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## PM Modi holds mega roadshow in Varanasi a day before filing nomination

**Varanasi Prime** Minister Narendra Modi waves at supporters as he arrives for a road show for Lok Sabha elections, in Varanasi, on May 13, 2024. As he attempts an epoch-making third-successive term at the Centre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held a 5-km roadshow in the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat constituency, from where he is set to file his nomination papers for the general election on Tuesday. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accompanied him on the truck during the roadshow that was attended by thousands. "Till now, he [Mr. Modi] has been holding roadshows for different candidates of the National Democratic Alliance [NDA], today he is here as our candidate," said Vaibhav Mishra, a Varanasi resident who was waiting for the roadshow to start at Lanka Chowk, where a statue of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya was to be garlanded by the



Prime Minister before the start of the event. Mr. Modi, dressed in a saffron kurta and white jacket, acknowledged the large crowds on both sides of the streets as he passed by. The route was dotted with various welcome points, where representatives of various communities from across the country, including the Muslim community of the city, welcomed Mr. Modi. His cavalcade was preceded by a march of around 5,000 women, a symbolic representation of the Modi government's identification with welfare and other programmes for women. At one of the welcome points,

Padma Shri awardee Soma Ghosh held a live performance of her songs. Drumbeats and vedic mantras were part of the playlist for the roadshow. Decorated with flowers, the route had big pictures of not just the ancient history of the city, but also the development work done by Mr. Modi in his parliamentary constituency. "After Modiji became MP from Kashi [Varanasi] we have got better roads, clean ghats, a cancer hospital, a modern, clean railway station, the Rudraksh Convention Centre, and how can we forget, the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor," said Gullu Shukla.

### PM Modi paid homage to Malviya

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a six-kilometre-long roadshow in Varanasi on Monday evening, ahead of filing his nomination papers from this Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath. PM Modi paid homage to the statue of educationist and social reformer Madan Mohan Malviya at the Malviya Chauraha in the Lanka area prior to commencing the roadshow. PM Modi will also take a ritualistic dip in the Ganga and seek blessings from Baba Vishwanath. The prime minister's arrival was heralded with the resounding echoes of conches and the rhythmic beats of 'dholis' and 'damrus.' The prime minister, vying for a third consecutive term from the seat.

## EC reviewing BJP, Cong responses on code breaches

**NEW DELHI:** Election Commission is examining the responses of BJP and Congress to its notices on allegations of violations of model code of conduct (MCC) by their star campaigners, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. Sources said both the parties have defended their leaders' speeches. An Election Commission official said BJP president J P Nadda submitted his reply to the poll panel on Monday evening. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had given his reply last week. "We will examine and proceed," the source added. Videos of both parties' leaders were shown to the poll panel on Monday evening. With polling completed in 96 parliamentary constituencies on Monday, voting for more than two-thirds of Lok Sabha seats are over and the next three phases will see voting in fewer seats. Former Election Commission officials TOI spoke to admitted that the poll panel



### 68 schools in Jaipur and 4 in Lucknow get bomb threats

**JAIPUR/LUCKNOW:** On the 16th anniversary of Jaipur serial blasts, at least 68 private schools in and around the city received bomb threats via email on Monday, sparking panic evacuations from the campuses. A similar threat was received by four schools in Lucknow, should have acted by now considering that notices to chiefs of the two national parties were sent on April 25. Both political parties got enough time to respond and the poll panel to act, they said. "Any action or advisory by EC has its impor-

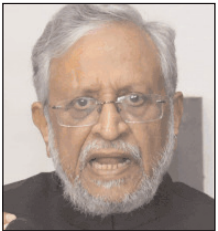
too. This came a day after bomb threats received by IGI airport and several other establishments, including hospitals, in Delhi and nearly two weeks after a similar scare at more than 150 schools in the national capital. Schools in Ahmedabad. tance and sends a strong message to all party leaders and candidates," one of them said. Setting a new trend, of making party presidents accountable for the alleged violation of MCC by their candidates and star campaigners.

### Did not attend Ram mandir opening fearing humiliation as I am Dalit: Kharge

**RANCHI/HAZARIBAG:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday for trying to impose dictatorial rule in the country and said fear of humiliation kept him away from the Ram temple inauguration in Ayodhya. Kharge, said he didn't attend the "pran-prastitha" ceremony at the Ram mandir earlier this year due to "fear of being humiliated" as he is from the Dalit community. Addressing his maiden 2024 Lok Sabha election rally in Jharkhand at Netarhat, in Chatra parliamentary constituency, Kharge asked, "Why wasn't President Droupadi Murmu, who is a tribal, invited for the opening of the Parliament building or the 'pran-prastitha' at the Ram mandir?"

### Sushil Modi, former Bihar deputy CM, passes away at 72

**NEW DELHI:** Former Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi passed away on Monday at the age of 72. He was battling cancer. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he was deeply saddened to learn about the 'untimely death of valuable colleague and friend.' "He has played an invaluable role in the rise and success of BJP in Bihar. Strongly opposing the Emergency, he made a name for himself in student politics. He was known as a very hardworking and sociable MLA. He had a deep understanding of the issues related to politics. He also did a lot of commendable work as an administrator. His active role in the passage of GST will always be remembered. My condolences are with his family and supporters in this hour of grief. Om Shanti," PM Modi wrote on X. Sushil Modi, who served as finance minister of Bihar from 2005-2013 and from 2017-2020, was a lifelong member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Modi had announced in April that he would not be able to contribute in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections since he was suffering from cancer for the last six months. "The BJP family is deeply saddened by the news of the demise of former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and former Rajya Sabha MP Shri Sushil Kumar Modi. We have lost a great warrior. This loss can never be compensated. This is an irreparable loss for Bihar and the entire BJP family. Om peace peace!" BJP tweeted. Grieving over the loss, home minister Amit Shah said that Modi's passing would leave a void in Bihar politics that would not be filled for a long time. "I am saddened by the news of the demise of our senior leader Sushil Kumar Modi ji. Today Bihar has lost a great pioneer of politics forever.



## 'LG will act if he wants': SC dismisses plea seeking sacking of Kejriwal as CM

**NEW DELHI:** Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a petition for sacking of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is on interim bail till June 1 in the excise policy case, but reiterated its proprietary concern about a CM continuing in the constitutional post even after his arrest. In a special leave petition, one Kant Bhati had challenged Delhi high court's April 10 decision rejecting a writ petition by former AAP



MLA Sandeep Kumar seeking removal of Kejriwal, who was arrested on March 21. Noticing that Kant was not even a petitioner before HC, which has already dismissed four similar PILs, the bench dismissed the

SLP and said, "LG will take action if he wants to... We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment of the HC." The bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta did not even allow Bhati's

counsel to open arguments and asked, "What is your legal right to seek removal of Kejriwal? Why should we go into all this?" However, the bench said the petitioner may have had something to say on the propriety of an arrested person to continue as Delhi CM. "We had raised the propriety issue when the other matter (Kejriwal's petition challenging his arrest by ED) came up before us."

## 'Ab jaldi karni padegi,' Rahul replies to query on marriage at Rae Bareilly

**LUCKNOW:** Speaking at a public meeting in Rae Bareilly for the first time after filing his nomination, Rahul Gandhi, who's 54, was led into a banter - with his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra joining in - for not having decided on his marriage yet. At the end of his speech, someone from the crowd asked him about his plans for marriage. Rahul first ignored the question and called Priyanka to the front



of the dais. Putting his hand on her shoulders and fondly touching her face, Rahul expressed his appreciation for her efforts in the Rae Bareilly campaign. "I am touring different parts of the country in the

election and my sister is spending time here, a big thanks to her for this," he said. Priyanka Gandhi joined the stranger and asked her brother to answer. The Congress leader asked what the question was. "Shaadi kab karoge (When will you marry)," somebody from the crowd asked again. "Ab jaldi hi karni padegi (Now, I will have to get married soon)," said Rahul dodging the reply with a smile.

## Chabahar agreement: India takes major step in Central Asia with Iran port deal

**India and Iran sealed a critical 10-year agreement on Monday to jointly develop and manage the Chabahar port, a move that significantly deepens their strategic and economic cooperation. The pact underscores India's intent to expand its geopolitical footprint and boost trade across the West and Central Asian regions. Under the agreement, India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) committed to investing \$370 million to enhance the port's infrastructure. This includes acquiring strategic equipment and expanding the transport facilities, essential for transforming Chabahar into a dynamic regional hub for trade transit. Why it matters**



Chabahar port's strategic location on Iran's southeastern coast, close to the Pakistani border, positions it as a pivotal gateway for India's trade ambitions, enabling direct access to Central Asia. Located on the Gulf of Oman near the Iran-Pakistan border, it offers India a crucial trade route bypassing Pakistan. This is particularly beneficial for trade with landlocked Afghanistan and Central Asian countries like Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. The agreement leverages

the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a 7,200-kilometer-long network connecting India, Iran, Russia, and Europe. Bypassing Pakistan allows India to diversify its trade routes and reduce dependence on its neighbor. Economic benefits The deal is expected to unlock significant economic benefits for both India and Iran. India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) will invest \$370 million in developing port infrastructure and equipment. This investment is

expected to: Increase cargo handling capacity at the port. Improve efficiency and reduce transportation costs. Facilitate trade between India, Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia. Create new job opportunities in the region. This agreement represents a deepening of ties between India and Iran, amidst shifting geopolitical landscapes. With the US's past imposition of sanctions and the consequent stalling of the port's development, this new agreement is a clear move by both nations to assert their economic independence and strategic interests in the region.

### BJP's Ganguly moves HC over murder-bid case

**KOLKATA:** Former Calcutta High Court judge and BJP's Tamluk candidate Abhijit Ganguly moved the HC on seeking quashing of the attempt to murder charge slapped on him. The charge followed a scuffle BJP activists had with a section of agitating teachers while Ganguly was filing his nomination on May 4. Ganguly's counsel Rajdeep Mazumder mentioned before Justice Jay Sengupta that his client was prevented from campaigning. Tamluk Lok Sabha seat in East Midnapore goes to polls on May 25. Mazumder also submitted that the BJP candidate was falsely implicated under Section 307 IPC and complained against police going on an overdrive on the matter. Justice Sengupta is likely to take up the petition for hearing on Tuesday.

### 'Govt should make an effort to give one job per family'

**GUWAHATI:** At 55, Shankari Bhattacharjee still carries the regret of missing out on a govt job in the 1990s. Despite graduating in humanities more than three decades ago from Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, she failed to clear a recruitment test for schoolteachers' post, for which she blames alleged unfair means adopted by past administrations while hiring. Three decades on, a govt job is the top priority for all three generations of the family. Shankari, her mother, 85-year-old Manju Bhattacharjee, and 26-year-old son, Bishal Bhattacharjee, are all agreed on this point. The Bhattacharjees have lived in an ancestral plot of land in Udaypur locality in the

city's Birubari area since 1979, with Shankari working as a private tutor to run the family. "When I first voted in the 1980s, unemployment was the major issue. In the early '90s, soon after graduating, I applied for a govt job as a high school teacher but could not get it because of unfair recruitment procedures. Today, there may be more transparency in the hiring process, but my son is facing the same problem. This time I voted (on May 7) with a wish that the new govt would at least make an effort to give one govt job to every family," said Shankari. Bishal completed BCA (Bachelor in Computer Application) in 2019 from Pragjyotish College, Guwahati, with a first class.



## Mother's love inspires us to fight every evil and follow the path of truth: **Ankita Kheda**

Mother's Day celebrated with great pomp by organizing a competition for mothers of children at **St. Peter's Educational English Medium School**

Meja: Mother's Day program was celebrated with great pomp on Monday at St. Peter's Co-Educational English Medium School, Janwar Meja Road. During this time, various types of competitions were also organized for the mothers of the students invited to the school, in which all the

mothers participated enthusiastically. It is noteworthy that the winning mothers participating in the program were honored with medals and certificates by the school principal, Mrs. Ankita Kheda. Later, while addressing the programme, Mrs. Kheda said that Mother's Day is a special day for every human being

as it is the only day which gives us an opportunity to say thanks to our mother for her love and dedication. He further said that mother is our first teacher and last hope. Mother is the embodiment of renunciation and sacrifice who often finds her happiness in our happiness. On this Mother's Day, Mrs. Kheda

appealed to all of us to thank our mothers for their love and sacrifice and said that mother's love gives us the strength to fight every evil and accept every truth because Mother's blessings are always with her children. There is no other relationship in the world more sacred than the relationship with a mother.

He said that we are proud of the mother who brought us into this world. In the same sequence, school manager Abhishek Kheda said that mother is the pillar of life who along with taking care of the entire family, is also a partner in the safety and happiness of the children. He said that the importance of the word

mother is as huge as it is. Mother is our first success and priority. Mother's comparison is incomparable in the world because heaven lies at the feet of Mother only. On this occasion, apart from the school teachers and students, a large number of parents and guardians of children were prominently present.

## Youth deal with extended test prep amid jobless crisis

Prayagraj: Rajesh Kumar often paces in his small room in Prayagraj, wondering if he will ever pass the history teacher civil service exam. Occasionally, a phone call from his parents about someone from his village successfully passing a civil service exam provides some perspective. "When that happens, I think about those who have been preparing for ten or 15 years," says the 29-year-old. He has only been at it for six years.

While the lengthy preparation time may seem astonishing, it has become the norm for thousands of students in Prayagraj, a city of one million and home to dozens of civil service exam prep centers. This situation is a consequence of an economy that, despite robust growth, fails to generate sufficient jobs for the millions of youths entering the workforce each year.

With rising unemployment and underemployment, prestigious and stable civil servant jobs are even more sought after than ever

before, even if it means spending 5-10 years preparing for exams and selection rates often under 1%.

As a farmer's son, Rajesh pays 20,000 rupees annually

for his room with money sent from his parents, sparing him the need to juggle studies with a side job. Unlike Rajesh, his neighbor, Suraj Kumar, 25, alternates

his study sessions with trips to his native village to farm wheat and sugarcane on his family's small plot. He has been trying to pass the exams for two years to join

the police or become a forest ranger. "I picked these exams randomly because the tests are similar and they play to my strengths," said Suraj, sitting upright in

his neatly arranged room. Lacking a computer, he connects a keyboard to his phone with a cable and types out his essays on a 15 cm by 8 cm screen.

### Private coaching centers: "It's a profitable business"

Prayagraj: In Prayagraj, private coaching centers for public sector exams are numerous. Advertisements dominate the streets, promoting top "coaches" and proudly displaying the faces and names of former students who have become civil servants. "The government makes big announcements, but in reality, there aren't enough opportunities in the private sector," explained Saurabh Sheklar, manager of Ananya Coaching, a prep school specializing in teaching exams. "Most of our students are farmers' children. For them, a public job remains the best way to climb the social ladder, for a limited investment."

Behind him, a math lesson streams on YouTube. The institute has seven classrooms and a studio for recording lessons for remote students. "It's a profitable business," acknowledged Anand Shukla, the head of the institution. "Young people in Uttar Pradesh only dream of public jobs. They don't care about the private sector; there's no future in it." This perception was further reinforced by the traumatic experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, during which millions of Indians lost their jobs in the private sector. From a rural perspective, only a "government job" seemingly offers a stable future.

### Unemployment crisis: For women, the pressure is even greater

Neha Patel, 26, paid 14,000 rupees annually for several years before switching to a new private coaching institution offering an introductory rate of just 1,000 rupees a year, a sign of the sector's competitiveness. For her, the exams represent more than just a chance for social advancement. "In the village, they think a woman is only good for cooking and having children," she said outside a city library. "If you want to emancipate yourself, becoming a civil servant is the only way out." "The pressure, for women, is marriage": After seven years of preparing for administrative exams in the region, Neha has yet to succeed. However, she knows the curriculum so well that she now gives private lessons and runs a YouTube channel for exam preparation with 7,000 subscribers. Among her friends and the students she coaches, nearly all face the additional pressure of potentially having to return to their villages to marry in case of failure. "I get a lot of calls from students in tears, whose parents have told

them it's their last year of prep," she shared. "The pressure, for women, is marriage." She escaped this pressure thanks to her siblings. As former prep students who have all passed their exams, they now help to cover the cost of their youngest sister's studies.

In contrast, Vrihaspati Mani Tripathi is struggling financially. Since 2020, the 27-year-old has been unable to afford prep classes and has been studying for the public service exams on his own. To pay for his lodging, he borrows money from his elder brother and returns to work in his village as a seasonal labourer every three to four months. Despite the challenges, he remains confident in his chances of soon landing his dream job. "I give myself another year, a year and a half to make it," he said with a relaxed smile. However, his leg begins to tremble when asked about the selection rate for the administrative exam he hopes for. During the February session, the 220 available positions attracted 574,538 candidates.

### Academic Council met in North Hall under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor

Prayagraj: On Monday, the Academic Council met in North Hall under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangeeta Shrivastava. In which these major issues were discussed:

1. The suggestions proposed by the Examination Committee were accepted. As per the accepted decision, all mark sheets will have a QR code. This will facilitate verification of the mark sheet by scanning the code on the mark sheet provided to the students from anywhere in the world.

2. It was decided that those post graduation courses running in colleges in which less than half of the allotted seats are admitted, those courses will be closed.

3. The reviewed and revised syllabus of various courses has been accepted.

4. The proposal to update the Statutes has been accepted.

5. The joint PDP (Pre PhD Program) course for social sciences has been accepted and it will be implemented in the new session.

### PNN to use Gambusia fish to control mosquito breeding

Prayagraj: Prayagraj Nagar Nigam (PNN) will release Gambusia fish in drains and other stagnant water bodies in the city to control mosquito larvae. Gambusia fish are known to eat mosquito larvae and control their breeding. The Nagar Nigam officials said that the fish will be brought from West Bengal and Budaun for the task. The Nagar Nigam is already using fogging and sprinkling of anti-larvae solution in the city to control breeding of mosquitoes. The Nagar Nigam officials said preparations were being carried out to release 5 lakh Gambusia fish in ponds, drains and other water bodies in areas under jurisdiction of Nagar Nigam. Initially, the fish will be released in over three dozen ponds before starting of rains.

A list of such ponds and water bodies has been prepared. Additional municipal commissioner Deependra Yadav said mosquitoes in large numbers are found at places with water bodies or at places affected with water logging problems. The fish will eat larvae and control their breeding. Officials said that last year this fish was released in ponds at Phaphamau, Shantipuram, Morahu, Naini, Jhansi, Khuldabad, Bamrauli, Mundera, Myor Road, Talab Naval Rai, Nagar Nigam headquarters, Chhetpur, Andawa, Katuhla, Gauspur and other places.

Gambusia fish are known to survive by eating mosquitoes and its larvae. The fish which is only few inches in size has a larger mouth which helps it in swallowing larvae back to back. It breeds at a faster rate and gives birth to 80 to 120 fry at a time. It can eat larvae 40 times of its own weight.

### Lime causes blindness among children

PRAYAGRAJ: The improper packaging of lime used in betel and tobacco often becomes the cause of blindness among children. Some recent cases of blindness caused by lime, especially among children, have become a cause of concern. According to Dr Sunil, eight cases of children with lime infiltration into the eyes came in last one month. These children had lost their sight due to severe damage to the cornea.

Most of the residents of Allahabad are addicted to betel, so they generally keep the ingredients of betel including lime at home. Lime is generally packed in thin polythene packets which burst open easily. These lime packets are easily available at all betel shops.

These lime packets, if kept in reach of children, can cause damage to their eyes. "The lime affect is so vigorous, as it get absorbed by the cells and starts to form alkali which liquefies the cornea of the eye and also damages other cells of eye. One should consult doctor within 24 hours, as if left untreated it can cause blindness," said Dr Sunil.

According to him, the injury caused by lime is similar to acid injury. The treatment of corneal damage can be done by 'stem cell harvesting and culture'. If the case is more serious and could not be rectified by stem cell harvesting and culture process then cornea is transplanted. Some other reasons which may cause corneal damage like diarrhoea, dysentery, deficiency of Vitamin-A, and eyes ulcer.

## Thieves do their homework well

PRAYAGRAJ: Ever wondered how thieves select their targets and they have almost 90 per cent success rate when it comes to house break-ins According to police officials, thieves use an intricate grassroots intelligence network to get information about probable targets. And, they generally do not strike without proper homework.

According to officials, the prevention of burglaries is not a one-sided affair. We have repeatedly told citizens to get their domestic servants registered at respective police stations. We have found in a number of incidents that the servants work as sleuths to find out the valuables worth, their exact location, the right time to strike and even the safest escape route, said a senior crime branch official involved in detection of thefts.

According to officials, the domestic helps or watchmen who are involved in the theft are paid handsomely for the right information. As one person works at three to four places, it is likely that they have information on who leaves when and what is expected if a strike takes place, said the official. They can pose as anybody at any time. They can be salesmen coaxing you to buy an encyclopedia or strangers seeking an address. What they need is a basic outline of your house and the entry points.



## Facebook obsession leads to attention syndrome

PRAYAGRAJ: There is no doubt about technology and internet changing lives worldwide, communication getting easy across the globe and providing momentum in professional and personal spheres. However, while, many use the internet to save time and get things done faster, others get addicted to certain networking sites and instead waste their time doing nothing concrete.

Ankush a student, who remains on Facebook (FB) throughout the day, becomes depressed if the

status or picture he updates on the wall, doesn't grab good number of likes or is commented only by his friends. This makes him call his friends and ask them to comment or like the status or picture.

Similarly obsessed is Jafar, another student. According to experts, this is a common syndrome called attention seeking syndrome (ASD). Ankush and Jafar suffer this syndrome, which is a psychiatric disorder wherein a person seeks excessive and inappropriate

attention. They add that the disorder is more common among youngsters, especially girls. Seeking attention is a natural trait of every human being. But the problem begins when a person seeks excessive and inappropriate attention, thus termed ASD. This disorder is spreading fast among the young generation hooked to social networking sites," said Dr S K Yadav.

"The common symptoms of ASD are that a person is uncomfortable in situations where he or she

is not the center of attention, uses physical appearance to draw attention, displays self-dramatization, theatricality, and exaggerated expression of emotion, is highly suggestible, that is, easily influenced by others or circumstances etc," he added.

Experts say that though ASD among patients has inherent factors that come along with the birth of the person, there are certain other factors which do cause such disorder.

Dr Gupta says, "Other

factors causing ASD includes disturbed childhood, parental disharmony, neglection especially in childhood and others." "Parents have a greater role to play in the treatment of ASD patients. They shouldn't encourage such behaviour, should look into the factors behind such behaviour, act more friendly towards the patient and encourage their kids to ventilate the mind. Parents should also secretly keep an eye over their ward's internet activity," he added.

# CBSE Result : Tagore Public School's result was 100%

## Rose Kesarwani in 12th and Shreyansi Srivastava in 10th topped the school

Prayagraj. The results of classes 10th and 12th were declared by the Central Board of Secondary Education CBSE New Delhi on Monday. In which the result of Tagore Public School located at Atarasiya was 100 percent. School Principal Archana Tiwari said that most of the students have performed commendably. In Humanities category, Rose Kesarwani got 96.2 percent,

Palak Behani got 96 and in Science category, Soumya Pathak, Mohammad Arish and Akshat Shukla jointly got first position with 95.2 percent marks and Amol Bhatia and Anshita Srivastava got second position with 93.4 percent and in Commerce category, Priyanshu Aggarwal got first position with 94.6 percent and Siddhi Arora got second position with 94

percent. Apart from this, the students brought glory to the school by securing highest marks in many subjects. In which Krutika Kesharwani, Annaya Mishra, Shubhangi Chaurasia got 100% marks in Fashion Designing and Akshat Shukla in Computer Science, Samridhi Saxena got 99% in Psychology, Akshat Shukla and Abhaas Srivastava got 99% in

Chemistry, Mohammad Arish got 98% in Mathematics, Raitha Bijlan got 99% in Business, Aditi Aggarwal has scored 97 marks in IP, Rizwan and Amirah Zia have scored 98 marks in Physical Education, Priyanshu Aggarwal has scored 97 marks in Economics and Palak Bihani has brought laurels to the school by scoring 98 marks in English. In the

class 10th examination, Shreyansi Srivastava and Malak Mustafa jointly stood third in the school with 95.8 percent, Arya Singh and Sanjeevani Kumari got 95.6 percent, Aman Tripathi got 95.4 percent and Vani Jain got third position in the school with 95 percent marks. Sanskriti Singh Jyotika Kesarwani has scored 100 marks in Science and En-

glish, Aryan Singh has scored 99 marks in Mathematics, Shreyansi Srivastava has scored 99 marks in Social Science and Vani Jain has scored 97 marks in Hindi. On this occasion, school president Dr. RK Tandon, manager Amit Khanna, principal Archana Tiwari, teacher Vijay Rai, chemistry teacher Sanjay Srivastava etc. have congratulated.

## PATANJALI RISHIKUL

### Board Examination Results Class 12 PatanjaliRishikul students outperformed in every subjects

Prayagraj: On 13-05-24, C.B.S.E. Board declared the results of the class 12th session 2023-24. The announcement of the exam results filled the children with enthusiasm and excitement.

1. Ayush Pandey, student of biology stream, secured 97.8 %and held the 1st Position
2. Abhinav Chaudhary, student of commerce stood 2nd by securing 94.8%
3. Rishi Srivastava, student of Mathematics stream secured the 3rd Position with a total score of 94%

Vice President of the School, Dr. Krishna Gupta in her



message praised the good performance of the children and appreciated the contributions of parents and teachers at large. Director Mrs. RekhaBaid Gupta and Secretary Mr. Yashovardhan appreciated the hardwork of the students and congratulated the proud parents of the students. The Principal ShriNityanand Singh heartily congratulated the students and said that PatanjaliRishikul keeps on striving for excellence in education and holistic development of their students. He appreciated the efforts of the teachers and parents for the excellent results.

## STUDENTS OF PATANJALI RISHIKUL IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

### CLASS 10 BOARD RESULTS

Rishikul students have consistently been recognized for their outstanding performance and intellectual accomplishments in Classes X and the school feels immensely proud of them. Ecstatic students rejoice at brilliant Board results.

Exultant Students Enjoy Stupendous Board Results of Class X

The students were super-excited to know the outcome of their diligent efforts. Overall 100% students bagged the first division.

Aaradhya Dwivedi emerged as the topper by securing 97.8%, followed by Navya Vermawith 97.6 % whereas Sarthak Singh scored 97.2%.

Vice-President of the school, Dr. Krishna Gupta congratulated the students as well as the teachers. Madam Rekha Baid, Director, Patanjali Rishikul, applauded the students and extended best wishes for their future endeavours. Secretary, Shri Yashovardhan praised the dedicated staff members who are committed to providing the best possible educational experience and offered his best wishes to the students. Principal, Shri Nityanand Singh congratulated the students heartily and extended warm wishes for their bright future. He further appreciated the parents and guardians for their constant support and trust in the vision of the school. He also lauded the diligent efforts of the teachers and motivated them to keep striving for excellence.

## NCZCC's theatre workshop imparting acting skills

Prayagraj: Under the direction of Chhau dance instructor Bhumikeshwar Singh, in a 40-day presentational theatre workshop organized by the North Central Region Cultural Center on Monday, the trainees were taught the nuances of body, chest, waist and facial expressions through Chhau dance. The participants participating in the workshop are learning from the acting gurus with great enthusiasm. Of the three forms of Chhau, Seraikela Chhau was described which is also known as martial art. In this, how the artist assimilates the rhythm pattern and how to play different characters, all these things were taught. In this workshop which will run till June 20, training is being given under the guidance of experts.

Apart from this, under the direction of Ashwath Bhatt, the trainees are being introduced to the nuances of acting.

The public relations started from Shankar Dal of Naini Mandal to Naini Railway Station and ended at the post office. Then in

Kesarwani, Raghavendra Nath Mishra of Kydganj Mandal. All the officers and workers of the division were present. BJP media in-charge



Public relation drive conducted

Prayagraj: 52nd Lok Sabha Allahabad BJP candidate Neeraj Tripathi held public relations in Naini

Malak Raj (Bairrana), the public relations took place under the leadership of Assembly Convener Dnyaneshwar Shukla and Naini Mandal President Dilip

Gopal Ji Malviya said that in this public relations, Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Neeraj Tripathi was welcomed by the local people at many places.

## Heat & pollution leading to asthma & respiratory disorders

PRAYAGRAJ: The patients of dust and heat allergies are increasing in urban as well as in the rural areas, which need a care and medicinal treatment otherwise the ailment, may take ugly turn and one can reach to hospital. According to Dr Ashish Tandon, eminent respiratory disorder expert the extreme heat and pollution combine together to cause an onset of dust mites, which lead to asthmatic symptoms and respiratory distress among people.

He said that some of the common symptoms of dust allergy include a runny nose, wheezing, chest constriction, asthma, excessive cough, and nasal blockage among others. It can also cause redness and burning sensation in the eyes, itchiness in the cornea, and continuous sneezing. People with dust allergies must avoid wall carpets, use mite-resistant mattress and pillows, and use a protective cover on the nose to pre-

vent dust inhalation.

Dr Tandon said that almost all these allergies are easily diagnosed and treated. It is very important that we stay protected and safe at all times to prevent

healthy will help in boosting your immune system and enable you to fight these allergies to a great extent.

Dr Tandon talking about heat allergy said that

known as prickly heat (miliaria) is a common heat allergy one may come across during summer. This is due to the plugging of sweat glands by dead skin or bacterial build-up leading to reddish and painful blisters in the sweat prone regions of our body. Taking cool showers eases the body and helps it to cool down. Wearing loose, light coloured and sweat absorbent clothing also helps a lot. Stay hydrated and keep replenishing your body with fluids and salts to compensate for all the sweat discharge, he added.

He further said that for those of you with sensitive skin, the summer heat can lead to reddening and heat rashes, which can sometimes be very prickly and painful. So be very lenient with sun blocking creams, aloe vera gels, and Lactocalamine lotion. There are plenty of home remedies you can try to soothe your rashes and inflammations.



their onset as it may hamper our daily routine to a great extent.

It is wise to visit a physician in case of any allergic reactions to prevent it from getting severe. Antihistamines are useful in controlling severe allergic reactions and are a must-have for allergy prone people. Staying fit and eating

summer season opens the doors to a whole assortment of skin allergies and rashes due to heat. Stay protected and wear appropriate clothing covering your body to protect from heat. Scorching sun not only tans the skin but also leads to heat rashes, sunburns, pigmentations, and reddening.

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### Valid arbitration award cannot be set aside on the ground of wrong application of law : High Court

Prayagraj: The Allahabad High Court said that the arbitration award cannot be set aside on the ground of wrong application of law or re-examination of evidence unless it is illegal. A division bench of Chief Justice Arun Bhasali and Justice Vikas Wednesday said, the framework of appellate proceedings under Section 37 has to be kept in mind as it is limited to the scope of challenge under Section 34 of the Act. It is known that the state government issued a tender for the construction work. The claimant, Nath Construction, whose bid was the lowest, entered into an agreement with the appellant. The claimant was to complete the work within 9 months, but after the extension it was completed in 3 years. A dispute arose, which led to arbitration.

The arbitrator awarded about 7.17 lakh with interest. Which the appellant challenged under Section 34 of the Act, but the lower court rejected it. According to the Court, the crux of the dispute between the contending parties was as to whether the arbitrator had committed illegality in awarding the said amount without considering the objections of the appellant-objector. The Court noted that the objections raised by the appellant were specific and without details and the application under Section 34 of the Act filed before the Commercial Court only stated that the award was vague and unreasonable. The Court further noted that even in the present proceedings, neither any material has been placed on record nor any argument has been made as to what is the factual basis and foundation which makes the award suffer from illegality.

The Court said that once the appellant-objector has neither specifically pleaded nor denied the claim of the claimant-respondent, nor proved his case in the correct perspective, the award cannot be termed as vitiated. The Court relied on the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited Vs. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited 2022 (1) SCC 131 cited, "The members of the arbitral tribunal nominated as per the procedure agreed between the parties are engineers and their award is not to be scrutinized in the same manner as an award prepared by legally trained minds." "Mere allegation will not suffice unless it is substantiated by pleadings and the record", the Court said. Accordingly, the Court dismissed the appeal.

### Priyanshu wishes to serve as outstanding doctor after achieving 92.4% in CBSE 10th

Prayagraj: In the 10th grade results released by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Priyanshu Mishra of Bethany Convent School in Naini raised the flag of achievement by achieving 92.4 percent and aspires to help society by becoming a skilful doctor when he grows up. Priyanshu received 95 marks in Science and English, 94 marks in Social Science, 89 in Hindi and Mathematics, and 88 in IT. Priyanshu's father, Neeraj Mishra, works as a journalist, while his mother, Suman Mishra, is an accomplished homemaker. Priyanshu attributes his accomplishment to his instructors Teresa Singh and Isa Hussain, as well as all other teachers and family members, including his grandmother Shiv Devi Mishra, and says he hopes to serve society as a skilled doctor when he grows up.



### Akshat brings fame to traders fraternity by scoring 97.2 pc marks in CBSE 10th

Prayagraj: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released the results of class 10th and 12th on Monday. As soon as the CBSE Board 10th results were declared, the students jumped with joy. At the same time, 10th class student Akshat Rastogi has brought glory to the school as well as the businessmen community by securing 97.2% percent marks in the 10th board. Born in a very ordinary family, Akshat's father Ankur Rastogi is a businessman by profession. He hails from Namaste Bharat Parivar Prayagraj. He is also the President and Vice President of Sulem Sarai Vyapar Mandal. Along with business and social service, he spends time with his children and plays a very active role in their education and career, whereas Akshat's mother Neeru Rastogi is a housewife. Akshat told that he is preparing for NEET. He wants to become a doctor and serve the society. He likes playing games and visiting philosophical places. Due to his success, there is an atmosphere of happiness among the businessmen fraternity as well as the family.



### One wanted accused arrested in connection with attempt to murder case

Prayagraj: One wanted accused Rakesh Dhar Sharma son Subhash Chandra Sharma resident of village Devtaiya, police station Handia, commissionerate Prayagraj, related to FIR No. 233/2024 registered at police station Handia, section-147/323/504/506/307/308 IPC, was arrested by the police team of police station Handia today on 13.05.2024 near village Devtaiya under police station Handia area. On the identification of the above accused Rakesh Dhar Sharma, 01 stick used in the incident was recovered. After the said arrest/recovery, necessary legal action was taken as per rules.

## Voter awareness campaign conducted in RK Law College

Prayagraj: Voter awareness campaign was conducted by RK Law College with the aim of making voters aware about voting. On Monday, a seminar was organized on voter awareness among law students and teachers, after which oath taking ceremony was also organized. In the program, Law College Manager Rishi Yadav said that everyone should actively participate in this great festival of democracy. So that a strong and empowered government can be elected which can develop the country and make it strong. Renuka Yadav, Shailendra Kumar Srivastava, Arvind Kumar, Shirsh Sagar, Om Prakash, Neelanshu Shiv Poojan Vidyalaya Staff etc. were present in the program.



## Editorial

### Rising Muslim Population: Arise Before It's Too Late

The findings of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC) are alarming with dangerous consequences for India's survival as a country of Sanatan culture. Those who would ignore this would do so at their own peril. The report says that between 1950 and 2015, the population of Hindus declined by 8 per cent whereas the population of Muslims grew by 43 per cent. In 1950, Hindus comprised 84 per cent of the total population but it came down to 78 per cent in 2015. During the same period, the population of Muslims increased from 9.84 per cent to 14.09 per cent. Those who are talking of the timing of the report want to mislead the nation. This is a crucial issue that affects the survival of the country in its present form. Election time is the right time to discuss how the country should be governed and what policies are needed to correct this imbalance that is sure to multiply if not addressed properly. The country has witnessed the Partition and its aftermath. The Partition happened on religious grounds. Are we in a position to afford another division of the country? Even if the Partition does not happen, the rhetoric and aggressive statements of some Islamic leaders have the potential to create social, cultural and political conflicts. Islamists in India still hold on to the dream that a day would come when India would become an Islamic country. They still feel Muslims, who were once a ruling elite, would reclaim their position with an increase in the Muslim population. Madrassas have become the breeding ground of such thoughts that are antithetical to the very idea of India being a Republic. Is it not strange that the majority in this country fear Muslim aggressiveness? The report indicates this fear is real. What took 65 years to transpire could happen in less than 25-30 years due to the unchecked population growth. The main reason for higher growth is rapid reproduction, illegal infiltration encouraged by vested interests and conversion. The issues that concern every Indian (Hindu) is whether they can survive with their civilisational and cultural values under Islamic rule. The country has witnessed untold misery because of Muslim rulers' enthusiasm to convert Hindus into Islamic faith. Entire Kashmir which was once a Hindu land of Hindu cultural renaissance has become Islamic due to this. We all know how infiltration has threatened the demographic composition of Assam and endangered the indigenous culture. The experience of Hindus in Muslim countries has not been good. They have witnessed persecution and forced conversion and there are very few countries or rights groups talking about them. The plight of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh is too well known in the entire world. Luckily, they have India as their ancestral place to come and take refuge. The Modi government has made policies to give citizenship to such persecuted Hindus. However, what will Hindus do if India becomes Islamic and they are forced to flee? To which country would they go? What protection or insurance do they have that the country would not be disturbed from growing as a liberal democracy? Hindus in this country faced violence and paid jizya under the Mughals to retain their culture and ways of worship. Let's not close our eyes and lull ourselves into a make-believe world where everything will be okay, a world where we shouldn't worry about a rising population.

Despite being in the majority, Hindus have shown that they believe in democracy and have no problems with people practicing other faiths.



# Meaning of Mayawati's withdrawal of succession from Akash?

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



same time, some people are also believing that Mayawati has not removed her nephew from the post under any pressure, but has removed him to avoid allegations of nepotism. However, this type of argument cannot be considered correct, because if she wanted to be free from the allegations of nepotism, she would have freed her brother as well as her nephew from the responsibilities, and she also does not say that Akash Anand is an expert. Everyone has definitely seen it through their own eyes, but no one has a definite idea as to what is the reality behind it? However, the reason behind this is believed to be that Akash Anand has waited for succession and removal from the post of National Coordinator until his sharp electoral maturity matures. Then he should have clearly said that BSP never promoted nepotism, hence Akash

Anand is being removed from the posts and the party is searching for a worthy successor, it will be announced in future.

But he did not say anything like that, rather what he said revealed only two things, firstly, that Mayawati is angry at her nephew's statements and not speaking as per his temperament in the rallies, or secondly, that Mayawati, somewhere or the other, She is under pressure from BJP and instead of saving the credibility of BSP, she has made an agreement to help BJP win maximum seats in Uttar Pradesh in this election by any means. In fact, Mayawati has said that Akash Anand will be removed from both the posts till he attains maturity and said that Anand Kumar (i.e. Akash's father and Mayawati's brother) will continue to fulfill his responsibilities as before in the interest of the party and the move-

ment. In her letter written to remove Akash Anand from both the important posts, Mayawati has said that the leadership of BSP will not shy away from making every kind of sacrifice and sacrifice in the interest of the party and the movement and in taking Dr. Ambedkar's caravan forward. Not there. This decision of the BSP supremo was compared to BJP with terrorism in the speeches of political parties and politicians, due to which not only was an FIR filed against him, but Mayawati, to save her soft image, legally removed him from the party. Although this is not the first time that BSP supremo Mayawati has suddenly used her power to vent out her anger on an official, even before this she has done the same with many officials. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, when Mayawati was accused of nepotism in the party, she also removed her brother Anand Kumar from the post. Apart from this, he has also removed many key officials after being accused of committing mistakes and making mistakes.

Actually, BSP supremo Mayawati is considered a strict administrator. On the contrary, she has avoided using abusive language or making false allegations against any party. She has always read written speeches, and perhaps that is so

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

However, Akash Anand has been in politics for a long time and obviously he must have learned a lot of political tricks from his aunt and his father. As far as qualifications and maturity are concerned, Akash has completed higher education and was educated abroad. If we talk about their language and their aggressive statements, then the rhetoric of the leaders in Uttar Pradesh is above this.

### What's Xi Jinping doing in Europe? His goal is more strategic than economic

In 1964, when French President Charles De Gaulle visited Beijing to formalise the West's first diplomatic ties with China, he made a profound statement about Parisian weltanschauung – "France simply recognises the world as it is." Decades later, and amid waves of geopolitical turbulence, Chinese President Xi Jinping has embarked on his first visit to Europe in five years since 2019, cherry-picking three countries – France, Serbia and Hungary. At the outset, the selection seems emphatically aimed at driving wedges in the Western alliance. It also confirms that the objective of his visit is not economic but strategic.

He chose Paris because it conveniently coincided with marking 60 years of China-

France diplomatic relations. That said, the real reason was to appeal to Paris' strategic autonomy at a time when the European bloc has undertaken an uneven but ambitious project to de-risk its grossly imbalanced trade with China. This includes addressing the burning issue of Chinese EVs flooding the European market, outperforming their European counterparts due to unfair trade practices. The other two countries that Xi visited were Serbia and Hungary. Xi's strategic signalling is basic. In the case of France, he wishes to capitalise on the country's strategic autonomy – which is most susceptible to being misread due to Macron's mixed statements – to distance it from the United States and NATO.

Although there is no real evidence to suggest so, Macron's outlandish statements are enough to create and sustain this confusion. Xi's Serbia visit coincided with the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade; an incident that had occurred during NATO intervention in the bloody breakdown of the former Yugoslavia in May 1999. Serbia is witnessing the unending war that has engulfed core supporter Russia and is looking at European Union accession afresh. In a strategic shift, it has inked a deal on French Rafale jets in its largest military procurement in history. Despite the winds of change, Serbia remains a Russia supporter and mistrustful of the Western bloc.

### Rahul Gandhi's 'revolutionary' ideas may adversely impact Cong prospects

It was a moment of distress for 79-year-old Rajni Dhar when the cacophony over the inheritance tax during a news show took her back several decades to the painful memories of her birthplace, Kashmir. Her family and many others from the Hindu community were significantly affected by the 'Land to Tiller Law', meticulously enacted in 1950 by then J&K Prime Minister Sheikh Abdullah. The law restricted the ownership of landlords, and extra land was taken over by the state and given to tillers. The latter did not pay any compensation for the land received. The Hindu landlords were especially targeted in both Jammu and Kashmir, rendering them economically weaker. Now in 2024, the buzz about Congress promising to take away all that 'extra' wealth of a section of the population brought back memories of the pain that Dhar and many others had to endure. Kamlesh, a 47-year-old house help, whose family resides in a dwelling built with government funds in her village in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district, is confused today. After hearing about the Congress' wealth distribution plan, she feared that her family might lose the new house as the joint family had an

ancestral dwelling in the same village. She is also apprehensive since her family is worried about talks regarding the reservation rights for Backwards being snatched away and given to the Muslims by Congress. These fears have become a topic of discussion among the general populace. The fact that Congress has a history of doing such things has made people take Rahul Gandhi's statement critically this time. In 1953, then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's government brought the inheritance tax under the Estate Duty Act as it found that there were inequalities in wealth.

The Act, also known as 'Death Tax' was imposed on the principal value of movable and immovable property, including agricultural land, which a person inherited after the death of the owner of the property. The Act was abolished in 1985 by the Rajiv Gandhi government when he became Prime Minister after the death of Indira Gandhi. The BJP has accused that he did so to escape from the said tax on Inheritance. With this piece of history being resurrected, people feel that this is Rahul Gandhi's plan for a new 'INDIA'. What has given credence to this is the statement by Sam Pitroda, a close aide of the Gandhi family and Chairman of the Indian

Overseas Congress, who highlighted the importance of wealth redistribution policies, citing the US laws. Though the Congress later distanced itself from Pitroda's comments, the cat is already out of the bag. Rahul's pledge to pursue 'jiti abadi utna haq' and his X-ray plan to detect peoples' wealth have set the middle-class thinking. Amit is an IT professional in Delhi, who bought an apartment on EMI.

Recently his loan ended and he got the ownership paper from the bank. Rahul Gandhi's wealth distribution plan has worried him as now he owns the flat and has also inherited property from his late father. There are millions of Amit-like stories in the middle class. The voices may or may not reflect the sentiment of the whole nation, but hint at the ? churn that has started, especially among the middle class. They work hard, take loans to build new nests and create assets after paying taxes. It is not just the lands and houses; the fear is also about Rahul Gandhi's Congress/INDIA bloc government -- if voted to power -- sneaking into the lockers and cabinets of millions of women who keep their valuable 'stree dhan' hidden away.

### The Third Eye: A new Cold War with a difference

The Middle East is in a situation of flux because of the recent exchange of drone and missile attacks between Iran and Israel, an important visit to Pakistan made by the Iranian President following these events, and the fallout of Israel-Hamas conflict that produced pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the US and elsewhere in the Muslim world. This is opening up the question as to what impact are the religious divides in the region making on the ideologically delineated Cold War that was already on the horizon involving the US-led West on one hand and the China-Russia axis, on the other. The old

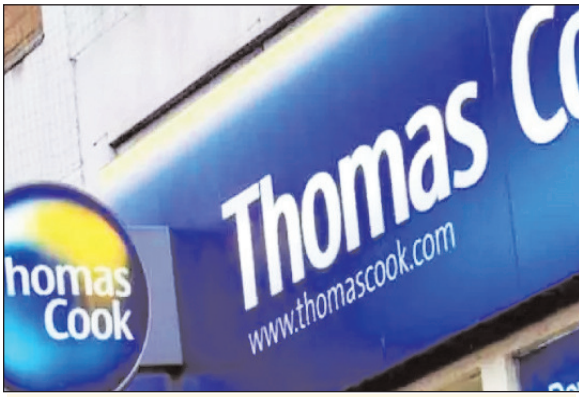
political rivalry between the two strong players in the region, Israel and Iran, took a violent turn when Israel -- opposed to the rule of Bashar Al Assad, the Alawite President of Syria -- made a missile attack on Damascus on April 1 in which Iran's diplomatic mission was hit and seven officers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp were killed. Iran retaliated on April 13 by firing missiles at Israel that were mostly shot down by the Iron Dome Defence system of the latter and a few days later on April 18 Israel responded by making a drone attack on Isfahan that reportedly did not cause any significant casual-

ties. There was an element of restraint on both sides which stemmed from a combination of factors -- Iran weighing in the US support for Israel and Israel sensing the limitations on American backing put by the international criticism of the loss of civilian lives in Gaza at the hands of Israeli Defence Forces. In fact, in the Joe Biden administration, the White House was contemplating measures to balance its support to Israel with an effort to counter any Islamophobic trends that the Israel-Hamas conflict could produce following the October 7 'terror' attack of Hamas on Israel. The US is also at the same time,

having to deal with pro-Palestinian demonstrations held in the country, particularly on the university campuses there. Iran and Pakistan, the two neighbouring Islamic countries -- though inherently prone to the repercussions of the historical Shia-Sunni divide, have maintained a cautious line of peaceful relationship that could even overcome the incidents of exchange of missile attacks between them in January this year. The Sunni Islamic radical outfit Jaish Al Adl based in Baluchistan intruded into the adjoining Sistan area of Iran whereupon Iran fired missiles on the outfit's base in Baluchistan.

## TCPay, a revolutionary approach to international money transfers

Delhi: With the introduction of TCPay, an intuitive digital technology intended to streamline and improve the remittance process, Thomas Cook India has completely transformed international money transfers. Sending money overseas has historically required laborious procedures and irregular business hours. Customers may now easily and efficiently enjoy 24x7 remittances with TCPay. TCPay provides a straightforward and flawless digital interface for all of Thomas Cook's digital platforms, including the call center, portal, and B2C app FXNOW. Customers will have a hassle-free experience thanks to this. The use of Video KYC improves security and speeds up transactions, making it possible to send money from the comfort of your home in a convenient, safe, and timely manner. This creative addition, which is in keeping with Thomas Cook's dedication to digitization and client convenience.



### China overtakes the US as India's largest trading partner with \$118.4 billion

Delhi: China overtook the US as India's largest trading partner after two years, according to Global Trade Research Initiative data. India's bilateral trade with China totaled \$118.4 billion in 2024, with imports up 3.24% to \$101.7 billion and exports climbing 8.7% to \$16.67 billion. India-US trade fell somewhat. Indian exports fell 1.32% to \$77.5 billion and imports fell 20% to \$40.8 billion in FY24, totaling \$118.3 billion. India relies heavily on Chinese imports in

telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, and advanced technology, therefore its economic relations with China are closely watched. According to GTRI, "India purchased \$4.2 billion in telecom and smartphone parts, 44% of overall imports in this category, demonstrating strong reliance on Chinese components. China supplied 77.7% of India's laptop and PC imports at \$3.8 billion." India uses production-linked incentive schemes (PLI), anti-dumping penalties.

## Yellow Day celebrated in Maharishi Dayanand Public



Chandigarh:

Yellow Day was organized for Pre Primary Classes at Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh. Kids came to school in yellow

dresses. The children dressed in yellow were looking very beautiful. They had also brought mangoes with them. They said that mango is the king of fruits. They like mango goes very much. Kids

also enjoyed mango. The main objective of this program was to make children aware about the importance of yellow color and mango. Children learn quickly through such programs.

## Apple's first iPad Pro redesign since 2022 uses an AI-focused M4 processor

Delhi: Apple introduced an artificial intelligence-focused iPad Pro and a bigger iPad Air to revitalize its tablet lineup after two years. The firm launched the first redesigned iPad Pro since 2018 at "Let Loose" online. The new model boasts a smaller

body, a sharper Ultra Retina XDR screen with OLED technology, and a quicker M4 CPU for AI. The new iPad Air looks like the previous model but has a bigger screen and M2 CPU. Apple claims the 13-inch iPad Pro is the thinnest apple device ever at 5.1 mil-

limeters. The larger model is a quarter-pound lighter than its predecessor, while the 11-inch weighs under one. It breaks Apple's longest iPad release gap since co-founder Steve Jobs debuted it in 2010.

## CAPSULES

### OpenAI's Sam Altman denies launching Google search engine rival

Delhi: OpenAI CEO Sam Altman denied allegations that his AI business will develop a Google-like search engine. Altman said on X that OpenAI will continue its All ambitions to strengthen ChatGPT, it's All chatbot. We've been working



on some new stuff we think folks would love— not GPT-5 or a search engine! seems magical," he said. OpenAI will webcast ChatGPT and GPT-4 updates. OpenAI is rumored to offer a search product before Google's 'I/O' conference next week. However, the business has stated that it will continue updating ChatGPT and its latest iteration, GPT-4. OpenAI's AI chatbot is now more straightforward and less verbose. Paid ChatGPT subscribers can now use GPT-4 Turbo. Until December 2018, it was trained on public data. "When writing with ChatGPT, responses will be more direct, less verbose and use more conversational language," said OpenAI.

### Microsoft's cloud platform will force Indians to adopt: OLA CEO

Ola's founder and CEO, Bhavish Aggarwal, announced the company's migration from Azure to Krutrim, its private cloud platform. Aggarwal's concerns about Western tech companies' cultural integration and ideological enforcement affected the decision. Ola switched to Krutrim to support Indian technological platforms and independence from Western monopolies.

## Public sector oil firms' 2023-24 earnings rose 25-fold to Rs 86,000 crore

The statement indicates that the three oil marketing organizations' combined earnings for FY 2023-24 was Rs 86,000 crore



Delhi: In 2023-24, state-owned oil marketing companies Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum ensured fuel availability at affordable rates with one of the lowest fuel

price inflation globally in India and rewarded shareholders' trust with an outstanding annual performance, according to a Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas note. The statement

indicates that the three oil marketing organizations' combined earnings for FY 2023-24 was Rs 86,000 crore, 25 times better than the exceptionally challenging previous fiscal year.

HPCL posted a record net profit of Rs 16,014 crore in 2023-24, outperforming a loss of Rs 6,980 crore. Indian Oil Corporation ended the year with record refinery throughput, sales volume, and net profit. BPCL's FY 2023-24 earnings after tax was 26,673 crores, about 13 times greater than the previous year.

According to the statement, the company's anticipated 1.7 lakh crore capital spend over five years under 'Project Aspire' shows its commitment to long-term shareholder value.

## Tata wants Haldiram's control and \$10 billion valuation

Delhi: Tata Group's consumer division is in talks to buy a 51% share in Haldiram's, India's famed snack food company, in a deal that could change the snack food sector. However, sources told Reuters that Tata is struggling with Haldiram's \$10 billion valuation. Haldiram's, a popular Indian brand, is also in talks to sell a 10% share to private equity groups like Bain Capital, sources added. The Indian company will compete with global giants like Pepsi and billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail



in the intensely competitive Indian consumer market if the talks succeed. Sources told Reuters that Tata Consumer Products, the conglomerate's branch that owns Tetley and a successful Starbucks deal in India, is actively negotiating to acquire its targeted percentage.

Sources stated Tata indicated interest in acquiring more than a 51% stake but informed Haldiram's that the valuation requirement is high. Haldiram's consumer market share is enormous." This is not the first time a company has shown interest in the family business. In 2019,

US-based Kellogg's expressed interest in buying Haldiram's and expanding beyond cereals. Talks fell through. Private equity fund General Atlantic reportedly wanted to buy a 10% share in the food brand. A small company founded in 1937, Haldiram's is known for its delicious "bhujia" snack, sold at mom-and-pop stores across India for Rs 10. The corporation controls approximately 13% of India's \$6.2 billion savory snack market, according to Euro Monitor International.

## Why does Musk call Meta Super greedy' for claiming credits?

Delhi: Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk again boldly criticized Mark Zuckerberg-run Meta. Musk has called Meta "super greedy" for taking credit for marketers who execute campaigns on its platform. The Musk follower posted that numerous of his advertisers have found that Meta accounts for almost all conversions while running advertising on both X and Meta, "with X reporting almost no conversions." "Interestingly, turning off X ads significantly reduces total conversions, including Meta. No research is needed to grasp this, the follower said. The X owner said, "We're terrible at credit claims, and Meta's greedy." Another Musk fan said, "Meta will need to revise their attribution model, revealing the truth to advertisers who are already notic-



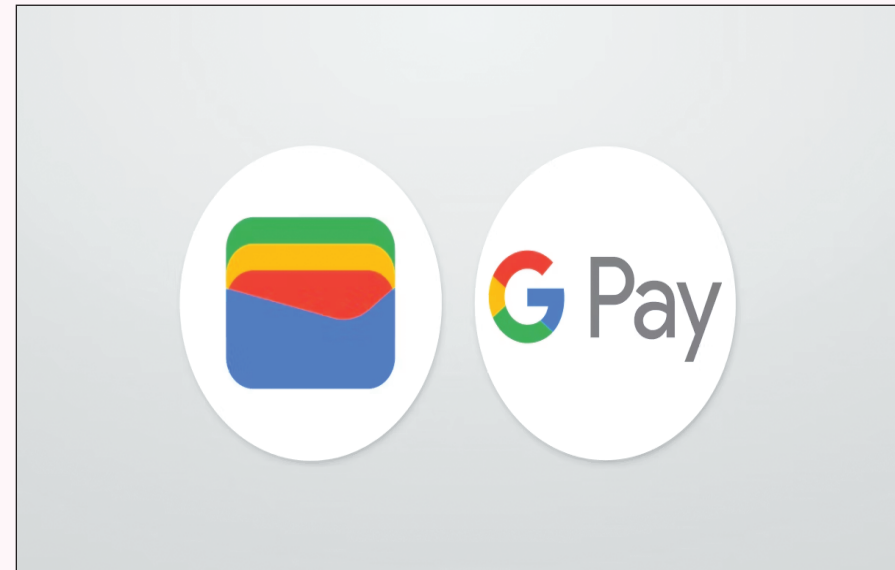
ing a decline in results." "For X, refining the attribution model to match reality is easy. This will boost advertiser results, the X user said. Musk and Zuckerberg are recognized rivals. Musk just added long-form articles, monetisation initiatives, full-length films, and more. The billionaire claimed subscribers may publish movies, TV shows, and podcasts and get money. Musk just added long-form articles, monetisation initiatives, full-length films, and more. The billionaire claimed subscribers may publish movies, TV shows, and podcasts and get

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## Knowing the main distinctions between Google Pay and Google Wallet

Google Pay's presence in India will remain unaffected by the debut of Google Wallet, the company announced at launch

Unlike the worldwide version of the program, the Google Wallet version that was introduced in India is not able to hold bank cards or be used for digital pay Google Wallet was made available in India. Users can safely save IDs, movie tickets, plane cards, and other confidential papers on the platform. Google Pay's pres-



ence in India will remain unaffected by the debut of Google Wallet, the company announced at launch. The Google Wallet app, which was launched in India, is unable to accept digital payments or hold bank cards. Unlike the worldwide version of the program, the Google Wallet ver-

sion that was introduced in India is not able to hold bank cards or be used for digital payments. Conversely, among the most widely used UPI services in India is Google Pay. Users can transact, view their account balance, and acquire information about their spending patterns with it.

Google Pay will continue to be the payment app for India, and the company has verified that Google Wallet will work in addition to it. The company has confirmed that Google Wallet will complement Google Pay, which will continue to serve as the payment app for India.

### Apple plans to make 25% of its iPhones in India by 2028

Delhi: Apple plans to create 25% of its iPhones in India over the next 3-4 years by building a network of local vendors instead of using Chinese suppliers. Mint was informed that the Cupertino-based tech giant has begun building its supply chains, while Foxconn Technology Group and Tata Electronics will scale up their manufacturing capacities to handle most of its production. "India is one of their key markets. They produce 14% of their iPhones in India for local and export sales as of December 2023. They want to raise levels to 24-25% by 2027 or 2028." One person, who requested anonymity, said the conversations were private. In 2022, JP Morgan analysts predicted that 25% of Apple products would be made outside China by 2025, up from 5%. India produced \$14 billion in iPhones in FY24, 14% of the global total. India makes iPhones 12, 13, 14.

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

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

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

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



### Delhi high court orders parents to pay for school AC

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The college officials believe it's necessary to disclose such

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

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

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### Deeksha sets Women's 1500 M national record



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

## Why NMC student migration regulation will prevent 'backdoor' entries

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



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

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

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

## Schengen visa rule to encourage Indian summer vacations in Europe

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



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

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

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

## Cybercrime-led paper leaks are addressed with time-bound MCQs in NEET PG 2024

Delhi: Prof Dr Minu Bajpai, executive director, NBEMS and former dean (academics), AIIMS, New Delhi, "With over two lakh students taking NEET PG exams every year, it becomes necessary to safeguard the question papers from potential cyber frauds. A cyber-secure system enabled by government-appointed agencies with excellent IT software and significant experience conducts CBT tests. With cyber breach risk continuously present, the technology constantly protects data from phishing." The NBE stays abreast of cybersecurity advances from these agencies. We learn from worldwide disasters or cyber security potential from agency exchanges. Any cybersecurity breach risk is then addressed and preventative meas-



ures implemented. The NBE has kept the system and exams secure to stay ahead in cybersecurity. In the interest of examinees, the NBEMS has taken precautionary measures to improve the safety and security of the impending CBT-based NEET PG test based on supplier firm cybersecurity risk assessments. NBEMS says the new exam paper would have many time-bound portions. If NEET-PG 2024 has five time-bound sections (A, B, C, D, and E), each will contain 40 questions and 42 minutes. Candidates cannot move to the next sec-

tion until they finish the previous one. Candidates cannot examine questions or change their answers for a section after the given time. After the previous section's time is up, the new section's questions will start automatically. The number of time-restricted sections in a test depends on the amount of questions and their practical feasibility. This year, NEET PG 2024 has changed. The exam was moved from March 3 to July 7. Due to Puri's Rath Yatra, the NMC moved the exam to June 23.

## UGC advises on Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act 2013 implementation

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

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



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

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

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

## Locked Lok Sabha election! 1.5 crore can vote in Delhi

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

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

women voters increased more than men.

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

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

## Shah dismisses Kejriwal's retirement comment

Delhi: Union home minister Amit Shah dismissed Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will retire from politics next year after he turns 75. The senior BJP leader stated the Opposition should not celebrate Modi's 75th birthday. "Arvind Kejriwal, company, and the INDIA Alliance should not be thrilled when Modi reaches 75. Modi will serve until 2029. He said the BJP is clear. The home minister's comments came hours after Kejriwal, who was put on interim bail by the Supreme Court in the excise policy case. Modi was courting Shah's support because he would retire next year. Defence minister Rajnath Singh also criticized Kejriwal and stated the Opposition was worried by their probable Lok Sabha loss. Defence minister Rajnath Singh also criticized Kejriwal and stated the Opposition was worried by their probable Lok Sabha loss.



### File ITR or risk scrutiny

Delhi: A taxpayer will be investigated if they do not file an income-tax return after an inquiry notification. This notification under section 142(1) is provided when a taxpayer has not submitted the tax return or to request preliminary information about a detail such as bank interest or long-term capital gains/loss on property sale. This advice is part of the Central Board of Direct Taxes' new comprehensive rules for mandatory I-T return selection for complete inspection. Annual guidelines cover survey, search and seizure, tax evasion, and cases where no I-T return was filed in response to an inquiry notification for the current financial year (selection and thorough inspection). It also includes non-registration or termination of registration under sections 12A/12AB for charity organizations seeking tax benefits. In addition, if the taxpayers' income increased on a recurring issue in an earlier year, the I-T return will be picked up under obligatory inspection standards, subject to monetary restrictions. "The guideline states that all I-T returns filed during FY24 will have the outer time limit for issue of a notice by June 30, 2024." In selective cases, complete scrutiny is performed to ensure the taxpayer has declared income correctly and paid taxes.

## AIIMS to open emergency cath lab



Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences will open a cath lab for emergency patients to provide primary neuro, cardiac, and endovascular procedures in the "golden hour". The emergency department has no specialized Cath Lab. After considering the patient load and the require-

ment for fast actions, especially in emergencies, this strategic option was made. Officials noted the number of functioning Cath Labs falls short of meeting rising demand, resulting in longer wait times for sophisticated brain and cardiac treatments. Lack of a dedicated Cath Lab in the

emergency department delays key interventions, affecting patient outcomes. The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced business workers to work remotely. To retain staff, employers use office peacocking, affecting work-life balance and trends.

## Free bike rides home for voters

Delhi: The Delhi electoral office has partnered with bike aggregator Rapido to offer house drop services to boost Lok Sabha voter turnout. Anyone can arrange a free Rapido bike trip through its mobile app after voting. Voters must travel to the polling station alone. All ages can vote

at the facility. Delhi's top electoral officer P Krishnamurthy said this collaboration will promote voting and reduce transportation constraints.

"We offer free bike rides on election day to make voting easier and encourage folks to vote. Every vote counts, so eligible vot-

ers must vote without obstruction," Krishnamurthy added. The facility will supplement the pick-up and drop-off for disabled and elderly people. The weather department predicts a strong heat wave on May 25, so election officials are planning to boost voter turnout.

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### Close fire-violating coaching centers: HC



Delhi: The Delhi High Court ordered MCD and DDA to close Mukherjee Nagar's tutoring centers that violated fire safety rules. A team of lawyers revealed that various MCD-claimed actions continued to operate, prompting Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dudeja to issue the instruction. The bench heard a number of coaching centre petitions, including one it filed after noticing a fire at one in Mukherjee Nagar last year. The amicus claimed numerous premises violated fire safety rules, and one had an electrical board at the door that blocked fire escape. "In light of apparent violation of sealing directions issued by us, we direct MCD/DDA to take action forthwith." HC also clarified that a building's "character" for identification as an educational building and fire safety norms must be determined by its "use" and asked MCD, DDA, and Delhi Fire Services to conduct a new survey within four weeks to identify non-compliant centres. The court ordered all tutoring centers to conform with Delhi Master Plan 2021 and other requirements or close after last year's fire.

## AAP-Kanhaiya campaign: Must walk together to save country'

Delhi: The Congress and Aam Aadmi Party held a combined campaign in Yamuna Vihar in North East Delhi, where party leaders discussed how to transfer votes in the partnership. Congressman Subhash Chopra, state president Devender Yadav, AAP MLAs Sanjeev Jha and Haji Yunus, and councillors and former MLAs from both parties joined candidate Kanhaiya Kumar. I have movement and jail experience, but not Delhi election experience. Everyone is more experienced than me.



You're political physicians, but I have a PhD. Saving the country and Constitution is more important than winning a seat, Kumar told INDIA alliance party workers.

He informed party workers that smaller

elections are harder during the ground-level campaign. He claimed a corporate election is harder than a Lok Sabha poll because hostility lasts. "If this election is about saving the country, then we will have to make our

hearts bigger and try to walk together," stated. He told the audience that BJP disseminated lies against him because they thought people don't comprehend. "But others are asking how he fought elections twice if he railed against the country. He said they call me "tukde tukde" but bulldoze Burari homes, shattering people's dreams. North East Delhi has a high Purvanchali and Muslim population, making it one of the densest regions.

## Influencers and celebrities will be accountable for deceptive ads: SC

Delhi: The Supreme Court reminded celebrities, social media influencers, and advertisers that they will share equal responsibility and liability for deceptive and misleading food and health product ads and services. The supreme court ruled "It is the shared responsibility of advertisers and endorsers, including celebrities and influencers, to ensure the accuracy of advertisements." "Public figures, influencers,

### What SC Said

Advertisers, celebs and influencers to take responsibility for the accuracy of ads

Ensure consumers' trust not abused or exploited due to sheer lack of knowledge or experience

Govt should set up a specific procedure which will encourage the consumer to lodge a complaint

Seeks fresh affidavit on actions taken against false or misleading ads, particularly in the food and health sectors

Directs removal from online platforms of Patanjali products whose licenses have been cancelled by state authorities

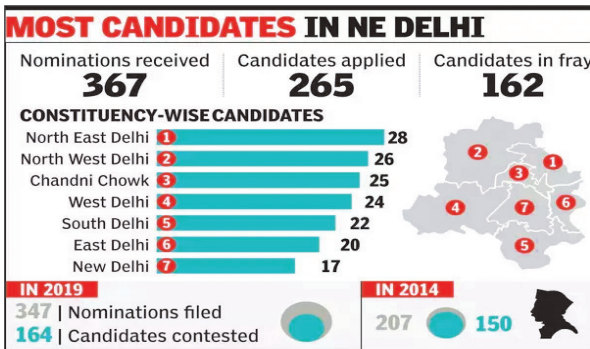
celebrities, etc., go a long way in promoting a product, and it is imperative for them to act with responsibility when endorsing any product in advertisements," Justices Hima Kohli and Amanullah said. It

required marketers to submit self-declaration forms confirming compliance with cable TV and advertising guidelines before airing ads. The directive requires television stations to file these declarations to the Broadcast Seva

Portal before broadcasting commercials. Within four weeks, the relevant ministry must create a print media ad self-declaration portal. Advertisers' self-declarations will not be burdened by bureaucracy, the justices said. The goal is to establish accountability and responsibility in advertising, not to make it difficult for advertisers to promote their products. Influencers must disclose sponsored endorsements, the bench said.

## 162 candidates are running in the May 25 elections in Delhi

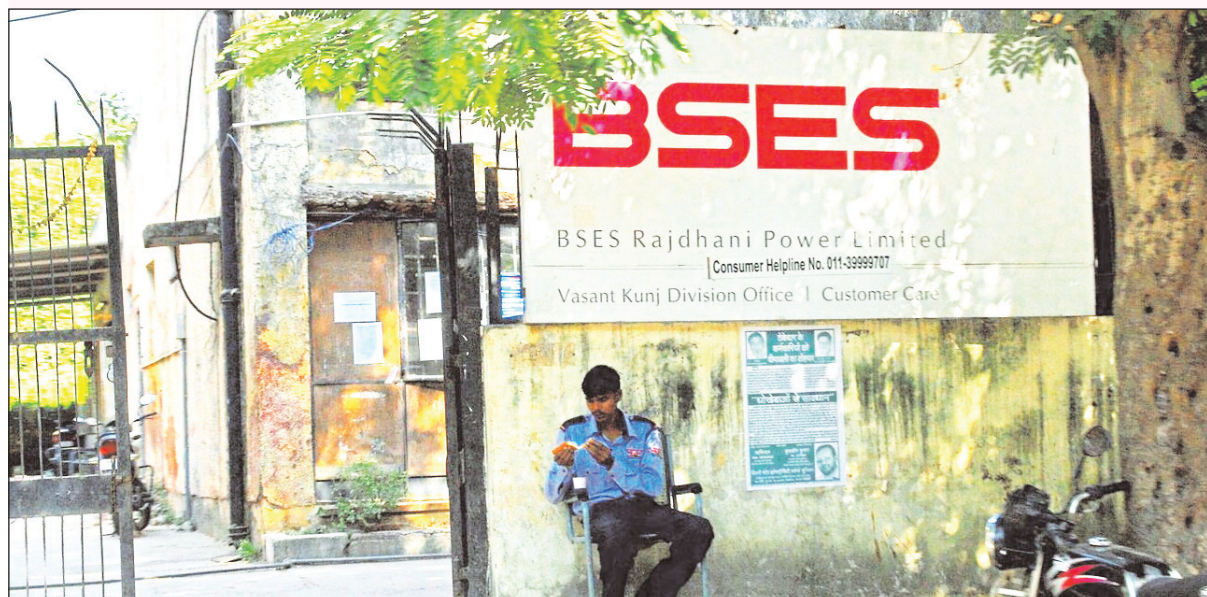
Delhi: 162 contestants are vying for seven seats in the capital's Lok Sabha elections. North East Delhi is the district with the most candidates, fielding 28 people. However, with just 17 candidates, the New Delhi seat has the fewest number of competitors. There are 26 candidates running from North West Delhi, 25 from Chandni Chowk, 24 from West Delhi, 22 from South Delhi, and 20 from East Delhi. The deadline for withdrawing from consideration was May 9, even though the applicants' nominations were examined on May 7. Delhi will hold its sixth phase of voting on May 25 and tally results on June 4. Voting for seven MPs in Delhi will be open to more than 1.52 crore electors. When it comes to electors, West Delhi has the most, while New Delhi has the fewest. While a



number of candidates from independent and registered unrecognized political parties (RUPP) have entered the race, the main contestants will be the BJP, which secured all seven seats in the previous two elections, and the coalition of the Aam Aadmi Party and Congress. The two parties are members of the INDIA group of the opposition. AAP has fielded candidates in four seats and Congress from three under a seat-sharing pact. Another national political group that has put forth candidates for

each of the seven seats is the Bahujan Samaj group. North East Delhi, where Congressman Kanhaiya Kumar, a former student leader, has put up a strong challenge against Manoj Tiwari, the BJP's two-term sitting MP. and Bhojpuri musician turned politician. AAP's Somnath Bharti, a three-term Malviya Nagar MLA, is up against Bansuri Swaraj of the BJP for the New Delhi seat. Raaj Kumar Anand, a minister in Delhi who quit from both the AAP and his position last month.

## Replace aging ACs with efficient ones under BSES' new strategy



Delhi: With the city's temperature reaching 40 degrees Celsius, BSES discoms are offering home customers up to 63% off energy-efficient air conditioners. A 5-star energy-efficient air conditioner can reduce a household's cooling load, which can account for up to 50% of its annual energy

costs, according to BSES. The limited-time AC Replacement Scheme was introduced by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited and BSES Yamuna Power Limited in conjunction with key air conditioner manufacturers. The statement added BSES' operating zones in south, west, east, and

central Delhi will offer the plan for all ACs, including next-generation inverter types. Around 40 "first cum, first served" window and split variants of prominent brands are available. BSES said domestic consumers can exchange up to three air conditioners per contract account num-

ber. BSES spokesperson: "We empower sustainable technologies like LED lighting, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and rooftop solar net metering. The AC plan will cut annual and monthly electricity expenditures and help us work toward a greener future.

## Retailers to hire in tier 2, 3 cities in 2024

Delhi: Retail stores will dominate 2024 employment demand as brands that took space in 2023 open. Milan-based Gi Group predicts retail employment demand would rise 18% in 2023 and 15-20% this year. Layoffs, budget restrictions, and selective hiring are forcing e-commerce startups to tighten their hiring. Active logistics positions declined 13.89% in Q3 FY24 amid peak season fulfillment. According to the report, 52% of shops want to hire recent graduates this year, while 38% want experienced experts. Retailers will keep opening stores. We know of many organizations that are still increasing. 162 candidates are running in the May 25 Lok Sabha elections in Delhi. Delhi: 162 contestants are vying for seven seats in the capital's Lok Sabha elections. North East Delhi is the district with the most candidates, fielding 28 people. However, with just 17 candidates.

## Rajsthani stars campaign for BJP in Lok Sabha



Rajasthan minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, and retired MoS General VK Singh attended rallies. The Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) intensified its Lok Sabha campaign in Delhi, with star campaigners, largely from Rajasthan, soliciting support for party candidates. Top leaders including Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Arjun Ram Meghwal, and MoS General (retired) VK Singh attended rallies. Meghwal canvassed west and north Delhi, while

Rathore canvassed west and south Rajasthan deputy chief ministers Prem Chand Bairwa and Diya Kumari campaigned in Delhi. Meghwal supported BJP's northwest Delhi candidate Y o g e n d r a Chandolia, saying this election will choose the next prime minister. He stated that voting for Chandolia will support Narendra Modi as PM. "The PM must secure the country's borders and internal security. We now respond to attacks instead of sending dossiers

after Modi became PM in 2014. Only the US and Israel held this status before 2014. India is becoming the third nation to retaliate against attackers. It's the sixth largest economy in the world. Meghwal stated BJP rule would place us third in five years. Meghwal supported BJP's north-west Delhi candidate Yogendra Chandolia, saying this election will choose the next prime minister. By voting for Chandolia, people support Narendra Modi as PM.

## There is a connection between the old video of Ramdev praising Rahul

Delhi :On several social media platforms, a video of Baba Ramdev openly complimenting Rahul Gandhi, the head of the Congress party, has been doing the rounds.

Users who are sharing the video assert that it was uploaded not too long ago and relate the praise to a shift in the political climate occurring in favor of the opposition in the General Elections that are to follow. Previously, Rahul Gandhi was not given much attention in the national media, but now he is being talked everywhere, according to Ramdev, who is fea-



tured in the film.

He also lauded Rahul's physical fitness and the Gandhi family's long-standing connection to yoga, which dates back to Nehru. Ramdev, the founder of Patanjali, and Acharya Balkrishna, his associate, were recently admonished by the Supreme Court for their false ads.

As a consequence of this, they were compelled to offer a public apology in prominent

newspapers for the misleading promotion of Patanjali's medicinal products. An individual on X published the video (Archive) and said, "Sensing the situation, Baba has started to flip to the other side." This was done in order to poke fun at Ramdev's outspoken sponsorship of the BJP administration led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Verification of the Facts: A video from the past showing Ramdev praising Rahul Gandhi Related to the Polls of 2024 The video was discovered to be from the year 2022 by NewsMeter.

## To strengthen Punjab, couples should have five children

Delhi: In an effort to foster "stronger familial bonds and contribute to society's prosperity," Damdami Taksal, a well-known Sikh seminary with significant sway over the community, has made an appeal to Punjabis, particularly Sikhs, urging them to

have a "minimum of five children." When people experienced financial challenges when raising big kids, the Taksal, which was formerly led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, declared that it would fully mobilize its resources to sup-

port child rearing. Sikh couples "should aim to have a minimum of five children to strengthen Punjab religiously, socially, politically, and culturally," according to Baba Harnam Singh Khalsa, the 16th chief of Damdami Taksal.

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### BJD promises 100 units of free power and two lakh jobs



Delhi: Odisha chief minister and leader of the BJD, Naveen Patnaik, unveiled the party platform, pledging two lakh government employment in five years, free electricity up to 100 units, and a distinct youth budget of Rs 1 lakh crore for ten years. A reduction from 100 to 150 units was promised. Ten percent of state families use more than 150 units, compared to 75 percent that use fewer than 100. "This will also encourage responsible use of electricity," Naveen added. Under the government's Nua 'O' scholarship program, boys would receive Rs 12,000 annually and girls Rs 14,000 for diploma and degree programs. An increase in entrepreneur loans from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh was offered.

### Congress Lists UP Star Campaigners Before Lok Sabha Polls

Delhi: The Congress announced the Uttar Pradesh Lok Sabha Elections 2024 star campaigners. National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are campaigners. Former party Chief Ministers are also listed.

## Sakshi Malik applauds Brij Bhushan's indictment

Delhi: Star grapplers Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia praised Delhi court's decision to charge former WFI chairman Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh with sexual harassment, calling it a triumph for women wrestlers. Singh, a multiple Lok Sabha MP, was charged with sexual harassment and other offenses under IPC sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to insult her modesty), "This decision will ease the suffering of the nation's daughters. Trollers of women wrestlers



should be embarrassed. Satyamev Jayate." Rio Olympic bronze medalist Malik retired when Sanjay Singh, a former WFI President's adviser, was elected president. "Thank you, honorable court. After sleeping on

the streets for several nights in the heat and rain and giving up our solid careers, we were able to take a few steps ahead in the fight for justice "X" wrote Malik, a key protester against Singh. "Thanks to those

who showed love and blessings and may God bless those who trolled and uttered horrible things. Mother India lives!"

Sakshi, Bajrang, and Vinesh Phogat led the year-long protest at Jantar Mantar in the national capital in January 2023. The Delhi Police charged Singh with assault or criminal force on a woman with purpose to outrage her modesty, sexual harassment, stalking, and criminal intimidation under sections 354-506 of the Indian Penal Code after months of protests.

## A New BJP Vote Promise: US Consulates in Indian Cities

### Former diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu filed his Lok Sabha candidacy papers

Delhi :Former diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu is BJP's Amritsar Lok Sabha candidate. It started with BJP MP Tejasvi Surya. Next is BJP's Amritsar candidate Taranjit Singh Sandhu. A commitment to open US consulates in Bengaluru



and Amritsar. Former diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu filed his Lok Sabha candidacy papers. Before filing his candidacy papers, Mr. Sandhu, 61, was at a roadshow with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. India-US relations are advancing

rapidly. Our community grows there. Business is booming between the countries. So more consulates will likely open here. S Jaishankar stated amid loud cheers, "We'll see who advocates for Amritsar. A New BJP Poll Promise: US Consulates in Indian

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## Flipkart and Bajaj Auto team up to drive sustainable deliveries with Green Machines

GURUGRAM : Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler company, and Flipkart, one of India's leading e-commerce marketplaces, today announced a strategic partnership to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs)



in the latter's last-mile delivery operations. This collaboration signifies a significant step towards a greener future for the Indian e-commerce landscape. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 10 May by Bajaj Auto and Flipkart spokespersons - Samardeep Subandh, President (Intracity Business Unit, Bajaj Auto Ltd) and Prabhu Balasrinivasan, Vice President, Commercial, Flipkart Group, Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply

Chain, Customer Experience & Re-Commerce, Flipkart Group, lays the foundation for a long-term business partnership between Bajaj Auto and Flipkart. The initial, non-binding commitment of supplying a minimum of 1000 technologically advanced electric three-wheeler cargo vehicles to Flipkart paves the way for further collaboration and potential fleet expansion in the future. Enhancing Efficiency and Sustainability. Adopting Bajaj's.

## Durex's #ExplorersWanted Campaign Invites Couples to Discover New Horizons Together

GURUGRAM : Durex, world's #1 condom brand, announced the launch of #ExplorersWanted campaign, featuring a range of Durex Lubes. The campaign is designed to spark a renewed sense of intimacy among couples by building anticipation around mysterious destinations, only to unveil that these places of allure are, in fact, the contours and landscapes of their partner's body. Durex's consumer insights indicate that couples are bored of routine sex, where intimacy becomes monotonous rather than a source of joy. This leads to sex feeling more like a chore than a fulfilling expression of love and desire. With the new campaign, Durex urges couples to enjoy and



explore each other's body during foreplay to create a more satisfying encounter. Durex seeks to revive passion and increase intimacy in the bedroom, by inviting couples to embrace their partners, which will lead to a more satisfying experience. Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, South Asia - Health & Nutrition, Reckitt, said, "Our consumer insights indicate that 74% Indians are tired of the routine in their sex lives and are

constantly on the lookout for something new to improve their sex lives. We understand that bedroom monotony is a real issue. Durex is known for bringing such thought-provoking conversations to the forefront and providing a unique take on them. We are excited to unveil #ExplorersWanted, a campaign dedicated to reigniting the spark and passion within relationships. This campaign is an invitation for couples to

explore each other and embark on a journey of discovery, deepening their emotional and physical connection." Durex collaborated with renowned influencers, including @bruisedpassports, @Unplannedby and @the.vogue.vanity to elevate the campaign's visibility. Leveraging their Instagram presence, these influencers sparked curiosity among followers about visiting a "secret location" and asked them to stay tuned to find out where they were traveling. In a creative twist, the mystery locations were unveiled to be their partner's body, emphasizing intimacy and discovery. The campaign will culminate with the influencers sharing their personal experiences and reviews.

### Will support Congress to overthrow Saini: Dushyant

Delhi: Former deputy CM Dushyant Chautala said that BJP's estranged ally JJP will support the Congress-led opposition's bid to overthrow Haryana's Nayab Singh Saini government. He warned his MLA colleagues that defying a whip to support the BJP would result in disqualification. Chautala's announcement came a day after three Independent MLAs quit from the BJP-led coalition, lowering its strength to 43 in an 88-member legislature after ex-CM Manohar Lal Khattar and Independent MLA Ranjit Singh Chautala resigned last March. Even though the alliance is two short of a majority, Saini said his government would finish its term without a hitch. "We weren't a minority government earlier and aren't now," he declared in Sirsa. In October, Haryana will have elections. Three Independents withholding support might hurt the BJP's Lok Sabha chances, even if the government is technically safe.