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Kolkata police commissioner, two health officials removed after CM Mamata meeting with doctors

Kolkata Doctor Rape and Murder Case Live Updates: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee announced the removal of the Kolkata Police Commissioner and two health department officials after talks with protesting junior doctors regarding the RG Kar Medical College case. The state government agreed to most of the doctors' demands, emphasized their safety, and set up a new committee to address future grievances, while urging the doctors to call off their strike. The doctors have been asked to attend a meeting at the chief minister's residence in Kalighat at 5pm. In an email addressed to the junior doctors, chief secretary Manoj Panth stated, "This is the fifth and final time we are reaching out to you for a meeting between the Honourable Chief Minister and your delegates. In line with our discussion from the day before, we are once again inviting you



Searches continue in Poonch & Kathua

JAMMU: A joint team of security forces intensified search operations across Jammu region Monday, especially in Kathua's Bani and Poonch's Pathanateer areas, to track down terrorists a day after a c-k-t-o-b-a-c-k shootouts in J&K, less than a week before the first phase of polling for assembly elections on Sept 18. No fresh contact, however, was established, officials said.

On Sunday morning, a gunfight had erupted between security personnel and terrorists in Poonch's Mendhar sector, while another broke out the same afternoon in the remote Nuknali Bani area of Kathua district. The elections are taking place against a backdrop of escalating violence. Between May 4 and Sept 13, J&K recorded 21 security force fatalities — 17 in Jammu zone and four in Kashmir Valley.

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ister at her Kalighat residence for a discus-

'We can be political rivals but ... ': BJP's reaction on minister's Rahul 'No. 1 terrorist'

NEW DELHI: In a first reaction to party leader and Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu's "number one terrorist" remark against Rahul Gandhi, BJP leader MA Naqvi distanced the party from the statement on Monday and said the comments were against the party's culture and in "bad taste". "This is neither the BJP's culture nor that of our country. We can be political rivals and opponents but indulging in such dirty talk and using such a language is in bad taste," Naqvi told PTI when asked about Bittu's remarks targeting Gandhi.

sion with an open mind." However, the state government has clarified that the meeting will not be live streamed. "We trust that good sense will prevail, and as mutually agreed and as per your statement .

'Look at their own record': India hits back at Iran Supreme Leader's 'suffering of Muslims' remark

NEW DELHI: India on Monday reacted strongly to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's remark on the situation of minorities in the country. In a controversial tweet, he named India among the places Muslims are "suffering" and called for solidarity among the community around the world. Indian government termed his remark "misinformed" and said the countries making such remarks should "look at their own record". On the occasion of Prophet Mohammed's birth anniversary, Khamenei wrote on X, "The enemies of Islam have always tried to make us indifferent with regard to our shared identity as an Islamic Ummah. We cannot consider ourselves to be Muslims if we are oblivious to the suffering that a Muslim is enduring in Myanmar, Gaza, India, or any other place." Talking about Iran, he said, "Ill-wishers have been fueling religious differences in the Islamic world for a long time now, especially in Iran." Within hours of this tweet, the Indian government reacted strongly to



Attempt to derail Delhi bound Swatantrata Senani Express

LUCKNOW: In the wee hours of Monday, Delhi bound Swatantrata Senani Express's (12561) loco-engine suffered failure, after it hit a wooden log lying on rail track between Ghazipur Ghat and Ghazipur City railway station. The log was dragged for nearly half-a-km, before the express came to a halt.

The train was cruising at 100kmph, and even after emergency brakes, it could avoid the collision. After the incident, junior engineer of railway, Nishant Kumar Singh lodged FIR at Sadar Kotwali of Ghazipur against an unknown person under railway act section 150 (offense of maliciously

the statement calling it "unacceptable". "We strongly deplore the comments made regarding minorities in India by the Supreme Leader of Iran. These are misinformed and unacceptable," the ministry of external affair ministry said in a statement. "Countries com-

menting on minorities are advised to look at their own record before making any observations about others," the ministry said. In a separate post, the Iranian leader also raised the issue of the "oppressed people of Gaza and Palestine".

Taj Mahal's dome leak due to cracks in metal set due to rust: ASI

AGRA: News of the Taj Mahal in Agra being afflicted by water seepage and dampness within its main tombs of emperor Shah Jahan and his wife Mumtaz Mahal, as reported by TOI on Friday, quickly spread in India and beyond, with lovers of the monument expressing shock. The development followed a prolonged period of rainfall in Agra, after which experts from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) led a comprehensive inspection of the tombs' roof and dome. A senior ASI official told TOI on Saturday: "Survey of the main dome was conducted using a drone. Rust was observed on the base of the finial. This rust formation could have led to the development of cracks in the stone, causing water seepage.

BAPS swaminarayan temple vandalised in New York; 'unacceptable', says consulate

NEW DELHI: The BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in New York's Melville was vandalised on Monday. The Indian consulate in New York expressed strong disapproval of the act, labelling it "unacceptable."

In response, the consulate has been in close contact with the local Indian-American community and has urged US law enforcement agencies to take swift action against those responsible for the attack.

Authorities are now investigating the incident, and efforts are underway to bring the perpetrators to justice. The Indian Consulate took the incident to X to express its dismay. The Consulate posted, "The vandalism of the BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Melville, New York, is unacceptable; The Consulate @IndiainNewYork is in touch with the community and has raised the matter with US law enforcement authorities for prompt action against the perpetrators of this heinous act."

Woman lured to Lucknow with degree promise, 'raped' in car on e-way

AGRA: A woman was allegedly raped inside a car on the Agra-Lucknow expressway after two men lured her to Lucknow with the promise of "genuine" educational certificates, filmed the assault, and abandoned her on the expressway

ICICI Bank warns customers; says these are signs of 'fraud attempt'

NEW DELHI: ICICI Bank has issued a warning about sophisticated online fraud tactics used by criminals. These fraudsters send emails or messages that appear to come from trusted sources, aiming to steal account and card details. They use replica pages of financial institutions and shopping websites for this purpose. Customers are urged to report any suspicious activity immediately. In an email sent to cus-



tomers, ICICI Bank said that fraudsters try to steal your account and card details by sending e-mails/ messages which falsely appear to originate from trusted sources like banks, tax authorities etc. "They try to steal your account and card related information

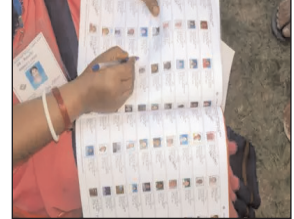
such as User ID, Password, URN, Card Number, Grid Values of the Card, CVV, Expiry date and OTP by sending e-mails/ messages which falsely appear to originate from trusted sources like banks, tax authorities etc. These e-mails create a sense of

urgency for updating account and/ or card related information," said the bank in an email.

The Bank also revealed that the fraudsters use replica pages of known financial institutions or popular shopping websites to get customer details like account number, login ID, password and more. "Fraudsters use replica pages of known financial institutions or popular shopping websites.

Panchayat passes resolution to not let minority community residents register as voters

KOLHAPUR: The gram panchayat of Shingnapur village, on the outskirts of Kolhapur city, drew a lot of flak for passing a resolution concerning minority community members. The gram panchayat has since revoked the resolution, and has claimed that "a typing error" caused the confusion. The resolution was to disallow the registration of minority community residents in the electoral rolls. The resolu-



tion also said the gram panchayat would raise objections if any minority community member did manage to get registered as a voter. At a gram sabha held on September 5, another resolution was passed to not allow a minority community board to acquire land in the vil-

lage. The resolutions started making rounds on social media on Sunday and drew sharp criticism from political functionaries and minority community organisations. Kolhapur district collector Amol Yedge intervened and ordered an inquiry. The preliminary inquiry states the actual resolution passed during gram sabha and the copy circulated on social media are not the same.

'An observation can ...' What Vice President said on SC's 'caged parrot' remark on CBI

NEW DELHI: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday advised the judiciary to refrain from any observation which can de-spirit the government agencies and trigger a political debate.

During the inauguration ceremony of Samvidhan Mandir at Mumbai's Elphinstone Technical High School and Junior College, Vice President said that one needs to be "extremely cautious" about the country's institutions that are robust and work independently under the rule of law with suitable checks and balances. "All organs of the state Judiciary, Legislature, and Executive have a single purpose: to ensure the success of the fundamental spirit of the Constitution, to guarantee all rights to the



common people, and to help India prosper and flourish. They need to work in tandem and togetherness to nurture and blossom democratic values and further constitutional ideals. An Institution is well served when it is conscious of certain limitations. Some limitations are obvious, some limitations are very fine, they are subtle. Let these sacred platforms - judiciary, legislature and executive - not be trigger points of political inflammatory debate

or narrative that is detrimental to the established institutions that serve the nation well in a challenging and daunting environment," Dhankhar said. Also read: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar alleges 'anti-Constitutional mindset' behind Rahul Gandhi's 'reservation' remarks "Our institutions, all kinds of institutions, Elections Commission, the investigative agencies they perform duty under tight situations, an observation can

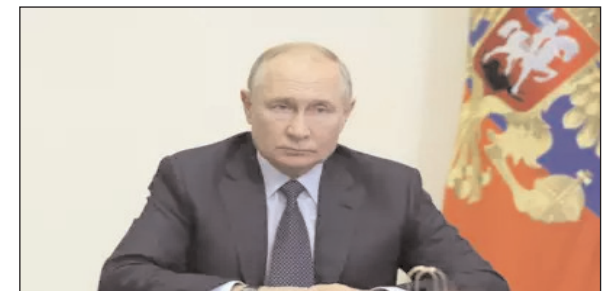
despirit them. It can set a political debate afloat. It can trigger a narrative. We have to be extremely conscious about our Institutions. They are robust, they are working independently, they are under checks and balances. They work under rule of law. In that situation, if we work in a manner to just generate some sensation, to become a focal point or epicenter of a political debate or a narrative that I will appeal to the concerned is wholly avoidable," he added.

This comes days after the apex court judge observed that the Central Bureau of Investigation must dispel the notion of it being a "caged parrot". "In a functional democracy governed by the rule of law.

MHA to open Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars for civilians in Manipur

NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday announced a new initiative aimed at providing essential commodities to the people of strife-torn Manipur at affordable prices. Shah said the Union government will make Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars accessible to civilians starting September 17. Taking to X, Shah said, "In line with PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's commitment, the MHA is launching an initiative to provide commodities to the people of Manipur at reasonable prices. Now the Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars will be open for common people from September 17, 2024."

Putin moves to make Russian army 2nd largest in the world



NEW DELHI: President Vladimir Putin on Monday, in a move that would make the Russian army the second largest in the world after China, ordered to increase the regular size of the army by 180,000 troops. The Russian leader issued a decree on the Kremlin's website ordering the overall size of the armed forces to be increased to 2.38 million people, of which he said 1.5 million should be active servicemen. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies data, a leading military think tank, such a decision would benefit

Russia to get ahead of the United States and India in terms of the number of active combat soldiers and be second only to China in size. The IISS said Beijing has just over 2 million active duty service personnel. This move marks the third time Putin has expanded the Russian army's Ukraine's invasion in February 2022. It comes as Russian forces push forward in eastern Ukraine on parts of a vast 1,000 km (627-mile) frontline and try to eject Ukrainian forces from Russia's Kursk region.



BHOOMI PUJAN FOR MAHAKUMBH IN PRAYAGRAJ

Top officials performed Puja in Mela area, 3 police lines to be built

MAHANTS OF AKHARAS INVOLVED IN POLICE LINE BHOOMI PUJAN

PRAYAGRAJ: Preparations for Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj have now intensified. On Monday, Bhoomi Puja of the Reserve Police Line to be set up in the Mela area was done. Top officials started the preparations for the Mahakumbh amidst Vedic chanting. All officers in-

cluding Police Commissioner Tarun Gaba participated in the Puja. Inspector Dhamendra Singh said that 3 police lines will be built in the Mela area. Barracks, orderly room, order room, parade, training centers will be built. The area of Mahakumbh has increased this time. In such a situa-

tion, the area of police stations has also increased. At present, 56 police stations will be ready. The number of posts has also increased. 155 police posts will be ready.

On this occasion, ADG Bhanu Bhaskar, IG Prem Gautam, Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand, SP Mela, DCP Abhishek

Bharti Neeraj Pandey, DCP City Abhishek Bharti, DCP Gunavat, DCP Vivek Yadav, SSP Rajesh Dwivedi, ASP Administration Praveen Chauhan, ASP Security Asim Chaudhary, Additional Superintendent of Police Traffic Kuldeep Singh were present.

Lord Vishwakarma Pooja festival in Civil Lines today

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the worship of Devshilpi Bhagwan Vishwakarma Ji, like previous years, this year also bhajans and cultural programs were organized from 12.00 pm and a huge public bhandaar from 01.30 pm. Mr. Praveen Patel, Honorable MP Phulpur and Mr. Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani, Honorable Mayor will be present as the chief guest in the program organized by Vishwakarma Samaj on 17 September 2024. During the program, as

a very special guest, Mrs. Keshari Devi Patel former MP, Dr. Bindu Vishwakarma, R.N. Vishwakarma Deputy Education Director, Mr. Manjeev Vishwakarma Jail Superintendent, Dr. Sunil Vishwakarma Kamala Hospital, Manoj Kumar Gautam Commandant 101 Battalion, Anil Kumar Deputy Jailor, Dr. Shashikant Sharma, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Dr. Rajesh Vishwakarma, Dr. Santosh Vishwakarma, Dr. Sangam Lal Vishwakarma, Awadhesh Deputy SP, Anil Vishwakarma, Dr. Kirti,

Sanjay Vishwakarma, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Santosh Kumar Shantipuram, Ramakant Sharma Advocate, Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, Mr. Arvind Vishwakarma District Panchayat Member and in the organizing committee, Ved Prakash Sharma, Ram Murat Vishwakarma, Akash Vishwakarma, Ravi Sharma, Om Prakash, Vice President Ravi Vishwakarma, Dinesh Vishwakarma, and Manager Raj Kumar Vishwakarma, besides thousands of common people will be present.

Cleanliness Fortnight is being organized by North Central Railway from 17 September to 15 October 2024

Swachhta Pakhwada will be organized with the theme of "Nature Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta"

Prayagraj: In accordance with the plan of the Government of India, this year the North Central Railway is celebrating Swachhata Paksha. It is being organized from 17 September to 15 October 2024. In North Central Railway, the Swachhata Pakhwada is being inaugurated with the slogan "Swabhaav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata" on 17.9.2024 by the General

Manager with a bicycle awareness rally and Mianwaki tree plantation. In this fortnight, along with the headquarters, cleanliness oath will also be taken in all the divisions, factories and stations. Various activities related to cleanliness awareness and cleanliness are to be organized during this fortnight and these activities include participation in cleanliness, total cleanliness

, cleanliness target unit, cleanliness friend security camp, massive tree plantation under Ek Ped Maa, competition on cleanliness and street play, etc are important. In this campaign, those places are also being identified where parallel cleaning is not possible and these places will be cleaned completely. A total of 250 such places have been identified in North Central Railway.

Along with cleaning, it will also be ensured that the garbage that comes out after cleaning will be completely disposed of. Along with government efforts, public participation is also expected in this campaign. North Central Railway requests passengers to not spread food items in trains, throw garbage in dustbins only, do not use single-use plastic, separate dustbins have been installed for wet

and dry garbage on platforms, please use the right dustbin, do not spit here and there after eating paan gutkha, do not smoke in the train, do not use bedsheets, towels etc. for eating food. All the trains of North Central Railway are equipped with bio-toilets, hence passengers are requested not to throw any kind of garbage in the toilets. Do not misuse water.

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- * The RE E-Tec 9.0 offers a 178 km range on a single charge and features a robust all-metal body
- * A 5-year warranty or up to 1.2 lakh km on the battery ensures long-lasting performance

Prayagraj: Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler company unveiled a special pre-festive offer on its innovative electric three-wheeler, the RE E-Tec 9.0. As part of this limited time offer, customers in Uttar Pradesh can enjoy a flat Rs. 15,000 cash discount on every purchase, with total savings of up to Rs. 22,500.

Full Metal Body
Designed to redefine urban transport, the RE E-Tec 9.0 electric three-wheeler is engineered for reliability and performance. With an impressive range of 178 km on a single charge, it is the ideal choice for auto driv-

ers and fleet operators looking for an efficient, cost-effective and dependable



ride. Built with a sturdy all-metal body, this electric three-wheeler ensures a "Risk-Free Savari" (ride),

providing maximum safety and durability on the road. A Trusted Warranty

The RE E-Tec 9.0 also comes with a comprehensive 5-year warranty or up to 1.2 lakh km on the bat-

tery, addressing any concerns about the longevity of the technology. As the No. 1 electric 3-wheeler brand in UP, Bajaj Auto continues to set benchmarks in reliability and customer satisfaction, underscoring its promise of "Bharose ki Savari, Dur ki Savari".

Electric Best Hai
To encourage more auto drivers to make the switch to electric, Bajaj Auto reiterates: "Lambi Battery Life, Lambi Hai Range, Abhi Karo Change". With this pre-festive offer, Bajaj Auto invites customers to experience a smarter and more efficient way of transportation.

Successful organization of two-day teacher efficiency enhancement workshop at Ashutosh Memorial

A two-day teacher efficiency enhancement workshop was successfully organized at Ashutosh Memorial School, Dhanachalkhanpur, courtesy the Center of Excellence Prayagraj. In this workshop, Principal of Shri Mahaprabhu Public School Prayagraj, Mrs. Ravindra Pal Virdhi and Principal of Vivekananda Academy Mirzapur, Mr. Sujay Chakraborty, as subject experts, gave the "Class Giving a detailed explanation of the various dimensions related to the subject "Management", he explained how the techniques of teaching, training, discipline and mental and emotional development of students should be adopted in the classroom. The impor-

tant topic of structuring creative and effective manuals for successful classroom management was effec-

plined and the tendency of understanding can be developed in the students in the same class having un-

arrived which enthused all the teacher participants. Shri Nagneshwar Sharma was welcomed by the school management by presenting him a bunch of flowers. On the occasion of the concluding session of the workshop, in the dignified presence of Principal of Central Academy Senior Secondary School, Jhansi, Shri Anandji Pandey, COMO, Shri Anurag Ji Pandey of Dhurpur and Principal of Central Academy Sarainayat, Mrs. Richa Tripathi, Director of the school, Dr. Girish Pandey, discussed both the subjects. Expressed gratitude towards experts Mrs. Ravindra Pal Virdhi and Mr. Sujay Chakraborty and all the teacher participants who came from outside.



tively discussed with the participants through the practice forms (handouts) provided by the Center of Excellence. It was also discussed in detail how disci-

plined and quiet temperament characteristics. During the continuation of the program, Section Officer of the Center of Excellence Mr. Nagneshwar Sharma also

The golden crown was offered in the court of Sankat Mochan temple with full grandeur and religious rites

The atmosphere resonated with slogans of "Ram kaaj kareeb ko aatur"

Varanasi. The city of religion, Kashi, is known for its unique works. Kashi can do anything for the person whom it adopts. The same happened today when on the occasion of Kashi's MP and the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi becoming the Prime Minister for the third time, Vedic Brahmins under the leadership of Kashi's eminent scholar Professor Ramchandra Pandey, under the leadership of senior journalist Dr. Arvind Singh, President of

Media Research and Welfare Society, offered the golden crown in the Ram Darbar of Sankat Mochan temple with sacred mantras.

Before the Lok Sabha elections, Dr. Arvind Singh had pledged that if the successful MP of Kashi provides his leadership for the third time as the Prime Minister of this country, then a gold crown will be presented in the Ram Darbar of Sankatmochan Temple of Kashi, his parliamentary constitu-

ency, so that Narendra Modi can get spiritual and



soulful strength from his parliamentary constitu-

ency in the service of the country. Lord Shri Ram did

attempt was made to give a message to this country from the city of religion by offering a gold crown to Lord Shri Ram, Mata Janaki and Laxman ji that along with protecting Sanatan, the Prime Minister can do the work of strengthening this country and for this, no obstacle should come in his way, because apart from the development of Kashi, whatever he has done for the

development of the country cannot be described in words. On this occasion, Dr. Arvind Singh said that I am also a small man trying to strengthen the nation in my own way. I am not able to do much, so I am trying to give strength to the nation through devotion. On this occasion, the Sunderkand Paath was also completed in Sankat Mochan Temple and 74 kg of Laddu was distributed as Prasad to the devotees present on the occasion of 74th birthday of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi. The entire Sankat Mochan Temple was decorated with grand flower garlands and given an attractive look so that the devotees coming and going were worshiping in the temple with curious eyes. Before this, Akhand Ramayan Paath started in the morning in Sankalp Siddhi Hanuman Temple located in Patrakarpuram and prayers were offered to Lord Hanuman to prolong the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The atmosphere was

made full of devotion by decorating Sankalp Siddhi Hanuman Temple with flower garlands. On this occasion, the children present also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday by cutting the cake and wished him. After the completion of Akhand Ramayan Paath, a havan was performed for the peace, happiness and prosperity of the country. People will take prasad tomorrow on 17th September in the huge Bhandara organized for the program.

Due to rise in the water level of Ganga Yamuna in Baghada, water entered people's houses due to which NDRF team rescued people by giving them water and food items.



The people affected by the flood have been accommodated in Annie Besant School, where food is being given to the people.

Water level of Ganga and Yamuna continued to rise in Prayagraj

PRAYAGRAJ: The water level of Ganga and Yamuna continued to rise in Prayagraj on Monday as well, however, according to the 12 noon bulletin, Ganga has stabilized for now. Along with this, the speed of Yamuna has also stopped. According to the bulletin of the irrigation department flood section, Ganga is flowing at 84.07 meters in Phaphamau and 83.41 meters in Chhatnag. Similarly, the water level of Yamuna was recorded at 83.91 meters in Naini. An increase of 21 centimeters in Ganga and 39 centimeters in Yamuna has been recorded in 24 hours. The danger level is 84.734 meters.

This week there was rain in Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, due to which the water level of Ganga and Yamuna rivers rose. On Friday morning, the water level of Ganga was 79.58 meters at Phaphamau, 78.10 meters at Chhatnag and Yamuna at Naini was 79.35 meters. Ganga was in spate on Saturday. This inundated the Sangam area. Water filled below the dam through the fort wall. By eight o'clock in the night, the water level of Ganga at Chhatnag increased by 4.51 meters to 82.61 meters.

After this, the water level in Yamuna increased

rapidly. Its tributary rivers Chambal, Ken and Betwa are also in spate. When the water reached Prayagraj after passing through many districts, it took the form of a flood. Compared to Yamuna, the water level of Ganga increased at a slow pace on Friday. The speed of Yamuna was so fast that Hanumanji, who was lying down at night, drowned. By morning, the temple premises were filled with water up to the waist.

The water level of Ganga in Phaphamau has increased by 3.34 meters to 82.92 meters. At the same time, the water level of Yamuna in Naini has increased by 3.69 meters to 83.03 meters. Executive En-

gineer of Flood Division DN Shukla said that Ganga has slowed down and Yamuna is rising. There is a possibility of water decreasing after Sunday.

The water level of Ganga-Yamuna is constantly rising towards the danger mark. The flood section of the irrigation department is monitoring it. The danger mark here is 84.73 meters. If the water level of Ganga-Yamuna continues to rise at the same pace in two days, then the houses of the coastal areas will be flooded. According to the bulletin of the flood section of the department, on Sunday afternoon

According to the moni-

toring done at 12 noon, the water level of Ganga in Phaphamau is increasing. Here the water level is flowing at 83.88 meters, which is just below the danger mark. Similarly, the water level of Ganga in Chhatnag is 83.09 meters and is continuously increasing. Similarly, the water level of Yamuna in Naini is 83.71 meters and is continuously increasing. Ganga and Yamuna are increasing at a speed of about 10 centimeters. The danger mark is 84.734 meters. According to the bulletin of the flood control unit, the water level of Ganga and Yamuna is increasing rapidly. The water level is reaching close to the danger mark. Flood

water is continuously increasing in the settlements. This has created panic among the people.

According to the bulletin till 12 noon on Sunday, the water level of Ganga in Phaphamau is 83.88 meters and in Chhatnag it is 83.09. The rise is continuing. Ganga is rising at the rate of about ten centimeters per hour. Similarly, the water level of Yamuna was recorded at 83.71 meters in Naini. An increase of ten centimeters has been recorded in four hours.

According to the bulletin till 4 pm on Sunday evening, the water level of Ganga in Phaphamau is 83.92 meters and in

Chhatnag it is 83.14. The rise is continuing. Ganga is rising at the rate of about 10 centimeters per hour. Similarly, the water level of Yamuna was recorded at 83.78 meters in Naini. An increase of 10 centimeters has been recorded in four hours. The danger level is 84.734 meters.

According to the bulletin released on Monday, Ganga is flowing at 84.07 meters in Phaphamau and 83.40 meters in Chhatnag. Similarly, the water level of Yamuna was recorded at 83.90 meters in Naini. In 24 hours, an increase of 21 centimeters in Ganga and 39 centimeters in Yamuna has been recorded. The danger level is 84.734 meters.

Ganga and Yamuna have reached very close to the danger mark and can cross the mark anytime.

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Handwriting competition held for employees at training center of IFFCO Phulpur

PRAYAGRAJ: Under Hindi Week, a handwriting competition was held for the employees at the training center of IFFCO Phulpur here on Monday. Apart from this, Hindi handwriting and Antakshari competition was organized



for the women of Ghiyanagar in the community centre.

Antakshari was based on Hindi verses, couplets, poems, quatrains and shlokas. Women participated enthusiastically in both the competitions. Antakshari competition full of literary knowledge was the center of attraction. First Lady of IFFCO Phulpur Unit Vineeta Kudesia praised the Antakshari competition. The programme was coordinated by Hindi Working Committee coordinator Anil Kumar Gupta and members Swayam Prakash, Hemlata Sijoria, Arvind Chauhan, Vinod Kumar Yadav, Neetu Singh, Abhay Kumar and Rajneesh Mishra.

Workshop organized at North Central Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides State Training Center

PRAYAGRAJ: A one-day workshop was organized at North Central Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides State Training Center, Suvedarganj in which a camp of first aid, CPR and acupressure therapy was organized. This workshop was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Mukesh Kumar Kulshrestha, Deputy Chief Personnel Officer and State Secretary of the organization. A total of 56 members from all three divisions of North Central Railway, Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra participated in the workshop. The workshop was started with the scout prayer by all the members present.

Dr. Mrityunjay, Assistant Chief Health Director,

while giving information to the members involved in the workshop about the first aid and its results, made



them aware of the first aid to be given to the patient injured in an accident after heat stroke, snake bite, burn-

ing, drowning, bone fracture etc. and the precautions to be taken. All the members present in the workshop

present were trained on dummies. During this time, Mr. Pankaj Maheshwari, Mr. Anil Kumar Singh, Mr. R.K. Tripathi and Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh of Acupressure Research, Training and Treatment Institute, Prayagraj shared information on acupressure therapy and colour therapy with the members present in the workshop and explained the methods of identifying and treating acupressure equipment and acupressure points according to the disease. All the members gained information about treatment by acupressure in the question-answer program organized at the end of the session.

District Magistrate visited other flood affected areas including Chhota and Bada Baghada and took stock of the situation

* District Magistrate instructed all the Sub-District Magistrates to keep visiting their respective areas and keep taking stock of the situation and ensure all the necessary arrangements

* A flood disaster control room has been set up to give any information related to the flood, whose number is- 0532-2641577 and 0532-2641578

Prayagraj: District Magistrate Shri Ravindra Kumar Mandhad reached Bakshi Dam on Monday and from there by boat visited other flood affected areas including Chhota and Bada Baghada and took stock of the situation. He talked to the people living in the flood affected areas and asked them to go to the flood relief camp set up by the administration. He said that all the necessary arrangements have been ensured in the flood relief camp. The District Magistrate said that for the people who are still living in the flood affected area, other necessary arrangements including food packets should be ensured immediately. He said that 7 flood relief camps have been set up, where food, breakfast, water, light, medicines and other essential arrangements have been ensured for the flood affected people. The District Magistrate said that the administra-



Prime Minister flagged off the country's first 20-coach Vande Bharat train

Prayagraj: On 16th September, 2024, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji through video conferencing also launched the country's first 20-coach Vande Bharat train (Varanasi - New Delhi) along with 06 new Vande Bharat Expresses across the country. On this occasion, in the local program organized at Prayagraj Junction station, Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister, Industrial Development, Export Promotion, NRI and Investment Promotion, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Nand Gopal Gupta "Nandi" along with Hon'ble Lok Sabha Member/Phulpur, Shri Praveen Patel; Hon'ble Mayor, Municipal Corporation Prayagraj, Shri Ganesh Kesarwani; Hon'ble MLA/Soraon, Smt. Geeta Shastri (Pasi); Hon'ble MLA/Bara, Shri Vachaspati; Hon'ble Legislative Council Member, Shri K.P. Shrivastava and Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General, Shri Sanjay Singh were present. At the beginning of the program, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General, Shri Sanjay Singh welcomed the

dignitaries present on the stage by giving them planters and shawls. In his welcome address, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General said that the Railways is continuously expanding and improving the quality of stations and trains for the convenience of passengers. Currently, projects worth Rs. 92,001 crore are underway in Uttar Pradesh, in which a record Rs. 19,848 crore has been allocated in this year's budget. Work is underway to develop 157 stations into world-class railway facilities.

Cultural program and prize distribution ceremony were organized during the program. In this sequence, at the local program organized at Prayagraj Junction station, Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister, Industrial Development, Export Promotion, NRI and Investment Promotion, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Nand Gopal Gupta "Nandi" said that Vande Bharat Express is the pride of the country which is providing a wonderful travel experience to the passengers. In this

sequence, additional passengers will benefit from the increase in coaches in Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat. In the same sequence, he said that the Agra Cantonment - Banaras Vande Bharat launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister today will promote religious tourism in Kashi, tourist places like Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Fatehpur Sikri etc. in Agra. The rapid connectivity through this Vande Bharat train will boost various industries. This Vande Bharat train will bring prosperity to the region by providing fast traffic in a total of 06 districts namely Varanasi, Prayagraj, Kanpur, Etawah, Firozabad, Agra. This train will provide world-class transportation facility to the students of educational institutions like IIT Varanasi, IIT Kanpur, BHU, Allahabad University, Dr. B.R. University. I am very happy to inform that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Indian Railways is committed to increasing train services and infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh.

tion officials and the NDRF team are constantly visiting the flood affected areas and helping the flood affected people. He said that the water police and the general police are also constantly monitoring the flood affected areas. The District Magistrate has instructed all the sub-district magistrates to keep visiting their respective areas and keep taking stock of the situation. He has also instructed to ensure the availability of boats, medicines, ration and other essential arrangements. He has also instructed to ensure the availability of fodder etc. for animals in the flood affected areas. A flood disaster control room has been established to provide any information related to the flood, whose number is: 0532-2641577 and 0532-2641578. On this occasion, Municipal Commissioner Mr. Chandra Mohan Garg, Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Mr. Vinay Kumar Singh, SDM Sadar Mr. Abhishek Singh, NDRF officials and others were present.

Editorial

Uttarakhand UCC delivers status quo for wives & mothers, while promising 'gender justice'

Does the Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code actually ensure gender justice? The government of Pushkar Singh Dhama would have you believe so. It points to the abolition of polygamy and all forms of out-of-court divorce among Muslims, and equal succession rights within the legislation. The Uttarakhand government would have you believe that only the Muslim personal law is uniquely discriminatory towards women and that compelling Muslims to follow Hindu law—disguised as a “uniform” civil code—is all that is needed for gender equity. The truth is quite something else. Personal laws across religions in India discriminate against women in several ways. The Uttarakhand government has reproduced these gender unjust laws in the name of “uniformity”. Here, we pick three areas where the Uttarakhand UCC (UJCC) perpetuates gender injustice. First, it does not protect women already in polygamous marriages. Second, it denies women their fair share of assets after the dissolution of marriage. And third, it treats mothers as inferior to fathers regarding guardianship of children. The UJCC prohibits polygamy across religions, effectively extending the ban that existed for Hindus and other religions to Muslims. However, data shows that rates of polygamous marriages in India are comparable across religions. For instance, the National Family Health Survey 2019-2020 found that 1 out of every 70 surveyed women was in a polygamous marriage. In Uttarakhand, the rates of polygyny were 1.5 per cent for Muslims and 0.7 per cent for Hindus. Given Uttarakhand's Hindu majority, more Hindu women are likely to be in polygynous marriages than Muslim women. The fact is that women in extra-legal polygamous marriages may be worse off than those in legally valid ones. Under Muslim personal law, all wives enjoy equal status regarding maintenance and inheritance. However, in extra-legal marriages, such rights are not available to subsequent wives. While recognising polygamy as a legitimate practice is not the way to safeguard women's interests, it is critical to account for persisting extra-legal “marriages” and the vulnerability of women. While the UJCC improves inheritance rights for women in valid polygamous marriages, it lacks adequate protection mechanisms for women in extra-legal marriages, as the practice persists despite being outlawed. Merely prohibiting polygamy isn't a sufficient safeguard for second wives. The UJCC states that if a man had more than one wife before the code's enactment, each would have a claim to maintenance. But it fails to clarify whether marriages must be legally valid. As courts hesitate to extend maintenance rights to second wives in extra-legal marriages, it is uncertain whether the UJCC will protect them. Another major area in family law that requires reform is extending robust protections for wives after marriage dissolution. Under current law, maintenance and alimony are the only safeguards for protecting women in such cases. However, maintenance laws, informed by the outdated principle of preventing destitution rather than ensuring dignity, fall short. The Supreme Court has attempted to address this by outlining factors to consider when determining maintenance, to ensure equal sharing of marital assets between husband and wife. But the UJCC fails to engage with such judicial developments, missing an opportunity to codify them. Further, India presently follows the doctrine of separation of assets upon marriage dissolution.

Stubble pollution will not become a source of income for farmers in UP

Pollution becomes a major problem in the National Capital Region of New Delhi and its surrounding areas as winter sets in. This has become a big problem for the last several years not only in Delhi but for the residents of the surrounding areas. In view of this problem, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has tried to provide relief to the citizens and to provide a source of income to the farmers instead of loss from the stubble generated from the paddy crop other than rice. It is noteworthy that in some areas of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan, administrative action is being taken continuously against farmers due to stubble burning. In which, apart from imposing fine on paddy farmers by the local administration, action is being taken to send them to jail. Due to which farmers are troubled. Seeing this problem of farmers, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh is trying to get rid of the pollution caused by stubble burning. For which the government is working on the technology of producing compressed gas (CNG) from stubble in the state, which will provide income as well as employment to a large number of people of the state. Along with this, pure organic fertilizer (green energy) will also be produced, the con-



sumption of the produce will ensure better health. In fact, in view of this problem in the state, CM Yogi had already released the Bio Energy Policy 2022 to encourage bio energy. Under this policy a target of large scale investment was set. In which many big investors of the country had signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the state government in the Global Investors Summit, which is now going to come to fruition. The Yogi government had set a target of biogas plant in every tehsil, some of which are ready to start soon. Among the plants which are ready to start is Buland Biogas of Bulandshahr district, which is being established in village Lauhgala tehsil. Buland Biogas had signed an MoU worth Rs 18 crore 75 lakh with the state government, the price of which has now increased to around Rs 21 crore. According

to government representatives, this plant will start its production in December. This plant will produce 3 tonnes of CNG per day, which will reduce the dependence on petrol and diesel in the state. 80 to 100 people will also get employment. In these, both skilled and unskilled people will get employment. While talking to Dainik Bhaskar, owner of Buland Bio Gas, Athar Ahmed said that the plant produces not only stubble but also compressed biogas from degradable waste like straw, cow dung, chaff, sugarcane dung, municipal waste or a mixture of all the gases.

Is made. With the help of this technology, CNG is purified. License for this plant has been obtained from PSU Indian Oil of the Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India. However, the government and the people running the institute believe that the

best thing about this project is that it will produce organic fertilizer in large quantities. The waste generated in the production of compressed gas will be 100 percent organic. This waste will be solid as well as liquid. The liquid organic fertilizer produced by the plant will be given to the farmers free of cost for 3 years. These farmers will be identified by the DM or CDO of the districts. This will benefit those farmers who are not able to buy fertilizer, DAP, urea. The advantage of organic fertilizers and liquid fertilizers is that a thick layer of fertilizers has been spread in the fertile lands. It takes time to reach the roots of trees and plants. At the same time, if organic fertilizer is added to it, it will reach the roots in 2 to 3 hours.

This will not only benefit the farmers but also the common people will be able to get pure organic food. People's health will be benefited by pure eating habits. It is believed that considering the need of the hour, the Yogi government of the state has taken this project forward very rapidly and brought Bio Energy Policy-2022 for it. The government provided all the facilities in this. The first facility is that those who have received a LOI license can apply for it. Apart from this, along with the Central Government, the State Government is also providing

a maximum subsidy ranging from Rs 75 lakh to Rs 20 crore. Not only this, the surcharge on electricity has been exempted for 10 years. Stamp duty has also been exempted for 10 years and land development charges have also been made free for 10 years. Apart from this, a discount of 50 plus 30 i.e. total 80 percent is being given on machinery. Not only this, arrangements are also being made for raw material i.e. degradable waste. For this, long term agreements have been made with sugar mills for sugarcane flour. The Animal Husbandry Department has been asked to make agreements with all the government cowsheds for cow dung. Not only this, if the project is worth Rs 50 crore or more then the government is providing a 5 km road. The Yogi government has deployed entrepreneur friends to help investors. Looking at the spell and desire of the government, it seems that soon the paddy producing farmers in Uttar Pradesh will get relief and till now those who were being harassed by the administration in the name of stubble burning will get relief and this type of plants will be set up in Uttar Pradesh. By starting in the state, his income will increase and he will be happy.

The Third Eye: Intelligence is a prime security weapon

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime, aided by a brilliant National Security Advisor, has boosted the confidence of national Intelligence agencies about doing their job of protecting the security and integrity of India on a proactive, apolitical and professional note. Intelligence Bureau (IB), the 'mother' organisation that fostered the family of Intelligence entities including SSB, ARC and R&AW, traced its origins in the Central CID established by the British some 135 years ago and the fact that it saw an essential continuity of its functioning after Independence, is an affirmation of its belief that by and large its goal had been to safeguard the country against the doings of its perceived 'adversaries'

at any point of time. IB's charter multiplied a great deal with the emergence of India as a sovereign nation and as the largest democracy that happened also to inherit the destabilising legacy of a religion-based Partition accompanying its freedom. The Bureau derives strength from three basic principles of its working. First is the freedom it exercises in the matter of covering an activity or an entity that - in its 'own judgement' - amounted to a threat to national security. Secondly, the government at the Centre can task the IB which is only appropriate but it never influences its findings - IB may be the only reliable agency to tell the government what is adverse in the public environment disapproving the notions that

Intelligence only reported what the political masters 'liked to hear'. Thirdly, the IB's communications with the government are not only confidential but are marked as 'unofficial' notes meant only for the benefit of the recipients and not available for scrutiny by an outsider. Working of India's Intelligence agencies is in line with the principle that they are not police organisations. The IB is led by IPS officers who join the organisation giving up on the 'glamour' of uniform and accepting 'anonymity' by choice in lieu of the rare satisfaction they had of directly working for the national cause - with full confidence that good work was always given credit for and with a belief that the nation acknowledged.

The meaning of the Sangh chief's message of Hindu-Muslim unity?

In India, people of more castes and religions live together than in any other country in the world. If we look at history, we will find that people from all over the world came to India and most of them stayed here. But today, Manipur has been burning for many months due to the hatred and bitterness that is prevalent among people of different religions in India. The leaders of the ruling party, especially the Prime Minister, are silent about this violence. Meanwhile, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (Sangh) chief Mohan Bhagwat, expressing concern over the Manipur violence, has taught the country to live with unity and love. But the Sangh chief's statement about living in unity in the country is being interpreted in different ways. The reason for this is that apart from the Manipur violence, Mohan Bhagwat has said many other things which need to be considered at this time. In fact, the Sangh chief gave a big message of unity in the Nagpur parade on the day of Vijaydashami regarding the increasing tension between Hindus and Muslims. The way the Sangh chief said in a questioning tone, how did people living in the same country become so alien? Political people, intellectuals, journal-

ists and political analysts are trying to find out the meaning of everything Mohan Bhagwat says from this question. No one is able to understand its true meaning? The simple meaning of this question of Bhagwat is that hatred towards the people of one's own country is not a good thing. But the question is arising for whom did Mohan Bhagwat say this? But before this it is important to understand that the Sangh chief also said that there should not be indiscretion and imbalance. There is a need to take our mind seriously and bind the country in the threads of unity. Because I believe that by expressing concern over the violence in Manipur, the Sangh chief has also hinted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi not speaking on Manipur. However, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also said that we have to be cautious in elections and we have to accept everyone as our own and keep everyone's influence cool. This is the call of belonging, whoever listens to it will be benefited. It will not be known what will happen to those who still do not listen. Many analysts have their own views on this statement of the Sangh chief, some are saying that he is threatening the government, some

are saying that he is warning the opposition, some are saying that he is giving advice to Muslims. So some are saying that they are giving advice to Hindus. At the same time, some are saying that Mohan Bhagwat is calling extremist people, no matter which religion they belong to. At the same time, some people are also saying that this statement of Mohan Bhagwat is just politics, which is for vote bank politics under the guise of religion. Its Indian meaning is also that Mohan Bhagwat has been accused of supporting the Janata Party. Is. However, I believe that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has been talking about unity in the country for the last several years. He is the first Sangh chief who went to mosques as well as madrasas and gave a big message of unity and brotherhood to the country. Before this, no Sangh chief had shown the courage to take such an initiative. In such a situation, instead of doing politics on the statement of the Sangh chief, do not come and vote for his statement. We have to vote for who is better. Along with this, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also praised some of the works of the government. It is clear from this that he has not spoken against the government.

Maryam Nawaz's journey to 'Takht-e-Lahore' is no small feat

After Maharani Jind Kaur, Maryam Nawaz Sharif will rule the Takht-e-Lahore. Jind Kaur, popular as Rani Jindan, took over as queen regent in 1843, ruling on behalf of her five-year-old son Duleep Singh, who ascended the throne after the death of his father Maharaja Ranjit Singh. She remained queen until the end of the First Anglo-Sikh War in 1846. Nearly 180 years later, Pakistan Punjab is finally getting its first female chief minister. No mean achievement in a male-dominated political setup where women are often

relegated to the sidelines. And certainly not a small feat in a family where every third person has been or wants to be the chief minister of Punjab province. Maryam's first prominent appearance was in a BBC interview, where she detailed her father's incarceration by General Pervez Musharraf in the October 1999 coup. While Nawaz and other male members of the family were imprisoned, his fearless wife Kulsoom and daughter Maryam rallied for public support. "I can smell the danger, but who is on the wrong side?"

Ultimately Gen Musharraf is going to be in trouble," Maryam had said. First lesson learnt - dictators die politically, but civilian leaders live through generations. Facing political persecution with resilience and defiance made Maryam Nawaz a political force long before she began her parliamentary career. The 'How to Become a Successful Politician in Pakistan' guide will have one chapter, really - let yourself be persecuted at the hands of the real rulers of this land. In the case of Maryam, this persecution began years before she

fought her first provincial and national election in 2024. If Nawaz was targeted by the Pakistan Army, Maryam was hounded with trumped-up political court cases that only served to enhance her popularity. Let's rewind to July 2018, when hundreds of paramilitary soldiers apprehended the father and daughter at Lahore airport, taking them into custody just days before the general election that year. The imagery of a defiant daughter, standing next to her father and willingly accepting arrest, is what catapulted Maryam.

Sebi categorises dues worth Rs 76k crore as tough to recover



Delhi : Capital markets regulator Sebi has segregated dues to the tune of Rs 76,293 crore under difficult to recover (DTR) category at the end of March 2024, marking an increase of 4% from the preceding year. Of this, a huge chunk is on account of cases pending before court-appointed committees. Difficult to recover (DTR) dues are those that could not be recovered even after exhausting all modes of recovery. "Segregation of such DTR dues is purely an administrative act and

this will not preclude the recovery officers from recovering the amount so segregated as DTR as and when there is a change in any of the DTR parameters," Sebi said in its annual report for 2023-24. As of March 31, 2024, Sebi identified 807 cases as DTR, with a total outstanding of Rs 76,293 crore, up from 692 cases amounting to Rs 73,287 crore the previous year, according to the report. Among these 807 cases, 36 are pending due to ongoing proceedings in State PID courts, National Company

Law Tribunal (NCLT), National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) involving Rs 12,199 crore. Additionally, 60 cases are before court-appointed committees, with Rs 59,970 crore at stake. These two categories together account for 95% of the total amount yet to be recovered. With regard to 140 DTR certificates falling under untraceable category, 131 relate to individuals and nine relate to companies amounting to Rs 13.3 crore and Rs 15.7 crore, respectively. The Sebi has been disseminating data.

The Supreme Court ordered PSUs, miners to pay state royalties, taxes from 2005

Delhi : The Supreme Court ordered public sector undertakings and private entities engaged in mining and those using mineral produce as raw material to pay states arrears of royalty and tax on mineral-bearing land from 2005 in a staggered manner over the next 12 years. With Justice B V Nagarathna dissenting, a nine-judge bench of CJI DY Chandrachud, Justices Hrishikesh Roy, A S Oka, J B Pardiwala, Manoj Misra, Ujjal Bhuyan, S C Sharma, and A G Masih declared the arrears would not include interest on prin-

PAYMENTS TO BEGIN FROM APRIL 2026

Arrears won't include interest on principal amount due, no penalty for late payment on demands made before July 25, 2024. Prerogative of state legislatures to forego dues

Payouts, in instalments over 12 yrs, to begin Apr 1, 2026

Financial implication for PSUs, without interest, stands at ₹70,000cr. Together with pvt sector industries, arrears from 2005 would be ₹1.5L crore



States expected to reap huge windfall are Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan

cipal or late payment penalties "The levy of interest and penalty on demands made for the period before July 25, 2024, shall stand waived for all the assesseees," stated. The bench overturned a

1991 seven-judge order (India Cement case) and upheld a 2004 five-judge decision (Kesoram case) to allow states to tax and collect royalty on mineral-bearing land by an 8-1 majority.

Small business payment rules to change by centre

Delhi: An exporter in Chennai with multiple units was forced to deregister one of its entities on Udyam, the portal for micro, small, and medium enterprises, because some large buyers did not want to be caught in a government mandate requiring actual payment of

all dues to MSMEs within 45 days to claim tax deduction for expenditure. Several small businesses across the country are protesting that the government's well-intentioned attempt to ensure prompt payments is being used against them since they

have little leverage in negotiating with large enterprises that set pricing and payment terms. Others argued the standards were against business practices in particular sectors or in specific parts of the country where 60-90-day payments are common.

CAPSULES

375 million subscribers' details are reportedly for sale, however Bharti Airtel disputes any data breach

Delhi: In the midst of accusations of a significant consumer data leak, telecom giant Bharti Airtel has denied any security system compromise. A claim has surfaced suggesting that there has been a compromise of Airtel customer data. This is nothing more than vested interests' desperate attempt to damage Airtel's brand. An Airtel representative clarified the rumors of a data breach that have been circulating since yesterday, telling Moneycontrol, "We have done a thorough investigation and can confirm that there has been no breach whatsoever from Airtel systems." Unverified claims claimed that the Aadhaar number, phone number, email address, and address of 375 million Airtel subscribers were out for grabs on the dark web. Moneycontrol was unable to confirm the veracity of the report on the data leak. A database was purportedly offered for sale on a dark web forum by a threat actor going by the handle "xenZen," who apparently demanded \$50,000 for the material.

Ola leaves Google Maps and relocates to its own Maps Ola

Delhi :: The ride-hailing company Ola has replaced its Google Maps integration in its app with its own internal map system, Ola Maps, according to a statement made by CEO and founder Bhavish Aggarwal. Aggarwal claimed in a post on X that the action had allowed the business to save Rs 100 crore a year. "We have completely moved away from Google

Domestic flyers up 5% this year despite higher airfares

"Travel industry insiders say domestic airfares are 10-25% higher for the coming festive season"

Delhi : Last month saw almost 1.3 crore passengers flew within in the country, 7.3% more than July 2023, DGCA data showed. The first seven months of this calendar year have seen 9.2 crore domestic flyers, 4.7% more than Jan-July 2023's 8.8 crore — in spite of higher airfares. Travel industry



insiders say domestic airfares are 10-25% higher for the coming festive season. "This is the lean travel quarter and airlines have come out with sales. But, these sales mostly offer lower fares on flights that do not see much demand," said Anil Kalsi,

VP, Travel Agents Federation of India. Rise in domestic passengers To be sure, India continues to have a very high-cost operating environment for airlines especially due to jet fuel prices. A weaker rupee

adds to the equation as significant part of airlines' costs are dollar-denominated like lease rentals. With two mega airlines, India's aviation landscape has changed from earlier fight for market share by offering low (often below cost) airfares — that eventually led to collapse of big airlines like Kingfisher and Jet (GoAir was a different story) — to now what airlines call "pricing discipline" of not repeating that mistake. India now has two well-funded mega airlines — Tata-backed Air India-led group and IndiGo — that between them have 91% of domestic market share.

Arm India's techies with AI skills on war footing

Delhi : India's IT sector is sitting at the edge of the next big inflexion point with the AI revolution all set to take off. But the country could fall woefully short of the manpower needed to cash in on this opportunity if it doesn't beef up its AI talent pool many times over. A joint report by Nasscom and Deloitte, exclusively accessed India's AI talent pool is expected to grow to over 1.25 million by 2027 from around 6 lakh to 6.5 lakh currently. But the AI market is expected to grow at 25%-35% CAGR, resulting in a sig-



nificant gap in terms of skilled manpower. The report titled 'Advancing India's AI skills: Interventions and programmes needed' says the global AI market for products and services is expected to reach \$500 billion by 2027. The estimated market potential for AI services for India could be in the range of \$25 billion. The global AI

market stood at \$120 billion in 2023 with AI services accounting for 24% at around \$29 billion. At the same time, India's software product exports, which stood at only around US\$15 billion in FY24, could hit \$100 billion by 2030 driven by higher penetration of deep tech such as AI and GenAI, Blockchain.

Rural income growth to drive demand: RBI report

Delhi : According to RBI's State of the Economy Report, aggregate demand conditions are gathering momentum with revival in rural consumption on the back of growing incomes and are expected to reinvigorate the hitherto subdued participation of the private sector in total investment. According to the report, persistent geopolitical tensions, fears of a potential recession in key economies, and financial market volatility driven by divergent monetary policies are casting a shadow on global economic prospects. Despite these challenges, inflation has moderated, albeit grudgingly, across countries. "Headline inflation moderated from its



spike in June to 3.5% in July, but this was primarily due to the downward statistical pull of base effects," the report said. The outlook for private capital expenditure is positive according to the report. In the first quarter of 2024-25, the total cost of projects sanctioned or assisted was Rs 1,01,433 crore — higher than the quarterly average of Rs 97,745 crore during 2023-24. Additionally, funds raised through IPOs

for capex purposes also increased compared to the previous quarter. Noting that India was the world's largest economy with the highest share of global GDP from 1 to 1,000 AD, the report added that after intermittently falling to second position in the subsequent centuries, India had regained the top spot by 1,700 AD with 24.4% of global GDP, before colonial rule led to a long decline.

Air cargo from India increases amid Red Sea crisis, aiming for 10 mn tonnes by 2030



Delhi: Air freight from India has more than doubled since the Red Sea crisis, allowing the country to reach its 2030-31 goal of transporting 10 million tonnes (MT) of air cargo. India's air freight peaked at above 3.5 MT in 2017-18 and has recovered from COVID-19. President of the Air Cargo Forum of India (ACFI) Yashpal Sharma stressed the significance of minimizing trans-shipment carriage times and allowing foreign freighter

aircraft to reach numerous Indian destinations. Air transport accounts for less than 2% of worldwide freight. A half-percent adjustment will improve aviation cargo volumes after the Red Sea crisis. India has a huge chance but must address the hurdles, especially speeding up trans-shipment, which takes 2-2.5 days "Sharma stated Thursday at the ACFI Annual Conclave 2024 in New Delhi. India's air freight sector is unique, with foreign

imports, exports, and domestic cargo each accounting for one-third of volume. Less than 15% of aviation cargo is carried by freighters; most is in passenger planes' bellies. Freighter aircraft numbers fluctuated, according to aviation ministry senior economic advisor Piyush Srivastava. Before COVID, India had six freighters. This number grew to 28 during the pandemic as airlines shifted passenger planes to cargo.

Oberoi Group on 90th anniversary launches scholarship programme



Delhi : On its 90th anniversary, the Oberoi Group has launched "The Oberoi Group Scholarship Program" to "honour the legacy of its founders and nurture the next generation of hospitality leaders". The group was founded by Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi and his legacy was taken forward by his son, Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi. To honour them, the group will offer two scholarships: "Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi - 'Dare to Dream' Scholarship: Named after the pio-

neering founder, this scholarship is open to hotel operations employees from hotels outside The Oberoi Group in India. It aims to encourage individuals to dream big and pursue excellence in their careers, reflecting Rai Bahadur's belief in the power of ambition and hard work," the group said in a statement. "Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi - 'Be the Best' Scholarship: Named in honour of the visionary leader who put India on the international luxury traveller's map.

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Expands Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious

CHANDIGARH: Sarveshwar Foods Limited (BSE: 543688, NSE: SARVESHWAR), an emerging player in the agri-food sector based in Jammu, is pleased to announce that it will Expand Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious Consumers in response to the increasing demand for healthier, convenient, and diverse food options, Sarveshwar Food is introducing a series of new products as a part of Sarveshwar Food's robust new product development (NPD) strategy, designed to enhance and expand its product portfolio while delivering nutritional benefits and authentic culinary experiences. "Our approach to new product development is both strategic, futuristic, and consumer-centric," said Mr. Rohit Gupta, Chairman of Sarveshwar Food Ltd. "With these new products, we are reinforcing our commitment to



delivering value-driven, health-conscious, and convenient meal solutions that resonate with current global trends, and reflects our dedication to enhancing the culinary experience with natural ingredients, exceptional flavors."

Sarveshwar Food's new product range is designed to reinforce its leadership in innovative food solutions. Each product, developed through thorough market research and a commitment to sustainability and quality, blends high-quality ingredients with traditional and functional elements like spices and herbs. This

approach addresses diverse dietary needs while upholding the company's core values of quality and authenticity. The company anticipates that the new product range will generate Rs. 700-800 million in annual revenue with improved profit margins.

These products, will soon be launched under the 'NIMBARK' brand, and made available across India at high-end domestic retailers and select international markets through the wholly owned subsidiary 'Himalayan Bio Organic Foods Limited' this festive season. Additionally, Sarveshwar Food

will showcase these offerings in its stores and at upcoming food expos, providing consumers and industry professionals with an opportunity to sample the new flavors. New Rice Based Product Range Includes:

1. Turmeric Rice: Infused with the warm, earthy flavor of turmeric, this rice offers anti-inflammatory benefits while adding a distinctive taste and vibrant color.

2. Spice Mix Rice: A savory blend of aromatic spices combined with high-quality rice, delivering a robust flavor profile that's ideal for those who enjoy easy-to-prepare, convenient, tasty and flavorful meals.

3. Khichadi Rice: A comforting blend of rice and lentils spiced with traditional seasonings, perfect for a nutritious and quick meal. This product combines convenience with a balanced mix of proteins and carbohydrates.

DUROPLY LAUNCHES A CONTEMPORARY RANGE OF DYED VENEERS 'ROMA COLLECTION'

New Delhi : Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, has launched a contemporary range of Dyed Veneers - 'Roma Collection'. This premium range of dyed veneers is a celebration of the intricate and timeless beauty of Italian architecture, embodying the sophisticated charm that Italy is renowned for. Launched under the flagship Duro Nature's Signature Brand, these veneers are for the discerning audiences who value elegance and beauty



in their day-to-day life. Announcing the launch of 'Roma Collection', Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, MD and CEO of Duroply, said, "Our research suggested that urban India was looking for a premium range of exquisite dyed veneers that will enhance beauty and add elegance to their

dream homes. We launched Roma Collection after extensive study into the vogue colors of the year, ensuring that it meets contemporary aesthetic standards while offering timeless appeal.

These veneers enhance beauty and add class to the home of the discerning audience who aspire to live their life in style with grace and sophistication. Specially designed in Italy, these stunning veneers are available in eight colors, all inspired from Roman Architecture.

Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore

New Delhi: Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore this financial year as it continues its focus on investing in creating the country's transport infrastructure, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari has said.



core and four other large projects costing another Rs 60,000 crore are likely to be placed before the cabinet in the next couple of weeks.

These include the Surat-Solapur corridor in Gujarat and Maharashtra costing over Rs 20,000 crore, and the Shillong-Silchar.

Hindu refugees in India, stateless for over 50 years

GADCHIROLI: Bijoy Das was 20 when he found himself left in the middle of the treacherous Dandakaranya forests of central India. More than 50 years later, he still shudders to think of the circumstances that forced him and countless other Hindus to leave their ancestral home in the then East Pakistan and seek refuge in India. Circumstances that are echoed again in the reports of violence against minorities in Bangladesh following the recent ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina. As more Bangladeshi Hindus mass at the border to seek shelter in a new country, the settlers from the previous

decades find themselves reliving their story of loss, displacement and the long wait for legal recognition from Indian govt. 'No Choice But To Flee' Now 72, Das's voice still quavers when he recalls the funeral of his sister back in his village.

"They dragged her away. She kept screaming for help. As a young boy, I could only stand petrified. She was raped and killed. Her name was Dulaan. We later found her body in the river," he says staring out of the window of his hut in Pakhanjore village on the southern tip of the Maoist heartland of Bastar. The area is more than 1,400km away from the home.

Mahindra launches All-New Veero, Redefining the LCV<3.5 t segment; Prices start at 7.99 Lakh

GURUGRAM / FARID-ABAD : Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading manufacturer of utility vehicles and leaders in the LCV <3.5 t segment, today announced the launch of the Mahindra Veero, starting at ₹ 7.99 Lakh. Designed to redefine the LCV <3.5 t segment, the Veero offers unparalleled savings with best-in-class mileage, exceptional performance powered by robust multiple engine options, industry-leading safety features, enhanced occupant protection, and a premium cabin experience. Mahindra's innovative Urban Prosper Platform (UPP) is India's first ground-up multi-energy



modular CV platform. Designed to offer best-in-class total cost of ownership and segment-first safety beyond regulations, the platform sets a new benchmark in the industry.

It is engineered to support payloads from 1 to 2+ in multiple deck lengths and accommodates multiple power-train options, including

diesel, CNG, and electric. Mahindra Veero sets a new industry standard with first-in-segment tech and features such as a driver-side airbag, reverse parking camera, a 26.03 cm touchscreen infotainment system, steering-mounted controls, and power windows. The Mahindra Veero also boasts best-in-class features, includ-

Vishal Fabrics Ltd. Allots Convertible Warrants to FPI North Star Opportunities Fund, amongst Others

CHANDIGARH: Vishal Fabrics Ltd. (BSE: 538598), a premier supplier of top quality stretch denim fabric, has announced that its board has allotted compulsorily convertible warrants at a floor price of Rs. 30.60 per warrant to persons belonging to non-promoter category, aggregating to Rs. 153 Cr. FPIs North Star Opportunities Fund VCC Bull Value Incorporated VCC Sub-Fund, Eminence Global Fund PCC- EUBILIA Capital Partners Fund, and other public category persons Elysian Wealth Fund (Formerly Silver Stallion Ltd) & Vikasa India EIF I Fund. Recently, the board approved Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) for aggregate amount of up to Rs. 100 Crores, in one or more tranches. The fund-raise will be subject to approval of the Company's shareholders and receipt of applicable



regulatory approvals. Further, the company announced stellar earnings for Q1FY25 (Quarter ended 30 June 2024). The Revenue from operations were reported at Rs. 33991.60 Lakhs. EBITDA grew 28% YoY, from Rs. 2080.93 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 2668.71 Lakhs (Q1FY25). PAT jumped 106% YoY, from Rs. 231.86 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 477.83 Lakhs (Q1FY25). Earlier, Vishal Fabrics Ltd acquired a 37.72 per cent stake (1,170,500 shares at Rs 135 per share) in Chiripal Textile Mills Pvt Ltd on March 30, 2024, for a total of Rs 158.02 crore. This acquisition makes Chiripal Textile Mills an associate

company of Vishal Fabrics. Chiripal Textile Mills is a manufacturer and trader of various yarns and fabrics, with a turnover of Rs 539.03 crore for the financial year ending March 31, 2023. Vishal Fabrics Ltd, a textile company established in 1985 and part of the Ahmedabad-based Chiripal Group, manufactures and distributes a wide range of fabrics including dyed yarn, denim, and custom textile work. Certified for quality and sustainability, they specialize in dyeing, printing, and processing denim and other fabrics for both their collections and client-specific jobs.

HDFC Bank Targets Income Boost for 5 Lakh Marginal Farmers by 2025 Under 'Parivartan' CSR Initiative

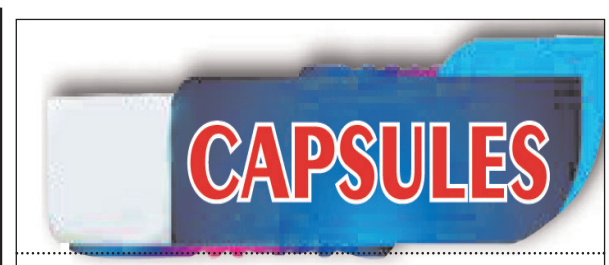


HISAR/AMBALA: HDFC Bank has set a goal to increase the income of 5 lakh marginal farmers earning less than ₹60,000 annually by 2025, as part of its corporate social responsibility initiative, Parivartan. This announcement comes as the Bank commemorates 10 years of Parivartan, which has already positively impacted the lives of over 10 crore people across India. The Bank's focus on rural development reflects its continued commitment to fostering sustainable growth and uplifting vulnerable communities. "Today, business performance for profit making enterprises stands redefined. Social impact is an integral part of business performance. HDFC Bank Parivartan comprises multiple programmes with a focus on giving back to the community as well as supporting sustainable devel-

opment," explained Kaizad M Bharucha, Deputy Managing Director, HDFC Bank. Since its inception in 2014, Parivartan has grown into one of India's largest CSR programmes, active in 28 states and 8 Union Territories. It has made significant strides in key areas such as education, skill development, healthcare, and financial inclusion, aligning its efforts with 9 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Launched in 2014, HDFC Bank 'Parivartan' was established with the vision to contribute to the socio-economic development of communities across India. With CSR expenditure of over INR 5,100 crore over the last decade, Parivartan has consistently aimed to empower individuals by creating sustainable livelihoods, fostering sustainable development.

NCP's Amol Mitkari Attacks Mahayuti

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



JK Cement Celebrates 140 Years of Global Innovation and Market Leadership of JK Organisation



KARNAL / ROHTAK : JK Cement Ltd. a leading building material company, one of India's leading manufacturers of Grey Cement in India and one of the largest White Cement manufacturers in the world, celebrated 140 years of JK Organisation's remarkable legacy at a grand event in the capital.

The event honoured the group's rich history, its significant contributions to multiple sectors of the Indian economy, and the unwavering dedication of its employees and partners.

The celebration gathered dignitaries, industry leaders, employees, and key stakeholders to reflect on JK Organisation's journey from its inception to its present status as a global leader. Lieutenant Governor of New Delhi, Mr. VK Saxena, who himself started his career at JK Cement, along with Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Member of Rajya Sabha, graced the occasion. Key leaders of the JK Organisation, including Dr. Nidhipati Singhania, Vice President, JK Organisation, Dr. Raghavpat Singhania, Managing Director, JK Cement, and Mr. Madhavkrishna Singhania, Joint MD and CEO, JK Cement, were present to mark this significant milestone. economic advancement. Shri. VK Saxena, Lieutenant Governor, New Delhi, who was invited as the Chief Guest said "It's an honour for me to be part of this landmark celebration for a company where I started my career as an Assistant Officer in Gotan, Rajasthan and worked for 11 years in different capacities with its White Cement plant. This exposure gave me insights of a corporate working, faster decision making and team work, which has helped me throughout my various stints thereafter. I wish all the best to JK Cement for all their Future endeavors in Nation Building"

Child Help Foundation Conducted a Gendercide Awareness Session in Haryana



Rewari : Child Help Foundation, a Pan India non-profit organization, is known for its tremendous work for the upliftment of underprivileged children, and is working on the Gendercide Awareness Session in Rewari and in other parts of Haryana. After the successful completion of the activity in Maharashtra, the NGO is now working in other cities of India to raise awareness about Gendercide. Along with being a child-centric organization it also stands for many other issues including equal rights for everyone irrespective of gender, colour, race and other parameters. This awareness session was organized under the banner of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign, a vital initiative aimed at protecting and empowering the girl child. The campaign underscores the importance of gender equality and the need to eradicate practices

like gendercide, which continue to threaten the lives and rights of countless girls in India. Through such efforts, Child Help Foundation is playing a crucial role in ensuring that every girl has the opportunity to survive, thrive, and receive an education. Volunteers of the NGO educated Anganwadi workers, students, teachers and community members about gender equality. They also made them aware of various benefits and privileges provided by the government, especially for girl children. During the Gendercide Awareness sessions, attendees were made aware of many important aspects of gender

equality but the focus was on educating the girl child. Speaking about the sessions, Mr. Shaji Varghese, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Child Help Foundation said, "Gendercide has plagued our country from decades. But it must be eradicated from our society now if we want to be called as a progressive society. It is our duty as a responsible citizen and organization to create awareness about this grave issue and it can only happen when people will get educated about gender equality and power of education. Gendercide Awareness Session initiated by Child Help.

'I told them it's not suicide but murder': Mother of deceased Kolkata doctor recalls seeing daughter's body

NEW DELHI: The mother of the 31-year-old doctor who was raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata while on duty recounted the events leading up to the devastating news of her daughter's demise saying "her pants were open, hand was broken, blood was coming out of her eyes and mouth." The victim's mother said: "First we got a call from the hospital that your daughter is sick, then the call was disconnected. After that when I called and asked what

happened, they told me to come to the hospital. When we called again, the (caller) identified himself as Assistant Super and said your daughter has committed suicide. She went on duty on Thursday, we got this call on Friday at 10:53pm." The postgraduate trainee doctor's mother said that despite their efforts to gain immediate access, they were denied entry until 3. "When we reached there, we were not allowed to see her, we were allowed to see her

at 3 o'clock. Her pants were open, there was only one piece of cloth on her body. Her hand was broken, blood was coming out of her eyes, mouth," she said. "Just by looking at her, it seemed that someone had murdered her. I told them it is not suicide, it's a murder. We worked so hard to make our daughter a doctor but she was murdered," she added. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the progress in the case so far and believes that the incident involved many more individuals.

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.

BJP slams TMC after minister's 'will break fingers if Didi blamed' threat for Kolkata rape-murder

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday took strong exception to TMC Udayan's comments after the state minister threatened to "break the fingers" of those calling for chief minister Mamata Banerjee to step down amid protests over the PG trainee doctor's rape-murder in a state run hospital. The TMC minister set off a political fire on Sunday by backing his party supremo with a warning, who after the horrific death of the trainee doctor has come under heat from various quarters for handling of law and order. According to the clipping that is going viral on social media, the TMC minister is seen losing his cool and threatening to



break the finger of those abusing and pointing fingers at Banerjee on social media. The BJP national spokesperson in an apparent reference to opposition attacking BJP over "fascism", chose to accuse the TMC of the same. "This is real fascism," he said in the post on X.

"Dictator Didi minister Udayan Guha who insulted & mocked Women's 14th August mid-night march now gives chilling warning 'If you point finger at CM, fingers will be broken'," he added. Poonawala also referred to the recent developments in the state such as cancelling of the football

match, violence against protesters by state police, the recent sacking of TMC spokesperson Shantanu Sen for "speaking on Sandip Ghosh". This, he suggested are all elements of "real fascism". "Kolkata police issues threat notices to citizens, summons doctors - football match cancelled to avoid protests - Shantanu Sen sacked as spokesperson for speaking on Sandip Ghosh, Sukhendu Roy summoned - Talibani order to transfer 43 doctors which was halted", he listed his post. The saffron party's spokesperson then went ahead to refer the recent "break your finger" threat by the minister and said.

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.

'Youngsters should not expect miracles overnight'

New Delhi. Nine more precious gems have been added to the crown of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, a famous social organization that has hoisted the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Nine stalwarts who have raised the flag of success in various fields were honored with the 'Navratna Award-2024' by Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh in a grand ceremony held in Rohini. The joint message of all these to the young generation was that they should not expect any miracle overnight. Success is achieved only with continuity of efforts, concentration and continuous hard work. Rajesh Chetan, President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, said that in the program that went on for eight hours, a large number of guests present kept listening to the struggle of these great personalities and their glorious stories of reaching the top. He said that the struggle story



of these 'Navratnas' had so many stages that it is not possible to put it into words in a single session. Rajesh Chetan said that due to their talent, continuous struggle, determination to win and the untiring DNA, all these 'Navratnas' are today flying the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Among the icons to be honored Rajesh Gupta (CMD, Bharat Rasayan Finance Limited), Satya S Gupta (Director Galaxy India), Brij Lal Saraf (Director Pyarelal Jagannath Saraf), Naresh Mittal (CMD, Signature Global Comtrade Pvt. Ltd.), Suresh Gupta (CMD, Golden Group of Companies), Rajkumar Garg (Director, Movish Realtech Pvt. Ltd.), Bajrang

Lal Agarwal (MD, Stonex India Pvt. Ltd.), Dr. Prem Garg, (Chairman, Shrilalmahal Group National President, Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF) and Dr. Ashish Gupta (Director, Unique Hospital Cancer Center) was present. Before this, the program was started by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of Maa Saraswati. The program was conducted by international poet and President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh Rajesh Chetan, Sunita Jain, Pramod Sharma. The program was organized in two sessions. Pooja Bansal, along with her friends, was honored for collecting old idols of gods and preserving them respectfully.

Smt. Sikandra Devi's portrait installed in Multimedia Hall

Chandigarh : Smt. Sikandra Devi's portrait has been installed in the Smt. Sikandra Devi Memorial Multimedia Hall of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhawan, Dariya, Chandigarh. School Principal Dr. Vinod Sharma said that Smt. Sikandra Devi was a woman of high ideals. She had immense faith in the promotion of education. According to her, knowledge should reach everyone. She shared her knowledge with the children and women of the village. She respected educational institutions and teachers a lot. Installing the portrait of such a woman with high ideals is a commendable step. Teachers and students associated with education will get a chance to know her closely. People visiting the multimedia hall get to see glimpses of social



reformers and martyrs like Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, Shri Ram, Swami Virjanand Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, Mahatma Hansraj, Swami Shri Anand, Mahatma Anand Swami, Lala Lajpat Rai, Pandit Guru Dutt Vidyarthi, Taty Tope, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maharana Pratap, Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Vipin Chandra Paul etc. People get a lot to

learn from these pictures. They are inspired to follow the path shown by them. Vice Principal of the school Anju Modgil said that the contribution of social reformers should always be remembered to remove the hypocrisy spread in the society. She said that we salute the martyrs for liberating the country. She expressed happiness over the installation of the picture of Mrs. Sikandra Devi inspired the students to follow in her footsteps.

Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

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

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 Entracker, 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 insider.

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

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

follows that, if the number of these organizations stays the same, no more than 820 applications will be approved. Furthermore, as per the release, entrepreneurs whose start-up is backed by Canadian funding or a business incubator that is affiliated with Canada's Tech Network will be eligible for priority processing. In order to be eligible for permanent residence, entrepreneurs must demonstrate that they have sufficient means to support themselves and their family upon arrival in Canada. The Startup Visa (SUV) program does not require applicants to invest any of their funds or have a minimum net worth. It's essential to have support from one or more of the approved partners, such as venture capital funds (VCF), angel investor groups (who must invest a minimum of CAD 200,00 and 75,000, respectively), or be accepted into a

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

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

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

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

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



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

24 makes hybrid funds with 35% to 65% equity allocation a viable option.

Indexation, which adjusts inflation with the asset's cost, lowers tax liability. Certain schemes like balanced hybrid, multi-asset, and dynamic asset allocation still offer indexation benefits.

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

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

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

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

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

MUMBAI: HDFC Bank's mortgage business head Arvind Kapil has filed papers to take charge as MD & CEO of Poonawalla Fincorp. Kapil is a 21-year veteran of HDFC Bank and was placed in charge of the legacy housing finance business of HDFC after its merger with the bank last year.

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

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

LIC shares slip after 17% salary hike

MUMBAI: Shares of LIC were down by over 2% on after the corporation announced a 17% wage revision. The salary increase was announced by govt on Friday before the election code of conduct kicked in a day later. The corporation's shares are now down 23% from the 52-week high of Rs 1,175 on Feb 9. On Friday, the country's largest insurance company said that govt approved a wage revision for LIC employees, effective August 1, 2022.



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

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

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

Noida revises fee for three parking clusters
Noida Authority approved three contractors for surface parking in city clusters with revised fees.

New tender initiated after scrapping previous contract. Residents get relief with revised parking fees. Multilevel facilities accommodate 12,000 vehicles.

China accuses Evergrande of \$78 billion fraud, among worst ever

China Evergrande Group's alleged \$78 billion revenue overstatement escalates the legal peril of founder Hui Ka Yan, who now stands at the center of one of the biggest financial fraud cases in history.

The nation's top securities regulator said the developer's onshore unit inflated revenue by recognizing sales in advance in the two years through 2020 that led up to its default. It imposed a 4.18 billion yuan (\$581 million) fine against the unit. Evergrande's alleged fraud dwarfs that of



Luckin Coffee Inc. and Enron Corp., dealing a blow to the reputation of its former auditor and the country's financial oversight. It fuels concern about how widespread such accounting issues are,

just as the new China Securities Regulatory Commission chairman is trying to tighten oversight. "The CSRC fines may serve as a warning to owners of other defaulted developers that failing to collabo-

rate with authorities over debt restructuring could mark the latest blow for Hui, once among Asia's richest tycoons, who oversaw a sprawling empire that spanned real estate to electric vehicles. Evergrande was one of China's biggest developers, taking on massive debt to expand across the country as condo sales boomed. The group received a liquidation order from a Hong Kong court in January, marking the largest collapse in China's three-year real estate crisis.

Millionaire grandchildren! Not just Narayana Murthy's grandson, these Infosys co-founders' grandkids also hold stake in company

Millionaire grandchildren of Infosys founders! Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy gifted his four-month-old grandson shares worth over Rs 240 crore, making him one of India's youngest millionaires. The transfer of 15,00,000 Infosys

shares reduced Murthy's stake from 0.40% to 0.36%. But did you know that other grandchildren of Infosys co-founders also hold stakes in the company. Millionaire grandchildren! Not just Narayana Murthy's grandson, these Infosys co-founders' grandkids also hold stake in company. Millionaire grandchildren of Infosys founders! NR Narayana Murthy, aged 77, made headlines by gifting 15 lakh shares of Infosys, constituting a 0.04% stake in the company, to his four-month-old grandson. Ekagrah is the third grandchild of Narayana Murthy and his wife, author-philanthropist Sudha Murthy. Ekagrah was born to Rohan Murthy and Aparna Krishnan in November last year. The 0.04% stake is val-

ued at over Rs 240 crore, making Ekagrah Rohan Murthy one of the youngest millionaires in India. He is the youngest in the Infosys promoter group. Following this transaction, which was revealed in an exchange filing, Narayana Murthy's stake in Infosys has come down to 0.36%.

The stock exchange filing specified the transfer of shares "from Narayana Murthy-promoter to master Ekagrah Rohan Murthy-promoter group." Narayana Murthy's daughter Akshata Murthy, also the First Lady of the UK, has two daughters, Krishna and Anoushka. Within the Narayana family, Akshata holds a 1.05% stake in Infosys, while her brother Rohan has a 1.64% stake, and their mother, Sudha Murthy.

Adani calls report on bribery probe by US prosecutors false

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

Adani calls report on bribery probe by US prosecutors false. Adani Group companies haven't received any notice from the US Department of justice regarding a probe into whether the Indian conglomerate may have engaged in bribery, according to exchange filings. Bloomberg News reported last week, citing people with direct knowledge of the matter, that US prosecutors have widened their prob-

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

China accuses Evergrande of \$78 billion fraud, among worst ever

China Evergrande Group's alleged \$78 billion revenue overstatement escalates the legal peril of founder Hui Ka Yan, who now stands at the center of one of the biggest financial fraud cases in history. The nation's top securities regulator said the developer's onshore unit inflated revenue by recognizing sales in advance in the two years through

2020 that led up to its default. It imposed a 4.18 billion yuan (\$581 million) fine against the unit. Evergrande's alleged fraud dwarfs that of Luckin Coffee Inc. and Enron Corp., dealing a blow to the reputation of its former auditor and the country's financial oversight. It fuels concern about how widespread such accounting

issues are, just as the new China Securities Regulatory Commission chairman is trying to tighten oversight. "The CSRC fines may serve as a warning to owners of other defaulted developers that failing to collaborate with authorities over debt restructuring could be the latest blow for Hui, once among Asia's richest tycoons, who oversaw a

sprawling empire that spanned real estate to electric vehicles. Evergrande was one of China's biggest developers, taking on massive debt to expand across the country as condo sales boomed. The group received a liquidation order from a Hong Kong court in January, marking the largest collapse in China's three-year real estate crisis.

Star Health eyes NRI business through GIFT

CHENNAI: Star Health and Allied Insurance Company will offer dollar-denominated insurance from GIFT City for NRI. The company is launching international insurance product suite from the facility in FY25. Star Health is the first health insurance company to be granted registration to establish an International Financial Services Centre international office in GIFT City. It plans to commence operations with a brand by the end of this month, facilitating access to health insurance solutions in US dollars for the global Indian community. The company said in a statement on Monday. Noting that the facility will enable the company to significantly expand its global reach and business, it said, the company will offer NRI-focused insurance.