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Prima facie laundering case against Sisodia: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court dismissed Manish Sisodia's bail pleas on Tuesday, saying the prosecution has made out a "prima facie case" of money laundering against the former deputy CM in the excise policy case. It can't be ruled out that Sisodia, if released on bail, may influence witnesses and tamper with evidence as he is "an influential person in the power corridors of Delhi govt", the court added.

Dismissing the AAP leader's bail petition in cases lodged by ED and CBI in connection with the alleged liquor scam, Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said, "The case at hand is a grave misuse of power and breach of public trust by the applicant who was serving as deputy chief minister of Delhi at the relevant point." The court pointed out that the material collected during investigation showed that Sisodia "subverted" the process of making the policy by "fabricating" public feedback



to suit his "predetermined goal". HC said rather than genuinely take the opinion of common citizens of Delhi on the new excise policy, pre-drafted emails containing specific suggestions aligning with his own interest were sent to the feedback email address. In a related development, a city court extended Sisodia's judicial custody till May 31 in a money laundering case.

HC says feedback on excise policy manufactured, public voice muted

Pre-drafted e-mails with specific suggestions on the new excise policy were sent to the

designated feedback email address of the excise department "under the guise of public feedback or opinion by individuals who were instructed to do so by the applicant Manish Sisodia himself", the high court noted on Tuesday, while dismissing the former deputy CM's bail pleas. Justice Sharma termed it a "deceptive act that was a calculated move to create an illusion that the excise policy was formed after careful consideration of feedback received from the public...but in reality, the feedback was manufactured to justify the applicant's decision.

Skyrocketing gold prices push cost of Kancheepuram silk saris up by 50%

CHENNAI: It is that time of the year when families throng textile showrooms to buy Kancheepuram silk saris for the wedding season. But, it is burning a hole in their pockets as the internationally renowned silk saris have become dearer due to the skyrocketing prices of gold. The cost of Kancheepuram silk saris has surged up to 50% in the past eight months making price-conscious consumers shift to saris that either have less gold and silver content or those without the two valuable metals.

Skyrocketing gold prices push cost of Kancheepuram silk saris up by 50%. Leading retail textile chain brand, RmKV, which specialises in Kancheepuram silk saris, is witnessing a 20% dip in the sale of this product during the current wedding season in view of the price rise.

62.2% turnout figure in fifth phase nudges 62.5% in 2019

NEW DELHI: The fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections for 49 seats on Monday saw 62.2% turnout (according to data available at 10.30 pm on Tuesday), which may rise marginally when final data is released by EC. In 2019, the polling in this phase was 62.5%. According to data updated by EC on its voter turnout app, among the 7 states and 2 UTs, Maharashtra, Odisha, Ladakh and J&K recorded higher turnout in this phase while West Bengal saw the maximum drop. Maharashtra is likely to cross its 4-decade record of 61.7%. Overall turnout for 2019 doesn't include the delimited seat of Baramulla, which saw 59.1% polling compared with 34.6% five years ago. At 61.3%, Maharashtra records its 3rd highest Lok Sabha turnout ever



EC bars judge-turned-neta from campaign for 24 hrs

NEW DELHI/KOLKATA: Election Commission on Tuesday censured BJP neta and former Calcutta HC judge Abhijit Gangopadhyay for his "low-level personal attack" on West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and debarred him from campaigning for 24 hours from 5 pm on Tuesday. In a strong-

ly-worded order, EC said the BJP candidate's statement was a "direct affront on the status of women in India" and he did not "remotely deserve any benefit of doubt", given his educational and professional background. Sending a copy of the order to BJP president J P Nadda.

the second highest turnout was 61.75% recorded in the 1984 elections held after PM Indira Gandhi's assassination. The split in two regional parties and a bitterly contested campaign has led to even Mumbai.

Porsche crash: Teen spent Rs 48k in 90 minutes at first

PUNE: The 17-year-old son of a prominent Pune builder spent Rs 48,000 in 90 minutes at one of the two pubs that he visited before ramming his Porsche Taycan into a motorcycle in the early hours of Sunday, snuffing out the lives of two young techies.

Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar said that the Rs 48,000-bill was paid at Cosie, the first pub that the teen and his friends visited at 10.40 pm on Saturday evening. They left for the second pub, Blak Mariott, at 12.10 am after Cosie stopped serving them. "We have obtained the bill of Rs 48,000 at the pub which the underage driver paid. The bill includes the cost of the liquor served to the teenager and his friends at the pub," said Kumar. ACP Manoj Patil said, "The teenager had visited pubs and consumed alcohol before driving.

Israel takes back order to cut AP live Gaza video feed



NEW DELHI: Israel has reversed its decision to shut down an Associated Press (AP) live video feed from Gaza, following protests from the US news agency and concerns raised by the White House. Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi had initially ordered the confiscation of AP's equipment, accusing the agency of breaching a new ban on providing rolling footage of Gaza to Al Jazeera. However, after Washington called on Israel to reverse the move, Karhi revoked the order and instructed the return of the equipment to AP. The White House spokesperson said, "We've been engaging directly with the government of Israel to express our concerns over this action and to ask them to reverse it." AP, in its statement, said it 'decries in the strongest terms' the move by the Israeli government and expressed concern about the use of the foreign broadcaster law and the ability of independent journalists to operate freely in Israel. Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid criticised the government's decision, emphasising that AP is an American media outlet that has won numerous Pulitzer Prizes. The United Nations also condemned the move as 'shocking,' with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' spokesman, Stephane Dujarric, stating that AP should be allowed to work freely without harassment.

The incident occurred after Israel took Al Jazeera off the air earlier this month, shutting down its Jerusalem offices, confiscating its equipment, and revoking its team's accreditations.

Cancel Prajwal Revanna's passport, Karnataka home minister writes to MEA

BENGALURU: Karnataka home minister G Parameshwara said the state govt has formally requested the ministry of external affairs (MEA) to revoke Prajwal Revanna's diplomatic passport to force the Hassan MP to return from abroad. Videos Prajwal, grandson of former prime minis-



ter HD Deve Gowda, has issued a warrant for his arrest. "CM Siddaramaiah has already written

to the PM, but, in accordance with law, the (home) department has also written," Parameshwara told reporters, adding, "If they cancel his passport, Prajwal will be compelled to return." On allegations of phone-tapping, Parameshwara denied any govt involvement.

Brij charged in sexual harassment case, he pleads not guilty

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday formally charged BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, former chief of the Wrestling Federation of India, with sexual harassment, intimidation and outraging the modesty of women in the case related to women wrestlers. Singh pleaded not guilty to these charges. When court of additional chief metropolitan magistrate Priyanka

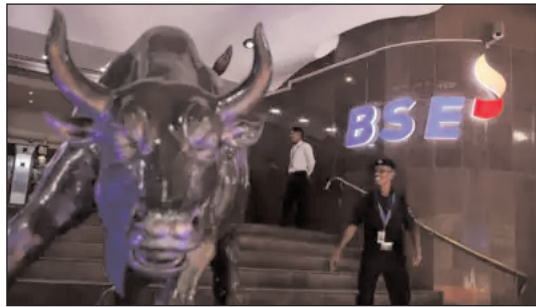


Rajput asked Singh whether he accepted his mistake and pleaded guilty, Singh replied, "Iska koi sawaal hi nahi. Galti kiya hi nahi (No question of pleading guilty. I haven't done anything wrong)." Co-

accused Vinod Tomar, former WFI assistant secretary, also pleaded not guilty to the same offences. As a result of the two accused denying they had engaged in criminal activity.

India's mcap crosses \$5tn for 1st time, \$1tn added in 6 mths

MUMBAI: For the first time, the total market value of all listed companies in India rose above the \$5-trillion mark in intraday trades on Tuesday. At close of the day's trade, however, it settled just a tad below the milestone. Tuesday's feat made India the fifth stock market in the world to achieve this milestone, behind the US, China, Japan and Hong Kong. As markets closed on Tuesday, BSE's market cap stood at Rs 414.6 lakh crore, translating to \$4.97 trillion. If we take into consideration the market cap of some large companies that are listed only on the NSE - like BSE and CDSE - India's total market cap will be Rs 415.2 lakh crore or \$4.98 trillion.



India's mcap crosses \$5tn for 1st time, \$1tn added in 6 mths. Having crossed the \$4-trillion mark on Nov 29, 2023, it took India about six months to add another \$1 trillion. In March 2007, when the first trillion mark was hit (see graphic), it took a little over 10 years for India to reach the \$2 trillion value. Then, it crossed the \$3-trillion mark in mid-May 2021. Reaching the \$5-trillion market cap is a major milestone that reflects the sustained momentum of

the Indian stock market, V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said. "It is important to understand that this landmark was reached when the market was range-bound, implying that the contribution to the day's up move in market cap came from the broader market. PSUs have contributed significantly to this achievement," Vijayakumar said. Moreover, this milestone comes at a time when the mar-

Calcutta HC slams EC for inaction over 'slandrous' BJP ads

KOLKATA: EC has "grossly failed" to address complaints about violations of the model code of poll conduct, Calcutta HC said Monday while hearing Trinamool Congress's petition against BJP's allegedly offensive poll ads. Restraining BJP from publishing material that violates the model code.

, Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharya held a string of ads issued by BJP on May 4, 5, 10 and 12 in sections of the media as "derogatory" and "slandrous".

The judge said such ads must be barred in the interest of free, fair and untainted elections. "Any resolution adopted by EC after June 4 means nothing," he said, responding to TMC's allegation that EC had been sitting on its complaints.

Noel's 3 children secure 5 Tata Trusts board seats

MUMBAI: In a sign of infusing young blood into silver-haired trusteeship, Tata Trusts, which controls the \$150-billion Tata Group, has appointed Noel Tata's three children to the boards of its five philanthropic entities. Leah (39), Maya (36) and Neville (32) have been made trustees of five Trusts - affiliates of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust, the primary entities within Tata Trusts. These five Trusts own a stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of the salt-to-software conglomerate. Noel, Ratan Tata's half-brother, is the chairman of Tata Group companies like Trent and Voltas and a trustee of Tata Trusts. This marks the first instance of six Tata family members actively engaged with the Trusts. Ratan Tata's younger brother Jimmy Tata sits on the boards

of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Bai Hirabai J N Tata Navsari Charitable Institution, and Sarvajani Seva Trust. Noel is associated with Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Sir Ratan Tata Trust, JN Tata Endowment, and Bai Hirabai JN Tata Navsari Charitable Institution. According to sources, involving the millennial generation in smaller Trusts will groom them for more substantial responsibilities and promising roles within the broader Tata ecosystem, potentially including board positions in operating companies. These appointments also symbolise a shift at the 132-year-old Trusts, where seasoned veterans typically held trusteeships. Leah, Maya, and Neville have been holding managerial positions in various Tata operating companies and will continue to do so after assuming

Summer workshop of Girl Empowerment Campaign 2024 started in Meja Energy Corporation

* 40 girls from the project affected areas will be selected and given workshop training for one month
* The corporation is committed to making daughters strong and self-reliant: Kamlesh Soni

Meja: Like every year, Meja Energy Corporation has started the one month long summer workshop 2024 of Girl Empowerment Campaign, which was inaugurated by Kamlesh Soni, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, as the chief guest. This year's theme of the workshop has been kept as flight of courage.

It is noteworthy that on this occasion, while addressing all the girls present in the workshop, he encouraged them for their bright future and said that the Girls Empowerment Campaign workshop is an exemplary initiative organized under the Corporate Social Responsibility of NTPC, in which every year the children in the project affected areas It selects 40 girls from each station and provides them training for one month in a summer workshop. After that, NTPC completes the further education of 10 percent of those girls free of cost. He further said that every year more than 3000



girls from all over the country are trained under this campaign, due to which this year Meja Urja Nigam is providing one month training to the girls in various subjects like personality development, theatre, yoga and computer etc. Modern activities will be taught so that the personality of all the girls can be enhanced and they can be taken towards a bright future.

While requesting and expressing his gratitude to

the parents who came to the inauguration ceremony of the workshop, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, Shri Soni said that these daughters are not only the heritage of your house but also of this country and we all together should do everything possible to make their future bright. He said that in today's modern era, daughters are hoisting their flag in every field, hence we should also trust them and make them self-reliant by

moving them forward in the path of progress.

Not only this, Shri Soni also said that the Government of India is taking many important steps to make daughters empowered and self-reliant, in view of which the Corporation has also started this unique initiative in the same direction. He believes that Meja Urja Nigam is fully committed to the upliftment of the surrounding communities. In the same sequence, the special guest of the work-

shop and Head of Regional Human Resources Department (North Regional Headquarters) of NTPC Limited, Dr. Anil Kumar Deng also participated in the workshop and encouraged the girls and their parents. During the program, President of Aparajita Mahila Samaj, Mrs. Anu Soni also inspected the residential complex of the girls and ensured all the facilities. Chairperson Mrs. Soni reassured everyone by increasing the self-confidence of all the

girls and said that the daughters will not have to face any kind of problem here. He also addressed the parents from the stage and said that they should take their daughters forward and should not consider them a burden.

On this occasion, all the department heads of the corporation, vice presidents of Aparajita Mahila Samaj, CSR team, village representatives, parents and girls and other staff members were prominently present.

Rajiv Gandhi sacrifices life for Nation's unity & peace: Pramod Tiwari

Prayagraj: Deputy Leader, opposition in Rajyasabha Pramod Tiwari said Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi had sacrificed his life for Nation's unity and peace, he was great world leader. While paying tributes on former PM's 33rd Martyrdom day in a Shridhanjali Sabha organized by District and City Congress Committee at Anand Bhawan, Tiwari expressed that Rajiv was convinced that without massive induction of science and technology and bringing modernization in every field India would not be able to enter the 21st century. He reiterated that Rajiv was the great bridge to link past, the present and the future of India. He praised Rajiv in empowering women, providing, 18 years youths vote rights and making anti defection law, Panchayati Raj enacted to promote value based politics.



Former Mayor Ch. Jitendra Nath Singh said Rajiv Ji motivated the country as modern and prosperous India. City president Pradeep Anshuman presided the sabha while ex. Spokesman UPCC Kishore Varshney conducted the sabha. Earlier the partymen paid homage to their beloved leader by garlanding his portrait and recalled his contribution in nation building.

District president Suresh Yadav, General Secretary UPCC Mukund Tiwari, Fuzail Hashimi, Sudhakar Tiwari, Harikesh Tripathi, Sanjay Tiwari, Haseeb Ahmed, Satya Pandey, Rakesh Patel, Anil Pandey, Chaman Rawat, Rachana Pandey, Poonam Yadav, Abhishek Shukla, Anoop Tripathi and others were present.

PM accuses INDIA bloc of being against good governance and against Hindu faith

Prayagraj: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday trained his guns at the Samajwadi Party and the Congress, accusing them of running a competition to appease their vote bank. Addressing a poll rally in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, Modi called both the parties "anti-development". "The SP and Congress are more concerned about their vote bank than Kumbh (mela)," he said in his address. "If they were seen doing much for the Kumbh, they feared their vote bank could become upset."



He also accused the opposition INDIA bloc of being against good governance and against the Hindu faith. "The INDI alliance is against our good governance and our faith," Modi said. "Every corner of India testifies that INDI Alliance cannot bring about

development and progress." "During the Kumbh Mela held under their rule, stampedes used to take place, and people (referring to an incident in February 2013) had to lose their lives. Everywhere,

chaos prevailed. He also alleged that during the rule of the previous Samajwadi Party governments, the mafia used to occupy the lands of the poor. "During the SP government, the mafia used to occupy the lands of the poor, now the BJP government demolishes their illegal palaces and builds

houses for the poor," Modi said. "The youth can never forget how the SP government used to trade their dreams. Their hard work, their qualification, but who used to get the job? Jobs were given based on caste, jobs were given to those who gave bribes."

Modi was addressing the rally in Prayagraj to seek votes for BJP candidate Neeraj Tripathi. The main contest in Allahabad is between Neeraj Tripathi, the son

of former West Bengal governor and speaker of Uttar Pradesh Assembly Keshari Nath Tripathi, and Ujjwal Ram Singh, the son of former Samajwadi Party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Reoti Raman Singh. Voting in the Allahabad Lok Sabha constituency will take place in the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha election on May 25.

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Havan and rituals held regarding voter awareness

Prayagraj: In view of the parliamentary elections in the country and to fulfill the resolution of BJP government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third time in the country, this time on 400, Bahadurganj's business and social worker Umesh Kumar Gupta Chappu Umesh Kumar Gupta Chappu told that the ritual of havan is going on continuously every day. There is full support from the local people in the ritual and a large number of people are taking part in the havan. This is his unique effort of voter awareness. People are doing a lot of steps regarding the ritual. Umesh Kumar Gupta Chappu said. That our ritual is to make the successful Prime Minister of the country for the third time and this time to fulfill the resolution of 400, for the prosperity of the country, for the development of the

country from corruption and for the protection of Sanatan Dharma, the government for the third time. We are all determined to make it and in this ritual we are getting full support from every section of the society. Everyone wants the Prime Minister's mission to be accomplished. Through this ritual, we are making the voters aware about voting and their votes. Prayagraj Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani ji will be present in the ritual tomorrow on 22/5/2024 at 11:00 am and will motivate the general public to vote regarding voter awareness. Havan will be done for awareness, in the ritual, rising above the religion and caste, Havan is being done for voting so that people should vote in large numbers and motivate people to vote. Every section of the society is happily welcome in the ritual by giving their participation in voting in numbers.

Prayagraj: An important meeting was organized on behalf of Diocese of Lucknow (Church of North India) Employees Union on Sunday at Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad Park, which was presided over by Employees Union President Sunil Kumar Verma and conducted by Vikas Gupta, resident of Govindpur. Akash Tripathi was nominated as the acting district president of the employees union. The union official congratulated the acting district president by garlanding him and giving him a flower bunch. Newly appointed District President Akash Tripathi offered flowers on the statue of Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad and said that along with efforts to improve the job and living conditions for the members of the organization and to remove the difficulties, it also aims to provide relief to the employees due to illness, weakness, old age and The first priority of the union is to collect assistance for them at the time of death and to get the employees their rights from the employer at the time of accident. The union can adopt a strict stance against exploitation of employees by the employer and can even resort to lockouts and strikes. Any member or employee must be an official member of the organization for at least

Akash Tripathi became acting district president of DOL Employees Union

five months to avail the benefits given to the members by the organization. Life Insurance Corporation of India policy, medical insurance, ESIC and provident fund will also be provided to the employees in the organization. In the Diocese of Lucknow, the salaries of the workers have not been increased for almost 12 years nor are they being given wages as per the rules. Akash Tripathi told that in Bishop Johnson Girls College, for the last two years, teachers and employees are neither getting PF nor are they being provided health insurance facility. Similar complaints are being received in many other schools where teachers and employees are not being paid salaries as per government guidelines, nor are they being given the benefit of gratuity after their retirement. The employees union will meet Labor and Employment Minister Anil Rajbhar regarding all these issues. Advocates Uday Pratap Singh, Mudit Mohan Srivastava, Chaudhary Irfan Raza Khan, Rakesh Kumar, Amit Samuel, Jaswant Daniel, Vijay Kumar, Bharat Lal, Mohammad Ismail, Ashish Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Sanjay Singh, Sanjay, Ramchandra Yadav, Ashok Kumar were present in the meeting. Advocates Uday Pratap Singh, Atul Khanna, Rajeev Dubey were present.



Prayagraj: North Central Region Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, inaugurated a 30-day summer children's workshop on Monday with the aim of generating interest in art among children on the basis of 'let's learn by playing' cultural center. It took place in the campus, in which the selected participants will be trained in various aspects of the art by senior trainers. The workshop will run from 8

People remembered India's visionary Rajiv Gandhi

Prayagraj: 'His political life was very short but hugely impactful. He left behind numerous legacies that we take for granted now,' said senior Congress leader Shekhar Bahuguna. "These include the right of 18 year olds to vote; Constitutional empowerment of panchayats and nagarpalikas, including reservations for women in elections to them; peace in Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and Punjab; India's entry into the IT, computer and telecom era as a major power; the use of science & technology to address societal concerns and challenges; strengthening of India's space and nuclear programmes. And much more," he added. A tribute meeting was organized at City Congress Committee Prayagraj on the occasion of the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi. Congress people paid floral tributes and remembered their beloved leader. On this occasion, City Congress Committee President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman said that late Rajiv Gandhi ji was the creator of modern India and the first leader to adapt the country to the global challenges of the 21st century. He said that in true sense, Bharat Ratna Shri Rajiv Gandhi was the dreamer of 21st century India. Prominent in the program on this occasion were Mr. Pramod Tiwari, Pradeep Kumar Mishra Anshuman, Shekhar Bahuguna, Suresh Yadav, Fuzel Hashmi, Harikesh Tripathi, Sudhakar Tiwari, Kishore Varshney, Anup Tripathi, Lallan Patel, Ashok Singh, Vinay Pandey, Abhishek Shukla, Abdul Sakur, Ritu Pandey, Satya Pandey, Chaman Rawat, Rachana Pandey, Afreen Khan, Poonam Yadav, Sheela Rawat, etc. party officials and workers were present.



Prayagraj: Apollo Hospitals Navi Mumbai announced today that internationally renowned senior oncologist, Dr. Jyoti Bajpai has joined the Apollo Cancer Centre as Lead-Medical and Precision Oncology (Mumbai & Maharashtra Region) to drive its efforts in the fight against cancer. Dr. Bajpai is a well-known clinician for her work in the field of immuno-oncology, precision medicine, rare & challenging cancers (sarcomas, pregnancy-associated cancers, Adolescent & young adult cancers, LGBTQ+ cancers, geriatric cancers), and women cancers (breast & gynecological). Mr. Santosh Marathe, Regional CEO, Western Region, Apollo Hospitals said, "At Apollo Hospitals, our commitment lies in delivering healthcare services that stand shoulder-to-shoulder with global benchmarks. ACC Navi Mumbai is proud to have organic specific full time clinicians

Dr (Prof) Jyoti Bajpai joins Apollo Cancer Centre as Lead-Medical and Precision Oncology

with disease managed care pathways provided under the umbrella. ACC Navi Mumbai provides comprehensive cancer care with precision technology solutions including specialised trained nurses, advanced rehab and post operative teams. Dr. Jyoti Bajpai, Lead-Medical and Precision Oncology Apollo Cancer Centres (Mumbai & Maharashtra Region) said, "I am extremely happy to be associated with Apollo Cancer Centres which is known for providing services that are at par with the best institutes globally. The advanced facilities like Proton Beam Therapy, ZAP-X therapy for brain tumors & Tumor Board based treatment protocols will enable me to offer the best care to my patients. With my training & experience, I'm keen to strengthen the program at the Apollo Cancer Centre" We are delighted to welcome Dr. Jyoti Bajpai to our

esteemed Oncology team, knowing that her addition will greatly benefit cancer patients not only at Apollo Cancer Centres in Mumbai but across Maharashtra and India. Dr. Bajpai's training in various cancer types including rare cancers ensures a comprehensive and advanced approach to cancer care. Her versatility will complement the offerings of other senior consultants at Apollo Cancer Centres Navi Mumbai, amplifying the treatment options available to cancer patients in the region."

She brings with her over 19 years of experience in the field of cancer including 15 years in Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai as a professor and breast DMG convener. With specialized training in immuno-oncology and melanoma from the esteemed Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre (MSKCC) in New York, USA, and comprehen-

sive experience in bone and soft tissue sarcomas from the distinguished Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Centre at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, USA, Dr. Bajpai brings a wealth of expertise to her role. Furthermore, she has undergone training at the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi & is an ESMO leadership graduate. A graduate of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) Leaders Generation Programme, Dr. Jyoti Bajpai is today a core committee member of ESMO-W40 (Women in Oncology). Dr. Bajpai has also contributed towards development of prestigious international European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) and Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) and advanced breast cancer (ABC) guidelines for sarcoma, Immunotherapy of gynecological cancers and breast cancer.

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Summer Children's Workshop inaugurated

am to 11 am. In this, theatre, sculpture, Rajasthani folk dance, Kathak, painting and as a special attraction, Haryanvi folk dance is being taught



to women for 15 days. Center Director Prof. Suresh Sharma said that around 206 participants have taken part in various disciplines. Through this workshop, the aim is to develop the personality of children as well as to introduce them to various forms of art.

PM Modi addresses a public meeting in Prayagraj, UP



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a huge public gathering in Prayagraj, emphasizing the cultural and spiritual significance of the region, highlighting the progress made under his government, and drawing sharp contrasts with previous administrations.

Prime Minister asked about well-being of Minister Nandi

Prayagraj: On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting in Sangamnagar in support of Bharatiya Janata Party candidates Neeraj

Tripathi and Praveen Patel from Allahabad and Phulpur. The Prime Minister first reached Bamrauli Airport and then from there reached the helipad built at the Parade Ground public meeting venue. When the Prime Minister reached the stage, he accepted the greetings of the public representatives present

there and the public present in front. When the Prime Minister finished his address, the Industrial Development Minister of the State Government, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi came forward and saluted the Prime Minister with folded hands. Accepting the greeting, the Prime Minister asked, "How are you, Nandi?" In response to this, Minister Nandi expressed his gratitude by smilingly saying "Everything is fine sir"!

Prime Minister's conversation with Minister Nandi was a topic of discussion among the public! The minister's supporters and workers were very excited by this bonhomie on the stage! Minister Nandi said that during the

10 years of the tenure of the Honorable Prime Minister, the light of development and the benefits of government schemes have reached the last village and the last person. This is the reason why today the common people are busy in realizing the resolution of crossing 400. The victory

of the Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister for the third consecutive time with a huge majority on 4th June is certain. Former Mayor of Prayagraj Abhilasha Gupta Nandi along with other women leaders presented the idol of Lord Krishna to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Also, the former mayor thanked for ensuring the participation of women through historic bills like Nari Shakti Vandan Act!



Cong wants to snatch reservation from Dalits and OBC on basis of religion and give it to Muslims: Modi

Prayagraj: The election mega rally of Allahabad and Phulpur Lok Sabha was organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party at the Parade Ground. On this occasion, while addressing the huge mega rally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that we salute the land of Tirtharaj Prayagraj. He said that today is Tuesday and the pass There is also the holy abode of Bade Hanuman ji. He said that Prayagraj is the island land, it is the land of grandeur of Kumbh, here is the kachori of Katra and here is the taste of samosa, here is Allahabad University and also the ashram of Guru Bhardwaj. Lying here. Hanuman ji and Mata are also aloof, that is why I have come to take the blessings of Tirtharaj Prayagraj because the blessings of Tirtharaj. Prayagraj means the blessings of the entire universe. He said that Prayagraj is giving me infinite blessings today which is visible here in the form of enthusiasm. Said that the elections of 2024 will decide where the future Triveni of India will flow. He said that today India is now identified by the expressway and by the infrastructure and said that today even big countries tell me that India's digital technology will help

us. He said that India is now raising its voice in the world. He said that when India organizes Ki-20 countries, the whole world gets surprised. He said that the nature of the people of Prayagraj is that they neither live under pressure nor So they live in fear of anyone and the lively heart that is seen in Prayagraj is rarely seen anywhere else. Now every patriot is happy to see India moving forward, but the people of SP, Congress and Indi Alliance cannot digest the praise of India. And the princes of Congress go abroad to abuse India and said that these Indi alliance are fighting the elections to bring back Article 370 in Kashmir, their agenda is to repeal the Citizen Amendment Act, repeal the big laws made by corruption. Then he asked, will you vote for such people? Will the land of Prayagraj which gives guidance vote for these people? He said that we have a thirty-six relationship with the Indi alliance, SP and Congress.

He said that every corner of India testifies that development cannot be achieved through indie alliance and said that during the time of SP and Congress, there used to be stamper from the crowd during

Kumbh, people had to lose their lives and AAP was seen everywhere. There was chaos, do you know why? Because he was more worried about his vote bank than the Kumbh and said that earlier there was a competition of appeasement between SP and Congress. The Prime Minister said that the people who boycotted the Ram temple and called Sanatan as dengue and malaria, the Kumbh to be held next year. What good will we allow you to do? He further said that Modi's mantra is development as well as heritage and Ram temple has been built in Ayodhya and Shringverpur in Prayagraj will also be developed. Shringverpur will become the main pilgrimage of Ram Van Gaman and asked will SP Congress people ever do this work? He said that SP and Congress do not see anything beyond their own families, whereas Congress also wants to give all the credit for independence to one family. He said that the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel built in Gujarat is the largest statue in the world, which Modi had approved. Even though he was a leader of Congress, a Congress family is afraid of even going

towards Sardarji's statue because they feel that if the shadow of Sardarji's statue falls on them then there will be trouble. He said that this is the character of SP and Congress. It is anti-development! During the time of SP Congress, the people of Prayagraj did not get adequate electricity, but today under the BJP government, every district is getting adequate electricity without any discrimination. He said that before 2014, our farmer brothers used to stay awake all night to irrigate the fields, but today the farmers have to Electricity is also available easily!

Today Prayagraj is touching new heights of our development. Prayagraj Rae Bareilly Lucknow Four Lane Road, Ganga Expressway Waterway from Handia to Prayagraj, Amrit Station, Vande Bharat trains and railway overbridges and underpasses built at railway crossings, Bamrauli Airport has been rejuvenated. Even that government did not exist today. Earlier, during the SP governments, it was difficult for sisters and daughters to go out. Industries were ruined. Orders for recovery and ransom were issued to any businessman and in this Prayagraj, bombs and bullets were

fired openly. The goon mafia used to boast about themselves without any fear and the good and honest people lived in fear. He said, can the shopkeepers here forget the businessmen? But since the BJP government has come, a cleanliness campaign is going on here against the mafia. During the SP government, the mafia used to occupy the land of the poor but now the BJP government is demolishing the houses of the mafia and building houses for the poor. He said that Prayagraj is the best place for education. This is a big centre, the youth here can never forget how the SP government kept making a deal with your dreams, your hard work, your ability, but someone else kept getting the job. In the SP government, even the jobs were given on the basis of caste, the jobs were given to those who gave bribes. These people had converted UPSC into Family Service Commission. Prime Minister said that the boat of the Indi alliance people is sinking, now their only means is to lie, lie after lie, lie every time. These people are telling lies after lies regarding the Constitution.

He said who would be able to tell better than the

people of Prayagraj who changed the Constitution? You tell me whether Congress had conspired to change the Constitution by imposing emergency or not? Did Allahabad High Court check the dictatorship of Congress or not? He said that an attempt was made to rob democracy in Rae Bareilly and Allahabad High Court had canceled the elections and banned Indira Gandhi from contesting the elections. He said that even after so many years, the character of Congress has not changed! And further the Prime Minister said that Baba Saheb Ambedkar was also against reservation on the basis of religion, but SP and Congress people are preparing to give reservation to Dalits and backward classes to strengthen their vote bank by giving vote jihad. He said that the Karnataka government of Congress has given OBC quota to Muslims and they want to do the same thing across the country but Modi has come to give guarantee on the land of Prayagraj. He said that I will give reservation of Dalits and backward classes to these people at any cost. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that in the end, regard-

ing the victory of Allahabad and Phulpur Lok Sabha candidates Neeraj Tripathi and Praveen Patel with a huge majority, the Prime Minister said in typical Allahabadi language that Kamal has won both the seats and Before this, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya ji welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi by giving him mace and Allahabad Lok Sabha candidate Neeraj Tripathi and Phulpur Lok Sabha candidate Praveen Patel welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi by giving mementoes of the Sangam.

On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that earlier Prayagraj was known as mafia and Bahubali, but today under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prayagraj has become the identity of metropolitan divine, grand Mahakumbh and development. He said that in this mega rally, we will get the blessings of mothers, sisters, youth and elders. On the basis of this, this time the slogan of 400 is proving to be absolutely meaningful and for the third time we are going to form Modi government. On this occasion, Union Minister

Anupriya Patel, Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Cabinet Minister Anil Rajbhar, Raja Sabha MP Radha Mohan Aggarwal Raja Sabha MP Amarpal Maurya, MP Rita Bahuguna Joshi MP K Keshari Devi Patel, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, MLA Harshvardhan Bajpai, MLA Guru Prasad Maurya, MLA Vachaspati MLA Piyush Ranjan Nishad MLA, Rajmani Kol, MLC Surendra Chaudhary Former MLC Nirmala Paswan, Ganga Par District President Kavita Patel Yamuna Par District President Vinod Prapajati, Prayagraj Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, former Mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi Balendu Tripathi, Manoj Jaiswal Shivdutt Patel etc. appealed to make both the Lok Sabha candidates of Prayagraj victorious. District media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said that BJP Cultural Cell and Mahila Morcha welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi with conch shells. On this occasion, Teerthraj Pandey, District Media In-charge Rajesh Kesarwani, Dilip Chaturvedi, Vivek Mishra, Ram ji Kesarwani, thousands of BJP workers and public were present.

Students who excelled in academics & extra-curricular activities honoured during annual prize day of BHS

Chief Guest accorded warm welcome by Principal, DA Luke & Academic Supervisor CB Luke

Prayagraj: Over three hundred achievers from class six to twelve who have excelled in Academics, Sports, Games and Extra-Curricular Activities were felicitated at the Annual Prize Day function of the Boys' High School and College. The Chief Guest on this occasion was an alumnus of the school, Mr. Kunwar Pankaj, Chief Revenue Officer, Prayagraj. The prize winners portrayed the characteristics of true gentlemen and were cheered as they walked up to the stage to receive their prizes.

On arrival, the Chief Guest and his better half were warmly received by the Principal, Mr. D. A. Luke and the Academic Supervisor, Mrs. C. B. Luke. The function commenced with a welcome by Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Mukhopadhyaya, In-charge, College Section, followed by Bible reading by Anant Thomas and prayer by Mr. J. Lawrence.

In his brief address, the Chief Guest, Mr. Kunwar

Pankaj reminisced his school days and added, "He is indebted to his Alma Mater for whatever success he has achieved." Congratulating the students for their achievements, he asked them to make maximum use of their school life and participate in every



event organized in school for whatever they learn here will hold them in good stead later on. He praised the Principal, Mr. D. A. Luke and the Academic Supervisor, Mrs. C. B. Luke for their commitment and sincerity to the cause of education.

It was a proud moment for Saint Patrick's House who lifted the prestigious Study Shield, Sports Shield

and the Cock House. This year, our boys proved their mettle and class in the prestigious Global Cup Football tournament held in Goa in under-17 and under-12 categories. In both the categories, our boys emerged as winners. We were also the proud winners of CISCE

The prizes and trophies presented by the chief guest are as follows: A.K. Das Medal to ISC topper: Vinayak Chandra Srivastava (Science group), Shivansh Agrawal (Commerce group), Pratyush Pandey (Humanities group); ICSE topper: Anmol Krishna Singh; Best Athlete: Mohd Arsh Siddiqui; Tresham Medal for Mathematics: Shreyash Krishna, Kshitij Mehrotra; Maj. Gen. Rana Kapoor Trophy for Best Sportsman: Sudhanshu Singh; Maj. Gen. A.J.B Jaini's Trophy for Best All Rounder in the College Section: Ansh Mishra; Col Jai DS Jind for Black Charger Trophy: Mohd Zeeshan Raza and Mohd. Arsh Siddiqui; Principal's Medal for Best Boy: Ansh Mishra; Best All Rounder (Senior Section): Adhya Singh, Best All Rounder (Middle School): Divyanshu Banaodha, Best Boy in Junior School: Ehan Ahmad; NCC Army Wing (Junior Division)--Best Cadet: JUO Anshuman Kumar

Regional Pre-Subroto Cup Football tournament.

In the prestigious Inter-institutional, 'Farida Abraham Memorial Quiz competition' held at La Martiniere Girls College, Lucknow, our team represented by Shreyansh Vinay and Prathit Bhadauriya made the school proud by bagging the Runners-up trophy.

Yadav, Best Social Service: CPL Rishabh Srivastava; Best Turnout: CPL Krishna Pandey; Best Marksman-ship: SGT Abhinav Tiwari; Best Cultural Cadet: CHM Priyanshu Chatterji; NCC Naval Wing--Best Cadet: Pranav Mishra, Best Social Service: Shaurya Pratap Singh; Best Turnout: Om Sharma; Best Marksman-ship: Tanmay Upadhyay.

SHIELDS: AT Flynn Memorial Inter House Debate: St. Peter's House; Jefferson Gardner Memorial Quiz: St. Peter's House; Ernest Egbert Memorial Creative Writing: St. Patrick's House; Michael Bennett Memorial Inter House Swimming: St. Andrew's House; Inter House Badminton: St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's House; Inter House Football: St. Patrick's House; Inter House Basketball: St. Patrick's House; Inter House Cricket: St. Andrew's House. The function closed with the singing of the school song and the National Anthem.

Will come again to Prayagraj after June 4: Gursimran Singh Mand

Prayagraj Sahson: The National President of International Anti-Khalistani Morcha, originally from Punjab province, Guru Simran Singh Mand, was given a grand welcome by the people of Prayagraj on his arrival in Prayagraj, mainly people of Phulpur. Block chief Viplendra Singh Patel, Vipin Pandey Advocate VHP leader Atul Pandey along with his supporters raised garlands of flowers while raising slogans of Jai Shri Ram at Sahason Bypass and from there along with a

convoy of fifty vehicles, Manish, Area Panchayat member of Damodar Pur Tiwari Pur. Reached Tiwari's residence, where Manish welcomed Gursimran Singh and presented him the statue of a cow and calf. Block chief Phulpur Viplendra Patel presented him the statue of Shri Ram Ji. He expressed his happiness on the grand welcome given to him on his arrival in Prayagraj for the first time. While thanking everyone, he said that Prayagraj is a religious city and after receiving the heartfelt love from the Sanatanis here, my heart is filled with joy. I salute everyone and request everyone that no matter who the candidate is, we should support our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Have to see and cross 400, after this his convoy left for IFFCO Phulpur, where under the guidance of Officer Union President Anurag Tiwari,



former Union President Manoj Tiwari and Manoj Srivastava were welcomed at IFFCO Guest House. Under the leadership of Jagran's senior journalist Ankit Shukla, took the blessings of Mahant Balveer Giri Ji Maharaj of Baghambari Math, after that the whole team had the darshan of Hanuman ji and performed aarti, the chief priest of the temple presented the idol of Lord Hanuman ji to Mand ji, emphasis there - Shri Mand did the work of awakening the Hindus by loudly

raising the slogan of Jai Shri Ram and while leaving he said that we will come to Prayagraj again after June 4, Vinay Tripathi Advocate Ankit Pandey Bhupendra Mishra Pappu Vice President BJP KM, Village Head Vijay Lakshmi Chandel, Pawan Pandey Bajrang Dal, Rahul Tiwari Deepak Dwivedi Anand Prasad Tiwari Radheshyam Tiwari Luvkush Pandey Rahul Tiwari Sonu Nikhil Tiwari Vipal Tiwari, Pawan Kumar Shukla and General Secretary DW Shukla were present.

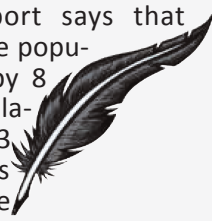
Editorial

India's survival as a country of Sanatan culture

Those who are talking of the timing of the report want to mislead the nation. This is a crucial issue that affects the survival of the country in its present form. Election time is the right time to discuss how the country should be governed and what policies are needed to correct this imbalance that is sure to multiply if not addressed properly. The country has witnessed the Partition and its aftermath. The Partition happened on religious grounds. Are we in a position to afford another division of the country? Even if the Partition does not happen, the rhetoric and aggressive statements of some Islamic leaders have the potential to create social, cultural and political conflicts. Islamists in India still hold on to the dream that a day would come when India would become an Islamic country. They still feel Muslims, who were once a ruling elite, would reclaim their position with an increase in the Muslim population. Madrassas have become the breeding ground of such thoughts that are antithetical to the very idea of India being a Republic. Is it not strange that the majority in this country fear Muslim aggressiveness? The report indicates this fear is real. What took 65 years to transpire could happen in less than 25-30 years due to the unchecked population growth. The main reason for higher growth is rapid reproduction, illegal infiltration encouraged by vested interests and conversion. The issues that concern every Indian (Hindu) is whether they can survive with their civilisational and cultural values under Islamic rule. The country has witnessed untold misery because of Muslim rulers' enthusiasm to convert Hindus into Islamic faith. Entire Kashmir which was once a Hindu land of Hindu cultural renaissance has become Islamic due to this. We all know how infiltration has threatened the demographic composition of Assam and endangered the indigenous culture. The experience of Hindus in Muslim countries has not been good. They have witnessed persecution and forced conversion and there are very few countries or rights groups talking about them. The plight of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh is too well known in the entire world. Luckily, they have India as their ancestral place to come and take refuge. The Modi government has made policies to give citizenship to such persecuted Hindus. However, what will Hindus do if India becomes Islamic and they are forced to flee? To which country would they go? What protection or insurance do they have that the country would not be disturbed from growing as a liberal democracy? Hindus in this country faced violence and paid jizya under the Mughals to retain their culture and ways of worship. Let's not close our eyes and lull ourselves into a make-believe world where everything will be okay, a world where we shouldn't worry about a rising population.

Despite being in the majority, Hindus have shown that they believe in democracy and have no problems with people practicing other faiths. But can the same be said about those who claim to be exclusivist and superior? The findings of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC) are alarming with dangerous consequences for India's survival as a country of Sanatan culture.

Those who would ignore this would do so at their own peril. The report says that between 1950 and 2015, the population of Hindus declined by 8 per cent whereas the population of Muslims grew by 43 per cent. In 1950, Hindus comprised 84 per cent of the total population but it came down to 78 per cent in 2015.



The Middle East is in a situation of flux

For Iran, friendship with Pakistan is strategically gainful for maintaining its hold in the Middle East against its main rival Israel -- it is aware that left to itself Pakistan did not harbour any faith-based antipathy towards Iran. The three-day visit of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to Islamabad from April 22 in the context of the Israel-Hamas conflict -- particularly after the exchange of missile attacks between Iran and Israel -- is of great significance not only for the Middle East but also for the wider geopolitics that is marked by a clear drift towards a new Cold War between the US-led West and the China-Russia axis. It is

interesting how this political polarisation at the global level is getting bolstered by the religion-based alignments within the Muslim world in general and the Middle East in particular. Iranian President clearly wanted Pakistan's support in its confrontation with Israel even as both Iran and Pakistan were aware of the US opposition to any trade pacts between them. The prolonged military action of Israel in Gaza has revived the fundamental antagonism between the Zionist state and Islamic Palestine. The anti-US character of Shia fundamentalism and the pro-Assad stand of Iran in Syria have pushed Iran close-

er to Russia and China. It is interesting, however, that radicalisation in the Islamic world is a cause for concern for both the US and Russia. The US hopefully would have learnt the lesson that for political convenience in the past -- in the context of the American banking on Pakistan for dealing with post-Soviet Afghanistan -- it had made a strange attempt to draw a distinction between 'good terrorists' and 'bad terrorists' which had only added to the threat of faith-based terror from radicalised forces facing the world. The US had tried to distinguish between Islamic radical outfits that considered it as their prime enemy and the

terrorist groups reared and directed by Pak ISI for use in cross-border terrorism against India but it perhaps realised in the course of time that Pakistan was in fact also giving shelter to Taliban, Al Qaeda and ISIS on its soil. President Biden's White House is now concerned over the fallout of Israeli action in Gaza that had killed more than 30000 civilians in Palestine -- pro-Muslim demonstrations in the US and outside might be the US position in the Middle East and conferring a certain advantage to Russia and China. A there. The US has to understand that multi-prong measures were needed to isolate.

BSP supremo Mayawati has suddenly used her power to vent out her anger

Some people are even saying that they have surrendered to the BJP. What has he got for this or what lure has he been given by BJP, only he knows? At the same time, some people are also believing that Mayawati has not removed her nephew from the post under any pressure, but has removed him to avoid allegations of nepotism. However, this type of argument cannot be considered correct, because if she wanted to be free from the allegations of nepotism, she would have freed her brother as well as her nephew from the responsibilities, and she also does not say that Akash Anand is an expert. Everyone has definitely seen it through their own eyes, but no one has a definite idea as to what is the reality behind it?

However, the reason behind this is believed to be that Akash Anand has waited for succession and removal from the post of National Coordinator until his sharp electoral maturity matures. Then he should have clearly said that BSP never promoted nepotism, hence Akash Anand is being removed from the posts and the party is searching for a worthy successor, it will be announced in future.

But he did not say anything like that, rather what he said revealed only two things, firstly, that Mayawati



is angry at her nephew's statements and not speaking as per his temperament in the rallies, or secondly, that Mayawati, somewhere or the other, she is under pressure from BJP and instead of saving the credibility of BSP, she has made an agreement to help BJP win maximum seats in Uttar Pradesh in this election by any means. In fact, Mayawati has said that Akash Anand will be removed from both the posts till he attains maturity and said that Anand Kumar (i.e. Akash's father and Mayawati's brother) will continue to fulfill his responsibilities as before in the interest of the party and the movement. In her letter written to remove Akash Anand from both the important posts, Mayawati has said that the leadership of BSP will not shy away from making every kind of sacrifice and sacrifice in the interest of the party and the movement and in taking

Dr. Ambedkar's caravan forward. Not there. This decision of the BSP supremo was compared to BJP with terrorism in the speeches of political parties and politicians, due to which not only was an FIR filed against him, but Mayawati, to save her soft image, legally removed him from the party.

Although this is not the first time that BSP supremo Mayawati has suddenly used her power to vent out her anger on an official, even before this she has done the same with many officials. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, when Mayawati was accused of nepotism in the party, she also removed her brother Anand Kumar from the post. Apart from this, he has also removed many key officials after being accused of committing mistakes and making mistakes.

BSP supremo ayawati is considered a strict administrator. On the contrary, she has

avoided using abusive language or making false allegations against any party. She has always read written speeches, and perhaps that is so that she does not say anything that could bring any stain on her or her party. She has been the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh four times and due to her strict attitude every time, people like her a lot. His vote bank is also so strong that it is not easy for anyone else to break it. In 2014, even though they could not get a single Lok Sabha seat in the Modi wave, BSP got 19.6 percent votes. Whereas in the year 2019, BSP got 10 seats, that too when Mayawati had fielded her candidates on 38 seats only in alliance with Akhilesh. Even today his vote bank is intact and both things are intact in his nature like a well-informed ruler. However, the BSP supremo's decision to remove her own young nephew Akash Anand from party post and succession has shocked everyone and has also changed all the equations of the Lok Sabha elections.

However, Akash Anand has been in politics for a long time and obviously he must have learned a lot of political tricks from his aunt and his father. As far as qualifications and maturity are concerned, Akash has completed higher education and was educated abroad. If we

talk about their language and their aggressive statements, then the rhetoric of the leaders in Uttar Pradesh is above this.

The way the BSP supremo has issued a formal letter and statement on Twitter's new name Mayawati had appointed nephew Akash Anand, who returned from London after studying MBA, as the national coordinator of BSP in the month of June 2019 itself. After this, last year i.e. in the last month of 2023 i.e. December, Mayawati declared him as her successor. According to this responsibility, Akash Anand was handling the responsibility of all the states except Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. But the succession given to Akash Anand in December itself was snatched away in the first week of May. This has not only angered a large number of BSP supporters, especially the youth, but the BSP, which was expected to rise again by its supporters and other leaders and workers, was feeling that a young Bahujan Samaj Party would be leading the party. While doing this, he has found someone who will become the voice of the Bahujan community, today he seems disappointed in himself. People are raising questions whether Mayawati has entered into an internal vote transfer agreement with BJP?

Adversely impact Cong prospects

Communists all over the world have failed in their deeds. The crumbling of the erstwhile Soviet Union is the best example of this failure. People like Rajni Dhar, Kamlesh, and Amit are not just a few individuals but reflect a growing sentiment. Now in 2024, the buzz about Congress promising to take away all that 'extra' wealth of a section of the population brought back memories of the pain that Dhar and many others had to endure. Kamlesh, a 47-year-old house help, whose family resides in a dwelling built with government funds in her village in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district, is confused today. After hearing about the Congress' wealth distribution plan, she feared that her family might lose the new house as the financial and institutional survey will begin. Then, we will take up the historic assignment to distribute the wealth, create jobs." The Congress party's manifesto and Rahul Gandhi's plan to map everyone's assets and then equally divide them have provided vital ammunition to the BJP. The BJP has called it divisive and a reflection of the Congress' appeasement politics. The Congress may believe that inheritance, redistribution, and reservation could be its three mantras for progression. But, at the

moment and as the election progresses, the grand old party seems to be only widening its gap from the masses. People like Rajni Dhar, Kamlesh, and Amit are not just a few individuals but reflect a growing sentiment. Now in 2024, the buzz about Congress promising to take away all that 'extra' wealth of a section of the population brought back memories of the pain that Dhar and many others had to endure. Kamlesh, a 47-year-old house help, whose family resides in a dwelling built with government funds in her village in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district, is confused today. After hearing about the Congress' wealth distribution plan, she feared that her family might lose the new house as the financial and institutional survey will begin. Then, we will take up the historic assignment to distribute the wealth, create jobs." The Congress party's manifesto and Rahul Gandhi's plan to map everyone's assets and then equally divide them have provided vital ammunition to the BJP. The BJP has called it divisive and a reflection of the Congress' appeasement politics. The Congress may believe that inheritance, redistribution, and reservation could be its three mantras for progression. But, at the

the Estate Duty Act as it found that there were inequalities in wealth.

The Act, also known as 'Death Tax' was imposed on the principal value of movable and immovable property, including agricultural land, which a person inherited after the death of the owner of the property. The Act was abolished in 1985 by the Rajiv Gandhi government when he became Prime Minister after the death of Indira Gandhi. The BJP has accused that he did so to escape from the said tax on inheritance. With this piece of history being resurrected, people feel that this is Rahul Gandhi's plan for a new 'INDIA'. What has given credence to this is the statement by Sam Pitroda, a close aide of the Gandhi family and Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, who highlighted the importance of wealth redistribution policies, citing the US laws. Though the Congress later distanced itself from Pitroda's comments, the cat is already out of the bag. Rahul's pledge to pursue 'jitni abadi utna haq' and his X-ray plan to detect peoples' wealth have set the middle-class thinking. Amit is an IT professional in Delhi, who bought an apartment on EMI. Recently his loan ended and he got the ownership paper from the bank.

Rename namesake disease hitting Ranikhet's fame: HC

DEHRADUN:

Uttarakhand high court has directed the state to propose a new name for a disease that has Ranikhet, a picturesque tourist spot, in its name. After a PIL highlighted that the hill station's reputation suffers due to its association with an avian disease known as 'Ranikhet disease', the administration has now been told to file an affidavit suggesting an alternative name by June 27.

During the hearing, Chief Justice Ritu Bahri and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal discussed the negative impact of the disease's name on Ranikhet's tourism.

Ranikhet renowned for healthy air, Himalayan views. The petitioner, Satish Joshi, of Ranikhet, said "the picturesque town's allure is overshadowed by this association".

Ranikhet, about 50km from Almora, is renowned for its healthy climate, pleasant breeze, stunning Himalayan views, and pollution-free greenery with deodar and oak trees. The area's attractions, including Kumaon Regimental Centre, museum, & golf course, offer memorable experiences for visitors.

Ranikhet disease, also known as



Newcastle disease, affects the birds and poultry, leading to severe respiratory issues, nervous system problems, and high mortality rates.

This affliction has significant economic implications for poultry farmers and can affect the large local bird populations.

The petitioner contended other celebrated hill stations like Mussoorie and Nainital are exalted. Ranikhet, therefore, should not be overshadowed.

by a negative association with a malady.

State govt acknowledged its limited jurisdiction in the matter but has, in turn, suggested that Centre could take necessary steps to rename the illness.

Indians extremely demanding, but unwilling to pay: Uber CEO



BENGALURU: Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said that Indians are extremely demanding, but unwilling to pay. The Uber top boss was in conversation with Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani in Bengaluru on Thursday at an interactive session on building population scale technology. "India is one of the toughest markets out there. If we can succeed here, we can succeed anywhere," Khosrowshahi said. Uber is also planning to expand to low-cost service segments of two- and three-wheelers in India. The company will be getting into bus services in some of the geog-

raphies. "It is also an extraordinary opportunity for us to expand our services to a wider population. We don't just want to be an upper-middle-class product. We want to be available to everybody," Khosrowshahi said. Companies and govt around the world can learn from the scale and ambition of India's digital public infrastructure. He added that as a technology company, Uber views open-source tech stacks with a lot of interest and recognises the opportunities they bring for everyone.

Khosrowshahi said that Uber's approach has changed since the pandemic. As much as the

focus is on the customers, he also said there is a growing focus on improving the experience for its drivers. Uber has signed an MoU with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to explore an integration with the network to expand the range of mobility offerings on the Uber app.

Khosrowshahi said that Uber made \$3 billion in terms of profits during the pandemic.

It also lost 85% of its volumes overnight during the lockdown that led to the laying off of some of its employees. Uber operates across 125 cities in India and has clocked 3 billion trips in 10 years.

CAPSULES

Upstox forays into insurance distribution; aims to simplify wealth management in India

GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD : Upstox, one of India's premier wealth management platforms, today announced its entry into the insurance distribution business. While Upstox has traditionally been recognized for its offerings in Stocks, F&O, and Mutual Funds, the introduction of Insurance marks a significant stride towards evolving into a comprehensive wealth-building platform. Today, Upstox is a one-stop-shop for a wide array of financial instruments including Stocks, IPOs, F&O, Commodities, Currencies, Fixed Deposits, P2P Lending, Government Bonds, T-Bills, NCDs, Gold, Insurance and much more. With this launch, the company aims to revolutionise India's insurance landscape by offering its users a simplified, transparent and customised experience of purchasing insurance in line with their needs. Currently, Upstox is offering Term Life Insurance on its platform and is planning to roll out Health, Motor and Travel Insurance soon. HDFC Life is among the first insurers to partner with Upstox and feature their Term Insurance plans on the platform. Kavitha Subramanian, Co-Founder, Upstox said, "We are thrilled to expand our offerings on Upstox and foray into the insurance distribution segment.

We have recognized that navigating the insurance landscape is a daunting task. Customers are inundated with so many questions - which is the right plan, what should be the correct criteria to select a plan, how much insurance cover will be enough. At Upstox, we understand these challenges, and we're dedicated to helping our customers get answers to all of these without overwhelming them.

Book Khamoshiyan released

Poems give peace to the heart and mind: Professor Vig

Chandigarh: Professor Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor of Panjab University, Chandigarh, released the latest poetry collection Khamoshiyan of renowned writer Dr. Pragya Sharda in her office today. This is the author's eighth book. There are 73 poems in this poetry collection which have been written about society and family. At the beginning of the program, famous social worker KK Sharda introduced the dignitaries present. Senior litterateur Prem Vij, while discussing the



book, said that in the presented poetry collection, the poetess has made social relations and relationships the basis of her poems with an open eye. Poet Dr. Vinod Sharma, while speaking on the poems, said that the poetess has effectively expressed the evils and discrepancies prevalent in the

society in her poems. Social worker Jaidev Cheema congratulated the poetess and said that her poems will guide the society. Novelist and publisher Vijay Saudai said that the poems reflect the truth of the poetess's experiences. Senior journalist and President of Chandigarh Press Club, Nalin

Acharya, while congratulating the poetess, said that more knowledgeable poems will be read from her writings.

CA Pritish Goyal was also present in the program. Speaking on this occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor Vig said that poems give solace to our heart and mind.

Wabtec Inaugurates New Manufacturing Campus in Rohtak India

ROHTAK: Today, Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) inaugurated its new manufacturing campus in Rohtak, India. The new plant represents a \$18 million (Rs. 150 crore) investment and will initially manufacture transit rail components and subsystems followed by other Wabtec product lines in the coming years. Several Wabtec executives were on hand for the grand opening including Pascal Schweitzer, President - Transit Business, Sujatha Narayan, Senior Vice President and India



Regional Leader, and Ajay Mani, Managing Director - Transit India. "India is an important growth market for Wabtec, especially for the transit business," said Schweitzer. "The new site will further improve Wabtec's ability to deliver enhanced value through our diverse product offerings for both Indian and global customers." The factory, set on 10,000

square meters will start off producing axle mounted disc brake systems, distributor valves, brake calipers and actuators, as well as friction material for freight cars, metro coaches, and locomotives for Indian Railways and metros.

This campus is expected to host many products in the coming months and years that serve the rail, mining, and industrial segments, a testament to Wabtec's commitment to the Indian market and the "Make in India" initiative.

Upstox forays into insurance distribution; aims to simplify wealth management in India

DHARAMSHALA:

Upstox, one of India's premier wealth management platforms, today announced its entry into the insurance distribution business. While Upstox has traditionally been recognized for its offerings in Stocks, F&O, and Mutual Funds, the introduction of Insurance marks a significant stride towards evolving into a comprehensive wealth-building platform. Today, Upstox is a one-stop-shop for a wide array of financial instruments including Stocks, IPOs, F&O, Commodities, Currencies, Fixed Deposits, P2P Lending, Government Bonds, T-Bills, NCDs, Gold, Insurance and much



more. With this launch, the company aims to revolutionise India's insurance landscape by offering its users a simplified, transparent and customised experience of purchasing insurance in line with their needs. Currently, Upstox is offering Term Life Insurance on its platform and is planning to roll out Health, Motor and Travel Insurance soon. HDFC Life is among

the first insurers to partner with Upstox and feature their Term Insurance plans on the platform. Currently, the insurance penetration in India stands at just 4.2% with a considerable portion of the population still being dependent on traditional and agent-driven models to purchase policies. Along with that, there is a lack of awareness, overload of choices, heavy paperwork and complex jargon involved in the process of buying insurance. Through its research, Upstox recognized that often users succumb to a one-size-fits-all approach; and opt for a term insurance plan without proper assessment.

World's First Live Bariatric Surgery Using Apple Vision Pro Performed by Pristyn Care and Mohak Bariatrics

GURUGRAM : Pristyn Care, in collaboration with Mohak Bariatrics and Robotics, has performed the world's first live bariatric surgery utilizing the Apple Vision Pro. This groundbreaking procedure, which included a sleeve gastric bypass and a Single Anastomosis Duodenal-Ileal (SADI) procedure, was performed by Dr. Mohit Bhandari, one of the foremost bariatric and robotic surgeons in the country. The use of Apple Vision Pro, an advanced augmented reality (AR) device, marked a significant milestone in medical technology and surgical precision. The surgery was conducted in 40 minutes on a 45-year-old patient, weighing 155kg and suffering from obstructive sleep apnea and high blood pressure. The Apple Vision Pro provided a



highly immersive and interactive 3D environment, allowing Dr. Bhandari and his team to visualize complex anatomical structures with unprecedented clarity. This technology facilitated enhanced precision in executing the sleeve gastric bypass and SADI procedure, minimizing risks and improving patient outcomes. "At Pristyn Care, we are committed to pushing the boundaries of medical innovation to provide our patients with the highest standard of care. The successful integration of Apple Vision Pro into bariatric surgery marks a significant milestone in our journey towards rev-

olutionising surgical procedures. We are proud to be at the forefront of this technological advancement, which promises to enhance precision, improve outcomes, and set new benchmarks in the healthcare industry," said Dr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Co-founder, Pristyn Care. This historic surgery represents a significant advancement in bariatric care and the broader medical community. By leveraging Apple Vision Pro, Pristyn Care demonstrates the potential of augmented reality in enhancing surgical precision, reducing operative times, and improving recovery outcomes for patients.

Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. Executes acquisition of EMC Ltd.

CHANDIGARH: Salasar Techno Engineering Ltd. (BSE: 540642, NSE: SALASAR), is a one stop engineering and infrastructure solution provider. The Company is engaged in providing turnkey EPC services for Railway and Power sectors and is also engaged in designing and manufacturing of telecom towers, Monopoles and other Heavy Steel Structures. The company announced that it has executed the acquisition of EMC Ltd. on an "As is where is," "As is what is," "Whatever there is," and "No recourse" basis as a going concern. This acquisition has been executed in compliance with the terms and conditions outlined in the E-Auction Process Information Document issued by the Liquidator. A Sale Certificate has been issued by the Liquidator in favor of Salasar confirming completion of sale. Earlier, Salasar announced that it effectively completed the payment of balance amount of Rs. 1,680 Mn for acquisition of EMC Ltd. (Formerly known as Electrical Manufacturing Company Limited). This demonstrates a pivotal moment in Salasar's continuous pursuit of expanding market presence and capabilities. Commenting on the above status, the management team of Salasar said, "We are thrilled to announce the timely completion of the payment for the acquisition of EMC Ltd., marking a monumental milestone in our journey of strategic expansion. Our ability to swiftly settle the full amount underscores our commitment to executing our plans with precision and agility. This acquisition represents more than just a business transac-



tion.

Not enough to teach kids 'good touch' and 'poor touch'; teach them 'virtual touch'

Delhi: "Good touch" and "bad touch" are not adequate in today's cyber world; youngsters must be educated about "virtual touch" and its perils, the Delhi High Court has stated. Children should learn about online safety, predatory behavior, privacy settings, and online boundaries.

"This court is constrained to note that in today's virtual modern world where virtual space has also become a breeding ground of alleged virtual affections between teenagers, they are not equipped to deal with the potential dangers of human trafficking for prostitution and other side of crimes which exists in the virtual world," Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma.

Traditional child protection has concentrated on teaching children about "good touch" and "bad touch" in the physical arena.



Delhi high court orders parents to pay for school AC

Delhi: The Delhi High Court recently ruled that parents must pay for school air conditioning, just like laboratory costs. While dismissing a public interest litigation, the division bench of acting chief judge Manmohan and justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora made the comment. The petition asked the Delhi government's DoE to restrict a private school from charging for classroom air conditioning. Air conditioning is a school facility, thus parents must pay for it like lab and smart class fees. When choosing a school, parents must consider the

facilities and expenses for their children. The bench ruled on May 2 that school management cannot bear the cost of such facilities. Manish Goel filed the PIL because his child's Delhi private school charged Rs 2,000 per month for AC. The petitioner said the school management should give AC to kids with its own funds. The bench heard from the DoE that it was investigating and asking for an action-taken report after many complaints. "This petition includes respondent No. 5 school's 2023-24 fee receipt for air-conditioning charges.

JEE Advanced 2024 Exam City List Announced; IIT Madras Opens Three New International Centers

Delhi: The Joint Entrance Examination Advanced (JEE Advanced 2024) exam cities for this year have been announced by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras). The institute has declared that it will hold the entrance exam at three additional exam locations overseas in addition to the 229 exam centers in India. These testing locations include Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Kathmandu. Through the official website, jeeadv.ac.in, eligible applicants who qualified for JEE Main



2024 and placed in the top 2.5 lakhs may submit an application for JEE Advanced 2024. Candidates have till May 7 to turn in their registration forms, which the IIT Madras opened on April 27.

It should be mentioned that during the application process, candidates will be required to rank their

top eight exam cities. Correcting their center and nation selections will be an option for those who have already chosen and paid for centers in India. Furthermore, students need to be aware that there are differences in the registration fees for exam centers located in India and those located abroad.

DU Hansraj College students question, 'Are we back to school?' after PTM notification

Delhi: Delhi University's Hansraj College's announcement has garnered social media amusement. Low-attendance college students are asked to bring their parents to meet with teachers.

The college officials believe it's necessary to disclose such

important information about students with their parents, but the young guns are upset and feel like being sent back to school! "My friends and I have received the notice for low attendance and have been asked to bring our parents to meet the teachers," On condition

of anonymity, a college senior says, "Our college has only started taking serious measures against low-attendance students since last semester. Defaulters have always been around, but following last semester, many students were requested to sign a declaration to increase attendance.

CAPSULES

Deeksha sets Women's 1500 M national record



Delhi: At the Sound Running Track Fest in Los Angeles, Indian track athlete KM Deeksha established a national record in the women's 1500m while Avinash Sable finished second in the men's 5000m. Deeksha, 25, finished third in the final in 4:04.78, breaking Harmilan Bains' 2021 National Open Athletics Championships record of 4:05.39 at Warangal. Deeksha beat Bains to take gold at the 2023 National Inter-State Athletics Championships at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar with a 4:06.07 personal best. Deeksha, from Amroha, UP, has trained under S K Prasad at the MP Athletics Academy for five years. Parul Chaudhary placed fifth in the women's 5000m in 15:10.69s. Ankita finished 10th in 15:28.88, while Parul narrowly missed extending her national record. Sable finished second in the men's 5000m with a time of 13:20.37, not his favorite 3000m steeplechase race. Gulver Singh ran 13:31.95. The national record is 13:19.30. Kartik Kumar finished second in the men's 10000m after a 62-second last lap. His time was 28:07.66s.

Why NMC student migration regulation will prevent 'backdoor' entries

Delhi: The NMC UG Board stated in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023, published in the official Gazette, that "No student designated to a Medical Institution, notwithstanding anything stated in these regulations, shall seek migration to any other Medical Institution." This goes against earlier laws that allowed pupils to transfer between government and private schools. Candidates used to have to pass the first professional MBBS test to migrate.



Migration during clinical trial was prohibited for any reason. College migration has become more important as 150 Gujarati medical students wait to transfer to other medical schools. After the NMC barred MBBS students

from migrating, it's unclear how the mandate will affect their careers. In general, experts feel the NMC recommendations will end malpractices. An anonymous senior health ministry official said, "Some colleges

charged a lot for the obligatory No Objection Certificate (NOC) to kids who wanted to attend government colleges. Backdoor access to government colleges allowed students with over 7 lakh NEET ranks to enter better-known government colleges while pupils with 20,000-30,000 ranks were admitted. Students can transfer to government or private colleges through the several counselling rounds after NEET, where seats are merit-based.

Schengen visa rule to encourage Indian summer vacations in Europe

Delhi: Airlines and airports say the new Schengen visa regime, which grants regular Indian travelers multi-year permits for up to five years, will boost outbound travel from India to Europe. German carrier Lufthansa said this will speed up Indian travelers reaching Europe. "This is a positive step and a faster path to longer-term visas helps many eligible Indian nationals who travel frequently to Schengen," said Lufthansa Group senior director (South Asia)



George Ettiyil. German Lufthansa provides 64 weekly flights to five Indian destinations. Indian people can now get long-term, multi-entry Schengen visas valid for two years after having received and lawfully utilized two visas within three years under the new visa

"cascade" scheme. If the passport is valid, the two-year visa is usually followed by a five-year visa. The EU said that holders of certain visas had visa-free travel rights. Airports Council International, a global airport association, credited visa liberalization with increas-

ing India-Europe traffic. The organization wanted India and the EU to work together to simplify visa issuance for Indian citizens. The group said that simplifying the process, including expediting consular and visa services, would improve business relations and tourism between India and the EU, especially given Indians' rising disposable income, which will increase their propensity to fly. Closer collaboration would benefit Indian consumers first, with fewer impediments.

CAs appraised with DRISHTI roadmap of their apex body ICAI

Chandigarh CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, the newly elected National President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a nationwide apex body of CAs, while outlining the objectives ICAI with the Govt of India's vision to achieve the status of a developed nation by the year 2027 announced its strategic roadmap - 'DRISHTI' for 2024-49. CA Agarwal, the 72nd national president after assuming charge reached Chandigarh for the first time along with his team was addressing the CA fraternity of Chandigarh tricity during a seminar organized at Hotel Hyatt Regency on Saturday. Nearly 200 CA members participated in this seminar hosted by ICAI Chandigarh Branch and appraised the strategic aspects of the newly formed

Central Council of ICAI. Earlier, in his welcome address, CA Abhishek Singh Chauhan, Chairman, ICAI Chandigarh Branch expressed hope that the DRISHTI roadmap of the Central Council will prove beneficial not only in the national interest but also in establishing new dimensions in the CA profession. Chauhan laid demands to the National President for the interests of local CA members and students. At present, nearly 3500 CAs are practicing under the aegis of Chandigarh branch, while about ten thousand CA students from Upper North students are being associated which are gradually increasing annually. To meet their demands, Chauhan put forth the demand for a Center of Excellence to which CA Agarwal assured that it would be discussed in

detail. There had been no convocation for the Upper North students of ICAI Chandigarh since a long time and hence they have to approach Delhi for their degree. Regarding the demand of holding the convocation in Chandigarh, President garwal agreed to organize the annual convocation in Chandigarh which would be a relief to innumerable students. In his address, National Vice President CA Charanjot Singh Nanda discussed in detail the newly constituted committees and other projects to describe them as vital and effective for the professional development of students, members and CA fraternity at large. During the program, guest speaker Dr. Rakesh Gupta and CA Naveen Soni benefited the delegates by highlighting the technical aspects.

The UGC has asked all HEIs to form an ICC and a Special/Women's Cell

Delhi: The UGC has asked all HEIs to form an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and a Special/Women's Cell to address gender-based violence and gender sensitization.

The UGC has released an advise on implementing the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act 2013. It said all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) must form an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and a Special/Women's Cell under their administrative supervision to address gender-based violence and gender sensitization. The University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations,



2015, are available on the UGC website, www.ugc.gov.in. These regulations explicitly outline Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) responsibilities, grievance redressal sys-

tems., complaint and inquiry processes, interim redressal, penalty and compensation, repercussions of non-compliance, etc. The commission also requested that institutes display banners and posters, ICC

members' names and contacts on display boards and portals, and the Women's Helpline Number and Emergency Support Number 112 for women in difficulty.

Locked Lok Sabha election! 1.5 crore can vote in Delhi

Delhi: Since the 2019 parliamentary elections, Delhi voters have climbed by almost 6%. Delhi's chief electoral officer P Krishnamurthy said 1.52

crore people will vote for the seven Lok Sabha seats on May 25 compared to 1.43 crore five years ago. 8.85 lakh greater than 2019 He stated that

women voters increased more than men.

Delhi registered 3.4 lakh new male voters in the past five years, 4.3% higher than in

2019. Krishnamurthy reported 5.45 lakh new woman voters since 2019. The Delhi chief electoral officer froze the final roll.

Ch. Bhupendra Singh Hooda had waived off electricity bills worth Rs 1600 crore: Deependra Hooda

Loharu: MP Deepender Hooda arrived today to campaign in support of Congress candidate Rao Dan Singh from Bhiwani - Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency. He addressed election rallies in Loharu, Tosham, Bawani Kheda circles and appealed to make Rao Dan Singh win by a huge margin of votes. Addressing the rally, Deependra Hooda said that former Chief Minister of Haryana Ch. Bhupendra Singh Hooda had waived off electricity bills worth Rs 1600 crore, which benefited the people of Bhiwani-Mahendragarh the most. Hooda government made Bhiwani Mahendragarh the hub of education and sports. Hooda Saheb Ch. We respect the works of Bansilal very much. Paying humble tribute to Ch. A university and a medical college were built in



Bhiwani in the name of Bansilal ji. During the UPA government of Congress, many institutions and projects like Ayurvedic Medical University in Narnaul, Central University in Mahendragarh came up in this Lok Sabha constituency. Sports University in Bhiwani, Rajiv Gandhi Mahila College, Women's College in Bawani Kheda, Government Technical Institute, Women's Hostel in Loharu, Chowk in Tosham. Established Bansilal Mahila Mahavidyalaya etc. But, in the last 10 years, BJP has destroyed Haryana and made every person of Haryana cry. There is no class left

which has not been insulted, including farmers, labourers, traders, employees, sarpanch, players, Anganwadi, Asha workers. Seeing huge resentment among the public, BJP appointed CM, Dy. DM has been changed but BJP will now change the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, people will change the entire government. He said that Bhiwani - Mahendragarh has been a minefield for the soldiers. These two districts have suffered the most due to the Agneepath scheme of the BJP government. Deependra Hooda assured that when the Congress government.

Swati Maliwal assault case: Court grants 5-day custody to Delhi police to quiz Bibhav

NEW DELHI: Tis Hazari Court on Sunday sent CM Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar to 5-day police custody in the alleged assault on AAP Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal.

The Delhi Police on Saturday had produced Kumar before a magisterial court seeking seven-day custody to question him. Kumar was arrested by the Delhi Police earlier in the day and his anticipatory bail request was later deemed "infructuous" by a Delhi court. In the FIR, Maliwal has accused Bibhav Kumar of hitting with "full force again and again". She



alleged that Bibhav slapped her 7-8 times and kicked her in the chest and abdomen on May 13 when she had gone to meet the chief minister. According to her medico-legal certificate (MLC) issued by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, Maliwal has "bruises over proximal left leg dorsal aspect of approx

size 3x2 cm and right cheek elbow below right eye of approx size 2x2 cm". The report also stated that according to the "history provided by the patient" of being allegedly assaulted by Bibhav Kumar at the chief minister's residence, she was "slapped multiple times", and "hit her head on a sharp object after she was pushed" by the accused.

82-yr-old woman lifts 50kg in her maiden deadlifting contest

COIMBATORE: An 82-year-old woman from Pollachi has proved that age is just a number by participating in her maiden deadlifting (powerlifting) contest. Inspired by her grandsons, Kittammal finished fifth by lifting 50kg in the open category for women, at the

'Strong Man of South India' contest held in Kuniyamuthur last week. She was among 17 women contestants, all of whom were under 30-years of age. Kittammal lives with her husband Venkatraman, a retired health department staff. Her grandson S Rohith,

16, who lives with her, has been practicing powerlifting at their residence for more than six months. Kittammal's other grandson S Rithik, 23, won a gold medal at the national level powerlifting championship held by the Indian Powerlifting Federation.

Gunmen kidnap Manipur fashion designer, shoot him in leg

IMPHAL: Popular fashion designer of Manipur, Kumarjit Laishram, was shot in the leg by unidentified gunmen in Imphal West district's Khumbong area, police said. The Koireng group of the proscribed UNLF claimed responsibility for the shooting, saying Kumarjit was punished for his involvement in unethical activity of "supplying women to high-profile people" in the state. Kumarjit, 30, a resident of Takyel Khonbal Maning Leikai, also runs a beauty salon and spa close to his house. Sources said he was kidnapped by the assailants on Friday night and was found with a bullet wound in his left calf near the Khumbong community health centre around 8.40am on Saturday. He is undergoing treatment at a hospital here. Police registered a case in the matter and have begun an investigation. With Saturday's shooting, four people, including two women, have so far been shot, all in their leg, in the Valley districts by unknown armed men since the beginning of this month. This poses a challenge to the law and order situation in the state which is already embroiled in a simmering communal conflict.

Maoist with 1.1L bounty killed in Bastar

RAIPUR: Dudhi Hunga, a hardcore Maoist carrying a bounty of Rs 1.1 lakh on his head, was killed in an encounter in the forests near Banjarapara in the tribal belt of Bastar in Sukma district on Saturday, Chhattisgarh Police said. Dudhi Hunga, a resident of Arlampalli in Sukma.

Telugu actor kills self week after partner dies in car crash

HYDERABAD: Popular Telugu TV actor Chandrakanth alias Chandu died by suicide at his apartment in Hyderabad's Manikonda area on Friday night, police said. He died after Pavithra Jayaram, also an actor, with whom he was in a live-in relationship, died in a road accident at Kurnool on May 12. Pavithra and Chandu acted together in "Trinayani serial", which was one of the most watched serials on TV.



Chandu acted in TV serials like "Karthika Deepam" and "Radhamma Pelli", apart from "Trinayani". His wife, from whom he separated recently, said he took the extreme step as he was depressed after Pavithra's death. Police said Chandu's family was concerned

about his well-being after he stopped responding to phone calls.

They went to do a welfare check on him at his apartment only to find him dead. Although he did not leave behind a suicide note, police found WhatsApp messages he sent to friends stating he did not wish to live any longer. He is survived by his wife and two children. Police registered a case of suspicious death in the matter.

Five of family axed to death in Chhattisgarh village

Chhattisgarh's

Sarangarh-Bilaigarh district, a tragic incident occurred where five family members were hacked to death. The victims were Hemlal Sahu, Jagmoti Sahu, Meera Sahu, Mamta Sahu, and Ayush. Another villager, Manoj Sahu, was found hanging in the same house. Police, with local support and TNN assistance, are investigating the crime scene and collecting evidence. Five of family axed to death in Chhattisgarh village. Five members of a family were hacked to death



in Thargaon village of Chhattisgarh's Sarangarh-Bilaigarh district. While all five succumbed to injuries caused by an axe, another villager was found hanging in the same house. Police suspect he may be the assailant and possibly hanged himself after

he committed the crime. The five victims were identified as Hemlal Sahu, 55, his wife Jagmoti Sahu, 50, their daughters Meera Sahu, 30, and Mamta Sahu, 35, and grandson Ayush, 5. The other villager, who was found hanging in the house, was identified as Manoj Sahu,

police added.

A police team went to the scene after locals informed them about the incident. The team took bodies of the victims for postmortem.

"Evidence on the crime scene suggests Manoj may have hacked to death the five family members before hanging himself.

We will investigate the case thoroughly and ascertain facts," police said.

A forensic team was at the crime spot to collect all possible evidence and help with the investigation, police said.

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal around May 22

PUNE: A weather conundrum is gathering steam over Bay of Bengal ahead of monsoon arrival. India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast formation of a low-pressure area over southwest Bay of Bengal around May 22, while some independent forecasters sounded alarm about potential for an intense cyclone in the making that could impact Odisha, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, IMD, told TOI: "Low-pressure area will help monsoon advance over Andaman sea and adjoining Bay of Bengal, but it may not have an impact on onset of monsoon

in Kerala. However, we have not so far ruled out the possibility of the system turning into a cyclone later because May is known for cyclone formation. It is too early to confirm whether or not it will transform into a cyclone. If at all a cyclone forms, its impact on monsoon progress cannot be gauged as of now because it will depend on its path and intensity." GP Sharma, president of Skymet Weather Services, however, said the system did have a significant potential to become a cyclone, but is unlikely to hinder monsoon's progress. "There are ample chances that the Bay of Bengal system

could gradually turn into a cyclone. It is unlikely to disrupt the monsoon progress when it forms, rather only help in its progress," Sharma said. Roxy Mathew Koll, senior climate scientist at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, told TOI: "A low pressure system will definitely develop over the south Bay of Bengal next week. Sea surface temperatures there are quite warm, so the ocean conditions are favourable. Madden-Julian Oscillation is reaching there soon, making the winds also favourable, providing rotational trigger for a cyclone to form. The restricting factor could be early monsoon development."

Grant citizenship to daughter of OCI card-holders: HC

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court has asked the Centre to grant citizenship to a 17-year-old girl, raised in India to parents who held Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cards and US citizenship at the time of her birth. "The petitioner, despite having been born in India to two OCI card holders, educated in India and lived in India with her family, is unable to obtain a passport. These are clearly special circumstances as contemplated under Section 5(4) of the Act," Justice Prathiba M Singh noted while referring to provisions of the Citizenship Act of 1955 and the Passports Act of 1967. Petitioner Rachita Francis Xavier had



moved court challenging rejection of her plea for a passport. She informed the court that both her parents were earlier Indian citizens. However, they acquired US citizenship by 2005 and hence her parents were not Indian citizens on the date she was born. The petitioner submitted that she is not an illegal migrant and qualified as a person of

Indian origin entitling her to citizenship by registration. HC saw merit in the plea and noted that her circumstances would be covered under Explanation 2, as both parents of the petitioner were Indian citizens who had later obtained US citizenship. The court pointed out that even OCI card holders are free to stay in India and can also rear their families,

noting that in Xavier's case the parents were OCI card holders when she was born and she has continuously stayed in India since birth. She has been educated in India and now sought a passport, HC said. It allowed the plea and permitted the girl to apply for registration as a citizen under Section 5 of the Citizenship Act.

Founder of Naturals Ice Cream passes away at 70

MANGALURU

: Raghunandan Srinivas Kamath, the man behind Naturals Ice Cream, passed away in Mumbai on Friday. He was 70. Natural Ice Cream wrote on X (formerly Twitter): "Our thoughts on the sad demise of our patron and founder of Naturals Ice Cream, Late (Shri) Raghunandan Kamath. Indeed, a very sad and unfortunate day for us." They shared a poster that read: A smile that will forever melt our hearts. A smile that will never be forgotten. A smile that will keep inspiring us and reminding us that his era will never end. To the Ice Cream Man of India who will forever stay in our hearts".

Canada is reducing the number of start-up visas it will accept, this year

Delhi: Although Canada attempted to improve the attractiveness of its start-up visa program in July of last year, an announcement tonight will terminate the aspirations of prospective immigrant entrepreneurs. In reality, a number of them who received early investment or assistance from business incubators can wind up in a limbo. Beginning on April 30, Canada will only accept petitions for permanent residency linked to ten or fewer startups per approved organization for processing each year. The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released a statement stating that this action was taken to expedite application processing and minimize backlogs. To put it simply, there are currently about 82 of these approved organizations, which include company incubators, angel investors, and venture capital funds (VCFs). It

follows that, if the number of these organizations stays the same, no more than 820 applications will be approved. Furthermore, as per the release, entrepreneurs whose start-up is backed by Canadian funding or a business incubator that is affiliated with Canada's Tech Network will be eligible for priority processing. In order to be eligible for permanent residence, entrepreneurs must demonstrate that they have sufficient means to support themselves and their family upon arrival in Canada. The Startup Visa (SUV) program does not require applicants to invest any of their funds or have a minimum net worth.

It's essential to have support from one or more of the approved partners, such as venture capital funds (VCF), angel investor groups (who must invest a minimum of CAD 200,00 and 75,000, respectively), or be accepted into a

program offered by a business incubator. Under this policy, the goals for immigration levels were established at 5,000 for the current year and 6,000 for 2025 and 2026. The creator of a tech company and immigration attorney Josh Schachnow notes, "But now they're being reduced to basically nothing (with less than 100 designated entities, it means less than 1,000 applications through SUV for the entire year)." This is seen as a poor decision by many in the immigration and entrepreneur finance fields. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Canada is the country that attracts startup founders the most in 2023. Through this category, around 900 entrepreneurs have gained permanent citizenship since the program's inception in 2013, which has resulted in the founding of over 300 start-ups.

Opt for Hybrid funds to help cut tax outgo - 10 mutual fund

Wealth managers recommend conservative investors to opt for hybrid schemes before the financial year closes to save on taxes in mutual fund investments. The government's removal of indexation benefits for pure debt schemes in Budget 2023-24 shifts focus to hybrid funds with 35%-65% equity allocation for tax efficiency.

Tax planning guide: Opt for Hybrid funds to help cut tax outgo - 10 mutual fund schemes to consider

Tax benefits of hybrid funds: As the financial year comes to an end, it's important to keep a tab on your tax outgo for



FY 2023-24. Wealth managers advise conservative investors to consider hybrid schemes before the financial year ends to save on taxes in mutual fund investments, states a report. The government's removal of indexation benefits for pure debt schemes in Budget 2023-

24 makes hybrid funds with 35% to 65% equity allocation a viable option. Indexation, which adjusts inflation with the asset's cost, lowers tax liability. Certain schemes like balanced hybrid, multi-asset, and dynamic asset allocation still offer indexation benefits.

Bank of Japan ends negative rates, closing era of radical policy

TOKYO: The Bank of Japan ended eight years of negative interest rates and other remnants of its unorthodox policy on Tuesday, making a historic shift away from a focus of redefining growth with decades of massive monetary stimulus. While the move will be Japan's first

interest rate hike in 17 years, it still keeps rates stuck around zero as a fragile economic recovery forces the central bank to go slow in any further rise in borrowing costs, analysts say. The shift makes Japan the last central bank to exit negative rates and ends an era in which

policymakers around the world sought to prop up growth through cheap money and unconventional monetary tools. In a widely expected decision, the BOJ ditched a policy put in place since 2016 that applied a 0.1% charge on some excess reserves financial institutions.

HDFC Bank's home loan business head to lead Poonawalla Fincorp

MUMBAI: HDFC Bank's mortgage business head Arvind Kapil has filed papers to take charge as MD & CEO of Poonawalla Fincorp. Kapil is a 25-year veteran of HDFC Bank and was placed in charge of the legacy housing finance business of HDFC after its merger with the bank last year.

"Given the sheer size of the mortgage portfolio (Rs 7.5 lakh crore) and the material importance of distribution, we believe there is key managerial personnel risk (for HDFC Bank)," said Suresh Ganapathy of Macquarie. He noted that this is the second major exit in mortgages with the head of HDFC sales Santosh Nair quitting to join Bandhan Bank last month. Poonawalla Fincorp, in a statement to stock exchanges, said that Kapil will join the company on June 24, subject to approvals. Shares of Poonawalla Fincorp rose 1.5% after the announcement. Before taking charge of the Rs 7.5-lakh-crore mortgage business at HDFC Bank, Kapil led the retail lending business at the bank, which included unsecured loan20s, auto loans, two-wheeler loans, retail working capital loans, gold loans, loans against shares, home loans, microfinance, and business loans.

"Given his leadership, execution skills and business acumen, (Current MD & CEO) Abhay Bhutada has been elevated to group level and will be taking up a strategic and larger role at the Cyrus Poonawalla Group for managing its strategy, investment and finance," said Adar Poonawalla, chairman, Poonawalla Fincorp.

LIC shares slip after 17% salary hike

MUMBAI: Shares of LIC were down by over 2% on after the corporation announced a 17% wage revision. The salary increase was announced by govt on Friday before the election code of conduct kicked in a day later.

The corporation's shares are now down 23% from the 52-week high of Rs 1,175 on Feb 9. On Friday, the country's largest insurance company said that govt approved a wage revision for LIC employees, effective August 1, 2022.



The corporation explained the hike, stating that a revision occurs once every five years. The statement said that due to the hike, there will be a 17% upward revision in the overall wage bill.

The increase aligns with the wage negotiation deal signed between the Indian Banks' Association and bank employees. LIC's wage revision incorporates an enhancement in NPS contribution from

10% to 14% for nearly 24,000 employees who joined after April 1, 2010. TNN We also published the following articles recently Noida revises fee for three parking clusters

Noida Authority approved three contractors for surface parking in city clusters with revised fees. New tender initiated after scrapping previous contract. Residents get relief with revised parking fees. Multilevel facilities accommodate 12,000 vehicles.

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third grandchild of Narayana Murthy and his wife, author-philanthropist Sudha Murthy. Ekagrah was born to Rohan Murthy and Aparna Krishnan in November last year. The 0.04% stake is valued at over Rs 240 crore, making Ekagrah Rohan Murthy one of the youngest millionaires in India. He is the youngest in the Infosys promoter group. Following this transaction, which was revealed in an exchange filing, Narayana Murthy's stake in Infosys has come down to 0.36%.

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Adani Group companies have denied receiving any notice from the US Department of justice regarding bribery allegations. US prosecutors investigate potential bribery involving Adani entity and founder Gautam Adani, including Indian renewable energy company Azure Power Global Ltd. Adani Enterprises and Ports refute allegations, stressing commitment to high governance standards and anti-corruption laws.

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le of the Adani Group to focus on whether an Adani entity may have engaged in bribery as well as the conduct of the conglomerate's billionaire founder Gautam Adani. The probe, which is also looking at Indian renewable energy company Azure Power Global Ltd., is being handled by the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and the Justice Department's fraud unit in Washington.

Star Health eyes NRI business through GIFT

CHENNAI: Star Health and Allied Insurance Company will offer dollar-denominated insurance from GIFT City for NRIs. The company is launching international insurance product suite from the facility in FY25.

Star Health is the first health insurance company to be granted registration to establish an International Financial Services Centre international office in GIFT City. It plans to commence operations with a branch by the end of this month, facilitating access to health insurance solutions in US dollars for the global Indian community, the company said in a statement on Monday. Noting that the facility will enable the company to significantly expand its global reach and business, it said, the company will offer NRI-focused insurance.

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