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'Childish behaviour in Lok Sabha yesterday': Modi's 'balak buddhi' jibe at Rahul

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday mocked Rahul Gandhi repeatedly referring to the leader of opposition as a child without taking his name and using "balak buddhi" jibe to slam the Congress leader. "We saw childish behaviour in Lok Sabha yesterday," said PM Modi in a swipe at Rahul's speech in Lok Sabha on Monday. "The entire Congress ecosystem is busy pleasing a child these days (Bachhe ka mann behlane ka kaam chal raha hai)," PM Modi said. He accused the leader of opposition of indulging in drama to gain sympathy. To mock Rahul Gandhi over his claims of being targeted and



PM Modi Turns To 'Sholay' To Target Rahul Gandhi In Lok Sabha

Citing the 'Mausi' character from Bollywood film 'Sholay', PM Modi said, "The statements of Congress leaders have surpassed even the film Sholay. You all must remember Mausi ji from the film 'Sholay'. Arey Mausi, we have lost for the third time but it is a moral victory. Arey attacked by government, PM Modi nar-

ing to gain sympathy without disclosing the wrongs he had committed. "The House witnessed the wailing of a person with "balak buddhi (childish behaviour)," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister then went on to narrate another story to mock Congress's performance in Lok Sabha elections. "I recall a story of a boy who was boasting around with 99 marks, showing everyone how many marks he got. When people heard 99, they would praise him and boost his confidence. Then his teacher came and said, "He didn't get 99 out of 100, but 99 out of 543." Now, who will explain to that foolish boy that he has set a world record for failure?" PM Modi said.

UP Hathras Stampede : 72 of 116 bodies identified; govt forms probe panel

Hathras The stampede occurred during a crowded religious gathering, leading to chaos and a significant number of casualties. The exact cause of the stampede is still under investigation. Yogi Adityanath, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, has directed district officials to ensure the injured are hospitalized promptly and to expedite relief efforts. In a post on X, his office stated that the chief minister has also ordered a thorough probe into the incident to determine the underlying causes and prevent such tragedies in the future. District Magistrate (DM) Ashish Kumar reported that the district administration is actively investigating the matter, with ongoing efforts to recover and assist the injured. Husband of the deceased Gudiya Devi, Mehtab says, "I tried to stop her from attending the Baba's Satsang many times but she



In rare move, Speaker names, reprimands LoP Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI: It was a rare occasion when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla named and reprimanded the newly appointed leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of inciting opposition members to troop to the well of the House to protest while PM Narendra Modi was

delivering his reply to the vote of thanks to the President's address to the joint sitting of Parliament. "It is unbecoming of you as leader of the opposition... I have seen you asking members to troop to the well. Such behaviour is unwarranted on your part," Birla said. incident of stampede in which, as per the information received so far, 116 people have died and 22 people are being treated in various hospitals in Aligarh and Hathras. There are 20 bodies which we are trying to identify.

Floods, landslides claim 9 lives in North-East

GUWAHATI/DIBRUGARH: Nine lives were lost due to continuous rainfall triggering landslides, while worsening the flood situation, in the North-East since Monday, even as IMD issued an "orange warning" in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland for three days, starting Wednesday. The number of people hit by floods in Assam surged to 11.34 lakh across 28 districts on Tuesday - up from 6.44 lakh in 19 districts on Monday. The season's flood-related death toll in Assam since May has gone upto to 38. Ravaging floods have also inundated almost the entire Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve spread over 1,300 sq km - except certain locations in Panbari Reserve Forest.

Govt makes a new category of 'combo' three-wheeled vehicle

NEW DELHI: After a gap of nearly six years, govt has added a new category of vehicle, L2-5. This 'combo' category of three-wheeled vehicle can be used interchangeably as a two-wheeler or a three-wheeler, as per requirement. These vehicles can now be registered with transport authorities across the country. It was in Nov 2018 that the govt had included 'quadricycle' as a new vehicle in the four-wheeler class, though it has not found many takers. Officials said creating new categories of vehicles and allowing their registration are aimed at promoting innovative transportation solutions. The 'combo' vehicles can be used for personal and commercial purposes. As per the current automotive standards, the combo vehicles would be electric-powered only. Sources said new standards can be included if any manufacturer opts for using any other fuel. The ministry in July 2022 had initiated setting the standards for this category of vehicles. As per a road transport ministry notification, a combo vehicle "means a three-wheeled motor vehicle, with a 2 wheeler-3 wheeler combination module, constructed in such a way that a two-wheeled vehicle of category L2 is combined with a non-self propelled rear module unit". Though it's a detachable combination of a two- and three-wheeler, there would be one single registration number for both the vehicles. But each of the vehicles would have two number plates, one in the front and the other in the rear side. Sources said the new category of L2-5 has the potential to meet the requirement of a section .

NBE planning extra security measures for NEET-PG

NEW DELHI: NEET-PG, which was postponed recently, is likely to be conducted in August. The National Board of Examinations (NBE) is waiting for "certain clearances" from the govt after which the date will be announced, NBE sources said. "We need to give the examinees at least four weeks' time from the date of



announcement of responsible for conducting the exams. So, it is likely that the exam may be held next month only," they added. NBE is an autonomous body under the health ministry that is

to determine eligibility of candidates for admission in undergraduate medical programmes in govt and private medical colleges. Govt said the decision was taken as a precautionary measure and to undertake a thorough assessment of the robustness of processes of NEET-PG for admission to postgraduate medical courses.

Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan rover makes new findings at Moon's south pole

NEW DELHI: India's Chandrayaan-3 mission has made significant findings about the lunar surface at Moon's South Pole, according to a new analysis of data from its Pragyan rover's exploration. The findings, which shed light on the distribution and origin of rock fragments in the area, mark a significant advancement in our understanding of

lunar geology. The Pragyan rover, deployed by the Vikram lander after the lunar touchdown on August 23, 2023, traversed 103 metre on the lunar surface during a single lunar day. As per the findings, the number and size of rock fragments increased when the Pragyan rover navigated 39 m toward the west of the landing site, Shiv Shakti point — the name given to

Chandrayaan-3's landing zone by PM Narendra Modi. The rover's journey was in the Nectarian plains region between Manzinus and Boguslawsky craters — an area which is of special interest to scientists. These fragments were found scattered around the rims, wall slopes and floors of small craters, each no larger than 2 m in diameter.

Sarcastic comment sparks Jagdeep Dhankhar- Kharge spat

NEW DELHI: A war of words erupted between Rajya Sabha chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar and leader of opposition Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday after the former sarcastically told Congress member Jairam Ramesh to take the latter's post of LoP. Kharge, who is a Dalit, said Dhankhar was bringing in the "Varna" (caste) system by calling Ramesh "intelligent and gifted", and by implication labelling him "dull". Kharge returns PM Modi's barb, says people told you 'tumse na ho payega' An agitated Dhankhar then rapped Kharge for "twisting" his remarks.



'Never Ever In History...': Kharge's Fiery Argument With Jagdeep Dhankhar In Rajya Sabha The acrimonious exchange began when Congress member and deputy LoP Pramod Tiwari was attacking the govt for "betrayal" on multiple fronts during the motion of thanks on the President's address. When Dhankhar told Tiwari not to make unverified claims,

Ramesh interjected to say that they would be authenticated. "The senior leadership (Kharge) is here. I think you (Ramesh) should replace (Kharge)... You are so intelligent, so gifted, so talented, you should immediately come and take the seat in place of Kharge because, by and large, you are doing his job," the chairperson said. Kharge promptly retorted: "Don't bring

in the Varna system. It is still in your mind... that is why you are saying Ramesh is very intelligent... and that I am dull so that I should be replaced" "twisting" his statement Dhankhar said he did not mean anything like that. "You cannot run down the Chair all the time. Never in the history of Parliamentary democracy and Rajya Sabha proceedings, has there been such disregard

TMC man assaults couple, held as video goes viral

CHOPRA (NORTH DINAJPUR): Police on Sunday registered a suo motu case and launched an investigation after a video of a man brutally thrashing a woman and her male friend over an extramarital relationship in Bengal's North Dinajpur went viral on Sunday. The accused, a TMC functionary, has been arrested. The accused was identified as Tajemul alias JCB. The party dissociated itself from Tajemul saying police would act tough on the perpetrator. BJP, CPM and Congress have condemned the incident. The woman, a resident of Chopra, has a 14-year-old daughter and her husband is a migrant labourer. While she had been warned by her in-laws to stay away .

Entire India under monsoon cover 6 days before schedule

NEW DELHI: Southwest (summer) monsoon covered the entire country on Tuesday, six days before its normal date, said India Meteorological Department on Tuesday. It's the third consecutive year in which the monsoon covered the entire country by July 2. The onset of monsoon over Kerala and most parts of northeast happened simultaneously on May 30 ahead of its normal date of June 1 and June 5, respectively. It covered the entire country in 34 days despite its sluggish progress during June 10-18. Normally, monsoon covers the entire India in 38 days early/delayed coverage, however, doesn't impact quantitative or spatial aspects of rainfall during the four-month monsoon season. It, however, guides

the progress of kharif (summer sown crops such as paddy, sugarcane, coarse cereals and cotton) sowing operations and choice of crops as farmers have to take a call on the basis of the irrigation cycle a crop may need. IMD records show that this is the seventh time in the past 12 years and 14th time in the past 25 years that the monsoon covered the entire country ahead of time, with the earliest one being recorded in 2013 when it did so as early as June 16 — the day country witnessed a major disaster in K e d a r n a t h (Uttarakhand). Monsoon normally starts retreating from northwest India around Sept 17 and fully withdraws by Oct 15. Besides farming activities, water and hydro-power management.

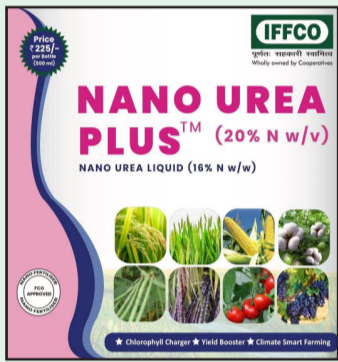
Rahul's attack on BJP to save democracy: Kishore

Prayagraj: UP Congress Committee former Spokesman Kishore Varshney has appreciated LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for his fearless speech on various issues including NEET, Agniveer and others. He defended Gandhi taking a swipe at BJP saying those who call themselves Hindus are engaged in violence and hatred. He clarified that PM Modi diverted the issue by indulging it with entire Hindu society violent. However LOP retorted that he was speaking about BJP and asserted that PM Modi, BJP and RSS are not the entire Hindu society. Varshney further said Rahul justified his speech by clearing all religions and all our great men talk about non-violence and fearlessness but those who call themselves Hindus only talk about violence, hatred and falsehood. He said public is understand the tricks of BJP and Modi who never spoke on inflation, unemployment and poverty except taking care of power. Their agenda was to change constitution and crushing democracy.



Production of 'Nano Urea Plus' gets GoI nod

Prayagraj: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has approved the production of 'Nano Urea Plus' fertilizer in IFFCO Phulpur Unit Prayagraj manufactured by IFFCO. Nano Urea Plus is a new version of Nano Urea to meet the nitrogen requirements of the crop at critical growth stages. IFFCO's Nano Urea Plus is an advanced formulation of Nano Urea with redefined nutrition to meet the nitrogen requirements of the crop at critical growth stages. It is used in place of traditional urea and other nitrogenous fertilizers to promote soil health, farmer profitability, and a sustainable environment. It also increases the availability and efficiency of micronutrients. It is a chlorophyll charger, which increases yields and helps in climate-smart farming. Nano Urea Plus will be available in 500 ml bottles at the rate of Rs 225. Nano Urea Plus will help in plant growth without harming the environment. Its objective is to benefit the farmers of the country and promote self-reliant India and self-reliant agriculture. This information was given by Sanjay Kudesia, Senior Executive Director (Unit Head), IFFCO Phulpur Unit.



Devotees busy preparing for Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra

Prayagraj: In preparation for the world famous Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath to be held on 7th July, the second day of Shukla Paksha of Ashadha month. All the devotees of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust have fully gathered. Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said that Lord Jagannath ji along with his brother Balbhadra and Goddess Subhadra will come to the city riding on the Garuda Dhvaj Nadi Ghosh chariot to give darshan to the devotees. Will go on a tour and said that the chariot of Lord Jagannath is being prepared. The height of this chariot will be 18 feet and width will be 12 feet which will have 16 wheels. There will be four horses in front of the chariot and Hanuman ji behind the chariot, the symbol of Lord Narasimha. The chariot will be decorated with red and yellow colors. The symbol of Lord Jagannath will be placed on the blue wheel and parrot. A 100 feet Nagvasuki rope will be installed by the devotees to pull the chariot. Apart from this, Rath Yatra Marg Chowk, Ghantaghar, Bahadurganj Ram Preparations are being made to make welcome gates for the darshan and welcome of Lord Jagannath ji by the devotees at Bhavan, Muthiganj, Katghar and for flower shower and Lord Jagannath ji aarti and for cleaning the Rath Yatra route, Municipal Corporation Administration and Rath Yatra. Information has been given to the officials of the electricity department to repair the electrical wires hanging on the route, which will be repaired before the journey.



Enviro Infra Engineers Ltd files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: Enviro Infra Engineers Limited ("The Company", "EIEL") has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") on June 26, 2024. The Company is in the business of designing, construction, operation and maintenance of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) and Water Supply Scheme Projects (WSSPs) for government authorities/bodies.

The Company proposes to raise funds through equity Shares (Face value Rs. 10/- each) comprising of fresh issue up to 4,42,32,000 Equity Shares and an Offer for Sale of up to 52,68,000 Equity Shares. ("Total Issue Size")

The Company proposes to utilize net proceeds from fresh issue to (i) Meet the Working Capital Requirements; (ii) Infusion of funds in its Subsidiary, EIEL Mathura Infra Engineers Private Limited ("EIEL Mathura") to build 60 MLD STP under project titled 'Mathura Sewerage Scheme' at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh through Hybrid Annuity Based PPP Mode; (iii) Repayment/prepayment in full or in part, of certain of our outstanding borrowings and (iv) Funding for future projects and general corporate purposes.

Revenue inspector caught red handed while taking bribe of Rs 15k

Prayagraj: Complainant Manish Kumar Singh, resident of village Kamalpur (Sihipur), police station Sarainayat district Prayagraj, gave a written complaint letter against Brijbali Singh, Revenue Inspector, Tehsil Phulpur district Prayagraj to the Superintendent of Police, Uttar Pradesh Vigilance Establishment, Prayagraj that I used to abuse my living room. I want to get the title measurement done under section 24 of Mauza No. 231 and Sihipur Gata No. 332.

The Revenue Inspector, Area Bahadurpur has been asked to do the measurement on 03.07.2024. Brijbali Singh, Revenue Inspector has called me with Rs 15,000 on 02.07.2024. I don't want to give them bribe, but want to get caught taking bribe. After confidential verification of the application given by the complainant, the case was found suitable for trap. Legal action was taken by Uttar Pradesh Vigilance Foundation, Prayagraj team on 02.07.2024 in front of Bikaner Mishthan Bhandar



near Sahson intersection at around 17:10 pm. While doing this, Brijbali Singh, Revenue Inspector, Tehsil Phulpur District Prayagraj was arrested red handed

while taking a bribe of Rs. 15,000/-. An appeal has been made to the general public by the Superintendent of Police, Uttar Pradesh Vigilance Establishment, Prayagraj Sector, Prayagraj to curb corruption. That if a government officer/employee demands bribe then they should immediately contact them through their helpline no. 9454404859 and Vigilance Headquarters' helpline no. 9454401866 so that immediate action can be taken on the complaint received.

Councillor Kiran Jaiswal raised irregular work being done by PDA

Prayagraj: In the meeting of Kumbh Mela Authority, Councillor Kiran Jaiswal raised the issue of irregular work being done by PDA in Shankar Lal Bhargava Road and Triveni Road, problems being caused to the livelihood of shopkeepers and public and wastage of government money. Raised and said that in Triveni Road, pits have been left abandoned at various places for electric cables for more than a month, the shopkeepers are not able to open their shops, some more and the footpath shopkeepers are not able to set up their shops Shankar Lal Bhargava The drain in the road has been made incomplete and left at many places filled with water. The alignment of the drain is not correct. Where will the water be disposed? PDA does not even have a plan for this. In the meeting, Kumbh Mela officials, Divisional Commissioner, District Magistrate, Municipal Commissioner, ADM Councillors including Dilip Kiran Jaiswal Councillor and Chief Whip BJP Municipal Corporation Prayagraj were present.



Motion condemning burning effigy of Rahul Gandhi passed

Prayagraj: A meeting was held under the chairmanship of President Shri Pradeep Mishra Anshuman ji in the office of the Metropolitan Congress Committee at Chowk. All the officials expressed their disapproval of the burning of the effigy of Jannayak leader Shri Rahul Gandhi ji by the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders. But a censure motion was passed. Speaking on the occasion, City President Pradeep Mishra said, while replying to the President's address in the Lok Sabha on July 1, 2024, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi discussed a message of Hindu religion. She said that the followers of Hindu religion believe that neither fear nor intimidations,

violence is false and fear. But Vijay considers Hindu religion as its main message. And he said that the people of Bharatiya Janata Party who call themselves Hindu always talk about spreading false fear and violence, which is not a sign of being a Hindu, their entire meaning is that they are Indians. He was on the working style of Janata Party. He is a fan of Hindu religion and was seen in the House carrying the picture of Shiva and the picture of Nanak. It is noteworthy that Honorable Rahul Gandhi ji has done the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage on foot. Pradeep Mishra Anshuman ji said that I am from Bharatiya Janata Party. I request you to discuss

only the truth regarding the speech given in the House and avoid spreading rumours. I condemn this spreading of rumours. Metropolitan President Mr. Pradeep Mishra Anshuman ji said that Bharatiya Janata Party does politics of hatred and violence. This is the reality. Mr. Rahul Gandhi ji showed in the House that in the condemnation motion, prominent people were Diwakar Bhartiya, Lallan Patel, Ajendra Gaur, Vinay Pandey, Istiaq Ahmed, Poonam Yadav, Afreen Khan, Rachna Pandey, Darksha Qureshi, Haseen, Rajendra Agarwal, Ramesh Yadav, Nafees Qureshi, Sunny Sonkar, Vishal Sonkar, Saurabh Chaudhary, Altamash etc. were present.

Manav Gau Seva Sansthan and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Committee honoured 151 personalities

Prayagraj: A seminar was organized by Manav Gau Seva Sansthan and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Committee in the memory of Allama Amjad Hussain at Dargah Hazrat Abbas in Daryabad. Organizer Shafiq Abbas Pasha informed that one hundred fifty one eminent personalities were honored by giving them shawls, mementos and gift packs. Under the leadership of Dr. Qamar Abdi and teacher Raza Abbas Zaidi, Maulana Aamir Rizvi remembered late Allama Iqbal Amjad Hussain in Makala, while Maulana Mohammad Ali Gauhar and Dr. Rizwan Haider Rizvi narrated the

details of the life and days of Allama Amjad Hussain. Nayaab Baliavi Rustam Sabri, Raunaq Safipuri,

Sabir Hussain, Hasan Naqvi, good brother, Zaheer Abbas, Master Zafar, Arshad Dawar,



Najeeb Allahabadi and Shahenshah Sonvi presented Kheraj Aqidat by reciting poetry. In the program, Sardar Charanjit Singh, social worker disabled advocate Aftab Baba,

Fakhfur Sibtain, Danish Nawaz, Fitrus, Azmat, Zainul and secretaries of about twenty Anjuman of the city, Poet, social worker and other personalities were honoured.

ABVP gave memo to Union Minister of Women and Child Development

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of National General Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Shri Yagyavalkya Shukla, a delegation of Vidyarthi Parishad submitted a memorandum to the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smt. Annapurna Devi, regarding increasing technological skill development and self-employment for women, opening women development centers in educational institutions, Appointment of gynecologist, providing sanitary napkin vending machines, measures to prevent female and child beggary, construction of hostels in cities for working women, atrocities on women in Sandeshkhali, West Bengal and violent incidents against women after the election results. A memorandum was submitted regarding various demands including strictest action against the perpetrators. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad is working to raise issues related to women vigorously through its various efforts. ABVP is working for women empowerment across the country through public awareness on key issues like women's

education, safety, health, respect and employment and efforts like Mission Sahasya and Ritumati Abhiyan. The memorandum given today includes technology skill development and self-employment, mental health care, construction of pink toilet for women, increase in Nirbhaya fund,



cyber crime prevention, improvement in capacity of children's home, establishment of de-addiction centers and efforts for de-addiction, love jihad cases. Major topics like prevention, curbing violence related to women in West Bengal have been included in the memorandum and immediate steps have been demanded on these topics. ABVP has demanded the effective implementation of the Narishakti Vandan Act to make the women representatives aware of their

responsibilities at the village level and inclusion of strict provisions for women's safety in the judicial code.

National General Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Shri Yajnavalkya Shukla said that the better condition of women in the country is an

indicator of the country's advanced system. Today, in a state like West Bengal, many cases of harassment of women are coming to the fore after the elections, this is worrying and strict steps should be taken to take this issue seriously, while the praiseworthy 'village daughter' of states like Madhya Pradesh is being ignored by all. Need to run in the states. In the memorandum given today, major problems related to women have been pointed out and a demand has been made to

Emotional farewell accorded to outgoing SJC principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar

Prayagraj: How can one begin to explain the plethora of emotions while bidding farewell to a dynamic administrator, a versatile leader and an outstanding human being? It is very difficult to express in words the bitter-sweet feeling of saying goodbye to such a Principal. The morning of 1 July 2024 was filled with contrasting emotions of happiness when the family of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj welcomed the new Principal Rev. Fr. Walter De Silva, and sadly bid farewell to the three pillars of the 140 year old institution, Principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar, long serving office employee Sajju and primary section teacher Juliana. The moderator of the function, Linda Gaffney, warmly welcomed all the guests. She was accompanied by the new Principal, Rev. Father Walter D'Silva, Headmaster, Rev. Father Melvin Pius, Education Officer of the Diocese of Prayagraj, Rev. Father Lawrence Fernandes, Administrator A. Magavan and staff coordinator J. Dubey were also there. Madhulika D'Souza recited the Holy Bible, besides, the prayer songs of the Senior Section Choir heightened the pious feelings of all. After this, Ansie Thomas introduced the tireless, hard-working and brilliant new Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva. A pioneer of CBSE board school, Rev. Father Walter D'Silva believes in academic excellence and holistic development. After his speech, Rev. Father Walter De Silva was welcomed with a beautiful bouquet by Rev. Father Thomas Kumar.

Speaking from the heart, Primary Section Coordinator, Lynette More discussed the true friendship she shared with Julianna M. Jacobs, and appreciated her for her out-

standing services to the organization. He thanked Sajju for his impeccable working style. A lovely song from the Primary Section Staff Choir paved the way for Julianna M. Jacobs' speech. His 38-year journey at St. Joseph's College was graced by the faith of Rev. Father Thomas Kumar. He expressed his deep gratitude to Rev. Father Thomas Kumar and welcomed Sajju and wished him all the best. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar requested Julianna M. Jacobs to officially release the new college magazine. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar presented a memento to Julianna M. Jacobs and Rev. Fr. Melvin Pace as a token of appreciation. Presented a gift. After this S. McGowan presented a bouquet to Julianna M. Jacobs. P. Horo appreciated Sajju's humble accounting talent. Sajju will always be remembered for his excellence in both professional duties and interpersonal interactions. This was followed by a melodious presentation by the KG Section Staff Choir. Simple yet profound, Sajju, while remembering the late Rev. Father Rolfy D'Souza, expressed his immense gratitude to the present Bishop Most Rev. Father Luis Mascarenhas for appointing him eighteen years ago. And he met the intelligent, articulate and charming principal, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar who was highly appreciated. Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva released the album of songs in College Diary. Under the expert tutelage of Saubhagya Naik, the student choir composed 29 songs, the first of which was played. This was followed by a memento and a gift presented to Sajju by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kumar and Rev. Fr. Melvin Pais respectively. On behalf of the office staff, Terry George presented a bouquet to Sajju.

'Mishri' is coming to add sweetness to the bitterness of life

Varanasi: 'Relationships are made from the heart, not from time.' How good were the old days when relationships were maintained from the heart and happiness was found beyond blood ties. In today's era where relationships have become weak, COLORS is all set to launch 'Mishri', a story that brings back the 'sweetness of relation-

ships'. When circumstances play the villain, the lives of Mishri, Vaani and Raghav intertwine as they become each other's chosen family and emotional support. Guided by their dreams, they face the hardships of life, because they have won the biggest jackpot: each other's company. In a world often full of selfishness, selflessly

respecting each other proves without a doubt that relationships are bigger than circumstances.

Residing in Gangapur near Mathura, Mishri is considered a living talisman who brings good fortune to every occasion she visits. However, her own life is full of challenges as she battles her own 'Kismat ki lakhen'.

Mishri's scheming aunt forces her to marry her middle-aged uncle, but Raghav unexpectedly rescues her, and marries her against her consent, but Raghav falls in love with Vaani. Driven by gratitude towards Raghav and a desire to have a family she can call her own, Mishri keeps her marriage to Raghav a secret.

Probe on into charges of re-occupation of Atiq's lands: Div Commr

Revenue team formed, anarchists colluding will not be spared

Prayagraj: A delegation of Electronic Media Club members met Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant on Tuesday and informed him about the occupation of the freed land by anti-social elements. On which he immediately took action and set up an investigation. He also assured that no one will be left to recapture any land that has been freed from the mafia. The delegation led by Founder Virendra Pathak, Convener of Electronic Media Club along with Chairman Dinesh Tiwari met Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant in his office on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum. Informed them about how anarchists, under the guise of corrupt policemen and media, are joining hands with anti-social elements and taking over the lands freed from the mafia. The delegation told that the land near Kareli Gausnagar 12 Mar-

ket, which was released in 2023, was captured by anti-social elements and their name was written on it. Later, after the news ran on

channel's journalists. Along with Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner Pushpraj Singh also heard everything and di-

Talks were also held with higher officials in this regard. The Divisional Commissioner was informed that the so-called anti-social

in this regard.

The delegation demanded action against anti-social elements. Among those making the demand were Electronic Media Club convener Virendra Pathak, President Dinesh Tiwari, Sandeep Tiwari, Rajendra Gupta, Praveen Mishra, Kuldeep Shukla, Rajesh Mishra, Shams Taj, Shailesh Kumar Yadav, Syed Mohammad Aamir, Aarav Bhardwaj, Salauddin Omar Khan Ariz, Pankaj Shukla, Dheeraj Kumar, Vikas Mishra, Shishir Gupta, Gagan Singh, Ayush Srivastava Shakeel Khan Pawan Upadhyay, Pawan Patel, Pawan Pal, Ajit Chauhan, Ajit Singh, Piyush Pandey. Nanhe Many members of Electronic Media Club including Singh, Vineet Sethi Nitesh Soni, Ranjit Nishad, Imran Yousafi Ashish Bhatt, G N Vais, Mohammad Zia Siddiqui, Mangala Tiwari, Mithlesh Pathak, Shamshad Khan, Arshad Nawaz were present.



a channel, the name was erased, but their possession is still intact. Some people, along with corrupt policemen, are making false complaints against the

rected to take action on it. Both the officers were shocked at how anti-social elements were working contrary to the intentions of the Uttar Pradesh government.

elements under the guise of media are making anonymous complaints against the media persons on which the police is harassing them. He also instructed to take action

AYUSH Foundation honoured doctors and social workers

Prayagraj: National social organization AYUSH Foundation (AYUSEF) honoured senior doctors and social workers with a seminar on the topic "Our society and the responsibilities of doctors" for their exemplary contribution in the medical field. The function was grandly organised. Chief guest Pawan Kumar Pandey, traffic police inspector, senior guest Dr PK Shukla, senior guest Dr S R Dwivedi, senior guest and patron Awadhesh Kumar Nishad, chief anti crime anti corruption Ravi Dwivedi from civil defence, senior journalist Gufran. Khan was present. Chief guest

the common people, and Ayushi is being provided to the general public. Taking another initiative by the Foundation, a free medical camp along with tea distribution and Bhandara was organized in the Magh Mela Sangam area. All the doctors, social workers and media persons present in the program were honored by garlanding them and giving mementos. Akash Jaiswal expressed gratitude to all the guests who



Pawan Kumar Pandey expressed his views along with the doctors and blessed the National President Dr. Shyam Dev ji and the team of AYUSHEF and congratulated all the doctors on National Doctor's Day. Founder of AYUSH Foundation, President Dr. Shyam Dev told that for the last six years, free medical camps are being organized on the Sangam bank of Magh Mela area and almost every month, free homeopathic medical camps are being organized at some place or the other and medical benefits are being given to

had come. The program was conducted by Dr. Shyam Dev. National Secretary Prakar Kashyap, former secretary Dr. Om Prakash Pal, Suryansh Dhuria, Didish, Akash Jaiswal, Vinod Jaiswal, Jitendra Kushwaha, Dr. Suresh Kumar Mishra, Juhi Srivastava, Dr. Anshu Aggarwal, Hemlata Jaiswal participated in the program. Manju Gautam, Sunita Pal, Rashmi Jaiswal, Meena Kesharwani, Pratibha Sumit Nishad, Sameer Jain, Sanjeev Jaiswal, Dr. Mahendra Kumar, Dr. Shraddha Dwivedi, Shiva Maurya, etc. were present.

New session of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa Girls Inter College kicks off with 'Kirtan Diwan'

Prayagraj: On Tuesday new session 2024-25 of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa Girls Inter College Prayagraj was started in the Darbar Hall of Shri Guru Singh Sabha Khuldabad. Before commencement of session, Sahaj Path was concluded, after which a special Kirtan Darbar was organized by the school children and the ragi group in which the glory of the Guru was glorified and after that the meritorious girl students of the previous year were encouraged by giving special mementos. On this occasion, special thanks were given to Dr. Abhishek Sachdeva, Mr. Sanjay Pandey and Shivendra Pratap Singh by Shri Guru Singh Sabha President Sardarni Govind Kaur ji and College President Mr. Harbinder Singh Narula ji for their special support in the treatment of a child. Gratitude was expressed and honored by presenting memento and shawl. On this occasion, the beginning of the new session was announced. The annual report and meeting of the school was conducted by the manager Mr. Paramjeet Singh Sachdeva. At the end, vote of thanks was given by the vice president of the school Mr. Harjinder Singh. On this occasion, the acting principal of the school, members Taranjit Singh, Jaswinder Singh and Harpreet Singh etc. were present.



Cong has character of breaking Constitution and insulting Hindus: Mayor

Prayagraj: On this occasion, the voter felicitation ceremony of the city western assembly was organized by Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan at Hanuman Guest House Surendra Sarai. On this occasion, the chief guest of the program, former cabinet minister Dr. Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, for the third time, gave lotus flower to the Modi government and Phulpur Lok Sabha. While expressing his gratitude towards the voters, he said that Muslim appeasement and insulting Hindus has been the character of Congress. He said that Congress has sometimes called Hindu society communal and sometimes insulted it by calling it saffron terrorism and today it is insulting Hindus

by calling them violent. He said that the Modi government was formed for the third time due to the unwavering faith of the voters and where we did not get success in the Lok Sabha elections, we have to review it and in the coming times, we have to always clean up the lies of Congress. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that Congress She is a merchant of lies and has set up a market of lies and Congress cheated the public by spreading lies in the Lok Sabha elections, which we now have to defeat. He said that Congress has sometimes called Hindus saffron terrorists, sometimes Hindus are intolerant, insulted Hindu and said that the lie was spread in front of the country by saying that the

Constitution is in danger, whenever the Congress during its rule changed the Constitution the most and

Congress. Defeated and said to give a befitting reply to anyone who defames Hindu society.

conducted by Kunj Bihari Mishra, the coordinator of the program was Ramesh Pasi and the co-coordinator was Rajesh Singh Patel. Prominent in the program were Shashi Varshney, Ram Lochan Sahu, Rajesh Kesarwani, Pramod Modi, Vivek Mishra, Girijesh Mishra, Raju Pathak, Rajan Shukla, Prashant Shukla, Dnyaneshwar Shukla, Ramji Shukla, Premchand Kesarwani, Kaushiki Singh, Gaurav Gupta, Dinanath Kushwaha, Gyan Babu. Kesarwani, Abha Dwivedi, Vandana Dubey, Shubham Bala, Ajay Agrahari etc. were workers of West Assembly and hundreds of voters.



insulted it. On this occasion, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that the voters of the city western assembly have blossomed the lotus flower and rejected the lies of the

District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that on this occasion, BJP workers burnt the effigy of Rahul Gandhi for insulting Hindus and beat him with slippers. The program was

10 people booked in alleged forceful occupation of Bishop Johnson Girls Wing

Bishop Dan appoints Shirley Masih as Principal

Prayagraj: Ten people have been booked on the complaint of evicted Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls Wing Katra Prayagraj, Parul Solomon. A case has been registered at Colonelganj police station and cops are investigating the charges. In her complaint, she said many cases are pending in the Civil Court and the High Court, Allahabad regarding the management of the school and the High Court has dismissed the civil suit. "In Writ Petition No. 38374 of 2023 (The Diocesan Education Board and others vs Uttar Pradesh Government and three others) vide its order dated 19-04-2014, a stay order was passed that no policy decision will be taken in relation to the functioning of school. On 07-05-2024, which has again being extended by the High Court till 29-07-2024. On 02-07-2024, when the school opened at 07:30 in the morning, the applicant reached the school and was sitting in her room working when suddenly there was noise at the gate, which I looked at from the CCTV camera and saw that Allan Dan and Morris Dan and along had entered the premises with several others. The applicant got scared and closed

the door of her chamber from inside and got the peon locked from outside also so that the life of the applicant could be saved, but all the said people, with the intention of killing the applicant, locked the locked the applicant's chamber. They broke the door with a hammer, the video of which was made by the applicant and the said people entered the applicant's room and started forcing themselves on the applicant," she claimed in her complaint.

Meanwhile, Bishop Morris Edgar Dan of the Diocese of Lucknow and Chairman of the Diocesan Education Board welcomed Shirley Masih, the newly appointed Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls Wing Katra Prayagraj, to the school site and took control of the Principal's office. According to the pre-planned schedule, the principals of all schools managed by the Diocese of Lucknow, together with the bishop, arrived at the school grounds at 10:00 a.m., where Bishop Dan was greeted cordially by teachers and personnel. Rev. Manish Zaidi, Secretary of the Diocese of Lucknow, conducted prayers shortly after taking office. It is worth noting that Parul

Solomon, the previously appointed Principal of the school, was ousted from her position after her appointment was discovered to be unconstitutional and improper.

Shirley Masih succeeded her as Principal. Shirley Masih was tasked with taking control when the school began today. Former principal Parul Solomon is on the STF's radar in connection with the document leak case. School Manager Dr. Vineeta Eusebius, E.C.C. Principal Arun Moses, Sanjeet Lal, Shobha Washington, Namrata Lal, Vishal Singh, Priyadarshini Singh, SP Lal, Sushant Mal, Tanu John, Pastor Praveen Massey, Ajit Francis, Mridalini DeCosta, District President of Employees Union Akash Tripathi, and President Sunil Verma were all heavily involved in taking over the reins. There were quite a few individuals present.

For a long time, there has been a dispute in Prayagraj about the Bishop and other positions in the Diocese of Lucknow (Church of North India). Morris Edgar Dan took over from Bishop Peter Baldev a few months ago. However, the matter has reached the Allahabad High Court. Even after this, the debate

over who should govern and administer the convent schools, colleges, and organizations linked with the Diocese of Lucknow grows more intense with each passing day. A fresh instance surfaced on Tuesday afternoon. After much discussion, the famed school Bishop Johnson Girls Wing built on Mission Road in Katra was in news for wrong reasons. The video reveals the story of the capture, which is going viral after the incident.

A video documenting the capture of the school has also surfaced. Bishop Morris Edgar Dan and his men violently invaded the school and took control. The principal here is Parul Solomon, daughter of previous Bishop Peter Baldev. Her voice is also used in the video. She's asking for aid.

This has become a topic of discussion in Prayagraj, even among the Christian community. A complaint has been filed with the police and administrative officials. It is said that if there is a dispute in court about the operation of the school, why are they attempting to evict each other. Sumit, Parul Solomon's husband, claims to have filed a complaint with the Police Commissioner and handed them the video as evidence.

Shri Jagannath Shobha Yatra Committee officials elected

Prayagraj: Shri Jagannath Shobha Yatra Committee officials were selected in which Yashmeet Sagar as president, Akhil Pathak and Sunny Pal as vice presidents, Rahul Kumar Sagar as secretary, Shivani Yadav as treasurer. Minister Gauri Shankar and people like Ambar Chandra Monu Kumar Akash Chandra Akash Anshu etc. as executive member agreed, discussions were held on which routes the Yatra will take in the Jagannath Rath Yatra to be held on 7th July 2024 and all other things were discussed and the official A formation was held in which it was considered that before the Rath Yatra, arrangements for worship and aarti have been made and arrangements have also been made for distribution of Prasad to the people. Rahul Kumar Sagar ji gave information about this.

Petroleum refinery should be established on land acquired in Lohgara

All MP gave letter to Lok Sabha and Union Petroleum Minister

Prayagraj: Allahabad MP Ujjwal Raman Singh in Lok Sabha under Rule 377 raised the demand for setting up petroleum refinery on the land acquired in Lohgara, Shankargarh. Giving this information, spokesperson Vinay Kushwaha said that due to lack of time, instead of giving a chance to speak, the Lok Sabha Speaker sent all the 377 rule proposals directly to the minister of the concerned ministry. He said that MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, thereafter, in a letter given to Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri personally in his office in which it was mentioned that former

for the Lohgara refinery, then this matter was postponed saying that first the Bina Refinery should be ready in Madhya Pradesh and then the work on Lohgara Refinery would start, but in 2011, Bina Refinery became operational but no progress was made even an inch on Lohgara Refinery. MP Ujjwal Raman Singh appealed and revealed to the Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri that he had established a power generation plant in Lohgara long after the announcement of the refinery and power generation has also started on it. If a petroleum refinery is set up in front of it, the entire backward rocky area across the Yamuna will become an industrial hub. There will be a lot of employment opportunities. The spokesperson said that the Petroleum Minister had given a positive response on the demand raised by Allahabad MP.



Nutritional material distributed to tuberculosis patients

Prayagraj: On behalf of Humanity India Trust Aligarh branch, from 11 am, nutritional material was distributed to 50-50 tuberculosis patients in the district hospital under the Prime Minister TB Free India Campaign. Dr. Neeraj Tyagi (Chief Medical

Officer, Aligarh) was present as the chief guest. Treasurer Vineet Kumar and member Gaurav Kumar were present on behalf of the organization. District Tuberculosis Coordinator Satyendra Kumar was also present in the program and played an important role in

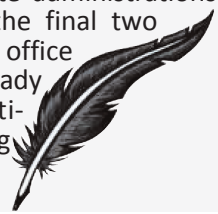
making the program successful. President of Humanity India Trust Aligarh branch, Raj Bharti said that we have been doing this work with a spirit of service for the last many years and will continue in future also. Most of the TB patients are from poor

families who do not have proper arrangements regarding food and drink and TB patients need more protein diet. This small initiative of ours is helping some people, you guys also join, help such people and contribute in making TB free India.

Editorial

How Modi Outwitted His Opponents to Earn His Spot in History?

For a third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is returning. Since 1962, no prime leader has been able to pull this off. What is the size of this? For the BJP, what does that mean? What does it signify for the ruling Nehru-Gandhi dynasty and the Congress? Let's consider the major changes in Indian politics that have occurred since 2014 in order to comprehend this. An extraordinary incident happened in August 2017, yet at the time it was mostly overlooked. Sampatiya Uikey, a BJP member from Madhya Pradesh, took the oath of office as a Rajya Sabha member that same month. With that, the 65-year reign of the Congress as the biggest party in the Rajya Sabha came to an end, thanks to the BJP. The strength of a political party in state legislatures across the nation is reflected in the Rajya Sabha, demonstrating the Congress's political dominance in Indian politics. They could occasionally lose out in the Center. However, power was never distant from them. Even in the Lok Sabha election of 1999, which Vajpayee won, the Congress had a healthy 5% higher vote share than the BJP. As one might assume, there was some anti-incumbency sentiment in 2004. Vajpayee lost power with a mere 1% swing against the BJP. It used to be difficult for a non-Congress party to be reelected. This was an advantage that the Congress used to be well aware of. In 2010, P Chidambaram said, "The Congress party is something the BJP is jealous of." He had said, "The Congress party alone has the ability to rule the nation for five years, return to the people, seek a mandate, and win reelection." What has altered since 2014, then? The least we can say, Mr. Chidambaram, is that the BJP has nothing more to be "envious" of the Congress over. This makes three straight elections that the Congress has lost. Its percentage of the vote stayed between 19 and 21 percent in 2014, 2019 and 2024. By contrast, this is a far cry from the 28% that the Congress received in 1999! What changed that way? Currently, the BJP has a significant advantage over the Congress—more than 10%. In 2014, the BJP secured 31% of the vote; in 2019, that number rose to 36%; and in 2024, to 36%. In comparison, such figures have not been seen by the Congress since 1991. A few unsettling parallels exist between 2004 and 2024. Both times, exit polls were incorrect, and the BJP fared much worse than anticipated. The BJP lost roughly 1% of the vote in both elections. However, the BJP's national footprint in 2024 is far greater than the Congress's. They gained new supporters in Odisha, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh to offset the votes they lost in areas like Uttar Pradesh. The BJP's baseline was significantly higher everywhere. They still have twelve seats from the state, despite their defeat in Bengal. Similar to this, the BJP managed to win 33 seats in Uttar Pradesh in spite of setbacks. In total, the BJP had 303 seats heading into the 2024 election, compared to Vajpayee's meager 182 seats in 2004. It's possible that the BJP fell well short of "400 paar." But one thing was certain well before the polls ever started: the Congress would not come close to being the single largest party, which would be the BJP. It's likely that this was the first general election of its kind. Let's examine the Congress's performance in the three states where the party is now in power in order to determine whether or not they can govern for five years and be reelected. The party was defeated in all four Himachal Pradesh seats. They could only win nine of the twenty-eight seats in Karnataka. In Telangana, the Congress and BJP shared eight seats apiece, resulting in a draw. The state administrations controlled by Congress in the final two positions have only been in office for a short while and are already experiencing extreme anti-incumbency. This is a startling bit of information.



Rahul's main responsibility as LoP is to maintain the opposition steady

Although the Lok Sabha Speaker election has been postponed, tensions still exist. Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have both indicated that they want to carry on with business as usual. The opposition, however, does not appear to be as cohesive as the ruling coalition. As soon as the 18th Lok Sabha convened, the chinks were apparent. Giving Rahul Gandhi recognition as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) as of June 9, the day the Congress Working Committee announced his selection, was among Om Birla's first actions as Lok Sabha Speaker on June 26. On June 26, a different Rahul



Gandhi was evident. Wearing an elegant kurta pajama instead of the carefree white t-shirt that has become his signature look for the last two years, he approached the Treasury Benches with grace and accompanied Prime Minister Narendra Modi in guiding the Speaker to his platform. Compared to Rahul's brilliant gesture in July 2018, when he approached the Prime Minister across the House and gave him a hug, their handshake was very different. But this comradery was merely usual. The gap was shown by body language. After Modi was chosen Leader of the House, the two leaders did not shake hands, and the Congress did not properly congratulate him. Furthermore, the Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) did not provide praise for the LoP. To choose significant appointees over the next five years, the PM and the LoP will need to meet together several times. In addition to serving as LoP, Rahul might chair the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which examines and takes action on the reports from the CAG (Comptroller & Auditor General of India). Rahul will remain in charge of the PAC even if he decides to designate a senior member of his party as its leader. Through its nomination of K. Suresh for Speaker, the Congress has signaled its symbolic return to power in Parliament. But the action also sparked criticism from Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Trinamool Congress (TMC),

which had been at odds with the Congress while declaring its support for the opposition bloc. They both claimed not to have been told of the choice. The INDIA grouping appears to have encountered a communication difficulty already. Additionally, the Congress resolved not to request a division of votes when pro-tem Speaker Bhatruhari Mahtab proclaimed Om Birla as Speaker following a voice vote. But it was obvious that the TMC desired a split of the House. Later, congressional leaders made it clear that they disagreed with the TMC's position on the matter. When Birla read aloud a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the declaration of emergency, divisions within the opposition were

also evident. In an attempt to get the Lok Sabha to denounce the era, he mentioned the Congress and its leader, Indira Gandhi. The Congress was left out in the cold despite its protests. Congressmen hurried to the Well of the House, but the Samajwadi Party, or SP (37 seats), the TMC (29), the DMK (22) and the Left parties (eight seats), did not accompany them. They didn't move from their seats, suggesting that they approved of the solution. The following day, these allies made a weak attempt to defend Congress, claiming that since it had expressed regret for the Emergency, no resolution was required. Together, these INDIA bloc parties hold 96 seats in the Congress, compared to 99 MPs.

Will Kalki 2898 AD Make An RRR Or Baahubali?

Kalki 2898 AD is a story that spans millennia, featuring the largest stars, the most expensive canvas, a tale that begins in mythology approximately 5,000 years ago and ends in an imagined future 874 years hence. It also features computer graphics and visual effects, style and substance, youth, and experience. Will it be able to pull off a Baahubali, an RRR, or a Pushpa, since it is billed as the most expensive Indian film at ₹ 600 crore? Will it take center stage among the Tollywood productions that have shot to international acclaim and financial success? That is the question that is bothering everyone. Nag Ashwin does, after all, have a

reputation. With Mahanati, the biopic on the legendary actress Savitri, he worked magic and took home honors and accolades. And in his ten years as a director, this is only his third movie. It takes a great deal of self-assurance to dream this big. Using computer images and real-world art, Kalki skillfully moves the story over millennia, from the mythical Mahabharatha into a technologically advanced distant future, all without causing too much fuss or trouble during the shift. There is even more melancholy to fast-forward into the future if there was war and dead from the battlefield ages ago. When it came to guiding deeds and events,

at least there was a Krishna, an Ashwattama, and a dharma. It's a wait now for a gloomy conclusion. An aging, withered God of The Complex who seeks to extract the life force from unborn children in order to obtain the ambrosia of strength and youth. It appears that women will not have any control over their own bodies in the future. Their sole responsibility is to conceive and raise children; they are not a member of the power system. Thus, even if you go through time a millennium, sexual harassment in the workplace persists. I found that among Deepika Padukone, Disha Patani, Shobana, and Mrunal Thakur,

the young, intelligent Malayalam actress Anna Ben, best known for Kumbalangi Nights, was the most remarkable. I would have preferred the woman who will give birth to God Kalki to have a more resilient personality. I would have delighted to see that movie produced by two young women. Prabhas is not a perfect example of a good-guy superhero. He is selfish, lazy, and only moves or acts when he feels threatened. The only thing that really excites him is the desire to see 'The Complex.' He is also willing to sacrifice even his godfather to defend himself. It's fascinating to note that in our idealistic future, a green environment

with actual fruits, vegetables, and animals is the ultimate goal. However, Prabhas's planet appears to be devoid of color, desolate, and life; it also has poor roads, and the only activity that seems to interest everyone is earning points. A comparison with our world of money. In an apparent attempt to give the rebel world—which is striving for a brighter tomorrow—a worldwide platform, the director purposefully added variety to the populace. Amitabh serves as the link between the past and present, and as could be expected, he gives his part and responsibilities gravity, easily coming out on top in the combat scenes with Prabhas.

The Unrealized Promise of Manufacturing

Making India a center for global manufacturing with the potential to generate millions of employment has long been the goal. But given India's size and standing as one of the fastest developing economies in the world, it's puzzling that the manufacturing sector's potential for job creation and expansion has been disregarded for so long. The incoming administration must enact a new industrial policy with strong action to remove the structural limitations that now exist and transform India's manufacturing industry to adapt to changes in global supply chains. This is essential if India is to reach a \$5 trillion GDP and become the third-largest economy in the world by 2027. The fact that 29% of young adults with graduate degrees are unemployed is concerning, especially considering that India is on track to become the world's third-largest economy. Manufacturing was the second-largest employment in India in 2019

after agriculture, but it is currently in fourth place, behind the trade, hotel, and construction industries. Despite its ability to generate a myriad of job opportunities, manufacturing employs just 11.6% of the population, with the majority—45.5%—working in construction, 12.4% in agriculture, and 5.5% in manufacturing, according to data from the National Sample Survey Organization (NSO). About 60 million people are still employed in India's manufacturing sector, but more has to be done to fully realize this industry's promise to create jobs for all. The industrial sector has not expanded much over the last 25 years, which has put a dampener on India's tremendous growth. India's industrial pattern has changed from agriculture to services-driven growth, in contrast to other nations. As a result, manufacturing now contributes only 15–17% of India's GDP, which is much less than in East and Southeast Asian nations.

Nepal-India Relationship Revisited in Kathmandu

Reclaiming India-Nepal Relations by KV Rajan and Atul K Thakur. This book combines the memories and observations of veteran ambassador KV Rajan with policy professional Atul K Thakur's macroeconomic insights for a unique perspective. Rajan served in Nepal for five and a half crucial years, from spring 1995 to March 31, 2001. Nepal democratized as it went from absolute to constitutional monarchy. The unexplained slaughter in Narayanhiti Durbar in June 2001 killed all but one monarchist, heralding the monarchy's downfall. Rajan was so valuable to the establishment that he was invited to advise on Nepal after retiring. Nepal continued to seek his advice after he stopped advising the Indian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, requiring numerous flights to Kathmandu. Rajan's generation is declining, while newer entrepreneurs like co-author Atul K Thakur are emerging, symbolizing a "aspirational new Nepal". Thakur and a greater half of Nepal are wedded to Janakpur. He edited former Nepal Finance Minister Madhukar Rana's book, 'An Alternative Development Paradigm for Nepal' and promoted India-Nepal economic collaboration. The formidable Rajan-Thakur duo takes the reader on a tour of Shangri-La, a Hindu Kingdom turned into a federal democratic republic by the Maoists using bullet and ballot. The book has three parts.

First, Rajan recalls his Nepal trip. Transition of the Himalayan Kind, the second, cycles through every problem. Third section: Repurposing India-Nepal Relations. The last two sections, co-authored, combine historical and contemporary perspectives. For India, Nepal is the most important Himalayan neighbor, the former barrier

between China and India with geostrategic routes from the Himalayas to the strategic Indo-Gangetic heartland. India's security concerns stem from it. Consider that India shaped Nepal's turning points. This includes restoring the monarchy and sowing the seeds of democracy in 1950, supporting the 1990s democracy movement, ending the civil war in 2005-06, and facilitating the first Constituent Assembly elections to mainstream Maoists in 2008 that led to Nepal's new constitution in 2015. However, the fight over the rapidly produced constitution has damaged bilateral relations. Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar's attempt to postpone and change the constitution caused an unfortunate episode that the book ignores. It was another sloppy Indian mistake. Rajan says the uneven Koshi and Tanakpur barges made Nepalese wary of hydro-resources collaboration with India. The Tanakpur barrage, built illegally on Nepalese soil, cost GP Koirala his premiership. Rajan's greatest diplomatic achievement was the 1996 mega-Mahakali Treaty with the Communist UML government, signed by the Nepali Congress-led coalition. This pact was ratified by an unusual two-thirds majority in Parliament, according to the 1990 constitution. After arriving in New Delhi in 1996 with a new treaty draft, Foreign Minister Kamal Thapa mentioned the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship, a recurring issue in bilateral relations. Non-reciprocalist Prime Minister Inder Gujral rejected this draft. The first major Kalapani dispute agitation, led by UML's Bamdev Gautam in 1999, coincided with Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh's visit, which raised awkward issues. Rajan handled it well. Rajan's "untold story" of the Palace slaughter stands out in the book.

In the debate, Biden was unable to provide a response to that one crucial query

During the presidential campaign, US President Joe Biden had a rough day. Sadly, he was unable to purchase one. The Democratic party's disastrous performance in the US presidential debate has led to party officials becoming extremely concerned about the potential fallout. Republicans, however, were also concerned because Trump turned out to be Trump, lying all along and displaying his dubious morality. At one point, he even claimed that he had never had sex with a porn star—a genuinely appalling level of political

depravity in US presidential politics. Without a doubt, Trump exuded much more energy than Biden. The key distinction between the two candidates was evident, but the issue remains that it did not address the basic dilemma that faces American voters: whether to support an elderly candidate who is long past his prime or to hold their noses and vote for a disgusting hustler. The majority of Americans have already made their decision, and the tiny but significant group of undecided voters will likely discover

that they have not moved closer to deciding. The problem facing the Democrats is that they have made poor decisions. Even Kamala Harris, Biden's vice president, acknowledged the man's sluggish start. There will be increasing calls for Biden to resign. But there are a few things to remember. First, if there are concerns about whether their own presidential candidate can win, neither party will ask them to withdraw. Democrats have portrayed this election as possibly catastrophic for the republic,

but even prominent members of the party will find it difficult to urge Biden to resign. The only recent instance of a sitting president resigning was President Lyndon Johnson, who made the decision to do so after a challenging nomination battle during the height of the Vietnam War. But the situation is a little different now that Biden has secured the nomination.

In addition, Johnson pulled out at the end of March. Now, there are only four months left until the presidential election.

Nova Agritech Ltd. Announces Investment of up to Rs. 36 Cr in Wholly Owned Subsidiary

CHANDIGARH: Nova Agritech Limited (BSE: 544100, NSE: NOVAA-GRI), a leading agri-input manufacturer offering soil health management, crop nutrition, and crop protection products, has announced that its board, in its meeting on June 22, 2024, has approved an investment of up to ~Rs. 36 Cr in Nova Agri Sciences Private Limited (Wholly-owned Subsidiary) by way of subscription to 35,28,650 Unsecured Optionally Convertible Debentures (OCDs) of face value of ₹100 each. Earlier, the company reported its consolidated quarterly and yearly results. The company reported net sales of Rs 70.77 crore and net profit of Rs 8.28 crore in Q4FY24 compared to net sales of Rs 73.17 crore and net profit of Rs 8.07 crore in Q3FY24. In its

annual results, the net sales increased by 20 per cent to Rs 252.47 crore and net profit increased by 38.2 per cent to Rs 28.31 crore in FY24 compared to FY23. Nova Agritech Limited was founded by Sambasiva Rao Yeluri and Kalyana Chakravarthy with the objective of being a one-stop solution provider by offering ecologically sustainable and nutritionally balanced products to farmers. Mr Yeluri Sambasiva Rao is currently serving as the MLA of the Parchur constituency, representing the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the current opposition party in the state. He successfully led the 2019 Assembly election from the same constituency and was re-elected as MLA for the third time in 2024. The company is an

agri-input manufacturer offering soil health management, crop nutrition, and crop protection products, focused on a tech-based, farmer-driven solution approach. The main offerings are ecologically sustainable and nutritionally balanced products based on extensive R&D. The company manufactures, distributes, and markets a wide range of product categories, including: (a) soil health management products; (b) crop nutrition products; (c) bio stimulant products; (d) bio pesticide products; (e) Management (IPM) products; (f) new technologies; and (g) crop protection products. Currently, the crop protection products are manufactured by the subsidiary Nova Agri Sciences Private Limited.

Supreme Court declines to stay NEET counselling; Congress begins protest

NEW DELHI Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched another attack on PM Modi over the alleged irregularities in NEET and cancellation of UGC-NET. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "psychologically collapsed" post-elections and will struggle to run a government like this. "We will punish the culprits, and therefore, we have formed a high level committee to probe the matter," said Pradhan today at a press conference. Meanwhile, today morning, while hearing fresh petitions seeking cancellation of NEET UG 2024, the Supreme Court refused to put a stay in the counselling process. To further

intensify their protest against the BJP-led NDA government in the alleged NEET irregularities, the Congress is today hosting a nationwide protest demanding justice for the NEET UG, UGC NET candidates. Dharmendra Pradhan takes 'moral responsibility' for NEET 'errors', sets up high-level panel In a first admission of irregularity in the conduct of the NEET undergraduate exam this year, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Thursday acknowledged there have been "some errors limited to specific regions", referring to Bihar's investigation into allegations of paper leak, and announced the setting up of a high-level

committee to fix responsibility within the NTA and review its structure and functioning. One of the people suspected of being behind an alleged question paper leak of NEET UG 2024 has told the Bihar police that four aspirants had gathered at a location chosen by him a night before the exam and "memorised answers" of questions from the paper.

The Congress party in J&K has started a protest in the area, as a part of the nationwide protest being carried out by Congress today. The J&K wing of Gandhi-led political party is demanding cancellation of NEET UG 2024.

As Patnaik begins a new innings as Opposition leader, in his Assembly team?

Former Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik is all set to begin his new innings — this time on the Opposition benches. On , BJD's legislature party elected him as the Leader of the Opposition after his party lost the state assembly polls to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

or Patnaik, a five-time CM who hasn't lost a single election since his Lok Sabha debut in 1997, this marks a significant change — this is the first time since the BJD's assembly debut in 2000 that the former CM will occupy the Opposition bench. Along with him,

the BJD also elected senior MLA Prasanna Acharya as the deputy leader of the legislature party. Former speaker Pramila Mallik will be the chief whip of the party while former minister Pratap Keshari Deb has been picked as its deputy chief whip.

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As Sukhu's wife hits campaign trail, Himachal Congress divisions come bubbling up

Kangra

Even before Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur could reach Dehra in Kangra district on Thursday to launch her campaign for the July 10 Assembly bypoll, problems had flared up for her in this high-stakes battlefield. State Congress treasurer Dr Rajesh Sharma, whose name Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president Pratibha Singh had recommended for the ticket, vented his anger at Sukhu at a public meeting in Dehra on Wednesday, accusing him of mental harassment. "If anything happens to me, my wife or children, then CM Sukhu will be responsible," Sharma said. Soon afterwards, the Congress leader suffered what was described as a panic attack and was admitted to a hospital in Kangra. A day before, on Tuesday, Thakur's candidature was announced even though Sukhu said more than once that he was not keen on the ticket for his wife. Although Thakur has been an active member of the HPCC for around two decades, she will be making her electoral debut on July 19. In an attempt to end the conflict, she said at her first election rally on Thursday, "Dr Sharma is like a brother. We will soon settle our differences mutually," Thakur told reporters that there would be no lack of development in Dehra and added that "every issue in the constituency will be resolved with the help of the the CM". She said Dehra was her maternal home and no daughter would want her maternal home to remain underdeveloped.

EC sets the ball rolling for J-K polls, electoral roll to be published by Aug

Jammu and Kashmir The poll panel has also started the process for holding 47 by-polls that are due across the country, they said. (Express file photo) The Election Commission (EC) this week kicked off preparations for holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra, by announcing the revision of the electoral rolls by August 20. Sources said the EC wrote to the Chief



Electoral Officers of the poll-bound states and Union Territory on Thursday, giving the schedule of the special summary revision (SSR) of the electoral roll. In a statement on Friday, the EC said the pre-special summary revision exercises, including rationalising the loca-

tions of polling stations to make them more convenient, would start on June 25. The electoral rolls would be updated with the cut-off date of July 1 in the poll-bound states and UT—Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and J-K, the EC said. The draft rolls would be pub-

lished on July 25, after which electors have the chance to file claims and objections till August 9. The publication of the final electoral roll will be done by August 20, as per the schedule. While J-K has not had an Assembly in place since it was dissolved in 2018, the term of the Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand assemblies is ending on November 11, November 26, and January 5, 2025, meaning the elections have to be completed before that.

Bengal CM set to inaugurate Jagannath temple in coastal town

Medinipur West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is all set to inaugurate a Jagannath temple in the coastal town of Digha in Purba Medinipur district in the first week of July. Sources in the state administration said she could inaugurate the temple on the first day of the Ratha Yatra festival, which begins on July 7. "The temple is now ready for inauguration. We are waiting for the CM's green signal. After we receive that, we will officially announce the inaugu-



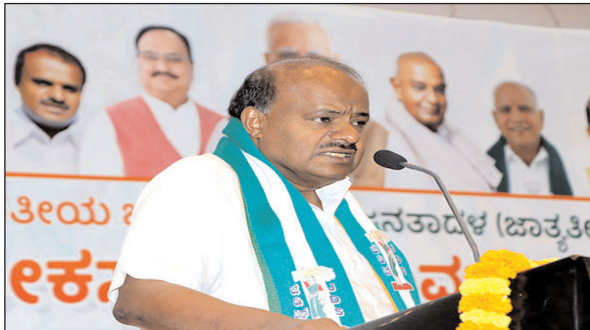
ration date," said a state government official. The Jagannath Dham, built as a replica of the Jagannath temple in Puri in neighbouring Odisha, is located in the seaside resort town adjacent to New Digha

railway station. Spread across 22 acres, the temple, a pet project of the CM, was built for Rs 143 crore, according to the state urban development department. The Jagannath Dham has been built by the West Bengal

Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (WBHIDCO), with the Kolkata-based Design Studio handling the design and architecture. Banerjee laid the foundation stone of the temple, which is located eight km from Chandaneswar temple in Odisha's Balasore district, in 2019. Back then, she claimed that she expected the temple to generate a foot-fall equal to the temple in Puri and said tourists would enjoy the same facilities on Digha's beaches as in Puri.

Kerala JD(S) gives in to LDF pressure, set to form new outfit

Kerala The Janata Dal (Secular)'s Kerala unit, which is an ally of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the state, has decided to float a new outfit, saying that it cannot be part of a party that allies with the BJP. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit president and MLA Mathew T Thomas told the media Wednesday: "The party in Kerala does not want to be known as a fraction of a party that is an ally of BJP. After considering legal aspects, we will take a decision in such a manner to allow all elected members of the party, including those in local bodies, to continue in their posts. A new party will be registered and the state unit of the JD (S) will get merged into that new party," he said. The JD(S) has two MLAs in Kerala —



Thomas and K Krishnakutty. The latter is the power minister in the CPM-led LDF government. The JD(S) joined the BJP-led NDA in September 2023. Since then, the CPM has been putting pressure on the state JD(S) unit to either cut ties with the JD(S) leadership or exit the LDF in the state. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit had then even announced that it had decided to snap ties with the parent party and that it would explore the option of forming a new party to remain with the LDF. But there was no movement on that

front so far. The issue has now assumed urgency after the JD(S) joined the Narendra Modi-led NDA government 3.0 earlier this month, with senior JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy inducted as the Union minister of steel and heavy industries. The CPM started facing heat from other allies of the LDF. Last week, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), which has one MLA in Kerala, has raised questions over the JD(S) continuing to be a part of the LDF Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Buzz over his 'exit' from NCP, Bhujbal keeps Mahayuti, MVA on tenterhooks

Maharashtra civil supplies minister and senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Chhagan Bhujbal is known in state political circles as a firebrand who often speaks his mind. Bhujbal seems to be again keeping his party and the Mahayuti coalition guessing, this time over the Maratha quota issue as well as the Rajya Sabha nomination for party chief Ajit Pawar's wife Suntera. The speculation about Bhujbal's exit from his party amid reports of rising tension among the Mahayuti partners — including the BJP, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit-led NCP — after the NDA's poor show in the recent Lok Sabha polls appears to be adding to the ruling camp's troubles in the



run-up to the state Assembly polls slated for October this year. Meanwhile, fuelling the buzz, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray referred to reports about Bhujbal's possible exit during his address at his party's foundation day event Wednesday. Even as Bhujbal, seen as one of the tallest OBC leaders of the state, has denied any such moves, his statements on being denied the Rajya Sabha berth by

the NCP and his opposition to the inclusion of Marathas in the OBC category have left the Mahayuti leaders red-faced. "I am not upset. While working in a political party you have to make collective decisions. Everything does not happen as per one's wish... There were many aspirants (for a Rajya Sabha berth) but only one can get the nomination. I am not an Independent. I will go by my wish. As a party worker, a party

leader, one has to abide by the party's decision. Sometimes the party faces some compulsions," Bhujbal had said while dispelling rumours that he was upset over Sunetra's nomination. Earlier this week, at a meeting of its supporters, the Bhujbal-headed Mahatma Phule Samata Parishad — an umbrella organisation of the OBC organisations — decided to press for a caste survey — a move which is likely to deepen the fissures between the Mahayuti partners. In the past, Ajit Pawar too has demanded a caste survey on the lines of the one conducted in Bihar by CM and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar. Besides, Bhujbal's position has been at odds with the BJP-led NDA's stand on several issues.

'We didn't play him well': Afghanistan coach Jonathan

NEW DELHI: Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott pointed out the failure to execute plans against India's pace bowler Jasprit Bumrah for their loss in the T20 World Cup Super Eight clash on Thursday. Trott also expressed his disappointment over his team's shot selection in their defeat. "Obviously, Bumrah is going to be a key bowler for any side. For India, he's crucial and we needed to play him better. His figures suggest we didn't play him very well. We'd obviously spoken about it and how we were going to play him. So, we weren't able to execute that and, yeah, that's very disappointing," Trott was quoted as saying by Reuters after the match. "Obviously disappointed with a few of the shots or the decision-making," Trott added. Trott supported skipper Rashid Khan's decision to use his overs early and emphasized the need for other bowlers to step up.

DEUTZ inks cooperation with TAFE Motors, India's leading agricultural group



KARNAL: DEUTZ is adding another cornerstone to its 'Dual+' strategy, which includes both the further development of alternative drive systems and the expansion of the internal combustion engine business. The cooperation with Indian agricultural group TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited announced today allows DEUTZ to expand its business in India, tapping into one of the fastest growing markets worldwide. TAFE Motors is the subsidiary of TAFE - the third largest tractor manufacturer in the world. In 2023, the Indian economy has grown by around 6 to 7 per cent and it is expected that India's GDP will quadruple until 2050. The agricultural and construction sector will play a major role in achieving this strong growth. As the beginning of a long-term cooperation, TAFE Motors will manufac-

ture for Deutz up to 30,000 engines in 2.2L (50-75 hp) and 2.9 L (75-100 hp) to augment and complement the wide range of engines made by the Group across emission standards. TAFE Motors will produce engines to suit newer applications in the Indian market as well as for Deutz's requirement. The engines will be produced in 'TAFE' Motors' world class manufacturing facility at Alwar, Rajasthan in India. DEUTZ will use the Indian manufacturing base to promote the remaining engines in neighbor-

ing markets (esp. APAC), benefitting from cost advantages in production and logistics. "The strategic cooperation with TAFE Motors secures DEUTZ access and long-term prospects in growing markets with great potential for our smaller combustion engines," explains DEUTZ CEO, Dr. Sebastian C. Schulte. "It also enables us to continue producing at competitive on the existing supplier landscape, which is becoming increasingly challenging due to the technological shift and geopolitics".

Westside launches its 229th store in Gurgaon

GURUGRAM : Westside, a part of the iconic Indian family - TATA, has inaugurated its newest store in Gurgaon with an aim to inspire fashion enthusiasts. Located at WS-Good Earth, Sector 69, Gurgaon/Sector 69 off Southern Periphery Road, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122101, this store is spread across 27472 sq ft. With a conscious effort of making style simple for every moment, it will feature most of Westside's brands across apparel, accessories, cosmetics, footwear, and HOME - all conveniently available at one location! The new store seamlessly embodies the brand's vision of delivering an extraordinary retail experience, providing customers with contemporary and modern fashion trends at an exceptional value. It is committed to offering a seamless shopping experience, with meticulously arranged and clutter-free displays that highlight the newest fashions. With distinc-



ive style, the brand embraces innovation and refreshes their collection every three weeks on Friday. All the ladies, get ready to splurge till you drop with the fashion's favourite labels at the best prices! Indian wear by Westside is equally fashionable and engaging as the western wear. Utsa offers a versatile collection and is the modern solution to the everyday ethnic wardrobe. The most loved Bombay Paisley presents a contemporary, creative, free-spirited and fusion while Vark is coordinated ethnic wear for occasions that are modern, opulent, warm and sophisticated.

Zuba, on the other hand, is premium day-wear that personifies elegance and modernity that is majestic and understated. NUON is for all young girls who are zesty about fashion. The brand reflects youth that engages a social generation. Looking for smart and feminine casuals? Look no more as L.O.V is the answer for anything subtle and flattering. The collection at Gia is smart, casual and comfortable for all curvy women. Wardrobe, a 9 to 9 fashion, is a workwear that is stylish, sophisticated and confident. Right from Casuals to Fusion to Indian, you name it and they have it all.

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Man with dyed hair, beard held at airport for impersonating 60-plus passenger

NEW DELHI: A 24-year-old man, disguised as a 67-year-old, was arrested by the CISF at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport while attempting to board an Air Canada flight to Canada on Tuesday evening.

A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample question papers is released by CBSE

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies between theory and practical scores in a few courses.

ENVIRO INFRA ENGINEERS LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

GURUGRAM : Enviro Infra Engineers Limited ("The Company", "EIEL") has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") on June 26, 2024. The Company is in the business of designing, construction, operation and maintenance of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) and Water Supply Scheme Projects (WSSPs) for government authorities/bodies. The Company proposes to raise funds through equity Shares (Face value RS



10/- each) comprising of fresh issue up to 4,42,32,000 Equity Shares and an Offer for Sale of up to 52,68,000 Equity Shares. ("Total Issue Size")

The company proposes to utilize net proceeds from fresh issue to (i) Meet the Working Capital Requirements; (ii) Infusion of funds in its Subsidiary, EIEL Mathura

Infra Engineers Private Limited ("EIEL Mathura") to build 60 MLD STP under project titled 'Mathura Sewerage Scheme' at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh including Operation & maintenance for 15 years through Hybrid Annuity Based PPP Mode;

(iii) Repayment/prepayment in full or in part, of certain of our outstanding borrowings and (iv) Funding for future projects and general corporate purposes. ("The Fresh Issue") Hem Securities is the sole book running lead manager of the public issue.

LPGI Sahitya Association organized 117th International Kavi Sammelan

Chandigarh: LPGI Sahitya Association (Regd.) organized an International Kavi Sammelan on the topic 'Kavita Mein Kahani'. This was the 117th GGM (Global Gathering Meet) of LPGISA. Famous mini story writer of Punjabi literature Dr. Gurvinder Singh Aman was the chief guest. He praised LPGI Sahitya Association, Ashish and Yogita for their love and contribution towards literature and Hindi and encouraged all the poets. Senior and famous poet Prem



Vij was the guest of honor. He appreciated all the poets and praised LPGISA for uniting the poets of the world. Renowned poet Vinod Sharma was the special guest. He congratulated everyone and encouraged all the poets. LPGISA's guide and Global Chairman Advisory Prof. Harinder Kumar

Sharma gave his blessings. He is a senior mini story writer. Ashish Sharma, Founder and Global Chairman of LPGISA (Regd.) welcomed everyone and wished them.

Founder and Global President Yogita Sharma also sent best wishes to everyone. The program was conducted smoothly and brilliantly by poet Sunita Garg from India. Special speech was given by Global Certificate Conductor Sunita Mahendru from Thailand.

ICICI Bank launches Student Sapphire Forex Card for Indian students

GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD : ICICI Bank today announced the launch of its 'Student Sapphire Forex Card', a premium forex pre-paid card crafted specifically for students who are going abroad for higher education. The card, powered by Visa, provides exclusive benefits and convenience to students as well as their parents to manage education related expenses abroad such as admission fees, course-related fees and other day-to-day expenses including travel, dining and groceries, among others. The card offers the freedom of loading and transacting in 15 currencies, without any cross-currency mark-up charge being levied by the Bank, allowing students to



conveniently travel across the globe even if they load only one currency on the card. This initiative comes in the wake of continuing surge in the number of Indian students going overseas for higher education. The ICICI Bank Student Sapphire Forex Card comes with an array of joining benefits up to Rs 15,000, along with exclusive privileges. It comes with a welcome kit with two cards-- a primary and a replacement card-- that can be activated

digitally through iMobile Pay, internet banking or by calling the Bank's Customer Care in the event of loss/damage of the primary card. Like any other forex card offered by the Bank, this card can be reloaded digitally using iMobile Pay and internet banking by the students and their parents, instantly, anywhere, anytime and from anywhere. With this card, the Bank has a suite of forex cards for students travelling abroad.

Government should provide tubewell connections to the farmers of the soil soon: Ramchander Jadoula

Director of Hafed and social worker Ramchander Jadoula said that the farmers of the soil are forced to visit the corporation office for the last many years to get electricity tubewell connections in the fields, but no one is listening to them. Due to which the farmers have to face problems every day. He said that even those farmers whose tubewell connections have been approved, their problem remains the same despite going around the officials and pleading to get the connection. Talking to journalists here, social worker Ramchander Jadoula said that even after a long time, the farmers are being turned away by the corporation by giving empty assurances in the name of giving connection despite depositing the security



amount. Whereas in this regard, farmers have been continuously protesting, demonstrating and expressing their anger and have also given written demand letters and memorandums to the high officials of the government and the department, but no one is listening to them. This is wasting both time and money. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers and they are helpless to take to the streets. Former Director Ramchander Jadoula said that farmers are constantly suf-

fering the consequences of not getting connection even after waiting for a long time. The situation is such that farmers are being deprived of planting crops in the fields without water and the crops of those farmers who have planted are also drying up without water. Due to which the hard work of the farmers as well as the cost expenditure is going waste. Due to compulsion, farmers are irrigating the crops by purchasing diesel at high prices. He said that the conditions imposed on farmers in the name of tubewell connection should also be due to the conditions, farmers are suffering huge losses. Ramchander Jadoula demanded from the government and corporation officials that the government should fulfill.

Ignoring China's ire, PM Modi meets US team that called on Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi met a bipartisan group of US lawmakers that visited Dharamshala this week and called on the Dalai Lama. The lawmakers, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Michael McCaul and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, were also hosted by foreign minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday night after their return from Dharamshala. Jaishankar acknowledged the "strong and continued" support from the lawmakers for the India-US strategic partnership. The delegation's visit to Dharamshala drew China's ire, with Beijing urging the Americans to fully recognise the "anti-China separatist nature of the Dalai group", honour commitments the US has

made to China on issues related to Tibet and stop sending a wrong signal to the world. Their meetings with Indian leaders will likely raise China's hackles too. The delegation members congratulated Modi on his election for a historic third consecutive term. "They expressed deep appreciation for the scale, fairness and transparency of the recently concluded world's largest democratic electoral exercise in India," govt said in a statement. The delegation described India-US relations as the most consequential. al one and expressed their strong support for further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Global Partnership in all areas, including trade, new.

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

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

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

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

Department of Consumer Affairs portal. "In case the stocks held by them are higher than the prescribed limits then, they shall bring the same to the prescribed stock limits by 12th July 2024," the note added. As Kharif pulses like tur and urad are likely to rise, the government expects tur and chana dal prices to fall. The statement anticipates the import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries

starting in August 2024. A new crop of chana in Australia and its import from October 2024 will help keep chana affordable for consumers.

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

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

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

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

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

RBI changes priority sector lending rules

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

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

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

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

It also encouraged India to work with the EU on deforestation laws

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



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

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

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

GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

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

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

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

Avoid promoting 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai

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



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

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

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

Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC

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



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

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

owns the State Bank of India building on Mall Road in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, and two media house offices in New Delhi and Lucknow.

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

Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

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

commerce has a future in India in recent years. Zepto received a unicorn round, but Blinkit (previously Grofers) and Swiggy Instamart have scaled up with improved profits for their owners. "Flipkart's latest launches indicate its move into fast commerce. It started same-day delivery in 20 cities a couple of weeks ago and delivered flowers and cakes around Valentine's Day (February 2024)," an e-commerce analyst told Entrackr, asking for anonymity. Flipkart will have a larger library than Zepto, Instamart, and Blinkit, according to sources. "The company will have a sharp focus on FMCG, grocery and daily essentials but it would also push categories such as electronics, fashion," said the aforementioned insider.

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

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

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

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

A/to Meta, Facebook news may be blocked in Australia

Delhi: A corporate spokesman told a parliamentary hearing that Facebook's parent company, Meta, is thinking of removing news content from the platform in Australia if the government requires it to pay license costs. When questioned if Meta will prevent Australians from sharing news material in order to avoid paying fees, Mia Garlick, regional policy director for Meta, responded to lawmakers by saying that "all options are on the table". According to her, Meta was awaiting Canberra's decision on whether to implement an unproven 2021 law that would allow the government to determine how much US tech companies must pay media outlets for links. The statements provide the most evidence to date that Meta will adopt the same strict stance in Australia as it did in Canada in 2023 when that nation enacted

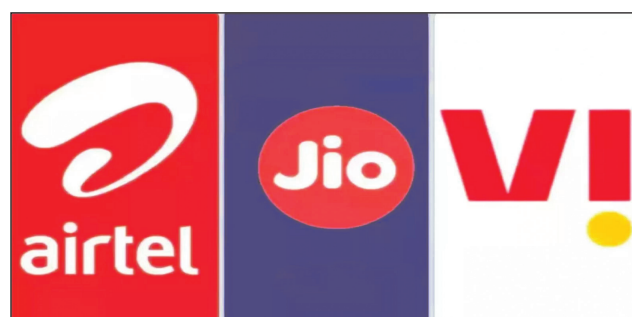


legislation of a similar nature. When the law was introduced in Australia, Meta signed agreements with News Corp and the Australian Broadcasting Corp, among other Australian media companies. However, Meta has since stated that it will not extend those contracts past 2024. The assistant treasurer of Australia will now have to determine if she wants to intervene and make Facebook pay for journalistic material. According to the assistant treasurer, Meta appears to follow the law only when it is convenient, but he is still gathering advice. Meanwhile,

Nine Entertainment and Seven West Media, Australia's two biggest free-to-air television broadcasters, said last week that they were slashing staff. They cited the loss of revenue when their contracts with Meta expire. When asked if banning Facebook news in Australia would be considered breaking the law, Meta's Garlick responded that it would be. "Every other law - tax laws, safety laws, privacy laws - we work to comply with," she stated. "It's just compliance would look slightly different in relation to this law if it's fully enacted."

Following Jio, Airtel and Vi increase rates by 10-27%.

Delhi: In an effort to boost their own bottom lines that had been negatively impacted by the fierce competition, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea joined the market leader Reliance Jio a day later and announced pricing increases of more than 20% apiece. Vodafone increased rates by 13-27%, while Bharti Airtel raised rates across all plans by 10-21%. According to rating agency ICRA, rate increases, when fully absorbed, might result in increased operational profits for the industry of about Rs 20,000 crore. The industry will have the capacity to under-



take deleveraging as well as make capital expenditures for network expansion and technological upgrades, it said, with stronger financial metrics. According to Morgan Stanley's projection, Jio's pricing increase could increase its monthly average revenue per user (Arpu) by almost 17% in the upcoming year. The Mukesh Ambani compa-

ny declared Arpu of Rs 182 for the January-March quarter. The company pushed prices in India to record lows after launching a free service on a prolonged trial run to add members. According to Airtel, which had an ARPU of Rs 209 at the end of the previous quarter, it ought to be getting about Rs 300 from per user.

Instagram goes down worldwide, including in India

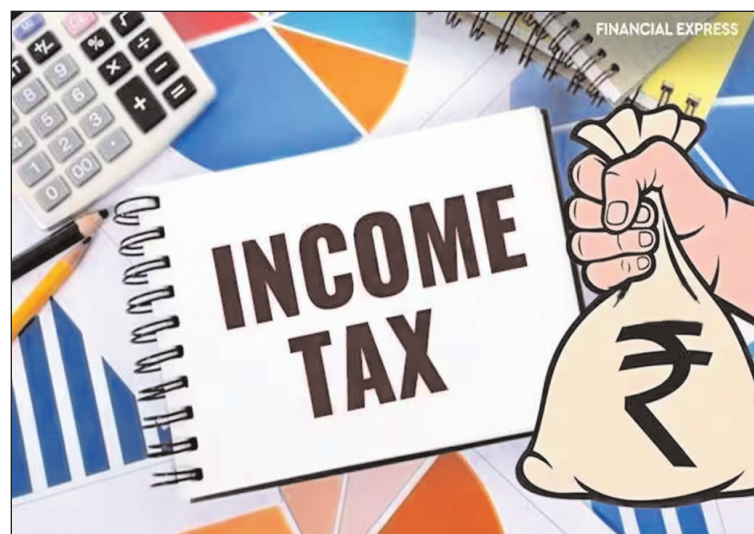
Delhi: Instagram, owned by Meta, went down worldwide including in India. Thousands of people had trouble accessing Reels and feed updates. According to Downdetector, a company that tracks online outages, over 6,500 Indian users reported the disturbance around 12:02

p.m. The bulk of complaints (58%) were about their feed, 32% the app, and 10% the server connection. Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Chennai were among the cities affected by the outage. Many disgruntled users

flocked to X (previously Twitter) to vent and for support after being unable to log in, navigate through their feeds, or load Reels. "Everyone going towards Twitter to check if Instagram is down," one user joked, underscoring the inclination to search other sites during outages.

The IT department demands Rs. 171.83 crore in taxes from Tata Consumer

Delhi: Tata Consumer Products (NS:TACN) Ltd announced that the company has been notified of an income tax claim amounting to Rs 171.83 crore for the 2019-20 assessment year. This fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) firm stated in a stock exchange filing that "it is in the process of preferring an appeal and rectification against the said order" because "demand is not maintainable." "There is no immediate impact on the financials, operations or other activities of the company on account of the aforementioned order," stated the Tata Group business. In its filing, the busi-



ness claimed to have received a "Assessment Order dated June 27, 2024, under section 143(3) read with section 144C(13) of Income-tax Act, 1961, for the income tax return filed for the financial year 2019-

20, wherein certain additions/ disallowances with respect to returned income, have been proposed by the assessing officer".

"The demand raised is Rs.171.83 crs (including interest)," it stated. The company's shares ended the day at Rs 1,098 on the BSE, up 1.14 percent. The net profit for Tata Consumer Products fell 19.3% to Rs 217 crore in the fourth quarter that concluded on March 31. The company saw a solid success in the India business during the quarter, resulting in an increase in revenue of 8.5% to Rs 3,927 crore.

Indian Current Account Surplus After Last Quarter Deficit

According to CRISIL, India's current account surplus improved to \$5.7 billion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, or 0.6% of GDP. This is a considerable improvement from the \$8.7 billion deficit (1.0%) in the third quarter and the \$1.3 billion deficit (0.2%) in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year. The current account balance improved due to a shrinking merchandise trade deficit, an enhanced services trade surplus, and rising remittances.

Financial flows improved quarterly and annually, resulting in a \$30.8 billion foreign exchange reserve accretion in the fourth quarter, the biggest in ten quarters. India's foreign reserves reached \$652.9 billion on June 14. From the third quarter's 1.0% deficit, India's current account surplus rose to 0.6% of GDP in the fourth quarter. The trade deficit fell to 0.9% of GDP from 2.7% the quarter before. While the services trade surplus slowed to 4.5 percent from 5.0

percent, the merchandise trade deficit fell to 5.4 percent of GDP from 7.7 percent. The primary income account deficit rose to 1.6% of GDP from 1.4% in the previous quarter, while the secondary income account surplus fell to 3.0% from 3.2%. Net financial inflows rose to 2.6% of GDP from 1.7% in the previous quarter, driving forex reserves up USD 30.8 billion. Due to strong inflows and economic fundamentals, this is a significant increase over the USD 6.0 billion accretion.

Regional aviation gets Air India route

Delhi: Air India stated Friday that it would begin using Airbus A350-900s on the Delhi-London Heathrow route on September 1. On the route, the airline will fly twice daily. The A350-900 will replace the 777-300ER and 787-8 Dreamliner on 14 of 17 weekly flights. The business claimed in a news statement that the replacement would add 336 weekly seats on the Delhi-London Heathrow route. Flying our flagship A350s and B777s with updated cabin interiors to London Heathrow is a milestone for Air India. It shows our dedication to providing a world-class travel experience and exceeding customer expectations as we upgrade our fleet, said Campbell Wilson, CEO & Managing Director, Air India. The new Airbus planes will enhance 90% of its trips to London Heathrow.



Air India began flying the new Boeing 777-300ERs between Mumbai and London Heathrow in April 2024. This restored First Class on the London Heathrow-Mumbai route. Air India will launch Premium Economy class on the Delhi-London Heathrow route using Airbus A350-900. The airline will provide 24 broad 2-4-2 seats in a separate cabin. We are convinced that these daily flights will benefit from our industry-leading cabin goods on the A350.

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

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

PLI policy boosts global tyre companies' make-in-India intentions

Delhi: Michelin, Bridgestone, and Goodyear are planning to invest in India's manufacturing industry, together with Yokohama and Birla Tyre, under a government system that links imports to local investment. These investments, estimated at Rs 3,000 crore, are a major response to the Centre's import curbs to increase domestic manufacturing. Yokohama, the largest investor, plans a plant in Haryana with roughly half a female workforce, creating several hundred employment. DPIIT linked the program to import approvals to stimulate capacity expansion. This



resolves license issues that hampered international companies' high-end tire imports. "We are seeing the positive results of our initiatives and expect more companies to manufacture in India." The move supports the government's electric vehicle (EV) policy, which allows local manu-

facturers to import with lower duties. The Modi administration is recruiting Tesla to create jobs and accelerate the EV transition. Despite Elon Musk's canceled visit, officials are enthusiastic about future contacts with Vinfast and others. The Department of Heavy Industries is working with stakeholders to complete the new policy guidelines, with bids expected in the coming months.

Sebi may strengthen derivatives trade, financial influencer rules

Delhi: Sebi is poised to tighten derivatives trading rules and limit brokers and mutual funds' use of unregistered financial influencers in marketing campaigns, Reuters reports, citing persons with direct knowledge of the situation. The Sebi board meeting may address these market manipulation-fighting measures after a sharp increase in sophisticated financial instrument trading. Eliminating illiquid stock derivatives is the goal. According to Reuters, India's option trades more than doubled to \$907.09 trillion in 2023-24 from the previous year. Index option contracts dominate Indian options trading. Reuters reported earlier this month that Sebi is investigating technical tweaks to index options, even



though it has not yet regulated them. The COVID-19 pandemic increased retail investor engagement in equity markets, leading to more financial advice from social media influencers. Brokers and mutual funds should stop working with unregistered influencers to avoid them from deceiving investors, according to Sebi. According to one source, the markets regulator has formed a group of exchanges, brokers, and mutual funds to recommend new measures to reduce manipulation and protect retail options contract investors.