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## Unacceptable,' says Rahul as Delhi police detains Sonam Wangchuk at Singhu border

**NEW DELHI:** As the Delhi police detained climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and other supporters at Singhu border, Rahul Gandhi condemned the act calling it "unacceptable." "The detention of Sonam Wangchuk ji and hundreds of Ladakhis peacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights is unacceptable. Why are elderly citizens being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for Ladakh's future? Modi ji, like with the farmers, this 'Chakravayuh' will be broken, and so will your arrogance. You will have to listen to Ladakh's voice," he said in a post on X. "I AM BEING DETAINED... along with 150 padyatris at Delhi Border, by a police force of hundreds, some say 1,000. Many elderly men & women in their 80s and a few dozen Army veterans... Our fate is unknown. We were on a most peaceful march to Babu's Samadhi... in the largest democracy in the world, the mother of democra-



### Taken charge of Coast Guard Region (East), succeeding Inspector General

**Inspector General Datwinder Singh Saini** has taken charge of Coast Guard Region (East), succeeding Inspector General Donny Michael. With a career starting in 1990, Saini has held numerous significant roles. His new focus includes effective operational deployment, capacity augmentation, and infrastructure development to support front-line units. Inspector General Datwinder Singh Saini, joined the Indian Coast Guard on January 15, 1990. The officer is a graduate. X.Wangchuk and a group of volunteers began a

### Atishi to be 3rd woman and youngest chief minister

Delhi is set to get its third woman chief minister, after Congress' Sheila Dikshit and BJP's Sushma Swaraj, as AAP leader Atishi has been chosen to succeed Arvind Kejriwal. Dikshit was Delhi's longest-serving chief minister, who held the office for 15 years from 1998 to 2013, while Swaraj's tenure lasted 52 days in 1998. Atishi (43) will be Delhi's youngest chief minister and is also set to become the second current woman chief minister in the country after West Bengal's Mamata. A major demand is for Ladakh to be included in the Sixth Schedule.

## Airstrike responsible for the death of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah

The Israeli military announced on that the airstrike responsible for the death of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut earlier this week also resulted in the elimination of more than 20 additional members of the Lebanese armed group. "More than 20 other terrorists of varying ranks, who were present at the underground headquarters in Beirut located beneath civilian buildings, and were managing Hezbollah's terrorist operations against the state of Israel, were also eliminated," the military said, providing a list of some of the individuals. Here are the latest developments from the Israel-Hezbollah conflict: **Israel attacks Houthi rebels** Israel conducted airstrikes against Houthi targets in Yemen on Sunday, following missile attacks by the Houthi militants on Israel in the past two days. This exchange marks a new development in the ongoing



### Udhayanidhi has been fulfilling the object

Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin on Sunday said his son Udhayanidhi has been appointed deputy CM not to assist him, but to assist the people of Tamil Nadu. "He has been given the additional responsibility for him to work harder for the growth of the party and Tamil Nadu. He has to work more than the past year." The statement further

claimed that "Over the past year, the Houthis have been operating under the direction and funding of Iran, and in cooperation with Iraqi militias in order to attack the State of Israel, undermine regional stability.

### The incident occurred in the Langate area of north Kashmir'

**NEW DELHI:** Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, commonly known as Engineer Rashid, was attacked on Sunday when a man stomped on the bonnet of his vehicle's cabinet and shattered the front windshield. The incident occurred in the Langate area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, on the final day of electioneering. Rashid, who was inside the car at the time of the attack, escaped unhurt. A video of the incident, which surfaced on social media, shows the assailant climbing onto the vehicle, aggressively stomping on the bonnet before damaging the windshield. The reason behind the attack remains unclear, as Rashid's Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) has.

### 'Several rooms, equipment': Israel uncovers 1km Hamas tunnel network in Gaza

**The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)** said on Sunday that they have discovered and dismantled a one-kilometre Hamas tunnel as part of their ongoing operations in Gaza. The IDF claimed this effort aims to free hostages and weaken Hamas and is integral to Israel's broader military campaign, which has escalated into a "multi-front war". The tunnel, located in a densely populated area, contained rooms and equipment believed to be used by Hamas for extended operations underground. "As we continue to fight in a multi-front war, we are operating in Gaza in order to bring our hostages home and dismantle Hamas. IDF troops discovered, mapped, and dismantled an underground tunnel route that is approximately 1km long, embedded near residential buildings and civilian spaces in central Gaza," the IDF said. **Conflict on multiple fronts** The conflict, which erupted on October 7, 2023, after a surprise attack by Hamas gunmen in southern Israel, has since evolved into a broader regional conflict. Cross-border exchanges between Hezbollah forces in Lebanon and Israel have intensified over the past weeks, resulting in some of the deadliest clashes in the region since Lebanon's civil war. Israeli air raids have reportedly killed hundreds in Lebanon, further escalating tensions. Hamas, meanwhile, expressed condolences for its ally Hezbollah following the confirmed death of Hassan Nasrallah, the group's leader. In a statement, Hamas reaffirmed their alliance, stating that "assassinations will only increase the resistance in Lebanon and Palestine in determination and resolve." The conflict has had devastating consequences for both sides. The initial Hamas assault killed approximately 1,200 Israelis and led to the capture of 250 hostages. In response, Israel has launched a relentless

## Israel hits 120 Hezbollah targets in latest Lebanon strikes

**NEW DELHI:** Israel Hezbollah War Live News Updates: The Israel-Hezbollah war has escalated with Hezbollah launching missiles at northern Israel, causing over a million Israelis to seek shelter. This comes after, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) hit 120 Hezbollah targets and dismantled a Hamas tunnel network in Gaza. Israeli strikes have also reached Yemen, targeting the Houthis, who recently



launched a missile at Israel. Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was killed in a precision Israeli airstrike in Beirut, reportedly based on intelligence from an Iranian mole. Protests in Pakistan followed his death, leading to clashes in Karachi. Additionally, Pope Francis condemned Israel's military actions in Gaza and Lebanon as disproportionate and immoral. Israeli Navy missile

boat successfully intercepted a UAV in the area of the Red Sea: IDF/Israel Hezbollah War News Live: Hezbollah launches missile at Israel "Once again, more than a million Israelis are running for shelter after Hezbollah fired missiles at Haifa and northern Israel," said the ID Pakistanis protesting Hezbollah leader's killing clash with Karachi police.

## India would have been willing to provide Pakistan with a financial aid

**NEW DELHI:** Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said that India would have been willing to provide Pakistan with a financial aid package larger than what the country is currently seeking from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), had Islamabad maintained friendly relations with New Delhi. "I said, my Pakistani friends, why have strained relations, we are neighbours. Speaking in the Gurez

assembly segment of Bandipora district, Singh said that the government is dedicated to the development of Jammu and Kashmir, citing the substantial Rs 90,000 crore package announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014-15. He argued that this commitment to the region starkly contrasts with Pakistan's reliance on international financial assistance. During his speech,

Singh invoked former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's remark that "we can change friends, but we cannot change our neighbours," urging Pakistan to reconsider its strained relations with India. The defence minister criticised Pakistan for allegedly misusing financial aid to fund terrorism. He highlighted that India's financial support for Jammu and Kashmir is aimed at fostering

## India has approved modifications in the letter of request, integrating

**NEW DELHI:** France has submitted its final price offer to India for the purchase of 26 Rafale Marine jets. This comes ahead of Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's visit to France. Defense sources told ANI that the French side has provided a significant price reduction after tough negotiations. India and France are in talks to buy the jets for deployment on the INS Vikrant aircraft carrier and various bases. A French team was in India last week to finalise discussions. The deal is expected to be discussed during the India-France Strategic Dialogue, where the Indian NSA is set to meet



his French counterparts starting tomorrow in Paris. This deal is crucial for the Indian Navy as it aims to enhance its maritime strike capability. India has approved modifications in the letter of request, including integrating the indigenous Uttam radar in the jets.

Although integration may take about eight years and be costly, it has been a point of negotiation. India had also requested France to integrate indigenous weapons on the plane, including the Astra beyond visual range missiles and the Rudram anti-radiation missiles.

The deal's price is based on previous agreements, such as the rate of inflation, and the past deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets for the Indian Air Force. The receive a larger number of long-range air-to-air Meteor missiles and anti-ship weaponry.

### 'BJP conspired against Congress, but people will vote for us': Kumari Shelja

**NEW DELHI:** Congress MP Kumari Shelja expressed strong support for Kalka assembly seat candidate Pradeep Chaudhary, confident that he will win in the upcoming elections despite various challenges. Speaking on Sunday while campaigning, Shelja highlighted Chaudhary's commitment to the public, saying, "Congress candidate from Kalka, Pradeep Chaudhary, has faced a lot of challenges... He always stood with the public... BJP has always conspired against Congress leaders... I am confident that people will vote for the Congress candidate in large numbers." Pradeep Chaudhary, who previously secured

### Hundreds of Hezbollah members, including fighters and medical personnel, were severely injured

**Lebanon** Hundreds of Hezbollah members, including fighters and medical personnel, were severely injured when their communication pagers exploded across Lebanon. Described as the biggest security breach in almost a year of conflict with Israel, ambulances rushed through Beirut's southern suburbs amidst chaos. Ongoing detonations and numerous injuries were reported by local sources. At least 9 people were killed and over 2,000 people, including hundreds of Hezbollah members, fighters and medical personnel, sustained serious injuries on Tuesday after thousands of pagers exploded across Lebanon. Two of the deceased were Hezbollah fighters,

read an official statement. **'Security breach'** A Hezbollah official described the pager explosions as the "biggest security breach" the organisation had experienced in almost a year of conflict with Israel. "The enemy (Israel) stands behind this security incident that targeted the devices," the official said, without elaborating. The Israeli military, which has been engaged in an exchange of fire with Hezbollah since October, coinciding with the Gaza war, did not provide an immediate response to the incident. **'Fully responsible'** Hezbollah accused Israel of being responsible for the explosions that resulted in the deaths of eight.

## Rotary Club Prayagraj Platinum felicitates students who passed Company Secretary exam

Prayagraj: Rotary Club Prayagraj Platinum organized a felicitation ceremony at Heera Halwai & Sons, in which 27 students were felicitated, who passed the Company Secretary examination held in June 2024. Cer-



emony The chief guest was Rotarian Shashank Jain, President of Rotary Club. On this occasion, Joint Secretary Rotarian Pramay Mittal, Former President Rotarian Piyush Ranjan Aggarwal, Charter President Rotarian Ritesh Singh and other Rotarians were present. The program was conducted by Advocate and Company Secretary Rotarian Anukul Uday Srivastava. Media in-charge Manish Garg said that special guests CS Mahua Majumdar and CS Sumbul Masood were welcomed by President Shashank Jain. He presented mementoes to the students and all the Rotarians present wished the students all the best for their bright future. The event reflects Rotary Club's commitment to honoring the achievements of youth.

## BJP running cleanliness campaign on statues of great men on Gandhi Jayanti

Prayagraj: On October 2, as part of the conclusion of the Seva Pakhwada program of the birth anniversary of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party will organize a cleanliness campaign and garland the statues of great men by the Prayagraj metropolis. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that October 2 will be the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. On the occasion, the chief guest of the program, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, will inaugurate the cleanliness campaign at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi located at Balsan intersection and pay tribute to him. Apart from this, the book based on the life of Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be released and the seminar will be held on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Apart from this, Prayagraj metropolis will run a cleanliness campaign at the mandal level at the statue site of the great man and revolutionary and will pay tribute to him. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, under the leadership of Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, awareness will be created towards purchasing Khadi clothes to promote village industry.

## PDM to declare its candidate from Phulpur on Oct 12

Prayagraj: The review meeting of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen with the responsibilities of 12 districts of Purvanchal was held at Royal Cafe Sahaso Chauraha Phulpur in which Kaushambi, Allahabad, Pratapgarh, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Banaras, Sonbhadra, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, All the officials of the district participated.



AIMIM State President Shaukat Ali, while taking review, directed all the officials to further strengthen the organization in their respective districts. Regarding the AIMIM candidate in the upcoming Phulpur assembly by-election, it was told that it will be decided in the meeting of PDM constituents in Lucknow on October 12. In the review meeting, a large number of people took membership of the Majlis. In the review meeting, apart from Purvanchal President Israr Ahmed, Afsar Mahmood, Mohibbulhaq, Quresh Jafri, Mujibur Rahman, Mohammad Muntazir, Imran Ahmed Beti, Meraj Ahmed, Arshad Ali, Shaukat Ali, Mohammad Ali, Ali Sher, Salim Ansari, Safdar Ansari, Khalid Tiwari, Masood Alam etc. were present.

## Kumar Tech Limited files DRHP with SEBI for up to rs.740 crore IPO

Varanasi: Kumar Tech Limited, the largest manufacturer and exporter of PVC2 blend-based building material products in India, in terms of value as of March 31, 2024 according to Wazir Report has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI").

The Company plans to raise funds through offer of equity shares (face value ₹2 each) through initial public offerings aggregating up to ₹7400 million (₹740 Crore).

The offer comprises of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹2400 million (₹240 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale by Selling Shareholders aggregating up to ₹5000 million (₹500 Crore) (The "Offer for Sale").

The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds towards funding - (i) Investment in wholly owned Subsidiary, TIPL for financing its capital expenditure requirements for the greenfield project in relation to the manufacture of PVC based products estimated amount to be ₹1820.92 million [₹182.09 crores] and balance amount towards general corporate purposes. (The "Object of Issue") The Equity Shares that will be offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). (The "Listing Details").

# Dharamveerji's 90th birth anniversary observed

Prayagraj: The birth anniversary of public leader, former Union Minister and former State Home Minister Dharamveer ji was celebrated with great pomp at his statue located at Transport Nagar Mundera intersection. On this occasion, former retired ADM Matafer ji along with hundreds of guests garlanded and paid tribute and said that Dharamveer ji considered humanity as the best religion and he had an invaluable contribution in improving my talent. Before this, at Dharambir ji's ancestral residence, his wife Indira Devi along with her family paid homage to him by performing Havan in Vedic tradition. As judges, former MP Shailendra Kumar and former MLA Satyaveer Munna, along with their fellow supporters, paid homage to their father by offering offerings in the havan. The great scholars of Arya

Samaj, Asharfi Lal Shastri, Radheshyam Jaiswal and Ram Sureman Arya ji performed the Yagya Havan. After laying the wreath at the statue site at Transport Nagar Mundera intersection at around 11 o'clock, former MP Kaushambi Shailendra Kumar laid the wreath and remembered his father, calling him a politician with very high standards and human qualities. Former MLA Satyaveer Munna described him as a mass leader who created political awareness among the backward and poor people, especially in the Marshall community. Among the large number of supporters present at the tribute ceremony, State President of Pasi Marriage Welfare Committee, Ram Abhilash Pasi Ramashankar Bharti Motilal Kashyap described him as a visionary leader who ignited the glo-

rious history of Pasi society, who at the young age of only 49 years has left us all orphans. Went away. In

from Kaushambi remembered him and described him as a leader who spread the fame of Ganga Yamuna

Kesharwani Anand Arya Pramod Arya Manoj Kesarwani retired deputy S.P.L.P Bhaskar Budhulal

Malhotra Manoj Arya Devendra Arya Awadhesh Singh Dilip Arya Devdutt Arya Dinesh Arya R.Deputy SP Shubhanarayan Gautam SP Singh Dharmendra Mishra Ramsingh Patel Indradev Arya Vijay Tyagi Advocate Samar Bahadur Saroj Rambhajan Tripathi Manoj Kumar Kesarwani Annu Sahu Pankaj There were hundreds of people including Saroj Ramkhilavan Arya Suryapal Pasi Dharmnarayan Fauji Ashwani Arya Shivkumar Sharma Amit Arya B.L. Saroj Om Prakash Arya Ashish Arya Chandan Pasi Bahadur Saroj Rajkumar Vishwakarma Neelu Arya Mahendra Kumar Chhavi Arya Kudrat Ali Jaffrey etc. Apart from Prayagraj, Dharamveer ji's 90th birth anniversary was also celebrated with great pomp in Kaushambi, Unnao, Nagpur, Maharashtra, Mumbai etc.



the tribute ceremony, Dharamveer ji's old friend Rizwan Ahmed Ravindra Pandey Moinuddin, leader Israr Ahmed Ashok Singh Baitul Pandey Rambabu Kesarwani etc. who came

all over India and who took everyone along.

After distribution of snacks in the tribute ceremony, those who paid tribute mainly by garlanding were Shriyut Dinesh

leader social worker Niranjan Lal former councillor Mahendra Singh Shivsharan Kanojia Mrs. Sapna Arya Madhuveer Sumati Bua Sanyukta Arya Chandni Singh Atul

## Sports Hostel Mayohall "became champion"

Prayagraj: Under the auspices of District Volleyball Association Prayagraj, courtesy of Dev Academy and Ultratech Cement, from 28/9/24 to 29/9/24 at Dev Sports Public School, Baswar, Chaka, Naini, (Prayagraj, ) in the final match of the Monsoon Volleyball Tournament, Sports Hostel Mayohall defeated Dev Sports Academy Baswar, Naini in a hard-fought match and captured the winner's trophy. Earlier, a total of 12 teams participated in this tournament which lasted for two days. Was. Before the final match, semi-final match was played between PRC Prayagraj and Myohal and between Dev Sports Academy Naini and Police Line Prayagraj. Chief Guest Yuva Hridaya Samrat, Honorable MP Prayagraj Shri Kunwar Ujjwal Raman Singh, while presenting the "Cup" to the winning and runner-up team, addressed the players and said that winning and losing is a part

of the game. The losing team should again correct its mistakes. Efforts should be made to win further, and the winning team should not be arrogant and should try to maintain its performance continuously. In this sequence, while addressing

successful event. He also said that that day it is not far when international level players will start emerging from this academy. At the conclusion of the program, Shri Chandrabhan Rai ji expressed his immense gratitude to the chief guest, Hon-



the huge crowd present there, he assured that the players will get jobs in the sports quota. He will continue to raise his voice from the streets to the Parliament.

He congratulated and thanked District Volleyball Association President Mr. Prabhat Rai ji and organizer Dev Sports Public School/Academy Director Mr. Chandrabhan Rai ji for organizing such a wonderful and

gratitude to the head of UltraTech Cement, Mr. Jalaj Srivastava (very special guest) and the special guest, senior advocate of the Honorable High Court, Mr. KK Rao ji and MP representative Vinay Kushwaha. Mr. Rai thanked the District Volleyball Association for his efficient leadership. He also expressed gratitude to all the officials. On this occasion, Mr. Prabhat Rai, President District Volleyball Association, senior player and coach of Dev Academy Mr. Sanjay Rai ji, Phool Chandra Gupta, Mr. Altaf Ali, Dharendra Yadav, Anand Sharma, Pramod Kumar Rai, Pankaj Shukla, Vidya Shankar Upadhyay, Niranjan Kumar Rai, Ajay Kumar Rai, Shatendra Pandey, Dhananjay Rai, Akrant Gupta, Bhaskarji, Manoj Rai, Kripa Shankar Upadhyay, Dilawar Singh etc. were present. The program was conducted by national player Ramashray Rai.

## Mohd. Sadiq Siddiqui running from pillar to post for justice Land mafia forcefully occupying his plot in Kareli area



Prayagraj: Goons are still grabbing the land with the patronage from local police. Men in Khakhi are bolstering land mafia in their nefarious designs, despite strict directives from chief ministers, who has asked police and administrative officials to show zero tolerance towards such criminals and their lawful activities. However, some cops in connivance with land mafia are making mockery of government intentions.

The present case is of Mohd. Sadiq Siddiqui, son of Mohammad Ahmed who has purchased 168 sq feet plot at Mauja Kasari Masari, tehsil Sadar district Prayagraj way back in 2015. He also pays house tax to Nagar Nigam and had constructed three rooms subsequently. However, some members of Atiq gang, which include their kingpin Aftab Ahmed son of Ansar Ahmed has forcefully occupied the victim's plot and razed the construction with the help of police. The complainant Mohd. Sadiq Siddiqui has been running from pillar to post to draw the attention of authorities but all his plea are falling on deaf ears.

## NUJ pays tribute to Bhagat Singh Jayanti by planting trees

Prayagraj: Amidst heavy rain, the National Union of Journalists Prayagraj unit organized its previously announced program 'Shere Hindustan', a tribute meeting on the birth anniversary of Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh and a tree plantation program in the memory of Bhagat Singh. Large tree plantation in the memory of the great revolutionary of the freedom movement, Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Chief Guest. Famous doctor of the city and Chairman of KP Trust, Asia's largest educational trust, Dr Sushil Kumar Sinha Manish Kumar Singh PRONCR Arun Srivastava Vice Chairman KP Trust Vimlesh

Kumar Singh, Public Relations Officer, North Central Railway.

First chief guest Dr. Sushil Kumar Sinha, special guest Manish Kumar Singh, Rajesh Kumar Dubey and all the officials and dignitaries of NUI Prayagraj paid homage to the portrait of immortal martyr Bhagat Singh by offering Shradha

capitalist system of the British government, due to which the British understood that now it is not possible to rule India at any cost. Wherever we live and whatever position we hold, we should not allow the capitalist system to flourish. Respected Bhagat Singh ji will be paid true tribute only when the youth of the coun-

velopment, this will be our true tribute to respected Bhagat Singh ji.

NUJ Prayagraj District President Kundan Srivastava, while addressing the tribute meeting, said that the true tribute to the revered Bhagat Singh will happen only when we all write unbiased news with honesty and integrity keeping in mind only the national interest, which will strengthen the nation, this will be our true tribute. Divedi Patron N U J Prayagraj while addressing the tribute said

Will happen. In the Shradhajanli Sabha, Senior Vice President of NUI Prayagraj, Umesh Chandran Srivastava gave detailed information on the sacrifice and sacrifice of Shradha Bhagat Singh and also paid homage to Shradha Bhagat Singh through his poetry. The Shradhajanli Sabha was conducted by NUI Prayagraj Convenor Kamal Kumar Srivastava. Tree plantation and Among those who addressed the solemn gathering were Mr. Dr. Sushil Kumar Sinha, KP Trust President, Manish Kumar Singh, PRO, NCR, Arun Kumar Srivastava, Vice President, KP Trust, Vimlesh Mishra, President, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Memorial Committee, Rajesh Kumar Dubey, Senior Advocate, High Court Kundan Srivastava, NUI District President, Patron Pawan. Divedi Patron Parvez Alam Akhilesh Shukla Organization Minister Convenor Kamal Kumar Srivastava General Secretary Rajiv Kumar Singh Senior Vice President Umesh Chandran Srivastava Vice President Dr. Sudhakar Pandey Vice President Mithilesh Tripathi Vice President Dhamendra Srivastava Asad Qureshi Minister Rajit Nishad Minister Saurabh Kumar Model Minister Shiv Kumar Pandey Vimlesh Mishra President Shaheed Bhagat Singh Memorial committee.



Suman. While addressing the tribute meeting, Chief Guest Dr. Sushil Kumar Sinha said that respected Bhagat Singh sacrificed himself for the country and his countrymen for the freedom of the country and there can be no greater sacrifice for the country than this. Bhagat Singh ji's dream was to build a united India, a strong India, a prosperous India and we all together can make his dreams come true. My appeal is that the youth of the country should take the education of respected Bhagat Singh ji, patriotism and sacrifice. Respected Bhagat Singh ji had strongly opposed the

try play an important role in building a united India and prosperous India and do not allow the capitalist system to flourish. Special guest Manish Kumar Singh, PRONCR while addressing the gathering said that respected Bhagat Singh has served the country and We all have to sacrifice our lives for our countrymen and learn from the sacrifices and sacrifices of our countrymen. Bhagat Singh Ji's true tribute will be paid only when we all do our responsibilities with honesty and dedication. When we work with honesty and dedication, the country will move forward on the path of de-

velopment, this will be our true tribute to Bhagat Singh ji will be done only when we all do not write news that weakens the country but only those news which awaken the feeling of patriotism among the people of the country. Parvez Alam Patron NUI Prayagraj. While addressing the tribute gathering, he said that while writing the news, we all should keep the national interest paramount and write the news keeping the national interest in mind because our news can awaken the spirit of patriotism among the common people. This is our true tribute, a true tribute to the great patriot Bhagat Singh.

## Counterpoint Survey: OPPO India takes No 1 position

Varanasi: In line with its commitment to offer unparalleled service experience, OPPO India earned No 1 position in customer satisfaction for after-sales with 62% of its customers rating their in-store after-sales service as 'very satisfactory'. In August 2024, Counterpoint Research carried out a survey comprising 2,000+ customers among India's top five smartphone brands to measure their after-sale service experiences. The recognition is reflective of OPPO India's customer-first approach to elevate the service experience through its new generation centres.

"At OPPO India, we have transformed our after-sales service model to cater to our customers through measures like Service Centre 3.0 and OPPO Self-Help Assistant," said Savio D'Souza, Head - Product Communications at OPPO India. "Being recognised as the No 1 brand in India in customer satisfaction for after-sales is a validation of our efforts to deliver a timely, transparent, reliable and cost-efficient experience to our users." The survey was conducted across 13 Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities among customers of OPPO India, realme, Samsung, vivo, and Xiaomi. OPPO India emerged as a front runner with 'very satisfied' customer in key areas of repair quality, costs, speed of resolution, transparency, staff expertise and multilingual communication.

### Grand farewell ceremony organized by IFFCO Officers Asscn

Prayagraj: A grand farewell ceremony was organized by IFFCO Officers Association in the honor of retired officers Kripa Shankar, Chief Manager (Mechanical) and Dinesh Shankar, Manager Mechanical (PSG) from IFFCO Phulpur Unit. In which retired officers were honoured with



momento. Senior Executive Director (Unit Head) Sanjay Kudesia in his message wished the retired officers a healthy, happy and long life. During this, GMs respectively Sanjay Vaish, A.P.Rajendran, Sanjay Bhandari, P.K.Singh, IFFCO Officers Association President Anurag Tiwari, General Secretary Swayam Prakash and all the officials of IFFCO Officers Association were present in the program.

### Seminar on Business Ethics Beyond Legal Framework held at SHUATS

Prayagraj: The seminar on Business Ethics Beyond the Legal Framework was organised by the Department of Commerce, Joseph School of Business Studies & Commerce on 30th September 2024 from 10.00 AM. The Chief Guest Vice Chancellor Most Rev. Prof. Rajendra B. Lal inaugurated the seminar with his words encouragement and blessings. Participants from SHUATS, United Uni-



versity and Allahabad Degree College and SHUATS faculty members attended the seminar. The Convenor Dr. Regina John, Associate Head, Department of Commerce, introduced the theme of the seminar. The Convenor introduced the Resource persons Prof Tanuj Nandan, MNNIT Allahabad and Dr Philip Denis an academicians from Varanasi. The resource persons talked about the Business Ethics and emphasised it's importance in our lives and in the business of today. The participants were enlightened with the insight provided by the prominent resource persons. The seminar concluded with Vote of thanks by the Convenor Dr Regina John who thanked the resource persons for their valuable inputs and participants, and the organising team and Commerce Department students. She thanked the Co Convenors Dr Sebastian T Joseph and Dr Harshit E Williams and The head of the Department Dr Akshat Dubey, School Dean Offg. Prof Ronald V Mani for their continuous support and encouragement and guidance to bring this seminar to successful conclusion.

### GM/CORE to hold addl charge of General Manager, Northern Railway

Prayagraj: Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager/CORE, will also hold the charge of the post of General Manager/Northern Railways in addition to his own post.



Verma, an officer of the Indian Railway Stores Service, is a 1987 batch officer and has served in many important positions in the Railways. Before assuming the charge of General Manager in the CORE, Verma was working as Principal Chief Material Manager in North Western Railways. Apart from his vast experience in stores related issues, he also has a vast experience in general administration. Verma has worked as Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway and Additional Divisional Railway Manager of Jhansi Division. He also previously served as Executive Director of Railway Stores in Railway Board. He has a degree in Civil Engineering from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Prayagraj and an MBA degree from IIM Kolkata.

### Workers will put their full strength in 2nd phase of membership campaign

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party is going to prepare for the second phase of its membership campaign from October 1. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that in its first phase, Bharatiya Janata Party has crossed the figure of 6 crore members within the country and 1.5 crore members within the state. And now the workers will put their full strength in the preparation for the second phase of the membership campaign which will run from October 1 to October 15. The workers will go door to door at every booth, establish contact and communication with them and make them members of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the second phase of the membership campaign. In this campaign, social workers, businessmen, advocates, doctors, teachers, students and enlightened people of the society will also be added to the membership of BJP. In this campaign, all the MPs, MLAs, District Panchayat President, Mayor, MLC, Councilor booths, Shakti Kendra, Mandal, of Prayagraj metropolis will be included. Workers of Mahanagar Morcha, Cell will gather.

# Curtains draw over Official Language Fortnight & prize distribution ceremony at CORE

Prayagraj: Official Language Fortnight closing and prize distribution ceremony was organized in the Central Railway Electrification Organization. The Official Language Fortnight ceremony was started by garlanding the picture of Maa Saraswati under the chairmanship of Chief Administrative Officer; Yatendra Kumar on 19.09.2024 in the Central Railway Electrification Organization. 20 Hindi workshop was organized in September in which Harikrishna Tiwari, Deputy Director (Official Language) was invited. Official language quiz competition was organized on 23 September. On 24th September, Hindi slogan/painting competition

was organized for the children of Literary Seminar employees in which everyone participated enthusiastically. Prof. of Allahabad University Ashutosh Partheshwar ji participated in the seminar and gave his lecture very well on the subject of Premchand's India. Antyakshari competition was organized for the employees on 26th September in which the employees participated enthusiastically. On 27th September, an impromptu speech and self-composed poetry recitation competition was organized for the employees in which poems full of patriotism and literature were read.

Central Railway Electrification Organization (CORE), Prayagraj was hon-

ored with the Chal Vajiyanti Special Award by the City Official Language Implementation Committee



(Office-1), Allahabad for its excellent work in Hindi. On behalf of the Core Office, Kalyan Singh, Deputy Chief Official Language Officer, received this award in the meeting of the City Official Language Implementation

Committee held at the Income Tax Office, Prayagraj on 11.09.2024. Official Language Fortnight under the chairmanship of General Manager Ashok Kumar Verma on 30 September. The closing and prize distribution ceremony was organized. In his presidential address, the General Manager said that this occasion

is not only an opportunity for introspection, but also to bring awareness to the pride of our language. He said that there is also an opportunity to reflect, think and feel proud about the use of our mother tongue and official language. He said that all of you participated with full enthusiasm in the various competitions and programs organized during this fortnight, for this I congratulate all of you. On this occasion, the General Manager distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions organized during the Hindi Fortnight. Before this, Chief Official Language Officer S. S. Negi, while welcoming all the officers present including the Chairman (General

Manager), presented a brief description of various Hindi competitions organized in all the projects including Core Headquarters during the Official Language Fortnight.

A large number of officers and employees of the Core Headquarters including Head of Department of Headquarters R.N. Singh, Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Narendra Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Upendra Kumar, Chief Electrical Engineer (Works) were present in the meeting. The program was conducted by Brajesh Khare, Chief Office Superintendent and vote of thanks was given by Kalyan Singh, Deputy Chief Official Language Officer.

## Inter-school Baitbaazi competition held to mark b'anniv of Shamsur Rahman Farooqui

Prayagraj: On the birth anniversary of late Shamsur Rahman, a famous critic of Urdu literature, an inter-school Baitbaazi competition was organized on 30/09/2024 at Kidwai Memorial Girls Inter College, Himmatganj Prayagraj, in which Kidwai Memorial Girls Inter College won the title of winner and Hamidia Girls Inter College won the title of runner-up. The program was presided over by Dr. Naseha Usmani, Principal of Hamidia Girls Degree College.

Many colleges of the city participated in the 'Baitbaazi Competition' organized at Kidwai Memorial Girls Inter College, which included Hamidia Girls Inter College, Sherwani Girls Inter College, Tara Rashid Inter College, Alhamra Farooqui Girls Inter College, Kidwai Memorial Girls Inter College etc. The students recited verses of famous poets like Mir Taqi Mir, Ghalib, Allama Iqbal, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Firaq Gorakhpuri, Bahadur Shah Zafar with rhythm and tune, listening to which the

school premises echoed with thunderous applause. The chief guest of the program, Dr. Naseha Usmani, while congratulating the college manager Dr. Baran Farooqui, said that seeing



your hard work for the Urdu language, I am sure that soon the school will reach the pinnacle of heights. Management committee member Dr Rana Farooqui in her speech paid tribute to Farooqui sahab and praised the role of the teachers while praising the students. Hamidia's professor Dr Zarina Begum while

praising the students stressed on the encouragement of art like Baitbaazi. College manager Dr Baran Farooqui welcomed the teams of all the schools and while sharing the experi-

ences of preparation for Baitbaazi, gave money as prize money to the students for the encouragement of the winner, runner-up as well as all the teams. Along with the chief guest, all the other guests gave money as prize money to the students. In the end, college principal Anjum Afsan gave the vote of thanks. In the

event, along with the teachers of participating schools, Principal of Alhamra Girls Inter College Shabana Begum, Vice Principal Krishna Khanna, GGIC spokesperson Sana etc

were also present. The role of Nishat Anjum, Qudsia, Anjum Mirza, Rafiq Fatima, Shadma, Ekta Shukla, Shalini Maurya, Kiran Pathak, Milan Dutta, Zeenat Sultana, Soma Dey, Shagufta Inam Amrita, Zubaida, Saima, Uzma, Nazia etc was commendable for making the program successful.

## Northern Football Academy honoured with "National Excellence Award 2024"

Prayagraj: Northern Football Academy Prayagraj was awarded with the National Excellence Award 2024 at the International Ramayana Pratisthan Mahotsav held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh as the "Best Sports Academy" of Uttar Pradesh. Northern Football Academy has been providing proper guidance to players of different age groups to participate in state, national level and professional footballers in national level football competitions.

The founder & Head Coach of the academy, Indranil Ghosh, received this award from chief guest Sanatan Pandey, Lok Sabha member, and Sarvesh Pathak (Politician), VP Singh, President and social worker. The three day event was organized by the International Human Rights and Crime Control Council, New Delhi in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

Northern Football Academy Prayagraj is the second professional academy in Uttar Pradesh

recognized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF). Since its inception in January 2015, the academy has produced many state, national and inter university players from different age group



ment of the Academy. The academy is at present playing in Himachal Pradesh State Football League (both Men & Women), Reliance Youth League. The Northern Football Academy has got two branches in Prayagraj as Vishnu Bhagwan Public School (VBPS) Jhalwa & CAV Inter College Civil Line & One in Kinnaur Himachal Pradesh are coached by NIS Diploma Holder- AFC C License Coach Indranil Ghosh & their Asst. Coaches Rahul Verma & Vikram Singh Bisht.

2023, Runner Up in U-11 Bunkerhill Delhi Golden State League 2022-23 and Runner Up in Himachal Pradesh Senior State Women's Football League 2020-21.

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### Bhupendra Kr Srivastava Piyush campaigns for Bar Council polls

Prayagraj: In the Gyanpur District and Sessions Court of Bhadohi district, on Monday Bhupendra Kumar Srivastava "Piyush" met all the advocate colleagues and requested for their cooperation and blessings and first pref-



erence (1) vote in the upcoming election for the post of member of Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh. Bhupendra Kumar Srivastava "Piyush" former student leader of Allahabad University, Advocate, High Court Allahabad, Minister - Prayag Advocates Association, Candidate - Upcoming Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh Mobile Number - 0938999898.

### Keshav Maurya arriving on Oct 1

Prayagraj: The illustrious Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Honorable Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya ji will arrive at Bamrauli Airport in Prayagraj at 6 pm on October 1 and on October 2 at 9:30 am, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the cleanliness campaign will be launched at Balson Square, the first place of Mahatma Gandhi and pay tribute to him. Will release a book based on the life of the Prime Minister at the District Panchayat Auditorium at 2:00 pm and meanwhile will go to the residence of former MLA Udaybhan Karwariya for expressing condolence on demise of former MLA Neelam Karwariya.

## Welfare of entire society only in SP: Geeta Pasi

Prayagraj: A huge Pasi Samaj conference was held under the leadership of Samajwadi Mahila Sabha District President Pratima Rawat at R.H. Public School of Durjanpur, Phulpur assembly constituency. Which was presided over by Raju Pasi, National Vice President of Baba Saheb Vahini. Soraon MLA Geeta Pasi was the chief guest. During this, Geeta Pasi said that the interest of Pasi community is only in Samajwadi Party. The amount of respect that Akhilesh Yadav has given to SC and ST is not hidden from anyone.



Most of the MLAs and MPs have won from Samajwadi Party. Lord Shri Ram has also given the message in the Ram city of Ayodhya. In the upcoming Phulpur by-election, every vote of the society should vote on the Samajwadi election symbol, cycle, only then there will be welfare of the whole society, which is only in SP. District President Pratima Rawat said that women should participate enthusiastically in Phulpur by-election because if someone is fighting the battle of half the population then it is Akhilesh, hence let us unite and vote for Samajwadi Party. Special guests former MLA Mujtaba Siddiqui, Sangeeta Singh Patel, District General Secretary Padma Yadav, Meena Yadav, Sunita Yadav, Sushma, Lata, Subuhi Siddiqui Phulpur City President, Rahul Manani, Sudhir, Jitendra, Bhola Yadav etc. were present.

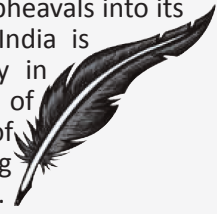
## Editorial

### Clumsy and ill-informed analogy gone wrong

President George W Bush was famous for his quite often hilarious gaffes, but he has been receiving steady competition from the 81-year-old President Joe Biden. The latest Biden pronouncement may be more by way of a clumsy and ill-informed analogy gone wrong. Luckily for him, his presidential election rival, the almost 78-year-old Donald Trump, makes quite a few bloopers too.

Republican contender, former President Donald Trump, may be tough on Mexican immigrants with his infamous, if not too effective, border fence and wall, but Democrat Joe Biden, the incumbent president, is in harmony with the Democratic Party pro-immigration stance. This even in the face of internal advice that he should tough talk on the same border issue. Of course, hordes of poor and largely illiterate illegal immigrants in 2024 who don't speak English are not as welcome as they were in the 1870s. In the 19th century and before, immigrants, largely from Europe, slaves brought in from Africa, and some immigration from China, helped to populate the vast country. They threw out the British colonists, pushed back the French and Mexicans, subdued the native Red Indians, built the engines of growth, and even fought a civil war amongst themselves. Immigrants, many originally poor and persecuted in their erstwhile home countries, have been a crucial feature of American DNA. This is what Biden meant, but perhaps he should have stopped right there. Immigrants into America are known and lauded for their hard work, ingenuity, and grit, and Biden was addressing a crowd of mostly Asian Americans. More recently, the brilliant IIT educated ones from India, its 'brain drain' and America's gain, have been most useful in building America's preeminence in IT, other technology, and commerce. Scores of Indian-origin CEOs of marquee companies on the Nasdaq and S&P 100 indices have led to the joke that you can't be CEO in America if you aren't Indian. It is a complete makeover of the earlier American image of India as a land of teeming poverty, with tigers, snake charmers, and fakirs thrown in. President Joe Biden, keen to distinguish his candidature from that of Donald Trump, decided to praise immigrants at a campaign reception fundraiser. On the campaign trail for Biden 1.0, he had vowed to enact legislation to make the immigration process more 'humane' in contrast to President Trump's mostly intended, but not implemented, harsh measures. This time, too, Trump is speaking of deportations.

However, as president, Biden could not make much progress on immigration legislation without bipartisan support because of surges of illegal immigration at the southern border. And calls, certainly from Republicans, but even from Democrats, to seal the border and crack down on asylum seekers. Some went so far as to call for banning asylum altogether. But the consensus is that, at this fundraiser, Biden let his analogies run away with him. Biden said American allies and partners Japan and India are struggling economically 'because they're xenophobic'. He included 'frenemy' China and combatant Russia in the illustration as well. Japan is opening up to a cautious immigration policy as it grapples with its diminishing and ageing population, and its economy has been showing signs of recovery from a 25-year-long recession. It is keen, however, not to import terrorism and other social upheavals into its very well-ordered culture. India is the most populous country in the world, with 65 per cent of its people under the age of 35. It is the fastest-growing major economy in the world, with 6-7 per cent GDP growth per annum.



## Tibet and Myanmar is a geostrategic milestone

West Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, and Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh adjoining Tibet and Myanmar is a geostrategic milestone. It was conceived in 2016 and is expected to be completed in 2027. Work in this direction has started at a quick pace. This shows the urgency and importance India gives to its territorial integrity.

The infrastructural development that China has brought along the McMahon Line is quite extensive. The frontier highway is a precise and direct response to this and to curb China's irrationality. The highway will become an all-weather road to handle any geopolitical and geostrategic pres-

sure likely to emanate from the other side of the border. From Tawang to Vijayanagar, which covers the entire border space in Arunachal Pradesh, the frontier highway is a milestone in India's robust preparedness in the eastern Himalayas. The dragon finds a fitting competitor. The scale with which China develops its infrastructural might, both at the border and in the hinterland, the frontier highway is a geostrategic imperative. The risk these complex infrastructures present leaves no scope for a second thought but to act urgently to protect the territorial integrity of India. The frontier highway manifests India's right intent and seriousness in addressing the pos-

sible dangers that the enemy constantly poses. The frontier highway will present the required checkmate to Chinese bullying attitudes in the region. Beijing's reaction to these infrastructural initiatives is not new. It always does this to keep itself relevant in the thick of things. However, it has no business in making any comment as Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of the sovereign India. China uses this drama to keep the issue alive and effectively uses its propaganda machinery to develop some geopolitical weight in the region. It presents no hesitation in developing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) through Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir (PoK). It knows the disputed character of PoK and exercises no restraint. Instead, it tutors India on what it does in its sovereign territory. India understands China's cunning and exercises patience and quietness, making necessary preparations to check the latter's possible misadventures. However, the work-in-progress frontier highway will significantly strengthen India's border infrastructure and seamless connectivity. It will present a significant impetus for encouraging economic engagement in the region. Infrastructure and connectivity have always played a pivotal role in modernising the economy and opening the scope for economic.

# Global strategic oil storage: China is stockpiling, India must boost reserves



Petroleum products continue to be strategic assets that are still the drivers of all transportation, significant electricity production, and many industrial processes. Petroleum and gas reserves are nature's blessing to only a few select regions of the world. Most large economies in Europe, China, Japan, and India, among others, are major importers of petroleum products. Global strategic petroleum reserves refer to crude oil inventories (or stockpiles) held by the government of a particular country, as well as private industry, to safeguard the economy and help maintain national security during an energy crisis. Strategic reserves are intended to be used to cover short-term supply disruptions.

The Ukraine war once again emphasised the need for logistic supply chain management and how disruptions can upset any country's strategic and tactical intentions. They also impact the day-to-day lives of the citizens. The disruption of electric power, petrol, and gas in winter 2022 in Europe and Ukraine was severe.

American sanctions on Iranian and Russian oil have greatly upset demand and supply dynamics. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) often operates as a cartel to control production and thus

influence prices. There is thus a need for all importing nations to not only broaden the basket of sourcing countries but also to build their own strategic storage capacities.

**Global Petroleum Reserves**  
The world consumes roughly 100 million barrels of crude oil per day. This translates to 36.5 billion barrels per year. The proven global oil reserves currently are nearly 1,650 billion barrels, and that will last nearly 45 years. For the last one decade there has been no addition to known oil reserves. Major countries with percentages of reserves are Venezuela (18.2 per cent), Saudi Arabia (16.2 per cent), Canada (10.4 per cent), Iran (9.5 per cent), Iraq (8.7 per cent), Kuwait (6.1 per cent), UAE (5.9 per cent), Russia (4.8 per cent), Libya (2.9 per cent), United States (2.1 per cent), China (1.5 per cent), and Pakistan (0.021

per cent), among many others.

### Global Strategic Petroleum Reserves

The International Energy Agency (IEA), a group of 31 countries, requires members to hold strategic reserves equal to 90 days of the previous year's net imports, though commercial stockpiles can be included in that total. Only net-exporter members of the IEA are exempt from this requirement. The forward commercial storage agreements allow oil-exporting countries increased flexibility in commercial storage and allow petroleum to be stored within an oil-importing country. Such reserves remain technically under the control of the oil-exporting country.

In 2022, approximately 4.1 billion barrels of oil were held in strategic reserves by IEA member states, of which 1.4 billion were government-controlled and the remain-

der were held by private industry. The US, China (non-IEA member), and Japan are leading crude oil consumers and maintain the largest SPR. Many other non-IEA countries have started working on their own SPR.

### China's Strategic Petroleum Reserves

China has the second largest storage, at 511 million barrels. China's daily consumption is around 12 million barrels of crude. Thus, their SPR is equivalent to between 40 and 50 days of imports. China eventually wants to raise the figure to 90 days of reserve. Russia has been the major supplier to China of late, contributing as much as 2.14 million barrels per day, overtaking Saudi Arabia. Russian oil was substantially discounted due to Western sanctions. Stockpiling partly insulates Beijing from the supply chain and pricing dynamics. Also, larger stocks will be required for a possible Taiwan Strait conflict that could result in a military blockade or economic or trade sanctions. China has also secured supply chains through pipelines from Russia, the trans-Myanmar oil and gas pipeline, and from central Asia, predominantly Turkmenistan.

Simultaneously, China is rapidly shifting to electric vehicles and is not only building lithium stocks for batteries but has also acquired pro-

cessing facilities and mines, including overseas. Investment bank UBS estimates that China might control a third of all global lithium supplies by 2025. The US SPR is the world's largest, with an authorised maximum capacity of 727 million barrels. The reserves are kept in salt caverns located at different locations along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coasts. The US consumed an average of about 20.01 million barrels of petroleum per day. It was a net petroleum exporter of 1.64 million barrels per day in 2023. It thus has the capacity to play around with the SPR. The US government has historically tapped into its SPR following man-made accidents, economic crises, and natural disasters, though it has also sold and loaned crude oil from the SPR to other nations at times. Japan held SPR equivalent to 133 days of crude oil imports in early 2022. That amounts to 332 million barrels based on the country's average monthly imports in 2021. Commercial stocks amounted to 86 days of imports. Japanese SPR storage is spread across nearly a dozen facilities. South Africa has an SPR storage capacity of 45 million barrels, managed by PetroSA. Singapore has sophisticated oil refineries and storage terminals, is one of the world's major oil refining centres.

## Rafah offensive and war in Gaza

A girl walks next to a tent sprayed with a message in solidarity with pro-Palestinian university students, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestinians, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, May 2, 2024. Image: REUTERS  
The war in Gaza is due to complete seven months on May 7, marking the longest war in Gaza since Israel's voluntary vacation of Gaza in 2005. Contrary to expectations, borne more out of Israel's enormous military superiority against Hamas as well as past conflicts in Gaza, the conflict has not ended swiftly. During this time, however, Israeli strikes have flattened Gaza to the ground, making it completely uninhabitable, perhaps for decades. The stench of death and decay overwhelms the thin strip straddling

the Mediterranean Sea, with estimates of over 34,500 deaths, including 13,000 children, and over 77,500 injured and maimed for life. Medical aid, food, and water have been severely restricted, and most international aid agencies, including UNRWA as well as WCK (World Central Kitchen), have been targeted and prevented from delivering lifesaving aid. Despite a UN Security Council resolution of March 25 calling for an immediate ceasefire and the unconditional release of hostages, neither of the warring parties has been able to come to a common understanding.

In the midst of it, there was a period of dangerous escalation when an Israeli strike on April 1 targeted the Iranian Consulate building in Damascus, Syria, resulting in the

deaths of seven members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), including General Mohammad Reza Zahedi, the senior-most commander in Lebanon and Syria. Outraged by the attack on its 'sovereign territory', Iran retaliated on April 13 with a massive and well-synchronised attack by drones and missiles. While most of the drones were intercepted mid-air, some of the missiles found their mark and struck the Nevatim Israeli air base in the Negev desert. Nevatim is the air base from which Israel launched its F-35 fighters that attacked the Iranian consulate in Damascus. Despite decades of hostility between Israel and Iran, this was the first time that Iran had launched strikes directly on Israel from its territory.

The prosecutors see this as a criminal act, especially as it led to tax evasion and suppression of information, preventing the American voter from making an informed judgement. Numerous legal experts are not convinced and opine that the case is weak. The Trump legal team tried hard to delay the trial until after the elections or have it shifted to another city. They have been successful in most of the cases, including three prospective criminal trials involving unlawful possession of classified documents by Trump even after demitting office and an attempted insurrection on January 6, 2021, to overturn the people's mandate. His lawyers took the stand that their client could not get justice in the Manhattan Court in New York, a bastion of the Democratic Party. They further alleged that Judge Merchan's daughter had a business relationship with the Biden administration, and hence there was a conflict of interest. They demanded that the judge must recuse himself.

Next, they asked that the hearing be deferred until the Supreme Court's decision on Trump's claim of absolute presidential immunity from all public or private actions. They tried to delay the jury selection. None of these worked, prompting intemperate rants from the defendant, despite numerous gag orders by the courts. Earlier this week, Judge Merchan finally cracked the whip, holding

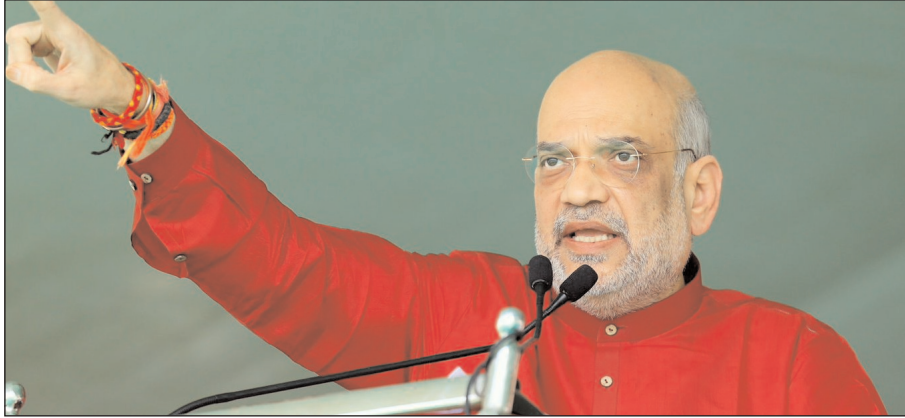
Trump in contempt for nine violations. He imposed a \$1000 fine for each violation, the maximum permitted under the law, while recognising that it may not mean anything to the defendant but ominously cautioning that further violations could even result in his incarceration. Trump is putting up a brave front, but the legal troubles are taking their toll. He is short of funds; his campaign has lost some momentum, as he is obliged to be present in court for eight hours or more, four days a week. It may possibly have even begun to sow doubts in the minds of some supporters. In any event, his family members are conspicuously absent at the trials.

Some of his former friends and associates, including former Vice President Mike Pence, have gone cold or even turned hostile. That is not to say that his grip over the party has weakened. Very few in the Republican Party dare to cross swords with him. He continues to be ahead of President Biden in opinion polls by 4 to 6 percentage points. That brings us back to the question about the timing of the court cases. The 'hush-money' case dates back eight years, and the other criminal cases date back at least three years. The civilian cases also go back in time. What were the prosecutors doing all these years? Even if he had immunity from prosecution as president, it has been over three years since he relinquished office. Is it a mere hap-

penstance that a flurry of court cases has come up for hearing bang in the middle of the presidential campaign? If they have coalesced organically at this juncture, it is indeed too much of a coincidence! Given the stakes involved, it is prudent not to take things at face value. The Biden administration naturally maintains that the Department of Justice and courts are independent and that it has no role to play. True, division of power is enshrined in the Constitution, but is it so watertight? Trump and his followers blame the White House for master-minding his legal troubles. He has been calling President Biden 'crooked' besides deploying even more colourful language. He describes the trials as an "assault on America". Be that as it may, it is a no-loss proposition for the ruling Democrats. If Trump is disqualified, the Republican campaign could be thrown into disarray. At the very least, the renewed spotlight on Trump's character-flaws and misdemeanours is bound to dent his standing with the independents and moderate Republicans. And yet the greatest irony is that, come November, Trump could very well succeed in reclaiming the high office. All court cases could then instantly vanish in thin air, and everything could be forgiven if not forgotten. Would therefore one be wrong to surmise that when it comes to the rich and powerful, the wheels of justice.

## Shah wished for better health for Kharge so that he can witness India's development by 2047

**Chandigarh:** Elections in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana are at their peak. In this context, all political parties are engaged in a political game of accusations and counter-accusations against each other. However, during a public meeting in Jammu and Kashmir, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge made a controversial statement about Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying, "I will stay alive until PM Modi is ousted from power." This remark has created quite a stir in the political corridors. Union Home and Cooperation Minister, BJP veteran, and a key figure in Indian politics, Amit Shah, expressed



his objection to Kharge's statement on X, stating, "On September 29, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge used indecent language in his speech, leaving himself, his leaders, and his party behind." Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has embarrassed himself, his leaders, and his

party by using completely inappropriate and disrespectful language in his speech. By bitterly displaying hatred, he unnecessarily dragged PM Modi into his personal health issues, stating that he will not rest until PM Modi is removed from power. "This shows how much hatred and fear Congress members

have for PM Modi, as they constantly think about him. As for Kharge ji's health, Modi ji, I, and all of us pray that he lives a long and healthy life. May he live for many years to witness the construction of a developed India by 2047 under Modi ji's leadership." This is not the first time Congress President Kharge has

insulted Prime Minister Modi. Kharge has compared PM Modi to a "poisonous snake," "chief of liars," and even likened him to Ravana. Such statements indicate that the power-hungry Congress members harbour only poison, hatred, and fear towards Modi. The desire for power has destroyed all morality within the coalition party. The Congress President has shown his frustration and fear through his statements about Modi ji. Kharge is the only leader of Congress on whom one should not get angry but should express sorrow and regret for him. Congressmen are acting like leeches.

## Dera chief requests parole again; poll panel questions reasoning

**Delhi:** Dera Sacha Sauda founder Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, who is serving 20 years for raping two of his pupils, has again requested a 20-day parole just days before the October 5 Haryana assembly elections. Singh, who returned to Rohtak's Sunaria jail on September 2 after a 21-day furlough on August 13, has been accused of trying to sway his Haryana-based supporters' election votes. According to sources, Singh's request for 20 days of parole has been sent to the election department, which has asked the jails department to explain the "compelling emergent reasons" (as required by the Election Commission). Political commentators said the Dera chief is crucial in poll season since he followed the notorious Sirsa-based sect commander.

Prof Ashutosh

### Parole over the years



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Kumar, a political scientist at Panjab University, Chandigarh, claimed politicians of all stripes had sought his "blessings" during elections. Singh was entitled to 91 days of temporary release per year, thus his request for 20 days parole was legal, according to a Dera spokeswoman. "He has used 50 parole and 21 furlough days. In a year, he gets 20 more parole days. As the year ends, he must

use his 20-day release or it will expire, the spokeswoman added. The Haryana Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act allows convicted prisoners (excluding hardcore convicts) to be freed on regular parole for up to 10 of 52 weeks in a year, in two halves. In addition, condemned prisoners are entitled to three weeks of furlough, which cannot be taken in parts.

## After ISBT rule change, more buses use terminal

**Delhi:** An official claimed the Delhi government will shortly announce amended bus norms at the Inter State Bus Terminal at Kashmiri Gate. After inspecting the Maharana Pratap ISBT, L-G VK Saxena announced the terminal renovation. Private and government interstate buses will pay the same parking and bus bay fees under the new plan. Private buses are charged more, therefore they park unauthorized and pick up passengers on roads outside the ISBT facility, causing gridlock and



revenue loss. To reduce bus turnaround time, time-based parking charges will be implemented. This will speed up bus circulation and reduce passenger wait times. Under the new rules, buses will be penalized for overstaying. A bus parked for 30-35 minutes will be fined Re 200 plus GST. A Rs 250 plus GST punishment

applies to times over 35 and 40 minutes. The official stated that exceeding 40 minutes will cost Rs 300 plus GST, while over 45 minutes will cost Rs 350 plus GST for five minutes incrementally. Fastag-less buses will not be allowed into the terminal, but a facility will be available outside for them to receive them.

## CK Birla Hospitals Unveils 'Every Beat Counts' Report: A First-of-its-kind insight into India's Cardiac Health Crisis

**Chandigarh:** BM Birla Heart Hospital (BMB), part of CK Birla Hospitals, has launched a first of its kind report on India's cardiac health – 'Every Beat Counts'. This report not only sheds light on the cardiac health crisis but also offers valuable insights and actionable strategies to address the growing prevalence of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) across the country. The prevalence of coronary heart disease in India has risen 3X over the past three decades. According to the 'Every Beat Counts' report, 20% of heart attack deaths worldwide now occur in India. The report presents alarming statistics, revealing that approximately 90 million Indians currently live with cardiovascular conditions. Furthermore, these mortality rate from cardiovascular disease (CVD) in India stands at 272 per 100,000 population, exceeding the global average of 235. Notably, this mortality

rate varies significantly between urban and rural areas; it is reported to be 450 in urban India and 200 in rural India. The report also emphasizes the high prevalence of the "thin-fat" body type among Indians, which is characterized by a normal or below-normal weight but with a higher body fat percentage, resulting in increased cardiovascular risks. Cardiovascular diseases account for 24.5% of all deaths in India. Alarmingly, States such as West Bengal and Punjab report mortality rates in which over 35% of deaths are attributed to heart disease. Our inaugural 'Every Beat Counts' report underscores the urgent need for a national strategy to address this worsening crisis. By publishing this report annually, we aim to promote sustained awareness and encourage collective action toward building a healthier nation," said Vipul Jain, CEO.

## CM Atishi inspects Okhla as part of gov't repair drive

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi CM and AAP leader Atishi on Monday visited Okhla in southeast Delhi to inspect condition of the roads in the area. The visit was part of the Delhi government's road assessment and repair plan in which all the ministers have been designated with the task of identifying roads that are in poor condition in the next week, after which the Public Works Department (PWD) will carry out repairs. "The city will be free of potholes after all damaged Public Works Department (PWD) roads are repaired by the end of October, Atishi had said on Sunday. It was decided that starting Monday, all ministers will inspect roads in their designated areas for a week to identify those in need of repair. "For two days, Arvind Kejriwal and I inspected the roads of Delhi and found that the condition of roads is very bad.



## Expect Chandni Chowk night cleanup shortly

**Mayor Shelly Oberoi,** local councillor Punardeep Singh Sawhney, and MCD personnel examined Chandni Chowk for cleanliness and sanitation. Oberoi reported receiving many complaints from homeowners and vendors about the poor cleanliness between Lal Quila and Fatehpuri Masjid Road. For the first time, she ordered MCD officials to assign a team to clean the Chandni Chowk market road at night in addition to morning and afternoon shifts. This should begin next week. I presented a three-point strategy to improve Chandni Chowk's sanitation. She said she would hire a night shift staff to clean the area thoroughly, submit a proposal within a week for sophisticated cleaning equipment, and undertake surprise inspections to supervise night-shift cleaning. The mayor stressed the importance of public space cleanliness and health.

## Government portal to ease business now Ready

**Delhi:** The Delhi government will implement a single-window system to speed up trade and make conducting business easier. The online platform would speed up investors' business setup applications, approvals, clearances, compliance rules, and timetables. Industries minister Saurabh Bharadwaj will inaugurate the beta single-window site, the government stated. Officials said the site would reduce duplicate documentation and applications for huge clearances. Bharadwaj said the single-window system will make investors more comfortable with 59 services spanning 12 departments. "The platform aims to streamline pre-operation approvals, reduce compliance, promote sector-specific reforms, shorten project timelines and enhance ease of starting and doing business in Delhi," he said. Since the portal was being tested, the minister said 37 services from seven departments—labour, MCD, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, weights and measures, DJB, power discoms, and industries—were included in the first phase, while 22 services from five departments—drug control; trade and taxes; excise, entertainment, and luxury tax; DSIIDC, and GSDL—were added later. He stated that 27 portal services are "live" now.

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**NEW DELHI:** Social media giant X (formerly Twitter) has told Delhi high court that the Centre's decision to block the account of Hindutva Watch (@HindutvaWatchin) was "unjustified and disproportionate". X was replying to a petition by Raqib Hameed, a J&K journalist who has challenged the January 2024 blocking as the tracker's founder. The HC will hear the matter next on October 3.

## Transport department proposes guidelines to simplify new vehicle RC

**Delhi:** Delhi's transport department released new guidelines to speed up registration certificates (RC) from auto dealers for newly purchased automobiles after concerns about delays. They must designate dedicated workers to enter buyer details on the central VAHAN portal and maintain their printing devices.

Transport minister Kailash Gahlot also received delays complaints and ordered the department to remedy them. An investigation found that multiple vehicle dealers used the same data entry person, causing work overload, approval delays, and RC printing and delivery delays. District officials have been instructed by the

transport department to collect Aadhaar-related credentials from all self-registered dealers' employees for VAHAN portal data filling. The VAHAN portal's National Informative Centre (NIC) has been instructed to use Aadhaar-based data entry staff log-in to prevent the same person from working for several dealers.

## Delhi AAP raises minimum salaries across bands

**Delhi:** Delhi chief minister Atishi raised the monthly salary of unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled workers in the Capital to help them cope with inflation before the holidays. The higher rates take effect October 1, officials stated. Atishi reported on X that the minimum wage rates for workers have increased from 17,494 to 18,066 for unskilled workers, 19,279 to 19,929 for semi-skilled workers, and 21,215 to 21,917 for skilled workers. Some BJP-ruled states have minimum wages half that of Delhi. In contrast, Arvind Kejriwal's Delhi takes every step to give the common guy a dignified living, Atishi

remarked. In response, the BJP called the measure a ploy before the Delhi assembly elections. At a news conference at the Delhi secretariat, the CM declared Delhi has the highest minimum wage. "Minimum wage earners are poor laborers. The Delhi government has raised the minimum wage to a record high to end their exploitation. BJP consistently opposed the poor. "Deep collusion between contractors and the government causes corruption in Delhi government and MCD," Chandolia said. The Delhi BJP also asked the CM to guarantee that contractual staff receive their 30-day payout.

## Atishi prepares \$1,000/month program for underprivileged women

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**Delhi:** The new AAP government under CM Atishi has accelerated work on its ambitious plan to provide Rs 1,000 to women aged 18-60 and may launch the initiative after Haryana polls. Sources said the policy for women with a



family income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh is being finalized and may be presented to the cabinet in 2-3 weeks. Atishi announced the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana in the yearly budget as finance minister. Officials expect 50 lakh women to profit. The Delhi government allo-

cated Rs 2,000 crore for the initiative in 2024-25. A day after taking office, Atishi met with all ministers and staff to review government operations and strategy. The government was now planning for the next three to four months, and implementing the Mahila

Samman Nidhi Yojana was a major priority, sources added. Delhi women and child development (WCD) minister Kailash Gahlot, who took over his ministry, said he will meet with authorities to finalize the draft scheme. Women who work for the government, pay taxes, or own a car will not receive financial aid.

The system is for married, divorced, and abandoned women. Atishi has stated the initiative may debut in September or October. Once cabinet-approved, the policy will be sent to the LG for approval and announced.

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## Supreme Court's YouTube channel hacked, streams videos promoting cryptocurrency

**NEW DELHI:** The official YouTube channel of the Supreme Court of India was hacked on Friday. The channel, which is typically used to live stream hearings of Constitution Bench cases and matters of public interest, is now showing videos promoting XRP, a cryptocurrency developed by the US-based company Ripple Labs.

The incident came to light when a blank video titled "Brad Garlinghouse: Ripple Responds To The SEC's \$2 Billion Fine! XRP PRICE PREDICTION" went live on the channel. Brad Garlinghouse is the CEO of Ripple Labs, a company that has been in legal disputes with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The hackers also seem to have made earlier videos of Supreme Court hearings private. This comes as the SC was scheduled to hear several crucial cases including a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that seeks a fixed time limit for the



Centre to notify the appointment of judges recommended by the SC Collegium. Another important case on the docket is SpiceJet's plea against a Delhi high court verdict grounding three of its aircraft engines due to payment defaults. Additionally, the Court was set

to hear a plea from the Muslim side contesting an Allahabad high court order, which rejected their challenge on the maintainability of cases filed by Hindu parties related to the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute. Recently, Supreme Court also live streamed hearing in the

sensitive RG Kar hospital and college rape and murder case. SC started live streaming proceedings of all constitution bench hearings following a path-breaking verdict on the matter in 2018 in a unanimous decision taken by a full court meeting headed by then CJI UU Lalit.



### SUV being driven on the wrong side on Golf Course Road in DLF 2 early on Sunday morning

**GURGAON:** A 23-year-old man died after his bike had a head-on collision with an SUV being driven on the wrong side on Golf Course Road in DLF 2 early on Sunday morning. The SUV driver was detained and later released on bail. Police said biker Akshat Garg was from Pochanpur in Dwarka. The SUV driver, Kuldeep Kumar Thakur (25), is a resident of Ghitorni and the co-founder of a PR company. According to police, Garg and his friend Pradyuman Kumar (22) left Dwarka early on Sunday morning for a ride on separate bikes. The duo first went to DLF Downtown, following which they planned to meet a group of riders at Ambience Mall. Kumar said Garg had taken all precautions and was wearing a helmet and other safety gear. Kumar was following him on another motorcycle on Golf Course Road when the accident happened near Belvedere Towers around 5.25am. A Mahindra XUV 300 car, driven by Thakur, suddenly appeared and Garg's bike collided head-on with it, Kumar said. Thakur was driving the car in the wrong direction on the one-way lane, he added. "I was around 100ft behind Garg and witnessed the accident. I rushed to him. While some passersby caught hold of the SUV driver, others called up the police and an ambulance. I was with Akshat trying to remove his helmet and waiting for the ambulance. But by the time it arrived, he had stopped breathing," Kumar said. Kumar alleged that Thakur was driving on the wrong side of the road at a high speed, leading to the death of his friend. "The SUV also had a sticker of a BJP candidate. Police didn't accept footage of the accident recorded by my GoPro camera, which I had installed on my helmet as evidence.

### Core sector growth drops to 6.3% in September

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

## Fire those responsible: Anna Sebastian Perayil's parents to EY officials after daughter's tragic death

**KOCHI:** The officials of Ernst and Young (EY) visited the home of late Anna Sebastian Perayil in Kangarapady, Kochi. In the meeting held on Wednesday, Sebastian's parents made an appeal to the company to terminate the employees who were

responsible for their daughter's untimely demise. Sibi Joseph, Sebastian's father, said, "Four EY officials had come here, and we reiterated our concerns to them." According to Joseph, the letter penned by his wife was sent as a personal email to the

head of EY India immediately after their daughter's passing. He said neither he nor any other family member had disclosed the letter's content to the public. "The letter was leaked from EY's Pune office, which means there are many people similarly

suffering in the company who want the letter to be out in public," Joseph remarked. Joseph clarified that the letter's purpose was to raise awareness among the company's top executives to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

### Smt Smriti Irani Launches 24/7 Violence Helpline for Women

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

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

### Jharkhand moves contempt plea against Centre in SC for delay in appointing CJ

**NEW DELHI:** In a first, Jharkhand government has moved Supreme Court seeking contempt of court action against the Centre for its "deliberate and wilful" delay in implementing the SC collegium's July 11 resolution recommending appointment of Justice M S Ramachandra Rao as chief justice of the state, reported. In its petition, the Hemant Soren govt

said the state was without a chief justice for two months, since the retirement of Justice B R Sarangi on July 19. It said the SC's five-member collegium led by CJI D Y Chandrachud, anticipating the vacancy, had recommended to the Centre to transfer the Himachal Pradesh HC CJ to Jharkhand HC as its CJ. Can't pick & choose It said despite the pas-

sage of more than two months, the Union govt was deliberately sitting over the SC collegium's recommendation, a situation that displayed the Centre's complete disregard for the highest court's decisions. Jharkhand govt said Centre's deliberate inaction on the collegium resolution was also in violation of Article 216 of the Constitution.

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**BHUBANESWAR:** An Army officer's fiancée who was allegedly tortured by cops at Bhubaneswar's Bharatpur police station on Sept 15, recounted her horrifying ordeal after being released from jail. The 32-year-old restaurateur-cum-lawyer broke down and alleged that the inspector-in-charge (IIC) Dinakrushna Mishra and four other personnel, who were suspended



ed on Wednesday, stripped her and kicked her. "The IIC's barbarism crossed all limits. He made inappropriate gestures at me," said the victim, who was arrested by police on charges of attacking a

lady police officer. The five policemen have denied all charges and are now facing a probe by the crime branch. The victim said police framed her in the false case and arrested her to save their own skin.

The Orissa high court granted her bail on Wednesday. According to the woman, she and her fiancée were returning home after shutting her restaurant late at night on Sept 15 when they were waylaid and assaulted by hooligans. Woman seeks arrest of IIC, other cops They immediately went to Bharatpur police station to file a complaint, but instead of receiving help, they were treated like criminals.

## When 'future stars' Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli scored 'identical' hundreds against Australia in 2008

**NEW DELHI:** Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, two of India's greatest modern-day cricketers, began their international careers around the same time, and both had humble beginnings before rising to global stardom. Their early career journey together is marked by a mixture of learning, growth, and moments of brilliance. Rohit made his ODI debut in June 2007, just

before the inaugural T20 World Cup in South Africa. He gained attention during that T20 World Cup when he played a crucial knock of 50\* against South Africa in a group match and was part of India's title-winning squad. However, despite early promise, Rohit struggled with consistency in his initial years, often batting in the middle order. Virat made his debut a year later in

2008 after leading India to a U-19 World Cup victory earlier that year. He initially came into the team as a replacement for senior players and showed glimpses of his talent but, like Rohit, took time to establish himself. Kohli's first few years saw him used mostly in the middle order, and his performances were up and down as he adapted to international cricket. The Australian cricket

team toured India in 2008 for the Border Gavaskar Trophy. India won the series 2-0, their biggest margin of victory over Australia in a Test series at the time. The series marked the retirement of Anil Kumble, one of India's greatest bowlers and captain during the first three Tests. It also witnessed the farewell of Sourav Ganguly.

## Students celebrated Green Consumer Day by participating in cycle rally: Message of clean environment given by planting trees

**Chandigarh:** Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Daria, in collaboration with the Environment Department, Chandigarh Administration, organized a cycle rally and planted trees on the occasion of Green Consumer Day. Most of the students of Eco Club of the school participated in the cycle rally. On this occasion, as the chief guest environment lover Pradeep Triveni, Maharishi Dayanand Public School Principal Dr. Vinod Sharma, school staff and students were present. A cycle club was also formed in the school. Pradeep Triveni planted trees with the students



on Consumer Day and told them that trees have a special significance in our lives. Along with Triveni, students took a pledge to celebrate their birthday by planting trees. Throwing light on the importance of Consumer Day, Triveni said that we should reuse the used things so that we can

save the rapidly changing climate. He said that while cooking vegetables at home, the leftover peels should not be mixed with plastic in the garbage but should be kept separately so that it can be transferred to the compost. He said that notebooks should not be thrown away but the leftover pages should be

reused and pages should be taken out from different notebooks and a notebook should be made so that trees can be saved from being cut. We will move forward only with small efforts. He also praised the cycle club established in the school. During the cycle rally, Dr. Vinod Sharma said that cycling keeps a person healthy. Today people use vehicles to complete small tasks. This is increasing pollution. The environment has become unbalanced due to the smoke coming out of these vehicles. People are suffering from many diseases. He told the students that they should also use cycles a lot in their daily

lives. Use only the cycle track while riding a bicycle. The students said that they will use bicycles in future and will also inspire other people to ride a bicycle by making them aware of its benefits. The students told the people that they should also include cycling in their daily routine. They appealed to cooperate in making the environment clean by planting as many trees as possible. Anju Modgil, the Vice Principal of the school said that only trees can give us a clean environment. They are our true well-wishers. All creatures can be happy only if trees and plants are safe.

## Association of Physicians of India (API) and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Launch "National BP Screening Day" on the 18th of Every Month as Part of the "Take Charge @ 18" campaign

**GURGAON:** Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited (Glenmark), a researched, global pharmaceutical company, and a leader in cardiovascular disease management, today launched the "Take Charge @18" movement at the Gateway of India. This Hypertension Awareness initiative emphasizes the critical importance of early blood pressure monitoring beginning at age 18. The Association of Physicians of India (API) has designated the 18th of every month as "Take charge at 18 - BP Screening Day" encouraging all adults to prioritize regular blood pressure checks to protect heart health. This collaboration represents a significant effort by Glenmark and API to enhance hypertension awareness and diagnosis. The movement was inaugurated with a



dynamic two-hour 3D video projection at the Gateway of India, effectively illustrating the critical importance of early blood pressure monitoring. This innovative display served as a powerful visual call to action, reinforcing the campaign's commitment to raising awareness and educating people about hypertension. This impactful event was live-streamed, reaching over 1,00,000 healthcare professionals across various platforms. Glenmark aims to educate 10 crore Indians about hypertension through this initia-

tive. This Campaign addresses a crucial gap in awareness regarding the appropriate age to begin blood pressure monitoring. Many young adults are currently at risk of developing hypertension[1] and its life-threatening complications, including heart attacks, which have surged among Indian youth. Glenmark's comprehensive approach includes connecting approximately 1,00,000 healthcare professionals to emphasize the importance of early blood pressure screening among youth.

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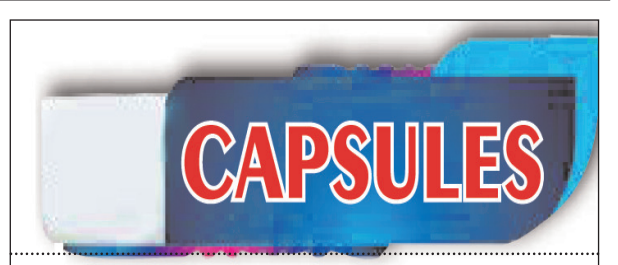


**Pundri:** As part of the election public relations campaign, Congress candidate from Pundri Assembly Constituency, Sultan Singh Jadoula was given a grand welcome in villages Dhand, Faral and Pabnawa including many other villages and was honoured with flower garlands, turban and memento by people from 36 communities who gave their open support and announced to make him win with record breaking votes. Sultan Jadoula participated in the refreshment celebrations organized at hundreds of places in the aforesaid villages and appealed to the people of 36 communities to vote in his favour. While addressing the villagers, Congress candidate Sultan Singh Jadoula said while reiterating the resolution of the Congress that party's State in-charge Deepak Babaria, Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Choudhary Bhupinder Singh Hooda,

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### The latest controversy

On Thursday, the Andhra Pradesh government under TDP released lab reports showing the presence of foreign fats, including lard (pig fat), tallow (beef fat), and fish oil in the ghee supplied during the YSRC regime.

The analysis, conducted on July 23 after complaints about the laddu's taste, also found fats from vegetable sources like coconut, linseed, rapeseed, and cottonseed. In June, the TDP government appointed senior IAS officer J. Syamala Rao as the new executive officer of TTD.

## Mamata's olive branch to doctors fails to end RG Kar impasse

**NEW DELHI:** Meeting between West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and protesting junior doctors failed to take place at the last moment as deadlock between the live telecast and video recording continued. The impasse, which almost seemed nearing its end on Saturday evening, now remains as protestors, not willing to relent on their

demands initially, had to leave CM Mamata's house. However, the protesters claimed that they had agreed to have a meeting without video recording but were told by a government official that "it was too late and no meeting was possible now". In the beginning of the meeting, Mamata Banerjee tried persuading the medics to attend the

talks, with an assurance that she would provide the video of the meeting, filmed by her government, once the Supreme Court gives nod for the same. The doctors did not budge on their demands for at least three hours -- resulting in the meeting to be called off. Mamata Banerjee on Saturday made a surprise visit.

## Seasoned diplomat and India's envoy to Turkiye Virander Paul dies

**New Delhi:** A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi this evening, one of his colleagues said. "Deeply grieved at the passing away of Virander Paul, our Ambassador in Turkiye," Jaishankar said on X. "A great loss to the Indian Foreign Service. Have worked closely with him in his many postings. Always admired his commitment and service and value his many contributions," he said. Paul held a medical degree

from AIIMS. The external affairs minister also conveyed his "deepest condolences" to Paul's family. Paul is survived by his wife Racheline and two daughters. "We are deeply saddened at the untimely demise of Ambassador Virander Paul, India's envoy to Turkiye. A dedicated officer, he will always be remembered for his exceptional human qualities and impactful professional contribution," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Team @MEAIndia.

## American EduGlobal School Announces its Ambitious Expansion Plan: 100 New Campuses in 5 Years

**CHANDIGARH :** American EduGlobal School (AES) is proudly recognised as India's first truly USA based School. A school designed for future solidifying its commitment by announcing their plan of opening 100+ new campuses across India over the next five years. AES currently has two operational campuses in Ghaziabad and Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir. Next year, additional campuses will begin operational in Sirsa, Pune, Bangalore, and Hyderabad. Mr. PK Samal, Founder and Managing Director of American EduGlobal School, expressed his enthusiasm about the upcoming



expansion, we are excited to bring our innovative education model venture to PAN India. Our mission is to empower students with the skills and knowledge necessary for the 21st century. The planned campuses will span across five regions of India: Central, North, South, West, and East India, including major cities such as Delhi - NCR,

Lucknow, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai ensuring a wide reach to diverse communities, further he added. This expansion marks AES's commitment to providing innovative learning, world-class education to students across the nation, blending traditional classroom learning with advanced technology and hands-on experiences. With a keen

understanding of the gaps in the current educational infrastructure, AES is focusing on those areas that are in dire need of quality, innovative education models like STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).

By expanding into areas where these advanced teaching approaches are currently lacking.

AES strive for excellence in every area expressed in their six ethos: Academic, Sports, Immersion Programs, Life Skills, Technology and Digital Learning supported by Inquiry-based learning and data-driven instructional practices.

## As hundreds of Chinese items lose tax exclusions, the US-China trade battle escalates



**Delhi:** Recently, the US has banned, restricted, or imposed high taxes on hundreds of Chinese imports to stimulate domestic production and reduce dependence on Chinese commodities. The USTR has already added tariffs to half of 429 items. The USTR excluded further duties from the "Section 301" probe of China's technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation measures in previous announcements. The current 429 product-specific exclusions (352 reinstated and 77 COVID-related) expire on May 31, 2024. The US trade agency declared a 14-day transition period for all current exclusions until June 14, 2024, and to "extend certain exclusions through May 31, 2025" in a new notice. "To allow for a transition period, the US Trade Representative is extending all currently expiring exclusions through June 14, 2024," it stated. Chinese motors and medical equipment are excluded until May 2025. The USTR ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sourcing out of China, or provide additional time where, despite efforts to source products from alternative sources, availability of the product outside of China remains limited". Last March, the USTR reinstated some "Section 301" tariff exceptions for Chinese goods. Former President Donald Trump began a trade war with China and imposed tariffs on nearly \$300 billion in Chinese goods, invoking Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Trump granted product tariff exclusions for select businesses

## AESL Bhiwani students create history in NEET 2024, Disha Agarwal scores 710 out of 720 and AIR 368



**Bhiwani :** Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparation services, is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of its 11 students in Bhiwani who have scored 650 and above marks in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. Along with this, they have achieved impressive All India Rank. Among the students who scored impressive marks, Disha Agarwal scored 710 marks and AIR 368, Arjun scored 690 marks, Amrendra Singh scored 681 marks, Shubhi scored 680 marks and Kartik Kapoor scored 677 marks. At the same time, a total of 11 students from Bhiwani scored 650 and above. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has recently declared the results of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The students' achievement is a big contribution of their families, teachers, and Aakash Educational Services Limited. The united support of their peers, family, and supporters has brought them to this important milestone. The students have made their parents and the entire staff of Aakash Institute proud by achieving impressive scores. Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) Regional Director Parmeshwar Jha said, "Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding achievement. We are proud of the achievement of our students. Their impressive scores are shining examples of the potential of our students and the effectiveness of our teaching methods. At Aakash, we are committed to providing our students with the best resources and training to help them achieve their dreams. The success of these students will undoubtedly inspire many more students to strive for excellence."

## CAPSULES

### Comments by Mr. Abheek Barua, Chief Economist – HDFC Bank on RBI Monetary Policy Committee

**Ambala/Hisar:** As expected, the RBI kept its policy rate and stance unchanged. Although, the MPC decision saw two dissents instead of the one seen in the previous policy. The one positive out of the policy was the upward revision in the GDP growth forecast to 7.2% from 7% earlier for FY25. On the other hand, inflation forecasts were kept unchanged.

The RBI remains in a wait and watch mode to assess domestic developments like the monsoon performance, food inflation, and the new fiscal strategy before moving on rates. We continue to see the possibility of a rate cut in Q4 2024. Despite the governors' emphasis that monetary policy decisions are driven primarily by domestic considerations, we think that any rate cut action could end up being aligned with the timing of the Fed's rate cut cycle to limit financial market volatility.

On the regulatory front, the increase in bulk deposit limit to INR 3 crore from INR 2 crore, signals the RBI's intention to encourage banks to garner greater retail deposits to fund credit growth.

## AESL Ambala students create history in NEET 2024, 18 students score 650 and above

**Ambala: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL),** the national leader in test preparation services, is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of 18 of its students in Ambala who have scored 650 and above out of 720 marks in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The students who scored impressive marks include Ritvik Sharma with 710 marks and AIR 464, Muskan Malhotra with 710 marks

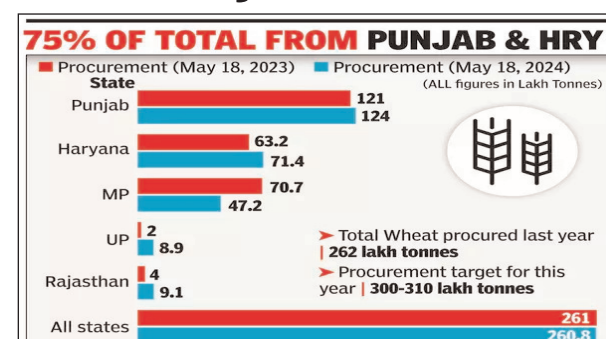
and AIR 618, Himansh Chawla with 710 AIR 658, Alina Garg with 694 marks, Harshpreet Kaur with 690 marks, Kusha Lamba with 687 marks, Aksha and Kanika with 685 marks. A total of 18 students from Ambala scored 650 and above. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has recently declared the results of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The achievement of the students is a big contribution of their families, teachers,

and Aakash Educational Services Limited. The united support of their peers, family and supporters has brought them to this important milestone. The students have made their parents and the entire staff of Aakash Institute proud by achieving impressive scores. Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) said, "Congratulations to all the students on their outstand-

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## Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

**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.

## Intoxicated with power, the BJP government is playing with the future of the youth: Ramchandra

**Kaithal: Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee Executive Member Ramchandra Gurjar** Dhand said that the Haryana government is playing with the future of the youth. The recent High Court decision

regarding various recruitments shows that thousands of youth of Haryana will be affected by unemployment. The Haryana government is talking about appealing to the Supreme Court only for its political gains. Talking at his establishment in the town, Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that the BJP-led government disappointed the youth in its 10-year tenure and stalled the recruitment of youth due to its wrong policies. In the second term of the BJP government, the JJP in the alliance was also involved in playing with the future of the youth. Various vacant posts could not be filled and to garner applause, the tune of

75 percent reservation to the youth of Haryana in the private sector was also sung and that too was cancelled. Congress leader Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that similarly not a single recruitment process was completed during the BJP rule and students spent thousands of rupees in filling forms, taking coaching and giving its papers. When the youth were recruited after many efforts, then the High Court of Punjab and Haryana gave a shock by declaring the rules and policies of the Haryana government as wrong. Congress State Executive Member Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that not a single.

## Hardwyn India Ltd. Reports Robust Earnings for Q4FY24, Revenue Jumps 23% YoY

**CHANDIGARH:** Hardwyn India Ltd. (BSE: 541276, NSE: HARDWYN), a leader in architectural hardware and glass fittings, has announced robust earnings for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. For the quarter ended 31 March 2024, the company reported Revenue from operations at Rs. 36.94 Cr, a growth of 23.63% YoY. The EBITDA jumped 5.48% YoY, from Rs. 5.66 Cr (Q4FY23) to Rs. 5.97 Cr (Q4FY24). PAT fell 11.80% YoY, from Rs. 3.73 Cr (Q4FY23), to Rs. 3.29 Cr (Q4FY24). For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company saw a robust 8.34% growth in its revenue from operations, growing from Rs. 125.07 Cr (FY23) to Rs. 135.5 Cr (FY24). EBITDA grew 15.31% YoY, from Rs. 13.91 Cr (FY23), to

Rs. 16.04 Cr (FY24). PAT grew 7.97% YoY, from Rs. 9.03 Cr (FY23), to Rs. 9.75 Cr (FY24). Earlier, the company had announced that it's newly formed Subsidiary 'Slim-X' has unveiled a range of innovative products. The new brand, with cutting-edge technology, now plans to generate revenue of Rs 100 crore in the next two years, leveraging the growth potential of innovative products-ultra-slim, high-performance aluminum profiles- for industries. Hardwyn India Ltd. is a leading brand among the architectural hardware manufacturers in India. For over half a century, Hardwyn India Ltd. has been redefining perfection in the realm of architectural hardware. The company offers comprehensive solutions for resi-

dential and commercial structures as an unwavering manufacturer of architectural hardware and glass fittings. Through rigorous testing and relentless development practices, Hardwyn has earned a stellar reputation for benchmark quality through a customer-centric philosophy and relentless pursuit of world-class quality. To create a robust global supply chain and establish a trusted distribution network, Hardwyn has continually strived to expand its global footprint. The company has built a large network of dealers and distributors to provide unwavering customer support. Beyond business success, Hardwyn holds a deep commitment to environmental sustainability.

## DD Kisan launches 50-language AI anchors Krish and Bhoomi



**Delhi:** Doordarshan Kisan will be the first government TV channel to introduce AI anchors, ushering in the 'Artificial Intelligence' age in agriculture. Krish and Bhoomi, the AI anchors, are advanced computer algorithms that behave and perform like humans. Once unthinkable, they can deliver news 24/7, 365 days a year without tiring or taking breaks. Farmers in all states will see AI anchors, from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and Gujarat to Arunachal. These anchors will provide national and global agriculture research, farm market trends,

weather updates, and government scheme updates. The anchors' fluency in 50 domestic and international languages is remarkable. Only DD Kisan broadcasts nationwide. It serves farmers exclusively and was founded by the Indian government. DD Kisan Channel has met these standards for nine years. The DD Kisan channel promotes innovative farmers. To support the country's agricultural and rural populations, it promotes comprehensive education. The DD Kisan channel focuses on sustainable farming, animal husbandry, and plantation.