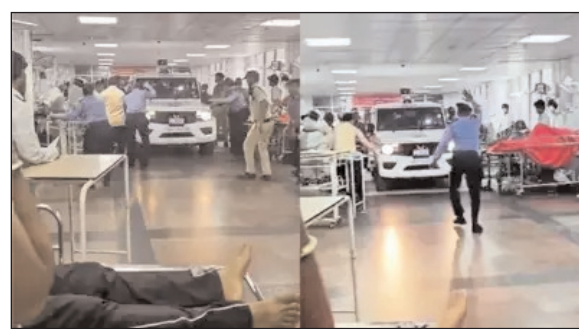
NEW DELHI: Non-recovery of ill-gotten money can't be prima facie proof that no corruption has taken place because a person now uses new technologies to commit offences without leaving behind any trace, Delhi high court has observed, while denying bail to AAP's Manish Sisodia in the city excise policy case. In its order pronounced Tuesday and uploaded Wednesday, HC said "recovery of cash from a person may not necessarily be a mandatory requirement in a money laundering case where allegations are part of a conspiracy comprising multiple accused." It added the liquor policy case involves commission of "serious offence" of corruption in public

office and laundering, which "strikes at the heart of economic and social systems, undermining the rule of law and eroding public trust in institutions." HC rejects plea of no money being recovered from the former deputy chief minister while pointing out to statements of some hawala dealers and other witnesses recorded in course of the probe. "This court is of the view that the prosecution has made out a prima facie case of commission of money laundering under Section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Manish Sisodia at this stage," high court observed. HC said the form "of cor-

ruption which has the tendency of stealing legitimate resources of the poor ordinary people and giving it to the rich can be one of the worst." It noted that the new excise policy has "eradicated" the common and small-time businesses and gave the entire playing field in the liquor business to those who had "money, power and had created a cartel" on the basis of financial gains to those formulating a policy, which adds to the seriousness of the offence. "The courts of law may be considered as constant thorns in the way of free-flowing corruption and, even if that be so, and are termed as victory for the masses," Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said.

Uttarakhand cops drive into AIIMS building to nab accused

DEHRADUN: Days after a junior doctor on duty at AIIMS-Rishikesh was allegedly sexually harassed by a nursing officer, a video of a police team driving into the hospital premises to nab the accused, who was admitted in the psychiatric ward of the hospital, surfaced on social media on Thursday. In the widely circulated video, a police vehicle can be seen being driven into the ward (situated on the hospital's 4th floor) with patients' stretchers being hurriedly moved away to give passage to the vehicle. Soon after the video was circulated, cops swung into damage control and proffered an explanation for the action. The SSP (Dehradun), Ajai Singh termed the action as "appropriate for the serious situation which had developed inside the hospital." Was emergency



measure, none affected: AIIMS Rishikesh chief Sources said police action had been necessitated since it was feared that those protesting against the accused's presence in the hospital may cause him bodily harm. Referring to "protest by around 250-300 people, including several junior doctors", SSP said the accused "could have been lynched". About the video, the SSP said the clip was of Tuesday, and clarified that "it was not of the emergency ward" as claimed by many on social media. "It was in

the triage area on 4th floor, where patients usually wait before being admitted. Also, the police vehicle was guided through that passage by the hospital's security guards. In a joint inspection undertaken with the AIIMS director, it was concluded that the action was necessary to tackle the tense law and order situation on that day," he added. Director of AIIMS-Rishikesh, Dr Meenu Singh, said: "Police used their vehicle to get the accused out since junior doctors who were on protest were getting restless.

Cyclone 'Remal' to impact West Bengal, adjoining Bangladesh, IMD

NEW DELHI: A low-pressure area over the southwest & adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal moved northeastwards and is likely to concentrate into a depression over central parts of the Bay of Bengal by the morning of May 24 and is expected to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the east-central Bay of Bengal by May 25, according to India Meteorological Department. And subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm, it added. If the cyclone is formed, it will be named 'Remal', and it will be the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon season. Heavy rainfall warning According to the IMD, a light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very rain.

Bay of Bengal at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 23rd May, 2024. It is very likely to continue to move northeastwards and concentrate into a Depression over central parts of Bay of Bengal by morning of 24th May, 2024." "Thereafter, it is very likely to continue to move northeastwards, intensify further into a cyclonic storm over east-central Bay of Bengal by 25th May morning. Subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm," it added. If the cyclone is formed, it will be named 'Remal', and it will be the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon season. Heavy rainfall warning According to the IMD, a light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very rain.

Indian medical students benefit from Philippines standards changes

Delhi: Philippine law-makers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be. The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recognized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign



education agent Kadwin Pillai stated all worries are gone. The Philippine UG medical course duration now meets NMC standards. Welcoming foreign medical students to practice medicine locally or abroad will help our students and boost the Philippines' status as a major Asian-Pacific medical education destination "said. About 2,000 Indian UG medical students study in the Philippines each year. A record 24 lakh students took the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test this year. Foreign education agents expect 5 lakh Indians to study medicine abroad when local admissions close. Students spend Rs 40 lakh on schooling on average.

The 15-year-old Indian weightlifter shattering the world mark for gold

Delhi: At the IWF World juvenile Championships, 15-year-old Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi won a gold medal after shattering the world record for juvenile clean and jerk in the women's 40 kg division. She lifted an amazing 76kg, breaking the previous record of 75kg. On the first day of the competition, Bhoi's overall effort weighed 133 kg, barely 2 kg less than the young world mark thanks to her 57 kg snatch lift. Jyoshna Sabar of India won the silver medal with a total lift of 125 kg (56 kg + 69 kg), and Fatma Kolcak of Turkey took home the bronze medal with a total lift of 120 kg (55 kg + 65 kg). The result was a 1-2 finish. Two more weightlifters from India made it to the podium, making it an excellent day for them. Payal finished second in the women's 45kg category, losing to Colombian Lawren Estrada, who won her second world title with a total lift of 151kg (67kg+84kg). Payal took home a silver medal in the 45kg



How Does Widespread NCERT Textbook Adoption Benefit Indian Students?

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning.

One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. These textbooks are accessible and inclusive for various pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular uniformity.

event. With a total lift of 193 kg (86 kg + 107 kg), Babulal Hembrom won the bronze in the men's

49 kg event, making him the fourth lifter from India to place on the podium.

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No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines.

Delhi: To prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception. According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibited. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under "Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters must avoid the media.

Sindhu beat Ongbamrunghan to reach the Malaysia

Delhi: Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunghan in the Malaysia Masters women's singles semi-final at Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals. In his first semi-final of the year, the two-time Olympic medalist lost the first game before showing her real courage. After a fierce battle, she took the lead from world no. 10 in the second game and led by two points at half-time. Keep calm and extend your lead to win 21-16. In



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the final game, she went all out and left her opponent no chance to recover. Sindhu led 11-5 before exchanging sides and closing with eight match points. She easily won

21-12 to win the match. Sindhu will face Wang Zhi Yi of China in the final. The incumbent Asian champion defeated Zhang Yiman in straight games to reach the

The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

Delhi: The US is the top destination for Indian students seeking higher education abroad. Most Indian students prefer US education due to its universities, cultural diversity, and academic opportunities. Indian student enrollment in U.S. universities rose 35% in 2022-23. USA is known for academic brilliance and offers international students learning and job possibilities with close to 200 universities in the top 1500 QS world university rankings. Indian students are the largest international cohort studying in the U.S. because M.S. final.

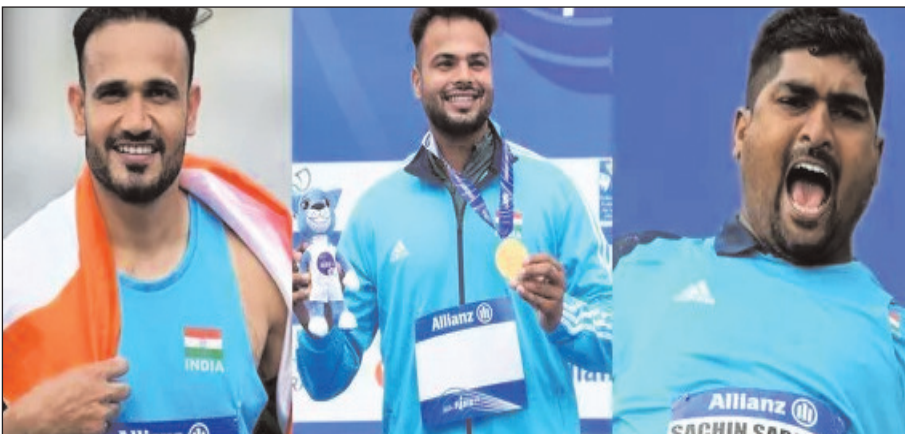
The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach

rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead. Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO). The next game for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is scheduled for May 26 in Breda, against Germany.

Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



Delhi: India continued their medal run at the 2024 Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan, with Simran Sharma winning gold in the Women's 200 meters T12. Preethi Pal won her second Championship medal, a bronze in the Women's 100m T35. Preethi previously won 200-meter bronze in the same category. India's Navdeep earned a bronze medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 with a sea-

son-best 42.82 meters. India won 17 medals, including six gold, five silver, and six bronze, surpassing the 2023 total. Indian para-athletes' performance in Kobe is a credit to their hard work, resilience, and strong support system from coaches, support staff, and the Athletics Federation of India. Their achievement inspires prospective athletes and boosts India's para-athletics profile. Deepthi Jeevanji established a world record of 55.06

seconds in the Women's 400m T20, winning the gold medal with amazing hard effort and motivation. Breaking the world record and earning gold at the World Championships is a dream. I appreciate my coaches, family, and Indian contingent. After breaking the world record, Deepthi Jeevanji commented, "This is just the beginning, and I am excited for the future, especially with the Paris Paralympics."

Indian women's compound team wins third straight Archery World

Delhi: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami won their third straight Archery World Cup gold medal at stage two. The three defeated Turkey's Hazal Burun, Ayse Bera Suzer, and Begum Yuva 232-226 to prove their dominance. The world-number one Indian team showed skill and consistency from the start. They kept a six-point lead throughout the final, preventing Turkey from closing in. This win continues their winning trend, having won gold at World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai and Stage 4 in Paris last year. India won silver in compound mixed team in addition to women's team. Olivia Dean and Sawyer Sullivan of the US faced Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Priyansh Jain in the



final. After an early lead, the Indian duo succumbed by two points, 155-153. Jyothi and Priyansh opened the match with a near-perfect 39 out of 40, giving India a two-point advantage. They lost consistency in later rounds. By halfway, the USA pair tied the score and beat the Indians with a perfect third end to win the gold medal. Prathamesh Fuge just missed a bronze medal in the individ-

ual events after losing to world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands in a shoot-off. Fuge defeated Austrian world number six Nico Wiener in the quarterfinals. He lost in the shoot-off after overcoming a two-point deficit to force a tiebreaker, losing his first World Cup medal. In the compound men's individual semifinal, Fuge lost to world number seven James Lutz of the US 143-148.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25 and continues education there.



TBO TEK LIMITED - INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OPENS ON 08th May, 2024



GURUGRAM : TBO Tek Limited ("The Company" or "TBO"), shall open bids for its initial public offering of Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 08th, 2024. The Offer will close on Friday May 10th, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be on Tuesday May 07th, 2024.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 875 to ₹ 920 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 16 Equity Shares and in multiples of 16 Equity Shares thereafter ("Price Band"). The Offer comprises of fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 4,000.00 million

(₹ 400.00 Crore) (the "Fresh Issue") and an Offer of Sale by certain shareholders of up to 12,508,797 Equity Shares (the "Offer for Sale", and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer") ("Total Offer Size"). The Company proposes to utilize net proceeds of the Fresh Issue portion of the Offer towards (i) Growth and Strengthening of its platform by adding new Buyers (defined below) and Suppliers which shall include (a) ₹ 1,350.00 million [₹ 135 crore] towards investment in technology and data solutions by the Company, (b) ₹ 1,000.00

million [₹ 100 crore] towards investment in its Material Subsidiary, Tek Travels DMCC, for onboarding platform users through marketing and promotional activities, and hiring sales and contracting personnel for augmenting the Supplier and Buyers based outside India, (c) ₹ 250.00 million [₹ 25 crore] investment in sales, marketing and infrastructure to support organization's growth plans in India; and (ii) Unidentified inorganic acquisitions and towards general corporate purpose amounting to ₹ 400.00 million.

#Travel With Limca On An Exhilarating Exploration Of Your City

Panipat/Karnal: Coca-Cola India's homegrown heritage brand Limca, India's favorite lemony flavored drink, has launched its exciting new campaign, #TravelWithLimca. Launching Triptii Dimri as the Limca girl, the campaign is built on the idea that there is a whole world waiting to be discovered right in our neighborhoods. The #TravelWithLimca campaign encourages people to discover new hotspots within their cities. Conceptualized by Studio X, the campaign film takes viewers on a vibrant journey alongside Triptii Dimri as she embarks on a bus ride that takes her on a delightful city exploration. As the bus rattles through the streets, with the first sip of the ultimate thirst quencher, Limca, a layer of happiness envelops her, igniting a sense of excitement and curiosity. Energized by the refreshing taste, Triptii's journey takes an enchanting turn, setting

out to traverse through the hidden gems of her city. From bustling markets to sizzling street snack shops, she uncovers the rich experiences, inspiring consumers to tour the city with a refreshing Limca. Expressing her excitement about joining the Limca family, Triptii Dimri said, "I am very happy and excited to be a part of Limca. Exploring new places and experiencing different cultures has always been my passion, and I am thrilled to encourage others to do the same. Together with Limca, I look forward to embarking on this exciting journey of discovery." Ruchira Bhattacharya, Senior Director, Marketing - Hydration, Sports and Tea Category, India and South-West Asia Operating Unit at The Coca-Cola Company, said, "With its legacy of lime and lemony credentials, Limca has been rejuvenating consumers with its unique taste for 5 decades. We are thrilled

to launch the #TravelWithLimca campaign featuring Triptii Dimri as our new Limca face. With this campaign, we hope to encourage people to get out there and discover the beauty of their own cities and refresh themselves with a chilled Limca! Mukund VML, Chief Strategy Officer, Studio X said, "There are so many places in one's own city that are waiting to be discovered. The #Travel with Limca campaign encourages you to live your city to the fullest. Everything in the commercial is localized to the city - from the name of the bus stop to the illustrations. Triptii with her effervescent attitude was not just great to work with but also is the perfect Limca girl." As part of the campaign, the brand will be running a promotional offer until 30th June, where consumers stand a chance to win travel vouchers from DMRC, Ease.



TDP chief launches Praja Galam yatra, vows to end YSRCP's autocratic rule in the state

TIRUPATI: Former Chief Minister and Telugu Desam chief Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the "Praja Galam" poll campaign amidst much fanfare at Palamaner in his home district of Chittoor on Wednesday and vowed to end the autocratic rule of the YSRCP in the state in the 2024 polls. Addressing an impressive rally at Palamaner, Naidu denounced the manner in which the YSRCP government neglected the irrigation projects in the water-parched and perennially drought-prone Rayalaseema region of the state. Telugu Desam founder and former Chief Minister NT Rama Rao had a vision to bring Krishna waters to address the drinking and irrigation water needs of the Rayalaseema region. "It was during the Telugu Desam Party regime in the state that various irrigation projects such as the Telugu Ganga, Handri Neeva, Galeru Nagari, etc., were taken up. While 90% of the works of the irrigation projects were completed by the TDP, the YSRCP government couldn't complete the pending 10% of the works in the last five years," Naidu lamented. "During the TDP regime between 2014-2019, about 62 irrigation projects were initiated, and 24 were completed. While the TDP spent Rs. 68,000 crore on irrigation projects across the state, Rs. 12,000 crore was allocated for the completion of irrigation projects in the Rayalaseema region alone. The Jagan Reddy government allocated only Rs. 2,125 crore for irrigation projects in the Rayalaseema region in the last five years, reflecting the government's lack of resolve for the completion of irrigation projects in the state," the TDP chief observed.

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF EQUITY SHARES OPENS ON MAY 8, 2024

GURUGRAM : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (the "Company"), proposes to open the initial public offering of its Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. ("Offer") The initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 10,000 million ("Fresh Issue") and an offer of sale of up to such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 20,000 million by BCP Topco VII Pte. Ltd. (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder")



("Offer for Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer"). The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue, (i) to meet future capital requirements towards onward lending; and (ii) general corporate purposes. The Equity Shares are being offered

through the Red Herring Prospectus dated April 30, 2024 ("RHP") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bangalore ("RoC"). The Equity Shares issued through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and

National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE" together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). For the purposes of the Offer, the designated stock exchange shall be NSE. Amit Dixit, Head of Private Equity Asia, Blackstone, said, "The listing is a significant milestone for Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, and its transformation is a great example of what we do best: Building businesses that build India. We brought our scale,

Ex-army man from Kalimpong 'tricked' into Russian Army

KALIMPONG: A 47-year-old man from Kalimpong allegedly tricked into a job in the Russian army has appealed to the government in a video message to rescue him before he is sent to fight Ukraine. Urgen Tamang, a resident of Chibo-Purbung in Kalimpong, speaking in Hindi in the 3-minute video, has blamed recruitment "agents" for duping him promising employment opportunities abroad as a security guard but recruited him in the Russian Army without his consent and that he is now compelled to fight the ongo-

ing war against Ukraine. In the video, Tamang claimed that he was misled by agents regarding the job, as he was initially informed that the job was for a security guard position in Moscow, Russia. He had reached Moscow on January 19 this year where he was received by a Gorkha/Nepali individual who subsequently accommodated him in a hotel for a night. The next day he was sent to a group of Tamil agents where he stayed for a night. He was then lodged in a hotel for about 10 days before being relocated to an

army camp. "I was taken to the army camp for normal training for approximately 18 days. There, I was asked to sign a bond. Thereafter, I was transferred to a jungle camp where I received training on handling guns and ammunition. It became evident that we were being prepared for frontline combat for the Ukraine War," Tamang had said in the video requesting the Government of India to help and rescue him. Speaking to TOI, his 44-year-old wife, Ambika Tamang said she has not spoken to her husband

since March 22. In their last communication, Tamang had mentioned that the Russians were taking them somewhere further from the camp. "I don't know which camp, I don't know if he meant the jungle camp or the army camp. He cannot even understand the language there and he is alone, I don't know what to do". Ambika said. When asked about how he found himself in that situation, Ambika said that her husband doesn't talk much and he didn't tell her about his Russian relocation in depth.

The group of students at a primary school in Bastar district took a stand against a teacher

NEW DELHI: The group of students at a primary school in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district took a stand against a teacher who arrived intoxicated. The viral video depicts the intense scene as the teacher hastily starts his motorbike amidst a barrage of slippers thrown by the students, ultimately fleeing the premises. This dramatic confrontation sheds light on the challenges faced by students in accessing quality education and the pressing need for accountability within the education system. As per the 'X' post, the incident took place at Pilibhatta Primary School, where the teacher's recurrent presence in class while under the influence of alcohol had

become a growing concern. Rather than fulfilling his teaching duties, he frequently resorted to sleeping on the floor, disregarding the needs of his students. Frustrated by his behavior, the students confronted him, only to face verbal abuse in return. Matters reached a tipping point when the teacher arrived intoxicated once again last week, prompting the students to take decisive action. This incident is not isolated, as another disturbing event recently surfaced in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district. A teacher was caught on camera openly carrying alcohol onto school premises, displaying a blatant disregard for the stan-

dards of conduct expected in such settings. The footage serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for enhanced oversight and accountability measures within educational institutions. Such incidents not only tarnish the reputation of the education system but also have detrimental effects on the well-being and academic progress of students. As these videos continue to circulate online, they serve as a clarion call for authorities to address systemic issues and ensure that students are provided with a safe and conducive learning environment. Reactions on post In response to the viral video, social media.

Amazon India launches 'Sushruta' - a comprehensive health and wellness program for truck drivers



ROHTAK : Amazon India today announced the launch of 'Sushruta', a comprehensive health and wellness program for truck drivers. Amazon works with over 350 trucking partners who employ thousands of truck drivers. The initiative aims to prioritize the health needs of these truck drivers,

who spend a significant part of their working day on the road. In addition, it will raise awareness about long-term health practices, which will be beneficial to truck drivers and their families. A series of health camps are being organized in Bengaluru, Manesar (Haryana), and other parts of the country

for truck drivers, offering screenings for over 70 health parameters. Organized in collaboration with NGOs such as Prerna and Anchal Health Centre and DocOnline, the inaugural camp in Bengaluru in January 2024 and the recently concluded camp in Manesar was a significant

success with encouraging participation from truck drivers. Arun Kumar Singh, Director, Amazon Transportation Services, India, emphasizes, "At Amazon, we recognize the challenges truck drivers face, including neglected health due to long hours on the road.

Congress MLA Suresh Routray's son Manmath joins BJD

BHUBNESWAR: Six-time Congress MLA Suresh Routray's son Manmath Routray has officially joined the ruling BJD in Odisha on Wednesday. Manmath, a former commercial pilot, made his entry into the BJD at the party headquarters in a procession accompanied by his supporters. He was inducted into the party by its MPs Manas Mangaraj and Sasmit Patra. "I will work for the ideology of my father and also Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Both leaders have one agenda in life and that is development. I will work for the development of Odisha," he said. Suresh Routray had on Tuesday said that he wanted his son to contest elections as a Congress candidate. "I accept Manmath's decision of joining the BJD as he is mature enough to make decisions on his political

UP CM Yogi introduces 'MYUVA Scheme' to empower youth entrepreneurs



Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will launch the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" plan to encourage young entrepreneurship. This ambitious project shows the government's commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs and encouraging innovation and enterprise. Through MYUVA, enterprising youth will obtain support and tools to establish their entrepreneurial endeavors, boosting Uttar Pradesh's economy. CM Yogi has ordered MSME Department staff to speed up the initiative's action plan. The directive emphasizes the government's determination to quickly adopt MYUVA. Officials must submit the action plan quickly to promote entrepreneurship and youth development in Uttar Pradesh. The Yogi administration provides interest-free financing for projects up to Rs 5 lakh to prepare one lakh young entrepreneurs each year. The 2024-25 budget includes Rs 1,000 crore for this endeavor. This unique program empowers educated and skilled youngsters across the state to create self-employment and MSMEs. The initiative promotes entrepreneurship to create rural and urban jobs. The plan offers interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh to industry and service ventures. Finance 1,00,000 units annually to directly benefit one million units (10 lakh units) over 10 years. Participants in the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, One District One Product Scheme, Scheduled Caste, Tribe, Other Backward Class Training Scheme, and Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission Skill Upgradation (Kaushal Unnayan) will be eligible for assistance. This program also

UEA Offers Indian Students UK Higher Education Scholarships

Delhi: The University of East Anglia (UEA), one of the UK's top 25 universities, has launched a variety of scholarships for Indian students. Graduate and undergraduate applicants for 2024-2025 can apply for these scholarships, which cover tuition, housing, and living expenses. Indian postgraduate students studying Economics, Humanities, Engineering, Chemistry, and Law are eligible for the £4,000 UEA India Award. Following

Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students

UEA's entrance requirements immediately qualifies candidates. Undergraduate Scholarship: UEA India High-achieving Indian undergradu-

ates at UEA can get a £4,000 tuition price discount in their first year. Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students. Valued at £4,000 each year, exceptional applicants may receive £10,000. Gita and Sonny Mehta India Scholarship: UEA's Department of Literature, Drama, and Creative Writing offers this scholarship to bril-

liant Indian writers. Applicants must submit a separate £28,500 application. David Sainsbury Full MSc Scholarship: This scholarship covers the tuition cost (£31,500), maintenance grant, and £4,000 travel fees for Global Plant Health applicants. Scholarships are individual and cannot be combined. The UEA website lists deadlines. Framework is part of Norwich Research Park, Europe's.

Research Internships from UGC Give Students Stipends, Insurance, and Academic Credits

Delhi: Stipends, insurance, and academic credits are awarded to fourth-year undergraduates who complete research internships. Participating enterprises must pay interns a set amount, according to UGC norms provided to higher education institutions. Nodal officers for research internships will negotiate

with corporations for the program at higher education institutions.

Higher education institutions may also seek group internships. The Four Year Undergraduate Programme's fourth year will include the research internship. Every student will have an internship supervisor to help them finish

their work on time. The UGC solicited stakeholder input on this guidelines draft. UGC chairperson M Jagdish Kumar said it implemented a credit framework at the undergraduate level following the National Education Policy 2020. He claimed the internship is mandatory to boost student employability.

Educational institutions will survey local market demand for research internships. Surveys and courses will inform internship projects. Educational institutions must publish internship projects and mentor information. Industry representatives should have been in career counseling, it said.

Over 1,300 beggars got skills

Delhi: The economic survey says the Delhi government started skill development for homeless beggars last year. It claims 1,312 of Delhi's 16,000 homeless and pavement residents were taught between March and September 2023. The government said an interdepartmental committee would train city homeless before the 2023 G20 Summit. The lieutenant governor and chief secretary ordered.

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Delhi: In less than two months, Physics Wallah's indigenously-built AI education package 'Alakh AI' has seen over 1.5 million users. It debuted the suite in late December 2023. Alakh AI offers AI Guru: Personalised Tutor, Sahayak: Smart Companion Powered by AI, and NCERT Pitara. At its flagship event, Vishwas Diwas, Physics Wallah launched innovative educational technolo-



gy projects. With the theme 'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz (A New Era in Education)', the edtech platform featured innovations to make learning more personalized, effective, and engaging. "Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz" is more than a theme; it is our commitment to provide a learning experience that transcends traditional boundaries, making education more personalised,

effective, and engaging for every student," Physics Wallah CEO and Founder Alakh Pandey stated. This effort centers on Physics Wallah 2.0, a futuristic strategy that employs technology to improve student achievements. Physics Wallah has launched new technologies and offered up to 80% off most online courses. Its FY23 sales was Rs 798 crore, growing 3.4 times from the previous year.

Likelihood Kolhapur sitting MP candidature has caused dissenting voices

Kolhapur: The likelihood Kolhapur sitting MP Sanjay Mandlik's candidature has caused dissenting voices to emerge within the Mahayuti parties. This time, the local BJP functionaries are opposing Mandlik, who is expected to contest on a Shiv Sena ticket once again. Sangram Kupekar from Gadhinglaj tehsil, who is a member of BJP state executive council, told his supporters to request local BJP leaders to call deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, and urge him

not to give the ticket to Mandlik again. Kupekar was with the Shiv Sena (UBT) before joining BJP last year. Speaking to his supporters Kupekar said, "All the local politicians should dial our state leaders. Request them not to let the sitting MP get a ticket once again. Last time, in 2019, we made a big mistake by supporting him against Dhananjay Mahadik. The sitting MP never visited many of the villages even once after the 2019 polls." Recently, district BJP leaders claimed they

have sought one of the two seats — either Kolhapur or Hatkanangle — for BJP in Mahayuti's seat sharing arrangement. They said BJP has never contested from any of these seats before, and if it does contest this time, it would help expand the party's base. The name of district BJP president Samarjitsinha Ghatge was also doing rounds for some time as a possible Mahayuti candidate against Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, who is likely to contest on a Congress ticket. Dhananjay Mahadik, BJP

Rajya Sabha MP, told the media: "All Mahayuti parties should refrain from making such statements. The Mahayuti parties have decided to contest the polls together and everyone must think before issuing any statement. There is no need to panic. There is still some time to go for the Kolhapur polls as the voting will take place in May. There is adequate time to think about seat distribution and candidate selection." Mahadik said that as per his knowledge.

Pharma exports grew 10% to \$28 billion in FY24, poised to hit \$31 billion

HYDERABAD: India's pharmaceutical exports clocked a nearly 10% growth in FY24 to hit \$27.8 billion, propelled by the double digit growth in the US and UK generics market,

and is poised to reach \$31 billion in the current fiscal year, a top official of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) said on Thursday. India's pharma industry, which is currently pegged at around \$65 billion, is poised to grow to around \$130 billion by 2030, Pharmexcil director general Ravi Uday Bhaskar said at the inaugural of the 10th edition of PharmaLytics here. Pointing out that 50% of the Indian pharma sectors exports go to highly regulated markets, Bhaskar said

exports to US grew over 15.6% to over \$ 8.7 billion in FY24 due to shortages in drug manufacturing capacities and the increasing demand for drugs pertaining to lifestyle diseases such as hypertension, depression, diabetes in the US. He said exports to the UK saw a 21.6% growth partly due to the increased cost of drugs, which were earlier sourced from Europe, post-Brexit. Apart from this, Africa showed a positive turnaround during FY24. from a degrowth of 5% to a growth of 8% as NGOs, who had diverted the

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BENGALURU: Corporates acknowledge that there is a need for streamlining the system to increase female workforce participation in the organized sector. Poor pay parity is one of the key aspects contributing to high attrition, stakeholders agreed. Karthik SK, head of talent acquisition, human resources at Biocon Biologics, mentioned that women construction workers were tasked with heavy lifting while men did plastering, stone laying, and were paid Rs 200 more. After a dialogue with the contractor, he ensured the rectification of this discrepancy to provide equal pay for all. During an in-depth study, Karthik discovered that the

lack of clean and dedicated washrooms contributed to women leaving the workspace within six months of joining. "When young girls join, I observe their families waiting outside until evening for them. They are unsure if their daughter is in the right job or a safe space. That assurance must be provided," he said. Over the years, with reforms at the ground level, he noted that attrition was reduced from 11 percent to six percent. Sayantan Nandy, chief of staff at Delhivery, mentioned the need to sensitize people in the warehouse about their language. "The warehouse is a loud space, and the language used

may not be appropriate. We sensitized them. Whenever we encountered resistance, we inquired why it was difficult." Nandy added that with the integration of technology in the workspace, where battery-operated pallet trucks and telescopic conveyors or belts were introduced, the physical hazards of the job were mitigated. This made it easier for women to join. "Initially, we did not have separate female washroom facilities or female security guards. But that changed. A larger diversity presence was seen with more female employees, even in admin and HR," he said. Anitha Jayapal, head of human

resources at L&T EduTech, said women were taught roller-skating to handle multiple machines. "Having a seat at the table is important for women's participation in the workforce," she added. They were speaking at the roundtable discussion on 'Gender-Inclusive Workplaces in the Staffing Industry' hosted by Qess and Udaiti Foundation on Thursday. Another subject expert noted a change in language when a woman attended the executive meeting. Vasanthi Srinivasan, professor of Organizational Behavior & Human Resources Management.

Computerized EWS lottery determines school entrance.

Delhi: The Delhi High Court ruled that schools must follow the Directorate of Education (DoE)'s computerized draw of lots for economically weaker section (EWS) admissions. Justice C Hari Shankar noted that the computerized draw of lots is based on the class strength communicated by the schools, and if a school does not have enough general students, it must apply to the DoE to reduce the number of EWS students. A pupil seeking admission to a private school's pre-primary class after a successful DoE computerized draw of lots petitioned the court. The school denied admission to the petitioner because the actual number of general category admissions was less than what was communicated to the DoE, and it had already admitted 25% of the actual number under the EWS category per legal mandate. "Once a school communicates the number of general category and EWS seats available with it for being filled.