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'Budget halwa made by select few for only 2-3% of Indians', Rahul attacks Centre in LS

NEW DELHI: Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi on Monday cited Mahabharata's 'chakravyuha' to attack Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA government at the centre while discussing Union budget 2024 in Lok Sabha. The Congress leader used Chakravyuha's lotus analogy to target the government saying it has created an "atmosphere of fear" in the country. "When I researched about the chakravyuha, I got to know that it is also known as 'pad-mavyuha' or 'lotus-vyuha' (lotus formation)." In 21st century, India is trapped in a new chakravyuha represented by lotus symbol that PM Modi wears on his chest," Rahul said in Lok Sabha. Citing Mahabharata's chakravyuha that killed young warrior Abhimanyu on the battlefield, Rahul said there were six people at the centre of the trap -- Dronacharya, Karna, Kripacharya,



Will call them A1 and A2': Rahul Gandhi after being stopped from naming Adani & Ambani in Parliament

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who has often attacked the Narendra Modi government for favouring businessmen Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani, on Monday referred to them as "A1" and "A2" after Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla objected to naming individuals who are not part of the House in Parliament. During his address in the Lok Sabha, Rahul claimed that Adani and Ambani have a monopoly over all the money in India and asked the Speaker how to indicate them without using their names when Birla repeatedly stopped him from doing so. "Two industrialists are controlling the country... If I cannot take their names in the House, then I will have to say something, I will just say A1 and A2," leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi said. "Similarly, there are six people at

the centre of chakravyuha today -- PM Modi, Amit Shah, Mohan Bhagwat, Ajit Doval, Ambani and Adani." LoP Rahul Gandhi in Lok Sabha. The remark led to an uproar by the NDA MPs and an intervention from Speaker Om Birla. To which Rahul said, "If you want, I will remove the names of NSA Doval, Ambani and Adani from this list." The Congress leader, referring to his previous speech in the House, in which he accused the NDA government of spreading fear in the country, Rahul said, "In BJP, only one leader is allowed to dream to be the Prime Minister. If today, defence minister wants to be the PM, there's a big problem, big fear." "Why are my friends in BJP are terrified, the ministers are terrified, the farmers are terrified, the workers, youngsters, why are they all terrified?" asked Rahul.

'No country should dominate others': Quad's strong stand against China

NEW DELHI: In a loud and clear message to China, the Quad proclaimed its steadfast commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific on Monday. The coalition vowed to work towards a region where no country dominates others, and each state is free from coercion in all its forms. During a meeting, the foreign ministers of the Quad, which comprises, US, India, Australia, and Japan, stressed on the importance of upholding a free and open rules based international order, while respecting the principles of freedom, human rights, democratic values, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of nations. The ministers also expressed serious concerns over the situation in the East and South China Seas. They voiced strong opposition to any actions aiming to change the status quo forcibly or through coercion, without directly naming China. The meeting involved external affairs minister S Jaishankar, US secre-



Delhi court suspends 5-month jail sentence to Medha Patkar

NEW DELHI: Delhi court on Monday suspended the five-month simple imprisonment sentence given to Medha Patkar, a leader of the Narmada Bachao Andolan, in a defamation case filed by lieutenant governor of Delhi V K Saxena. The case was filed by Saxena when he was the head of an NGO in Gujarat 23-years-ago. Patkar's appeal led to the suspension of the sentence by Metropolitan Magistrate Raghav Sharma, who also issued a notice to the opposite party, according to Saxena's counsel Gajinder Kumar. The court granted bail to Patkar on a bail bond and surety bond of Rs 25,000, Kumar said.

which no country dominates and no country is dominated, competition is managed responsibly, and each country is free from coercion in all its forms and can exercise its agency to determine its own future," the ministers stated.

Delhi coaching centre flooding: Akhilesh writes to Speaker seeks Rs 1 crore each to next of kin of victims

NEW DELHI: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday sent a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday, urging him to direct the government to provide a compensation of Rs 1 crore to the families of the students who lost their lives in the flooded basement of a coaching centre in Delhi. "You are requested to direct the government to provide compensation of Rs 1 crore each to the families of the deceased students and also fix responsibility for this incident and take strict action immediately," Yadav said in his letter. Earlier, during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Yadav had raised the issue, calling it tragic and demanding a thorough investigation.

Boost for security forces! Phase 3 of India-China border roads project started

India's Border Roads Organisation, in conjunction with CPWD and NPCC, has initiated Phase III of the India-China Border Roads project to bolster infrastructure in eastern Ladakh. While some key roads under Phase II of ICBR are still under construction, most of the phase has been completed, providing all-weather roads for improved connectivity. Boost for security forces! Phase 3 of India-China border roads project started; to give impetus to road network in eastern Ladakh India and China share a 3,488 km border spanning across Ladakh, Arunachal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim. Boost for security forces on India-China border! The Border Roads Organisation (BRO), in collaboration with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and the National Projects Construction Corporation, has commenced the third phase of the strategic India, China Border Roads (ICBR) project. This initiative aims to enhance the road network in eastern Ladakh, facilitating faster movement of security forces along the Line of Actual Control. While some key roads under Phase II of ICBR are still under construction, most of the phase has been completed, providing all-weather roads for improved connectivity, according to an ET report. India and China share a 3,488 km border spanning across Ladakh, Arunachal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim. Following the 2020 standoff with the Chinese army at Galwan in eastern Ladakh, the Union government has accelerated the pace of road construction and identified new roads under the third phase of ICBR. According to official data, India has achieved a formation cutting rate of 470 km roads per year from 2017-20, a significant increase from the 230 km per year maintained in the previous decade until 2017.

SC refuses to stay HC's order quashing 65% reservation law for SC, ST and backward classes

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant a stay on the Patna high court's decision that scrapped the Bihar state law reserving 65% of government jobs for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and backward classes. The bench, consisting of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala



and Manoj Misra, refrained from issuing notices on the the Bihar government's 10 petitions, challenging the Patna high court's ruling. The apex court for September. Senior

advocate Shyam Divan, representing the state government, requested the bench to stay the high court's order, citing a similar case from Chhattisgarh where the Supreme Court had stayed the high court's order. However, the Chief Justice of India responded, "We will list the matter, but we will not grant any stay."

SC seeks responses of deputy CM Ajit Pawar on plea of Sharad Pawar faction

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from Ajit Pawar and his 40 MLAs on a plea of the Sharad Pawar faction challenging Maharashtra assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar's decision declaring the group led by the deputy chief minister as the real Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and



Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Sharad Pawar faction, that the plea needed urgent hearing keeping in mind the short remnant tenure of the state assembly. The term of the state

assembly expires in November this year. The bench said it will hear the plea filed by Jayant Patil and Jitendra Awhad, lawmakers of the Sharad Pawar faction, just after it has heard a similar petition of the rival Uddhav Thackeray camp. The Thackeray group has filed a similar petition contesting the speaker's decision in favour of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his MLAs.

22,920 candidates score full marks across 45 subjects in CUET-UG

NEW DELHI: Registering a marginal increase in top scorers, 22,920 candidates scored full marks across 45 subjects in the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG 2024), the gateway to undergraduate courses across 283 universities in India. However, this year, as earlier announced by National Testing Agency, these top scorers scored perfect 200, while in 2022 and 2023 the agency accorded percentile scores as the papers were conducted in multiple sessions and normalisation method was



employed. Bringing relief to lakhs of aspirants, NTA announced the results on Sunday evening. Of the 63 subjects, 200 is the maximum marks for 62 and the General Test paper is of 250 marks. Highest full-marks scorers in Business Studies, Political Science next. The largest number of students scored full marks in Business Studies (8,024), followed by Political Science (5,141) and History

ers increased marginally from the number of 100 percentile scorers in 2023, the competition for select programmes like commerce is set to get tougher in popular universities like Delhi University (DU). The number of aspirants scoring 100 percentile in Business Studies was 2,357 in 2023, which has increased to 8,024 this year. However, for sought after honour programmes like economics/business economics, there is likely to be a decrease in minimum eligible marks as the number of high scorers have come down by 45% from last year.

Woman found chained to tree in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg

Sindhudurg: In Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra, a 50-year-old woman was discovered chained to a tree in a forest. Police officials reported on Monday that a photocopy of her US passport and other documents, including an Aadhaar card with a Tamil Nadu address, were found in her possession. The woman's cries were heard by a shepherd in Sonurli village, approximately 450 kilometers from the district, on Saturday evening. Upon finding her chained and in distress, the shepherd promptly informed the police. The woman was immediately taken to hospital in Sawantwadi and Oros in Sindhudurg for treatment. Due to her mental and health condition.

Bengaluru PG murder: Chilling CCTV footage shows killer stabbing woman as she screams for help

Bengaluru : Drenched in blood, she kept weeping in pain. Quivering helplessly in horror, she collapsed against the wall -- showed a chilling clip of a Bihar woman after she was stabbed inside her PG in Bengaluru. A new CCTV footage of the Bengaluru PG murder in which a 24-year-old woman was brutally murdered will send a chill down your spine. In a narrow corridor, the killer swiftly rushed towards Kriti Kumari, dragged her, and stabbed her multiple times in anger as she continued to scream for help. The woman was seen struggling to relieve herself from the grip of the man, who eventually slit her throat. No one came forward to help her and the man easily walked off from the spot, leaving the

woman on the floor before she finally passed out. The woman, a private firm employee was killed by her roommate's boyfriend, who also happens to be her colleague. The incident occurred between 11.10 pm and 11.30 pm on Tuesday when the man stabbed her multiple times and slit her throat before escaping. Kumari was staying in the PG since March, where the suspect used to visit to meet his girlfriend. According to sources, Abhishek, who recently quit his job at a private firm in Bengaluru, was facing relationship issues, which led his girlfriend to move into the PG on Kumari's advice. Investigators suspect Abhishek may have targeted Kumari, believing she influenced his girlfriend.

Minister Nandi honoured his colleagues

Teamwork contribution imp in success of any prog: Nandi

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi congratulated the entire management team and his colleagues for making the son's blessing ceremony successful along with his re-birth anniversary. Minister Nandi organized a



party for all his colleagues at Hotel Kanha Shyam on Sunday. In which all the colleagues and management team were invited along with their families. For whom a cultural evening was also organised. Everyone enjoyed the program with their family. Minister Nandi praised the work of the team that conducted its events with full dedication. Minister Nandi expressed his gratitude while honouring everyone. Minister Nandi said that teamwork is very important in the success of any program. Performing one's role to the best of individual abilities with team spirit is the core of the meaningfulness of any event. In the same spirit, he congratulated the colleagues associated with the arrangement and management of the programs of last 12th July and 20th July.

Minority Cong kicks off signature campaign to conduct caste census

Prayagraj: Minority Congress and Backward Class Congress are running a signature campaign in the entire state to conduct caste census and increase the limit of 50



percent reservation. Today in Prayagraj, minorities from Kareli The signature campaign has been started under the leadership of Congress city president Arshad Ali. On this occasion, Arshad Ali has said that in all the 100 wards of the city, all the officials of Minority Congress will go to every ward and work on making people aware about the demand for caste census and getting signatures. On this occasion, City President of Backward Class Congress, Mohd. Haseen, Haji Sartaj, Mahfooz Ahmed, Talib Ahmed, Zahid Neta, Ghulam Waris, Mobin Ahmed, Mukhtar Ahmed, Bilal Khan, Adil Khan, Quwat Ali, Mo Ghulam, Madni Khan, Parvez etc. were present.

Airtel expands its Wi-Fi service across UP

Prayagraj: Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications services providers, today, announced that it has increased its Wi-Fi service to an additional 4 million new households in Uttar Pradesh. With Airtel Wi-Fi, a customer not only gets high-speed reliable wireless internet service but a whole host of other benefits including access to unlimited streaming, 20+ OTT services and over 350+ TV channels. Customers can book Airtel Wi-Fi by placing an order using the Airtel Thanks App or by calling 8130181301. Sovan Mukharjee, CEO, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Bharti Airtel, said, "I am happy to announce that Airtel Wi-Fi has now reached every nook and corner of Uttar Pradesh. With Airtel Wi-Fi, customers can unlock a wide range of entertainment options including access to 20+ OTTs, 350+ television channels and a reliable high-speed wireless Wi-Fi service at an affordable tariff starting at Rs. 699 a month. We hope customers make the most of this and enjoy endless entertainment." Customers in Uttar Pradesh can enjoy unlimited access to some of the leading Hindi and English TV channels including Star Plus, Sony TV, Zee TV, Colors TV, SAB TV, &TV, DD National, and popular OTT platforms like Disney+ Hotstar, Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, and Zee5 others.



Hundreds of people got their eyes checked in free eye training

Free eye test and counseling camp organized by Kartavi Path

Prayagraj: Under the auspices of Kartavya Path, a free eye examination and counseling camp was organized in conjunction with Sapna Arya at Bagiya Narayan Vatika of Munshi Ram Prasad. On this occasion, ASGI Hospital Eye examination of 198 people was done by doctors. On this occasion, Sapna Arya, Bharat Jaiswal, Rajesh Kesarwani, Satish Chandra Kesarwani etc were present.



Women observe fast on Oct 12 and perform worship: Pt. Shyam Surat Pandey

Prayagraj: For the protection of Sanatan Dharma, world welfare and fulfillment of all wishes, construction of eternal earthly Shivling, consecration and immersion Mahayagya continues on the eighth day, crowd of Shiva devotees gathered for construction of Shivling, consecration and immersion on Monday of Sawan to please Lord Shiva and get relief from all their troubles

Protection of Sanatan Dharma, world public welfare, construction of eternal earthly Shivling, consecration and immersion Mahayagya devotional hymns on the eighth day of the month of Sawan for the

fulfillment of all wishes. The program of evening and Mahashivpuran Katha continued with full rituals at Shri Radha Krishna Ramjanaki Temple located on the banks of Triveni Dam under the aegis of Moral Development Research Institute Seva Trust Prayag. Today, the devotees were waiting since morning for the construction of Shivalinga, Abhishekam and worship at the Yagya site. Abhishekam continued continuously since morning. As today's chief host, Poonam Shukla, Ram Aasre Dubey and Dr. Satya Pandey ji, along with their families, took turns to perform grand consecration



of Bhootbhavan Bholenath and performed puja, aarti and immersion.

The Parthiv Shivalinga was created by the devotees chanting the mantra Om Namah Shivay Shiva Panchakshar. Yagya coordi-

nator Pandit Shyam Surat Pandey said that the worship of Lord Shiva on Monday in Sawan has special significance. On this day, people fast for the relief of all their troubles and for the fulfillment of all their wishes

and worship the consecration of Lord Shiva. By consecrating Lord Shiva in Sawan, one gets the blessings of Lord Shiva as well as Mother Parvati. Spokesperson and General Secretary, Moral Development Research Institute Seva Trust, Satya Prakash Pandey said that in the month of Sawan, all the gods are also busy in worshipping the ghost Bholenath. Pandey appealed to all the people of Prayag and devotees of Shiva to attend the program and worship Lord Shiva and build a Shivalinga. On the eighth day of the continuous program, mainly Yagyacharya

Pandit Pawandev Shastri, Acharya Ambarish Kumar Mishra, Ragvirag Tripathi, Brijesh Pandey, Hausla Prasad Mishra Senior Contractor, Sudama Singh President Contractors Association PWD, Advocate Satya Prakash Pandey, Advocate Awadhesh Tiwari, Hundreds of devotees including Ravi Shankar Dwivedi, Asha Pandey, Madhubala Pandey, O.P. Singh, Jai Prakash Pandey, Akanksha Pandey were present. The eternal mortal Shivalinga construction, consecration and immersion Mahayagya will continue till the entire month of Sawan (20th August).

To keep environment safe, tree plantation organized in Agricultural Science Center

Naini, Prayagraj: A large tree plantation was organized today in the Agricultural Science Center operated under SHUTS. Pro VC (Administration) of SHUTS, Prof. Dr.

search at SHUTS, said that everyone is aware of global warming, hence it is the duty of everyone to take care of trees and their care. More than 100 saplings of Amla, Lemon, Moringa, Jackfruit

oxide through photosynthesis. KVK In-charge Dr. Mukesh P. Masih said that forests provide us the basis for providing clean water and soil as well as clean environment. The scope of



Vishwaroop Mehra said that trees and plants are playing an important role not only in saving life but also in keeping the environment safe. As we go about our daily lives, it can be easy to take for granted the many benefits trees provide. Trees are not only beautiful and important, they also play a vital role in sustaining life on Earth. Dr. S.D. McCarty, Director of Re-

etc. were planted in the program. to be done. Dr. Praveen Charan, Director of Extension, SHUTS, said that trees are the only ones that have the ability to reduce the ill effects of climate change, for which it is necessary to continue the tree plantation campaign. Through this, improvement in climate is possible. Trees play an important role in providing oxygen by reducing carbon di-

environmental problems is very wide and it is directly related to health, hence planting trees and maintaining them should be the responsibility of every citizen. 1600 fruit saplings like Amla, Lemon, Moringa, Jackfruit, Papaya etc. were distributed by the Chief Guest to about 60 farmers who had come from Prayagraj district. In this program K.V.K. All staff participated.

Devotees performed Jalabhishek

Prayagraj: On the second Monday of Sawan, devotees performed Jalabhishek at Shri Siddha Peeth Bhole Giri Temple Katghar Prayagraj and in the evening, the makeup darshan of Lord Bholenath was done by the temple priest Mahesh Chandra Tripathi.



Deadpool Limited Edition POCO F6 in India

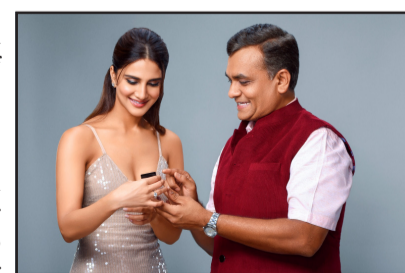
Varanasi: POCO, a brand synonymous with rapid growth in India's consumer tech space, today announced an exciting collaboration with Marvel Studios to launch the Deadpool limited edition POCO F6 in India. This exclusive partnership comes ahead of the theatrical release of the third film in the iconic Deadpool franchise, titled Deadpool & Wolverine. With the immense popularity and fan frenzy that the Deadpool series enjoys, this launch is set to amplify the excitement among Marvel fanatics across the country. "We are incredibly excited about our collaboration with Marvel Studios to launch the Deadpool limited edition POCO F6. The collaboration is aimed to engage with Marvel fans in a truly immersive and interactive manner, taking their passion for the Deadpool franchise to the next level," said Himanshu Tandon, Country Head at POCO India. "Deadpool has become a pop culture phenomenon, resonating with fans worldwide. The Deadpool Limited Edition POCO F6 perfectly embodies the innovative spirit of Deadpool. We're confident that this collaboration will resonate strongly with our tech-savvy audience and Marvel fans across the country." The Deadpool limited edition POCO F6 is a testament to the innovative spirit of POCO and the captivating world of Marvel. Created with meticulous attention to detail, this special edition smartphone will include a striking custom design that pays homage to Deadpool and Wolverine.



Divine Solitaires alongwith Vaani Kapoor for Solitaire Festival of India

Varanasi: Divine Solitaires, a leading diamond solitaire jewellery brand, is all set to add some spark to the lean month of August and usher in the upcoming festive and wedding season. It is all set to bring back India's biggest diamond solitaire promotion with The Solitaire Festival of India (TSFI) for the third consecutive year in 2024- this time with actress Vaani Kapoor as the brand ambassador! Known for her roles in blockbuster films such as War, Shuddh Desi Romance and Befikre, this year, the event is set to be a grander success with the presence of actress Vaani Kapoor. Vaani brings a dash of star magic and an impressive Instagram following of 8 million, mostly comprising India's empowered youth, who will make this campaign the talk of town this year. "The festive and wedding season is just around the corner and for our partners and customers, there is no better time than August and no better opportunity than TSFI to invest in diamond solitaire jewellery. Our customers will not only have the opportunity to see, feel and purchase the best quality diamond solitaires with 8 hearts and arrows each, but also have the chance to win some fantastic prizes!" said Jignesh Mehta, Founder of Divine Solitaires.

This annual event will run from August 1-31 at over 200+ partner jeweller stores and on <https://shop.divinesolitaires.com> will feature the solitaire collections of some of India's finest diamondaires. Throughout the month, customers from different states across India can browse through and indulge in stunning collections of solitaire jewellery pieces in their re-



spective cities as well as online. The festival offers a unique incentive for valued customers to receive assured gifts with every purchase of diamond solitaire jewellery. Each purchase includes coupons for weekly lucky draws scheduled for August 11, 17 and 24, featuring exciting prizes ranging from iPhones to Alto cars. The grand finale of the festival will have a bumper draw on September 4, where one lucky winner will drive home in a luxurious XUV 700, and other winners will take home additional prizes.

The 2nd edition of TSFI in 2023 was a huge success closing with a staggering 600% increase in footfall over the previous year. This year, partner jewellers like Senco Gold, Ranka Jewellers, and Reliance Retail to name a few, are set to break that record attracting customers from across India. To spread the word about the TSFI 2024 campaign, Divine Solitaires will drive a series of nationwide marketing initiatives in over 100 cities. These will comprise targeted outreach through regional newspaper advertisements, impactful radio campaigns and cinema ads playing across theatres nationwide for seven days. To add an interactive dimension, Divine Solitaires will host a Facebook and Instagram live draw event on August 11, engaging audiences nationwide and bringing the thrill of the draw directly to their screens. This initiative aims to foster community spirit and participation, enriching the festival experience for all. With a steadfast commitment to boosting footfall and engagement, the festival promises to be a resounding success, delighting customers and jewellers alike. Join us in this grand celebration and witness the enchantment of Divine Solitaires.

MP Ujjawal demands ST & SC status for Kol & Nishad respectively

Jamunapar to be viewed at par with Bundelkhand, Naini's industrial form should be restored

Prayagraj: MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, while speaking in the budget discussion in Lok Sabha on Monday, said that Kol caste should get the status of Scheduled Tribe because it is given in the neighboring state of Madhya Pradesh and 17 castes like Bind, Nishad, Mallah etc. should get the status of Scheduled Caste because of their economic status.

The situation is very pathetic. Giving this information, SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha said that MP Ujjwal Raman Singh called the budget 'save chair budget' and said that this budget is only going to please friends. In this, the government has expressed its intention by reducing the budget on education.

Given that they does not want to educate the common people, he said that they are not guaranteeing MSP to the farmers, there is

the industrial form of Naini can be rehabilitated along with electricity and drinking water. The MP demanded the establishment of AIIMS



nothing for the youth, this is the worst directionless budget in the history.

The MP demanded in the House that Jamunapar should be given a special package by declaring the Bundelkhand region so that

to improve the poor health facilities in Prayagraj and said that Prayagraj should not be given step-motherly treatment. This city has given several poets and shayars along with five Prime Ministers.

Divine Ganga Aarti organized in Shringverpurdham

Shringverpurdham: Divine Ganga Aarti was organized in Shringverpurdham on Monday under the aegis of Shringverpur Mahotsav Jai Shri Ram Seva Samiti. The program was started with recitation of Vedic mantras. Aarti of Bhagwati Ganga was performed and prayers were offered for social welfare. Before the divine aarti of Bhagwati Ganga, Jalabhishek of Bholenath was done with Ganga water. Special aarti was performed at Shanta Shringi Rishi Temple. Arun Dwivedi, director of Shringverpur Mahotsav, conducted the program. On this occasion, Pappu Tripathi, Narendra Tripathi, Surendra Pushpkar, Panda Samaj, Munna Soni Shringverpur Chowki SI Rajkumar, Mohit Pradhan Mali Samaj and others were present.



Tehsil admin woke up to news of probable suicide attempt at CM's residence

Prayagraj: Police force along with Tehsil administration reached the spot and took possession of the leased land, Prayagraj. As soon as information was received about the applicants committing suicide by coming to the Chief Minister's residence and taking legal action by filing a First Information Report against the accused, the Tehsil administration along with the police force reached the spot and started measuring the leased land.

On the occasion, the lease of agricultural work Araji No. 206 area 0.1140 hectare was done in favor of applicant Ranno Devi wife Madho Ram and the lease of agricultural work Araji No. 178 Araji number 178 area 0.1140 hectare was done in favor of Ramgarib son Sundar after freeing the lease holders from the possession of the accused was taken into possession while the agricultural work lease was

done in favor of Madhoram son of Mangli, Araji No. 307 area of 0.1250 hectare and the agricultural work lease was done in favor of

lease holder is a landless agricultural laborer belonging to the Scheduled Caste. Among the lease holders is Scheduled Caste widow

Mangli, Araji No. 307 is of area 0.1250 hectare and in favor of Ramesh Kumar son of Pyarelal, Araji No. 206 is of area 0.1140 hectare. And

police station Ghurpur, tehsil Bara district Prayagraj.

Since the time of the lease, the lease holders were



Ramesh Kumar son of Pyare Lal, Araji number 205 area of 0.1140 hectare was freed from the criminals today. Lease holders will be given possession.

Please note that the

Ranno Devi, wife of late. In favor of Madhoram and Madhoram son of Mangli, Araji No. 206 is of area 0.1140 hectare jointly and in favor of Ranno Devi's husband Madhoram, son of

in 2002, the land management committee passed a resolution in favor of Ram Garib, son of Sundar, for the agricultural work of Araji number 178, area 0.1140 hectare Mauza Pachkhara,

in possession of the leased land and had been plowing and sowing their leased land and at present the names of the lease holders are registered in Khatauni as landholders.

In Sanatan Dharma, woman is form of a gem: Satanandji Maharaj

Maharudrabhishek and construction of Parthiv Shivlinga

Prayagraj: On the sixth day of the story of Shri Shiv Mahapuran, organized under the auspices of Kartavya Path Parivar, at Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Narayan Vatika in Muthhiganj, while reciting the story of Shri Shiva Mahapuran, Puja Shri Satanand Maharaj said that King Daksh Prajapati When Lord Shiva was insulted in the Yagya, Mother Sati sacrificed herself and Lord Shiva in anger ordered Veerbhadra to kill King Daksh and Veerbhadra reached the Yagyashala and killed King Daksh and after the request of all the gods, Lord Bholenath King Daksh was revived by applying the head of a goat to King Daksh and his ego was broken and Mahadev became pure by taking the mortal remains of Mata Sati. The work of creation stopped. Lord Vishnu cut Mata Sati into fifty-two pieces and wherever they fell, they became Shaktipeeth sites. Vyas ji further said that for the governance of the universe, Mother Sati took birth in the form of second incarnation Parvati for

Himalaya Maharaj and Mother Parvati did penance for years to marry Lord Shiva and said that the terror of that Tadkasur is all around. It was prevalent and it had to happen through the first son of Shiva because Brahma had given him a boon, hence it was

in our Sanatan Dharma, women power is the form of a gem. *Katha's main host Sapna Arya, Rajesh Kesarwani, Satish Chandra Kesarwani, media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that before the Katha, Maha Rudrabhishek and Parthiv Shivling were made. In



very necessary for him and Parvati to get married and with the efforts of the Gods, Lord Shiva and Parvati got married and Tarakasura was killed by his first son Kartikeya.

Further, while describing the character of Mother Parvati, Vyas ji said that Mother Parvati is the form of women power and the creation cannot be imagined without her and said that this is the reason why

today's Katha Aarti, former cabinet minister Narendran Kumar Singh Gaur, Kumar Narayan, MLA Harshvardhan Bajpai, Rajendra Prasad Kesarwani, Mohit Kesarwani, Sadhna Chaturvedi, Urmila Kesarwani, Shailendra Gupta, Sai Baba, Pintu Kumar, Ajay Agrahari, Asha Kesarwani, Usha Kesarwani, Dhirendra Chaturvedi, Kamlesh Kumar, Sushil Jain etc. hundreds of devotees.

Inauguration of payment facility via QR code at ticket counter of Prayagraj Junction

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj Himanshu Badoni, in order to make the experience of railway travel pleasant, Prayagraj Division made continuous ef-

the Railways. As per the instructions of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Himanshu Shukla, under the supervision of Station Director, V.K Dwivedi., QR display device has been started at one



orts for easy ticket distribution. Are going. In Indian Railways, tickets are distributed to passengers through railway station ticket counters, JTBS, ATVM and UTS app. ATVM and UTS apps are becoming popular as a simple and easy option among the mediums of providing tickets to the passengers without standing in line at the counters. Railway tickets can be purchased through ATVM through the facilitator, automatically by making payment using the smart card/QR code issued by

unreserved ticket counter of Prayagraj Junction station from 27.07.2024 and at unreserved ticket counter from 28.07.2024. With the launch of this facility, passengers will be able to buy railway tickets by paying through UPI app. Development of payment passenger facilities through UPI app will play an important role in Aasan ticket distribution. The facility of payment through QR display device will be made available at all the stations of Prayagraj division in the year 2024.

Farmers doing natural farming will get subsidy from Central Govt: Agriculture Dept

Prayagraj: Agriculture extension research students of Naini Agricultural University, Nikhil Tiwari and Nitish Kumar are making farmers aware about natural farming. Farmer brothers can get rid of chemical fertilizers by adopting natural farming. In today's time, there is a lot of concern about environmental change, but we ourselves are responsible for it. We have to take care of it in time, otherwise by 2040, 30 percent of the country's population may suffer from cancer and diabetes. The central and every state government has made efforts to conserve natural resources. Farmer brothers will get subsidy from the government to promote farming. In natural farming, results are not obtained immediately, for this the production is 10 to 20 percent in the first

year, more than 50 percent in the second year and up to 80 percent in the third year. Recently, in the budget presented by the Cen-

tral Government, funds will be provided to the farmers for subsidy and compensa-

tion for natural farming for 3 years and Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has announced that there will be a lot of ef-

ducted and this awareness campaign will reach at least 1 crore farmers so that they can adopt natural farming in at least 2 to 4 acres of their natural extension research students Nikhil Tiwari and Nitish Kumar told that lakhs of farmers from Lucknow including Etawah, Aligarh, Mathura, Meerut, Bareilly, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Barabanki and Hardoi are doing farming. Apart from this, under Namami Gange scheme, natural farming has been started in the villages on the banks of the river in all the 27 districts related to the river Ganga. Natural farming doubles the income of farmers and reduces costs. No chemical fertilizers are used in doing this. Farming is done through indigenous cow dung, cow urine, guna, gram flour, water and leaves of various trees and plants through Bijamrit, Jeevamrit, Ghanjeevamrit, Dashaparni extract and Neemastak. Its training is also given to farmers.



fort within India regarding natural farming. An awareness campaign will be con-

land and take it further in the future. It is proving to be a profitable deal. Agricul-

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2nd bagless day at GHS focused on sustainability

Prayagraj: The second bagless day was held on Monday, which emphasised the theme of sustainability. The focus of this bagless day was reusing our waste resources and creating "Best Out of Waste". The NEP -2020 aims to create a generation of learners who are proud to use their talents in various endeavours along with honing their academic acumen. The students were shown a presentation in the auditorium which in a very entertaining way taught them how to turn waste into various creative artefacts.



The presentation was enjoyed by the students as it was both educative and informative. As the students had been pre informed by their teachers they came prepared with material to make articles like pencil box from used cold drink bottles, organisers from cartons, puppets, wall hangings and carry bags. S. Belton, S. Saxena and A. Sukh guided them throughout this process. The bagless day concluded with a range of beautiful creative articles made by the students with great joy and passion. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by Principal ma'am and it boosted the morale of the students and encouraged them to participate in such activities with even greater zeal in the future.

Why do surgeons prefer robotic surgery for knee replacement?

Prayagraj: Recent advancements in the field of robotic surgery have improved various orthopedic procedures, leading to increased accuracy and outcomes, and Total Knee Replacement is an important example of this. The Rosa Knee System serves as a high-tech device, that augments the surgeon's capabilities, rather than operating autonomously. Surgeons receive specialized training to use the Rosa Knee System effectively, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills. During the procedure, the surgeon remains completely in charge, taking important decisions and monitoring each step of the surgery. Dr. Debashish Chanda, Principal Consultant, Orthopedics, C K Birla Hospital, Gurugram, spoke about the significance of this advancement. "Total knee replacement has long been a transformative solution for individuals suffering from severe knee arthritis or injury. While traditional surgical techniques have effectively restored mobility and reduced pain,

the Rosa Knee System is a "Introduces new accuracy and effectiveness that go beyond previously possible results." The Rosa Knee System uses a combination of advanced technologies, including robotic assistance, sophisticated cameras and optical trackers, to achieve precise surgical results. This system follows



a pre-operative plan that is tailored to the patient's specific anatomy, based on detailed evaluations and measurements made by the surgeon. During surgery, the robot monitors the position of the knee and leg, detects any movement and adjusts the surgical approach accordingly. Dr. Chanda emphasised

the precision and improved outcomes associated with the Rosa Knee System, saying, "The robotic system ensures highly accurate bone cuts and implant positioning, which are critical to the longevity and functionality of the knee implant. Patient-Specific By using the data, the Rosa Knee System ensures that

the surgical plan is tailored to each patient's unique anatomy, resulting in better outcomes. The system's ability to detect and adjust to any movement during the procedure Helps maintain accuracy, reducing the risk of errors."The Rosa Knee System revolutionizes total knee replacement, combining precise planning and

execution to enhance the alignment and balance of knee implants, reducing postoperative pain. There is less pain, faster recovery and improved overall performance. A major advantage is eliminating the need for pre-operative CT scans, which involve radiation. Instead, this system uses non-invasive techniques that reduce patient radiation exposure and increase safety. Many patients can stand and walk the same day as surgery, which contributes to a faster recovery.

This system, which has been approved by the US FDA, uses high-quality, durable implants, which are designed to last 30-35 years with proper care. Personalized knee implants are available in a variety of sizes and are gender-specific, ensuring an individual fit and effective results for each patient. By integrating advanced robotics with real-time data and personalized surgical planning, the ROSA Knee System represents a significant step forward in knee replacement, promising better patient outcomes and faster recovery.

Saeed Ahmed, Prayagraj honoured as Young Business Man in Mumbai

Prayagraj: Saeed Ahmed, Director of Sky News India and Cine Dream International Film Festival and Square Group, who hails from Prayagraj and has today become a very renowned businessman in Mumbai, runs E-4U Enterprises and Cine Dream along with his elder brother Ayub Khan in Mumbai. Founder of International Film Festival, renowned film writer, producer and director who has produced and released many films and has also directed many



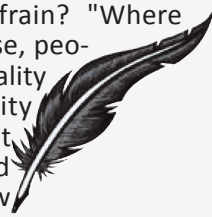
films and has also worked at Germany Best Fashion Show, Miss E-4U GlamourFaces Word India, Dubai, is also a Thai director. Saeed Ahmed along with Actor Bindu Dara Singh, Actor Shahbaz, Actress Upasana Singh, Actress Himani Shivpuri, Renowned Producer Vinod Bachchan and members of Bright Outdoor Media Pvt. Ltd. were honored with the Young Business Man Award by owner Yogesh Lakhani at the Gold Icon International Awards organized by Mr. Nikesh Tarachand Madani and Mr. Ramkumar Pal in Mumbai on 18th August. Nowadays, Prayagraj resident Saeed Ahmed is being discussed in full swing in Mumbai city and everywhere in India. Shahid Ahmed has made such a big position on his own feet with his hard work. The residents of Prayagraj are praying to God for them that God grants them great success and remains happy always.

Editorial

Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

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

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



Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities

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

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



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

The Role of Jairamdas Daulatram

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

Precise tasks were given to

the young and bold officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nehru's Reaction

On March 18, 1951, the prime minister noted: "I hear constantly about the activities of the North and North-East Border Defense Committee. These activities have resulted in action being taken on the Tibetan border and in Nepal. At no stage have these matters been brought up before me for consultation, although apparently consultations have taken place with the Governor of Assam and other people far away. ... I am greatly concerned about this matter because ... the manner of our going to Tawang and taking possession of it and thus creating some international complications, has not been a happy one. I am yet not quite clear how all this was done without any reference to me." Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. A central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, Kovalam, Neyyattinkara, Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shyam Sundar Kaul filed nomination papers for election from Pundri assembly constituency

Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda's close supporter former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul submitted his nomination papers to contest the election from Pundri Assembly constituency at Haryana Pradesh Congress office in Chandigarh. Later, while talking to journalists in the town, Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul said that he has been actively associated with the Congress party for the last several years and is a loyal soldier of the party. Under the leadership of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, he is connecting people of every section with Congress along with propagating the policies of Congress day and



night. Only Congress can do good to the people of the country and the state. He said that with the blessings of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, he was given an opportunity to contest the assembly elections from Pundri, so with the guidance of Hooda and the blessings of the people of the constituency, he will hoist the flag of victory and put the seat in the bag of Congress high command. Today, there is a storm of Congress in the country and the state and in the

assembly elections, under the leadership of Hooda, Congress will form the government with a clear majority in Haryana. Former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul said that the public interest is completely safe in the hands of Hooda and Hooda is fighting for the public interest day and night. Hooda's immense popularity is increasing day by day and there is panic in the BJP government. As soon as the Hooda government is formed, there will be a wave of development and employment in Haryana.

Nitin Walia of Bhiwani will be honoured with Shaheed Lala Jagat Narayan Award: Chandra Shekhar Dharni

Journalism Ratna Satish Bhardwaj of Panipat, Journalism Alankar Award will be given to Pawan Sharma of Kalanwali: Dharni

Chandigarh: Media Wellbeing Association will felicitate three active journalists of Haryana above the age of 60 years in a function to be organised on July 31 this year in Panchkula, besides felicitating three other journalists for their outstanding services in the field of journalism. They will also be honoured with a special award. Media Wellbeing Association President Chandrashekhar Dharni said that in each of its programmes organised at different places, MWB Haryana specially honours three journalists



above the age of 60 years in each of its programmes. honours. This time, active journalists of 60 years of age Suman Bhatnagar, Surendra Bhatia, Satnam Singh will be given special honour. Dharni said that apart from this, three journalists of Haryana are also given special honour in every programme for their services in journalism, which includes three awards for journalists, Amar Shaheed Lala Jagat Narayan Award, Patrakarita Ratna Award and Patrakarita Alankar Award for excellence. And are given for best services. Chandrashekhar Dharni said that identity cards will also be issued to the active members of the organization in the pro-

gram to be held on July 31 by Media Wellbeing Association. Dharni said that Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta will be the chief guest at this program to be held in Panchkula. The program will be presided over by Haryana Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, while PWD Minister Dr. Banwari Lal and Social Welfare Minister Bishambar Balmiki will be the special guests. Will be present. Apart from these, Chief Minister's publicity advisor Tarun Bhandari and Chief Minister's media secretary Praveen Atre will be present among the honored guests. Apart from this, Jyoti Singh will be the chairman of the welcome committee. These journalists will get respect MWB's General Secretary Dr. Surendra Mehta said that MWB is the first such journalist organization of Haryana, which has started the work of honoring journalists of Haryana above the age of 60 years since last three years. In the program of 31st

CAPSULES

Despite Nissanka threat, new skipper Suryakumar leads India to victory over Sri Lanka

Delhi: India scored 145 runs off 72 balls to reach 213, which Sri Lanka couldn't match. The touching tale of Nissanka's rise continues. Born to a cricket ground boy father and a temple flower vendor mother, he was identified and fostered to become one of Sri Lanka's rising great openers. He scored Sri Lanka's first Test centurion in 20 years and ODI double century on debut. Nissanka, meaning hope, nearly startled India with a 48-ball 79 of fierce strokes. Mohammad Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, and Hardik Pandya all noted his seamer pull. The pursuit collapsed when he fell in the first delivery of the 15th over to an Axar Patel slider that beat his intended cut and hit his stumps. He left Sri Lanka needing 74 from 35 balls but without energy. He had thrashed every bowler before that, and the greatest thing was he didn't look rushed despite the asking rate. However, practically against the run of play, he chose the incorrect length to back away and cut a ball he could have played on the front foot. Parag bowled the last over of the chase with 44 runs to defend and took two wickets in two balls. Suryakumar had the toughest batting assignment of his career as Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal, who had scored 74 runs in six overs, had fallen off successive deliveries, and Rishabh Pant was pinned down by Hasaranga and Pathirana. Hasaranga had taken down the imperious Jaiswal with a cunning slower-paced tossed-up googly that had him slip out of the crease on the attempted push-drive and stumped him before harassing Pant with a series of googlies that the left-handed dasher struggled to pick.

Amit Shah chaired 7th high-level NCORD meeting, launched national narcotics helpline 'MANAS'

Chandigarh: Union Home and Cooperation Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah chaired the 7th high-level meeting of the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD). Shah launched the National Narcotics Helpline Portal 'MANAS,' which will be a toll-free number 1933, a web portal, a mobile app, and the Umang app so that citizens of the country can anonymously connect with NCB round the clock to share information on drug trafficking or seek advice on issues related to drug abuse, de-addiction, and rehabilitation.



Shah dedicated to building a drug-free India, made it clear that only the combined efforts of the government, agencies, and 130 crore citizens of the country can achieve victory in the fight against drugs. It was also emphasized that unless every

citizen under the age of 35 fights this battle and every citizen over the age of 35 resolves to guide, it will be difficult to win the fight against drugs. The Congress Govt, which ruled the country for decades after independence, did not take any steps in

the fight against drugs. Rather, during the Congress regime, the illegal drug trade continued to flourish, and as a result, the entire drug trade became linked with narco-terror. Today, the money coming from drug earnings has become the most serious threat to the country's security. However, in 2019, as soon as Modi ji became Prime Minister for the second consecutive time, he handed over the command to eliminate the drug trade from the root to the Chanakya of Indian politics, Amit Shah. With this, a new dawn began.

Karnataka is the third state to vote against NEET

Delhi: The Karnataka Assembly asked the Centre to cancel the NEET and institute its own medical college entrance test. The resolution stated that the Centre should exempt Karnataka from this exam, allow school students to apply to medical colleges using the Common Entrance Test conducted by the State government, cancel the NEET system due to nationwide irregularities, and amend the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Central Act 30 of 2019). The Congress-led Karnataka government

'RETURN TO CET FOR MEDICAL SEATS'

- House adopts resolutions against NEET, delimitation of Lok Sabha & assembly constituencies, and One Nation, One Poll move
- K'taka seeks to return to CET for medical admissions, citing "repeated irregularities" in NEET examinations
- Ex-BJP minister CN Ashwath Narayana says NEET designed to bring uniformity among students from diverse backgrounds and regions
- Congress MLA Pradeep Eshwar says state-specific entrances will mean students may have to spend ₹1L only to apply for all exams

said that the NEET examination system renders school education inefficient and denies state governments the authority to admit children to state-run institutions. West Bengal Assembly passed a resolution Wednesday urging the Centre to repeal NEET. Tamil Nadu's assembly

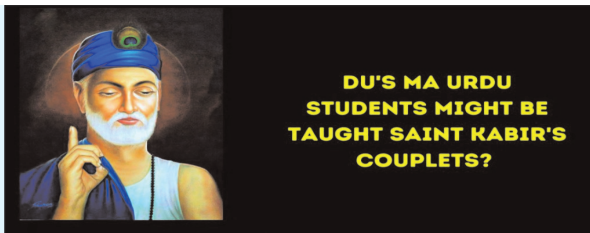
unanimously resolved the identical problem last month.

Thousands of students protested the National Testing Agency (NTA) over alleged exam irregularities, sparking considerable controversy. On May 5, NEET-UG was held this year.

MA Urdu students at DU may study Kabir couplets

In the first semester, students will learn 40 couplets from 'Kabir Bani' as part of Faculty of Education modifications.

Delhi: If DU's Executive Council approves the first-year syllabus adjustments, Delhi University's master's in Urdu students would study Kabir's couplets in 2024-25. In the first semester, students will learn 40 couplets from 'Kabir Bani' as part of Faculty of Education modifications. Please read 'Kabir Bani' by Ali Sardar Jafri and 'Kabir' by Prabhakar Manchve. The paper 'Basic Text: Early Urdu



DU'S MA URDU STUDENTS MIGHT BE TAUGHT SAINT KABIR'S COUPLETS?

Literature' will include the modifications. February 19's Faculty of Arts meeting proposed the revisions. It will be considered by the Executive Council, the university's top decision-making body. The session may start in August. Urdu department curriculum brochures indicated that the move introduces students to early Deccan and north Indian literary traditions. "At the completion of this course, students will be able to understand and appreciate the classical poetry and prose in the context of early literary Urdu traditions," noted. First-year stu-

dents will start with 'Kabir Ke Muntakhab Dohe' from 'Kabir Bani' in Unit 1. Mulla Wajhi taught 'Sub-Ras' in Unit 1 (first half). Meerut authorities demanded that Urdu poetess Shabeena Aadeeb be removed from the All India Mushaira invite list for law and order reasons. She was accused by BJP members of anti-Modi and anti-Yogi remarks. Aadeeb later cited health issues for her absence. After BJP protests, Meerut's government barred poet Shabeena Aadeeb from the 'All India Mushaira' for anti-Modi and anti-Yogi statements. Health concerns kept her away.

Bihar govt. rushes to count private schools by 10 August in the dark

Delhi: According to its ruling last week, Bihar's basic education department lacks accurate data on private schools. Private school registration applications are purportedly languishing at education department district offices. No school should function without registration under the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009. However, district education department offices have been awaiting private school registration applications. "For some reason, the meeting to approve private school registration has not been held for some time. Siwan's District Education Officer (DEO) Mithilesh Kumar said the applications are waiting, but we'll shortly begin work. "The education department has ordered us to list unregistered private schools. Working on this." Only 11,192 pri-



private schools are registered, according to the education department's 20 July decree. They estimate that twice as many private schools operate in the state. The administration warns that private schools without official permission have one final opportunity to register. Mithilesh Mishra, primary education department director, ordered DEOs to direct private schools to apply via the e-affiliation site by August 10. "If any school does not apply on the portal for approval despite the stipulated period, ensure action under

the relevant rules of the RTE Act, 2009 and the Bihar State Free and Compulsory Education Rules for Children, 2011," Mishra said. The directive states that failing to register may result in a Rs 1 lakh punishment, and if the school runs beyond the deadline, Rs 10,000 each day. DEOs were urged to meet with private school nodal officials to get clearance for all private schools in their areas. Section 18 of the RTE Act requires private schools to get a Certificate of Registration if they satisfy the requirements.

Delhi University raises UG promotion passing score to 63%

Delhi: In all undergraduate (UG) disciplines, the University of Delhi has raised the promotion passing score from 50% to 63% for next year. To be promoted, undergraduates at all Delhi University (DU) colleges must now score 63 percent in their first and second semesters.

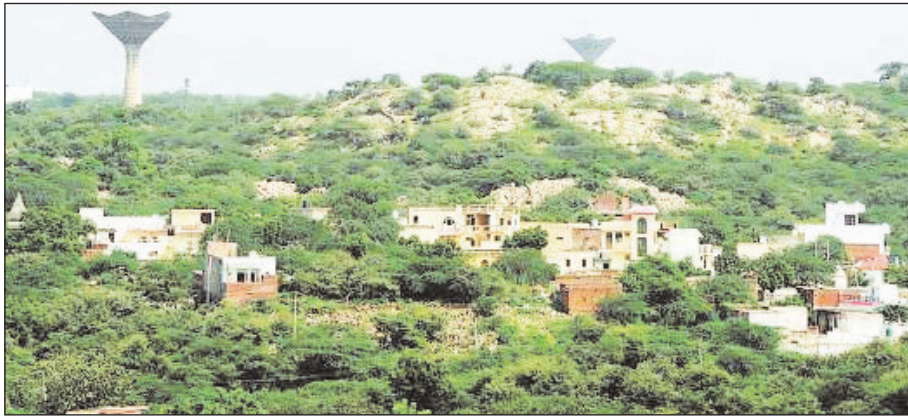


Delhi

University students in athletics, extracurriculars, the NCC, the NSS, and other fields may be excluded from the criterion with college clearance. This was done to fix Delhi University's NEP UGCF 2022 implementation issues, according to a university official. Under the old passing and promotion rules, a student could be promoted from the first to the second year of the course if they passed 50% of the first and second semester exams combined. The official said pupils had to pass seven papers and 22 credits to advance. Under the NEP-UGCF 2022, since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can be promoted to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score, according to a committee member. An NEP-UGCF 2022 promotion committee member said that since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can advance to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score.

Illegal Farmhouses Threaten Aravalli Hills Ecosystem: Sohna, Gurgaon

Delhi: Illegal farmhouses are destroying trees in the Aravalli Hills, particularly near Sohna's Gair Mumkin Pahar. Section 4 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA) makes the Aravalli Hills uncultivable and needs government authorization to chop trees. A rise in illegal farmhouses threatens the national treasure of Aravalli trees and the delicate ecological balance of the surrounding area. Illegal farmhouses have long colonized the Aravalli Hills, but the situation has grown. Stakeholders and environmentalists are concerned about landowners blatantly felling trees.



Unchecked deforestation is destroying Raisina Hills' beauty, a worrying trend. Villagers say that illegal farmhouse owners take down trees, add stones, and install iron gates. These activities involve clearing forested areas to build approach roads to their farmhouses. Gates restrict

locals' access and the government's action. Recent forest department and local government operations have destroyed several illegal farmhouses, but a worrying analysis found that more than 500 new farmhouses were built in 2022. Even the Forest Department doesn't grasp the latest farm-

house development boom. The causes of this unlawful activity surge are unclear, making regulatory work difficult. The lack of a unified plan to combat this problem makes illegal farmhouses thrive. A concerted effort by local communities, government institutions, and environmental groups

is essential. Waking up is important to solve this problem and address its causes. There is an urgent need to address the proliferation of illegal farmhouses in the Aravalli Hills, particularly in Gair Mumkin Pahar. These constructions' unrestrained development and environmental violations will threaten the Aravalli ecosystem. Local communities' rights and well-being will be violated. Governments, environmentalists, and local stakeholders must work together to solve this problem. They should enforce laws and adopt sustainable methods to protect the Aravalli Hills' natural heritage.

India rice stocks three times target, alleviating supply concerns

Delhi: Two government sources in India, the world's second-largest rice producer, reported that rice stocks were nearly three times their target at the start of August. The surplus will boost market hopes of fresh Delhi lifting a recent export prohibition, along with the fresh season crop expected in October. Last month, the world's top rice exporter abruptly halted non-Basmati white rice exports, sending prices to multi-year highs. On August 1, state warehouses had 37.6 million metric tons of Indian rice, including unmilled husk varieties, sources told Reuters. Rice suits us "unidentified source said. Our supplies are sufficient as we near the end of the 2022-23 rice marketing year. Next crop is around the corner. "Sources reported



24.6 million metric tons of rice and 13 million metric tons of unmilled rice on Aug. 1.

Local government regulations require state-run warehouses to have 13.5 million metric tons of rice, including Strategic Reserves of 2 million for the quarter starting July 1. Rice is planted in June and July in India, and harvesting begins in October. The Food Corporation of India (FCI), India's primary grain importer, would increase state granary rice inventories with new season purchas-

es. FCI purchased 84.6 million metric tons of rice paddy from domestic farmers in 2022-23, yielding 57 million tons. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Indian farmers harvested a record 135.5 million metric tons of rice in 2022-23. According to the weather service, eastern Indian rice-growing states may receive excess rainfall in August. A good crop will require FCI to acquire lots of rice from farmers, strengthening government granary inventories.

Publicize child begging helpline

Delhi: In a PIL against child begging, a bench led by acting chief justice Manmohan was informed by the Delhi government that anyone can report an event on the hotline, and a mechanism has been built to counsel and transmit the situation. After hearing the authorities, the court closed the PIL and ordered Delhi to provide an affidavit of compliance after eight weeks. The writ petition was dismissed, and the court, including Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, ordered respondents to promote the child hotline number 1098. Standing coun-



sel Santosh Kumar Tripathi represented the Delhi government, which assured the court that a framework is in place to respond to child beggars.

He also said out-of-school youngsters are being identified and admitted to schools. Residents can now record sightings

and help relocate animals for safer routes. Road accidents must be prevented, says the chief minister.

Discover how scoliosis affects child development. Discover the value of early diagnosis and treatment. How to help scoliosis-afflicted kids live better.

Used truck prices rise as logistics companies slash costs

USED TRUCK PRICES ON THE UPSWING			
GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (TONNE)	Jun-24	Jun-23	YOY Change
1.5 to 2	₹3,29,727	₹2,39,490	38%
2 to 3.5	₹5,82,400	₹4,76,462	22%
3.5 to 7.5	₹6,39,000	₹5,29,000	21%
7.5 to 16	₹8,10,000	₹7,55,833	7%
16 to 19	₹9,63,000	₹8,83,500	9%
25 to 28.5	₹13,60,000	₹12,88,000	6%
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37 to 43.5	₹16,00,000	₹13,50,750	18%

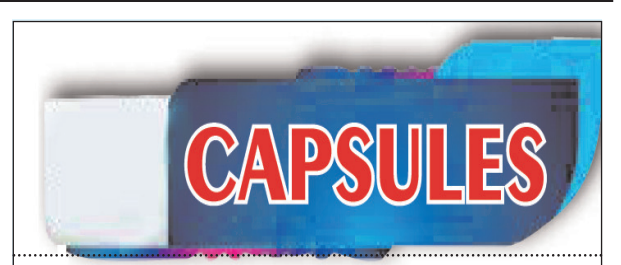
All vehicles are five years old Source: Shriram Mobility Bulletin July 2024

Delhi: Used truck prices rose double-digits year-over-year for light commercial vehicles. A 38% increase in used vehicle costs for 1.5- to 2-tonne vehicles. The 2 to 3.5 tonne category rose 22% and the 3.5 to 7.5 section 21%. The only other segment with bigger price hikes was 31 to 36 tonnes, but truck marketers said this was a distortion because few higher GVW trucks are repossessed. The smaller tonnage unorganized fleet for inter and intra city logistics has been switching from new to old trucks in the recent year. Price hikes and logistics market stress due to inconsistent freight rate increases are to blame. Ashutosh Pandey, CEO, Mahindra First Choice Wheels, said smaller unorganized

fleet owners must cut costs and utilize 40% cheaper trucks. Marketers say the move toward used trucks has been obvious for about two years. Shriram Finance spokesman: "Over the past two years, prices for all types of used commercial vehicles, BS IV or BS VI, have increased 25-30%." "The subdued sales during 2019-22 have resulted in a shortage of supply in the used truck market." The used truck industry is booming, and prices are projected to stay high as new vehicle prices rise. The current batch of new trucks (one or two years old) will be available pre-owned after a few years. "This could potentially drive sustained growth in the used vehicle segment," he said.

Cruel to crush the snouts of dogs such as pugs

Delhi: PETA India announced that it would be conducting an appeal in advance of World Plastic Surgery Day to remind people that, although humans may have a choice in the form of their nose, pet dog breeds like pugs and other flat-faced dogs do not. According to PETA, those who are kind hearted should never purchase them since they are purposefully and cruelly bred to have a nose so compressed it makes it impossible for them to even breathe. According to PETA, a number of cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kolkata, will host the awareness campaign at the same time. Marine Lines in Mumbai will have a massive billboard up. Pugs and other breathing-impaired breeds (BIB)—such as shih tzus, boxers, Boston terriers, French and English bulldogs, Pekingese, and Cavalier King Charles spaniels—suffer from brachycephalic syndrome.



Government bans pro-Khalistan SFJ for 5 years, citing anti-India actions

Delhi: The Centre has declared pro-Khalistan outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) a 'unlawful association' for another five years, citing its continued anti-India and subversive activities and support for violent extremism in Punjab and elsewhere to create a sovereign Khalistan. On July 10, 2019, UAPA banned SFJ as a 'unlawful association' for its aggressive 'Referendum 2020' campaign for a Khalistan state on social media and in countries with large Sikh diaspora. In notification, MHA warned that SFJ, without immediate curbs on its unlawful activities, may escalate its attempts to carve out a Khalistan nation from Indian territory by destabilizing the lawful government; continue advocating secession of Punjab from the Union of India and formation of Khalistan; propagate anti-national and separatist sentiments prejudicial to territorial integrity and security; and escalate secessionist movements.



Delhi raised pollution certificate prices

Delhi: The Delhi administration has immediately changed two-, three-, and four-wheeler pollution-checking rates. Rates for petrol, CNG, and LPG two-wheelers and three-wheelers have been revised to ₹80. New pricing for fuel, CNG, and LPG four-wheelers are now ₹110. Diesel owners will pay 140 extra. The national capital's PUC rates were updated after 13 years. In response to increased pollution checking costs, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot told PTI that PUC charges were revised. Gahlot stated, "We revised the charges to meet the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association's long-standing demands and escalating pollution inspection costs. We are committed to safeguarding Delhi's air quality and ensuring all vehicles fulfill pollution limits." Two- and three-wheeler pollution-checking fees for petrol, CNG, or LPG have increased from 60 to 80. However, the price of four-wheelers has risen by 30 from 80 to 110. The maximum PUC certificate increment for diesel automobiles is 100 to 140. Vehicle requirements limit PUC certificate validity. Car and two-wheeler owners must renew their PUC certificate every six months after a year for a new vehicle.



Government will sell wheat

Delhi: In order to sell FCI's wheat stock, the food ministry has set a minimum sale price of Rs 2,325/quintal for private bulk buyers like millers, below the market price of Rs 2,400/quintal. The minimum rice price for bulk buyers is Rs 2,800/quintal. Prices do not include FCI depot transportation. The ministry stated in an official notification that FCI will discuss



with the ministry to determine the quantity of grain inventories to be offloaded after considering PDS stock,

buffer norms, and 20 lakh tons. FCI has 289 lakh tonnes of wheat. Government may lift rice export prohibition and resume wheat sales. Minimum sale prices for FCI wheat and rice holdings.

A group of ministers will decide on export ban removal. Pre-registering farmers for urad procurement by government cooperatives.

Central armed police chiefs promise a 10% quota for ex-Agnives

Delhi: Heads of various central armed police forces (CAPFs) reiterated their commitment to implement a 10% quota for ex-Engineers in all constable-level posts, saying the forces will benefit from trained and disciplined manpower.

Protection Force (RPF) stating that ex-Agnives will receive 10% CAPF quotas. The DGs in these videos mention the recruitment rules amendments for each CAPF that relaxed ex-Agniveers. These include exemption from the physical efficiency exam and age relaxation of five years for the first cohort of ex-Agniveers and three years for succeeding batches. "All CRPF ex-Agniveer recruitment arrangements are complete. Due to their Army discipline, Agnives will be valuable.

After the Union cabinet approved the Agnipath scheme in June 2022, the home ministry announced a 10% CAPF job quota for ex-Agniveers with four years of service. X tweeted recordings of the director-generals of CRPF, BSF, CISF, Sashstra Seema Bal (SSB), and Railway

Congress candidates blame Delhi Lok Sabha loss on AAP

Delhi: Congress sources claimed a two-member fact-finding committee sent by the party's central leadership to investigate its capital loss met with all candidates and top officials in recent days. Every candidate and Delhi official said AAP's elected officials and staffers didn't molest them. Anonymity claims AAP's support for Congress did not convert on any of the three seats. top party official, requesting "The fact-finding committee will soon hand over the report to the central leadership for its consideration," he said. Congress and



AAP, the two parties of opposition's INDIA alliance, shared seats in the capital and contested the Lok Sabha election to avoid splitting anti-BJP support. AAP won four seats and Congress three after winning two straight assembly polls by a big mandate and the recent MCD polls. BJP won 54.3%, AAP 24.1%, and Congress 19.1%. AAP

national convener and Delhi CM They worried that if their supporters voted for Congress today, they wouldn't vote for AAP in Delhi assembly elections in Jan-Feb next year "said a senior party official. Several days before the nomination process, we announced our candidacy. In places where its candidates ran, AAP has sent

activists from all constituencies. Senior AAP leaders refused to send personnel to our districts, another Congress man claimed. Senior Congress officials told the committee that many party workers were unhappy with the AAP collaboration. "Some party members also disliked the nomination of two outsiders. Meanwhile, AAP and Congress have stated that their cooperation is restricted to Lok Sabha elections and that they will compete in the Delhi assembly elections separately.

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 sour-

ing 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

UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

Delhi: UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards.

"RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average

Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Hero FinCorp for violating regulatory standards

Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Hero FinCorp Limited Rs 3,10,000 for violating the fair practices policy for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). An RBI assessment has uncovered that Hero FinCorp failed



to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

CAPSULES

Key portfolio firms' stock surge as investors ignore Adani Group toolkit

Delhi: The flagship Adani Enterprises (NS:ADEL) Ltd. (AEL) recovered losses of over \$30 billion from the short-seller firm Hindenburg's report. The Adani Enterprises stock has risen 12% in five trading sessions. Financial giant Cantor Fitzgerald has set a Rs 4,338 target price. In addition, investors have received 53% gains on the stock in the past six months. The stock soared from its February 2023 low. AEL shares were practically unchanged at Rs 3,381 on BSE. While Adani Green Energy (NS:ADNA) shares jumped 1.8%, Adani Total Gas (NS:ADAG) rose 2.5%, and Adani Energy Solutions rose 0.5%. Investors rejected The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and Financial Times (FT) investigation targeting the world's largest domestic corporate empire "all in the name of investigative journalism".

Paytm will grow payment services with UPI, card processing, and EMI

Delhi: Paytm said it is optimistic on UPI, card processing, and EMI payments to expand its payment services business. These business segments could help Paytm revive and sustain its payments leadership in India. UPI, which earlier generated 70% of Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), now accounts for almost 80-85%, highlighting its importance in the business strategy. Paytm also stressed merchant GMV recovery during an earnings call on Wednesday after reporting Q4 FY24 and FY24 results.

Gaming company Nazara earns Rs 17 crore in Q4, revenue falls 8%

Delhi: Gaming and sports media platform Nazara Technologies reported net profit from its sustained operations at Rs 17.1 crore in the January-March quarter of FY24, up 43.6% from Rs 11.9 crore the year before. Operating revenue down 8% to Rs 266.2 crore from Rs 289.3 crore in FY23. The company reported a 21.8% increase in net profit to Rs 74.8 crore from Rs 61.4 crore in FY23. FY24 revenue rose 4.3% to Rs 1,138.3 crore from Rs 1,091 crore.

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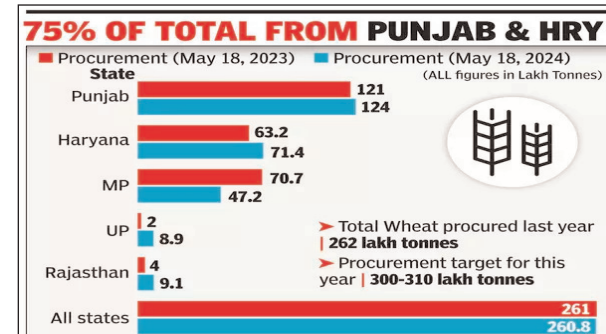


laying the groundwork for rapid scaling. Nitish Mittersain, Nazara Technologies' founder, CEO,

and joint MD, reported 4.3% revenue and 16.5% EBITDA increase. The company's running cash flow rose to Rs 131.4 crore, indicating great performance. He said, "We raised Rs 950 crore at Nazara and subsidiaries, our largest fundraise to date, resulting in a net cash balance of Rs 1,450 crores. Nazara works in gaming, esports, and advertising. Mittersain said he expects revenue and EBITDA growth to accelerate in FY25. The company has acquired 100% of Nextwave Multimedia Private Limited, producers of the popular "World Cricket Championship" mobile cricket games.

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.

Musk accuses WhatsApp of misusing user data every night



Delhi: Today, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk accused Meta-owned WhatsApp of exporting user data every night. An X user said WhatsApp exports user data every night for "analysed and used for targeted advertising, making users the product, not the customer". Musk said "WhatsApp exports your user data every night". "Some people still think it is secure," stated the tech billionaire. Elon Musk's claim was not

addressed by Meta or WhatsApp. John Carmack, a computer programmer and video game developer, asked Elon Musk if communications are ever scanned or forwarded. "I assume usage patterns and routing metadata is collected, and if you invoke a bot in a conversation you are obviously opening it up, but I am still under the impression that the message contents are secure by default," John wrote on X. X has

also attacked Mark Zuckerberg's Meta Platform. The billionaire said Meta is greedy at grabbing credit for advertisers who execute campaigns on its platform earlier this month.

Well-known rivalry between Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg They were supposed to engage in a "cage fight" called the fight of the century. The tech leaders never clashed.

Google makes a minority investment of \$350 million in Flipkart

Delhi: According to reports, Google contributed roughly \$350 million to Flipkart's almost \$1 billion fundraising round, which was spearheaded by parent company Walmart. Flipkart declined to comment on the funding's details, but sources informed that the internet giant has contributed roughly \$350 million for a minority interest in the company. The investment round has concluded with Google joining, increasing Flipkart's worth to much beyond \$35 billion, according to sources. Walmart contributed approximately \$600 million to Flipkart during the investment round that concluded in December of last year. In 2021, Flipkart completed its largest funding round, raising \$3.6 billion at a valuation of \$37.6 billion from

Boost For Quick Commerce Foray

Google has been ramping up its India investments and may look at extending its partnership with Flipkart to other areas as well, according to market advisors

With Google on board, the \$1bn investment round has been closed, taking Flipkart's valuation to over \$35bn. The funding comes in handy for

Flipkart as it looks to enter the quick commerce space

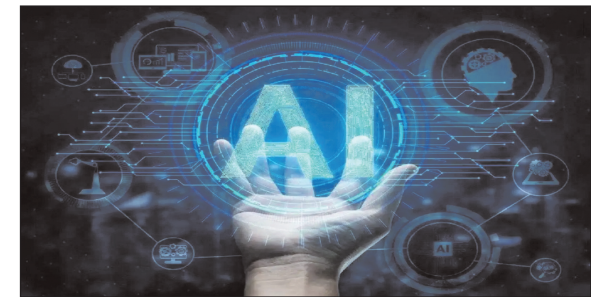
Flipkart has been in a partnership with Google Cloud since 2022

The co, which competes with players like Amazon and Meesho to cater to customers who are increasingly going digital, has been leveraging Google's cloud stack to widen tech capabilities and reach more users

investors in a deal co-led by Walmart. It is believed that the company's valuation was modified to \$33 billion following the 2022 separation of fintech PhonePe from the group. Flipkart stated that regulatory permissions are a prerequisite for the investment. "Google's proposed investment and its cloud collaboration will help Flipkart expand its business and advance the modernisation of its digital infrastructure to serve customers across the country,"

the company said in a statement. Google Cloud and Flipkart have been partnered since 2022. Flipkart has been using Google's cloud stack to expand its IT capabilities and reach more consumers. Flipkart competes with players like Amazon and Meesho, which is sponsored by SoftBank, to cater to clients who are increasingly turning digital. In a \$1.4 billion investment round in 2017, Flipkart received backing from Tencent, Microsoft, and other competitors of Google.

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.

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

Delhi: The interest is broad, drawing first and second-generation buyers seeking a more luxurious lifestyle. "Latent demand has increased since the pandemic, spurring new project launches. He noted that around 3,000 pre-launch units sold out in days.

Anarock, real estate consultants, report a 49% increase in average home prices in the NCR over the past five years. This sharp increase is due to rising building costs and robust sales, according to the research. "The five-yearly jump in average residential prices between H1 2019 and H1 2024 from Rs 4,565 per sq ft to Rs 6,800 per sq ft is a clear



indicator of the market's strength," stated Anuj Puri, Anarock Group CEO. The survey also indicated that NCR residential property demand remained high despite the pandemic. After attracting consumers with offers and

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

from 44 months in H1 2019 to 16 months in H1 2024. "Developers have launched around 172,000 units in NCR between H1 2019 and H1 2024, and 272,000 units were sold during this period," the study said. "The market's

growth is supported by lower unsold inventory and higher absorption. This rise shows the region's real estate potential and post-pandemic economic rebound and GDP growth." "Despite the higher costs, sales continue to surge, driven by a combination of improved infrastructure, robust economic growth, and a desire for modern living spaces".

The survey noted that the NCR housing market revived before the pandemic after price stagnation from late 2016 to 2019. Covid-19 increased sales of larger homes. In prime real estate, the study shows strong demand and growth.

Electronic papers acceptable as court evidence

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

improvements and the widespread use of digital communication. Senior counsel Amit Manchanda said protections must be addressed first to prevent misuse given the uncharted field of artificial intelligence and new software to manipulate words, photos, and digital content on a recipient's device. Advocate Mohit Bhardwaj called Section 57 BSA's "singularly significant" inclusion because it makes digital data, including messages, primary evidence "without much ado," until disputed. For disputed digital

records, the new rule mandates a certificate proving authenticity from a specific computer or device.

. Thus, under Section 61 of BNS, the court cannot deny the acceptance of an electronic or digital document given specified conditions under Section 63. Any print or copy of an electronic record is admissible "without further proof" or production of the original content if the device (say, a phone) was "used regularly" by the person with "lawful control" of its usage. Texts could be evidence under the old Indian Evidence Act.

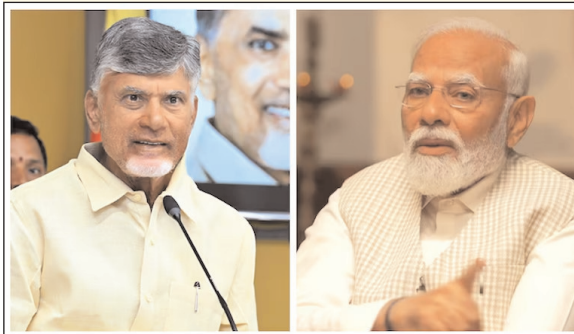
No farm relief": Opposition leader criticizes Maharashtra's Rs 11 crore

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

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

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

The Andhra government expects an 11k crore deficit this year



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

income growth and capital funding.

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

As Karnataka exploits SC/ST cash for "guarantees," BJP, Congress object



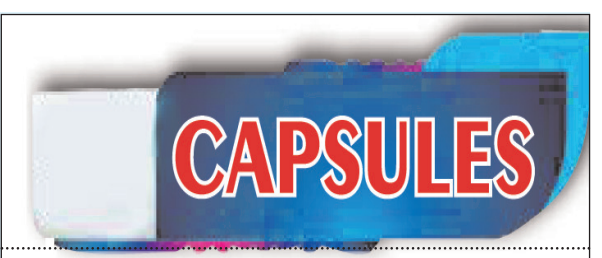
Delhi: The Karnataka government's intention to use SCPTSP funding for the five guarantee projects announced before the 2023 assembly elections is expected to cause a stir. Congress ally Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (DSS) will protest while BJP appeals to the judiciary. Senior government sources said "diversion" of SCPTSP funds is not new and has been done by past governments, but BJP's court case and DSS' "uprising" threat could hurt Congress in upcoming zilla and taluk panchayat elections. Last

week, CM Siddaramaiah said his government has allocated Rs 39,121 crore for SCPTSP, Rs 3,900 crore more than in the previous year due to a rise in budget size and a decision to allocate 24.1% of the budget to SC and ST communities. However, using Rs 14,283 crore of the budget for the five guarantee schemes has caused political unrest. BJP calls it "misappropriation." "BJP is contemplating approaching the court since the decision to re-route SCPTSP funds meant exclusively for the welfare of these

underprivileged communities is being misappropriated," said the MLC. "Redirecting funds by claiming they're being used on SC and ST communities implies that they're getting money while other communities get extra benefits. Giving with one hand and taking with the other." DSS is upset. DSS factions that supported Congress in the assembly and Lok Sabha polls withdrew their support on Saturday, saying Congress is not working "wholeheartedly" for SC & ST populations.

BJP gathering in Bengaluru causes political dispute over liquor

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



Ghaziabad Residents Drink Nearly Rs 400 Crore in Beer During Heatwave

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

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

Delhi: Delhi Traffic Police reported that more than 12,000 peo-

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

Muslim groups want India to stop exporting beef

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



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

groups had grown since a Dadri man was beaten to death for consuming meat last September. "After a long silence, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, finally joined the fray, condemning attacks by Hindu cow protection squads and vowing to

investigate those engaged in violence," the report added. "There have been several instances of religious violence against Muslims in the recent past, frequently in the form of violent attacks on Muslims by Hindu mobs.

that form a pattern of sporadic sectarian violence between Hindu and Muslim communities," it said. IMC demands "India should abolish cow and calves slaughter. The Supreme Court of India upheld state-enacted anti-cow slaughter regulations in a landmark ruling. 24 of 29 Indian states ban cow slaughter and sale. Cow slaughter is legal in Kerala.

Shankaracharya Backs Rahul Gandhi After "Hindus Are Violent" Row

Delhi: Swami Avimukteshwarananda, the 46th Shankaracharya of Jyotir Math, defended Rahul Gandhi days after his Lok Sabha speech. Rahul Gandhi accused BJP leaders of communally dividing people during the debate on the President's address Motion of Thanks.

Narendra Modi denounced the speech, saying Rahul Gandhi called the "entire Hindu community violent." Parliament heatedly debated this claim, and the Speaker removed some disputed statements from the records.

Hindu revered Shankaracharya provided a different view. Our attention was on Rahul Gandhi's entire address.

Shankaracharya stressed that Hinduism opposes violence. The pontiff blasted the selective spread of Mr. Gandhi's statement in a viral social media video, calling for accountability for fact-skewers. He said, "Presenting only fragments of Gandhi's statement is misleading and unethical," and those guilty should be penalized. In addition, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi has supported Rahul Gandhi against the claims. "Rahul can never criticize Hindus." He addressed BJP and its leaders," she claimed.