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## NEET retest only if entire exam vitiated, SC assures students

**NEW DELHI:** Supreme Court on Monday sought a report from CBI on its investigation into the NEET-UG question paper leak by Wednesday and assured over 23 lakh students who took the exam on May 5 that it may order a retest only if the beneficiaries of the leak could not be identified and the integrity of the entrance exam for MBBS courses was found to have been completely vitiated. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra heard a batch of over 50 petitions by candidates, who through lead counsel Narender Hooda have sought cancellation of NEET-UG by citing the paper



### 67 candidates getting full marks surprises SC

**It should** not lead to cancellation of NEET-UG given the massive scale on which it is conducted at 4,750 centres in 571 cities across India and 14 cities abroad involving more than 23 lakh students who had studied hard and undertaken cost and efforts and would have to go through a fresh test, the bench said. Every year, about 23-24 lakh stu-

leak, first detected in Patna, and other irregularities reported from dif-

ferent states, by arguing that the entire examination was vitiated as the questions and answers were available on social media. The bench said a retest could be ordered only if three conditions were met - one, the alleged paper leak was systemic; two, if the leak compromised the sanctity and integrity of the entire test; and, three, if it was not possible to identify and segregate the beneficiaries of the fraud from the untainted candidates. The bench, however, emphasised that it would not order a retest "if the breach is confined to specific centres and it is possible to identify and segregate beneficiaries".

## Terrorists ambush Army truck in J&K, 4 soldiers, 1 cop killed

**JAMMU:** Four soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), and a J&K police constable were killed Monday in a terrorist ambush on a military patrol truck in the remote village of Badnota in Kathua district. Six other soldiers were wounded in the attack, which marks a month of escalating terror-related violence in the Jammu division, beginning with four attacks on June 9, 11, and 12. The ambush pattern resembled previous attacks on military convoys in Jammu, including an ambush on two IAF vehicles on May 4 in Poonch district that resulted in the death of Corporal Vikky Pahade. Last year, similar attacks in Poonch and Rajouri districts on Dec 21 and Nov 22 claimed the lives of nine soldiers, including two captains. Monday's ambush is



### Rajasthan adds Ayodhya consecration day to school festival calendar

**JAIPUR:** Rajasthan school education dept has designated Jan 22, the day on which Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya was consecrated, as a "festival" on the annual calendar of festivals in schools. Issued for parents, the calendar outlines topics they are required to discuss with students to monitor their growth. It also

identifies, month wise, festivals during the year. While Jan 22 is marked as a festival, the calendar doesn't say how schools will celebrate the day, or what activities students are expected to participate in. It, however, provides general directions on how festivals or significant days are to be observed.

the second major terror attack in Kathua this year, after a June 11 shootout at Seda Sohail village in Hiranagar left a CRPF constable and two suspected Pakistani terrorists dead. According to a security

source, the attack occurred around 3:30pm on Machedi-Kindli-Malhar road near Badnota in Lohai Malhar, approximately 120km from Kathua district headquarters and 230km from Jammu city.

### 12 more die in lightning strikes in Bihar, toll hits 37 in 6 days

**PATNA:** Twelve more people were killed in lightning strikes in seven districts of Bihar in the past 24 hours, CM Nitish Kumar's office said Monday. With the fresh fatalities, 37 people have lost their lives due to lightning strikes in the state in the last six days, including 25 in the last 48 hours. Nitish expressed grief over the latest deaths and asked officials to immediately pay ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. "Jamui and Kaimur each reported three deaths, followed by two deaths in Rohtas and one each death in Saharsa, Saran, Bhojpur and Gopalganj districts," the chief minister's office (CMO) said. Nitish appealed to people to remain alert during the monsoon.

### Government should cut public sector bank stake: SBI economists



**MUMBAI:** A fortnight ahead of the Union Budget, a research report released by the country's largest public sector bank has proposed that govt pare its stake in public sector banks given the positive impact of their 'good financial health' on valuations. The report also called for consolidation in the number of PSU banks.

While a recommendation for govt to divest stake in PSU banks is a standard suggestion from management consultancy firms or industry associations, it is considered a radical recommendation for PSU report.

In a report containing pre-Budget recommendations, SBI Economics Department, headed by group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh, has suggested multiple reforms for PSU banks, including reduction of ownership stake, HR autonomy, investments in digital & IT infrastructure and aligning the priority sector framework to the nation's priorities. "As banks are in good condition, govt should take stance on disinvestment of PSBs," the report said. The report also calls for clarification on govt on the stake divestment in IDBI Bank. "Govt and LIC are selling an almost 61% stake in IDBI Bank. They invited bids from buyers in Oct 2022. In Jan 2023, DIPAM received several expressions of interest for the IDBI Bank stake on offer. We expect govt to clarify this in the Budget," the report said. The report also calls for bank fixed deposits achieving tax parity with other asset classes. "The present dispensation for fund holdings stipulates a short-term capital gains tax at a flat rate of 15%, while long-term capital gains are taxed at a moderate 10%,

## Budget set to focus on long-term economic policy vision: Report

**NEW DELHI:**

Govt will use the Budget as an opportunity to make a big picture statement about the long-term economic policy vision over the next several years, rather than minor stimulus announcements, Goldman Sachs economists said in a report on Monday. "We think this Budget will go beyond just fiscal numbers, and likely



make an overarching statement about long-term economic policy of govt towards 2047 (100 years of Indian independence)," the report said. "We see an emphasis

chain and inventory management to control price volatility. The Budget is also likely to lay out a path for the future of public finance in India, entailing: a roadmap for public debt sustainability, and b) green finance: the role of public finance in balancing India's energy security Vs transition needs," according to the report titled 'India's Fiscal policy.

## Ahead of bilateral summit, Putin rolls out red carpet, holds private dinner for PM Modi

**NEW DELHI:**

**Russia laid** out the red carpet for PM Narendra Modi as he landed in Moscow on Monday to attend the 22nd India-Russia annual summit, the first since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022. Before the talks on Tuesday, President Vladimir Putin held a private dinner for Modi during which the two discussed bilateral cooperation that has deepened in the recent past on the back of India's increased oil imports from Russia. According to govt sources, the visit will focus on economic issues, including energy, trade, manufacturing and fertilisers. The visit will also be used by the PM to convey to Putin,



as an official source put it, that "no solution can be found on the battlefield" to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Ahead of leaving for Moscow for his first bilateral visit in his third term, Modi said he's looking forward to sharing perspectives on various regional and global issues. PM expected to seek Indians' release from Russian army. Ahead of leaving for Moscow, PM Modi said he's looking

forward to sharing perspectives on various regional and global issues; and that India seeks to play a supportive role for a peaceful and stable region. Like China, India never explicitly condemned Russia's actions in Ukraine. While backing dialogue and diplomacy for enduring peace, India has also maintained that any such process must involve both the parties. The last annual summit

## Diversion of SC/ST funds for Congress Karnataka pledges 'injustice': BJP

**NEW DELHI:** BJP continued to mount pressure on Karnataka govt over the alleged diversion of SC/ST funds for 'five guarantees' Congress had promised in the run-up to the 2023 assembly polls. BJP on Monday dubbed this as a "startling reality" of the state economy and an "injustice" being meted out to Dalit and tribal communities. "Congress robbing the under-



privileged from Dalit and tribal communities for their unrealistic political agenda is leading to a toll on the state economy and welfare of the weaker sections. [This is] A startling reality about the state

of Karnataka economy," said BJP's chief spokesperson and Lok Sabha MP from Garhwal, Anil Baluni. Determined to roll out the guarantees especially with LS polls less than a year away.

### Former defence secretary raises Rs 250 crore venture capital fund

**NEW DELHI:** From spearheading corridors of power and scripting the country's policy narrative to migrating to world of venture capital and finance, Ajay Kumar - former defence secretary - is all set to don the hat of a money-making finance professional. Kumar, who retired from the defence ministry in Oct 2022 and was previously additional secretary in the IT ministry, has company from other former defence honchos who come in as advisers, including retired Indian Air Force chief R K S Bhaduria, former Indian Navy vice chief S N Ghormade and retired electronics and mechanical engineers (EME) director-general Lt. Gen Anil Kapur.

### 6-time Cong MLA sworn in as BJP minister in Madhya Pradesh

**Vatika Times BHOPAL:** A Congress MLA was sworn in as a minister in BJP-led MP govt, that too twice in 15 minutes, here on Monday. Ram Niwas Rawat, a six-time legislator from Vijaypur, joined BJP at a public function on April 30. But he refused to formally quit Congress till BJP fulfilled its promise of making him a minister, according to sources. At Raj Bhavan on Monday, Rawat first took oath as a 'rajya mantri' (junior minister). Whether it was a slip of the tongue that he called himself "rajya ka mantri" or a procedural gaffe isn't known, but he had to take oath again, now as a cabinet minister. Cong neither gave recognition nor respect: MP MLA after joining BJP it was only after he was sworn in that Ram Niwas Rawat

wrote to MP assembly speaker Narendra Singh Tomar to say he resigned as a Congress legislator. Congress was outraged. "A report with sufficient basis and authenticity was submitted before the Speaker to terminate the membership of Congress MLA Ram Niwas Rawat (on July 5). Unfortunately, he did not perform his duty. BJP, which is notorious for killing democracy, got a Congress MLA sworn in as minister. This is a blatant insult to democracy and the Constitution," said PCC chief Jitu Patwari. Cong neither gave recognition nor respect: MP MLA after joining BJP it was only after he was sworn in that Ram Niwas Rawat

## Law students awarded internship certificates, apprised about upcoming Lok Adalat

Prayagraj: As per the orders of District Judge/Chairman District Legal Services Authority Prayagraj Santosh Rai, on Monday, on the completion of the summer internship program of various students of United College



of Law of Prayagraj district, Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, all While giving certificates to the students, they were given detailed information about the upcoming Lok Adalat dated 13.7.2024 and were informed about the benefits of Lok Adalat and told to disseminate its information to the general public. After distribution of citation, the Secretary District Legal Services Authority extended best wishes to him for his bright future. This information was provided by Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Prayagraj.

## Education powerful medium of individual, society & nation building: Pawan

Prayagraj: Honouring 96 pc successful students of Rishikul Higher Secondary School in the high school examination conducted by Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Council, by giving mementos and mark sheets, wishing them a bright future. On that occasion, as the chief guest, Councillor Pawan Srivastava said that education is a powerful medium for the upliftment of an individual, society and nation building. He encouraged all the successful students to move forward by making education the basis of their life. School manager Harikrishna Valmiki also taught the children to be cultured along with education. The manager also honored the teachers. Principal Dr. Sheela Tiwari encouraged the children to bring glory to their respected parents, school and teachers. Jagdish Prasad Kishan Anand Pradeep Kumar Pradeep Sandeep Chauhan, school teachers and other dignitaries were present on the said occasion.



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## Rtd employee Circuit House, Ramkumar Beldar given farewell by sitting on horse

Prayagraj: Today, on the retirement of retired employee of Public Works Department, Ramkumar Beldar, Junior Engineer of Circuit House, AK Singh and Shashikant Tiwari organized a farewell ceremony with the employees of Circuit House. In which Ravi Shankar Mishra, the employee leader of PWD Regular Work Charge Employees Union, while wishing the good health and longevity of Ram Kumar, demanded from the government to make permanent the employees kept under outsourcing. Junior Engineer AK Singh and Shashikant examined the efficiency of Ram Kumar. While praising all the employees, he expected that you all are a team family and if you have any problem, it will be our problem. The employees of Circuit House honored them by giving them underwear, mementos and household items. District



President of the Sangh Phoolchand Yadav and District Minister Ram Achal. Pal and Patron Amar Bahadur Singh, while demanding to give old pension to the retired employees, said that following the order of the Supreme Court, the government should issue a general order to give old pension by adding the service of daily salary and work charge. The above information. Senior employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra gave the honor. Hundreds of employees like Lalji Pal, Awadhesh, Bankelal, Gulab Chandra, Rajkumar, Baijnath, Ramabhalakh, Hiralal, Bachalal, Lal ji, Munna, Renu, Ramjas, Ram Kailash, Mehndi, Dharamraj, Surjeet etc. were present in the felicitation ceremony be present.

## BJP won all elections unopposed For post of Chairman of Municipal Corporation Zone Office Room Committee

Prayagraj: Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani and Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra In the "Room Committee" elections of Municipal Corporation (Zone Office), Bharatiya Janata Party elected all the chamber committee presidents unopposed. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that Chairman of Zone Office Room Committee of Municipal Corporation, Bharatiya Janata Party councillor Preeti Gupta, Digvijay Kushwaha, Siyaram Maurya, Ranvijay Singh Dabhu, Subedar Bharti, Anupam Tirharaj. Pandey, Vishwas Rawat, Neeraj Tandon were elected unopposed. Among those who congratulated were Kunj Bihari Kesarwani, Vivek Singh, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Mishra, Devesh Aggarwal, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Raghavendra Singh, Sachin Jaiswal, Subhash Vaishya, Prashant Shukla, Anand Jaiswal, Rakesh Bharti, etc., all the workers of Bharatiya Janata Party.

# Voter felicitation ceremony of City South Assembly held

Prayagraj: Voter felicitation ceremony of Bharatiya Janata Party City South Assembly was organized in the auditorium of Thakur Harnarayan Singh Group of College, Kareila Bagh. On this occasion, the chief guest of the program, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that Bharatiya Janata Party is a party that follows the ideology of Indian culture and said that BJP has become the largest political party in the world today on the strength of struggles and said that after the independence of the country, Congress only kept spreading lies among the public regarding the independence of India and said that the workers of BJP only love Bharat Mata. Works for Ki Jai and said that our ancestors dedicated their en-

tire lives for the culture of India. We have to take our political stream to fulfill their ideas. He said that Congress is spreading lies in the Lok Sabha elections. They have done the work of deceiving the public, hence we have to take their lies to the public and for the insult that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has given to Hindus by calling Hindus violent, we have to defeat them in the upcoming assembly elections. Now we have to fight for that.

On this occasion, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that we have to increase the influence of Bharatiya Janata Party and in the Lok Sabha elections, people of Congress and Samajwadi Party spread false propaganda in the name of 'Khatkhat' and



said that we have to overcome our shortcomings and the party On the strength of the hard work of the workers, we have won the Southern Assembly. There has been corruption, terrorism, Naxalism and hooliganism in the Congress govern-

ment and today the country is getting all round development in the Modi government and today Under the rule of Modi and Yogi, Uttar Pradesh is becoming free from hooliganism, riot rule and corruption and said that the workers

should gear up for the upcoming assembly elections and before this the former Deputy Mayor should take the central and state government schemes to the people. Murari Lal Aggarwal, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Dnyaneshwar

Shukla, District Management Rajesh Kesarwani, Giri Shankar Prabhakar, Raju Pathak, Girjesh Mishra, Rajan Shukla expressed their gratitude towards the workers and voters. Pramod Modi conducted the discussion and thanked District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani did. On this occasion Vivek Mishra, Rakesh Bharti, Rohit Jaiswal, Ran Vijay Singh, Raghavendra Mishra, Dilip Kesarwani, Abhishek Thakur, Sumit Vaish, Kishori Lal, Manjusha Singh Meenu Pandey, Madhumita Das, Dinesh Vishwakarma, Gyan Babu, Manoj Mishra, Prashant Shukla, Voters from the area like Ajay Agrahari, Pawan Mishra, Deep Dwivedi, Ghanshyam Maurya, Councilor Mukesh Kasera, etc. were present.

## Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yagya commences with Mangal Kalash Yatra

Prayagraj: On the first day of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organized by Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust and Kshatriya Sonar Youth Committee and Women's Society at Prayagshwar Nath Lord Jagannath Ji's Dham located in Kashiraj Nagar. While providing the story to the devotees on the occasion, Puja Shri Vinay Priya Tripathi Madhukar Ji Maharaj of Vrindavan said that Maharishi Vedyas Muni has described the composition of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta from the Leelas of Lord Shri Krishna, which in itself is the form of Sachchidananda and Lord Shri Krishna. And said that Bhagwat Katha should always be



heard carefully so that man can make his life as well as his death successful and further said that Bhagwat Katha ends the ghostly pain and provides the path of salvation to man and Maharaj ji explained the arrival of Shukdev, the character of King Parikshit.

Before this, Mangal Kalash Yatra was taken out which started from Swarnakar Dharamshala Kalyani Devi, passed through Dr. Pandey Square, Balua Ghat, Katghar and came to Kashi Rajnagar and took rest, after which Shrimad Bhagwat puja and katha was started. The main host of the katha was Kshatriya Sonar Yuvak Samiti. President Rohit Verma and his wife Gulab Verma and Purushottam Lal Kesharwani were present on this occasion, former councillor Umesh Chandra Jaiswal, Shashikant Jaiswal Pappu, coordinator Basant Lal Azad, Durga Prasad Gupta, Jai Ram Gupta, Jai Ram Gupta, Amar Rastogi, Indresh Nath Verma, Shivam Soni, Mrs. Kranti Johri, Rachna Verma Asha Soni. Aarti was conducted by Rajesh Kesarwani on this occasion Arun Sahu, Sunil Arora Happy Kasera, Pawan Gupta, Ramlal Garg, Arun Sahu, Ajay Agrahari, Abhilash Kesarwani, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Parmeshwar Kesharwani, etc.

## Maulana Aamir Rizvi addressed Majlis, recalled supreme sacrifice

Prayagraj: Even after fourteen hundred years have passed since the great martyrdom of Nawasa e Rasool Hazrat Imam Hussain and other 71 martyrs on the first of Mahe Moharram, today that Zinda O Javed is being remembered who performed Haj for the sake of the dignity and salvation of his grandfather's religion. After returning from Umrah, after protecting the holy place like Kaaba from bloodshed, he moved towards Karbala and sacrificed his entire family and friends in the name of righteousness. Maulana Aamir Rizvi addressed the Majlis at Bakshi Bazaar Imambara Nazir Hussain, commemorating the memory of the same great sacrifice. While making the title he mentioned martyrdom. In a series of majlis, Aabr Hussain, Zawwar Hussain, Khurshid Saheb Ka Hatha, Matloob Hussain, various Zakirs addressed the majlis at Tahira

House and Maulana Razi Haider Rizvi presided over the first majlis of the ten-day Ashray at Imambara Deputy Zahid Hussain, located on Chak Zero Road. Did the title. Zakir-e-

Daryabad, Roshanbagh and other localities.

The first annual Majlis of Moharram was held in Daryaabad Azakhana Syed Farhat Ali in which Reyaz Mirza and Shuja Mirza read



Ahlebeit Raza Abbas Zaidi presided over the Majlis of Imambara Syed Mian Ghanta Ghar and Raza Ismail Safvi read the Marsiya. The Majlis started in the morning from Bakshi Bazaar, Chhoti Chak, Gudmandi, Imambara Wazir Jan, Mirganj, Ghanta Ghar, Sabzi Mandi. It continued till late night in Pathargali, Rani Mandi, Karaili, Karailabagh, Shahganj,

Nauha written by Dr. Qamar Abdi and Amirur Rizvi. While Shaheer Ralvi presided over the first majlis of Mahe Muharram held at the Azakhana of Daryaabad councillor Fasahat Hussain, Haider Zaidi Bittu read the marsiya. Faraz Babar Zaeher and Alamdar Daryabadi performed the pesakhwani. Najeeb Allahabadi conducted the proceedings and Anjuman Hussainiya Qadim. Nauhakwan Shah Bahadur and other Nauhakwans read Purdard Nauha. After the Majlis, Mannati Duldul was also taken out on which Aqids offered flowers of Aqid and asked for vows and wishes. In various Majlis across the city, Tahir Malik, Hasan Naqvi, Shauzaf Malik, Akbar Ali Mohammad Ahmed Guddu, Nayyar Abdi, Zulqarnain Abdi, Ahsan Bhai, Zafar Raza, Syed Mohammad Askari, Almas Hasan, Zamin Hasan, Arshad Naqvi, Safi Naqvi etc. were included.

## Indian traders can boost meat export to Egypt: Ambassador Egypt

Lucknow: Indian meat exporters have a significant opportunity to increase their share in overall meat export to Egypt, even to 100% from current 75-80%, the ambassador of Egypt to India said today at a function held in New Delhi. "My understanding is that Indian meat in Egypt is approximately now between 75 and 80%. We do hope that you will want to increase the meat trade to 85%, to 90%, 100%, but if you are willing to go to 100% Egypt will extend all support," said his excellency, Mr. Weal Mohamed

Awad Hamed. "When the Honorable Prime Minister was in Egypt in June 2023, one of the issues that both countries have agreed to cooperate on is in the field of food security. 99% of the Egypt population are non-vegetarian and therefore meat is an important part of food security. ISEG Halal Egypt the only authorised entity who certifies Halal products to Egypt will be opening their new office under the name of Halal Market in India to help Indian exporters," his excellency added.

## ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option

Prayagraj: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress. As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the

family continue with the savings plan. Ideally the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient for the family to continue with their lives.

ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount.

Another valuable add-

on benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney failure, leukemia, parkinson, etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment.

Checking the claim

settlement ratio and the average claim settlement time are two important points which individuals should consider before buying a term insurance plan. In FY2024, ICICI Prudential Life had a claim settlement ratio (non-investigated) of 99.17% and the average settlement time of just 1.27 days. Fulfilling the responsibility towards the family is making a commitment to secure and safeguard their future. Many financial experts agree that term insurance is the foundation of responsible financial planning.

## UP State Vocational Training Council becomes "Awarding and Assessing Body"

Prayagraj: The Yogi government, which is striving to improve the quality of vocational education and training, has taken another important step in this direction. Under this, an important MoU has been signed between Uttar Pradesh State Council of Vocational Training (SCVT) and National Council of Vocational Education and Training. Under this agreement, SCVT has now become a certified "Awarding and Assessing Body", which will set a milestone in the field of vocational education, skill development and entrepreneurship. State Minister of State for Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) Kapil Dev Aggarwal said that the main objective of this agreement is to improve the

quality of vocational education and training in the state. Along with this, the aim is to help in providing new and high level employment opportunities to the youth of Uttar Pradesh. Under this effort, SCVT will now be able to provide timely recognized certificates to the trainees undergoing training.

An organization is defined as an awarding body if it offers or offers certification to trainees for recognized qualifications and ensures quality training and reliable assessment. Also, as an expert in the field, she can formally certify the quality of learning providers, centers and courses, as well as the knowledge and skills of the learners who study them.

## Golazo FC beat FC Thyristor 5-3 to reach Finals

### AIFF CLUB FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Prayagraj: After a closely fought first half, Golazo outshined Thyristor in the second period to register a 5-3 win and join Corbett in the final. Joshua Vaz's side made a lightning-quick start, taking the lead less than 10 seconds after kick-off as Stephen Satark slipped the ball between goalkeeper Jonathan Vanlalrinnunga. But that was soon cancelled out as Thyristor got a gift of an equaliser. K Roluahpuia intercepted Sachin Patil's pass right in front of the goalmouth and lashed it home.

Golazo then got a penalty in the 19th minute and although Vanlalrinnunga saved Sachin's effort, he could do nothing about Sutar on the rebound as he made it 3-2. The first 10 minutes of the second half remained a close affair, with end-to-end action but no output. Finally, with some individual brilliance from Clinton, Golazo extended their lead in the 31st minute. The 26-year-old dribbled past Peter Lalrinlhua before skilfully finishing past Vanlalrinnunga. That would be game over as Thyristor ran out of steam, while Golazo didn't let their foot off the gas. Sachin made it 5-2 in the next minute, sweeping home a Sutar cutback. When Lalawmpuia finished off a well-constructed team move from Thyristor to make it 5-3, it gave the Mizoram side a glimmer of hope with four minutes to go, but in the end, it proved too little too late as Golazo hung on for the victory and a place in the final. Golazo FC Team Officials - Head Coach - Joshua Vaj, Asst. Coach - Nikhil Mali, Goalkeeping Coach - Indranil Ghosh and Manager - Ruturaj Salunke.



## Review meet of District Education and Monitoring Committee held under CDO

Prayagraj: Under the chairmanship of Chief Development Officer Gaurav Kumar, the review meeting of District Vikas Bhawan was held on Monday in the auditorium of Vikas Bhawan. A review meeting of Level Task Force, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Nipun Bharat Mission, District Education and Monitoring Committee was organized. In the meeting, agenda points like Operation Kayakalp, construction work, Nipun Bharat Mission, progress in construction of Kasturba Gandhi Girls School and task force, U-DISE, digital attendance, mid-day meal, DBT, new enrollment and integrated education etc. were reviewed in detail. While reviewing Operation Kayakalp in the meeting, the Chief Development Officer said that in the development blocks where the progress of Operation Kayakalp is less than 93 percent, the concerned Block Education Officer should inspect those schools and speed up the work and get the work completed as soon as possible. He has instructed the present Block Education Officers to get the works

being done under Operation Kayakalp checked by a third party and keep the entries of saturated, under construction, incomplete

any difference is found in it, then that entry should be made correctly. It has been directed to keep updated by providing feed

Chief Development Officer has asked all the Block Education Officers to conduct physical inspection of the offices and schools re-

progress of Nipun Bharat, he has instructed the concerned Block Education Officers of the low percentage blocks to bring progress in the work. The Chief Development Officer has informed the District Basic Education Officer about the attendance of primary school teachers digitally on the Prerna App. It has been asked to ensure that it is done through. He said that this should be strictly followed. He has asked to increase the attendance of students by identifying those schools where the attendance of students is less.

He has directed the Block Education Officers of those blocks where the work of data verification of children for DBT is incomplete, to verify the data of children's Aadhaar number, account number, IFSC code etc. within 15 days. Taking information about new enrollments in schools from the District Basic Education Officer, he has asked all concerned officials to get as many children enrolled as possible under the School Chalo campaign. Concerned officials were present on this occasion.



and completed updated. He has asked to spend the composite grant only on the items earmarked for the school. He advised all the Block Education Officers to keep the master copy/Google sheet of the works done during the physical inspection of the schools and to match the work done there with the master copy/Google sheet and if

from. He has directed all the Block Education Officers to complete the remaining works of Operation Kayakalp within 15 days and provide them with completion certificates. The Chief Development Officer has directed to get class-wise painting done in all the schools using the PPT provided by him.

In the meeting, the

lated to the Basic Education Department and collect information about any dilapidated building in the campus and make it available within a week. Taking information about the progress of block wise ACR and construction of toilets under PM Shri, he directed to complete the incomplete works within a week. While reviewing the block-wise

## Fire Safety Training for Kumbh Mela-2025

Held in Loco Pilot Class-room of Vidyut Lobby



Prayagraj: In the Loco Pilot Class-room of Vidyut Lobby, Prayagraj, Safety training and fire fighting was organized in which 40 employees from various departments of Railways participated. After safety training, all the employees were also given fire fighting training. The following topics related to safety training were discussed. (1) What is fire and how many types are there and what is the reason for it to occur? (2) Fire is a chemical reaction which arises due to the combination of oxygen, heat and fuel and the continuous reaction taking place in it. To extinguish the fire, one of the supplies is cut off, due to which the fire gets extinguished. Like oxygen Stopping the fire is

called Smothering Method, extinguishing the fire by removing or reducing the fuel is called Starvation Method, similarly we extinguish the fire by pouring water on it, it is called Cooling Method. (3) To use different fire extinguishers to extinguish types of fires like solid, gas, liquid, metallic substances and electrical fires. (4) How many types of fire extinguishers are there and how are they used? (5) In case of fire in the station premises while on duty, one should immediately reach the site, do rescue work and extinguish the fire as per R-3 Base (1) Response (2) Rescue and (3) Relief. (6) Our aim in Railways should be Safety (self-protection), Safety (protection of railway passengers),

Punctuality and Zero Loss. \*During the Fire and Safety Training for Mela 2025, Safety Consultant Chandrika Prasad and Safety Consultant Sunil Chauhan explained the above topics in detail through safety classes, quizzes and fire fighting using different types of fire extinguishers was also conducted. During fire and safety training, Chief Loco Inspector - Uday Kishore, Senior Crew Controller S.K. Sharma, Station-Superintendent Dilip Thakur, Traffic Inspector Santosh Kumar Tripathi, Harishchand Yadav, SSE/ Loco S.K. Singh., Raza Haider, Shubham Jaiswal and Guard Counselor Prayagraj were also present.

## Schools run for disabled people should be inspected regularly: Narendra Kashyap

Prayagraj/Lucknow: State Minister of State for Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Independent Charge) Narendra Kashyap held a departmental review meeting in his office in the Assembly on Monday. In this meeting, he directed that the process of providing scholarships to

case of vacancies for which posting is to be done through other departments, posting should be ensured by correspondence. He said that the Chief Minister has given instructions to fill the vacant posts in the departments in a time bound manner and no negligence or laxity will be tolerated in this process. The Minister also

employment by the youth receiving computer training, so that the effectiveness of the scheme can be evaluated. The Minister for Divyangjan reviewed in detail the various schemes run for Divyangjan. He gave instructions to widely publicize the schemes for disabled pension, leprosy pension, marriage promotion, shop construction, distribution of artificial limbs and assistive devices, so that more and more eligible disabled people can avail the benefits of these schemes. He also directed that the schools run for the disabled should be inspected regularly. Skill training should be provided to the disabled people to make them skilled, so that they can get better opportunities for employment and self-employment. Along with this, employment fairs should be organized for the disabled. State funds should be used for organizing special fairs.

directed that computer training should be conducted for the youth of backward classes. High quality institutions should be selected for this, so that the quality of training improves and the youth can get better opportunities for employment and self-employment. Apart from this, he directed to prepare data on self-employment or em-



backward class students should be ensured in a time bound manner. Also, instructions were given to provide the benefits of the scheme to the beneficiaries by disposing of the applications under the Marriage Grant Scheme on priority basis. The Minister directed to take immediate necessary action to fill the vacant posts of the departments. In

## Saint Joseph's College honours talented pupils

Prayagraj: A prize distribution ceremony was organized at St. Joseph's College to honour the talented students. The program was conducted by teacher Evelyn French, who amidst thunderous applause welcomed the chief guest of today's program, Rev. Father Vipin D'Souza, Principal Rev. Fr. Walter D'silva, Headmaster Rev. Father Melvin Pace. The program was started by reading and prayer of Lord's Word by Esther Bhatti. After which a prayer song was sung by the Junior Choir. The chief guest of the program, Father Vipin D'Souza, the director of Nazareth Hospital and former headmaster of St. Joseph's College. He released an album named "Swar Tarang" which is a collection of Christian songs, which was welcomed by newly appointed Principal with a bouquet of flowers.

After this, the Chief Guest Rev. Father D'Souza, Principal Rev. Fr. Walter D'silva and Headmaster Father Merwin Pace were invited on the stage who awarded the students of class L.K.G and class U.K.G for their academic performance and 100 percent at-

tendance. 15 children from LKG and 6 children from UKG got first position. Thereafter the college anthem was presented. After this the students of classes 1-3 were honored for their academic performance and

tendance in which Gaurang Singh from class 4-G, Chirag Tandon from class 4-E and Atharva Luthra from class 5-F stood first.

This was followed by a very melodious instrumental performance by the chil-

Purnima Madan, Raju Solomon, Kumari Shabbo, Kumari Shalina Valentine, Kumari Stuti Sharma, Kumari Preeti Kushwaha and Kumari Uzma Naseem. After this, the Manas Memorial Award was given to

highest marks in Class 5. Subsequently, the Amyrin Shanti Singh Memorial Award was given to Abhigyan, a student of Class 5-B, for securing the highest marks in the subject English.

After this the Chief Guest addressed everyone and congratulated the students for their excellent performance. He said that this award is the result of his hard work and perseverance. He also appreciated the efforts of the parents. He advised the children to remain confident, take advantage of every opportunity and work tirelessly. He said that complete attendance and time management are the main steps of success. He greatly praised the loyalty and dedication of all the teachers who had 100% attendance towards the school and thanked the newly elected Principal Rev. Fr. Walter D'silva and Headmaster Rev. Father Melvin Pace for inviting them to this program. He concluded his speech by saying that "Success is not the key to happiness, but happiness is the key to success." After this the Principal presented a memento to the Chief Guest Rev. Father Vipin D'Souza.



100% attendance. Among these students, Yash Bajpai from class 1-H, Aarav from class 2-F, Mohd. Wali Adil from class 3-C got the first position. After this, the children of the junior section of the school presented a dance which enthralled the audience. After this, students of class 4 and 5 were honored for their academic performance and 100% at-

dren of the junior class, under the successful leadership of R. Solomon. Thereafter, the teachers were honored with the Late Leon Dukes Award for their hard work, dedication, time management and 100% attendance in school. Whose names are as follows - Kumari A. Collis, Elisha Masih, Kumari Gloria Back, Kumari Priyanka Michael,

Atharva Luthra, who got the highest marks in class 5, by Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh and his wife Sangeeta Singh, who is currently working as an English teacher in Junior High School, Adampur. This award consisted of a trophy, citation and a fixed deposit of Rs 10,000. This award is given annually to the student securing the

## SARFAESI actions by bank against dead person, DRT directs to maintain status quo RESTRAINS BANK FROM TAKING PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF PROPERTY

Prayagraj: R.M. Kushawaha Presiding Officer DRT directed to maintain status quo till finalization of the S.A. Allahabad Ld. Counsel Arif Iqbal presented arguments on behalf of the S. Applicants. Shubham Agrawal BH of Ld. Counsel Ankit Prakash is present on behalf of the respondent bank. It is submitted by Ld. Counsel for the S. Applicants that in pursuance of the Notice dated 25.06.2024 issued by the Authorized Officer, the respondent financial institution/civil authority is going to take physical possession of the property in question on 10.07.2024.

Heard on Interim Relief Ld. Counsel for the S. Applicants submitted that Sri Haji Anwar, proprietor of M/

s New Pakiza Hosiery was expired on 30.01.2022 and respondent bank has issued the demand notice on 23.11.2022. Thereafter, the respondent bank has issued symbolic possession notice on 04.08.2023 which is after the death of Haji Anwar. Further submitted that the name of Haji Anwar is reflecting in the demand notice as well as symbolic possession notice. Further submitted that on the basis of the demand notice and symbolic possession notice, the respondent bank has obtained the order from the ADM (F&R), Agra on 15.03.2024 in which the name of Haji Anwar is also mentioned and on the basis of the order of the ADM dated 15.03.2024, the re-

spondent bank/civil authority is going to take physical possession of the property on 10.07.2024 by issuing the notice dated 25.06.2024 issued by the Authorized Officer. Request is made that



since the entire SARFAESI actions initiated by the respondent bank against the dead person, therefore, respondent bank/civil authority may be restrained from taking physical possession of the property in question on 10.07.2024.

Ld. Counsel for the respondent bank submitted that S. Applicants have never informed the respondent bank with regard to death of Haji Anwar, proprietor of M/s New Pakiza Hosiery. Further submitted that demand notice and symbolic possession notice were already served to the legal heir(s) of Haji Anwar. Further submitted that after filing of this S.A., the S. Applicants came to the bank and settled the matter but did not pay the installment as per settlement. Further submitted that every SARFAESI actions initiated by the respondent bank are in accordance with the provisions as contained in SARFAESI Act and Rules, therefore, respondent bank/

civil authority may not be restrained from taking physical possession of the property in question on 10.07.2024.

On perusal of the death certificate issued by the Government of U.P. dated 15.03.2022, the name of Haji Anwar is mentioned and the date of death is mentioned as 30.01.2022. Further, on perusal of the demand notice dated 23.11.2022, the name of Haji Anwar is reflecting in the demand notice and in symbolic possession notice also, meaning thereby, the notices were issued against the dead person and on the basis of the demand notice and symbolic possession notice, the respondent bank has obtained order from the ADM

on 15.03.2024 in which the name of Haji Anwar was also mentioned. Further, on the basis of the order of the ADM, the Authorized Officer has issued the Notice on 25.06.2024 for taking physical possession of the property on 10.07.2024 and in the Notice issued by the Authorized Officer on 25.06.2024, the name of Haji Anwar is also mentioned.

Since, entire SARFAESI actions initiated by the respondent bank are against the dead person, therefore, respondent bank/civil authority, is hereby, directed to maintain status quo till finalization of the S.A. Case is adjourned. List the matter on the date already fixed i.e. 27.08.2024 for further proceedings.

## Afsar Mahmood felicitated on re-appointment as AIMIM city prez

Prayagraj: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen AIMIM Metropolitan Welcome Ceremony was organized under the leadership of the newly appointed Metropolitan President Afsar Mahmood at the residence of Reyazul Haq Choudhary in Atala in which city, district and state officials participated.

Metropolitan President Afsar Mahmood was once again welcomed in the city. All the officials assured that a strong position will be provided to the party and the organization will be strengthened. In the end, the newly appointed Metropolitan President was congratulated by garlanding him. Mainly present in the function were Mujibur Rahman, Jamil Khan, Arshad Ali, Iftekhar Ahmed Mander, Shaikat Ali, Riyaz Ul Haq Chaudhary, Chaudhary Ibrahim, Tariq Nadeem, Shahzad Khan, Ayaz Ahmed etc. were present.



## Editorial

### Climate Policy Initiative

It was only in 2022 that developed countries provided and mobilised \$115.9 billion in climate finance for developing countries. By the end of COP29, all parties must agree on a "new collective quantified goal" (NCQG) to guide the provision of climate finance, intended to replace the \$100 billion target after 2025. Progress on negotiating the NCQG has been slow. Disagreements persist on almost every aspect of the new target, including the amount of money to be provided, the sources of these funds, the recipients, and the specific forms of financial assistance. Current climate finance is grossly inadequate for the scale of action required. The \$100 billion target for climate finance is laughably insufficient. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2021 estimates that the costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries could reach \$140-300 billion per year by 2030, escalating to \$280-500 billion per year by 2050. Furthermore, the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 report highlights that global climate finance flows reached a record \$632 billion in 2019/2020. Despite this record, the funding falls significantly short of the \$4.13 trillion annual investment required by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement targets, as estimated by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its Net Zero by 2050 report. Now even these estimates are seen as low. As highlighted by the Independent High-Level

Expert Group on Climate Finance in their November 2022 report, emerging markets and developing countries (excluding China) are staring at a financial chasm. These nations must mobilise approximately \$1 trillion annually by 2025, amounting to 4.1 per cent of their GDP—double the 2.2 per cent spent in 2019. Fast forward to 2030, and the figure balloons to a staggering \$2.4 trillion per year, or 6.5 per cent of GDP. This glaring disparity underscores the urgent need to recalibrate climate finance targets.

if we are to meet the colossal demands of climate adaptation and mitigation. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's AR6 Synthesis Report on Climate Change 2023, the 2018 UNFCCC biennial assessments and the IPCC 1.5°C report estimated that global financial needs for achieving a 2°C warming target are \$1.7 trillion annually from 2020 to 2030-2035, and \$2.4 trillion annually for the 1.5°C target, specifically for the energy sector. The report concludes that global climate finance flows must increase by three to six times the current levels to meet the average annual financial requirements until 2030. This cannot happen in the absence of reforms in multilateral development banks (MDBs). A high-level expert group established by the G20 under India's presidency has proposed a 30-point roadmap to reform multilateral development banks (MDBs) and triple their lending by 2030. The Independent Expert Group, led by former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and India's 15th Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh, emphasized urgent action to scale MDBs to be "fit for purpose" by 2030. Their report, 'The Triple Agenda: A Roadmap for Bigger, Bolder and Better MDBs', advocates for tripling MDBs' sustainable lending limits, introducing new financial instruments like pooled portfolio guarantees.



# Fractional orbital bombardment system

**Hypersonic** weapons can be launched from airborne aircraft, ships at sea, and land-based mobile launchers. Long-range air-launched hypersonic missiles with scramjet engines could also be launched by the enemy's bombers from under the cover of air defences in their own airspace. Such weapons could be deployed as part of a fractional orbital bombardment system. The variety of launch options means hypersonic weapons might not create an IR signature intense enough to be detected. Today, most of China's and Russia's deployed long-range missiles can carry one or more weapons that can manoeuvre in space, in the atmosphere, or both. Both China and Russia now consider US space-based assets as high-value targets that can be threatened to coerce the United States in a crisis or attacked to achieve space superiority in a conflict. They have developed kinetic ASATs and other space weapons to hold these "difficult to defend, easy to attack".

Long-range ballistic missiles typically have flight trajectories that take them over 300 km into space before they re-enter the atmosphere.



The highly predictable flight paths and high altitudes of non-maneuvring ballistic missiles make them much easier to detect and track. In contrast, hypersonic missiles can fly as little as 30 to 50 km above the Earth's surface or even lower, which means that, because of the curvature of the earth, they may be below areas that are effectively covered by today's radar warning architecture.

Our northern neighbour China has developed and deployed what it refers to as a "multi-layered attack architecture" with weapons systems that span the counterspace threat continuum. Used in combination, these weapons can degrade, deny, or destroy adversarial space systems in all orbital regimes. As a spacefaring nation, India must develop a whole-some space warfighting

doctrine and an inter-service space force that would allow it a ready response mechanism to space threats and also support ground, maritime, and air operations. The mandate for the space force should be to: Develop SDA (Space Domain Awareness) to determine, mitigate, and respond to threats from and within space. Build sufficient resilient and military-grade capability, including the Line of Defence, for communications, ISR, and PNT to support and execute space-based integrated military operations. Specifications and capacities must be spelled out unambiguously to the industry with at least a 5-year lead time. Develop and deploy cross functional technologies (Information Communication Technology, and cyber) to optimise the EM spec-

trum in space warfare. Maintain a high degree of operational readiness and generate meshed intelligence to enhance warning periods.

Build secure international space collaboration for enhanced regional and global space cover and to respond to surge requirements during external exigencies.

Train and equip a sufficient and dedicated skilled space force that would support higher leadership, military theatres, and tactical battle areas during war, and participate in R&D, collaborative manufacturing, and cross-training activities during peacetime. Own, lease, and maintain sufficient space assets and infrastructure that are necessary to discharge its functions.

Undertake incremental space and technological development activities that enable achieving space dominance and space superiority.

While building a space cadre, it must be ensured that personnel selected are on permanent secondment to the force and/or are drawn from space and scientific institutions. Building any non-permanent enlisted force would be counterproductive. In the last five years, outer space has emerged

as a source of concern, primarily the threat from long-range ballistic and hypersonic missiles. Many Direct Ascent Anti-Satellites (ASAT) experimental missile strikes have been tested, including by India (mission Shakti). Counter-missions are being developed for both offensive and defensive forms of space warfare. Even though the Outer Space Treaty debars nations from weaponising space, the writing on the wall makes it clear that a threat from space is lurking. All the major powers, such as the US, Russia, China, India, France, the European Union, and Japan, are building space military organisations. The US Space Force organises, trains, and equips personnel in order to protect US and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint forces. The US Space Force, headquartered at the Pentagon, employs 8,600 military personnel and 77 spacecraft. The Russian space forces are mandated to inform the higher political leaders and military commanders of missile attacks as soon as possible, ballistic missile defence, and the creation, deployment, maintenance.

### Women in Indian Politics

**India's progress vis-à-vis women's representation in leadership positions** has remained rather slow and rarely linear, often pushing them to the margins of politics. Image: UN Women/Ruhani Kaur. India recently concluded its 2024 general elections, which took place in seven phases—from April 19 to June 1—to elect all 543 members of the Lok Sabha (lower house). While the results have taken many by surprise, what has been even more astonishing is the fact that for a country that has rigorously been trying to establish a more progressive front on women's rights and gender equality over the past few years, the new Indian parliament has failed to showcase a notable

uptick in the representation of women after the latest elections. Making just 13.63 per cent of the elected strength, the 18th Lok Sabha will comprise only 74 women compared to 469 men. This share is not only abysmally skewed but also lower than the 14.4 per cent share of female representation during the 2019 election, where 78 women were elected as MPs. The irony here is that just last year, India—during its G20 presidency—brought about a paradigm shift in gender-based policymaking by challenging the status quo and with the innovative idea of women-led development in order to ensure women's inclusion and representation at all levels of decision-making. Even at the domestic level,

India—after many deliberations—finally passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill in 2023, which seeks to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women. While it is true that the bill has not yet come into effect, the journey from 13.63 per cent to 33 per cent (for the next elections) still seems rather long, especially given that, despite being the central agents of the 2024 elections and forming an important core of party manifestos as well as campaign speeches, only a handful of them were able to achieve the final victory.

It is, however, important to note here that the gender gap in elected representatives—in a lot of ways—begins with

### India took centre stage during the summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th G7 summit on June 14, 2024, in the city of Fasano in Apulia, Italy. The region of Apulia, throughout its history, has been inhabited by Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, and Spanish. The region has also served as a bridge between the West and the East, thanks to its geography. Apulia's rich history as a cultural crossroads underscores the significance of this year's G7 summit, which brings together diverse global leaders. In this summit, along with the G7 countries, the other invitees were India, Brazil, the UAE, Argentina, and others, making the location and the purpose of the summit significant. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Two years ago, India was invited to the 48th G7 summit in 2022, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The primary narrative at that time was to punish India for keeping the ties intact with Moscow. The Western 'experts', who are habituated to see things in binary, refused to believe that India can have ties with the G7 without harming

relations with Russia. As per the Financial Times, the reason behind the invitation to India at the summit was "to woo New Delhi away from its longstanding alliance with Russia". Two years down the line, India's relations are not majorly harmed, neither with Russia nor with the G7 countries! Freshly re-elected, PM Modi's attendance at the G7 summit signals a robust continuation of his administration's foreign policy initiatives, particularly his advocacy for the Global South. In 2023, New Delhi organised the two Voice of Global South Summits, first in January and next in November, to understand the concerns of the developing countries. The words and advocacy of Modi in Apulia should be taken as a continuation of this. Modi exploited the opportunities provided to put forward these concerns. "India has considered it its responsibility to place the priorities and concerns of the countries of the Global South on the world stage," he said. At the same time, while putting forward his vision of a developed India in 2027, he emphasised that "no section of society should be left behind in the country's development journey," followed by

applying this "in the context of international relations. The countries of the Global South are bearing the brunt of global uncertainties and tensions". Then, Modi put forward the concern of ending monopolies in technology, one of the points of action at the end of the second Voice of the Global South Summit. On the sidelines of the G7 meeting, PM Modi also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. However, Modi skipped the Ukraine Peace Summit, organised just after the G7 meeting, by sending a secretary-level delegation. The Indian delegation visited the summit but didn't sign the Joint Communiqué. This reflects a nuanced stance on the conflict, aligning with the broader Global South's cautious approach. India's significant presence at the G7 summit.

coupled with PM Modi's diplomacy, marks a pivotal moment in its global engagement. By advocating for the Global South in the G7, India continued efforts to emerge as a leader of developing nations in a China-fearing world. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Image: Narendra Modi/X.

### Promise made for assistance in the space sector

Since during Kim Jong Un's September 2023 visit to Russia, there was a promise made for assistance in the space sector, there is a possibility that for the November 2023 launch, some Russian assistance was there. Unfortunately for North Korea, its recent launch (on May 27, 2024) to put up a military reconnaissance satellite (Malligyong-1-1) ended in failure. For a nuclear weapon state like North Korea, it is a necessity to have a mechanism for gathering real-time intelligence. Hence, it has interests in spy satellites. It is keen to establish a space-based architec-

ture that offers intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities. For this purpose, it wants to have increasing assistance from Russia in the space domain. The potency of North Korea's nuclear deterrence structure would depend not only on the number of nuclear weapons in its kitty but also on various factors, like having capable missile systems to deliver the weapons correctly to the target. At the same time, it needs to guard its state from any attack by its adversaries. Hence, space-based ISR systems are important both for defence and offence purposes.

There are reports indicating that North Korea has developed several types of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for ISR purposes. However, there are limitations in regards to the types of sensors in use. Also, endurance and communications restraints limit its utility. North Korea is keen to expand its space program. It understands that there is a 'global' watch on its space and missile programs. The South Korean and US investigators have analysed the recently failed (2023) two launches by North Korea. In its estimation carried out by analysing the recovered

parts from these launches (fallen in the ocean), the North Korea payloads had 'no military use'. This indicates that North Korea needs to improve on sensor technologies, satellite design and development capabilities, and rocket launch capabilities. Today, various activities undertaken by North Korea are being continuously monitored by the US with the assistance of Japan and South Korea. The US has the Combat Sent and the Cobra Ball systems for gathering electronic intelligence. It is known to carry out 'air espionage' of the area from which North Korea.

## Delhi car buyers left in the dark as EV policy expires



**Delhi:** Since the EV scheme expired last year, Delhi car purchasers have been without the incentive for six months. The policy, which gives EV buyers financial advantages, expired on December 31, 2023, and was supposed to be extended in January. Transport minister Kailash Gahlot said bureaucratic hurdles prevented the extension, depriving the public of subsidized benefits for six months. "This should be expedited so that the people can benefit and Delhi can continue to be the No. 1 state in terms of EV penetration," Gahlot added. The state cabinet approved the

executive order for the policy extension, but the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections prevented its implementation, a transport department official said. "We have now sent the extension

proposal again for approval," the person said, expecting approval in a week. The bank managing the EV subsidy website had difficulty, the spokesman said. "The portal hadn't

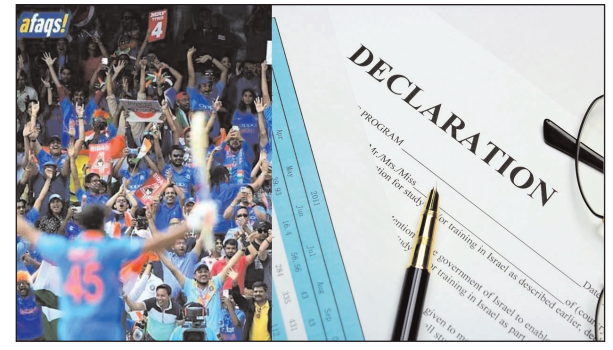
used the vehicle number as a unique ID number, which may have led to discrepancies," stated. "The bank caused the delay. But now the portal is fixed." Electric two-wheelers receive a Rs. 5,000 subsidy per kWh of

battery capacity (maximum Rs. 30,000) under the EV program. A Rs. 30,000 subsidy is given to three-wheelers regardless of cost or battery capacity. The four-wheeler incentive was just for the first 1,000 EVs registered in Delhi under that plan, thus it no longer applies. After the present policy expired in August, the administration sought to create EV Policy 2.0 in October.

It even consulted stakeholders, but that failed, extending the previous policy again. After CNG from petrol and diesel, EVs are the biggest change in capital automobile use.

## Self-declaration for ads: Rules are unclear

**Delhi:** Concerns about advertising self-declarations will persist. The Supreme Court ordered advertisers to attest that their advertising does not make false claims last month. What this means is understandably feared. The marketing head of an FMCG firm thinks self-declaration follows multiple food and beverage advertising issues. "A lot of brands had to deal with the regulators and it is possible that self-declaration is a result of that." How it will unfold is uncertain. "The government has not publicly policed or penalized erroneous declarations. Uploading is good, however the backend needed to verify submissions should have been implemented first. Who assesses claim merit" He asks. According to ASCI Secretary General Manisha Kapoor, mis-



leading assertions in advertising are complex. Technical accuracy is important, but so is knowing how an ordinary consumer could view the commercial given its clues and context. ASCI's impartial jury debates and recommends each ad "she says. Advertisers generally assume their advertising is not misleading, she says. They may leave some remarks and depictions to artistic freedom. Creative freedom is their right and what makes advertising attractive, yet it can become deceptive "said.

## Centre will lend Rs 75,000 cr interest-free under Viksit Bharat

**Delhi:** The Union government will lend Rs 75,000 crore interest-free for 50 years to States to implement 'Viksit Bharat' reforms. The government wants to build India by 2047. Finance Minister proposed this in her Lok Sabha Budget address. To achieve 'Viksit Bharat', states require more economic and development-enabling reforms.

## Ensure Sirsa-like victory for Congress in entire Haryana : Kumari Selja

**Chandigarh/Karnal:** All India Congress Committee General Secretary, former Union Minister and newly elected MP from Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, Kumari Selja said that the people of Sirsa parliamentary constituency have given her a big victory, and Congress has to get the same big victory in entire Haryana. Your 4 months of hard work can make the life of 03 crore Haryanvis easier. Start working on the assembly elections without getting tired from now itself. After winning and forming the government in Chandigarh, celebrate

double the celebrations at the same time. In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja has said that she wanted to contest the assembly elections, but on the demand of the people of Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, the high command ordered her to contest the elections. Being a true soldier of the Congress, she followed the order and fought the elections wholeheartedly and all the workers and people considered themselves as Selja and fought the entire election and also got her victory with a huge margin. She said that all of you should

start preparing for the assembly elections from now because one battle has been won and the other is yet to come. The people have defeated the always lying jumlabaz government in the Lok Sabha elections, the arrogance of the BJP has been shattered. Kumari Selja said that all of you want us to travel together to Chandigarh. This is possible only when all of you bring the BJP to its state before 2014. It is your job to get a big majority for the Congress, after that it is my and the Congress high command's job to form a government.

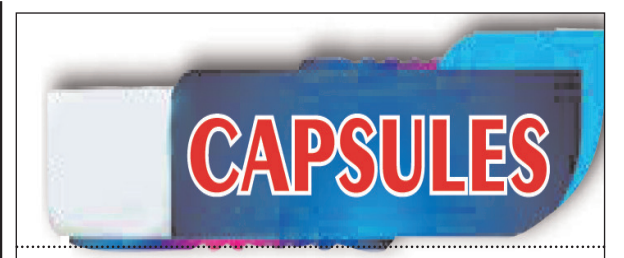
## ARMEE INFOTECH LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

**GURUGRAM :** Armeem Infotech Limited ("The Company" or "AIL") has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The Company plans to raise funds of the total issue size through Initial Public Offering of Equity Shares (Face Value 10 each) comprising of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to 25,000 lakhs [ 250 crore]. ("Total Issue Size"). The Company is sector agnostic and provides IT Infrastructure solution and IT managed service to a wide variety of projects for both Government/public sector undertakings (PSUs) and private sector with a focus on Government/PSU projects and a predominant presence in the state of Gujarat. The Company proposes to utilize the net proceeds from the Issue towards funding (i) Augmentation of working capital requirements of the Company estimated up to 16000 lakhs [ 160 crore] providing

earnest money deposit for bidding for various projects and margin deposits for bank guarantees, in Fiscal 2025 and Fiscal 2026; (ii) Prepayment or repayment of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the Company estimated up to 1,063.22 lakhs [ 10.63 crore]; and balance towards General corporate purposes. The loans that we propose to repay from Net Proceeds (amounting to 1,063.22 lakhs) constitute 26.30% of the total outstanding borrowings of the Company as on December 31, 2023. The Equity Shares to be offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the stock exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). Khandwala Securities Limited and Saffron Capital Advisors Private Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Issue ("BRLMs")

## NCP's Amol Mitkari Attacks Mahayuti

**Delhi:** The BJP and Shiv Sena are fighting for Mahayuti alliance domination, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is being marginalized. Ajit Pawar adviser proposed he form an alliance with Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) president Prakash Ambedkar for the assembly elections, fueling the flames. This proposal has raised concerns about the NCP leaving Mahayuti. NCP spokesperson Amol Mitkari openly criticized Mahayuti and hinted at internal discord. "Some want Ajit Pawar to leave Mahayuti. He is being singled out for the alliance's Lok Sabha performance. According to a viral video, Mitkari said this will revolutionize Maharashtra politics. His comments have raised suspicion about Ajit Pawar leaving the Mahayuti to run in the assembly elections alone.



## BJP names in-charges for the upcoming elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, J'khand, and J-K

**Delhi:** The party's election in-charges and co-incharges for the assembly poll-bound states of Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Jammu & Kashmir were named by BJP President JP Nadda on Monday. According to a party announcement, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will serve as the state's co-incharge and senior BJP leader Bhupender Yadav has been named as the incharge for Maharashtra. The BJP has appointed former Tripura chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb as co-incharge of the state's elections, replacing Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, according to the statement. According to the statement, Jharkhand's election in charge is Union Minister and former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while Assam's chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is the state's co-incharge. It added that G Kishan Reddy, a union minister, has been named the new leader for Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir elections must be held by September, per the Supreme Court's directive to the Election Commission, while assembly elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, and Jharkhand are scheduled for later this year.

## More than 40 Telangana IAS officers were transferred

**Delhi:** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana State Government transferred and posted nearly 40 IAS officers in the first major upheaval. June 24, 2024 IAS officer reshuffle. The government has been discussing transferring IAS personnel for some time, but after the Lok Sabha election 2024 announcement, it did

not act. The Chief Minister met with senior officials led by Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari to finalize the transfer list. The Chief Secretary ordered Energy Department principal secretary Syed Ali Murtaza Rizvi to be transferred to the Commercial Taxes and Excise department and replaced by Greater Hyderabad Municipal

Corporation (GHMC) commissioner D. Ronald Rose, who was also appointed chairman and managing director of TG Transco and Genco. Kata, HMDA metropolitan commissioner is now GHMC commissioner. Transport Commissioner Jyoti is now Registration, Stamps, and Housing secretary.

## BJP rejects leadership change in Maharashtra

**Delhi:** Following the party's dismal performance in the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP ruled against changing the leadership of the state of Maharashtra. The choice was made after a meeting of the Maharashtra BJP core committee that included Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda. Reporters were informed by Union Minister Piyush Goyal at the BJP headquarters that "there will be no change in leadership in Maharashtra." State BJP chairman Chandrashekar Bawankule, along with senior leaders Sudhir Mungantiwar, Chandrakant Patil,

Pankaja Munde, and Vinod Tawde, were present at the meeting. In the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured nine seats in Maharashtra, a decrease from its 2019 total of 23 seats. Devendra Fadnavis, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, had made the offer to leave the MahaYuti administration of Shiv Sena, BJP, and NCP in order to concentrate on leading the party to victory in the September-October assembly elections. During the meeting at the BJP headquarters, the party's showing in the Lok Sabha elections was also a topic of discussion.

## TMC and Congress to work together against BJP

**Delhi:** After a contentious general election season in West Bengal and sharp comments from both sides, the two key INDIA bloc allies have reached out to each other to jointly formulate issue strategies and bolster the Opposition's united offensive against the government in the upcoming Parliament session, sources said. TMC chief Mamata Banerjee pulled out of the alliance in West Bengal amid repeated barbs by Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Weeks after the latter lost his home seat of



Baharampur to the TMC, former Union minister P Chidambaram met Banerjee to improve relations. According to the sources, the two leaders discussed the enormous number of measures passed in the past decade that needed reconsideration and greater coordination in Parliament. The Congress even requested Banerjee to campaign

for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is running in her first election in Kerala's Wayanad, which her brother Rahul Gandhi deserted this week for Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh. In the last INDIA meeting before elections, Banerjee advised Priyanka Gandhi to face Modi in Varanasi. The TMC also wants the Opposition alliance to downplay the Left.

Congress has 125 MPs in both Houses of Parliament, followed by TMC's 42 and Samajwadi Party's 41. "There is a large section of the Congress leadership that wants a good relationship with the Trinamool," said Derek O'Brien, TMC Rajya Sabha leader. The Lok Sabha defeat of Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury eliminated a key "roadblock" in the TMC-Congress alliance, according to TMC leaders. In the session starting June 24, the Opposition will attack the government over the NEET and UGC NET issue.

## Congress would run CM Sukhu's wife in Dehra assembly byelection

**Delhi:** Congress nominated Himachal Pradesh chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur for Dehra assembly bypoll against BJP's Hoshyar Singh. AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal announced that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had accepted Kamlesh's Dehra bid after she topped two party surveys. Independent Hoshyar Singh won the seat in 2017 and 2022 after BJP won in 2012. He is running for BJP this time. Kamlesh, born April 2, 1970, in Nalsooha village, Dehra subdivision, Kangra district, has been active in politics, especially in Nadaun, represented by Sukhu. Her master's in political science is from Government College Chandigarh. Social service, especially women empowerment, has been her focus. She has been involved in the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee for 20 years, keeping strong party links. The by-election will make Kamlesh and his wife the first husband-wife assembly members in Himachal Pradesh. Former chief minister Virbhadr Singh and son Vikramaditya Singh were together in the legislature. The bypolls were needed after Hoshyar Singh and two other independent MLAs resigned in March and joined BJP.

## Flagged high speed of goods train, gateman deposes before probe panel



Ten railway staffers - three gatemen of level crossings between West Bengal's Rangapani station and the accident site, two linesmen, two station managers, the pilot and the co-pilot of Kanchanjunga Express and another railway employee - deposed before the chief commissioner of railway safety, NFR, on the first day of the probe on Wednesday, with one of the gatemen confirming that he had raised an alarm about the goods train moving at more than the approved speed, report

"One of the gatemen said that he had seen the train passing at a speed higher than the allowed limit and had immediately called Rangapani station to alert them. We are checking the timing of the landline conversation and are questioning the station manager and other officials about what they had done

after receiving the information," said Surendra Kumar, divisional railway manager, Katihar Division, who is part of the investigation team. Probe day 1\_ Level-crossing gateman had alerted about goods train speed. So far around 30 people - including railway personnel, multiple witnesses and rescuers who reached the spot immediately after the accident - have been called to help the investigation being held at the

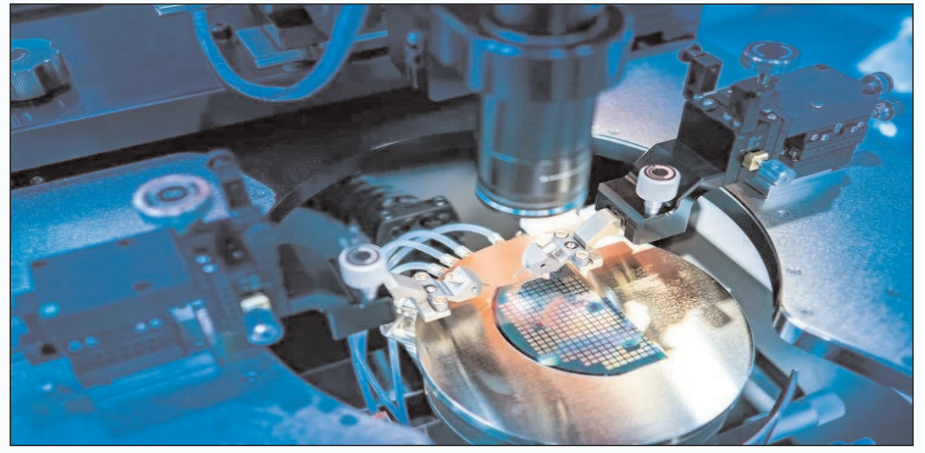
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## Beyond Rs 76k-crore: Government to scale up semiconductor package

NEW DELHI:

Government is looking at rolling out a fresh multi-billion-dollar incentive package for semiconductor companies after nearly exhausting the Rs 76,000-crore plan that was launched in Dec 2021 for supporting investing companies, top sources told TOI. Preliminary work on the new package, which is "in all likelihood be much bigger than the previous one", has already begun, even though announcements in this regard will be made only once the new govt takes charge post the national elections, they said. "The new package would be one of the key agendas for the new govt and will be taken up on a priority basis," one of the sources said, pointing out that new proposals that are coming in for semiconductors necessitate a fresh package. "The matter would be tabled before the new Cabinet as some of the proposals are at an advanced



stage and would require immediate assurances from the state in terms of incentives," the source said. Success of Dec 2021 package is prompting the govt to work out a new one, especially in view of the aggressive stance of countries such as the US and China, which have announced much bigger packages for companies that are investing in semiconductors. Under the current plan, govt extends fiscal support of up to 50% of a project's cost to eligible display and semiconductor fabricators. This has been almost exhausted after

the spate of investments that came in. India, which had previously failed to get any credible proposals for semiconductor manufacturing after trying for decades, finally managed to score big after American Micron emerged as the first major player to enter the space with a Rs 22,500-crore testing and packaging unit in Gujarat in June last year. This was followed up with approval to three proposals worth nearly Rs 1.3 lakh crore in Feb this year. These comprise: Rs 91,000-crore project of Tata to set up India's first semiconductor fab unit.

Modi praised me earlier but now wants my defeat: Sharad Pawar

PUNE/NASHIK: Sharad Pawar on Sunday said PM Narendra Modi is inconsistent with his views and his stand. "When he spoke in Delhi, he said I have done historic work as Union agriculture minister. In Baramati, the PM said he came into national politics by holding my finger. But now, he says that anything and everything should be done to defeat me in Baramati," Pawar said at a public rally on Sunday.

## Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks

Delhi: To reduce dust pollution and increase green cover, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks, schools, open spaces, and roadsides this year. In 2023-24, the city planted two lakh trees and 3.25 lakh plants. The horticulture department requested zonal office requirements to complete the assignment. "We will plant when the details are acquired. An officer stated schools, hospitals, parks, and below flyovers are used for this. He stated that the government will continue roadside tree planting in some colonies at homeowners' request.

MCD plans to carpet or repair 50 km of interior roadways by Oct. to reduce dust. Between April 2023 and February 2024, 139 km of roads were resurfaced or repaired. A civic council wants to resurface 180km of roads by Oct. Road maintenance and resurfacing are ongoing. After winter, we started dense carpet work on damaged areas. Work is being done with MLA or Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna non-plan head funding "said the official. Our 52 mechanical road sweepers are for PWD roads. He added that 195 water sprinklers, jet machines, and 30 mobile anti-smog guns are reducing dust pollution on roadways. PWD gave MCD 60 anti-smog weapons to reduce dust near construction sites. In highrises, 15 smog cannons are deployed. The official claimed these work as needed. In response to summer fires, MCD has limited unauthorised entry and the carrying of cigarettes, bidis, lighters, and matchboxes. "Supervisory staff must notify Delhi Fire Services immediately of fires.

Junior engineers and supervisors have SOPs for 24/7 landfill supervision. The official stated fresh solid garbage is unloaded, compacted, and coated with bio-cover to prevent fires.

## UPA govt. faltered on free ration, ours giving succour to 80 crore: BJP

NEW DELHI: BJP on Sunday claimed that Congress-led UPA had expressed inability to distribute free ration despite a Supreme Court order and contrasted the approach of the Manmohan Singh govt with free ration being given to over 80 crore people by the Modi govt under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana since the pandemic. "On 6th Sept 2010,



Manmohan Singh said, 'govt will do all it can to provide affordable food to those below the poverty line but cannot implement Supreme Court's order to give free

foodgrain to the poor'. He further said 'Supreme Court should not go into the realm of policy formulation', BJP IT department head Amit Malviya said as he shared a media

report of 2010. BJP functionary said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided free ration to over 80 crore people. "If Congress comes, it will kick the stomach of the poor," he added. In Aug 2010, Supreme Court had said agriculture minister Sharad Pawar should figure out how to give away the excess foodgrain to poor families.

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

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

and made an impression. Kanika Siwach rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into half-time. In the third quarter,

Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO). The next game for.

## China continues LAC infrastructure build-up 4 years into face-off

NEW DELHI: Four years into the face-to-face military confrontation in eastern Ladakh, which also triggered tensions all along the Line of Actual Control, there has been no let-up in the way China continues to build border infrastructure and dual-use 'Xiaokang' villages, strengthen military positions and deploy additional aircraft at its air-bases facing India. Latest satellite imagery, intelligence reports and other inputs show this ongoing Chinese activity in all the three sectors of the 3,488-km LAC, stretching from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh, defence and security establishment sources told. "People's Liberation Army (PLA) is relentlessly consolidating its military positions and support infrastructure in various depth and staging areas along the LAC, including near the buffer zones created after troop disengagements in eastern Ladakh," a source said. China con-



tinues LAC infra build-up 4 yrs into face-off, shows latest sat imagery. Increased PLA activity is seen in the eastern sector near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh and Naku La in north Sikkim, a defence source said. India also continues to match PLA with 'mirror military deployments'. China, for instance, recently completed construction of a road from the north of Samzungling to the Galwan Valley, providing the PLA with a 15-km shorter alternate axis to rapidly build-up troops in the area. A no-patrol buffer zone was created around Patrolling Point-14 in Galwan Valley three weeks

after the violent clash in which 20 Indian soldiers and an unspecified number of Chinese troops were killed there on June 15, 2020. Similarly, sources said, PLA has been progressively strengthening military and transport infrastructure to the rear of the other buffer zones on both banks of Pangong Tso, including the Kailash range, and Gogra-Hot Springs, all of which have largely come up in areas that India considers its own territory. PLA has also been focussing on last-mile connectivity through roads, bridges, tunnels and helpads to its forward positions. , while also construct-

ing new bunkers, camps, underground shelters, artillery positions, radar sites and ammunition dumps in other stretches of the LAC. "This increased PLA activity is especially being seen in the eastern sector, across Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh and Naku La in north Sikkim," another source said. India, of course, continues to match the PLA with "mirror military deployments", while it has also majorly cranked up infrastructure and capability development along the frontier, as earlier reported by TOI. China has also offset some of its air combat disadvantage due to high-altitude terrain constraints by deploying additional fighters, bombers, reconnaissance aircraft and drones after upgrading its airfields like Hotan, Kashgar, Gargunsa, Shigatse, Bangda, Nyingchi and Heping, among.

## Sahil Khan held in C'garh in 15k cr betting app case

MUMBAI: Actor Sahil Khan was arrested on Sunday in connection with his alleged role in the Rs 15,000 crore Mahadev betting app case. Khan (50) was produced in court and was sent to police custody till May 1. An SIT of crime branch nabbed him from a hotel in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh. Khan, who had been working as a fitness expert until recently, had fled the city on April 24 and had been dodging the police by constantly changing his location. After his anticipatory bail application was rejected by Bombay HC on April 24, police had been trying to nab him. To track down his whereabouts, police were tracking his location which showed he was constantly on the move at different points of time.

Gadchiroli in Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Telangana, and Chhattisgarh. A senior crime branch officer said Khan was a partner in a betting app firm. "He had been promoting the app through social media and had also forged some documents.

## One-year DDA flat maintenance with RWAs

Delhi: Delhi Development Authority would give residents' welfare societies maintenance work within a year of creation to ensure flat maintenance. This will also apply to Diwali Special Housing Scheme 2023 units. This conclusion followed Real Estate Regulatory Authority criteria. A maintenance fee is normally collected by DDA during allotment. It has maintained flats for 10-20 years, depending on the scheme. A DDA official stated that applicants must join the registered agency or RWA to maintain common services. Per pocket, one RWA will be registered. All new DDA plans require upfront monthly costs for one year, depending on flat type. "DDA shall do daily maintenance from maintenance charges for one year or until RWA is formed, whichever comes first. An RWA will get the balance

maintenance fund if it is founded before one year. If a RWA is not created within a year, it will be done on actuals "said the official. "For subsequent years, the necessary arrangement will be communicated to the residents," he said. Residents expect standard changes to speed up DDA flat maintenance, which had been delayed for a long period. The authority defined maintenance as green space maintenance, campus, colony, and housing pocket cleaning, light fitting replacement in common areas, lift maintenance and operation, and common area electrical bill payment. "After transfer, the urban authority will be responsible for common areas in many housing pockets. The authority indicated in a pamphlet that DDA will maintain the area until the urban body takes possession.

## Govt. limits tur, chana stock until Sept to curb hoarding

### The import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024

**Delhi:** The Union Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs said wholesalers, retailers, huge chain shops, millers, and importers will be subject to stock limits. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits, and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order went into effect. Stock limits for each pulse are 200

tonnes for wholesalers, 5 tonnes for retailers, 5 tonnes at each retail outlet, and 200 tonnes at the depot for big chain retailers; last 3 months of production or 25% of annual installed capacity, whichever is higher, for millers. The measures discourage stockpiling and boost market availability. Importers cannot keep imported merchandise after 45 days after customs clearance. Tur, urad, and chana prices have been constant yet high all year. India imports 15% of its pulses annually to meet demand. Legal companies are required to report stock positions on the

Department of Consumer Affairs portal. "In case the stocks held by them are higher than the prescribed limits then, they shall bring the same to the prescribed stock limits by 12th July 2024," the note added. As Kharif pulses like tur and urad are likely to rise, the government expects tur and chana dal prices to fall. The statement anticipates the import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024. A new crop of chana in Australia and its import from October 2024 will help keep chana affordable for consumers.

## Google cancels Play Store online gaming trial due to lack of rules

**Delhi:** Google paused its pilot program to list fantasy sports and rummy games on the Google Play Store, but gave India a "grace period". This means Google will not increase Play Store open access for more real-money games as planned in January. Existing Play Store apps will stay there. Google suspended the pilot, which began in July 2018 and was extended in January in India, Brazil, and Mexico, due to a lack of a "central licensing framework" that governs game legality. "Expanding our support of real-money gaming apps in markets without a central licensing

framework has proven more difficult than expected, and we need additional time to get it right for our developer partners and the safety of our users," a spokesman for Google said. The move hurts India's online gaming industry, which is divided over whether games are 'games of skill' or 'games of chance'. Supreme Court cases challenging Tamil Nadu and Karnataka's internet gaming prohibition remain pending. Google said it is developing a framework for permitted applications in this field. "In the meantime, in India, we are extending the grace period of

the pilot program so existing apps offering fantasy sports and rummy games in India can remain on Play Store," the spokesman said. A senior Google executive said on condition of anonymity that the company intends to create a framework, but conversations are ongoing and there is no "specific timeline" for when these apps can be used again.

India's major online gaming companies by revenue — Sporta Technologies (Dream11), Gameskraft, and Games24x7—listed their fantasy and rummy apps on Play Store after Google's program.

## RBI changes priority sector lending rules

**Delhi:** RBI has amended its priority sector guidelines to encourage banks to provide modest loans in economically challenged districts with low loan amounts. New rules discourage lending in districts with large average loans. Fresh priority sector loans in districts with low credit availabil-

ity (less than Rs 9,000 per person) would receive 125% additional weight starting in FY25. In districts with substantial credit availability (above Rs 42,000 per person), loans weigh 90%. Except for outlier districts with poor credit availability and excessive loan sizes, all other dis-

tricts will remain 100% important. "RBI has decided to rank districts based on per capita credit flow to the priority sector, and to establish an incentive framework for districts with lower credit flow and a disincentive framework for districts with higher priority.

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### A Japanese company is creating battery material with an energy density that is 100 times higher

**Delhi:** TDK, a multinational electronics business based in Japan, has revealed that it has created a material for solid-state batteries that has an energy density that is roughly 100 times higher than that of traditional ones. The Tokyo-based company claims that a variety of wearable gadgets, including smartwatches, wireless earbuds, hearing aids, and environmental sensors, may make use of their technology. Although the new material is intended to replace current coin cell batteries, it makes use of lithium alloy anodes and an oxide-based solid electrolyte. "Batteries are quite safe since they employ solid electrolyte based on oxides. It stated in a statement that "it is intended for use in wearable devices and other devices that come into direct contact with the human body." "The battery can be applied for replacing coin cell primary batteries in compliance with EU battery regulations, which require them to be replaced by rechargeable batteries, which is expected to contribute to the reduction of environmental impact," it stated. According to the company, the new technology also makes it possible for batteries to be smaller and have a longer operating life.

### Voda to sell 10% Indus share for \$1.1bn

**Delhi:** Vodafone Group will sell 10% of India's Indus Towers for up to \$1.1 billion to service debt, according to a term sheet obtained by Reuters. Last week, Reuters reported that Vodafone was considering selling its 21.5% holding in mobile-tower operator Indus Towers through several group businesses.

## Parliament group advises the government to suspend EU carbon tax for MSMEs for 3 years

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**Delhi:** A parliamentary panel advises India to request a three-year delay on the EU's carbon tax on engineering MSMEs since domestic manufacturers may not be able to afford it. The report advised prioritizing the development of a comprehensive framework to support and equip MSMEs to combat CBAM (carbon border adjustment mechanism). The EU will impose



CBAM on seven carbon-intensive sectors, including steel, cement, and fertilizer, from January 1, 2026. Engineering goods are subject to this import duty. The department-related parliamentary standing committee on commerce's

report, Comprehensive Strategy to Map Major Products and Countries to Maximize Exports and Minimize Imports, advised the government to work at the highest level with the U.S. and EU to protect the domestic industry from additional tariffs and CBAM. "The Committee exhorts the government to seek the deferment on application of CBAM on MSME sector by at least three years," noted.

It also encouraged India to work with the EU on deforestation laws because domestic coffee companies worry it will hurt exports. About 55% of Indian coffee exports go to the EU.

## GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

**Delhi:** The GST Council is considering amending GST legislation regarding extra neutral alcohol (ENA), a highly pure alcohol used in liquor manufacture but not for direct consumption. These revisions explain that ENA should not be GST-taxable, which could relieve the spirits industry by avoiding dual taxes. In addition to legislative changes, the Council is anticipated to propose a mechanism that would allow central and state tax agencies to stop recovering past tax dues,

helping the spirits industry. This action is part of a larger attempt to settle tax disputes and streamline taxation. The GST Council will discuss officer committee revisions at its meeting in the national capital. According to two Centre-state sources, this committee was charged with drafting legislative revisions to keep ENA outside the GST regime, a decision made at the GST Council's 52nd meeting on October 7 last year. The proposed revisions clarify tax implementa-

tion by excluding ENA from GST under section 9 of the Central and state GST statutes. GST is currently applicable to non-alcoholic goods and services, however ENA is not mentioned. The clarification should reduce the alcoholic beverage industry's tax burden by preventing the same commodity from being taxed under several streams. The Centre would submit CGST and IGST Act revisions in Parliament, while states will alter SGST laws. Since the 2017 indirect tax reform.

## Avoid promoting 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai

**Delhi:** The insurance regulator prohibits promoting Ulips and index-linked plans as investment products. The Irdai mandated tight standards for fund performance ads in a circular. They should show compounded yearly returns for the past five years with a caveat that past success does not guarantee future results. If applicable, benchmark index performance must be stated with fund performance. The circular advised advertisers not to overestimate benefits, selectively offer benefits without constraints, or make derogatory comparisons to competitors or the industry. The laws compel insurers to form an advertisement committee and appoint compliance officers to ensure compli-



ance. These businesses strictly oversee advertisement material and enforce restrictions. The regulator also requires companies to let policyholders pay premiums online or hire a new agent or direct sales staff if the policyholder's agent leaves. A any new policy from the allocated insurance agency or direct sales staff for the same policyholder if the assigned policy is not resurrected or abandoned.

### Oyo plans to raise \$125 million at a \$2.5 billion valuation

**Delhi:** Oyo, a key player in the hospitality industry, is reportedly receiving \$100-125 million in new capital, with a \$2.5 billion market valuation. The international chain of low-cost hotels is finalizing a "fresh fundraising of about \$100 million to \$125 million that slashes its valuation.

## Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC

**Delhi:** LIC plans to sell some of its premium commercial buildings and land nationwide to raise \$6-7 billion (50,043-58,384 crore). LIC, India's third-largest landlord, has instructed an internal team to develop a selling plan for its real estate assets nationwide, according to two sources. The process may begin in Mumbai. The article listed LIC's premium assets as the Jeevan Bharti building in Delhi's Connaught Place, the LIC building in Kolkata's Chittaranjan Avenue, and Mumbai's Asiatic Society and Akbarally's buildings. Two sources informed that LIC's real estate assets were valued at a cautious 50,000-



60,000 crore during their latest valuation. "LIC-owned buildings may be revalued for the formal asset sale procedure. LIC buildings may have a market value of at least five times the conservative estimate of 2.5-3 lakh crore, as many have never been sold.

The first insider informed that LIC may incorporate a separate business to keep and monetize real estate assets due to the difficulty of valuing them. He added LIC

owns the State Bank of India building on Mall Road in M u s s o r i e , Uttarakhand, and two media house offices in New Delhi and Lucknow.

"The insurance company owns numerous marquee buildings. The valuation must be done properly. Only piece-by-piece auctions can determine prices. However, the LIC Act must be amended and laws changed "said the second.

## Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

**Delhi:** As India's e-commerce has a future in India in recent years. Zepto commerce targets rapid commerce, the sector will heat up again. Three sources told Entracker that Flipkart has begun building infrastructure for its rapid commerce play. "In six to eight weeks, Flipkart will launch 10-15 minute delivery in at least a dozen cities," stated an anonymous insider. "It's building up a chain of dark stores across several cities including Bengaluru, Delhi (NCR) and Hyderabad among others." Flipkart's move into rapid commerce comes as experts expect it to cut into India's e-commerce pie soon. A 2022 Redseer analysis estimates the Indian fast commerce market at around \$45 billion. More crucially, Zomato's Blinkit, Swiggy's Instamart, and Zepto have shown investors that rapid

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## Pawar rejected the idea of projecting an individual as the chief ministerial face

Delhi: NCP (SP) Sharad Pawar rejected the idea of projecting an individual as the chief ministerial face of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for the upcoming Assembly elections in Maharashtra, despite the Shiv Sena (UBT) persisting in its demand that party chief Uddhav Thackeray be projected as the CM face. "Our alliance serves as the face of our group. We cannot have one person serve as our chief minister. In response to questions over Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut's demand that Thackeray be presented as the chief ministerial face of the MVA, Pawar, "Collaborative leadership is our formula."



The head of the NCP (SP) continued, "All three of our alliance partners will make a decision in this regard." "The PWP (Peasants and Workers Party of India), AAP, and Communist parties helped us during the

recent Lok Sabha elections," Pawar added, calling for the inclusion of all Left parties and those against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the MVA. Even though the MVA has three partners, all of these parties ought to

be involved. Everyone who is against Modi ought to join the MVA. Any choice that must be made on the chief ministerial face will be decided after consultation and after everyone has been given the benefit of the doubt.

Raut reiterated on Saturday that the MVA has to present a CM face. It will be risky for the MVA to contest the Maharashtra elections without a chief ministerial face. Maharashtra witnessed Uddhav Thackeray's management of the state, particularly during the pivotal Covid-19 phase. Because of Uddhav Thackeray's popularity, people voted for the MVA. Raut had previously stated, "A faceless alliance will not help our cause of winning the election." To make his point, Raut used the performance of the INDIA bloc and the lack of the prime minister's visage. image.png

## Vi Introduces All-New REDX Plan for Postpaid Users; Adds Netflix with Host of Other Offerings

Vatika Times GURUGRAM / HISAR : Vi, a leading telecom operator, today launched an all-new REDX plan for its postpaid users bringing the ultimate premium postpaid experience of unparalleled connectivity with a host of exclusive benefits. The revamped plan also brings the renowned global streaming service provider – Netflix for its users, further strengthening its entertainment offering. With this partnership, Vi Postpaid users will be able to enjoy world-class entertainment with the best streaming experience on any device of their choice – mobile or television. Designed to cater to modern lifestyles, the all new enhanced REDX plan integrates entertainment, dining, travel, security, and priority customer service, all for just Rs 1201. The new REDX plan provides access to a host of fea-



tures that bring convenience, entertainment, and security – all in one single plan.

OTT Streaming with Netflix: The only postpaid plan that gives (mobile + TV) access to five OTT platforms, including Netflix. Other OTT players include Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar, Sony Liv, and Sun NXT. With these partnerships, Vi Postpaid customers will not only enjoy top entertainment options but also live sports action especially with the on-going Euro Cup on Sony Liv. Swiggy One Membership: Avail complimentary Swiggy One membership access

for 6 months. Enjoy free deliveries on your food/Instamart orders above Rs. 199 and get exciting discounts with Swiggy Dineout/Genie. International Roaming & VIP Lounge access at the airports: The REDX plan includes a complimentary 7-day international roaming pack worth Rs. 2999 once a year, access to domestic and international airport lounges (up to 4 times annually, including 1 international airport lounge), and exclusive EaseMyTrip discounts on flight bookings. Device Security: Complimentary access to Norton mobile security for 12 months.

## Dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles

Delhi: A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have been dumped. "While the horticult-

ure department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance.

Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transfer rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan for approval after the model code of con-

duct is lifted.

MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully. Once a corner is filled, we gently scatter and layer ash." Source.

## The people of Haryana are looking towards Hooda with hopeful eyes: Sultan Jadoula

Vikas Kumar Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula said that the upcoming assembly elections in Haryana are a fight to save the future of youth, farmers, labourers, poor and deprived sections. Today people in Haryana are looking towards former Haryana Chief Minister Choudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda with hopeful eyes. He said that the BJP government has humiliated every section. The BJP will have to be ready to face the consequences of this in the assembly elections. Talking to journalists at his establishment in New Anaaj Mandi Dhand, he said that in the BJP rule, farmers, MNREGA labourers, sports persons, watchmen, employees, sarpanchs, women, Asha workers, elderly and even children had to come on the streets against this government. Haryana was known for Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, but this government neither spared the jawans nor the farmers. There is huge resentment in every section against the government. Congress leader Sultan



Jadoula reiterated the resolution of the Congress and said that the party's state in-charge Deepak Babaria, Leader of Opposition and former Minister Choudhary. When the Congress government comes to power under the leadership of Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Congress President Chaudhary Udaybhan and MP Deepender Singh Hooda, the elderly will get the highest old age pension of Rs. 6000 in the country, old pension scheme for employees, free plots of 100 yards each and 2 room houses worth Rs. 3.5 lakhs to poor families, MSP guarantee for farmers, 300 units of free electricity to every family, players will be linked with the Bring Medal, Get a Post policy, every housewife will get a domestic gas cylinder for Rs. 500, timely appointments will be made to the youth on the 2 lakh vacant government posts.

## Congress wants a Constitutional amendment for quota over 50%.

Delhi: Congress wants Parliament to modify the Constitution to allow SC/ST/OBC reservation to exceed the Supreme Court's 50% threshold. The party requested that the law be introduced before Parliament in the next session and that PM Narendra Modi clarify his position. A day earlier, NDA constituent JD(U) passed a resolution at its national executive meeting urging the Centre to put Bihar's reservation law under the Constitution's Ninth Schedule to prevent judicial scrutiny of quota increases beyond 50%. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh questioned BJP, JD(U)'s state and federal ally's silence over X on Sunday. He said reservation regulations exceeding the 50% ceiling in the Ninth Schedule were unworkable since a 2007 SC decision.



## CBSE recommends stronger internal examinations in schools to reduce theory-practice gaps

Delhi: The CBSE recently advised schools to review their own assessment systems. After finding a large gap between theory and practical test marks in classes X and XII in over 500 schools. Many students who did poorly in theory tests did well in practical exams. The advice proposes a more robust, transparent, and dependable approach to provide realistic assessment and significant academic value for pupils." The CBSE circular says An anonymous CBSE official said, "We have complete theory and practical mark data for grades X and XII. If all 40 students in a class obtain full marks in practical but just a few get good scores in theory, we can uncover exam disparities." The board has provided guidance before, he says, adding that the CBSE conducts this procedure annually. Says, "Many schools give additional marks in practical tests to boost grades. With practical marks, a student can pass the exam despite low theory marks. This improves school performance and reputation." Teachers and school management should be consistent and ethical while deciding practical marks. "Many times, to save their jobs, teachers resort to mark inflation," he says. "These discrepancies affect the morale of the bright students who despite all their hard work are positioned together with the non-deserving students." Senior official: "There are a few rules, but officials are striving to establish a more comprehensive assessment system to eliminate irregularities. CBSE will sensitize schools." Former Delhi government school administrator Sangeeta Jay believes, "Familiar environments improve student performance. Students feel comfortable at school since they are surrounded by instructors and friends during internal assessment and no other agencies or examiners are involved. This is why 30%-40% of pupils do well. When students appear for boards that require them to complete papers at different centers, they may be nervous in a new atmosphere. This may hinder student performance.

A tiny fraction of kids may be weak in studies yet consistent in attendance, compliance, behavior, values, and ECA. "There are a few first-generation students, who get better scores in practical on humanitarian grounds," she says, pointing out that some students think they don't need to study hard because teachers will give them good practical exam marks, which will help them perform. "Long-term academic performance suffers. In many cases, the school and instructor must show results, resulting in compromise.

## To speed up bank interest subvention claims under Agriculture Infrastructure

Delhi: Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan established a web platform to speed up bank interest subvention claims under Agriculture Infrastructure. Chouhan launched the web portal developed by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

(DAC&FW) and NABARD to automate and speed up the settlement of bank interest subvention claims under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), that the new credit claims automation will resolve claims in a day, compared to months for manual settlement. "The move will also ensure transparency and check corrupt

methods," Chouhan said

The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme was launched in 2020 to develop post-harvest management infrastructure to reduce losses, improve farmer value, innovate agriculture, and attract investments with Rs 1 lakh crore from banks and financial institutions up to 2025-26.

## 3 law students sue Delhi University for substandard amenities

Delhi: Three law students sued Delhi University for heat-stroke and typhoid after drinking from a

cooler at the Faculty of Law. The suit asserted a lack of pure drinking water, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and other campus infrastructure issues, and the Delhi High Court summoned a stakeholder meeting this week. Ronak Khatri, Ankur Singh Mavi, and Umesh Kumar, all second-year law students, are campaigning for better university facilities.

Both petitioners and advocates are involved. However, they had to act after all doors were closed. "We protested at the Faculty of Law .

## Servotech Power Systems Ltd. Leads Green Push with Solar-Powered EV Charging Station in Delhi

Chandigarh: Servotech Power Systems Ltd. (NSE: SERVOTECH), a leading manufacturer of EV chargers and solar solutions, in collaboration with India's apex solar organization, the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI), has inaugurated Delhi's first grid-connected Solar-Powered EV Charging Carport. This Solar-Powered EV Charging Carport, established as a pilot project at the Hauz Khas Village parking station, marks a significant milestone in sustainable energy and electric vehicle infra-

structure. Servotech has manufactured, designed, and commissioned the solar panels and EV chargers used to establish the carport. Additionally, Servotech has been responsible for designing and implementing the overall infrastructure for the carport. Dr. Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India and Bhutan, was the chief guest at the event, inaugurating the solar-powered EV charging station in the presence of Mr. Raman Bhatia (Founder and MD, Servotech Power Systems Limited)

Mr. Amarjeet Singh, (CEO, BSES Yamuna Power Limited) Mr. Chintan Shah, (Principal Advisor, NSEFI) and Mr. Subrahmanya Pulipaka, (CEO, NSEFI). This initiative is a collaboration between the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) and the Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft E.V (BSW), in cooperation with BSES and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). The Solar-Powered EV Charging Carport was established under the KVP project framework.

The KVP project is supported by the German non-profit company Sequa GmbH, as part of the Business Membership Organization Partnerships of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). This PV Carport introduces a new business model for DISCOMs and business operators aiming to replace last-mile delivery vehicles with an electric fleet. The system enables fast charging for two and four-wheelers in under an hour.