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BJP pins hope on Kolhan Tiger Champai to end poll drought in key Jharkhand region

NEW DELHI: The entry of Champai Soren into BJP is likely to help it counter Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's attempt to polarise tribals against the party in the coming assembly polls. Although BJP boasts of two former tribal CMs Babulal Marandi and Arjun Munda in its ranks, they never got much traction in the ST-dominated Kolhan region which has a history of producing local heroes and standing by them. Even Sibhu Soren, founder of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and father of CM Hemant Soren, had to contend with the tenacious appeal of locals like Bagun Sambrai, Nirmal Mahto and Shailendra Mahto. Champai, Tiger of Kolhan to his supporters, is part of the trend, having carved out a loyal constituency because of his espousal of local causes, particularly his role in getting the youth



BJP seeks polygraph test on Didi

BJP president J P Nadda on Tuesday led the party's outrage over police action in Kolkata saying that images of police high handedness in the city have angered every person who values democratic principles. "In Didi's West Bengal, to help rapists and criminals is valued but it's a crime to speak for women's safety," Nadda said in a post on X, while the party claimed that the Kolkata Police has admitted that Sanjoy Roy, the man jobs with TISCO and other enterprises in the area. BJP hopes to benefit from the association. It needs the boost considering that it drew a blank in the 14 seats in the Kolhan region in 2019 as well as in light of the success of Hemant Soren in turning his arrest by ED into a case of injustice to tribals in

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ED begins probe against Ghosh, others in RG Kar case

NEW DELHI: Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday initiated a money laundering probe against Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Hospital, and others for alleged bribery and irregularities at the govt hospital since 2021. Ghosh has already undergone polygraph test in CBI custody in connection with the rape and murder of a doctor in the medical college premises and is facing allegations of bribery in award of contracts. ED has registered its probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act based on FIRs registered.

is joining the party unconditionally, but they acknowledge his key role in the selection of candidates, especially in the Kolhan region, as he will also bring with him the legacy of JMM which he was associated with since the statehood agitation days, being one of the most trusted aides of party patriarch Sibhu Soren.

UP police station faces bulldozer action in drive to clear road

LUCKNOW: Englishman James Shirley's 17th-century poem "Death the Leveller" is a lyrical reminder that "sceptre and crown/must tumble down/and in the dust be equal made". Four centuries later, as a bulldozer stopped in front of Kotwali police station in UP's Siddharthanagar and a band of bewildered cops tried to make sense of what was happening, the word "leveller" resonated in more ways than one. The irony wasn't lost on a bemused crowd of onlookers as the bulldozer laid its "icy hand" on the police station's boundary wall and gate, listed among 55 illegal structures that the administration had set out to demolish to reclaim govt land for a road whose span had shrunk by more than half due to encroachment. The men in khaki seemed all the more surprised as they had been part of Sunday's drive, little knowing that the police station's wall was among the structures to be razed. Not just thana,



Kuno loses Pawan, its sole wandering cheetah

BHOPAL: In a major setback to Project Cheetah, one of the pathfinders, Oban aka Pawan, was found dead near a drain inside MP's Kuno National Park on Tuesday. It's the second cheetah death in Kuno this month after a cub died on Aug 5. A dozen, including four

cubs, have died since the first batch was translocated in Sept 2022. While cheetahs continue to die, MP govt keeps rejecting RTI pleas on the project under the excuse of 'national security'. Pawan had fathered two of the three litters born in Kuno. part of local panchayat office also razed. The demolition action expectedly met with resistance from the cops. "How can you demolish a portion of our police station without a written order?" station house officer Santosh Tiwari demanded to know from the officials leading the team. "If we are demolishing

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's security now at level of PM Modi, Shah

NAGPUR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's protection protocol has been upgraded from Z-plus to an Advance Security Liaison (ASL) drill in line with that for PM Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah, MHA sources said. The security step-up was finalised a fortnight ago based on a review of Bhagwat's security, which was purportedly found to be "slack" during his visits to states governed by non-BJP parties. Bhagwat's Z-plus security involved officers and guards on deputation from CISF. Sources in Delhi said the RSS chief was known to be a target of several organisations, including radical Islamist outfits. Inputs from various agencies about his heightened threat perception led MHA to bracket Bhagwat as an "ASL protectee".

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company's Assets Under Management cross ` 3 lakh crore



KARNAL/HISAR: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd., has achieved a significant milestone of crossing 3 lakh crore in Assets Under Management (AUM). The Company's AUM as of July 31, 2024, stood at ` 3.14 lakh crore. Mr. Anup Bagchi, MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "We are delighted to have crossed the milestone of ` 3 lakh crore in assets under management this signifies customers preference for our products and their trust in us to enable them to achieve their long-term financial goals. Our approach of simplifying products and processes has been one of the factors driving the growth in our assets under management. Customers depend on us to provide financial security to themselves and their families. We therefore act as trustees and custodians of our customers savings and have put in place a stringent investment philosophy and risk management framework. This approach has ensured we have not had any Non-Performing Assets since inception of the Company and across market cycles." Mr. Bagchi further added, "We believe.

SC questions fairness of ED, CBI probe, gives Kavitha bail

NEW DELHI: In a relief to Bharat Rashtra Samithi's K Kavitha who has been in custody for the last five months in the Delhi excise policy case, Supreme Court Tuesday granted her bail in both corruption and money laundering cases, and put CBI and ED in the dock over its "fairness" and "pick-and-choose" approach in arresting accused in



the case. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said the trial was not going to conclude soon and undertrial custody should not become a punishment for an accused. The bench also expressed strong disapproval of Delhi high court's order rejecting Kavitha's plea for bail as per Sec 45 of

PMLA that makes a special case for bail for women, among other categories. The HC had said Kavitha being "highly educated and accomplished" could not be given benefit of the provision which was meant for a "vulnerable woman". SC said courts could not create a subcategory when the provision only mentioned 'woman'.

Jay Shah elected unopposed as next ICC chairman

NEW DELHI: BCCI secretary Jay Shah is set to assume the role of ICC chairman in December, as announced by the international cricket governing body on Tuesday. Shah was the only candidate nominated for this prestigious position. The 35-year-old Shah, who has been the BCCI secretary since 2019, is now the youngest ever to reach the pinnacle of global cricket body. 1x1 polls Shah has been nomi-



nated by all the 15 members of the ICC Board. Shah's tenure will commence on December 1, 2024, succeeding the current Chair, Greg Barclay, who opted not to pursue a third term. This appointment

marks a pivotal moment for the sport, with Shah becoming the sole nominee and inheriting the leadership role at a time of significant opportunity and evolution for cricket. He has served as the honorary secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) since October 2019, a period marked by significant changes and advancements within Indian cricket.

India inks another deal for 73,000 assault rifles from the US

NEW DELHI: India has now inked another contract for the import of an additional 73,000 SiG Sauer assault rifles from the US, which will add to the 72,400 such guns bought earlier for frontline Army troops, amid the continuing military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh. "The SiG-716 'Patrol' rifles, which are 7.62x51mm caliber guns with an effective 'kill' range of 500-metre, are meant for infantry battalions deployed along the borders with China and Pakistan. 1x1 polls It is a repeat order valued at Rs 837 crore," a source told TOI on Tuesday.



The delay in the manufacture of Russian AK-203 Kalashnikov rifles in India had led to the import of the first lot of 72,400 SiG-716 rifles (66,400 for the Army, 4,000 IAF and 2,000 Navy) under a Rs 647 crore contract inked with US firm SiG Sauer under the fast-track procurement route in Feb 2019. Also read: India, US ink pacts to boost defence-industrial cooperation, supply chain

resilience & military liaison The Rajnath Singh-led Defence Acquisitions Council (DAC) had given the nod for the procurement for the additional 73,000 SiG-716 rifles in Dec last year. Parallely, the Army is also buying 40,949 light machine guns, which were cleared by the DAC in Aug 2023 at an estimated cost of Rs 2,165 crore. On the assault rifles front, the first 35,000 Kalashnikov

AK-203s were finally delivered to the Army earlier this year after being assembled at the Korwa ordnance factory in Amethi district of UP under the joint venture called Indo-Russia Rifles Private Limited. In all, six lakh AK-203 rifles have to be manufactured at the Korwa factory over 10 years. These 7.62x39 mm caliber rifles, with an effective range of 300-metre, are supposed to cater to the overall needs of the over 11-lakh strong Army as well as the IAF and Navy. The AK-203 project was first announced in 2018 but was hit by huge delays. due to costing, royalty, technology transfer.

Maharashtra becomes 1st state to offer UPSC to employees

NEW DELHI: Hours after central government employees' organisations demanded that state governments implement the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), poll-bound Maharashtra on Sunday became the first state to offer a switch to its employees amid expectation that others, especially those governed by NDA, will follow suit. The decision came 24 hours after Union cabinet approved UPS to offer 50% of an employee's average salary for the last 12 months as pension, along with inflation adjustment and other sweeteners to address the demands of govt employees who joined in 2004 and later. While 23 lakh central govt employees stand to benefit from Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), the number may rise to 90 lakh if all states offer it. Urging states to implement the scheme, top representatives.

Omar Abdullah to contest Ganderbal seat, calls earlier boycott 'mistake'



SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah will contest from Ganderbal constituency in central Kashmir, sources said Tuesday, after the former CM acknowledged that it was a "mistake" to earlier announce that he would abstain from assembly elections until J&K's full statehood was restored. "I have realised that how the people could cast their vote and how my colleagues would seek votes for the assembly, which I am trying to devalue by

not contesting in the elections, which was my mistake," said Omar, who lost to imprisoned independent candidate Engineer Rashid in Baramulla during the recent Lok Sabha elections. Ganderbal is widely regarded as an NC stronghold, having elected three generations of the Abdullah family, starting with party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1977. His son and current NC chief Farooq Abdullah won the seat in 1983, 1987, and 1996.

KOLKATA MEDICO RAPE-MURDER Bishop Dan & Dr. Vineeta Eusebius lead solidarity march demanding justice

Prayagraj: A solemn solidarity march was held in the heart of the city in response to the tragic gang rape and murder of Dr. Momita Das. Rev. Bishop Morris Edgar Dan along with Rev. Dr. Vineeta Eusebius, Principal of Girls High School, Elgin Road, Civil Lines, led the Peace March Candle March, which brought together a diverse group of citizens, students and activists to protest against this heinous crime. The peace candle march started with a prayer from the main gate of Girls High School and passed through the streets of Civil Lines of



the city, with participants holding banners demanding justice for Dr. Das and an end to violence against women. The event, graced with powerful speeches and moments of silence, was a moving reminder of the deep pain felt by the community and the urgency of addressing the issue of women's safety.

Rev. Dr. Vineeta Eusebius, speaking to the crowd, stressed the importance of solidarity and education in combating such social evils. Rev Bishop Dan called for prompt legal action and a commitment to justice from the authorities, while also urging the community to come together in support of the victim's family. "We will also protest in front of the Assembly demanding justice," he remarked. The march concluded with prayers and a candlelight vigil inside All Saints Cathedral, Civil Lines, symbolizing hope for a future free from such atrocities. Mainly officials like Rev Kamla Singh Narmada Lal Sanjeet Lal Vishal Noble Singh Priyadarshini Singh Pastor SP Lal Pastor Jitendra Nath Singh Padrish Rashi Prakash Allen Dan Amar Moses Arun Moses Arun Paul Rajesh Bhat Mudrit Mohan Srivastava Shaali Masih Vijay Kumar etc. were present in the prayer meeting, informed media in-charge Sunil Kumar Verma.

Rudransh and Aditya duo won, Vishnu Bhagwan and Tithan Tablets victorious Football competition on National Sports Day

Prayagraj: Junior Under-15 Team Championship on the second day of football competition organized by Northern Football Academy on the occasion of National Sports Day (29th August) to commemorate birthday of Major Dhyanchand ji. On Tuesday at the football field of Vishnu Bhagwan Public School, Vishnu Bhagwan Public School defeated Youth Football Academy 1-0 and



earned full points. Utkarsh Gupta scored a goal for the winning team under the supervision of Football Coach Indranil Ghosh. According to the information, in the fourth quarterfinal match of the senior category, the team of Tithan Tablets defeated The Young Boys team 1-0 and made it to the semi-finals. Shreyansh scored a goal for the winning team. A tiebreaker competition was organized in the under-15 category. In which the first place was won by the pair of Rudransh Jaiswal and Aditya Singh, the gold medal, while the silver medal was won by Ansh and Nishant, while the bronze medal was won by Aditya-Annat and Shaksham-Shivansh.

Employment opportunities increased in Yogi govt: Minister Yogendra Upadhyay

Appointment letters, smartphones, tablets and loan approval letters distributed to selected youth

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, along with Tourism Minister Jaiveer Singh, Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Ajit Pal, distributed appointment letters, smartphones to the selected youth in the employment fair organized in Karhal area of Mainpuri under the Mission Rojgar Abhiyan of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Tablets, and loan approval letters provided. While addressing the program, Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said that today the youth here want to join the mainstream of development by getting employment. He said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi across the country and under the leadership of Chief Minister

Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh, thousands of companies are working to connect the youth with direct employment. Karhal is also not untouched by this, and today many companies have set up their counters here and provide employment opportunities to the educated youth. India has today become the fifth largest economy in the world and is soon moving towards becoming the third largest economy. Uttar Pradesh has become the state with the highest number of expressways in the country. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said on this occasion that the pace of development in the state has accelerated under the Yogi government. Now jobs are being given in the state on the basis of merit and the victims are getting justice at the police stations. He said that the central and state govern-

ments are working with the resolve to take the country to new heights. The central

changing under the leadership of Narendra Modi at the Center and Yogi

Adityanath and now there is fear on the faces of the mafia. Minister of State for



and state governments are working with the resolve to transform developing India into developed India. Singh said that now concrete steps have been taken to end justice, exploitation and atrocities in the state.

Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay said that the map of the country and the state is

Adityanath in the state.

He said that the law and order situation in the state has improved under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The world listens to Prime Minister Modi and his actions have increased the pride of the country. Law and order has improved under the leadership of Yogi

Electronics and Information Technology Ajit Pal said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, a target has been set to make India a developed country by 2047. He said that Uttar Pradesh will have a participation of 01 trillion dollars. Employment opportunities are being provided to the youth by making them

skilled and rapid development is taking place in the state. Under the employment fair, 3710 youth were selected in more than 37 companies of different sectors and appointment letters were distributed to them. Along with this, loan sanction letter of Rs 42.3 crore was provided to 1489 beneficiaries under Mudra Yojana, Rs 0.55 crore to 21 beneficiaries under Chief Minister Youth Employment Programme, and loan sanction letter of Rs 3.5 crore to 105 beneficiaries under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme. To enhance technical proficiency, tablets were distributed to 932 undergraduate students and smartphones to 2111 students. A grant amount of Rs 20 lakh was also distributed to 02 beneficiaries under Krishi Yantra Yojana and Rs 45 lakh under Farm Machinery Bank.

Along with studies, it is the duty of teachers to make children proficient in songs and music: Babita Gupta

The festival of Shri Krishna's birth anniversary was celebrated with great pomp at BD Central Academy School, Khanpur Sirsa

Meja: The festival of Shri Krishna's birth anniversary was celebrated with full enthusiasm at BD Central Academy Khanpur Sirsa. During this time, when Radha and the school children dressed as Bal Sakha reached the school premises, it seemed as if the Chhath of Braj Dham had been shattered. While the little children performed a beautiful dance while presenting a charming tableau of Radha Krishna, on this occasion of Janmashtami, But many creative activities were also presented. Thereafter, the manager of the school, Ved Prakash Gupta, while addressing the stu-



dents, teachers, teachers and parents present in the school, praised the programs presented by the

small children and inspired them to continue carrying forward the creative activities. In this sequence,

school director Babita Gupta said that it is the moral duty of all of us to make children aware to become proficient in songs and music along with studies. He further said that such events in schools increase the self-confidence of children. For this, Mrs. Gupta inspired the children and boosted their enthusiasm. On this occasion, school principal Mewa Lal Yadav, Marut Dhvaj Dwivedi, Santosh Kumar, Pawan Keshari, Sarita, Deeksha Seth, Arpita, Nikita Kushwaha, Khushboo Gupta, Vandana Shukla, Gunja and Anjali etc. and many other people were prominently present.

The lid on the deadly well

Prayagraj: By installing an iron lid on the well built during the Zamindari period in Mailhan Bazaar, we have put a stop to any untoward incident in the middle of the market. This is a noble and charitable work. In the past rich people used to do charitable work by making charitable Tara Inara and providing food facilities to the passers-by, animals and birds. In ancient times, people used to get virtuous benefits by making Tara Inara for religious purposes. Today in the progressive era we erase all traces of



the heritage of the ancients. A shop has opened around the old-fashioned well in the middle of the market. The well has a minor place in the universe. On Thursday 22nd August at 10 am Nandlal aged 48 years son of Radheshyam suddenly fell into the well. By the time the villagers gathered and tried to free him he died. From the same day, the villagers as well as the police administration had decided to install a protective cover on the said well. By the evening of 26th August the lid was completed with steel mesh. There was no limit to the happiness among the people due to this work. This action put a stop to the potential danger forever.

The Plight of Cyclists at Shastri Bridge

Mirzapur: Every morning, when a labourer sets out on his bicycle from home to work, he faces the risk of getting stuck in traffic or encountering inconveniences on the road. This scenario is all too familiar for those who traverse Shastri Bridge in Mirzapur. As you pass through this bridge in the morning, you'll see several

labourers, small business owners, and students standing with their bicycles amidst heavy vehicles. The reason? Potholes make it difficult for them to navigate, and as the heavy vehicles move forward, so do the two-wheeler riders, often damaging their bicycles in the process.

This daily struggle occurs when traffic jams

occur due to heavy vehicles on the bridge or when a part of the bridge is broken. Two-wheeler riders end up taking their vehicles onto the footpath because they can't ride through the potholes. Even pedestrians are forced to use the footpath due to the same reason. After all, everyone needs to reach school, office, or work on time. While this

may seem like a minor inconvenience, it becomes a significant issue when you're apprehensive about crossing a bridge that has deteriorated over time. The administration could address this by placing barricades on both sides of the bridge to prevent overloaded vehicles from crossing. However, their focus seems to be solely on repairing the broken

sections, leaving their responsibilities unfulfilled.

Despite serving as a convenient link for Mirzapur and nearby districts, Shastri Bridge has suffered due to administrative negligence for over 50 years. If the administration paid timely attention, the bridge would remain suitable for light vehicles. However, due to overloaded and

heavy vehicles, it's uncertain how long the bridge will hold up.

The plight of cyclists and pedestrians at Shastri Bridge highlights the need for proactive maintenance and better traffic management. Ensuring the safety and convenience of all commuters should be a priority, regardless of the mode of transport they use.

7th All India Medical and Dental Student Conference kicks off

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Medivision's two-day, 7th All India Medical and Dental Student Conference, organized by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) started on Tuesday at the famous King George's Medical University, Lucknow. The program was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government Brijesh Pathak, National President of ABVP Dr. Raj Sharan Shahi, National Minister Dr. Virendra Singh Solanki and National Convenor of Medivision Dr. Abhinandan Bokaria and inaugurated the statue in front of Mata Saraswati and Swami Vivekananda Ji Chitra at Atal Convention Center of KGMU. While

addressing the workers of Medivision, the Deputy Chief Minister of the Government, Brijesh Pathak said that medical students need to work considering medicine as God, the Deputy Chief Minister further said in his address that the nature of education should be objective centric and education of the highest technology. It is very important for the development of medical education. India is continuously moving towards development in the field of medical education and technology, and the entire world expects India's cooperation in the field of medicine. The service that India provided to the world in the development of vaccines and other

medicines during the Corona epidemic was unique. Thus, it is a great moral responsibility of the medical science students of India to become the flag bearers of India in the entire world, and to establish a healthy and healthy society with the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

National President of ABVP Prof. Rajsharan Shahi said that India's education system should be linked to its culture. He further said that India is a country that recognizes diversity in unity. Despite having one culture and soul of every India, the beautiful diversity of food, customs, different local knowledge, and various social festivals is a reflection of the comprehen-

siveness of our cultural tradition and strength. In our country, people of different castes and classes have been living equally for a

whether from Dwarka in the west to Arunachal in the east, from Kashmir Ladakh in the north to Kanyakumari in the south, depending on



long time. Diversity in unity means that the culture of entire India is one and the same, that is Indian culture,

the climate, and resources, language, There is diversity in food and methods, which is a symbol of powerful

comprehensiveness. Perhaps religious, cultural, caste, faith, language, regional differences, and many other factors may be part of these diversities in the society, but we should rise above our disagreements and remain united in the one cultural soul of India. For example, despite there being only one garden, the variety of flowers growing in it enhances the beauty of the garden, similarly the entire Indian culture which is an integrated culture of the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, customs, dialects, festivals. The diversity of food, drink and costumes encompasses the powerful comprehensiveness of Indian culture.

ABVP National Minister

Dr. Virendra Singh Solanki said that even though Medivision was started in 2015, Vidyarthi Parishad has been working among medical students since its inception. The workers of Medivision have always given their complete dedication in the field of medicine and helped the society in leading a good health and successful life. Dr. Abhinandan Bokaria, National Convenor of Medivision, while declaring the wish of world brotherhood and a Quoting the famous song, he said that "The country gives us everything, we should also learn to give something, the sun gives us light, the wind gives new life. To satisfy the hunger of all of us, farm-

ing is done on the earth! Even in Corona, we have brought people out of their inconsistencies by implementing the spirit of world brotherhood, even today we take care of our loved ones first and then ourselves. We have always aspired to create the India of Swami Vivekananda's dreams, we have always given place to all the castes and religions of the world, have worked with them by uniting them together and giving equality to all. The program was conducted by Dr. Shivili Rathore, head of Medivision KGMU unit. All the medical students from India and Nepal including officials of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad were present in the program.

Officiating DM assesses prep for Dadhikando Fair

Prayagraj: Under the chairmanship of District Magistrate in-charge Gaurav Kumar, a meeting was held on Tuesday in Sangam Auditorium with the members of Dadhikando Fair organizing committees and officials of related departments regarding the preparations and arrangements for organizing Dadhikando Fair. In the meeting, suggestions were sought from the members of Dadhikando Mela organizing committees regarding the safe organization of the fair, on which the members of the committees took steps to repair the loose and dilapidated electrical wires, fix the roads and drains broken for cleanliness, drinking water and widening. It was asked to get it done, pruning of trees, sealing of sewers should be done on road labels, proper lighting arrangements should be made in all the streets and additional forces should be

arranged at the more crowded places. The District Magistrate in-charge

the points raised in the meeting by the members of the organizing committees as

Dadhikando fair is held, to make the drains and roads broken for widening by

range ambulances and a team of doctors at the sites of the Dadhikando Fair and

trate and police officers of the concerned areas to visit the areas and ensure all necessary arrangements there in time. The District Magistrate in-charge has asked the Dadhikando Fair organizing committees to appoint their volunteers and provide their list. On this occasion, DCP Nagar Deepak Bhukar said that there will be tight security arrangements in the fair. Adequate number of security forces will be deployed and anti-social elements will be kept under strict vigil. At the same time, he said that since the Dadhikando Mela program is a religious program, to make the religious program beautiful and maintain its dignity, only devotional music should be played by the DJ at the venue. On this occasion, ADM City Madan Kumar, Additional City Magistrate and officials of all concerned departments along with members of Dadhikando Mela Organizing Committee were present.



has asked the officials of Municipal Corporation, Development Authority, PWD, Electricity and all other related departments to visit the sites of Dadhikando Fair tomorrow on 28.08.2024 and resolve

soon as possible. Instructions have been given to ensure that it is done. He asked the officials of the Electricity Department to immediately repair the loose and dilapidated wires at the places and routes where the

PDA passable and to make the Municipal Corporation clean, anti-larva spraying, fogging. It has been asked to immediately repair drinking water, street lights and roads. He has directed the Health Department to ar-

has asked the Fire Department to ensure the arrangement of fire vehicles at the sites of the fair. The District Magistrate in-charge has instructed the Additional District Magistrate, Additional City Magis-

Murder performed elsewhere, body tossed in garbage

Prayagraj: The murder was committed somewhere else and the body was thrown in the garbage of Rani Mandi. Police has arrested one accused. A young man involved in the murder of Abhishek Kushwaha, who was found in the garbage of Rani Mandi of Atarsuiya, Prayagraj. Atarsuiya police arrested an accused from Kakarha Ghat. The arrested accused is from Minhajpur and his name is Mohammad Ali. During interrogation, he confessed to the murder and also told the names of 3 other people. He told that Aditya Malviya and others took him by car to the village of deceased. It was there in the fields that everyone together beat Abhishek Kushwaha with sticks and when he died; his body was taken away in a car and thrown in the garbage dump of Rani Mandi. ACP Pushkar Verma said that on the behest of the arrested accused, the car used in the crime has been recovered and the police is searching for the remaining 3 accused.



All MP Ujjwal nominated Vinay Kushwaha as his representative

Prayagraj: Ujjwal Raman Singh, the newly elected MP from Allahabad's parliamentary seat, selected Vinay Kushwaha as his representative to manage all departmental meetings and settle public issues in his absence in order to expedite administrative and development activities. After being nominated as a representative, SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha expressed gratitude to former MP Kunwar Revati Raman Singh and MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, saying that the foresight and PDA of SP National President Akhilesh Yadav, as well as Rahul Gandhi's Constitution, played an important role in the victory of India Alliance candidate Ujjwal Raman Singh. "This triumph was accomplished thanks to the hard effort of all workers and officials. As a result, all India Alliance employees are valued and their tasks will be completed. We will uphold the trust that the godlike public has placed in MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, and the MP will go above and beyond to meet their expectations," he added.



Photographic exhibition of rare manuscripts based on Lord Shri Krishna held at Shankaracharya Ashram

Prayagraj: Government Manuscript Library, Culture Department, Uttar Pradesh. On the closing occasion of the photo exhibition of rare manuscripts based on Lord Shri Krishna organized by Shri Shankaracharya Ashram Alopi Bagh Prayagraj, Shri Majjyotishpeethadhishwar



Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati Maharaj while giving blessings said that the work of collection and preservation of manuscripts is highly praiseworthy, it He also said that with the coordination of Sanskrit and culture, India can again become a national leader. In the program, Manuscript Officer Ghulam Sarwar presented Angavastram and flower garland to Shankaracharya Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati Maharaj. Advocate Omkar Nath Tripathi said that on the occasion of Janmashtami, such an exhibition It should be organized every year. On this occasion, folk artists Pratima Mishra and Umesh Kanojia were also honored. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Harishchandra Dubey, Ajay Kumar Maurya, Mohd. Safiq along with Manish Tiwari and Batuk students of the ashram were also present in the closing program.

Dr. Pankaj Srivastava becomes member of National Science Academy

Prayagraj: Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, teacher at the Center for Environmental Studies of Allahabad University, has received membership of the National Science Academy. This membership has been given to Dr. Pankaj for his contribution in the field of biological sciences, especially plant and agricultural sciences. The teachers of the department and the university family congratulated Dr. Pankaj on his achievement. On this occasion, Dr. Pankaj said that joining India's oldest National Science Academy will pave the way for research. National Science Academy was established in the year 1930 by eminent scientist Prof. It was done by Meghnad Saha.



Three day Armed Forces Festival from Sept 3

Prayagraj: A three day Armed Forces Festival is being organised at Surya Khel Parisar in Lucknow Cantonment. The festival will feature latest military equipment, developed as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, showcasing the might of technology driven Indian Armed Forces. Citizens will witness state of the art weapons including tanks, helicopters and weapons systems of the three Armed Forces. There will also be a static display featuring exhibits such as the T-90 Tank (the main battle tank of the Indian Army), K9 Vajra self-propelled artillery gun, Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) Swathi, ALH, Chinook, Apache, LCH Prachand helicopter and Navy's models of Aircraft Carrier, Submarines and Destroyers. Live displays including flypast by Aircrafts, Para drop, Para motors, Micro Light Flying and many more, will be the main attractions. The festival will be held from September 3 to 5, every day from 10 AM to 6 PM. Entry to the festival does not require any tickets or passes and is free for all citizens. This is a unique opportunity for the people of Lucknow to witness the might of the Armed Forces.

Kareli presents festering picture of utter civic neglect: AIMIM handed over memo

Prayagraj: A delegation under the leadership of Metropolitan President of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen,

Afsar Mahmood, submitted a memorandum to the Additional Municipal Commissioner for paving the dilapidated roads and drains passing through the populated areas of GTB Nagar Kareli. Additional Municipal Commissioner gave assurance and asked to solve the problem quickly. From Pahalwan Tiraha to Bank of Baroda, Solah Market Riddhi Siddhi Road, Mastan Market Road is in very bad shape, there are huge potholes, accidents are happening every day, battery rickshaws are overturning. Due to which people are getting injured and the situation is worse

due to the rains this year, there is no shelter. CM Yogi has promised many times to make the roads of the state pothole free, but it has been

more than 7 years since he came to power, till date the roads have not been made pothole free nor has any main road been completely rebuilt. Repair and patching

is done in the name of action. The drain passing through GTB Nagar Kareli Colony, which falls into Sasur Khaderi river via

Gaddha Colony, Ainuddinpur, was blocked by some powerful people due to which a flood like situation occurs in small rains. All India Majlis-e-

Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Ward No. 82 councillor Azad Ahmed, with the help of Municipal Corporation, got it opened on the complaint of the public, so that the drainage of water could flow smoothly.

The people of this area want this again. To avoid encroachment by the bul- lies, the drain should be made permanent; hence the Additional Municipal Commissioner took both the issues seriously and assured to solve the problem. Among those who handed over memorandum, mainly people like Iftekhhar Ahmed Mander, Shaukat Ali, Chaudhary Ibrahim Naseem, Chaudhary Riazul Haq Adeeb Ali, Tariq Nadeem, Raju Naini etc. were present.



SHUATS student honoured in National Agricultural Youth Conference held at BHU

Nitish Kumar Krishi Prasar Research Student felicitated

Prayagraj: National Agricultural Youth Conference organized a two-day conference (22nd and 23rd August) in the auditorium of Banaras Hindu University in which the

Chief Guest was Agriculture Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Surya Pratap Singh and Honorable Animal and Dairy Development Minister, Shri Dharampal Singh, Dr. R.C. Aggarwal, DDG ICAR, and Dr. SVS Raju, Director, IAS, BHU. Dr. UP Singh Dean, IAS National Youth Conference is a platform where youth from across the country come together. Its objective is to promote leadership, exchange ideas and increase

awareness on national issues among the youth. Here youth get an opportunity to express their views and

contribute to social change through various sessions and workshops. Under the Agricultural Youth Conference, Nitish Kumar agricultural research student from Naini Agricultural University, Prayagraj was honored

with the best oral presentation award by the Animal Husbandry and Development Minister of Uttar

Pradesh, Shri Dharampal Singh in the auditorium of Banaras Hindu University. In today's time, our young friends are leaving agriculture and going on other paths. Animal Husbandry and Development Minister

of Uttar Pradesh Shri Dharampal Singh told in this conference that the main objective of GDP is agriculture and if our agriculture is affected then GDP will also be affected. To connect today's youth with agriculture, the professors, agricultural scientists and agricultural research students of our Agricultural University should bring new technologies and reach them to the farmers and also make the farmers aware so that they can get involved in their farming again. All the agricultural scientists and agricultural research students of India were present in this conference.



Rotary Platinum organized 'Watan Ki Udaan' competition

Prayagraj: Essay competition was organized by Rotary Prayagraj Platinum at Allahabad Inter College, Zero Road. Rotary Club President Shashank Jain said that in this competition organized on the occasion of Independence Day, the girl students presented very beautiful articles on the title 'Flight of the Country'. Chief Guest, Assistant Governor Rotarian Saurabh Puri encouraged the participants and presented awards and citations to the winning girl students. This program was efficiently conducted by Program Chairperson Rotarian Vikas Bhatnagar and Co-Chairperson Neha Bhatnagar. Media in-charge Rotarian Manish Garg said that in this essay competition, Class 12 student Vanshika Singh stood first, Class 12 student Tanupriya Chaudhary stood second, and Class 12 student Bhavya Srivastava got the third position. Apart from this, consolation prizes were also given to 22 girl students and participation certificates were also given to all the participants.



Farmer leaders opened front against cops

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Kisan Union Apolitical Mandal Prayagraj delegation submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj City, Deepak Bhukar, informed about the problems of the farmers and public of the area and assured

Rahul Zamindar, legal advisor of BKU Apolitical, said that Mr. Police Station Head and Outpost Incharge, if you want to make a leader, then wear white clothes, people should wear the stripes of some organization, only then they will be able to do politics. The mat-



action against the post in-charge. On this occasion, Mandal President Bablu Dubey, District President Shani Shukla, Youth Legal Advisor Rahul Zamindar, Youth District President Kamlesh Rao, Mahila Mandal Incharge Poonam Dubey, Mahila District President Rama Devi were present. Box.....Massa Chowki Incharge Peepal Village Farmers While laying the foundation stone of the organization,

ter is of 25th August, when the outpost in-charge Peepal village had come in a private car to lay the foundation stone of the Kisan Sangathan near the Kisan Union Park, Ghunghru intersection, which was opposed by Shani Shukla, the district president of non-political Kisan Union, by holding a Panchayat in the Kisan Park on 26th August and submitted a memorandum to the ACP.

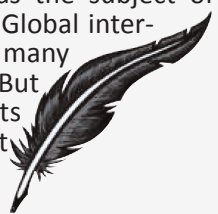
Devotees gathered to swing Lord Shri Krishna in cradle

Prayagraj: Lord Shri Krishna was swung in the cradle in the courtyard of Shri Radha Krishna Temple on the second day of the six-day Shri Krishna Janmotsav, organized in conjunction with BJP leader Kumar Narayan in Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Mithiganj. Aarti was performed and Sohar songs were sung by the devotees. On that occasion, a crowd of devotees gathered to see the magnificent tableau and electrical decorations decorated in the temple premises. Program coordinator Kumar Narayan said that on 31st August, the sixth day of Lord Krishna will be celebrated. The festival will be celebrated with great pomp. Rajesh Kesarwani, media in-charge of the program, said that the tableau will especially include the birth of Lord Shri Krishna in prison, Vasudev taking Lord Shri Krishna to Nand Baba's house, Putna killing, Bakasur killing, Aghasur killing, killing of Kansa, lifting of Govardhan mountain by Lord Shri Krishna, stealing the clothes of Gopis by Lord Shri Krishna, Raasleela with Gopis, stealing butter with cowherd hair, killing of Kaliya snake by Lord Shri Krishna and killing its hood. On this occasion, Kumar Narayan, Rajesh Kesarwani, Sunil Kesarwani Sonu, Raju Yadav, Manoj Mishra, Vivek Aggarwal, Sushil Jain, Ravikant Raj Kesarwani, Praveen Srivastava etc. cradled Lord Krishna. and aarti.

Editorial

Blue Screen Blues: Microsoft Triggered Cyber Meltdown and the Case for Atma Nirbharta

The champions of Atmanirbhar Bharat, isolationists among conservatives and the malcontents of globalisation are having a "told you so moment." The Microsoft outage has given all of them a chance to have a right royal moan about the perils of blind belief in the overarching credo of the liberal world order: that international post-World War II system characterised, at least in one context, by the encouragement of global trade, economic interdependence, and multilateral agreements. And it's not hard to see why. Look at the mayhem caused by a single rogue file called c-00000291*.sys. This teeny-weeny alphanumeric code in a single content update virtually fried the dendrites of the Microsoft Operating System that literally turned blue—the pallor of death. Questions abound: did the firm tasked by Microsoft to ward off viruses and malware itself violate zealously adhered to software testing and development guidelines? Software updates are stringently tested at many levels before they are rolled out globally. The fact that this one slipped past shows that the checks and balances aren't as foolproof as they ought to be. The descent into defective code-induced dysfunction triggered global mayhem. The cost to businesses and economies could run into billions of dollars. This disruption was because of negligence, what if the next cyber pandemic is because of malevolence? no country except autarkies like China, Russia and North Korea, and the less technologically leveraged in the Global South, were spared. But because India is a paid-up member of the globalised, rules-based world order, it was strongly buffeted. Indeed, in a less connected world, a freak outage such as this would have had less impact. But that a single misplaced bit of computer code could bring nations to their knees reveals just how uncritically accepting we continue to be of "globalisation" as a project for the advancement of the human race. One would have imagined that we would have been less credulous by now, three years after a single sneeze triggered a global pandemic that stilled the globe and our lives. But clearly, some lessons are hard to learn. While no one needs to take the sledgehammer to globalisation, it is becoming obvious that there is a need to minimise risks. Perhaps, as a first step, by improving vigilance and incorporating redundancies throughout the global supply chain. This imperative of building self-reliance, however, will only gain ground when any prospective autopsy of the costs of globalisation is freed from politics. As of today, any inquiry into the status quo is dismissed by the Left as a "right-wing" lurch towards protectionism, spawned by a crude inward-looking parochialism. In India, examples abound. A certain section of the political class and commentariat mocked Prime Minister Modi for being blinded by exclusivism for deciding against joining an influential trading bloc like the RCEP. The decision, as it turned out, was the right one. Thailand joined the RCEP but in the last 18 months, its GDP growth has slumped to 2.7 per cent. This is largely due to trade imbalances after the RCEP's lead member, China, dumped goods, wantonly taking advantage of favourable tariff rates that its economic heft allowed it to impose across the RCEP. Of course, the stigmatisation of Atma Nirbharta is not only confined to trade-related policies but also foreign policy. Modi's "keep all options open" policy-driven engagement with Russia was the subject of scorn just a few weeks ago. Global interconnectedness has brought many benefits to many people. But the prohibitive costs of its many misses have brought ruin upon millions too.



New criminal laws are betting on DNA fingerprinting. India must prepare to offset risks

India's new criminal laws emphasise the use of technology and modern forensic methods to speed up justice and take the conviction rate up to "90 per cent". DNA fingerprinting, used extensively in the developed world, is one such technique. Other than producing scientific evidence against known suspects, DNA databases of previous convicts also assist investigators with unsolved crimes. However, is it the proverbial silver bullet as touted by many in the law enforcement community? DNA fingerprinting involves creating a profile of an individual's genetic make-up. This throws up various legal, quality control, privacy, and human rights issues. It is therefore crucial to examine the adequacy of the systems put in place to achieve the goals of these 21st-century legislations. A comprehensive, robust, and independent regulatory and oversight mechanism, established by a statute, is imperative. Developed in 1984 by British geneticist Sir Alec John Jeffreys, DNA fingerprinting entails analysing a person's DNA profile from human cells like hair, saliva, or blood and creating a profile used for identification in forensic investigations. It was first successfully applied in the twin rape and murder cases of two girls in the UK. The late Prof Lalji Singh at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad pioneered the use and application of forensic DNA technology in the Indian legal system in 1988. The Bharatiya



Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, which replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), retains the provision for mandatory DNA profiling of rape case suspects, introduced in the CrPC in 2006. In addition, Section 176(3) of the BNSS mandates the collection of forensic evidence in offences punishable by seven years or more. Another new law, the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022—which replaced the colonial-era Identification of Prisoners Act 1920—allows the extraction and analysis of biological samples from convicts, preventive detainees, as well as those arrested for charges punishable by 7 years or more, or any offence against a woman or a child. Notably, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has been entrusted with the responsibility of collecting measurement records from states and maintaining a national database. According to Section 2(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022 the term 'measure-

ment' includes biological samples and their analysis, which also implies preparing DNA profiles. In fact, when the government withdrew The DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2019 in July 2023, it stated that most of its provisions had already been incorporated into the 2022 Act. However, without adequate safeguards, there is a risk that individuals may be arrested simply to include them in the database. Neither the BNSS nor the Identification Act define the term 'DNA profile'. GeneWatch UK, in its comments on India's DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019, noted that DNA profiling can be restricted to only non-coding DNA, a commonly used international standard. This prevents using DNA sections that code for personal characteristics, including medical conditions. Forensic geneticists, in the past, have been criticised for attempting to create mugshots—essentially predicting physical appearance—using genetic information. Given the broad

categories of individuals whose biological samples can be collected by the state, such a restriction would help eliminate many possible misuses. The reliability of DNA fingerprinting has often been challenged, particularly concerning quality control during the handling of biological materials at different stages. Contamination of samples is a common problem. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), the most widely used technique for amplify small DNA quantities, also amplifies contaminants. There have been several high-profile cases of sample contamination. For instance, the defence in the OJ Simpson case argued extensively about the contamination of collected biological material. He was finally acquitted by the jury. Similarly, in the Pune Porsche hit-and-run case, the alleged culprit's blood sample was swapped with his mother's. Such examples highlight the need for strict quality control mechanisms and robust protocols for forensic labs (central, state, or private), investigators, medical practitioners, and data bank managers. The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019 proposed the creation of a DNA Regulatory Board. This board was meant to advise the central and state governments on DNA labs and data banks and to grant accreditation to labs. However, the bill was withdrawn in July 2023. While some functions of the DNA Regulatory Board have been assigned to the NCRB, it can-

not be designated as an independent regulator. Developed nations typically separate regulatory bodies from practitioners. The absence of an independent, full-time regulatory body in India does not bode well for standardising procedures across the board. Law enforcement agencies worldwide use DNA profile indices from crime scenes to help identify suspects in unsolved crimes. In India, it is unclear which agency will maintain the Scene of Crime DNA Profile Index, and who will conduct matching with the Convict or Arrestee Indices. A PIL is pending in the Supreme Court for using DNA fingerprinting to solve missing person and unidentified dead body cases. Sharing data with foreign law enforcement bodies by the NCRB is another ticklish issue. Profiles of investigators, medical practitioners, and forensic scientists should be prepared and maintained separately to distinguish their DNA from that of suspects in cases of multiple profiles resulting from collected samples. After the withdrawal of the DNA Technology Bill, no oversight body has been proposed to oversee the NCRB as a repository of national or state government databases. Oversight bodies are crucial for the governance of DNA databases, ensuring they contribute effectively to the criminal justice system, meet ethical and regulatory requirements, thus maintaining public trust and accountability. As data will be stored digitally, ensuring data security and privacy is also essential.

Maharashtra BJP workers are confused, not demotivated—party must counter 'outsiders'

Why did the Hindutva movement, based on Hindutva thought, become successful in India? What led to its significant impact across sectors such as the socio-cultural, political, education-health, rural development, and environment, among others? In reality, the period when the Hindutva ideology began to take shape and grow systematically as well as the decades preceding it were highly challenging for the philosophy. The movement has also witnessed a time when people uttering words such as Hindu, Hindutva, Rashtra, and Nationality were considered irrelevant, insignificant and politically-ideologically untouchable. Despite lacking political backing; government resources; funding from domestic or international, legal or illegal monetary sources; or other such support, how did this movement manage to flourish rather than fade away over the 75 years since the country's independence? What was the source of its

strength? The answer to this question is very simple. The source of strength of the Hindutva movement is nothing but the activist who puts both his sattva (goodness) and swatva (selfhood) at stake. He is the soul of this movement. It is the inner strength of the activist that has led Hindutva to become the central point in various socio-economic spheres within India. Today, the remarkable influence of Hindutva ideology in the country's politics and state system is a product of this inner strength. Although politics is one of the many aspects of the Hindutva movement, we have all witnessed in the past ten years the potential for societal and national transformation through the effective application of political power. The activist is the prominent reason for Hindutva's success in politics, which becomes evident when we analyse the history of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or the erstwhile Jana Sangh.

If Biden is Unfit to Run Again, How is He Fit to Stay on as President?

It is ironic that despite its scorn for North Korea and the tradition of secrecy that shrouds the health of its top leaders, the US appears to be going down a similar path with its political leaders. While the partisan US media has been questioning the lack of a proper bulletin on the condition of Republican presidential contender Donald Trump after the failed assassination attempt, there is less than optimal information on the health parameters of incumbent President Joe Biden. As there is a visible change in Trump's demeanour after an assassin's bullet clipped his right ear, an update on his mental state after that near-miss is certainly warranted. He seems mellowed, subdued, quieter, even reflective. Although the media seems less concerned about his overall well-being than a more popular political personage, the impact of that event cannot be discounted. The nation—the US—needs to know to what extent he has been affected by this ordeal. But even more imperative are medical updates on the man who still has control over the nuclear balloon but cannot remember the name of his own Secretary of Defence or a Supreme Court justice's full name. Whether Biden remains in the race or steps aside in favour of someone younger and composed, he will still be in charge of the US at least till January 2025 and (supposedly) taking decisions that can have wide-ranging consequences. So his health is a crucial matter. Yet, the media and commentariat in the US is focusing voter attention only on the fact that he is doing well after being diagnosed with Covid-19 yet again. Despite having taken multiple booster shots of the vaccine in the past four years. The only question being mildly raised is whether he has the stamina to keep up with the pace of the Presidential elections. They are glossing over the more important issue of Biden's fit-

ness to handle the day-to-day challenges of his high office. Stumbling and shuffling while walking, a very visible stiffness in his arms and legs, wooden smiles and all-too-frequent moments of blank incomprehension on his face do not portend well for a man who is one of the world's most powerful leaders. That the White House is behaving as if "aall izz well" is even more alarming in that context. One commentator observed that not since the Nixon era has the White House been so busy hiding information about a President. It is as if the Biden clan and White House officials willed the US—the mainstream media at least—to ignore evidence of his decrepitude.

His decline did not happen overnight, yet it may not have come into focus at all had he not flubbed the debate with Trump on primetime TV so spectacularly, forcing the media to take note. Media posited every stumble of Trump while in office as evidence of debility, but Biden's procession of fumbles and tumbles had always been downplayed. The decline in Biden's physical—and by implication, possibly mental—fitness has been obvious for years, so the secretive attitude of his close confidantes is confounding.

While it may not be 'elder abuse' as some have alleged, the danger of a President not being at the top of his game is manifest. There is no problem with your average Grandpa being creaky and forgetful, but if that old man also happens to be POTUS, it becomes a matter of international consternation. There are precedents of US presidents not being open about their health. No one knew then, for instance, that John F Kennedy was taking a strong cocktail of steroids to deal with health issues though he exuded an image of robustness. And Franklin Roosevelt

Why is BJP doubling down on Hindutva? Modi-Shah have a different reading of 2024 result

Over a hundred thousand new jobs—1,09,589, to be precise—were created every day in 2023-24, the Reserve Bank of India said in its latest report on employment. Citing this report about the creation of 4.7 crore new jobs in the last fiscal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that eight crore new jobs were created in India in the last three to four years, and it silenced those "spreading fake narratives". The Opposition was quick to pick holes. By telling one lie after another on jobs, you are rubbing salt in the wounds of the

youth, said Congress party's communications chief Jairam Ramesh. He questioned how the RBI arrived at this figure when it didn't disclose the sector-wise break-up as it did in the past. My colleague TCA Sharad Raghavan reported that over 37 per cent of women counted as 'workers' in the RBI report were doing 'unpaid work'. Unpaid helpers in household enterprises constituted 18.3 per cent of the workforce in 2022-23, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey. For instance, if a person is selling pakoras at a stall,

with his wife frying them and the daughter or son serving them, they are all counted as employed in the unpaid helpers' category. As per PLFS 2022-23, 20.9 per cent of the workforce in India are regular wage/salary employees. Others include unpaid helper, casual labour and own account worker and employer. Opposition's criticism aside, the Economic Survey 2023-24, tabled by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, sought to revalidate what PM Modi suggested in Mumbai—that India has wit-

nessed "a notable transformation in its employment landscape". Its detailed accounts of the Modi-led government's achievements in creating jobs had a catch though. "Estimates show that about 51.25 per cent of the youth is deemed employable.

In other words, about one in two are not yet readily employable, straight out of college. However, it must be noted that the percentage has improved from around 34 per cent to 51.3 per cent in the last decade," said the Economic Survey.

BSNL subscribers rising, 4G network ready, says Jyotiraditya Scindia

Delhi: BSNL's customer base is growing, and an indigenous 4G network is being converted to 5G, according to Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. Speaking to the media, the Union minister for communications announced that the 4G network with indigenous technology under Atma Nirbhar Bharat will be available nationwide through BSNL in a few months. People asked why BSNL didn't launch 4G when Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone did. The prime minister decided not to utilize Chinese or other foreign equipment to build a government-run company's network, "Scindia remarked. He stated that an indigenous technology was chosen. Under Atmanirbhar Bharat, PM Modi has decided to construct India's own 4G stack, core system, or radiation access network towers. India will enhance its technology and provide 4G to its citizens in 1.5 years. The minister said Bharat is the fifth nation with indigenous technology. Construction of the skyscrapers is ongoing, he said. He added BSNL



Government set to bring bill to curb waqf board powers on assets

In a major step, the government wants to curb the "unfettered" powers of Waqf Boards to declare any property a 'waqf asset' and take control of it. Sources said the Cabinet discussed 40-odd amendments in the Waqf Act (known as Waqf Act before 2013), including ones to check the jurisdiction, considered arbitrary in many quarters, of Waqf Boards which now control assets running into lakhs of crores of rupees across the country. Under the proposed amendments, Waqf Boards' claims, which were previously unrestricted, will be subject to mandatory verification.

is implementing it while Tejas Network, C-DOT, and TCS work in other domains. "We will install 80,000 towers by the end of October and the remaining 21,000 by March next year, which means one lakh towers of 4G network will be installed by March 2025," stated. He

claimed it would speed up downloads and TV viewing.

"This 4G core supports 5G. Work is underway to modify towers for 5G services. He stated 4G to 5G will be completed soon. Scindia said several telecom customers are transferring to BSNL from private operators.

Government looking at 100% FDI in online gaming

Delhi: The government is examining a possible 100 percent foreign direct investment (FDI) in the online gaming sector, reported on July 31. If it goes ahead, the move will provide a much-needed relief to the industry grappling with high tax burdens and regulatory uncertainties. Discussions are underway at various levels of the government regarding a proposal from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the report cited sources as saying. The proposed policy would enable full FDI in online real-money gaming, provided the investments do not involve betting or



The centre will sell FCI rice starting August

Delhi: Govt would sell rice to state governments from FCI stock. Over 13 months after the Centre ceased selling rice to "maintain buffer stocks and control prices", Congress said in June 2023 that the action was meant to prevent it from fulfilling its promise to give 5 kg of free rice to the underprivileged under the "Anna Bhagya" initiative in Karnataka, reported Dipak Dash

gambling activities. for official approval Moneycontrol couldn't verify the report independently. The change could eliminate the need for startups to attract foreign capital.

Carlsberg, Diageo, and Pernod Ricard will face stricter ad restrictions in India

Delhi: India, which forbids liquor advertising, will soon outlaw surrogate ads and event sponsorship, forcing Carlsberg, Pernod Ricard, and Diageo to rethink their marketing strategies. Such "surrogate ads" often circumvent the ban by showcasing less desirable things like water, music CDs, or glassware with logos and colors related to their main product, often pushed by Bollywood stars. "You can't take a circuitous

way to promote products. "If we find ads to be surrogate and misleading, then even those who are endorsing (products), including celebrities, will be held responsible." In India, Carlsberg advertises their Tuborg drinking water with film stars at a rooftop dance party and the phrase "Tilt Your World", echoing its beer commercials elsewhere, which say "Drink Responsibly". India is the world's eighth-largest alcohol market by volume, with Euromonitor estimating \$45 billion in annual revenues. The reforms imperil liquor companies. India accounts for a tenth of Pernod's global revenues, while Diageo and Pernod hold a fifth of the whisky market. The proposal states that "prohibition against engaging in surrogate advertisement" applies to sponsorships and commercials for "brand extensions" that resemble alcohol brands.

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Record 7.3 crore I-T returns filed till July 31: Tax department

Income tax returns (ITRs) touched a new record of nearly 7.3 crore, 7.5% higher compared to 6.8 crore in previous fiscal, by the July 31 deadline, the income tax department said on Friday. Out of the total ITRs of 7.3 crore filed for AY2024-25, 5.3 crore have been filed in the new tax regime compared to over 2 crore ITRs filed in the old tax regime," it said. Thus, about 72% of taxpayers have opted for the new tax regime, while 28% continue to be in the old tax regime.

Qualcomm Launches Chipset to Lower 5G Phone Prices in India

Delhi: It stated Xiaomi and other large OEMs will initially use the chipset, with the first commercial device due before the end of the year. Qualcomm will shortly reveal talks with other OEMs, both old and new. India's digital development and global competitiveness depend on 5G access. As India's 5G deployment succeeds, we want to make sure everyone can use affordable devices "Qualcomm India president Savi Soin stated. He added the company wants to deliver affordable 5G connections to remote places. 5G can bridge the digital gap, providing Indians with essential education, government, healthcare, and payment tools and services more reliably and securely, and driving India's 'Made in India' goal. He stated Snapdragon 4S Gen 2 strengthens India's 5G environment and democratizes connectivity. The chipset was designed and developed in India for India, Soin added. Qualcomm wants to make technology accessible to all, keeping 'India-first' in mind, Soin said.



The iPhone Pro will soon be assembled in India by Apple

Delhi: An endorsement of India's Make in India program, Apple is now planning to manufacture the Pro series of iPhones in the nation. Apple does not currently have "no immediate plans" to manufacture MacBook laptops and iPad tablets in India, according to insiders. While trial production would start a bit sooner, the insiders also mentioned that when the newest iPhone 16 models hit stores worldwide around September this year, the first iPhone Pro handsets will be produced in India.

Just like with the non-Pro series, Apple will export the iPhone Pro models to different worldwide markets after production stabilises in India. A year has passed since the plan's inception, during which time the supply chain for new gadgets has been under constant scrutiny. The company will continue to assemble the Pro models, as it has been successful thus far, according to one source. The results have been positive.

2-month extension granted to EV scheme

Delhi: The Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) will be extended by two months, till September, with an additional expenditure of Rs 278 crore, according to an announcement by the heavy industries ministry. The government announced that the scheme's new aims include supporting more than 5 lakh electric two-wheelers and around 51,000 e-three wheelers. Oh no! Jointly developed by MediaTek and JioThings, the 'Made in India' Smart Digital Cluster and Smart Module are now available for motorcycles. This innovation sought to improve the electric vehicle industry by integrating the Internet of Things (IoT), voice recognition, and real-time data analytics. Working together, they aimed to revolutionize the rider experience and provide cutting-edge smart clusters to meet the demands of the expanding electric vehicle market. During her presentation of the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled plans to create 2 lakh crore jobs. Direct wage benefits, incentives for manufacturing, and employer support are important parts of the plans. In line with the government's goals for India's future, a new skilling project would modernize 1,000 ITIs and teach 20 lakh youth over the course of five years. With an emphasis on facilitating access to loans and enhancing technological capabilities.

Twelve new industrial cities for India

Delhi: A top government official claimed 12 new industrial cities in the lines of Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and Dholera, Gujarat, will encourage domestic manufacturing. Two in Andhra Pradesh and one in Bihar are coming. Eight such towns are in various stages of execution, according to DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Dholera (Gujarat), Auric (Maharashtra), Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh), and Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) have trunk infrastructure and industry land parcels are being allotted. In the other four, the government's special purpose vehicle is building road, water, and electricity infrastructure. The Budget announced 12 additional cities, bringing the total to 20, Singh told PTI. Industrial smart cities. Twelve new cities bring the total to 20.

After building the trunk infrastructure, we gave plots. We obtain environmental clearance for the entire city, so the corporation may 'plug and play' "The department will request new ones from the Union cabinet. Plans are ready and state governments own the land. "We just have to approve the equity to the SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)," he said. The move will boost manufacturing's GDP contribution and create jobs. Ashoo Gupta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., stated this innovative reform, in conjunction with governments and the business sector, can improve industrial growth and city planning. "These initiatives will become vibrant economic hubs that spur innovation and development, leaving a legacy. The government usually builds vital infrastructure and gives industries land, enticing investors with high-quality, reliable, eco-friendly, and durable infrastructure," Gupta added.

Gold sector wants 'One Nation, One Rate' from East India

Delhi: An official stated the gold jewelry business supports a 'One Nation, One Rate' approach, commencing with Eastern India in August. Samar Kr De, Swarna Shilpa Bachao Committee President, said all stakeholders want a national gold rate. De said bullion sellers will help us implement a single rate for Bengal and eastern India in August. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) Chairman, Saiyam Mehra, said, "The idea is to create a level playing field for all stakeholders and prevent undercutting." De added they are in talks with significant national jewellery retail chains to extend the 'One Gold Rate' policy nationwide within six months. He added that the business was surprised by the 9% duty drop. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cut gold and silver import taxes from 15% to 6%.

in her budget. Industry players said the dramatic duty drop will reduce unlawful imports. Diamond importer Sunny Dholakia predicted 100 tons of gold smuggling out of 950 tonnes. Industry sources are concerned about whether the government has another GST proposal for gold. Jewelry rates are currently three percent, but the GJC wants the GST Council to lower them.

Tatas withdraw Vivo India purchase plan

Delhi

Sources told that Apple's objections may have halted Tata group's proposal to buy a majority stake in Vivo's India operation. Sources stated Vivo (FY23 revenue: Rs 30,000 crore) was considering selling 51% of its Indian business to Tata as part of its efforts to 'Indianise' operations under government pressure. Apple wasn't happy with the deal because Tata makes its smartphones in Bangalore. "This has been one of the key rea-



sons that scuttled the plan," stated a source. Apple thought any merger with Vivo by the Tata group, its manufacturing partner, would be a competitor. This may have ended Tatas-Vivo discussions "The insider added a

"re-think looks exceedingly improbable 'as of now'." A survey conducted by Apple and Vivo went unanswered. Tata's representative remarked, "We are denying this development." Chinese companies are considering

controlling stakes to local partners to gain easier access to funding, which has become harder after the government's increased scrutiny on investments from bordering countries. Having a respectable local partner in their firm helps them become trusted partners in the government's Make in India project, which many believe protects them from regulatory measures and simplifies visa applications.

Infosys indicted for over 32,000 crore by taxman

Delhi: Tax authorities identified ₹32,403 crore in indirect tax fraud by Bengaluru-based Infosys Ltd. for services provided by its international offices, marking the highest instance since the GST regime was introduced over seven years ago. India's second-largest technology services firm, Infosys, says the tax does not apply to the services. A Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) note claimed it is examining the technology bluechip for IGST evasion until FY22. It stated the IT major set up branch offices abroad for business and included their expenses in its Indian export invoice. DGGI said Infosys is being investigated for 'non-payment of IGST on import of services as recipient of



services' because its overseas branches and the company are treated as 'distinct persons' under the IGST Act. According to DGGI's incident report, the overseas branches' services ensured efficient running of the company's businesses in foreign countries, better delivery of the company's services, better customer coordination, helped sell the company's services to international clients, provided consultancy and legal services, and managed company

employees outside India. The corporation feels GST is not applicable to these expenses per legislation. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs issued circular number 210/4/2024 on June 26, 2024, on the GST Council's advice, exempting overseas branches' services from GST. Former Infosys board member Mohandas Pai called the tax demand "outrageous" and "a case of tax terrorism" on social networking platform.

Top 3 automakers' dispatches to dealers decline

Delhi: The top three automakers—Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, and Tata Motors—reduced wholesale deliveries to dealerships in July (year over year), about two months before the start of the holiday season, suggesting that the auto sector may be slowing down. Dealer sales for Hyundai were down 3%, while Maruti's delivery numbers decreased by 10%. With 6% less sales in July, Tata Motors was likewise having trouble. While Toyota and Mahindra & Mahindra reported favorable results. Even while Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota posted gains in July—growing by 15% and 44%, respectively—the majority of their exports are to fulfill unfinished backlog deliveries.

Kangana Ranaut calling farmers rapists is shameful, BJP has always insulted farmers: Anurag Danda.

Yamunanagar: Aam Aadmi Party District Yamuna Nagar workers and officials gathered at Kamani Chowk in Yamunanagar and protested against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut for making statements against farmers under the leadership of the party's state senior vice president Anurag Danda. During this, Aam Aadmi Party workers raised slogans against the BJP government. Aam Aadmi Party workers demanded action against Kangana Ranaut and said that Kangana Ranaut should come to Haryana and apologize to the farmers. Aam Aadmi Party will not tolerate wrong state-



ments against farmers. Anurag Danda said that Kangana Ranaut has been making wrong statements on farmers earlier also. BJP has always insulted farmers. Now again Kangana Ranaut is spewing venom against the farmers. It has been the mentality of BJP that those who abuse farmers are

rewarded with positions in BJP. BJP hates farmers. BJP leaders are constantly calling farmers terrorists and Khalistanis and there is no telling what abuses BJP leaders have hurled at farmers. He said that Kangana Ranaut used to say that elderly women have come on rent to join the farmers' movement. BJP MP

Kangana Ranaut once again said that farmers want to turn India into Bangladesh. She said that farmers have committed rape and said that these are not farmers but agents of America and China. Which is a very shameful statement.

He added that this is not Kangana Ranaut but the mentality of BJP speaking. BJP appointed as many people who abused farmers to big positions and also rewarded Kangana Ranaut for the same and made her an MP.

BJP gives medals to the officers who fired bullets at farmers. BJP hates the farmers of this country. In the history of India, no one

except the British has hated farmers as much as BJP has. District media in-charge Anil Prajapati said that it is a matter of great sadness for the country that the BJP in power harasses the country's food provider and hates him. BJP hates those farmers of the country who work to feed the country. Laxman Vinayak, Lalit Tyagi, Subhash Kamboj, Anil Panjeta, Kapil Sagwan, Shalu Grewal, Rita Bamnia, Sushil Jain, ex-sarpanch Karamchand Parminder Saini Mandebbar, Pawan Sahota, Pawan Sahota, Ramesh Dahiya and hundreds of other workers were present on the occasion.

3 day workshop commences in Dyal Singh Public school

Yamunanagar: Under the aegis of Indian Resource and Development Association (IRADA) and with the inspiration of National Council of Science and Technology Communication, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, a three-day Jyoti Vigyan (Science Fair) was inaugurated in the premises of Dyal Singh Public School, Jagadhri in the presence of District Project Officer of Samagra Shiksha, Mr. Dharamveer Singh and Principal of the school, Mrs. Parul. Secretary of the organization, Rajpal Panchal said that the purpose of this fair is to develop scientific consciousness among the students and encourage their curiosity.

Dr. Dharamvir Singh said, "Science is an integral part of our life. It is present everywhere around us, we cannot even imagine our life without science. Mrs. Parul, Principal



of the school welcomed the Chief Guest of the programme, Rajpal Panchal, Secretary, IRADA, and key resource persons from various fields including Rakesh Upadhyay from Uttarakhand, Krishna Kumar Rai from Lucknow, Pramod Mishra from Prayagraj, Vikram from Almorah, Sandeep from Saharanpur, Manoj Kumar and Darshan Lal Children set up various Notably, Vikram and Prayag gave information about stars to the children through a mobile planetarium, while Krishna Kumar Rai explained the principles

of science in a simple way through puppetry. The school principal said, "Through science, students can understand their lives better. Along with studies, children are also gaining knowledge about science used in day-to-day activities in this science fair." On the first day of the fair, scientist Pramod Kumar spoke about adulteration, Jitendra Bhatnagar about sleight of hand, Sandeep about electrical equipment, and Manoj Kumar surprised the students by today in the fair science models were specially displayed.

AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' campaign from Sep 1 in lead-up to Delhi polls

Delhi: AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' campaign from Sep 1 in lead-up to Delhi polls. Representative Image: AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' NEW DELHI: The AAP will launch a campaign 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' from September 1 to reach out to people as the party gears up for the Delhi Assembly polls due early next year. Following a meeting of senior party leaders to chalk out the strategy for the polls, AAP Rajya

Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak said the campaign will intensify in the days to come. "There was a detailed discussion on various aspects related to governance, political scenario, and each assembly constituency in Delhi. Manish Sisodia's 'padyatra' has been getting a very positive response," Pathak, who is also the party's national general secretary (organisation), told reporters after the meeting. "Wherever he is going people are coming out and saying

'you have been faced a lot of injustice'. We will continue these padyatras," he added. The party will also be rolling out its campaign 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' from September 1, wherein the MLAs will hold meetings at the 'mandal' level and booth level where there will be discussions on political scenarios and the work done by the party. "We will also expose the conspiracy being hatched by the BJP against the people of Delhi during this campaign.

No liquor at restaurants beyond 'permitted time'

Delhi: Following complaints that some restaurants and clubs were serving liquor to customers beyond their stipulated time, the excise department has issued a circular warning such entities to desist from such practices. The excise department, in the circular, mentioned that violations of prescribed timings to serve liquor were also found by its enforcement teams during the



inspection of certain premises. There are more than 950 hotels, clubs and restau-

rants in the capital where liquor can be served to the customers. Except for a few bars

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company's Assets Under Management cross ` 3 lakh crore

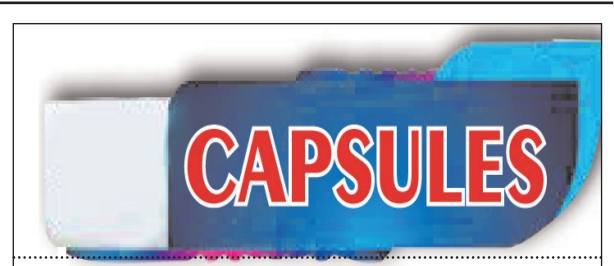
GURGAON/FARID-ABAD: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd., has achieved a significant milestone of crossing 3 lakh crore in Assets Under Management (AUM). The Company's AUM as of July 31, 2024, stood at ` 3.14 lakh crore. Mr. Anup Bagchi, MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "We are delighted to have crossed the milestone of ` 3 lakh crore in assets under management. This signifies customers preference for our products and their trust in us to enable them to achieve their long-term financial goals. Our approach of simplifying products and processes has been one of the factors driving the growth in our assets under management. Customers depend on us to provide financial security to themselves and their families. We therefore act as trustees and custodians of our customers savings and have put in place a stringent investment

philosophy and risk management framework. This approach has ensured we have not had any Non-Performing Assets since inception of the Company and across market cycles." Mr. Bagchi further added, "We believe, life insurance caters to the primary needs of society of financial security, wealth creation and retirement income, therefore our products and processes are aligned to fulfil these needs. The technology solutions implemented have helped us to simplify life insurance, develop innovative products and offer the right product to the right customer at the right price through the right channel to deliver enhanced customer experience. Our commitment to deliver on the promises.

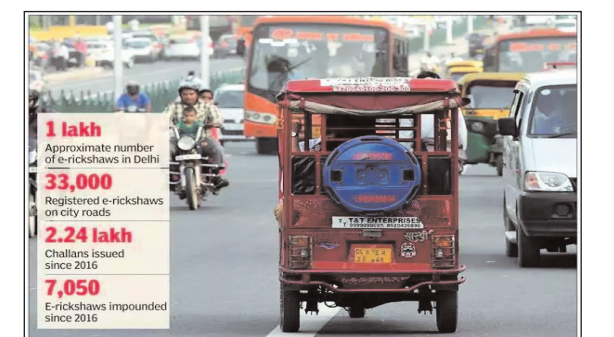
made is reflected in our claim settlement ratio of 99.17% in FY2024, one of the best in the industry, with a turnaround time of just 1.27 days."

Delhi man stabbed by son, undergoing treatment

NEW DELHI: A 54-year-old man was injured after allegedly being stabbed by his son during an argument in the Vishnu Garden Extension area of west Delhi, police said on Tuesday. The injured man, identified as Raj Kumar Rattan, suffers from a kidney ailment and requires regular dialysis, they said. "He is stable and undergoing treatment," a senior officer said. Personnel at Khayala police station received a call about an alleged stabbing incident at 11 pm on Monday. It was found that a quarrel had broken out between Rattan and his son Sachin Rattan (29), he added. Sachin Rattan stabbed his father with a kitchen knife during the argument and fled. Rattan was taken to GGS Hospital and, after first aid, shifted to Safdarjung Hospital. He is stable and undergoing treatment.



Illegal e-rickshaws in Delhi to be crushed within 7 days of being seized



Delhi: To check the growth of illegal e-rickshaws, Delhi gov't's transport department has decided to scrap the impounded and unregistered e-rickshaws within seven days if the owners do not apply for registration of their vehicles. Earlier, 90 days were allowed for this process. "Under the rules, the registration window is 90 days. But since these rickshaws are illegal, they could be scrapped after seven days," said a transport official on Friday. "Before handing over the impounded e-rickshaws to a registered vehicle scrapping facility, they will be crushed.

"The transport department has given a fresh push to booking illegally operating e-rickshaws. This month, till Aug 21, the department impounded 1,077 e-rickshaws, meaning over 50 of them seized every day.

The decision was taken after a high-level review meeting chaired by the lieutenant governor as a means to decongesting the city. According to estimates, there are 1.2 lakh registered e-rickshaws in the city. However, the actual number of e-rickshaws on the ground is perhaps twice that figure, necessitating a check on their illegal proliferation. "Because the unregistered e-rickshaws do not have number plates and so cannot be challaned online, they flout all traffic restrictions and often ply on roads where they are not permitted, thereby slowing down traffic and causing congestion," said the official.

On CCTV, 3 Delhi Traffic Cops Divide Bribe Money, Suspended

Delhi: Three traffic policemen in Delhi were caught on a CCTV camera dividing money that one of them took as a bribe. In the video which has gone viral on social media, one of the cops can be seen arguing with a man inside a police check post in Gazipur of Thrill Lauri Circle. After a small conversation,

the policeman gestures to the man who puts a bundle of money on a table behind the cop as he keeps a lookout.

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Gunnebo Showcases Their High-Security Physical Security Solutions at the Ambala Jewellery Exhibition

AMBALA: Gunnebo, a global leader in physical security solutions, successfully participated in the Regional Jewellery Exhibition organized by the India Gold Jewellery Expo (IGJ), held between 24th to 26th AUG at Ambala City, Haryana. The event provided an excellent platform for Gunnebo to showcase its latest range of high security BIS certified safe storage solutions like safes, strong room door, vaults, high security locks, etc. tailored specifically for the jewellery stores. Anirban Mukhuti, Head - Marketing & Product Management - Asia,



commented on the exhibition, stating, "We are delighted to participate in the Ambala Jewellery Exhibition. Haryana is one of the most promising jewellery markets in India and such initiatives help us to engage with and educate the customers about the wide

range of security products under our brands Steelage and Chubb Safes. Our legacy of over 250 years, extensive experience across the globe and expertise in this industry enable us to design our products to meet the rising security needs of our customers.

We will continue with our mission of providing high grade security solutions and participate in other prominent cities of Haryana in a bigger way in the near future." During the three-day exhibition, the Gunnebo team demonstrated their advanced safe storage products, designed to provide maximum security for Jewellery Stores. The demonstration highlighted the benefits of certified safes, including state-of-the-art security features and compliance with industry standards, drawing significant interest from jewellers and exhibition visitors. Key representatives.

Coaching tenders are issued by DDA sports complexes

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sports centers with over 53,386 members (excluding dependents) and 213,235 monthly users. Chilla Sports Complex, CWG Village Sports Complex, Saket Sports Complex, Siri Fort Complex, Dwarka Sports Complex at Sector 17, and Roshanara Club operate 158 coaching schemes with about

6,175 trainees. Coaching. The complex trains members and non-members in sports. "While DDA charges a fee for using the facilities at the complexes from members or non-members, provision for coaches is also provided after paying additional fees," a rep stated. "The DDA management will determine

coaching days and times based on facility availability. No coach or coaching agency can receive more than two sports complexes "official said. During busy hours like 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm, sports complexes rarely offer instruction. Regular members can use facilities during this period. If the complex secretary finds spare capacity, coaching can be allowed during these hours, with certain requirements "authority].

DDA will supply infrastructure and facilities; coaches or organizations will run sessions. "The coach and DDA would split outdoor coaching fees 60:40. Facilities where

DDA supplies most training aids and interior facilities share 50:50. At least 10% of economically disadvantaged trainees must receive free coaching, according to regulations

"The authority invited tenders on June 23. Officials stressed that coaches or agencies who have not offered free instruction to the necessary number of trainees will not be eligible for contract extensions. "If there is a requirement to impart coaching to EWS sections by more than 10% of trainees, then DDA will pay the coaches their share of the fees over and above the mandatory 10%," a rep said.

City benefits from longer amusement license



Delhi: LG Saxena's unified public entertainment licensing platform, launched earlier this month, has made business easier and helped turn Delhi into a dynamic city, restaurateurs claimed. Restaurant operators may now schedule gigs without worrying about getting a license at the last minute with a long-term license. Before launching the service, they had to file a police license form before hosting singer, band, percussionist, or stand-up shows. Permissions were slow, so you couldn't book good artists or host last-minute shows. This link lets you apply for a longer license online. Sandeep Goyle, National Restaurant Association of India Delhi chapter head, said this will help many businesses. The manager of a popular restaurant stated even a casual gig required a license and much documenta-

tion before submission. "Permission could take two weeks to a month. It could also be refused. This nearly ended live music and performance in restaurants, which mostly used DJs or recorded music "said. An LG secretariat official said the webpage was designed to streamline, simplify, and standardize the capital's licensing process for amusement parks, auditoriums, and video game parlours. According to the source, the licensing unit of Delhi Police, and Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and National Informatics Centre created the transformational portal to improve licensing operations across Delhi. The paperwork and documentation requirements are much reduced, streamlining the application processing and cooperation by combining municipal organizations, Delhi Fire Service, and Delhi Police onto a single platform." The application can be filled out online from anywhere and sent to all agencies simultaneously for quick processing. This allowed public performers, poets, and comedians to perform without having their scripts approved by police before the capital event.

700 parakeets rescued from Old Delhi Market

Delhi: At least 736 birds of six species protected under different Wildlife Act schedules were rescued from at least two shops at Coat market, also known as Kabootar market, in Jama Masjid in central Delhi after a raid by the department of forest and wildlife on . rds lived in metal and plastic cages of various sizes. The shopkeepers packed the cages inhumanely in confined areas. The shopkeepers fled after witnessing the raiders. The officials stated Jama Masjid police officers helped the forest and

wildlife department's raiding squad find and rescue the birds. Anamika, deputy conservator of forests (central division), said the 736 rescued birds included six kinds of Parakeets and Munias. There were 325 Scaly Breasted Munias, 190 Rose Ringed, 123 Black Headed, 39 Red, 37 Alexandrine, and 22 Plum Headed. "The abducted birds are fed and watered in the central forest section. Anamika (one name) stated, "After some observation, they will be released in Asola Bhatti Sanctuary."

After a tip regarding Jama Masjid stores illegally holding endangered species, the central forest division launched the raid, officials said.

A team of wildlife inspectors, foresters, wildlife and forest guards, and animal handlers went to the Coat Market with local police. "Since our team had to conduct the raid and rescue operation in a sensitive locality, we roped in the local Jama Masjid police staff to handle any security and safety issues," stated the DCF."

PUC centers reopen as government promises to evaluate testing fee



Delhi: Petroleum dealers association officials said most pollution-under-control (PUC) checking centre operators at Delhi petrol pumps resumed operations on Thursday after calling off their indefinite strike to demand higher fees. After a meeting between the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association (DPDA) and Delhi transport department officials, who promised to investigate the striking dealers' requests, services resumed. DPDA general secretary Bibek Banerjee said: "The principal secretary, transport, agreed to relook into rate revision based on actual costs involved in the process. The officer will get DPDA's complete reasoning for PUC tariff increases soon. For the greater

good, DPDA has called off PUC centers' petrol pump strikes. The transport agency said PUC centre dealers put off the strike after talking with them. "They will justify raising PUC rates in detail. The transport official, who requested anonymity, said the department will review the findings and take action. The Delhi government reported 945 PUC centers, 600 of which operate from petrol pumps. Around 400 dealers went on an extended strike from July 15 to demand double testing. Following a 13-year gap, the government recommended raising PUC rates by ?20 to ?40 last week. Petroleum traders say the raise is insufficient to cover costs while waiting for notification.

Scrap 'illegal' car, get refund for next purchase

Delhi: Scrapping your old car will get you a discount on your future one. Delhi government sent LG VK Saxena a proposal for approval. Kailash Gahlot, transport minister, said the policy encouraged the destruction of old, polluting vehicles and the adoption of newer, cleaner ones. "By offering tax concessions, we hope to make it easier for vehicle owners to transit to more environment-friendly options," said Gahlot. The government would reduce the motor vehicles (MV) tax for new transport and non-transport cars provided a certificate is submitted confirming an old vehicle was scrapped at a registered vehicle scrapping plant. To qualify for savings, one must acquire a new car in the same category as the scrapped one. New diesel cars will receive a 15% MV tax concession.

Delhi to expand PUC checkpoints

Delhi: The Arvind Kerjriwal-led administration stated that it is investigating new locations to open pollution under control (PUC) inspection facilities in Delhi for people's convenience. After the Transport department found several petrol pump PUC checking centres "non-operational", the decision was made. The Transport department has asked DMRC and IGL to open new PUC checking centres at their sites. Advertisement Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "Ensuring vehicles comply with pollution norms is crucial for improving Delhi's air quality. By adding PUC checking centers, we hope to make car testing and certification easier for citizens. We thank DMRC and IGL for their help." Over 900 PUC inspection centers are in Delhi, including 700 at petrol pumps. In 2017, the Supreme Court ordered all state transport departments to set up PUC checking stations at fuel stations. The Transport Department found some PUC checking centres violating this directive recently. Enforcers have been ordered to shut down non-compliant PUC checking centers in the city.

Delhi government officers reshuffled

Delhi: The Delhi government's services department dismissed senior IAS officer A Anbarasu from the principal commissioner (trade and taxes) position. Anbarasu, a 1996-batch IAS officer, will remain principal secretary of Public Works Department and Delhi Jal Board CEO. Lieutenant governor VK Saxena ordered it, officials said. Sources further said the AAP government had noted that the official was overworked with three critical ministries, hampering work. The services department also selected 2002-batch IAS officer Nikhil Kumar as land and building secretary. Kumar was relocated to Delhi from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and was awaiting appointment. He had numerous key roles in Delhi before. The order also named 2008-batch IAS officer Chanchal Yadav secretary (home). In other news, 2009-batch officer KM Uppu was dismissed from the excise commissioner duties. He will now be New Delhi Municipal Council secretary entirely. In anticipation of postings, the services department dispatched 2001-batch IAS officers Arti Lal Sharma and Jitender Yadav to DDA and MCD. Ravi Jha, another IAS officer awaiting posting, is now New Delhi district magistrate, while Marathe Onkar Gopal is in MCD. LG transferred and posted only in his direct control offices, an official said. Tamil Nadu named P Amudha special officer for Mudhalvarin Mugavari and Makkaludan Mudhalvar. She was transferred from the home department after opposition criticism of law enforcement. CS Shiv Das Meena confirmed the appointment. Kerala appointed IAS officer K Vasuki to manage 'foreign collaboration'.

HC authorizes MCD to remove illegal construction

Delhi: The High Court ordered the MCD to dismantle an unauthorized structure built by a Mayur Vihar Phase 1 Extension housing society resident. On July 9, the HC bench of acting Chief Justice (ACJ) Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela ruled that MCD, under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, is "fully empowered" to remove unauthorised

construction "even if it happens to be within the four corners of a house or a flat". The housing society's writ case to ensure MCD's statutory responsibility was maintainable, the bench said. After MCD ignored multiple reminders from 2019 to monitor various residents' encroachments, the society's controlling committee went to court.

The petitioner's attorney argued that a resident had built illegally and encroached on society land, then removed it herself. The attorney said just the elevated base remains.

At the hearing, MCD counsel told HC that it had booked unlawful development in 13 society flats and partially demolished them. The counsel

Telemedicine to access specialized doctors

Delhi: State-run hospitals will provide Delhi residents telemedicine from doctors and specialists. Sources stated Delhi health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has authorized doctors from several government hospitals to consult with patients via eSanjeevani. The Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC), which built the Sanjeevani software, agreed to Bharadwaj's request to alter it for the Delhi government. National patients can consult doctors in central government and municipal hospitals in the capital. A six-member committee led by ILBS

chancellor Dr. SK Sarin, created by Delhi High Court to improve health services in state-run and MCD hospitals and dispensaries, also advocated telemedicine. Sources said C-DAC will build a Delhi-only platform with state-run hospital doctors. "Since the government was in the process of hiring more doctors through UPSC and on contract, officials said the facility will be reviewed in due course of time and will be opened to patients from other states also," a rep said. Delhi's health department will hire general practitioners and specialists in surgery.

MCD will contract out all Karol Bagh municipal park maintenance



Delhi: Senior civic officials stated that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will pilot outsourcing municipal park management to commercial concessionaires to improve their upkeep. The 762-park Karol Bagh zone will host the pilot. A senior MCD official said the horticulture department has produced a project study for outsourcing Karol Bagh maintenance, including upkeep, pruning, rubbish collection, and vegetation. "The sanitation department manages waste in all zones through private concessionaires. We're out-

sourcing Karol Bagh park maintenance to a specialist. It is estimated to cost roughly ?5 crore annually. The official, who requested anonymity, said the idea may be expanded to other zones if successful. MCD's horticulture department administers 15,226 parks on 5,172.07 acres. Most parks—90%—are "housing area parks"

(HAP) with areas under 5,000 square meters. Besides providing a green lung for Delhi, these parks allow citizens to exercise and play. According to an MCD official, outsourcing park management to experts should save money.

"We expect better park maintenance. It will expedite park maintenance concerns from

citizens. The zonal officer would oversee all agency activity, the statement stated. The top MCD official stated that of 762 parks in Karol Bagh, 42 are more than 4,047sqm, 119 are 2,023.5sqm to 4,047sqm, and the rest are smaller.

Reported last year that the corporation had a gardener shortage, citing an MCD study that indicated 56% of gardener positions were vacant as of September 2023. Only 3,446 of 7,872 sanctioned gardener posts were hired, causing trouble in north and east Delhi.

YES BANK Celebrates Manu Bhaker's Double Bronze Victory at the Paris Olympics 2024



HISAR/ HAJJAR : YES BANK extends its heartfelt congratulations to Manu Bhaker, the young shooting sensation from Haryana, for her outstanding achievement in winning two bronze medals in the 10m air pistol category at the Paris Olympics 2024. Manu's exceptional talent and dedication have not only made India proud but also inspired the entire Indian contingent in Paris and millions of aspiring athletes across the nation. As the official banking partner and principal sponsor for Team India, YES BANK launched yesteaminindia.com, a platform where fans can send their best wishes directly to Olympians. This initiative aims to support and motivate athletes to achieve their best by connecting them with their supporters. Furthering its commitment to the sports, YES BANK's "Milkar Jitayenge" campaign, in collaboration with the Indian Olympic Association, highlights the vital role of communities in nurturing Olympic talent. Manu Bhaker's success is a testament to the strong support from her family, coaches, and mentors, demonstrating the power of collective effort. In addition to supporting athletes, YES BANK has introduced the YES Glory savings account, which provides exclusive benefits like a Taj voucher, orthopedic consultations, zero cross-currency mark-up, medical insurance, a YES Glory Gold Debit Card, and international lounge access. This initiative ensures athletes have financial support and benefits tailored to their unique needs. Moreover, YES BANK empowers communities in Haryana through tailored banking products designed to meet the financial aspirations of the affluent population. Products like YES Grandeur, YES Elite Credit Cards, and YES First offer exclusive services that cater to their specific needs.

ABB India sets up a smart center for electrician training in Faridabad



FARIDABAD : ABB India today announced the establishment of a smart center for electrician training in Faridabad, Haryana. This initiative was launched in partnership with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) in the presence of Sujeet Gusain, Location Industrial Relation Manager, Faridabad, ABB India, Saroj Apato, Vice-President, ESSCI, Rajeev Singh, AGM and Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, CEO, ESSCI, along with other representatives from ESSCI, and ABB India. The program aims to equip the youth with the necessary skills to thrive in the competitive job market and create

ample employment opportunities in line with the National Education Policy, 2020. The electrician training initiative will involve an end-to-end program management solution to screen and select the right candidates, train them and provide job opportunities locally. The chosen candidates will receive 540+ hours of training, equivalent to 90 days at the center. ESSCI will collaborate with industry partners to facilitate job placements for trained individuals, bridging the gap between skill acquisition and employment. Commenting on the development, Sanjeev Arora, President,

Motion Business, ABB India said, "This initiative is a significant step towards addressing the skill gap in the electronics sector. By focusing on both upskilling the existing workforce and training the youth, we aim to create a sustainable pipeline of skilled professionals ready to meet the demands of the industry." "We are thrilled to partner with ABB India on this initiative. By leveraging our expertise in skilling, we aim to empower the youth and provide them with the necessary skills to succeed in the competitive job market," said Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, the CEO of ESSCI.

Integra Essentia Ltd.'s Agro and Infra Divisions Secure INR 280 Million Order

Chandigarh: Integra Essentia Limited (BSE: 535958, NSE: ESSENTIA), a leader engaged in the business of Life Essentials, has announced that it has secured a significant order valued at 280 million INR for its Agro and Infrastructure businesses. This order underscores the consistent trust and quality that the company's customers have in its products and services. The repeat business from its valued clients is a testament to the reliability and excellence that Integra Essentia Limited delivers. These steps not only propels the company towards its financial goals but also ensures substantial benefits for all its stakeholders. Integra Essentia Limited remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality and service as it continues to grow and expand its business operations.

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

Delhi's government created a central geospatial database 12 years ago by mapping the city and its services. This database was made web-accessible for departments and stakeholders. The two- and three-dimensional geographic databases encompassed subsurface and aboveground assets. Drains, sewers, water pipes, and power lines are underground. Include buildings, boundaries, electricity cables, bus and metro networks.

Heavy rain in Delhi causes traffic jams on important highways

After heavy rain, parts of Delhi were submerged, creating traffic jams and accidents. Pumps were used after knee-deep flooding on ITO main roadways. South Delhi's Vasant Kunj, Greater Kailash, New Friends Colony, Saket, and Malviya Nagar suffered residential and arterial road flooding. Water entered residences at Ekta Apartment on Press Enclave Road in Saket, and people drained it with buckets and cups. Drains are clogged and water gathering pits fail. Thus, all main road water has reached our homes. Water has ruined my furniture, carpets, and wooden floors, making them squeak. The water inside storage beds would have spoiled the contents. We pay one of the highest property taxes, and Saket is meant to be wealthy, but officials are doing this, a minor section of a road caved in in Rohini's Sector 13, causing a car to fall into a ditch. Another Timarpur automobile slid into a pit on an under-construction road. Sarai Kale Khan,

Jangpura, Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Dakshinpuri, and Paschim Vihar had knee-deep water in many colonies and urban villages. I've received complaints from various spots where water has entered people's homes and submerged the road outside their homes in colonies and societies. The rain surprised the authorities this year, who had nothing. We are worried of the month ahead since monsoon hasn't started yet, Waterlogging at the Ghazipur border

around Murga mandi forced vehicles from Akshardham to Ghaziabad and the opposite carriageways to reroute. Submerging the underpass flooded the main road near Dhaura Kuan. Similar issues arose around Dwarka. Most arterial segments were flooded in the morning. But nearly 200 huge and smaller pumps have been used to drain water. Some roads have been cleared, but most underpasses and other low-lying areas are still waterlogged.

Allahabad HC upholds suits, mosque panel petitions SC

Delhi: The Allahabad High Court rejected the mosque committee's plea challenging the maintainability of 18 suits brought on behalf of the deity and Hindu devotees, clearing the way for hearing the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Masjid Idgah dispute in Mathura. After hearing both sides' arguments, Justice Mayank Kumar Jain's single-judge bench reserved the ruling. I conclude that the plaintiffs' suits disclose a cause of action and are not barred by any provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995;



the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991; the Specific Relief Act, 1963; the Limitation Act. It stated that suit applications to reject plaintiffs may be denied. The mosque committee said it would appeal the High Court judgment to the Supreme Court. Advocate Mehmood Pracha, who represented the mosque

committee, told that the Supreme Court will review the Allahabad High Court judgment. This order is absurd and violates legal norms. Pracha said they would appeal to the Supreme Court in the coming days; the committee questioned its maintainability citing the Places of Worship Act, Limitation Act, Specific Relief Act, and Waqf Act. Ahmed said they would review the full order and appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court. He said the committee's plea questioning the High Court's hearing.

Traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity

Delhi : "As a source of traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity, India has championed these historic achievements. is a huge victory for India and the nations of the global south," a government official declared. The fact that

it took 150 nations and two decades of negotiations to reach an agreement is indicative of the resistance from nations like the US and transnational corporations.

A new treaty finalized by members of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) requires patent applicants to reveal the nation of origin or the source of genetic resources if the claimed invention is derived from those materials or related traditional knowledge. One of the main demands of the developing world, led by India, is the treaty that will offer extra protection for Indian genetic resources and traditional knowledge, including yoga, siddhi, and ayurveda. The agreement was finalized by the

Geneva-based agency that is in charge of developing regulations pertaining to patents and trademarks. This will force some nations to revise their domestic laws. Rather than trying to register patents to take advantage of the immense traditional knowledge and genetic resources, India has asked that the world's largest corporations give credit to these resources. Even while there is protection against misappropriation in India and other nations without disclosure requirements, the disclosure standards will offer protection internationally. Currently, there are disclosure requirements in 35 countries, the majority of which are voluntary and lack the necessary legal framework to be implemented successfully.

Pfizer Collaborates with Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon to Launch Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination

Gurugram : Pfizer India and Artemis Hospital have teamed up to launch a dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) for adult vaccination at Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon. The CoE is focused on improving patient care by providing comprehensive adult vaccination services against various vaccine-preventable diseases, including Pneumococcal disease, Influenza, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and Hepatitis A and B, among others. In India, nearly 95% of deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases occur in adults. [1] While adult vaccination is a proven, science-backed solution to enhance quality of life, its adoption remains inadequate across the country. Dr. Santosh Taur, Director



Medical Affairs, Pfizer Vaccines, said, "Pfizer is firmly committed to promoting public health and speeding up the vaccination process as a vital and effective strategy to protect the community from infections. Our collaboration with Artemis Hospital reinforces our dedication to preventive health by expanding access to adult vaccinations, ensuring robust protec-

tion against prevalent vaccine-preventable diseases, particularly respiratory infections. The establishment of this Centre of Excellence represents a significant milestone in our efforts to support the nation's healthcare infrastructure. It aims to provide healthcare practitioners and patients with critical information necessary for informed healthcare

decisions, particularly regarding immunization." The CoE will play a crucial role in equipping healthcare professionals with essential information about the scientifically proven benefits and the importance of timely adult vaccination, particularly for at-risk individuals such as those with chronic conditions like Chronic Lung Disease (COPD & Asthma), Diabetes, Chronic Heart Disease, Chronic Kidney Disease, and other immunocompromising conditions. People with additional risk factors such as smoking, exposure to pollution, or those aged 50 years or older, will also benefit from discussing adult vaccination with healthcare practitioners as a preventive healthcare measure.

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a