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‘Priyanka’s a superstar, party needs her nationally. Hence, she’s not contesting’



On the Congress ended the suspense on Amethi & Rae Bareilly, party general secretary Jairam Ramesh in an interview with Ambika Pandit says even though the party wanted Rahul and Priyanka to contest from these seats, one very important reason for Priyanka not contesting is that she is a ‘superstar’ campaigner for Congress who is taking One very important reason for Priyanka ji deciding not to contest Amethi is that she is a superstar campaigner and her presence as a national campaigner is crucial. If both (Rahul and Priyanka) had contested, then they would have been bottled up in their own constituencies. I must say that Rahul is campaigning nationally too and has programmes in the days ahead, but he will have to campaign in Rae Bareilly also. Priyanka ji is the most forceful campaigner we have. She pays back Modi and Shah in their own language. Her

response to the PM’s insane remarks on Rajiv Gandhi and estate duty abolition demolished Modi completely. I don’t think when I say this, neither the Congress president nor Rahul would disagree with me. The party wanted both Priyanka and Rahul to contest but realistically, it was clear to me and many people in the party that since PM Modi has upped the campaign and taken it to a totally different pitch, attacking the family... Indira and Rajiv Gandhi, she (Priyanka) is able to blunt the BJP’s attacks. She is campaigning all over the country. By temperament, Rahul

because of the announcement coming on the last day, these are all headlines being masterminded by BJP. The PM clearly changed his discourse after the first phase of polling on April 19 as political trends became very evident that not only was BJP going to be wiped out in the south but even in traditional bastions, where it had done very well in 2019 and virtually destroyed Congress, in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. So, the PM’s changed and the comments on redistribution of wealth, inheritance tax, reservations, mangalsutra started coming. He started talking of Muslims explicitly. So far, they used to use minority appeasement but this was a no-holds barred frontal accusation. I put it down to a nervousness on the part of BJP. BJP has been citing video clippings of Rahul drawing from his statements.

Canada cops arrest three ‘hit squad’ members, all Indians, for Nijjar killing



NEW DELHI: Canadian police on Friday arrested three Indians who it alleged were part of a hit squad tasked by Indian govt with the killing of Canadian citizen and pro-Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey last year, according to a media report. The trio have been charged in the killing of Nijjar, CTV News quoted a senior govt source as saying. The accused — Kamalpreet Singh, Karanpreet Singh and Karan Brar— faced first-degree murder and conspiracy charges in the Nijjar case, according to documents filed in a Surrey court. Canadian media reported that the accused were arrested in operations in two provinces — Alberta and Ontario. The three arrested men are Indian citizens who arrived in Canada on temporary visas after 2021, some of them on student visas. “None is believed to have pursued education in Canada. None

has obtained permanent residency. All are alleged associates of a criminal group in Punjab & Haryana that is associated with Lawrence Bishnoi,” CBC News reported. The accused — Kamalpreet Singh, Karanpreet Singh and Karan Brar— faced first-degree murder and conspiracy charges in the Nijjar case, according to documents filed in a Surrey court. Canadian media reported that the accused were arrested in operations in two provinces — Alberta and Ontario. The three arrested men

What is keeping heatwave at bay? 5 western disturbances & counting

NEW DELHI: Parts of the country are recording severe heatwave conditions with some stations touching 47 degrees Celsius, but the mercury in Delhi has remained below 40 degrees Celsius, except for one day, so far this season. Delhi, which witnesses most heatwaves from April’s third week to first week of June, has not seen any such day so far. Met officials said strong winds and cloudy skies under the influence of five western disturbances in April did not let the temperature rise higher. The maximum temperature in summer till now has mostly seen temperatures. “None is believed to have pursued education in Canada. None has obtained permanent residency.

Unnatural sex with wife not rape, consent immaterial: HC

BHOPAL: Observing that marital rape is not an offence under IPC, Madhya Pradesh HC has ruled that unnatural sex with wife is not rape, and her consent is immaterial in such cases. Justice G S Ahluwalia made the observation while quashing an FIR registered by an estranged wife against her husband under IPC sections 377 (unnatural sex) and 506 (criminal intimidation). In his May 1 order, the judge referred to several judgments of the Supreme Court and high courts, and the definition of rape under section 375 of IPC, and stated that a husband engaging in anal sex with his wife did not amount to rape, even if it were non-consensual, as long as the wife was not below 15 years of age. According to the husband’s petition, the couple got married in May 2019, but the wife has been living at her parental house since Feb 2020. She filed a case of dowry harassment against her husband and in-laws, which is pending in court. In July 2022, the wife lodged another FIR accusing him of unnatural sex. “The only question for consideration is whether a husband during the subsistence of marriage while residing together can be said to be guilty of marital rape... Section 375 exception 2 of IPC provides that sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under 15 years of age, is not rape,” Justice Ahluwalia said. The only exception to this provision is IPC section 376(B), where the sexual act with the wife occurs when they are living separately on account of judicial separation, the court said. “When rape includes insertion of penis in the mouth, urethra or anus of a woman and if that act is committed with his wife, not below the age of 15 years.

US protests on wane after crackdowns, Biden rebuke



New York: Pro-Palestinian protests that have rocked US campuses for weeks were more muted Friday after a series of clashes with police, mass arrests and a stern White House directive to restore order. Police in Manhattan cleared an encampment at New York University after sunrise, with video posted to social media by an official showing protesters exiting their tents and dispersing when ordered by loudspeaker. The scene appeared relatively calm compared to crackdowns at other campuses in the country. University adminis-

trators, who have tried to balance the right to protest and complaints of violence and hate speech, have increasingly called on police to clear out the protesters ahead of year-end exams and graduation ceremonies - and some clashes with counter-protesters. us protest More than 2,000 arrests have been made in the past two weeks across the US, some during violent confrontations with police, giving rise to accusations of overuse of force. President Joe Biden gave his first expansive remarks on the protests.

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Jingle vs jungle jibe: Tejashwi Yadav’s musical counter to PM



PATNA: During the 2019 poll campaign, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi had gone to voters with the “Chowkidar **** **” slogan, which ultimately proved counterproductive for the opposition alliance. This time round, his ally and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav has been taking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a 1990s’ Bollywood number, “Tum to dhokebaaz ho, wada karke bhool jaate ho.”

And, he appears to be striking a chord with voters. Dressed in his trademark white kurta-pyjama with a big RJD election symbol (lantern) embossed on it, Tejashwi has been singing this popular

number from the GovindaKarisma starrer, ‘Saajan Chale Sasural’, at almost every election rally. Not only this, he has been playing audio clips of the PM’s past speeches promising to “grant special attention to Bihar, giving two crore jobs to youths every year, bringing back black money allegedly stashed in foreign banks and taming surging inflation” to drive home his point.

BJP scores early run in Gujarat but 2 north seats may spin chance



In cricket terms, the battleground of Gujarat in the 2024 general elections can be seen as a match between a powerful team with strong fast bowlers and aggressive batters, against weaker opponents who have suffered defeats in the previous two seasons of 2019 and 2014. Arguably, the only point of interest and speculation among experts, commentators, and viewers of the match appears to be the margin of victory. BJP scores early run in Gujarat but 2 north seats may spin chance for Congress. In cricket parlance, battleground Gujarat in the 2024 general elections could loosely be described as a face-off between a starstud-

ded superpower armed with ferocious fast bowlers and ruthless pinch-hitters, against minnows who have got whitewashed in the past two seasons of 2019 and 2014. Arguably, the only point of interest and speculation among pundits, commentators and spectators of the duel seemingly being the margin of victory, even as the heavyweight team has already got runs on the board without a ball being bowled. For the first time in the state, since it was carved out in 1960, BJP’s Surat Lok Sabha seat candidate Mukesh Dalal has been declared winner uncontested after the nomination of Congress candidate Nilesh Kumbhani was rejected and all the others in the fray withdrew their candidature.

In fact, Dalal’s unprecedented, uncontested win has thrown a piquant challenge for BJP and district administration: getting voters of Majura, Udhna, Limbayat and Choryasi areas of Surat city to vote, as they fall under Navsari Lok Sabha constituency. BJP state president C R Paatil is fighting Congress’s Naishad Desai in Navsari. Screenshot 2024-05-04 015937 The lotus has been in full bloom in the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, with the saffron party pulling off 26-on-26 victories in the past two general elections. BJP has upped the ante this time round.

Blinken meets Bibi to stave off Rafah op

US secretary of state Antony Blinken met with PM Netanyahu in Israel on Wednesday, his latest stop on a West Asia tour undertaken as President Biden tries to stop Israel from invading Gaza where Palestinians have sought shelter during the war. Blinken and other top Biden administration aides are also calling for Hamas to agree to a deal to free some hostages taken in the Oct. 7 attacks in exchange for a six-week ceasefire and the release of some Palestinian prisoners. US officials say they hope a temporary ceasefire would lead to a permanent one. On Tuesday, Netanyahu said that he plans a major assault on Rafah.

‘Apple logs double-digit revenue growth in India’

NEW DELHI: Strong growth in India continued to reap rich dividends for Apple as CEO Tim Cook said the company is “very, very pleased” after scoring a double-digit revenue growth here. Cook spoke about Apple’s growing engagement in India across retail functions and developer ecosystem as he pointed to sustainability efforts initiated by the company in water conservation. On growth in India, Cook said, “We did grow strong double-digit. And so, we were very, very pleased about it. It was a new March quarter revenue record for us. As you know, as I have said before, I see it as an incredibly exciting market and it’s a major focus for us.” Apple is growing sales channels in the country,

apart from engaging deeper with the developer ecosystem, says Cook. He had visited India last year to inaugurate two company-owned stores. He also met PM Narendra Modi and other partners. “We just opened a couple of stores last year, as you know, and we see (an) enormous opportunity there. We’re continuing to expand our channels, and also working on the developer ecosystem as well. And we’ve been very pleased that there is a rapidly-growing base of developers there. And so, we’re working on entire ecosystem from developer to market to operations, the whole thing. And I just — I could not be more excited and enthusiastic about it.” Apple has seen fast adoption of its products in India.

Beat the heat by consuming plenty of fruit juices

Prayagraj: Summers mean trying to stay away from the heat, taking frequent showers, having light meals and wearing sun dresses. But one of the versatile and widely accepted ways of beating the heat is by consuming lots of fresh fruit juices. Whether it is to quench your thirst or for a celebration, a cool refreshing drink is always welcome in the scorching heat of the summer season.

Juices not only help in overcoming fatigue but also boost energy and work wonders in a state of dehydration. Moreover they are rich in various kinds of vitamins, minerals and enzymes,

low in calories and boost the immune system. Taking this into account, from the small road side fruit juice vendors around the city to the hotel scene, the owners are scrambling to add fresh drinks and beverages to their menu. Not only to add more customers but also to make sure the buyer gets the respite they need away from the scorching heat.

Water melons, juice grapes, oranges, mangoes and melting pears are all filled with the goodness of summer. Mango, the king of the fruits is the hot favourite and a 'welcome guest' of this season. You should make the most of it while it

is still there. "Drinks lots of water it is an amazing healer and add a healthy dose of fresh fruits to beat the heat", suggest health specialists throughout the world.

So, go ahead and beat the heat by drinking gallons of fresh fruit juices and feel cool from the inside. Do remember that fresh fruit juices are a hundred times tastier, healthier and cheaper than bottled aerated drinks. Start your day with a glass of orange juice. It not only contains vitamin C but is also loaded in antioxidants. If oranges are not available, you may drink vegetable juice comprising carrot, beetroot, and tomato.

Add to it a dash of lemon juice, salt and rock salt to keep you energetic throughout the day. Pineapple juice is also a good source of vitamin C and helps the digestion process.

Steamed, raw peaches and apples also make healthy and tasty fruit juices. Chilled water-melon, cucumber and grape juices are simply made for the afternoons and early evenings when the heat is at its worst. Add to the juice chunks of melons and grapes and your energizing health drink is complete. Grape juice not only helps in curing constipation but also is rich in Vitamin C.

Fresh lime concentrates and green mango panna which are reputed to ward off heat stroke and exhaustion should also be kept in readiness. These can refresh you after a workout or walk.

"I make sure to keep a jug of fresh lemonade in hand before husband and children head out for the day in this weather", said Mrs. Singh, an Ayurveda specialist. In fact such scene is often visible in homes; if lemonade is not available then they make do with an equally apt substitute, sugarcane juice or yogurt.

Preparation of mango panna is very simple. Extract pulp of boiled raw man-

goes. Add jaggery (or sugar) to it. Whip up a blender. Add salt, pepper and cardamoms to taste. Chill and serve cold.

Sweet or salted lassi made of thinned buttermilk is an ideal summer refresher. A jug of lassi should find a place in your refrigerator every day in summer.

Try out new juice recipes. Make an effort to be adventurous and try to include as many newer recipes and variety of fruits and vegetables for your juice diet. A varying choice increases the likelihood of getting all the nutritional advantages of fruits and vegetables.

World Yagya Day: Massive yagya organized at Arya Kanya Degree College

Prayagraj: On the occasion of World Yagya Day, a huge yagya was organized at Arya Kanya Degree Col-

lege for the welfare of human society and for the smooth conduct of elections. The chief host of this Yagya was Pankaj Jaiswal, President, Governing Body and Minister of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha. Voting is a democratic right that generations have fought for, he said, and we don't take it seriously. Elections are not just about office,

they are about what policies are implemented and where money is spent. Therefore, he enthusiastically appealed to participate in the voting. He also said that humans have polluted soil, air and water. To purify them through Yagya, we should offer all physical and mental offerings to the fire. Principal Prof. Archana Pathak, Arya Kanya Group Advisor Dr. Mamta Gupta, Vice Principal Prof. Ibha Sirothia, Dean Prof. Anju

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Sakora Campaign launched in Faculty of Law by ABVP AU unit



Prayagraj: Under the aegis of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad's Activity Vikas Arthi Vidyarthi, "Sakora Campaign" was launched in the Faculty of Law of AU. The workers of ABVP Allahabad University unit arranged food and water for the birds in this summer day. For the development of the activity of ABVP, Sakora campaign is run by the students, in which arrangements are made for the relief of birds by putting water and grains in Sakora made of clay. Today, this

campaign was carried out by tying sacks on the branches of the trees located at the Law Faculty of ABVP. State head of Vikasarth Vidyarthi, Rambabu Tiwari said, "Vidyarthi Parishad works on environmental issues. In the summer days, where people feel watery, Due to the problem of water scarcity, many diseases are arising, similarly, ABVP has launched this campaign so that the birds do not face any problem due to lack of water.

Devansh Mohan and

Varun Tiwari, student coordinators for development of ABVP Allahabad University unit, said, "ABVP Allahabad University unit will soon run this campaign in all the faculties and ABVP workers will ensure that there is no danger to birds due to this heat." During this time, AU Unit President Alok Tripathi, Unit Minister Ayushman Chauhan, Vice President Akhilesh Kushwaha and Unique Kumari, Kirti, Aditya Dev Ojha, Bhaskar Tripathi, Abhishek Pandey, Utkarsh Upadhyay were present.

POCO Reveals Irresistible Deals on Bestselling Smartphones

Varanasi: unveils compelling offers for its top-selling smartphones during the May sale, running from May 1 to May 10, 2024, exclusively on e-commerce giants Flipkart and Amazon. Customers will have the opportunity to purchase their preferred products at unprecedented prices during this sale event, coupled with exciting offers.

POCO X6 Pro - The POCO X6 Pro, powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 8300-Ultra SoC, is priced at INR 22,999. Boasting a 5000mm² VC Cooling system and Wildboost 2.0, it ensures optimal gaming performance. Its impressive 6.67-inch AMOLED display offers a smooth 120Hz re-

fresh rate and supports Dolby Vision®, enhancing color and contrast for an immersive viewing experience. With a 64MP OIS triple rear camera system with a 5100mAh battery, ensuring long-lasting usage.

POCO X6 Neo - POCO X6 Neo represents a pinnacle of slim design in the brand's smartphone lineup and is available starting at just INR 13,999. The smartphone boasts a 6.67-inch 120Hz AMOLED FHD+ Display, delivering vivid colors and sharp visuals, perfect for immersive video streaming and gaming experiences. X6 Neo redefines the boundaries of photography with its 108MP Dual AI Camera and a 16MP Selfie Camera. It is also pow-

ered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6080 Processor. POCOM6Pro 5G-POCO M6 Pro 5G is powered by Qualcomm® Snapdragon® 4 Gen 2 on a 4nm process and is on offer at INR 8,999. With a premium glass back design and a large 6.79-inch display, it offers an immersive viewing experience. IP53 splash and dust resistance along with Corning® Gorilla® Glass protection ensure durability. The 50MP primary camera captures high-resolution images with sharp details.

POCOM65G-POCOM6 powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6100+ for seamless and efficient performance is priced at INR 7,749. The POCO M6 5G offers an

immersive 6.74" 90Hz display, ensuring an enhanced viewing and gaming experience, protected by Corning Gorilla Glass. This feature-packed entry-level 5G smartphone aims to solidify POCO's position as a leader in the 5G smartphone segment, offering consumers a device that combines innovation, reliability, and affordability.

POCOC65 - Meticulously crafted, POCO C65 features a sleek and ergonomic design. POCO C65 presents robust storage choices with 4+128GB, 6+128GB, and even 8+256GB, marking the first phone in its segment to feature this configuration. The device boasts a MediaTek Helio G85 chipset and boasts

a gorgeous 6.74-inch HD+ 90Hz display that offers an immersive viewing experience. Priced at INR 6,799, POCO C65 also features a massive 5000mAh battery, providing all-day connectivity.

POCO C61 - POCO C61 features a premium design with a glass back and fast-side fingerprint sensor and is priced at INR 6,499. It boasts a 6.71" Dot Drop HD+ display which offers vibrant visuals with a 90Hz refresh rate. With a 5000mAh battery, it ensures all-day usage and supports fast charging via USB Type-C. The dual camera system captures stunning photos, while the MediaTek G36 chipset ensures powerful performance.

sidiary, Tech Travels DMCC, for hiring sales and contract personnel to onboard Platform users through marketing and promotional activities and to increase suppliers and buyers located outside India, (c) investment of ₹250.00 million [₹25 crores] in sales, marketing and infrastructure to support the Organization's growth plans in India; and (ii) an amount of ₹400.00 million [₹400.00 crores] for undisclosed inorganic acquisitions and general corporate purpose. ("Purpose of the Offer")

The Offer for Sale comprises 2,033,944 Equity Shares by Gaurav Bhatnagar, 572,056 Equity Shares by Manish Dhingra, 2,606,000 Equity Shares by LAP Travel Private Limited (collectively referred to as the "Promoter Selling Shareholders"); 2,637,040 Equity Shares by TBO Korea Holdings Limited and 4,659,757 Equity Shares by Augusta TBO (Singapore) Private Limited (collectively referred to as the "Investor Selling Shareholders").

Nomination papers taken by 5 people

Prayagraj: Under Lok Sabha General Election-2024, on Thursday, the fifth day of nomination, nomination papers were taken by 05 people for Parliamentary Constituency 51-Pulpur and 09 people took nomination papers for Parliamentary Constituency 52-Allahabad. Thus far, a total of 49 people have taken nomination papers for Parliamentary Constituency 51-Pulpur and 53 people have taken nomination papers for 52-Allahabad. On the fifth day of nomination, independent candidate for Parliamentary Constituency 51-Pulpur Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Yuva Vikas Party candidate Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mishra, Independent candidate Mr. Ajit Singh, Bahujan Mukti Party candidate Mr. Nafees Ahmed, Partnership Party (P) candidate, Mr. Sunil Kumar and independent candidate for 52-Allahabad Mr. Kamlesh Kesarwani, Independent candidate Mr. Saroj Patel, People's Party of India (Democratic) candidate Mr. Hemraj Singh, Partnership Party (P) candidate Mr. Rajendra Prasad Prajapati and Apna Dal (Kameravadi). The nomination was made by the party's candidate Shri Hansraj.

ABVP submitted memo to Controller of Exams, demanding postponement, citing LS polls

Prayagraj: ABVP submitted memo to Controller of Exams for postponing the examinations of 13th and 20th May due to the general elections. The workers of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Allahabad University unit proposed the examinations of the students of Law Department of Allahabad University on 13th and 20th May on the same day of the general elections. Due to this, a memorandum has been submitted to the Controller of Examinations for postponement. B.A.LL.B., L.L.B. of Law Faculty of Allahabad University and LL.M. The examinations are being conducted from 8th May to 20th May, out of which examinations are also proposed on 13th and 20th May. Due to this problem, many students of the university will be deprived of voting, the fourth phase of general elections is proposed on 13th May and the fifth phase of voting is proposed on 20th May and examinations are also proposed on the same day. Alok Tripathi, Unit President of Allahabad University. And Union Minister Ayushman Chauhan said, "Voting is everyone's legal right and due to the dates of Law Faculty examinations and general elections of Allahabad University falling on the same day, many students will not be able to vote, hence ABVP is demanding that the examinations not be conducted on those dates."

TBO Tech Limited's IPO to open on May 8

Varanasi: The price band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹875 to ₹920 per Equity Share. Bids may be made for a minimum of 16 Equity Shares and in multiples of 16 Equity Shares thereafter ("Price Band"). The Offer consists of a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹4,000.00 million [₹400.00 Crores] (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 12,508,797 Equity Shares by certain shareholders (the "Offer for Sale", and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer") (the "Total Offer Size").

The Company proposes to use the net proceeds of the New Issue portion of the Offer for (i) growing and strengthening its platform by adding new Buyers (defined below) and Suppliers, which shall include (a) ₹1,350.00 million [₹135 crores] for investment by the Company in technology and data solutions, (b) ₹1,000.00 million [₹100 crores] for investment in its content sub-



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VFS Global Academy and NSDC Int'l B open world-class academy in Varanasi

Lucknow: VFS Global Academy, a leading provider of world-class training in travel and hospitality, in collaboration with the NSDC International launched its state-of-the-art academy in Varanasi on 3rd May 2024. The academy located at Gandhi Nagar, will offer courses in hospitality, tourism, retail, and other sectors that have high demand for skilled professionals. The academy will offer courses comprising three-month-long classroom training followed by 6-month on-job exposure. The facility equipped with two classrooms can accommodate up to 60 students per

batch. The courses will include both conceptual and applied knowledge of the relevant fields and will also have modules on soft skills, digital literacy, and English language. In addition, students will get placement assistance and certification upon completion of the courses. Since 2023, VFS Global has opened similar skilling academies in Mumbai, Lucknow, Ekta Nagar and Deoghar making Varanasi the fifth such facility to open in India.

"Opening the VFS Global Academy in Varanasi, one of the world's oldest continually inhabited cities, is an over-



whelming milestone for us. It is also our second skilling academy in Uttar Pradesh and a testament of our commitment to empower the state's youth through skilling

and enhancing their employability quotient. We have four other academies in India, in Mumbai, Lucknow, Ekta Nagar, and Deoghar. Our goal is to grow our presence to 10

cities by the end of 2024," said Nirbhik Goel, Chief Human Resources Officer, VFS Global. Lauding the initiative, Shri Ajay Kumar Raina COO-NSDC International, said, "We are delighted to continue our defining partnership with VFS Global Academy and extend world-class training and global skill development opportunities to the youth of Varanasi. NSDC International is continuously striving to impart industry-relevant skill training to our youth to increase their employability in the international job market. Through this collaboration, we aim to bridge the skill gap and cre-

ate a pool of employable talent for the growing sectors of hospitality, tourism, retail, and others, thereby enhancing our youth's prospects in the global employment landscape and contributing to the economic and social development of the country." Varanasi, a city known for its culture of learning and its history of scholars and knowledge seekers, is undergoing a major shift in its education infrastructure including Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas Center of Excellence on Machine Tools Design and the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) among others.

3 killed after Bolero collided with their bike in Banda

Banda: Three individuals were killed, including a youngster, after their motorbike crashed with a Bolero vehicle here, police reported on Friday. According to Deputy Superintendent of Police Rajveer Singh, the event occurred at midnight while the victims, Gulam Mohammad (18), his brother Rajju (12), and their neighbor Kamlesh Sahu (26), were returning home from a market in Musiwa village. A Bolero vehicle collided with the victim's motorbike on the Kamasin-Dadaun route near the Sikri bus station, according to the DSP. After receiving the information, the police hurried the victim to the Community Health Center (CHC), where medics confirmed Kamlesh Sahu and Ghulam Mohammad dead upon arrival. Rajju died on his way to Kanpur for treatment, he explained.

The bodies were transported for postmortem examination. A complaint has been filed, and attempts are being made to apprehend the vehicle driver, who left following the collision, he added.

Broken roads are a concern for people in Old City

Prayagraj: A resident of Haji Nagar locality, Rashid, has been advised by the doctor to always wear a mask while on the roads after he developed breathing problems due to dust. A Kareli resident, Bablu, developed back pain due to potholed roads. The number of such patients is in the hundreds and many more are approaching doctors, says Mohd Taj, a social activist.

Broken and dusty roads are a big issue for Old City residents of Prayagraj which partially fall under both the Allahabad and Phulpur Lok Sabha constituencies.

Along with the condition of roads, encroachment in these Muslim-dominated and densely populated localities has resulted in serious health issues, and residents hope for better times from the candidates vying to be MPs. Locals claim that they have raised these issues in past Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha polls but have received only promises. They are doomed to commute on potholed roads which get water-logged during the rains but choke commuters due to dust all year round.

Noorullah Road, Katju Road, Shaukat Ali Road, Mirza Ghalib Road and old GT Road were constructed and repaired during the last Kumbh and are still intact. However, other roads and streets, especially in the interiors of localities in the Old City, are in a poor condition, affecting the daily lives of lakhs of voters in both constituencies.

Residents here feel neglected and complain that both the elected MPs never bothered to visit their areas or take steps to provide them with better facilities. The localities which are worst affected due to poor roads and lanes are Kareli, Atala, Dariabad, Daira Shah

Ajmal, Buxi Bazar, Gulab Badi, Hatia Bahadurganj, Tulsipur, Roshanbagh, Rani Mandi, Akbarpur, Sultanpur Bhawa etc.



Kareli, which falls in the Allahabad constituency, is considered the biggest area which includes many small localities. The two main roads of Sola Market and Asghari Market run parallel and are marked by deep pits. The Sola Market Road ends at Mastan Market where the road is in equally

poor condition.

Another road then links Mastan Market to Gaus Nagar and Kasari Masari which is also in the same

Roshanbagh area, which falls under Phulpur Lok Sabha seat, hit the headlines when hundreds of women sat on a demonstra-

tion against CAA in 2022. Roshanbagh and its adjoining localities Daira Shah Ajmal, Gulab Badi, Baigan Tola, Buxi Bazar are densely populated and have narrow lanes and by-lanes.

"It is hard to recall when these roads were constructed or repaired last time. The streets have deep pits and it's difficult to maintain balance for two-wheeler riders. Neither the MP nor the MLA ever visited these localities," says a lawyer Zeeshan Ahmad of Gulab Badi area.

Local Congress leader Irshad Ullah claims that similar situation prevails at Hatia, Bahadurganj, Rani Mandi and adjoining localities. Despite several complaints and continuous demand by locals, no steps were taken to repair the roads and streets in the Old City area, he complained.

Some work has recently been done on the main road at Abu Bakar Masjid, but the rest of Kareli is replete with poor and dusty roads. The deep pits on the roads are a constant pain in the back, causing health issues, says senior citizen Wasif Ameen, a Gaus Nagar resident.

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Rape accused arrested

Prayagraj: Registered at police station Sarayammarej, Case No. 313/2023, Section 498A/328/376/120 (B) IPC and 3/4 DP Act related to 01 wanted accused in rape crime - Samar Bahadur Yadav, son of Rambaran Yadav, resident of village Mungra Badshahpur, police station Mungra Badshahpur district, Jaunpur, police station Sarayammarej. The police team arrested him today on Friday near Rastipur intersection under Sarayammarej police station area and took advance legal action as per rules.

'Waste-to-wonder Park' to come up near Sangam ahead of Mahakumbh

Prayagraj: Prayagraj will soon have a 'waste-to-wonder park' before the Mahakumbh-2025, said officials. The park will be set up on the lines of Lucknow's 'UP Darshan Park' and will be built and maintained by Prayagraj Municipal Corporation. A place near Sangam area has been identified for the park which will be adorned with artefacts made of waste materials, they said. Senior officials will monitor the progress of the development work and will carry out regular inspections. Officials said the concept of the waste-to-wonder park is taken from Lucknow's UP Darshan Park that showcases prototype models of famous monuments of the state made of scrap and waste material. The most unique feature of the new park at Prayagraj will be the use of waste materials in making artworks. Experts will be hired to make artefacts.

Nagar Nigam officials said a suitable place near Sangam has been identified for the proposed park. The park will offer glimpses of important places and places of tourist attraction in Prayagraj, officials added. Principal secretary (urban development) Amrit Abhijit, in an online review meeting on Wednesday instructed the Nagar Nigam officials to speed up development works ahead of Mahakumbh -2025. He sought progress reports of all works, especially those being done during the night. Moreover, he asked officials to give reports of works for which the election commission needs to give the nod.

Senior cop misbehaves with candidate, video goes viral

Prayagraj: The misbehaviour of a senior police officer with an independent candidate from the Kaushambi Lok Sabha constituency has sent the internet into a tizzy. The video of the incident went viral on social media platforms inviting the wrath of netizens. SP Kaushambi Brajesh Kumar Srivastava has ordered an enquiry into the incident. Chhedu, an independent candidate, came to the Collectorate with his mother Dhanpatia, wife Urmila and eight other family members as his proposers, to file his nomination papers from the Kaushambi Lok Sabha constituency on Thursday. He put aside his placard and drum (dafli) outside the collectorate before entering the collectorate to file his nomination before the district election officer.

A circle officer pushed Chhedu while he was coming out from the collectorate. He beat his Dafli to attract people when he came outside after filing his nomination which angered Circle Officer (city) Satyendra Kumar Tiwari. It is alleged that Tiwari pushed Chhedu and dragged him outside the Collectorate premises holding his hand. Tiwari also allegedly commented "Tumhari aukat kya hai". Locals shot a video of the incident which soon went viral on social media platforms. However, CO Satyendra Kumar Tiwari said that the independent candidate was raising slogans and beating drums within 100 metres of the nomination spot. He was taken outside the premises for violating the model code of conduct. Meanwhile, Ravidas Trust general secretary Satish Goyal has made a complaint to Election Commission, demanding action against the police official concerned.

Four UP lawyers lose bar licence for brawl with litigants

Prayagraj: The Allahabad District Court Bar Association has cancelled the membership of four lawyers, who were allegedly involved in the thrashing of litigants inside the civil judge's chamber. A division bench of Allahabad High Court had, on Tuesday, restrained the entry of two lawyers in the district court, Allahabad compound. President of the district bar association, Rajendra Mishra said on Friday, "The licences of four lawyers -- Ran Vijay Singh, Mohd Asif, Mohd Mehtab and Mohd Aftab -- have been cancelled. Ran Vijay Singh and Mohd Asif have also been restrained from entering the district court premises of Prayagraj by the high court. We have cancelled the licences of four lawyers as their names were also mentioned as accused in the FIR lodged by litigants at Colnaganj police station on April 29."

Acting on the reference sent by district judge, Prayagraj, a division bench had also issued notice to both the lawyers asking them why should they not be punished for criminal contempt. The court had also directed the Prayagraj district judge to submit a report after perusing CCTV footage relating to the involvement of other counsels or individuals in the incident. The court in the same order had also directed Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj to submit a report regarding existing security arrangements in the district court.

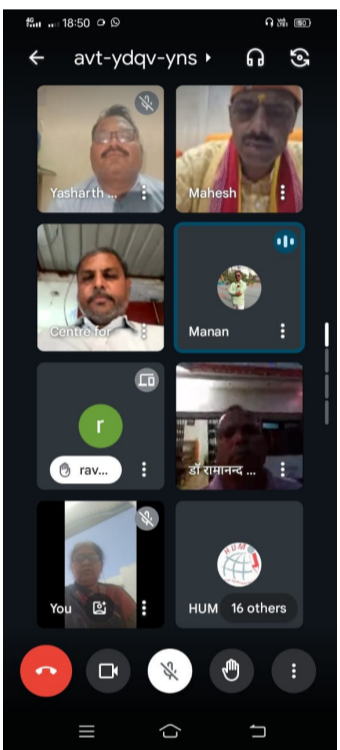
Gauhar Kazmi and Irshad Ullah made observers

Prayagraj: AICC Minority Congress made Rae Bareilly and Pratapgarh Lok Sabha elections on the instructions of Rajya Sabha MP Minority Congress National President Mr. Imran Pratapgarh ji Gauhar Kazmi ji Advocate High Court to Rae Bareilly and Irshad Ullah to Pratapgarh. On this occasion, Parvez Akhtar Ansari, National Secretary, All India Congress Committee, Minority Department expressed gratitude to the high command and congratulated Mr. Gauhar Kazmi and Irshad Ullah. Among those who congratulated were City President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, Mohammad Irfan, Anoop Singh, Qazi Arshi, Abdul Kalam Azad, Vinay Pandey, Taslimuddin, Javed Urfi, Munna.



Transfer advantages from government to citizens: Rajnikant Srivastava

Prayagraj: Virtual meeting of NGO cell of Bharatiya Janata Party state concluded. While presiding over the meeting, State Convener Sandeep Shahi said that the NGO cell will hold a conference at the Lok Sabha level in the entire state. All the officials must be concerned about the Panna Pramukh and the booth. They should be concerned about maximum turnout. Provide your cooperation to the voters in reaching the polling place. Worry about the booths including Panna. We all have to win the booths and increase it to 400. Provincial coordinator Rajnikant Srivastava said that conferences will be held at all the Lok Sabha levels of the province from 10th to 20th. All the coordinators and the co-convenor will take care of the booth along with Panna Pramukh. Efforts will be made to participate in the conference of all such NGOs



who are working to take benefits from the government to the citizens. A team of NGOs and volunteers will be formed and will reach out to every voter in different areas of the society. The conference of NGOs working in the society will be organized with the cooperation of all of you. Citizens are expected to call the provincial helpline number 9415970989. Please give the name and number of any NGO working in the society so that they can be invited to the conference. After the elections, all such NGOs will be honored who will contribute in increasing the NGO voting percentage. On this occasion, Sandeep Shahi, state coordinator Sanjay Kashyap, Rajnikant Srivastava, Sunil Jain, Seema Upadhyay, Avnish Srivastava, Ravi Sharma, Udit Shukla, Sanjay Srivastava, state coordinator and co-coordinator of the district, etc. in the main meeting.

SVEEP Prayagraj Voter Awareness Race organized

Prayagraj: Under the SVEEP program in Prayagraj, Voter Awareness Race was organized under the aegis of the Voter Awareness Forum of Government Higher Secondary School, Gohri Prayagraj, as per the pre-determined schedule, on the playground of the school by the Principal Dr. Ravi Bhushan. Under the voter awareness race, separate races were conducted for the students of class 9 and 10 of the school. The school's exercise teacher Reena Pradhan started the race. The boys and girls remained present and encouraged the participants. School teachers Sarla, Poonam Yadav, Hemlata, Roli Kudeshiya, Mewla Lal Yadav, Lalchand and other staff enthusiastically cooperated in completing the race. This race was conducted under the Prayagraj district sweep program. After completion, the report of the program

was sent to District School Inspector PN Singh. Also, Principal Dr. Ravi Bhushan, through his statement, appealed to the girl students

The result of voter awareness race held today was as follows: First place in boys category was Akash 10A, second place was Akhlesh



to motivate their parents, brothers and sisters whose names are registered in the voter list, to exercise their vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on 25th May 2024. He must go to his polling station and vote. Lok Sabha elections will be held in Prayagraj on 25 May 2024 between 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

10A, third place was Satish 10B. In girls category, first place was Sakshi Patel 10B, second place was Vaisnavi 10B. Third place was Khushi Kumari 10A. At the end, the program was concluded by again taking the Voter Awareness Pledge by all the students and teachers of the school.

Shaam-e-Ghazal organized

Prayagraj: On arrival of Prasar Bharati Addl Director General Anil Srivastava to Prayagraj, Doordarshan Kendra organized a musical and voice gathering Sham-e-Ghazal Cultural correspondent Prayagraj, Sanyam Bharat, Doordarshan Kendra Prayagraj Additional Director General of Prasar Bharati Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, who came from Delhi A grand evening of Shaam-e-Ghazal was organized in the honor of the director. The

Additional Director General held some mandatory meetings with the officials of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra throughout the day as well as reviewed the documents. Shipra Srivastava, the authorized and temporary announcer of All India Radio, took a special interview with him at Doordarshan Kendra, the topic of which was Prasar Bharati in the role of public broadcaster. The interview will be telecast soon from Doordarshan Uttar Pradesh. In the Sham-e-Ghazal orga-

nized under the leadership of Abhishek Tiwari, program head and director of Doordarshan Kendra Prayagraj and under the efficient coordination of program coordinator Harshit Kumar, renowned singer Manoj Gupta along with renowned singer Swati Nirkhii is fast becoming the talk of the town due to his singing and soulful voice. Upcoming singers Shikha Tripathi and Monali Chakraborty recited one ghazal each to the invited audience, listeners and Addi-

tional General Director. Swati Nirkhii started the program



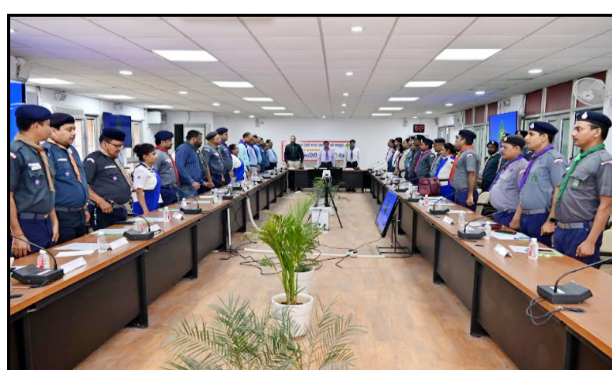
with a ghazal from the ghazal collection of veteran poet

Surendra Shastri. Manoj Gupta from A-Tarab Phir Sajaiye...Hum Ro Rahein Aap Koi Geet Gaiye....." recited Raj Allahabadi's ghazals, one of which was his famous ghazal "Lazzein Gham Badha Dijiye..... You smile again...." Singer Shikha Tripathi said, "While sitting, he gives airs from his hem... May Allah forbid we ever come to our senses...." Whereas Monali Chakraborty enthralled the gathering by singing. Additional Director General also

wrote a ghazal of Bashir Badr... "If you bow your head, even a stone will become a god..." Don't wish him so much, he will become unfaithful. Stage management of the program Well-known announcers Sanjay Purusharthi and Sharad Kumar Mishra did it. Apart from the officers and employees of Akashvani Doordarshan Kendra, Anshu Tripathi, Jyoti Yadav, Amit Awadhesh Vibhuti, many dignitaries of the city were present in the program

Organization of the 19th State Executive Committee meeting of Bharat Scouts and Guides at Headquarters North Central Railway

Prayagraj: On 03/05/2024, the 19th State Executive Committee meeting of North Central Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides was held at North Central Railway Headquarters under the chairmanship of Senior Deputy General Manager and State Chief Commissioner Shri V.K. Garg. It is known that this meeting is organized once a year. In this, all the districts hold talks as per the agenda and put their points on the table and after getting permission from the Chairman of the meeting unanimously, all the districts follow it. State



Chief Commissioner and Senior Deputy General Manager of the organization Shri V.K. Garg and all the present officials were welcomed by wearing scarves. The meeting

started with the Scout Prayer by all the members present.

Thereafter, the annual reports of Agra, Prayagraj and Jhansi districts respectively were presented

through slides. In the meeting, Vice President and Chief Personnel Officer/Administration Shri Mudit Chandra, State Secretary and Deputy Chief Personnel Officer (Chief) Shri

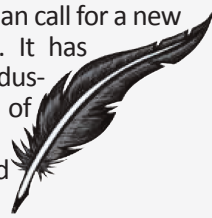
Mukesh Kumar Kulshrestha, State Treasurer and Deputy Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer (Chief Account Officer) Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh,

and Prayagraj, District Chief Commissioner and Additional Divisional Railway Manager of Agra and Jhansi and all the officials of the district and state headquarters Prayagraj participated. The meeting was conducted by State Organization Commissioner Shri Ravi Kant Sharma and Shri Santosh Bajpai, Assistant State Secretary and Assistant Deputy General Manager expressed his gratitude to all the officials present in the meeting. Finally the meeting was concluded with the national anthem.

Editorial

Can India Navigate A Russia-China-Iran Axis?

The world today appears to be on the verge of a cascade of conflicts. Over two years since it started, the Russia-Ukraine war does not seem to be heading towards an imminent settlement. Likewise, despite calls for a ceasefire, the Israel-Hamas conflict appears unlikely to abate anytime soon. And now, events over the past month involving Israel and Iran have demonstrated the potential for a wider regional conflict. While the wars in Eurasia and the Middle East may seem disjointed and seeped in their own historical and political contexts, they are also interconnected in a broader sense of the emerging great power competition for the future of the world order. What we are witnessing today is an era of great power competition in an increasingly multipolar world. The US and China are the chief protagonists in this new order, although each is constrained by its domestic politics and capacities. This creates a certain power vacuum, but also space for autonomy of action, balancing and bandwagoning, and even adventurism by middle powers. In this environment, while there are no distinct blocs that have emerged, there are certain alignments that are becoming more prominent. For instance, NATO seems to have found a fresh purpose following Russia's assault on Ukraine, but there are deep concerns related to American policy continuity. Likewise, there is the emergence of a Russia-Iran-China axis based on common interests and grievances with the West. But there are limits to the nature of support that each lends to the other. After years of mutual antagonism, Israel and Iran now appear to be on the brink of a new conflict. The proximate cause for this can be traced back to Israel's frustration with what it argues is Iranian support for Hamas, and other groups such as the Hezbollah, the Houthis, the Syrian government and groups in Iraq. Over the course of the past month, the two countries have engaged in a cycle of attack and counter-attack. Neither seems to desire a major escalation. But the ladder of escalation often follows its own logic, which can put the best-laid plans to waste. Two strategic outcomes can be observed amid these recent events. First, the persistence of the war in Gaza and the emerging spillovers have exposed the limitations of American and Chinese power, particularly since the situation does not necessarily serve either's strategic interests. Second, there is a clear alignment, albeit with increasing friction, between the US and Israel. The US has been at the forefront, supporting Israel in its war against Hamas, and led its defence amid the recent Iranian strikes. It is interesting to note that this effort was supported by regional actors like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Jordan. In addition, options to coerce Iran economically are being discussed in both the European Union (EU) and the US. On the other hand, China and Russia have been critical of Israeli actions since October 2023. Amid the Iran-Israel tensions, Beijing has backed Iran and sought to preserve its tenuous effort at reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Tehran. Russia, meanwhile, has become Iran's largest military backer since 2022 and threw its diplomatic weight behind Iran's "retaliatory measures" on April 14 against Israel. On the other side of the world, the war in Ukraine is well into its third year. The conflict has fundamentally reshaped European geopolitics and geoeconomics. The war has re-energised transatlantic unity for the moment. However, the direction of American domestic politics has a significant bearing on this momentum. Beijing has sought to straddle the line in Europe by trying to appear neutral while backing the Russian call for a new regional security architecture. It has supported Russia's defence industrial complex with the supply of dual-use items. , but has been cautious to avoid direct weapons support. Russia, meanwhile, has economically.



Their Panchayats are being held and despite the persuasion

In the first phase of voting of this Lok Sabha election, a large number of Jat voters were seen missing in Western UP, called Jatland. Rajputs and Thakurs have also opened a front against the BJP governments in the entire northern region of India. Their Panchayats are being held and despite the persuasion of many big Rajput and Thakur leaders, their opposition is not calming down. In this way, the disappointment shown among the voters in Western Uttar Pradesh, known as Jat Land, on April 19 and the number of voters who came to vote at the booths till almost noon, has given rise to disappointment that whether this time Are voters so angry with the attitude of one party governments that they do not even want to exercise their voting rights? But what is this resentment that if people are angry with the governments of one party, then they should not vote, this will only increase the problem. The way Jats are disappearing from the Panchayats, and the Rajput community and other castes also want to establish their dominance by doing Panchayats and want to show the ruling party that not only Jats, but also Rajputs and Thakurs live in the area. The government is feeling scared because of it, but the unity seen in the Panchayats of these three big castes will be



affected in some way or the other. In such a situation, when these three castes have tried to create an opposing wave through Panchayats, then they need to remain united to get their demands met. In western Uttar Pradesh, there is evidence of unity of Ajjars i.e. Ahirs, Jats, Gurjars and Rajputs. In a way, Thakur is also a caste of Rajputs, so it is counted in it. These four farmer communities are not only hardworking but also honest. And these four communities can tolerate everything, but do not tolerate fraud. Although I believe that all the farmer communities or should we say all the farming communities are honest and hardworking, the Jat and Rajput communities have always been at the forefront in taking decisions in the Panchayats, taking everyone along and history is witness to this. These communities have always resolved all small

and big disputes in the villages through their Panchayats. Apart from this, the kindness among the farming communities, especially the big farmers, is so much that no one can go through their doors without eating and drinking. About four years ago, when the Corona epidemic was spreading globally and there was chaos all around, people suffering from Corona were dying and villagers living in cities were returning to their homes on foot hungry and thirsty, then the farmers He had opened the stores of his house and helped such helpless travelers a lot. Not only this, almost all the works were closed at that time, but the farmers kept the country's GDP intact by working day and night in their fields. At that time, only one or two leaders would have come forward to help the people, the rest of the help was either done by the farmers, or by

those who were sons of farmers and were in jobs. But the way farmers have been ignored in this country for the last few years and especially what has happened to them during the farmers' movement, it is clear that the resentment of Jats, Rajputs and other big castes was bound to come to the fore. But it is not wise to stay away from voting and separate from each other. However, if we talk about reduction in voting, we will see that while 69.2 percent voting took place in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, this time only 55 to 66 percent voting took place at various booths. If the voting percentage remains the same in future, then it will be a big warning not only for the democracy of the country but also for the Election Commission about the dissatisfaction of the voters. Because voters are the basis of elections and if voters do not vote, then how will governments be elected? The fewer voters will vote, the easier it will be for the political parties to manipulate them in their favor and it will also be easier to win, because the mood of the voters is such that the angry voters do not vote or Those who vote for a particular party get burnt on NOTA, whereas those who vote only for a particular party come to vote in any circumstances and in this way, even if the voting

percentage is low, that party can also win, due to which a large number of voters are attracted. The section should be angry. But this is not even 100% true. Because many times people come out in large numbers for anti-voting and those voters get angry, who are stuck to one party and are angry with that party for some reason. But they do not get angry and vote for other parties, rather they prefer to sit at home and protest against voting. If we want to see such examples, we will see that in the 2018 assembly elections in Rajasthan, the Rajputs there had opened a front against the BJP and the result was that the BJP had lost in Rajasthan. Despite being less in number than other castes, the opposition of Rajputs proved too much for BJP and after two five-year plans, BJP could return to power in Rajasthan in the year 2023. This time, the way the resentment of Rajputs has come to the fore in the northern region of India after the Jats from Western Uttar Pradesh, anything can happen. In fact, for the last one year, BJP has been continuously trying to target every caste in the country except Muslims, which have good numerical strength. , for the Lok Sabha elections. But as elections approached, resentment towards BJP emerged among some big castes.

But There's A Deeper Problem

According to the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) latest forecast, India is expected to receive above-normal rainfall during the upcoming June-September southwest monsoon season. This is great news after a gap of eight years; 2016 was when India last experienced decent rain. The country's dependence on monsoon can be gauged from the fact that it receives about 70-90% of its annual rainfall in the four months of June-September. Normal monsoon has a direct impact on the country's economy. Evenly-distributed rainfall is crucial for the 61% of Indian farmers who are dependent on monsoon for agriculture. A positive monsoon enhances agricultural production, which in turn boosts the country's economy and

enhances food security. Over the last few decades, dwindling resources have led to overuse of groundwater. According to the Central Groundwater Board of India, 18% of India's groundwater assessment units are overexploited or critical, meaning that the rate at which water is extracted is higher than the rate at which the aquifer can recharge. The overuse of groundwater for agriculture has increased since the 1960s, especially after the Green Revolution. To fulfil requirements, a largely ungoverned groundwater irrigation economy has mushroomed in rural areas. Increased availability of borewells and free or subsidised electricity have allowed farmers to withdraw groundwater at will, leading to the resource's overexploitation. The practice raises concerns given

that about 75% of the annual groundwater recharge takes place during the southwest monsoon. With climate change altering monsoon patterns, these recharge cycles can get disrupted, consequently leading to high crop failures. The IMD's latest monsoon prediction is music to not only farmers but also lakhs of people in Indian cities that have been battling water-related crises. Bengaluru is foremost among them these days. It has two major sources of water - while Cauvery water takes care of 60% of the city's water needs, the rest is fulfilled by borewells handled by Bengaluru's water supply authority.

Two large lakes in the metropolis, Varthur and Bellandur, have been lying empty for the last four years due to desilting work.

Another election, another round of suspicion and allegations

Following that, the ECI decided to introduce VVPATs in a phased manner, and in the 2019 General Elections, all EVMs were used with VVPAT machines. Let me point out two things. Firstly, it was precisely to remove doubts regarding the EVMs that VVPAT machines were introduced - to provide voters with a means to verify that their vote was cast correctly and for the audit of stored electronic results. Using these machines, voters can review a physical ballot to confirm their electronic vote. Secondly, it was the VVPAT machines that malfunctioned in the recent by-polls, and not the EVMs," writes former Chief Election Commissioner S.Y. Quraishi in the book India's Experiment.

With Democracy: The Life of a Nation Through Its Elections. The chronology of events - from the seed of an idea to its development to the widespread use of EVMs - shows that the process progressed through several Union governments. Yet, the same leaders who may have raised objections over polling through EVMs have been content while in office. Quraishi has observed in his book, "The issue of 'tamperability' of EVMs has been doing the rounds ever since they were first introduced. Every time a political party loses an election, it blames the machine. However, none of them has been able to prove their allegations against

the credibility of EVMs, and neither do they apologise when they win the elections where the same EVMs have been used." Strong words indeed. Doubts, then aspersions, were directed at EVMs - over their accuracy and security - since these were used experimentally. In fact, there was a time when Rangarajan took to writing in defence of his creation in terms of the machines being secure and tamper-proof. He had even been quoted saying that EVM was one invention that made him as proud as did his writings. Yet, just a year after his demise, EVMs were back in the news, again for the wrong reasons. Former CEC Navin Chawla, in his book Every Vote Counts: The Story of India's Elections, remembers from his own experience, "The EVM continues to be buffeted in stormy seas. A concerted attack emerged in 2009..." And the next year, Hari Prasad, an engineer, in collaboration with American computer scientist J. Alex Halderman and Dutch hacker Rop Gonggrijp, claimed to have shown ways of tampering with EVMs. However, Prasad was unable to justify how he was able to acquire a real EVM. He was subsequently arrested on charges of theft of the machine allegedly from a customs house in Mumbai, where it was stored. Incidentally, about two dozen countries have EVMs or a similar system of voting

today. The ECI has its views on "EVM detractors", posted on its website: "Self-appointed technical experts and certain social media personnel have repeatedly failed to realise that the EVMs cannot be compared to a computer, which runs on an operating system. The micro-controllers of EVMs and VVPATs run on a specific program designed to faithfully record the voters' choice. That the EVM is a truthful machine has been proved over decades of usage through changes in several governments at the state and central level, whenever the public wanted to. In fact, the EVM has made elections safe and virtually eradicated booth capturing by limiting the rate of vote casting to four votes a minute and thus significantly increasing the time required for stuffing false votes."

Another election, another round of suspicion and allegations on the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). The voting machine has always been mired in controversies, with debates heating up around the time of elections. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has repeatedly defended EVMs as non-tamperable, citing technological measures and strict administrative and security measures taken by the poll body. Unfortunately, S. Rangarajan, the man who designed the EVM, is no longer here to defend the device t.

What A Caste Census Can Come To Mean

I was born in the Indian Railways township of Tundla, a major junction on the historic Delhi-Howrah trunk route, in the heartland of Uttar Pradesh. The town had a population of just 30,000 then, divided almost equally between the railwaymen and their dependents and 'the townwallahs', as the others - shopkeepers, traders, professionals and some farmers - living there were fondly called. Tundla was like a microcosm of India, with people from all parts of the country, representing all religions, faiths, languages, traditions, colours and festivals, living there. Ramlila, Durga Puja and Guru Parva festivities always fascinated me, as did the sombreness of the

Muharram processions. Nobody ever asked me my caste or, for that matter, my religion. My parents were refugees, thanks to the unfortunate Partition. My father had to leave behind his ancient village in the Frontier, bordering Afghanistan, and my mother had to flee from Mianwali in western Punjab. But it did not matter to our neighbours or friends. It was a childhood full of carefree joy, play and happiness. The whole town was like a family, which would transform into a big mela (a fair) on occasions like Diwali, Durga Puja and 'chhabbis january' (January 26, the Republic Day of India). I did not know anything about caste. Two families living opposite our house

were Dalit, which I had heard - mostly in whispers - from the priest of our local temple, but we all prayed together, celebrated together, and often ate together. I am sure the caste fissures were all there, and probably profoundly, but they were under the radar, never paraded nakedly. Caste was a reality, a big social cleavage in villages just outside our microcosm, but I also know for sure that most even in those villages would have wanted to be like us. Honestly, I did not know - and did not care to know - my caste until I was already settled, had travelled all around the world, married and even had the first child. The 1990 violence over the implementation of the Mandal

report shattered me. Suddenly, everybody was asking each other about their caste. If you used only 'Kumar' or 'Singh' or 'Bharti' as your last name, people were careful not to offend you, staying neutral on the Mandal debate in social gatherings. It was in such an atmosphere and anxiety I called up my father one evening to ask him about our 'caste'. He was baffled. All he managed to say was, "We are Hindus, Panjabi Hindus." I persisted, "That I know, but what is our caste... I mean caste?" I listed out all the four varnas and asked him to tick the right box. He said, "We are Arora. I do not know beyond that." There was no Google in those days.

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles brings its Mega Service Camp in Faridabad



Faridabad : Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is set to extend its highly successful Mega Service Camp to Faridabad, Haryana. Following the successful phase I of service camps across states, the phase II of service camps will further expand to more cities. This event will take place in Faridabad from April 26th to April 27th, exclusively catering to Jawa motorcycle owners of the 2019 and 2020 models in the region. The service camp will be held at: o Northern Motors - A-5, Neelam Bata Rd, Nehru Ground Haryana - 121001. As part of the camp,

owners of 2019-2020 Jawa motorcycles are entitled to a comprehensive vehicle health check-up and a free replacement of select parts. Leading original equipment suppliers, including Motul, Amaron, and Ceat Tyres, will be actively participating to assist customers. In a continued commitment to long-term customer satisfaction, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is offering complimentary extended warranties based on the motorcycles' health evaluation. Additionally, a designated zone will be set up for owners interested in upgrading their motorcycles to assess the exchange value. Building on the success of phase I service camps, which have already serviced over 6250 Jawa motorcycles, Jawa anticipates servicing around 10,000 bikes by the end of June. Looking ahead, Jawa will organize Mega Service camps (Phase II) in multiple cities across the country in the coming months. The next camp will be organized in Jammu, Haldwani, Magalore, Siliguri and Jodhpur. This initiative reaffirms the brand's commitment to prioritizing customer satisfaction and providing an unmatched ownership experience.

Supreme Court: Can't pass order on EVMs on suspicion of manipulation

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed its unwillingness to pass any order regarding electronic voting machines (EVMs) only on the basis of suspected hacking and manipulation, while stating that it would not flinch from ensuring steps for improvement if it saw the need for any.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said the court was not the controlling authority of another constitutional body (Election Commission) which should take independent decisions pertaining to the poll process. When advocate Prashant Bhushan insisted there was still a possibility of a malicious programme being lodged in EVMs to alter the election results, the SC said. "The report you are relying on says there is no incident of hacking yet. We are not the controlling authority of another constitutional authority. We cannot control the election.



The judgment of the court did say VVPAT... but where is the direction to increase the paper count? Can we issue mandamus on the basis of suspicion?" India (1) The SC, on the previous hearing on April 18, had virtually ruled out the possibility of returning to ballot paper. The bench, on the previous hearing on April 18, had virtually ruled out the possibility of returning to ballot paper, and said there was a huge drawback with the system and use of EVMs had stood the test of time with increasing voting percentage reflecting voters' faith in

it. Though the court had reserved its verdict earlier, it held another hearing on Wednesday to clear doubts regarding the technical functioning of EVMs and a deputy election commissioner, like on the last occasion, answered the court's queries. Asked whether micro-controller was installed in the controlling unit or the VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) unit, the commission told the bench that all three units - control unit, ballot unit and VVPAT unit - had their own microcontrollers which were one-time programmable.

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CDRI leads the call for action to accelerate investments in resilient infrastructure

GURUGRAM :

The International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) opened today at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. ICDRI is the flagship event of Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an international organization launched by Prime Minister of India in 2019. CDRI currently has 46 members. The theme of ICDRI 2024 is 'Investing today for a more resilient tomorrow.' ICDRI is a two-day event that brings together governments, the global infrastructure community, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and the media to support the development of disaster resilient infrastructure. Inaugurating the event virtually, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, highlighted that damages to infrastructure systems caused by disasters are reported in dollars, but the true impact is felt by people and communities. The Prime Minister congratulated CDRI on its rapid growth since 2019, and its programmes which are supporting the development of resilient infrastructure, including across 13 Small Island Developing States. He closed his remarks with the hope that ICDRI would catalyze action to help achieve 'shared global resilience'.

HDFC Bank Educated over 2 Lakhs Citizens on Safe Digital Banking Practices PAN India in FY24

AMBALA/HISAR: HDFC Bank as a part of digital banking awareness drive, conducted a series of secure banking workshops pan India. The Bank organized over 16,600 workshops sensitizing over 2,00,224 citizens on safe digital banking practices. These workshops were aimed at educating school and college students, law enforcement agencies, senior citizens, self-help groups, customers and employees. Through these interactive sessions, participants gained valuable insights on safe digital banking practices so



that they don't fall prey to cyber frauds. Commenting on this Mr. Manish Agrawal, Executive Vice President - Credit Intelligence and Control - HDFC Bank said, "Cybercrime is a serious threat to individuals and organisations alike. Lack of awareness among the citizens so that they do not share confidential banking data or click on unverified links. The

objective of these workshops is to educate participants on various modus operandi used by fraudsters and the secure banking practices that they need to follow so that they do not become victims of such online frauds. These awareness workshops are in line with HDFC Bank's philosophy and core value i.e. Customer Focus." The workshops included real life examples, stories and videos which helped participants understand various Modus Operandi used by fraudsters and tips on how to stay safe from such frauds.

Tata Motors celebrates 4 lakh happy customers of the Magic; introduces first-in-its-segment, Magic Bi-Fuel

GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD : Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, celebrates the remarkable milestone of 4 lakh happy customers of the Tata Magic - India's most preferred van. On the momentous occasion, the company has introduced a new variant, the Magic Bi-Fuel, to further increase the convenience of its customers. Renowned for its reliability, efficiency and affordability in the last-mile transportation, the 10-seater Tata Magic has



been the ideal choice of commuters and operators. The sleek design, safety and passenger comfort of the Tata Magic have been pivotal to its continued success over the years. The Tata Magic comes equipped with an array

of value-added features such as an Eco switch, gearshift advisor and enhanced driver ergonomics, all aimed at reducing the total cost of ownership. The Magic is perfectly suited for student and staff transportation, and last-mile mobility. The Magic-Bi-Fuel is powered by a 694cc engine and comes with 60-litre CNG tank along with 5-litre petrol tank, with a cumulative range of ~380 kilometres on a single fill. Offering unparalleled performance and

low maintenance costs, the Magic comes with an exceptional warranty of 2 years or 72,000 km. Commenting on the milestone, Mr. Anand S, Vice President & Head - Passenger Business, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles said, "We are elated to achieve the milestone of 4 lakh happy customers for the versatile Magic brand. Celebrating 4 lakh journeys of trust, efficiency and comfort, the Magic continues to be the heartbeat of India's bustling mass mobility.

BJP leader Amarjeet Chhabra campaigned vigorously in favor of Naveen Jindal and sought votes

Kaithal: State President of Haryana Rice Millers Dealers Association and senior BJP leader Amarjeet Chhabra said that under the able leadership of the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has set a new direction and our country is being recognized all over the world. Has been named. Modi government has created a new India. He said that the Modi-Nab government has been working well in the public interest for the last 10 years. The development and beneficial policies of the BJP government have proved to be a boon for the upliftment and welfare of every section of the society. Amarjeet Chhabra was appealing for votes by campaigning in various



areas of the district in favor of BJP candidate Naveen Jindal from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency. Amarjeet Chhabra said that today the policy of the country's government is right. The work that Modi government has done in empowering women has not been done by any government till date. The country has to be made a developed nation by 2047 and BJP will form the government for the third time with the blessings of the public

with the slogan of 400 crosses and for the third time Narendra Modi will be crowned the Prime Minister. The wave of BJP is going on in the country and the state and the people of Haryana will work to bloom lotus flowers on 10 Lok Sabha seats. He claimed that BJP candidate from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency Naveen Jindal is getting full support from people of every section day by day and with the blessings of the public, Jindal will win the elections with record breaking votes. BJP leader Amarjeet Chhabra said that today Congress is not even getting candidates to contest the Lok Sabha elections and the family of BJP is continuously increasing.

Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd. Acquires Luxury Staycation Property and Commercial Retail Spaces

CHANDIGARH : Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd. (BSE: 531035) is pleased to update the developments taking place in its hospitality business (i) acquisition of luxury Staycation property at Lonavala with an investment of about INR 30 Million, and (ii) acquisition of commercial retail spaces with an investment of about INR 470 Million in the largest mall located near the International Airport at Mohali, the satellite city of Chandigarh, the heart of the richest state in India, Punjab, which demonstrates its strong commitment to expanding its hospitality business and diversifying its portfolio in the growth potential business



areas. Eraaya of its Designer, Luxury Staycation properties demonstrates an intense understanding of the booming leisure tourism market and a strategic approach to meeting the needs of discerning travellers. The Destination Lonavala: Situated amidst the lush greenery of the Western Ghats and conveniently located near major urban centres like Mumbai and Pune, Lonavala is a popular destination for weekend getaways and leisure trips. The serene surroundings, pleasant climate, and range of recreational activities make it an ideal location for a luxury Staycation property. Eraaya Lifespaces' investment in a Luxury Cottage located at the pristine allows it to cater to the demand from urban dwellers seeking a luxurious escape from city life without having to travel far. By ensuring that

its Boutique Staycation property in Lonavala will be ready and operational by this current mid-year, Eraaya Lifespaces demonstrates its commitment to meeting the demands of travellers eager to explore exceptional destinations. Whether guests are seeking a serene retreat amidst nature or an indulgent urban escape, Eraaya Lifespaces' properties will be designed to offer unforgettable experiences tailored to their preferences and desires. he Hospitality Industry in India Market size is estimated at USD 247.31 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach USD 475.37 billion by 2029.

PM Narendra Modi on said he would be a "shield for the Constitution"

RAIPUR: PM Narendra Modi on said he would be a "shield for the Constitution" and attacked Congress over a remark by its South Goa candidate Captain Viriato Fernandes (retired) that the Indian Constitution was "imposed on Goa" after its liberation from the Portuguese rule in 1961. At a rally, Fernandes had said that while pressing for the demand for dual citizenship, he had explained to Rahul Gandhi in 2019 how the Constitution was 'imposed' on Goans. Attacking Congress at a rally in Chhattisgarh, Modi said: "A Congress candidate in Goa is saying that the Constitution of India will not work there. Isn't this a disrespect of Babasaheb? Isn't this a disrespect of the Constitution Babasaheb's Constitution is working in J&K." "This is a deliberate move to break the country.

'Not polarising to show Congress brought religion-based quota': PM



NEW DELHI: "To show that Congress violated the Constitution by enacting laws to provide reservations on the basis of religion is not polarisation," PM Narendra Modi asserted, taking head-on the criticism that he has tried to promote polarisation through his speeches. The second round of polls, Modi also stood by his statement that his predecessor Manmohan Singh had indeed said Muslims had the first claim on the nation's resources. He also declared that he was determined to fulfil BJP's commitment to implement a Uniform Civil Code. "It is clear that separate laws for communities are detrimental to the health of society. We cannot be a nation where one community is progressing with the support of the Constitution while the other community is stuck in a time warp due to appeasement. We will do everything in our capacity to make UCC a reality in India," the PM said, while also

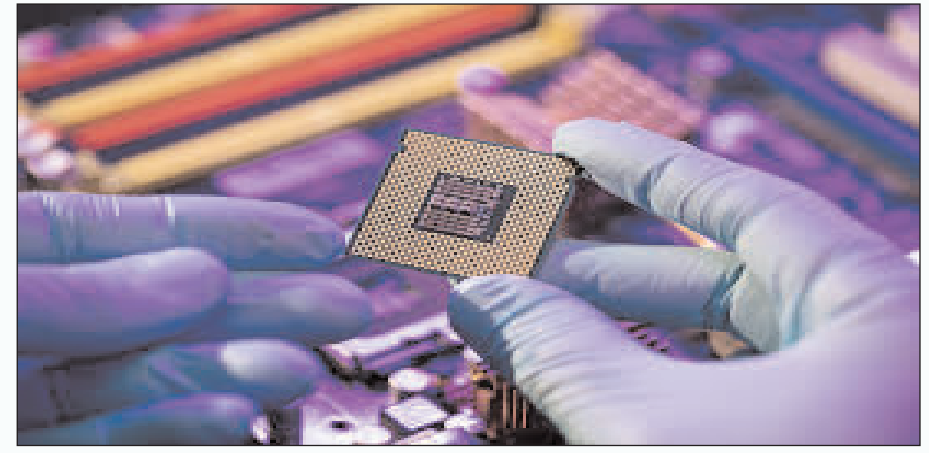
renewing his vow to move forward on his 'one nation-one poll' plan. Modi expressed confidence of getting a third straight term, and said he was striving for a 400-plus tally to foil the "evil designs of opposition parties to take away reservations and rights of SCs/STs and OBCs and give it to their vote bank". The PM came down hard on the push for redistribution through measures such as wealth and inheritance tax. "I do not think they are solutions by any stretch of imagination. These are actually dangerous problems disguised as solutions. Would you work day and night if the govt

would take away your money at the end in the name of redistribution?" he asked, adding these ideas would "kill" the start-up revolution and were merely a way to please "the opposition's vote bank". He further said that these ideas carried the risk of creating "complete and irreversible communal disharmony". "Our Constitution protects the property of all minorities. This means that when Congress talks of redistribution, it cannot touch the properties of minorities, it cannot consider Waqf properties for distribution, but it will eye the properties of other communities," he added.

Modi dubbed Rahul Gandhi's proposal to conduct a survey to estimate people's assets "Maoist thinking and ideology" and a "recipe for disaster" which would lead to "raiding every home". Asked about the opposition's charge that he would change the Constitution in case he got a super mandate, Modi said, "It is ironic that people who have changed the Constitution maximum number of times are saying that we will change the Constitution. But before asking such a question, you should analyse my track record." Exuding confidence about BJP's prospects in the South, Modi said opposition parties had raised a "false bogey of discrimination" to divert attention from their failures. On foreign policy, he was unfazed about India being seen as disregarding the "rules of the international order" to pursue its national interests.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

MCD plans to carpet or repair 50 km of interior roadways by Oct. to reduce dust. Between April 2023 and February 2024, 139 km of roads were resurfaced or repaired. A civic council wants to resurface 180km of roads by Oct. Road maintenance and resurfacing are ongoing. After winter, we started dense carpet work on damaged areas. Work is being done with MLA or Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna non-plan head funding "said the official. Our 52 mechanical road sweepers are for PWD roads. He added that 195 water sprinklers, jet machines, and 30 mobile anti-smog guns are reducing dust pollution on roadways. PWD gave MCD 60 anti-smog weapons to reduce dust near construction sites. In highrises, 15 smog cannons are deployed. The official claimed these work as needed. In response to summer fires, MCD has limited unauthorised entry and the carrying of cigarettes, bidis, lighters, and matchboxes. "Supervisory staff must notify Delhi Fire Services immediately of fires. Junior engineers and supervisors have SOPs for 24/7 landfill supervision. The official stated fresh solid garbage is unloaded, compacted, and coated with bio-cover to prevent fires.

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

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



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

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

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

EC publishes a "rate list" for enticing competitions

Delhi: you can get a buffet or a packed lunch that includes two curries, rice, achar, roti, and sweets for Rs 80. You can also get a mini meal of chhole bhature or poori aalu for Rs 37. You can also get a small cup of tea or coffee for Rs 6. These prices do not include the cost of a roadside eatery or canteen. Every cup of tea or coffee, packed lunch, or small meal provided to a political worker conducting a

campaign during the capital election will be tracked and contributed to the candidate's overall poll expenditure. Not only will food costs be important, but so will the price of the chairs and tables that will be used at candidate polling places or during election gatherings. The candidates' election expenses also include the cost of renting vehicles for campaigning, posting posters, banners, and

hoardings, hiring a man to beat a drum, hiring horses and elephants for a road show, and hiring videographers, photographers, and drones to record the events. Every penny spent by the candidates is tracked from the time of nomination filing to the casting of ballots, with the total amount not to exceed the Rs 75 lakh cap on election expenses set by the Election Commission of India.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

One-year DDA flat maintenance with RWAs

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

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

TBO TEK LIMITED - INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OPENS ON 08th May, 2024



GURUGRAM : TBO Tek Limited ("The Company" or "TBO"), shall open bids for its initial public offering of Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 08th, 2024. The Offer will close on Friday May 10th, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be on Tuesday May 07th, 2024.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 875 to ₹ 920 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 16 Equity Shares and in multiples of 16 Equity Shares thereafter ("Price Band"). The Offer comprises of fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 4,000.00 million

[₹ 400.00 Crore] (the "Fresh Issue") and an Offer of Sale by certain shareholders of up to 12,508,797 Equity Shares (the "Offer for Sale", and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer") ("Total Offer Size"). The Company proposes to utilize net proceeds of the Fresh Issue portion of the Offer towards (i) Growth and Strengthening of its platform by adding new Buyers (defined below) and Suppliers which shall include (a) ₹ 1,350.00 million [₹ 135 crore] towards investment in technology and data solutions by the Company, (b) ₹ 1,000.00

million [₹ 100 crore] towards investment in its Material Subsidiary, Tek Travels DMCC, for onboarding platform users through marketing and promotional activities, and hiring sales and contracting personnel for augmenting the Supplier and Buyers based outside India, (c) ₹ 250.00 million [₹ 25 crore] investment in sales, marketing and infrastructure to support organization's growth plans in India; and (ii) Unidentified inorganic acquisitions and towards general corporate purpose amounting to ₹ 400.00 million.

#Travel With Limca On An Exhilarating Exploration Of Your City

Panipat/Karnal: Coca-Cola India's homegrown heritage brand Limca, India's favorite lemony flavored drink, has launched its exciting new campaign, #TravelWithLimca. Launching Triptii Dimri as the Limca girl, the campaign is built on the idea that there is a whole world waiting to be discovered right in our neighborhoods. The #TravelWithLimca campaign encourages people to discover new hotspots within their cities. Conceptualized by Studio X, the campaign film takes viewers on a vibrant journey alongside Triptii Dimri as she embarks on a bus ride that takes her on a delightful city exploration. As the bus rattles through the streets, with the first sip of the ultimate thirst quencher, Limca, a layer of happiness envelops her, igniting a sense of excitement and curiosity. Energized by the refreshing taste, Triptii's journey takes an enchanting turn, setting

out to traverse through the hidden gems of her city. From bustling markets to sizzling street snack shops, she uncovers the rich experiences, inspiring consumers to tour the city with a refreshing Limca. Expressing her excitement about joining the Limca family, Triptii Dimri said, "I am very happy and excited to be a part of Limca. Exploring new places and experiencing different cultures has always been my passion, and I am thrilled to encourage others to do the same. Together with Limca, I look forward to embarking on this exciting journey of discovery." Ruchira Bhattacharya, Senior Director, Marketing – Hydration, Sports and Tea Category, India and South-West Asia Operating Unit at The Coca-Cola Company, said, "With its legacy of lime and lemony credentials, Limca has been rejuvenating consumers with its unique taste for 5 decades. We are thrilled

to launch the #TravelWithLimca campaign featuring Triptii Dimri as our new Limca face. With this campaign, we hope to encourage people to get out there and discover the beauty of their own cities and refresh themselves with a chilled Limca! Mukund VML, Chief Strategy Officer, Studio X said, "There are so many places in one's own city that are waiting to be discovered. The #Travel with Limca campaign encourages you to live your city to the fullest. Everything in the commercial is localized to the city - from the name of the bus stop to the illustrations. Triptii with her effervescent attitude was not just great to work with but also is the perfect Limca girl." As part of the campaign, the brand will be running a promotional offer until 30th June, where consumers stand a chance to win travel vouchers from DMRC, Ease.

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TDP chief launches Praja Galam yatra, vows to end YSRCP's autocratic rule in the state

TIRUPATI: Former Chief Minister and Telugu Desam chief Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the "Praja Galam" poll campaign amidst much fanfare at Palamaner in his home district of Chittoor on Wednesday and vowed to end the autocratic rule of the YSRCP in the state in the 2024 polls. Addressing an impressive rally at Palamaner, Naidu denounced the manner in which the YSRCP government neglected the irrigation projects in the water-parched and perennially drought-prone Rayalaseema region of the state. Telugu Desam founder and former Chief Minister NT Rama Rao had a vision to bring Krishna waters to address the drinking and irrigation water needs of the Rayalaseema region. "It was during the Telugu Desam Party regime in the state that various irrigation projects such as the Telugu Ganga, Handri Neeva, Galeru Nagari, etc., were taken up. While 90% of the works of the irrigation projects were completed by the TDP, the YSRCP government couldn't complete the pending 10% of the works in the last five years," Naidu lamented. "During the TDP regime between 2014-2019, about 62 irrigation projects were initiated, and 24 were completed. While the TDP spent Rs. 68,000 crore on irrigation projects across the state, Rs. 12,000 crore was allocated for the completion of irrigation projects in the Rayalaseema region alone. The Jagan Reddy government allocated only Rs. 2,125 crore for irrigation projects in the Rayalaseema region in the last five years, reflecting the government's lack of resolve for the completion of irrigation projects in the state," the TDP chief observed.

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF EQUITY SHARES OPENS ON MAY 8, 2024

GURUGRAM : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (the "Company"), proposes to open the initial public offering of its Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. ("Offer") The initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 10,000 million ("Fresh Issue") and an offer of sale of up to such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 20,000 million by BCP Topco VII Pte. Ltd. (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder")



("Offer for Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer"). The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue, (i) to meet future capital requirements towards onward lending; and (ii) general corporate purposes. The Equity Shares are being offered

through the Red Herring Prospectus dated April 30, 2024 ("RHP") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bangalore ("RoC"). The Equity Shares issued through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and

National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE" together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). For the purposes of the Offer, the designated stock exchange shall be NSE. Amit Dixit, Head of Private Equity Asia, Blackstone, said, "The listing is a significant milestone for Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, and its transformation is a great example of what we do best: Building businesses that build India. We brought our scale,

Ex-army man from Kalimpong 'tricked' into Russian Army

KALIMPONG: A 47-year-old man from Kalimpong allegedly tricked into a job in the Russian army has appealed to the government in a video message to rescue him before he is sent to fight Ukraine. Urjen Tamang, a resident of Chibo-Purbung in Kalimpong, speaking in Hindi in the 3-minute video, has blamed recruitment "agents" for duping him promising employment opportunities abroad as a security guard but recruited him in the Russian Army without his consent and that he is now compelled to fight the ongo-

ing war against Ukraine. In the video, Tamang claimed that he was misled by agents regarding the job, as he was initially informed that the job was for a security guard position in Moscow, Russia. He had reached Moscow on January 19 this year where he was received by a Gorkha/Nepali individual who subsequently accommodated him in a hotel for a night. The next day he was sent to a group of Tamil agents where he stayed for a night. He was then lodged in a hotel for about 10 days before being relocated to an

army camp. "I was taken to the army camp for normal training for approximately 18 days. There, I was asked to sign a bond. Thereafter, I was transferred to a jungle camp where I received training on handling guns and ammunition. It became evident that we were being prepared for frontline combat for the Ukraine War," Tamang had said in the video requesting the Government of India to help and rescue him. Speaking to TOI, his 44-year-old wife, Ambika Tamang said she has not spoken to her husband

since March 22. In their last communication, Tamang had mentioned that the Russians were taking them somewhere further from the camp. "I don't know which camp, I don't know if he meant the jungle camp or the army camp. He cannot even understand the language there and he is alone, I don't know what to do". Ambika said. When asked about how he found himself in that situation, Ambika said that her husband doesn't talk much and he didn't tell her about his Russian relocation in depth.

The group of students at a primary school in Bastar district took a stand against a teacher

NEW DELHI: The group of students at a primary school in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district took a stand against a teacher who arrived intoxicated. The viral video depicts the intense scene as the teacher hastily starts his motorbike amidst a barrage of slippers thrown by the students, ultimately fleeing the premises. This dramatic confrontation sheds light on the challenges faced by students in accessing quality education and the pressing need for accountability within the education system. As per the 'X' post, the incident took place at Pilibhatta Primary School, where the teacher's recurrent presence in class while under the influence of alcohol had

become a growing concern. Rather than fulfilling his teaching duties, he frequently resorted to sleeping on the floor, disregarding the needs of his students. Frustrated by his behavior, the students confronted him, only to face verbal abuse in return. Matters reached a tipping point when the teacher arrived intoxicated once again last week, prompting the students to take decisive action. This incident is not isolated, as another disturbing event recently surfaced in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district. A teacher was caught on camera openly carrying alcohol onto school premises, displaying a blatant disregard for the stan-

dards of conduct expected in such settings. The footage serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for enhanced oversight and accountability measures within educational institutions. Such incidents not only tarnish the reputation of the education system but also have detrimental effects on the well-being and academic progress of students. As these videos continue to circulate online, they serve as a clarion call for authorities to address systemic issues and ensure that students are provided with a safe and conducive learning environment. Reactions on post In response to the viral video, social media.

Amazon India launches 'Sushruta' - a comprehensive health and wellness program for truck drivers



ROHTAK : Amazon India today announced the launch of 'Sushruta', a comprehensive health and wellness program for truck drivers. Amazon works with over 350 trucking partners who employ thousands of truck drivers. The initiative aims to prioritize the health needs of these truck drivers,

who spend a significant part of their working day on the road. In addition, it will raise awareness about long-term health practices, which will be beneficial to truck drivers and their families. A series of health camps are being organized in Bengaluru, Manesar (Haryana), and other parts of the country

for truck drivers, offering screenings for over 70 health parameters. Organized in collaboration with NGOs such as Prerna Health Foundation, Anchal Health Centre and DocOnline, the inaugural camp in Bengaluru in January 2024 and the recently concluded camp in Manesar was a significant success with

encouraging participation from truck drivers. Arun Kumar Singh, Director, Amazon Transportation Services, India, emphasizes, "At Amazon, we recognize the challenges truck drivers face, including neglected health due to long hours on the road.

Congress MLA Suresh Routray's son Manmath joins BJD

BHUBNESWAR: Six-time Congress MLA Suresh Routray's son Manmath Routray has officially joined the ruling BJD in Odisha on Wednesday. Manmath, a former commercial pilot, made his entry into the BJD at the party headquarters in a procession accompanied by his supporters. He was inducted into the party by its MPs Manas Mangaraj and Sasmit Patra. "I will work for the ideology of my father and also Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Both leaders have one agenda in life and that is development. I will work for the development of Odisha," he said. Suresh Routray had on Tuesday said that he wanted his son to contest elections as a Congress candidate. "I accept Manmath's decision of joining the BJD as he is mature enough to make decisions on his political

Four Naxalites killed in encounter with security forces in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

NEW DELHI: Four Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on . The superintendent of police in Gadchiroli, Nilotpal, said that the security teams encountered gunfire from the Naxals during an early morning search operation in the Kolamarka mountains.

"A credible intelligence was received on Monday afternoon that some members of Telangana state committee have crossed Pranhita river from Telangana into Gadchiroli with an aim to carry out subversive activities during the Model code of conduct period of upcoming Lok Sabha elections," Gadchiroli SP said. In response, multiple teams including C60 and CRPF QAT were dispatched from Aheri Sub Police headquarters led by Additional SP Ops Yatish Deshmukh for area searches.



"One of the teams comprising of 4 C60 parties while searching today early morning in Kolamarka mountains 5 km SE of SPS Repanpalli were fired indiscriminately by Naxals, which was retaliated strongly by our C60 teams. After the firing stopped and the area was searched, 4 male naxal dead bodies have been recovered," Gadchiroli SP added. The recovered items included weapons and personal belongings.

Among the deceased were high-ranking Naxal leaders DVCM Vargeesh and DVCM Magtu. The operation also targeted platoon members Kursang Raju and Kudimetta Venkatesh, all of whom carried a combined cash reward of 36 Lakhs as declared by the Maharashtra government, SP said. Following the encounter, search and anti-naxal operations are underway in the region.

Paytm acquires five UPI addresses

Delhi: The parent firm of Paytm, One97 Communications, a prominent fintech business, has partnered with four banks to acquire five UPI handles. State Bank of India (SBI), Yes Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank are these four banks. An update to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) website earlier this week indicated that this calculated step guarantees the continuation of UPI transactions for Paytm users. Of these, the well-known and currently in use @paytm is still up and running, so users can carry on with their transactions as usual. In addition, in collaboration with Yes Bank, NPCI has approved the



creation of the closed user group UPI handle @ptyes. The NPCI has also approved two additional handles: @ptsbi (in conjunction with State Bank of India) and @pthdfc (in association with HDFC Bank). These handles won't become active right away, though. Users can utilize the @paytm handle

without any issues, according to a Paytm representative. This event follows the clearance of Paytm's third-party application (TPAP) provider permit by NPCI. SBI, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, and HDFC Bank are collaborating to provide continuous UPI services for Paytm's user base.

Maharashtra specifies role of govt nominees in autonomous colleges' board

MUMBAI: In a govt resolution issued on Monday, for the first time, the state has enlisted the role of government nominees in autonomous colleges in the state. While govt nominees were always there on the board of autonomous colleges, their roles were never explicitly defined.

From attending every meeting of the governing body to ensuring their budget comprehensively reflects all aspects, the nominee is now expected to be the eyes and ears of the government in the truest sense. There are over 70 autonomous colleges affiliated to Mumbai

University alone. A govt nominee is usually an educationist, not below the rank of a professor or a govt officer in the directorate of higher education or the state council of higher education. They are expected to be the link between the institutions and the govt.

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Rahul Gandhi lying, says Ashok Chavan reacting to 'weeping' claim

MUMBAI: A day after Congress politician Rahul Gandhi's critical remarks, former chief minister Ashok Chavan, now a Rajya Sabha member from BJP, described the comments as baseless and illogical. "Rahul Gandhi did not mention my name. If he is referring to me, then I will describe his remarks as baseless and illogical. Let me make it clear, before joining BJP I did not meet Congress leader Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi. In fact, till the last moment, I was working in the Congress office, working on the seat-sharing formula. What Rahul Gandhi said is a lie. Rahul Gandhi's remarks are factually incorrect. It is just a political stunt in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha election and to embarrass me," Chavan said. Chavan said that before joining BJP, he resigned from the assembly and, a few hours later, quit the primary membership of the party. Addressing a public meeting at Shivaji Park, Rahul Gandhi said a senior leader from Maharashtra, whom he did not want to name, left Congress and wept in front of his mother, Sonia Gandhi.

Fire safety steps missing, JLN Stadium told not to host events

NEW DELHI: Delhi fire department has written to the administrator of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (JLN) to stop using the premises for sporting events and functions due to a lack of fire safety measures. The fire safety certificate of Samrat Hotel in Chanakyapuri has also been cancelled over non-compliance with fire safety regulations. The hotel management, however, said it hasn't received any notice.

Kolhapur-Gaganbawda h'way work to hit trees

Kolhapur: Over 1,250 trees on the Kolhapur-Kale stretch will be felled for the first phase of the ongoing road widening works of the Kolhapur-Gaganbawda national highway (166-B). Many important medicinal and rare trees like terminalia, pinnata, bur-flower, shalmali, jamun, fig, banyan, peepal, baheda will be cut for this activity. The Kolhapur to Gaganbawda route was recently transferred from the Public Works Department (PWD) to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the four-laning of the highway. Large scale passenger traffic from Kolhapur to Konkan-Goa occurs on this route. Shubham Patil, junior engi-



neer of NHAI said, "More than 1,250 trees between Shingnapur phata till Kale section of Kolhapur-Gaganbawda NH will be cut in the first phase of road widening works in the district. The forest department has also approved of the same.

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A villager from Kale, Sachin Patil said, "It is said that five trees will be planted in place of one tree getting cut during the highway works. But in reality, the authorities plant saplings which does not grow. This road stretch offers a canopy of trees that should be preserved."

Anil Chougale from Nisarg Mitra, an NGO for the environment said, "The banyan trees on this stretch are nearly a 100 years old. Plantation should be done from the seeds of different tree varieties. The social forestry department should consider this on priority. Mass plantation of various Indian native trees should be carried ahead of the monsoon."

Switched to 'patriot' to save democracy: Uddhav

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Amid criticism from opponents, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Monday defended his opening remarks of "patriot" at the Mumbai rally. "Since we have to save democracy and the country, I switched to 'deshbhakt (patriot) and deshpremi (country-loving) brothers and sisters'. As soon as I said this, the BJP got rattled. Modi-bhakt are claiming that my language has changed. I want to ask these bhakts whether they are patriots or not," he said, while addressing a public rally at Basmat in Hingoli district. Thackeray usually starts his addresses with the phrase: "Hindu brothers and sisters". However, on Tuesday, Thackeray had started his speech with "brothers and sisters of my family". Chief minister Eknath Shinde is among those

who have criticized Thackeray over his opening remarks during the Mumbai rally. Terming it a "black day", Shinde questioned why Thackeray omitted the 'Hindu' reference. Targeting BJP over the electoral bond issue, Thackeray said a "big hammer" has dealt a blow to the party, but it is shameful. "The BJP has become a gang that officially uses govt machinery to extort money.

Instead of using the photo of my father (during campaigns), it should use the photos of ED, income-tax and CBI," he said. He also dared BJP to fight elections by removing the "support" of all govt agencies, and then see how people react. "They order inquiries against opponents and claim to be the largest party in

Dissent within Mahayuti over likelihood of ticket for Mandlik

Kolhapur: The likelihood Kolhapur sitting MP Sanjay Mandlik's candidature has caused dissenting voices to emerge within the Mahayuti parties. This time, the local BJP functionaries are opposing Mandlik, who is expected to contest on a Shiv Sena ticket once again. Sangram Kupekar from



Gadhinglaj tehsil, who is a member of BJP state executive council, told his supporters to request local BJP leaders to call deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, and urge him not to give the ticket to Mandlik again.

Kupekar was with the Shiv Sena (UBT) before joining BJP last year. Speaking to his supporters Kupekar said, "All the local politicians should dial our state leaders. Request them not to let the sitting MP get a ticket once again. Last

time, in 2019, we made a big mistake by supporting him against Dhananjay Mahadik. The sitting MP never visited many of the villages even once after the 2019 polls." Recently, district BJP leaders claimed they have sought one of the two seats — either Kolhapur or Hatkanangle — for BJP in Mahayuti's seat sharing arrangement. They said BJP has never contested from any of these seats before, and if it does contest this time, it would help expand the party's base. The name of district BJP president Samarjitsinha Ghatge was also doing rounds for some time as a possible Mahayuti candidate against Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, who is likely to contest on a Congress ticket. Dhananjay Mahadik, BJP Rajya Sabha MP, told the media:

'I would not be wanting to be bowling to Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head'

NEW DELHI: Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins praised the formidable batting duo of Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head following their side's impressive six-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League match. Cummins expressed admiration for their batting performances, admitting he would not relish the prospect of bowling to them given their exceptional form. CSK faced their second consecutive defeat in the ongoing IPL 2024 season after Abhishek's explosive knock and SRH's clinical bowling display led to a convincing win at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. Reflecting

on the match during the post-match presentation, Cummins remarked, "Different the formidable duo of Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head following their side's impressive six-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League match. Cummins expressed admiration for their batting performances, admitting he would not relish the prospect of bowling to them given their exceptional form. CSK faced their second consecutive defeat in the ongoing IPL 2024 season after Abhishek's explosive knock and SRH's clinical bowling display led to a convincing win at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. Reflecting

I would not be wanting to be bowling to him (Abhishek Sharma) and (Travis) Head. The crowd was crazy tonight, especially when MS (Dhoni) walked out. We love playing here, at home conditions."

In a match where SRH won the toss and chose to bowl first, CSK's early wickets of Rachin Ravindra and skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad left them at 54/2 in

7.1 overs. However, commendable contributions from Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, and Ajinkya Rahane propelled CSK to a total of 165/5 in their allotted 20 overs. In the run chase, Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma laid a solid foundation for SRH, guiding them to 46/1 in just 2.4 overs. Aiden Markram's impressive half-century further solidified SRH's position, ultimately leading them to a convincing six-wicket victory. With this win, SRH climbed to the fifth spot in the IPL 2024 points table, securing four points from two wins and two losses in four games. Meanwhile, CSK occupies the third spot with the same win-loss ratio,

Jaleel to contest from Aurangabad, says Owaisi

Jaleel to contest from Aurangabad, says Owaisi Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Putting an end to speculations of Aurangabad MP Imtiaz Jaleel contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Mumbai, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday announced Jaleel's candidature from Aurangabad again. Owaisi took to X and announced that his party's Bihar president Akhtarul Iman would be the party's candidate from Kishanganj (Bihar) and Imtiaz Jaleel would contest from Aurangabad. Owaisi himself will contest from Hyderabad. During a media interaction in Hyderabad, Owaisi said: "In addition to these three candidates, party's state presidents in Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are working on finalising the number of seats to be contested. We will make an official announcement." When contacted, Jaleel said: "I thank the people of my constituency for letting me represent them in Parliament for five years. I did my best to raise the voice of the common people and fought hard against the wrong govt policies. Now, I will again approach people and if they feel I have done good work, then they would definitely stand with me. My initial two years as MP were lost because of Covid. Hope people will give me an opportunity to continue serving them." Jaleel, after winning the MLA elections in 2014, contested and won the LS elections against Shiv Sena's Chandrakant Khaire with a narrow margin in 2019 elections. He had openly expressed desire to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from Mumbai (North Central). Jaleel had cited communal violence on Thane's Mira Road during the Ram temple consecration, followed by civic body's action of demolishing several encroachments.