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Opposition lacks courage to hear the truth, running away: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday escalated his counter-offensive against the opposition and asserted that if the Lok Sabha polls were indeed a referendum on protection of the Constitution, then people considered NDA as more suitable for the job and said his opponents lacked the strength and courage to accept the fact of their defeat. As opposition members walked out during his reply to the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address, the PM said, "The country is watching. People who spread lies have no strength to hear the truth. They don't have the courage to face the truth. They don't



Kharge cites RSS mouthpiece to attack Modi on Constitution

NEW DELHI: Slamming PM Narendra Modi for attacking Congress on Constitution and A m b e d k a r , Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday pointed out that RSS had opposed the Constitution "in writing" in 1950 and burnt effigies of Ambedkar and Nehru in the capital to lodge its protest even have the courage to listen to

during the discussion and can only run away. They are insulting the upper House and insulting its tradition." Modi said the opposition had been defeated so convincingly that they had no option but to shout slogans on the streets. "Sloganeering, shouting and running away from the field are their destiny," he said. The opposition walked out as Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar did not concede their demand to allow LoP Mallikarjun Kharge to intervene when the PM was speaking. Dhankhar lashed out at opposition MPs and Kharge and said he had given the LoP adequate time to speak without interruption.

BJP doesn't know tenets of Hinduism: Rahul Gandhi on Gujarat attack

NEW DELHI: Rae Bareilly MP and leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi alleged on Wednesday that "BJP people who spread violence and hatred do not understand the basic principles of Hinduism", as he hit out at the governing party for what he described as a "cowardly and violent attack" on the party's office in Ahmedabad. His remarks came in reaction to the incident where workers of BJP and Congress hurled stones at each other outside Gujarat Congress headquarters in Ahmedabad on Tuesday during a protest against the remarks made by Gandhi in the Lok Sabha. "The cowardly and violent attack on the Gujarat Congress office further rein-



Someone sick in my house': Thief vows to return loot in a month

NEW DELHI: On a break-in complaint, a police team rushed to a retired teacher's house in Tamil Nadu's Tuticorin district to find Rs 60,000 cash and gold burgled. They also came across a note left by the thief, stating he needed the money to treat an ailing family member forces my point about BJP and the Sangh Parivar. BJP people who spread violence and hatred do not understand the basic principles of Hinduism," Gandhi said in a post on X in

and promised to return the loot in a month. Police said the bizarre robbery took place at the house of Chithirai Selvin (79). Selvin and his wife, both retired teachers, have four children. The couple left for their son's house in Chennai on June 17 after hiring a maid to clean the house. Hindi. "The people of Gujarat can clearly see through their lies and will teach BJP govt a decisive lesson. I am saying it again - INDIA is going to win in Gujarat!" Gandhi added.

SC slams Manipur HC for denying medical aid to tribal prisoner

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Wednesday strongly disapproved Manipur HC's refusal to allow an ailing undertrial tribal person, arrested in Oct 2022 for possessing two kilograms of brown sugar, to be treated outside the prison because of simmering ethnic clashes. While ordering immediate shifting of Lunkhiongjam Haokip to Gauhati Medical College & Hospital for treatment, a vacation bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan was critical of HC's Feb 29, 2024 order declining shifting of the prisoner outside the jail as he belonged to a tribal community as it could be hazardous given the law and order situation. Manipur witnessed clashes last year.

ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option



Sonipat/Panipat: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress. As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the family continue with the savings plan. Ideally the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient for the family to continue with their lives. ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount. Another valuable add-on benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney failure, leukemia, parkinson's etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment.

'Organisers ignored injured devotees, hid evidence before cops arrived'

HATHRAS: Several devotees and locals who were present at self-styled 'godman' Bhole Baba's 'satsang' which resulted in a massive stampede on Tuesday claimed that the organisers ignored injured devotees and instead rushed to hide evidence before police arrived. amakant, a local resident, added, "In fact, the injured were begging for arrange-



ment of vehicles for hospitals, but they (the organisers) were busy dismantling the tent structure and wiping off the dais and such thing which could later land them in trouble. I attended the satsang, too." Another eyewitness said, "They actually didn't want police to find anything during their probe." Om Veer Yadav, a farmer who lives

near the venue, said, "Some organising members were behaving like goons. They carried sticks in their hands, hitting people at will. They had parked their buses and cars outside our houses and on the main road in preparation for the event two weeks ago. They had also blocked traffic on the service lane from both sides.

'Bhole Baba is not inside, neither he was yesterday nor he is today': DSP Mainpuri

MAINPURI: Hours after police force deployed outside Bhole Baba's ashram, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Mainpuri Sunil Kumar on Thursday said that "Baba has not been found inside the ashram." "There are 40-50 sevadars inside the ashram. He ('Bhole Baba') is not inside, neither he was yesterday nor he is today..." said DSP Mainpuri Sunil Kumar. SP City Rahul Mithas said, "I had come to check the security of the ashram. Nobody was found here." Meanwhile, Aligarh BJP MP Satish Gautam Bagla met the victims of the Hathras stampede at the



Combined District Hospital. "CM Yogi Adityanath has ordered action on the incident. The Deputy Chief Minister had also come. Strict action will be taken to prevent such incidents from happening again. Arrests are being made. If they are found guilty, action will be taken against them as well..." the Aligarh MP told ANI. Reacting to the

Hathras stampede incident, Advocate AP Singh said, "The incident is very sad and heart-wrenching... There have been more than 100 deaths and several people have been injured..I thank PM Modi who, during the reply to the President's address, expressed his condolences in Lok Sabha. I also thank CM Yogi Adityanath who visited today and has instructed

all senior officials..." In view of the tragic Hathras stampede that claimed 121 lives, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel constituted a three-member Judicial Inquiry Commission under the chairmanship of Justice (ret'd) Brijesh Kumar Srivastava to ensure comprehensiveness of the subject matter and transparency in the inquiry.

New Army chief visits J&K, reviews preparedness on LoC

NEW DELHI: The operational situation along the line of control with Pakistan as well as the counter-terrorist operations in the Jammu region was reviewed first-hand by Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Wednesday. Gen Dwivedi, in his first outstation trip after taking over the reins of the over 11-lakh strong Army, visited forward locations in the Poonch-Rajouri sector, which has wit-



nessed a spike in terrorist attacks including a series of military-style ambushes that have killed several soldiers. The visit also comes after the terrorist attack on a bus of pilgrims in Reasi on June 9, in

which nine were killed and 33 injured, as well as amid stepped-up security arrangements for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. The densely-forested hilly area has easier infiltration routes from across the LoC.

Woman drugged, gang-raped by colleagues in car

HYDERABAD: Two sales executives of a well-known real estate firm here were arrested Wednesday for allegedly drugging, raping and beating their 26-year-old colleague for hours inside a car on the night of June 30. The colleagues left the woman outside a private hostel in Miyapur. after the crime, police said. The accused, identified as Sanga Reddy (39) and Janardhan Reddy (25), were sent in judicial custody on Wednesday. While a zero FIR was initially filed at Uppal police station based on a complaint by the survivor, the case was subsequently transferred to Miyapur police station as the crime occurred under the latter's jurisdiction. The accused have been booked under IPC sections 376 (rape), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt).

Israel and Hamas edge closer to ceasefire & hostage deal: Report

NEW DELHI: Israel and Hamas are close to agreeing on a deal for a ceasefire and hostage release, CNN reported citing an Israeli source familiar to the negotiations. This development follows Hamas' confirmation that they have "exchanged some ideas" with mediators in an effort to halt "the aggression. Israeli officials believe Hamas' latest response will enable the two parties to enter detailed negotiations to reach an agreement, CNN quoted the source as saying. While Hamas has recently responded in a way that may allow both parties to proceed to detailed negotiations, a final agreement has not yet been reached. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu must approve moving forward, and extensive negotiations will be

required to finalize the agreement. These negotiations are expected to address the specifics of the exchange, including the identification of Palestinian prisoners to be released and the order of releases. Israeli negotiators will meet with political leaders, including Netanyahu, in the coming days to decide whether to advance to this detailed negotiation phase. Hamas has confirmed passing their response to an Israeli proposal through mediators Qatar and Egypt and reiterated their demand for a complete ceasefire. "We have put forward some demands that achieve securing access to a complete ceasefire and the withdrawal of Israeli forces," Basem Naim, a member of Hamas' political bureau was quoted as saying.

Praveen Tiwari selected as Revenue Inspector

Prayagraj: Praveen Tiwari is a resident of Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh; his father, Devi Prasad Tiwari, is a farmer; he was born on June 12, 1996, and acquired his schooling in Prayagraj under the guidance of his uncle. He obtained his schooling at Prayagraj and graduated from engineering school after clearing the 12th grade. Along with it, he continued his studies. On Wednesday, he received his appointment letter as Revenue Inspector from Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar; he will begin his career in Muzaffarnagar district; as a result, the entire family is overjoyed. He finished his schooling under the supervision of his uncle, prominent journalist Acharya Shrikant Shastriji.

Praveen was intelligent since childhood, his family members Dr. Rajkumar Tiwari, Rajesh Tiwari, Piyush Kumar Tiwari, Prabhat Tiwari, Prashant Tiwari, Sanyam Tiwari, Siddhant Tiwari, Yatish Tiwari, Rishabh Tiwari and Ayush Tiwari extended their best wishes to him.

Golazo FC steamroll Former Champions Delhi FC

Prayagraj: Golazo FC flexed their muscles in a 12-0 demolition of 2021-22 champions Delhi FC to make it two wins in two in Group D. It took just three minutes to open the scoring via their dynamic forward Stephen Satarkar. In the 10th minute, Shabaz Rogangar drilled it in on the turn before Clinton Rosario D'Souza squeezed

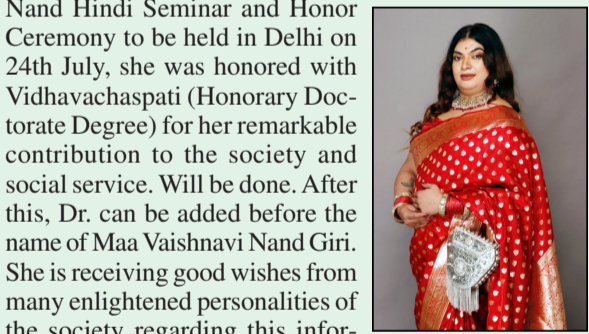


in from close range in the 14th. Then it was Lalsangkima's turn to go on a solo run and blast it past Atou B Sumi in the Delhi goal. Satarkar and Shubham Potghan added two more for Golazo to take a 6-0 lead at half-time.

The second half belonged to Lalsangkima as he went on a spree, scoring three more goals of a solo nature in the 22nd, 30th and 32nd minutes. Eshaan also joined the party with a deft finish in the 25th minute, while Clinton scored his second in the 38th. Satarkar, who scored the first also closed the scoring, completing his hat-trick in the 40th minute to end it 12-0. Golazo FC Team Officials: Head Coach - Joshua Vaj, Asst. Coach - Nikhil Mali, Goalkeeping Coach - Indranil Ghosh, Manager - Raturaj Salunke and Asst. Manager - Rohit.

Int'l Mahant Kinnar Akhara Maa Vaishnavi Nand Giri to be honoured With honorary doctorate degree

Prayagraj: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hindi Vidyapeeth, Vrindavan Dham, Mathura is famous for the promotion of Hindi language at the world level. Vidyapeeth has played an important role in bringing Indian culture to the world stage through Hindi language. Mahant Mata Vaishnavi Nand Giri of International Kinnar Akhara told that this time in the National Maa Vaishnavi Nand Hindi Seminar and Honor Ceremony to be held in Delhi on 24th July, she was honored with Vidhavachaspati (Honorary Doctorate Degree) for her remarkable contribution to the society and social service. Will be done. After this, Dr. can be added before the name of Maa Vaishnavi Nand Giri. She is receiving good wishes from many enlightened personalities of the society regarding this information. On this occasion, Vaishnavi Nand Giri said that after getting recognition, the power to work doubles and those who want to do good also get inspiration. I thank the entire Vidyapeeth team for this honour. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Hindi Vidyapeeth is one of the few institutions in the country which confers Vidyavachaspati (Honorary Doctorate Degree). Maa Vaishnavi Nand Giri is associated with various well-known government and non-government organizations of the country. She works for every section of the society. There is a wave of happiness in Kinnar Akhara regarding this and everyone is being wished well.



Women empowerment and traffic safety awareness celebrated

Prayagraj: Women empowerment and traffic safety awareness program was organized today in Puramufti, Uttar Pradesh, Prayagraj as the chief guest. Senior Traffic Inspector Pawan Pandey and Police Station Incharge R a h u l C h o u d h a r y (Sub Inspector), Miss Samia Safi and Shushil Kumar (Sub Inspector) were present under whose guidance the program was successfully completed. In this program, along with Sudhir Singh, leader from the organization, His entire team participated along with Vishakha, Dhanrani, Ravikant, Sushil, Sonam, Seema, Amit.



School tussle gets murky, evicted principal fears for life

Prayagraj: An inquiry into the event that occurred at Bishop Johnson Girls Wing in Katra has begun on the orders of senior police officers. An FIR on crime no. 0246 under sections 121, 324 (4), 333, 74, 76, 351 (2), and 309 (4) of BNS 2023 has been filed against two school principals, including Bishop Morris Dan, his son Allan Dan, Dr. Vinita Eusebius, Sanjeet Lal, Vishal Noble Singh, RK Singh, Arun Moses, Tanu Vyas, Abhishek Vyas, and several unidentified individuals. However, in response to media inquiries on Wednesday, ousted principal Parul Solomon voiced fear for her life from a competing group and asked security from authorities.

Police have gathered crucial evidence in this re-

spect, including a clipping in which a person acting as a lawyer was observed smashing the door of the principal chamber with a hammer, while the stated accused in the FIR stood next to him. Interestingly, both parties are within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Lucknow. Despite knowing the full scenario, moderator Bijoy B Nayak is observing mum, and more than 48 hours have gone with no command or action taken by the moderator. When attempted to call him repeatedly, no one responded to the phone calls.

It may be recalled that ten people have been booked on the complaint of evicted Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls Wing Katra Prayagraj, Parul Solomon. In her complaint, she said

many cases are pending in the Civil Court and the High Court, Allahabad regarding the management of



the school and the High Court has dismissed the civil suit. "In Writ Petition No. 38374 of 2023 (The Diocesan Education Board and others vs Uttar Pradesh Government and three others) vide its order dated 19-04-2014, a stay order was

passed that no policy decision will be taken in relation to the functioning of school. On 07-05-2024, the stay order again being extended by the High Court till 29-07-2024. On 02-07-2024, when the school opened at 07:30 on the Tuesday morning, I reached the school and was sitting in my room when suddenly there was noise at the gate. I looked at from the CCTV camera and saw that Allan Dan and Morris Dan had entered the premises with several others. The applicant got scared and closed the door of her chamber from inside and got the peon locked from outside also so that the life of the applicant could be saved, but all the said people, with the intention of killing the applicant,

locked the applicant's chamber. They broke the door with a hammer, the video of which was made by the applicant and the said people entered the applicant's room and started forcing themselves on the applicant," she claimed in her complaint.

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

more intense with each passing day. A fresh instance surfaced on Tuesday afternoon. After much discussion, the famed school Bishop Johnson Girls Wing built on Mission Road in Katra was in news for wrong reasons. The video reveals the story of the capture, which is going viral after the incident.

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

Now, free 'satvik meals' year-round on Sangam banks

Prayagraj: Pilgrims visiting Sangam to take a holy dip and perform religious rituals will be provided free 'pure satvik vegetarian food' every day all through the year on the banks of the holy confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati. A mechanised modular kitchen will soon be set up near Sangam where food sans garlic and onion will be prepared and this freshly cooked vegetarian food will be served to the devotees coming from across the country and abroad twice a day.

The process of setting up this facility has already been initiated, said officials of the Prayagraj Mela Authority. Till now only during the annual Magh Mela or fairs like Kumbh and Mahakumbh did the pilgrims were served free food,

courtesy religious organisations and institutions that set up kitchens for the same.

However, to make this service available round the year, land will be provided on lease for 30 years (which would be extendable) to the agency entrusted with the responsibility and automated modern machines will be installed in its kitchen, in which food for 10,000 devotees will be hygienically prepared daily and served free of charge.

The Prayagraj mela Authority will bear the cost of it. Bids have been invited by the Prayagraj Mela Authority till July 6, said Vijay Kiran Anand, Mela Adhikari and CEO of Prayagraj Mela Authority. Officials shared that the technical bids received in response to the request for proposal floated

by Prayagraj Mela Authority will also be opened on the evening of July 6.

As per the terms of the agreement, the agency entrusted with the responsibility will not only set up and operate the kitchen but also own, operate and maintain their own fleet of vehicles (temperature controlled) to transport meals from the community kitchen to distribution centres. The supply of meals from Kitchen area to food distribution centres would be the responsibility of the agency as per time schedule prescribed by Prayagraj Mela Authority or district administration, officials explained. The vegetarian meals would be cooked in the kitchen and served from two distribution areas provided by Prayagraj Mela Authority within the Mela premises, they added.

Ayodhya center should be recognized as ideal regional center

Vice Chancellor of Open Univ did surprise inspection of exam centers

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Vice Chancellor of Open University Prayagraj Professor Satyakam, as part of a statewide campaign, conducted a surprise inspection of the examination centers on Wednesday in Pratapgarh, Amethi. To know the condition of the examinations conducted in Sultanpur and Ayodhya, a surprise inspection of the examination centers was conducted. During this, he organized a meeting at the Ayodhya Regional Center and reviewed the functioning of the Regional Centre. He gave necessary suggestions to establish Ayodhya center as an ideal regional centre. He directed the center coordinator to start pre-admission counseling for admission in the upcoming session. He directed to encourage more participation in related programs as per the interests and needs of the local people. Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam has launched a state-wide campaign to conduct transparent and fair ex-

aminations in the entire state. Under which today he himself went out for a surprise inspection of the examination centers and he did a surprise inspection of various examination centers in Pratapgarh, Sultanpur,



Amethi and Ayodhya. He directed the center heads to conduct the examination as per the standards of the university, otherwise strict action will be taken against the centre. The impact of the Vice Chancellor's message was clearly visible at the examination centres. Earlier, the Vice Chancellor had given a strict message by taking action against an examination center in Hamirpur.

3-day story of Lord Jagannath begins today

Prayagraj: Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust Prayagraj, Trust Minister Gagan Gupta prepared a decoction made from dry ginger and jaggery and offered it to Lord Jagannath Ji, who was resting at Arya Bhawan Johari Tola Zero Road, suffering from fever. Trust's Rath Yatra co-ordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said. That Lord Jagannath ji is continuously being offered Prasad of decoctions made from different herbs. On the third day, he was given Triphon medicine and on



the fifth day, Mahaprabhu ji consumed Panchmool medicine decoction due to

which his health is improving and today he is A decoction prepared from

jaggery and dry ginger was offered and it was told that mainly Ayurvedic medicines like Neem, Celery, Tulsi leaves, black pepper, cinnamon, mace, clove, cardamom are being used in the decoction and on the tenth day on 5th July, Mahaprabhu ji is being offered. DASHMULA medicine decoction Prasad will be offered which the devotees are offering daily to Lord Ji and praying for his health and from July 4 to July 6, Lord Jagannath Ji's Katha will be organized at Arya Bhawan.

BJP members paid tribute to Hathras victims

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party Bhardwaj Mandal paid tribute to the deceased devotees of Hathras incident and expressed condolences. Expressing condolences, former cabinet minister Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, BJP metropolitan Rajendra Mishra, district spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, may God give strength to the family members of the deceased in this painful incident to bear



the sorrow, may the deceased soul rest in peace, former metropolitan president was among those who paid tribute. Shashi Varshney Councilor Ashish Dwivedi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Arun Patel, Gyanendra Gupta and Ganesh Verma, Vikas Srivastava Aman Sharma, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Ajay Agrahari Akhileshwar Mishra, Ram Gopal Shukla, Yashveer Pratap Singh, Anshu Sahu, Lokesh Mukherjee, Shantanu Ghosh, Vineeta Gupta Madhavi, Chatterjee Anshul Goswami etc.

RNLIC launches a new Par Product, RNL STAR

Prayagraj: Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited has declared a total bonus of Rs. 346 Cr. for its participating policyholders in FY24. The Company showcased robust financial performance in FY24 achieving: 22% growth in number of new policies sold. 10% growth in Individual New Business Premium. 16% growth in AUM and 82.5% 13th Month persistency

The company declared Profit Before Tax of Rs. 198 Cr. which represents 84% growth over FY23. According to the announcement, all eligible participating policies as at March 31, 2024, have benefitted from this bonus declaration. The company has been declaring bonuses consistently

for the past 23 years which incentivizes customers to regularly pay their premiums and remain invested



throughout the policy term. The robust performance of

the Participating Fund can be attributed to a well-strategized asset allocation in equities, which yielded significantly higher performance compared to the broader market. Additionally, robust performance is also visible in our flagship ULIP Equity Fund 3 which has delivered returns of 26.4%, outperforming the NIFTY 50 benchmark.

Commenting on the bonus announcement, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED & CEO of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance, said, "We have focused on creating value for our customers through consistent performance, robust investment management, and laser-sharp focus on operating efficiencies. Over

the last few years, the company has been focusing on customer delight, distributor satisfaction and employee engagement through digital transformation. The initiatives have helped augment last mile reach allowing us to penetrate deeper into our existing markets with continued focus on leading to healthy performance outcomes."

With a focus on offering superior customer value, the company recently launched a new Participating product, Reliance Nippon Life Smart Total Advantage Return (RNL STAR), which can solve for a host of life stage solutions such as second stream of income, child's education, retirement, or legacy creation.

200 more villages to come under PDA jurisdiction

Prayagraj: Around 200 additional villages in the Prayagraj district are set to be included into the jurisdiction of the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) following approval of the state government. The PDA currently oversees 639 villages and will soon have a total of 839 villages under its jurisdiction, informed PDA officials on Monday. The officials said that a proposal to expand the jurisdiction of PDA was sent to the government in 2018 which has been approved. Now, 200 villages from all directions will now fall under PDA jurisdiction. However, majority of the villages are located in the Soraon tehsil along the Prayagraj-Lucknow highway. With the expansion, PDA's jurisdiction will extend all the way to the Ganga Expressway. At present PDA limits cover an area of 1015 square kilometres, but with the expansion, the area will increase to 1278 square kilometres. The villages in the trans-Ganga area of the district, especially in Soraon tehsil, were in majority, however, after the expansion of its jurisdiction in 2008, another 169 villages of Soraon tehsil were included.

Review of preparations for Kumbh Mela-2025 by ADG of Police/Rlys

Prayagraj: In view of the preparations for Kumbh-2025, a meeting was held in the Divisional Railway Manager's office under the chairmanship of Additional Director General of Police/Railways, Prakash D. In the meeting, Himanshu Badoni, Divisional Railway Manager Prayagraj, Sanjay Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General Administration, Deputy Inspector General/Government Railway Police, Prayagraj Rahul Raj, Senior Superintendent of Police/Government Railway Police, A.P. Lion; Senior Divisional Security Commissioner/Railway Protection Force, Prayagraj Division, Vijay Prakash Pandit was present. During the meeting today, the security arrangements for successful completion of Kumbh Mela-2025 were reviewed. Before the meeting, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (General Administration)/Prayagraj, Sanjay Singh discussed about the plans related to the preparations for Kumbh at Prayagraj Junction. Additional Director General of Police/Railways, Prakash D.

was informed and also inspected Prayagraj Junction Railway Station along with his team. Addressing the meeting, Additional Director General of Police said that Kumbh is one of the largest human gatherings in

administration, and if any problem is coming up, it is being resolved quickly.

On this occasion, Additional Director General Shri Prakash D while addressing the meeting said that our team has always been work-

through a power point presentation by the Senior Divisional Security Commissioner/Railway Protection Force, Prayagraj Division. In this meeting, points were discussed to ensure the safety of a large number of

way stations come under Prayagraj division. Where and how arrangements for entry and exit of passengers will be made separately at all stations were presented.

In this meeting, plans and alternative plans to manage the crowd of devotees coming for Magh Mela-2025 were also discussed. According to figures and estimates, crores of devotees take bath in the Sangam during the Kumbh Mela. People come here from every state and every corner of the country and people from hundreds of countries all over the world also come here to witness this grand event. Amidst all these possibilities, plans were put forward and discussed in this meeting. How many employees will be required for crowd management during Magh Mela-2025 and how the work will be done in case of emergency was also discussed. On this occasion, branch officers of concerned departments of Prayagraj division, officers of Railway Protection Force and senior officers of Government Railway Police were present.



the world. Providing better facilities and safe travel to the devotees coming on this occasion will be possible only if all the organizations work together. Divisional Railway Manager said that information about all the schemes should be available to employees at every level. Divisional Railway Manager also said that regular meetings are being held with all the institutions including the district ad-

ing as a part of the railway administration and is making every effort to provide every possible facility and assistance to every railway passenger and devotee during the Kumbh Mela. Effort will be made. In this sequence, detailed information about the plan for safe movement of passengers and devotees during the Kumbh Mela, coordination with all departments, manpower etc. was shared

devotees coming for the royal bath on the special festivals of Poush Purnima, Makar Sankranti, Mauni Amavasya, Basant Panchami, Maghi Purnima and Maha Shivratri during the Kumbh Mela-2025. In this meeting, details of all the routes to and from Prayagraj city and nearby stations in the Sangam area were kept. Prayagraj Junction, Prayagraj Chhivki, Naini and Subedarganj rail-

AG office staff made aware about traffic rules

TAKE INJURED TO HOSPITAL, MAKE VIDEO LATER

Prayagraj: The stop of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India was made aware about the rules of road safety by Prayagraj Traffic Inspector Pawan Kumar Pandey. Chief Guest Senior Deputy Accountant General Pooja Kumari honored Pawan Pandey with a certificate of appreciation. In the program, Traffic Inspector Pawan Pandey told that many people lose their lives in road accidents. Safe travel has become a big challenge especially for cyclists. The reason is that people are careless about the rules. The stop was told that car drivers and two-wheeler drivers should leave the house only wearing seat belts and helmets of correct standards. A certain distance should always be maintained from other vehicles on the road. One should have thorough knowledge of the road side directional (prescriptive, informative, indicative) boards and road safety rules. Do not drink alcohol while driving.

People drive with Bluetooth in their ears, which is very dangerous. And also gave answers to the traffic related questions of the members, also told about Good Samaritan or ten golden principles of traffic. You can keep the necessary documents safe in government certified apps (DG Lakar, M Parivahan) while driving, help the injured person immediately in any accident and become a Good Samaritan and also get a reward from the government. It was also told that the new law Indian Judicial Code 2023 has come into effect from 1st July 2024. All the respected people

present in the auditorium were appealed to make their relatives also aware about traffic. In this workshop, a batch 100 employees participated. At the end of the program, Pankaj Srivastava, Senior Audit Officer concluded with a vote of thanks. So-



cial workers Railway Child Line, Nitish Shukla, Sandeep Shukla, Pradeep Dubey, Satendra Kumar, etc. were present in the workshop.

Via seminar, district Judge laid emphasis on disposal of max cases during upcoming National Lok Adalat

Prayagraj: A seminar of SP Traffic, Chief Revenue Officer and District Leading Manager Bank of Baroda was organized on Wednesday for the success of the National

Lok Adalat to be held on 13.7.2024 under the chairmanship of District Judge, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Prayagraj Santosh Rai. In which Nodal Officer Ravikant II and Secretary District Legal Services Authority Dinesh Kumar Gautam were present. In the said meeting, instructions were given by the District Judge for maximum disposal of revenue related suits, bank loan related suits and motor driving related suits and emphasis was laid on disposal of maximum number of



suits. Along with this, training program of new paralegal volunteers was organized in Auditorium Old Held in the building. All the technical volunteers were told about

the importance of the work of the District Legal Services Authority and about the National Lok Adalat in detail by the Secretary Mr. Dinesh Kumar Gautam and they were given information about the Lok Adalat by motivating them to propagate it. Instructions were given to all the paralegals to go door to door to spread the publicity of Lok Adalat to the general public and make people aware about Lok Adalat. This information was provided by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Mr. Dinesh Kumar Gautam.

Meeting arranged to discuss safe conclusion of Moharram and Kanwar Yatras

Instructions issued to keep suitable arrangements for cleanliness, power, and water during festivities

Prayagraj: In the presence of Prayagraj Police Commissioner Tarun Gaba, District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal and other senior officials, a meeting was organized on Wednesday in the District Panchayat Auditorium regarding the preparations being made to conduct Moharram and Kawand Yatra in a peaceful, safe and cordial manner. In the meeting, Police Commissioner Mr. Tarun Gaba said that festivals should be celebrated as per the tradition set earlier and no new tradition should be started. Addressing the people, he said that I would like that we should celebrate the upcoming festivals in a very positive manner by creating communal harmony. According to the old customs and legal guidelines, let us as a team discharge our responsibilities and get them done efficiently. He said that special vigilance and monitoring

should be maintained at sensitive places. Strict action will be taken against anti-social elements who disturb communal har-



mony. We will solve your problems by including all your suggestions in our action plan. Additional Police Commissioner Shri N. Kolanchi, present in the program, appealed to the police department to share the negative news which disturbs the social harmony before it spreads. In the meeting, District

Magistrate Shri Navneet Singh Chahal said that like the previous years, the upcoming festivals will be conducted in a peaceful,

asked to solve the local level problems in all the tehsils before the festival. The District Magistrate has asked all the Sub-District Magis-

trates and Assistant Police Commissioners to visit their respective areas and ensure necessary arrangements. In the program, the members of the Peace Committee gave their suggestions regarding the safe conduct of the festivals. DCP Nagar Mr. Deepak Bhukar, present in the program, said that considering the suggestions given by you in today's seminar. Necessary action will be taken. He said that non-traditional processions should not be taken out and Tajiya should be taken out on time and on pre-determined routes with standard height and prohibited camels, horses and weapons should not be displayed in the procession. The program was also addressed by DCP Yamunapar Shradha Narendra Pandey, DCP Gangapar Abhishek Bharti, Chief Medical Officer Ashu Pandey, Chief Fire Officer Chand Bhai conducted the program. On this occasion, ADM City Madan Kumar, ADM Administration Pooja Mishra, Chief Revenue Officer Kunwar Pankaj, City Magistrate Vinod Kumar Singh, Central Peace Committee, Councillors, Tajiyadar, Civil Defense, District Crime Prevention Committee members and other concerned officers were present.

Candle march by Congmen in memory of Hathras victims

Prayagraj: The members of District Congress taken out the candle march at the Gandhi Statue at Balson crossing to pay condolences to the devotees who loss their lives in Hathras stampede yesterday in a religious discourse. The partymen led by

Gangapar President Suresh Yadav expressed condolences to the bereaved families and wished speedy recovery of the injured. They send a letter to the state Governor urging her to order quick action to arrest the religious preacher and other

those who held responsible of the event, constitute Judicial inquiry into the tragedy and ex gratia of Rs. 25 lacs and 5 lacs each to the deceased and injured person. They blamed the massive failure of local administration including police personnel.

Talent award ceremony of Martyr Nebulal Bind held

Prayagraj: Martyrdom day tribute meeting and talent award ceremony of Martyr Nebulal Bind ji was organized. To commemorate the memorial day of Martyr Sub Spector Nebulal Bind in the Kanpur Bikaru incident, the prize distribution ceremony of Shaheed Nebulal Bind Memorial Talent Search Competition was organized at Bhati Handia Prayagraj today in which 100 participating children were



felicitated in which in Group (A) Rachit Khushboo Yadav, Sachin Yadav stood first, second and third respectively and in Group (B) Saurabh Bind, Anurag, Nidhi Maurya stood first, second and third respectively. On this occasion, Chief Gyanpur MLA Vipul Dubey, former block chief Suresh Maurya, Dr. R K Bind, Dr. J S Bind, Dr. Mithilesh Bind honored the children by giving them medal certificates and wished them good luck for their bright future. Shaheed, the organizer of the program, honored the children. Arvind Kumar Bind, Himanshu Bind, son of Nebulal Bind, and the program was presided over by Kalika Prasad ji, Om Prakash, Vijay Prakash, Jai Prakash, Anup Bind, Nandlal Bind Sir ji, Rahul, Rakesh, participated in the program. Vijay, Jogendra, Sanjeev, Dharmendra, Amar, Laxman, Suresh, Vikas, Bhanu, Mamta, Poonam, Sunil Vidharthi.

New agricultural education institutes on the anvil: ABVP

Prayagraj: In Delhi, a delegation led by the National General Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Shri Yagyavalkya Shukla, submitted a memorandum to the Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Develop-

menting of various existing agricultural education institutions. Improvement in the infrastructure of the institutions, improvement in the standards of agricultural education etc. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad requested Shivraj



uniformity in standards of agricultural higher education, efforts to promote agricultural entrepreneurship have been made. National General Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Shri Yagyavalkya Shukla said that the agricultural sector of the country is the means of livelihood of a large population. Is. Vidyarthi Parishad has informed the Union Agriculture Minister about the need for various efforts like rapid improvement in agricultural education in the country, creation of high quality educational institutions in all the states for agricultural education.

Vidyarthi Parishad hopes that the Government of India and the State Governments will immediately take corrective efforts on agricultural education and agriculture related issues.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan to make immediate efforts to promote agricultural research, to meet the current needs of the students studying agriculture. Points like creation of suitable opportunities,

ABVP National Minister Shivangi Kharwal said that according to the National Education Policy 2020, the curriculum of subjects like agriculture and related sectors like horticulture, dairy technology, food technology, fisheries, biotechnology, agricultural engineering, sericulture etc. will be made in different mother tongues. There is a need to immediately form committees of subject experts for translation. The delegation received by Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan included ABVP's National General Secretary Yagyavalkya Shukla, National Minister Virendra Solanki, Rahul Rana, Buddhadev Bagh, Shivangi Kharwal, Shalini Verma, Ankit Shukla, Shrivani B Raj, AgriVision's National convener Shubham Patel, ABVP Delhi State Minister Harsh Atri and Delhi University Students Union President Tushar Dedha were present.

Rotary Platinum's special program on World Plastic Free Day

Prayagraj: Rotary Prayagraj Platinum Club organized an awareness campaign on the occasion of World Plastic Free Day. In this program, cloth bags were distributed near AG Office Vegetable Market by the servants of Prayagraj Mayor, Shri Umesh Chand Kesarwani ji and Sushil Kharbanda ji and other distinguished citizens. The aim of this initiative is to reduce the use of plastic and increase environmental awareness. Rotary Prayagraj Platinum Club has taken this step focusing on this important issue, so that the city residents are encouraged to protect the environment. Rotary Prayagraj Platinum Club President Rotarian Shashank Jain and Secretary Rotarian Sumit Aggarwal have appealed that all citizens should actively participate in this program and contribute towards a plastic-free society. Special guest Civil Lines Trade Board President Sushil Kharbanda and General Secretary Shiv Shankar Singh and other members of the trade board were also present in this program. Thousands of cloth bags were distributed to vegetable and fruit vendors and general public buying vegetables and they were appealed to use cloth bags. Media in-charge Manish Garg said that on this occasion Rotarian Deepak Gupta, Dr. Nitin Sharma, Dr. Prateek Pandey, Sandeep Kalyal, Hina Khan, former president Ritesh Singh, Apoorva, Sandeep Jain, Prameya Mittal, Pankaj Gupta, Ajay Sharma, Kalpana Gupta, Parul Aggarwal and other members were also present. Rotary members have pledged that they will not use plastic bags in their shops and homes.



IFFCO's Nano Fertilizer Promotion Campaign launched

Vatika Times AMBALA: To promote the use of nano fertilizers, the Nano Fertilizer Usage Promotion Mahaabhiyan has been launched by IFFCO. Under this, 200 model nano village clusters have been selected by IFFCO. Through this, farmers of 800 villages are being given a subsidy of 25 per cent on the price (MRP) of Nano Urea Plus, Nano DAP and Sagarika by IFFCO so that farmers can use nano fertilizers more and more in their fields. Along with this, IFFCO will give a grant of Rs 100 per acre to the drone entrepreneur so that farmers can get the facility of spraying at low rates. Farmers will be made aware of the increase in the quality and production of the crop in these model nano villages. Hon'ble Prime Minister has also launched 100 days



action plan to increase the use of nano fertilizers in agriculture, under which 1270 demonstrations of Nano DAP (liquid) will be conducted in 413 districts and 200 trials of Nano Urea Plus (liquid) in 100 districts. In these trials, the help of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, State Agricultural University and other research institutions will be taken and monitored by the Government of India. Nano fertilizers will be made available by IFFCO to the cooperative society and other sales outlets. Farmers

will be told about the benefits of nano fertilizers. IFFCO is providing 2500 agricultural drones for farmers for spraying nano fertilizers, for which 300 'Nano Drone Didi' and drone entrepreneurs have been prepared. Apart from this, other types of sprayers have also been made available through which farmers will be able to easily spray nano fertilizers in their fields. Contracts have been made with 15 institutions to spray 245 lakh acres of area by drones which will spray in the fields of farmers.

Veet Unveils #BetterWayToWax Campaign with Triptii Dimri, Showcasing Superior Hair Removal Technology

Vatika Times GURUGRAM : Veet®, the leader in depilatory products, is set to enhance the waxing experience with Veet Wax Strips, providing consumers smooth and flawless skin at home. With new brand ambassador Triptii Dimri, the latest #BetterWayToWax campaign underscores Veet's commitment to empowering women with confidence and offers them a superior method of hair removal. Veet Cold Wax Strips' cool gel wax technology ensures a comfortable and efficient hair removal experience, providing results that last up to 28 days*—surpassing salon wax results. The #BetterWayToWax campaign, now featuring Triptii Dimri, focuses on amplifying the message that Veet Wax Strips effectively remove even the shortest of hair that salon wax struggles with. Actress and Campaign Brand Ambassador, Triptii Dimri said, "I am excited to be part of the Veet family and share their mission of empowering women to



feel confident and beautiful every day. Veet is an iconic brand that resonates with women like me who are juggling numerous responsibilities and are looking for superior solutions to their grooming needs. Veet Wax Strips are the most effective way to achieve smooth skin instantly. Commenting on the campaign, Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, Health & Nutrition, Reckitt South Asia said, "At Reckitt, we are dedicated to innovating our product portfolio to meet the evolving needs of young Indian women who demand the best global beauty solutions. With its advanced

cool gel wax technology, Veet Wax Strips offers the best possible self-grooming solution, providing consumers a superior experience that's even better than salon waxing. Veet Wax Strips are truly the better way to wax, and the latest campaign reaffirms our dedication to excellence." Anupama Ramaswamy, Joint MD and Chief Creative Officer, Havas Worldwide India said, "Everyone is obsessed about how celebrities look flawless every day, and with Triptii becoming a national sensation, we decided to address this question straight-up with a friendly banter between two friends.

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.

Government should heal the wounds of farmers and immediately give them tubewell connections: Amarendra Khara

Vikas Kumar Kaithal: Sardar Amarendra Singh Khara, Pradhan of Siwan Grain Market and farmer leader, alleged that due to the anti-farmer policies of the present government, farmers are forced to run from pillar to post to get tubewell connections for their fields, but the government and the corporation are not waking up from their deep slumber. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers against the government. While talking here, Amarendra Khara said that the arbitrary behaviour of the corporation officials is such that even those farmers who have deposited the security



amount are being given empty assurances in the name of giving connections. Which is a blatant mockery of the interests of the farmers. Farmers' organizations have been continuously demanding connections by organizing dharnas, demonstrations and protests outside the corporation's office and on the roads and have submitted memorandums to the government

and officials several times, but every time the farmers are being turned away by giving false assurances. The farmers are not being heard. The problem remains the same even today. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers and they are helpless to take to the streets. Pradhan Amarendra Khara said that due to not getting connections even after waiting for a long time, the crops of the farmers are drying up in the fields without water and the farmers are compelled to irrigate the crops by buying diesel at high prices. The anti-farmer face of the government has been completely exposed.

The government is not concerned with the interests of the farmers. He said that the conditions imposed on the farmers in the name of tubewell connection should also be removed by the government with immediate effect, because due to the conditions the farmers are suffering huge losses. Farmer leader Amarendra Khara demanded from the government and corporation officials that instead of rubbing salt on the wounds of farmers, the government should provide relief and issue tubewell connections to farmers as soon as possible, so that farmers can get relief from the problems related to crops.

Leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space

Delhi: A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires the competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have

been dumped. "While the horticulture department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance. Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency "official. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transfer rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan

for approval after the model code of conduct is lifted. MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully.

DUROPLY CELEBRATES 68th YEAR OF EXCELLENCE AND LEGACY IN PLYWOOD MANUFACTURING

New Delhi : Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, proudly celebrates 68th year of Excellence and Legacy in plywood manufacturing. Reaching this milestone signifies decades of commitment to customer satisfaction, quality, and innovation. Duroply has celebrated the momentous day with its key stakeholders: its esteemed customers, employees, dealers, contractors, and carpenters. The Company organised programs to felicitate its key stakeholders at all its 16 branches across India. Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, Managing



Director and Chief Executive Officer, Duroply, said, "We are humbled to be in the service of the nation in our quest to adorn the interiors of our customers' homes and offices with block boards, plywood, veneers, and doors that last generations. The legacy of our trust on customer satisfaction has enabled us to imbibe a culture of innovation at Duroply which ensures that we identify the need of our

customers, and develop a product fulfilling that need. Our manufacturing processes are aligned to make products that set the benchmark of quality in the industry. Our deep relationship with industry stakeholders: architects, interior designers, and dealers across India is a testimony of our commitment to nurturing relationships and building a supportive community to grow the sector wholesomely."

ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option

Vatika Times Sonipat/Panipat: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress. As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the family continue with the savings plan. Ideally the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient



for the family to continue with their lives. ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount. Another valuable addition benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year

due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney failure, leukemia, parkinson's etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment. Checking the claim settlement ratio and the average claim settlement time are two important points which individuals should consider before buying a term insurance plan.

DPCC issues SOP to seize, dispose of plastic

Delhi: The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has a regular operating system for seizing and disposing of unlawful plastic items sold or used in the city. According to the amended plastic waste management laws, illegal plastic will be defined and DPCC staff will investigate various locations. It said that only a waste-to-energy plant would dispose of seized plastic products including polyethylene, earphones, silverware, etc. The DPCC seizure procedure requires a team of authorities to take samples of plastic carry bags and sheets from the unit during inspection of all producers, importers, and brand owners and include them in the report. Teams must

seize, transport, and store non-authorized plastic objects at the DPCC lab until disposal. "The unit owner/occupier must pay for seizure, loading/unloading, transportation, storage, waste-to-energy plant disposal, etc. A recent DPCC portal document indicated that the team would take geo-tagged photos and video of the seized samples and the full seizure procedure of banned/non-permissible stuff. It said that "all the seized non-permissible plastic carry bags/sheets/banned SUP items shall be disposed of through a waste-to-energy plant." The Centre banned 19 single-use plastics manufactured, imported, stocked, distributed, sold.

Tourists 'come in jeeps, drink alcohol, litter', so Goa's Calangute panchayat resolves to tax them

Goa Days after proposing that tourists would require hotel reservation before entering the jurisdiction of their village, the Calangute panchayat in North Goa has passed a resolution to impose a "tax" on these visitors. In a resolution that was adopted at a meeting on June 7, the panchayat of Calangute, a tourist hotspot, cited similar taxes being imposed in Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar and resolved to write to the district collector, the police chief and the government to set-up check posts — with assistance from police personnel and panchayat staff — for verification of all tourists' vehicles at five entry roads to the village to "avoid and stop public nuisance". According to the panchayat, the decision has been taken after several complaints about tourists creat-



ing ruckus and "indulging in illegal activities which bring disrepute to the village". "Tourists come in groups in jeeps and buses, stroll around the beach area and drink alcohol and cook in their vehicles, before littering in the open in the village. They do not make any hotel reservations. Now, we have proposed to set up checkpoints for verification and to charge a road passenger tax or an entry fee to deter such behaviour," Joseph Sequeira, sarpanch of Calangute village who

proposed the resolution, said. The modalities of the tax will be discussed later if it is approved, he said, adding: "If it can be done in Mahabaleshwar, it can also be done here". According to the panchayat, the resolution was adopted at a June 7 meeting held to discuss issues related to "public nuisance, garbage throwing, parking, cooking and eating in the open area on the roadside leading to different hotels and restaurants by tourists visiting the Calangute beach.

EC receives 8 pleas seeking verification of EVMs, VVPAT units

NEW DELHI:

The Election Commission (EC) said it had received eight applications for verification of the burnt memory of electronic voting machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units from candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a first since the Supreme Court order in April allowing the verification on the request of the runners-up in any election. In a statement, the EC said three applications had been received from BJP candidates in Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), Vellore (Tamil Nadu) and Z a h i r a b a d (Telangana); three from Congress candidates in Kanker (Chhattisgarh), Faridabad (Haryana) and Karnal (Haryana); and one each from the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) candidate in Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu) and the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) candidate from Vizianagaram



(Andhra Pradesh). In all, the applications came from 92 polling stations in eight Parliamentary constituencies. The Supreme Court had in April given the second and third place candidates the option to seek verification of the burnt memories of 5% of EVMs per Assembly segment or constituency. The EC then drafted the SOP, which says candidates who wish to apply for verification must do so within seven days of the results and deposit `40,000 per EVM. An EC source said the right of filing election petitions, which is available to all candidates and voters, with-

in 45 days of the results and the right of the runners-ups to seek verification had to be balanced. In case of an election petition, the EVMs are kept in storage so they can be examined. If there is no election petition filed in 45 days, the applications for verification can proceed. The technical SOP, of what will be shown to the applicants and how the verification will be carried out, was being drafted, the source said. As per the administrative SOP issued by the EC on June 1, the process of verification would only start after the 45-day period allowed for all candidates.

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Entertainer's Cricket League launched

Chandigarh

The Entertainer's Cricket League, the first of its kind content creator based cricketing league launched in the presence of team captains Abhishek Malhan, Sonu Sharma, Elvish Yadav, Harsh Beniwal, Munawar Faruqui, Anurag Dwivedi and league founders, Anil Kumar and Himanshu Chandani. The Punjab team will be led by Harsh Beniwal while Elvish Yadav had taken the command of Haryana. This franchise-based league featuring six teams will be played in August and September. The creators will each lead one of the six franchises with each team further picking in the form of the draft from a vast pool of 250 popular content creators out of which 96 creators will make the final cut. "We are excited to be a part of this huge amalgamation between cricket and culture and are backing our initial aim of building an inclusive community for all kinds of content creators."

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

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

Sonia-Nehru effect: PM museum won't accept private papers with secrecy terms

NEW DELHI: West Bengal governor CVWith Congress leader Sonia Gandhi reclaiming boxes of papers from Jawaharlal Nehru's private collection in 2008 (donated by the Gandhi family), and also barring access to several sets of these papers, the Prime Ministers Museum & Library (PMML) has now decided that it will not permit future donors of private papers of eminent personalities to impose indefinite conditions on the declassification of such material. Going forward, the PMML will permit a five-year embargo before accepting any new set of papers from



donors from the date of receipt, which at the most can go up to 10 years in some cases, The Indian Express has learnt. The PMML has also decided to go ahead and open up, on

its own, sets of private collections lying in its custody for several decades, pertaining to first Lok Sabha Speaker G D Mavalankar, Nehru's niece Nayantara Sahgal, and as many as 2.80

lakh pages pertaining to Nehru that were not claimed by

Sonia Gandhi in 2008, a source said. The Nehru papers are being digitised presently and the entire set will be available to researchers online in two months, in a searchable format, the source said. In the past, donors (like the Gandhi family did with Nehru's private papers) could impose an indefinite embargo on disclosing private papers, which meant that the PMML, despite having custodianship, could not make these public to researchers without the donor's permission.

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

Kerala

The Janata Dal (Secular)'s Kerala unit, which is an ally of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the state, has decided to float a new outfit, saying that it cannot be part of a party that allies with the BJP. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit president and MLA Mathew T Thomas told the media Wednesday: "The party in Kerala does not want to be known as a fraction of a party that is an ally of BJP. After considering legal aspects, we will take a decision in such a

manner to allow all elected members of the party, including those in local bodies, to continue in their posts. A new party will be registered and the state unit of the JD (S) will get merged into that new party," he said. The JD(S) has two MLAs in Kerala — Thomas and K Krishnakutty. The latter is the power minister in the CPM-led LDF government. The JD(S) joined the BJP-led NDA in September 2023. Since then, the CPM has been putting pressure on the state JD(S) unit to either cut ties

with the JD(S) leadership or exit the LDF in the state. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit had then even announced that it had decided to snap ties with the parent party and that it would explore the option of forming a new party to remain with the LDF. But there was no movement on that front so far. The issue has now assumed urgency after the JD(S) joined the Narendra Modi-led NDA government 3.0 earlier this month, with senior JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy inducted.

'110 heatwave deaths, over 40,000 heatstroke cases across country', says health ministry

There have been 110 confirmed heatstroke deaths in the country since March — six of which were recorded last — as per data collected by the Union health ministry. Moreover, there have been 40,272 cases of heatstroke this summer. The highest number of such deaths was reported from Uttar Pradesh (36), followed by Bihar (17), and Rajasthan (16). The highest number of heatstroke cases, however, were reported by Madhya Pradesh. The state reported 10,636 heatstroke cases but only five confirmed deaths, the data informally shared by sources said. Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Wednesday held



a review meeting on the heatwave situation in the country, following which guidelines for heatwave were reiterated by Director General of Health Services Dr Atul Goel to the states. "Most regions of our country are experiencing above normal day as well as nighttime temperatures continuously. Such conditions increase (the)

chances of development of severe heat-related illnesses, including heat exhaustion and heatstroke. That such cases of severe HRI are identified in time, triaged, and provided immediate attention with rapid, active cooling and subsequent supportive care as time is vital," reads a letter sent by Goel to states and hospitals.

Toll rises to 38 in Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy, CM forms panel for inquiry

Kallakurichi

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ANI

The death toll in the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi district rose on Thursday to 38, with 24 others in critical care. Over 100 people are still in hospitals across several districts. Most of the victims consumed the spurious liquor at Karunapuram in Kallakurichi on Tuesday night. By Wednesday, they were admitted at the Kallakurichi Government Medical College and Hospital, and hospitals in Salem, Villupuram, and the

Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in Puducherry. Several of the victims succumbed on Wednesday night. The tragedy prompted the DMK-led state government to order the immediate suspension of Kallakurichi Superintendent of Police and the transfer of the District Collector. Three people have been arrested in connection with the tragedy. Officials said that according to a preliminary probe, the presence of methanol was found in the samples of arrack seized during the probe. Chief Minister M K Stalin constituted a commission headed by former High Court judge Justice B Gokuldas to conduct a thorough inquiry. He also announced that `10 lakh ex gratia would

given to the families of each of the deceased, and `50,000 to those undergoing treatment.

The 38 people who died included four women and one trans person, sources said. A total of 143 people were admitted to hospitals, and 105 of them are still undergoing treatment. Actor-politician Vijay condemned the recurrence of such incidents. "The recurrence of a hooch tragedy, even as we have not yet recovered from the loss of several lives last year, exposes the government's indifference," he said. Opposition AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, who visited the families of the victims, on Thursday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister M K Stalin. "Our Kallakurichi .

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

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi met a bipartisan group of US lawmakers that visited Dharamshala this week and called on the Dalai Lama. The lawmakers, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Michael McCaul and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, were also hosted by foreign minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday night after their return from Dharamshala. Jaishankar acknowledged the "strong and continued" support from the lawmakers for the India-US strategic partnership. The delegation described India-US relations as the most consequential one and expressed their strong support for further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Global Partnership in all areas, including trade, new.

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

The Ultimate Father's Day Gift by KOLLAGE

New Delhi: Father's Day is a special time to honour and celebrate the invaluable role fathers play in our lives. As this meaningful day draws near, many of us are on the lookout for the perfect gift to express our gratitude and love. To mark this occasion, the premier silverware brand KOLLAGE has unveiled their exclusive Gift Edit, featuring a selection of the finest gifts. Crafted from pure copper or brass, each piece is exquisitely coated with fine silver and lacquered to achieve a stunning finish. Their remarkable offerings comprise of Hexa Chess Set This unique chess set is designed in a hexagonal form, adding a touch of elegance to the classic game. The set is presented in a gleaming glass box with the chessboard printed on the top.



Each chess piece is meticulously packed in felt cloth. The pieces are crafted in resin silver, with pure electrolytic copper coated in fine silver, making it a sophisticated addition to any game collection. Mobius PF Round Continuing with their tradition of excellence, the Mobius PF round offers the same impeccable craftsmanship as the Hexa

chess set. This piece is sure to impress with its refined design and quality. Wine Goblet A sophisticated addition to KOLLAGE's bar range, the Wine Goblet is finely silver plated and perfect for any time of the day. It's an ideal gift for all occasions and is best purchased in pairs. With a height of 21 cm, it makes a stunning statement in any collection. Champagne Flute Similar to the Wine Goblet, the Champagne Flute is a testament to KOLLAGE's dedication to quality and elegance. Standing at 22.5 cm, these flutes are perfect for toasting special moments, making them an excellent gift choice. Celebrate Father's Day with the timeless elegance of KOLLAGE's silverware, and show your appreciation.

PAT Day 1 marked by shortage of question and answer booklets

Mumbai: As the Progressive Assessment Test (PAT) for class 3 to 8 students of government and aided schools in the state began on Thursday, a number of schools complained of shortage of question-cum-answer booklets. On the very first day, schools had to take photocopies of the first language paper. The maths and third language English papers will be held on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The question papers were set by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT). School heads said despite sending details of the number of

students appearing for PAT, the SCERT on Wednesday directed schools to take photocopies of the question papers wherever there was a shortage. Schools also complained of not receiving the answer keys to the questions. Teachers assess papers based on answer keys. Mahendra Ganpule, spokesperson of the Maharashtra School Principals' Association highlighted the need for improved planning by the education department. Ganpule said, "Despite the challenges, teachers managed to distribute papers on the first day, albeit with additional effort and expense. The issue was more

pronounced in remote areas and was exacerbated by a lack of manpower at the taluka level for distribution." Over one crore students are participating in these exams, which are part of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States project funded by the World Bank. The PAT aims to enhance the quality and governance of school education and includes a basic test followed by two comprehensive assessments. The mandatory test is to determine the learning outcome of students. It is based on second semester syllabi. Schools that incurred expenses on photocopying question papers last year.

CAPSULES

Kashi Vishwanath temple clocked highest revenue in March

VARANASI: As the Kashi Vishwanath Temple continues to attract devotees from far and wide who are making generous donations, the temple earned Rs 83.34 crore in 2023-24 financial year, registering a jump of 42.43% as compared to collections in 2022-23. The income of Rs 11.14 crore in March was also the highest single-month collection made ever by the temple. Talking to, temple's chief executive officer Vishwa Bhusan said, "Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust (SKVTT) has recorded its highest ever collection as well as expenditure in the 2023-24 financial year. On the income part, its gross earning was Rs 83.34 crore, which was 42.43% more than the gross earnings of 2022-23. The expenditure was Rs 25.32 crore which was 40.38% more than the figures of the previous financial year." All previous records of income were broken by Feb-end when Rs 69.92 crore was received by the temple even when the value of precious metals received as donation was not included in it. In 2022-23, the temple had recorded income of Rs 58.51 crore while it was over Rs 26 crore in 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years.

Rush at OPDs as heat soars, doctors sound dehydration-exhaustion alert

KOLKATA: The hot and discomfort weather conditions in the past few days are taking a toll on the health of Kolkatans, especially those who have to remain outdoors for hours.

Girders launched between Kalyan & Kasara till early Sunday morning

MUMBAI: The Central Railway launched a girder on the bridge between Khadavli and Vasind stations shortly till early Sunday morning and also girders for FOB between Asangaon and Atgaon. Due to the girder

work and related rail blocks, passengers were inconvenienced with late night suburban train cancellations for Kasara. Six Mail and Express trains were rescheduled while ten other long distance trains were regulated due to

the girder work. Girders were also launched for FOB between Shahad and Ambivali station. As a result, the suburban local train for Kasara leaving CSMT at 12.15am on Sunday was short terminated at Thane.

"Jewels Amore" showcased by Anjalee and Arjun Kapoor At the BRDS Ahmedabad Fashion Week

Ahmedabad: Introducing "Jewels Amore" by the dynamic design duo Anjalee and Arjun Kapoor, a couture marvel that seamlessly blends the epitome of luxury fashion. This recently unveiled collection showcased at the Grand Finale of BRDS Ahmedabad Fashion week exudes an air of regal sophistication, cocooning its wearers in an ambiance of majestic opulence. The infusion of Swarovski elements elevates its allure, casting a dazzling radiance that weaves an enchanting spell on all



beholders. Anjalee & Arjun Kapoor express, "Beyond being mere garments, these outfits are exquisite pieces of art, a testament to the unmatched craftsmanship of gifted artisans. "Jewels Amore" sets a new standard for haute couture, promising timeless beauty and opulence. Those adorned in these creations are destined to

make a grand entrance, leaving an indelible mark on any occasion. Bhanwar Rathore, founder & president of Bhanwar Rathore Design Studio and title sponsor of the event said that Ahmedabad Fashion Week is undoubtedly one of the biggest fashion weeks of Gujarat. Curating and supporting this event have been an

honour for our organisation as it provides significant networking opportunities for our fashion design students in the design industry. The Most extravagant Fashion Week of Ahmedabad featuring the top Fashion designers and Design institutions of India is powered by Ahmedabad Mirror and associated with ISAS - International Beauty School, Unicorn by Apple, Red FM, Shambhu's Café, Concepts Zone is the most premier fashion event in the city of Ahmedabad.

Killer caliber: Meet BSF's first woman sniper

INDORE: The sniper stealthily crawls into position, smoothly works the bolt and slides a round into the chamber. Target in crosshairs. And a glass ceiling pierced at 3,200kmph... It's only when the sniper gets up and takes off the camouflage ghillie suit that you realise it's a 'she'. Meet BSF's first woman sniper, sub-inspector, Suman Kumari, also the first woman to get 'instructor grade' in the grueling eight-week BSF sniper course at Central School of Weapons and



Tactics (CSWT), Indore. Suman joined BSF in 2021 and was commanding a platoon in Punjab when she realized, with fury, the threat of sniper attacks from across the border. Determined to pay back in kind, Suman volunteered for the sniper course and

wrote to her superiors. Encouraged by her steely resolve, they readily gave the go-ahead. "She was the lone woman among 56 men and she put up an amazing performance in every activity. We are hoping that more female recruits will take up this course,"

CSWT IG Bhaskar Singh Rawat told TOI on Saturday. "Trainees who perform exceptionally well get Alpha and Bravo grading, but a separate screening test is done for 'instructor grade' that Suman has achieved. She is the first woman sniper in BSF and will be an inspiration for other women to come forward. This course is one of the toughest after the commando training," Rawat said. She is now eligible to get posted as a sniper instructor.

The Best Father's Day Gift that will make him Smile by Forever Living Products (India)

New Delhi: Father's Day is a wonderful occasion to appreciate and celebrate the important role that fathers play in our lives. If you're looking for health and nutrition-based products from FLP India (Forever Living Products), here are a few suggestions that could make thoughtful gifts for your father: 1. Aloe Vera Gel: FLP India offers a range of Aloe Vera Gel products known for their potential health benefits. Aloe Vera is often used to support digestion, promote a healthy immune system, and maintain overall well-being. It can be consumed as a drink or used topically. 2. Nutritional Supplements: FLP India provides various nutritional supplements designed to support overall health and vitality. These supplements may include essential vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and herbal extracts that can help maintain a



healthy lifestyle. 3. Weight Management Products: If your father is interested in weight management or maintaining a healthy weight, FLP India offers products that may assist in achieving those goals. These could include meal replacement shakes, protein supplements, and dietary fiber products. 4. Skincare Products: FLP India offers a range of skincare products infused with natural ingredients like Aloe Vera, botanical extracts, and antioxidants. These products can help nourish and rejuvenate the skin, potentially promoting a

healthy complexion. Some of the other products that you can gift to your father from FLP India are - Aloe MSM Gel, Agri+, Imm Blend, Vitolize, Forever Bee Pollen, Vitolize, iVision, Forever Bhingraj Hair Oil and Desire by Forever. One can go to the official FLP India website or contact their Forever Business Owners to explore the available product options, obtain specific product details, and ensure you make a well-informed choice based on your father's individual needs and preferences.

Experience the Ultimate in Wedding Luxury at the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend

New Delhi : The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) and RPSG Lifestyle Media are ecstatic to jointly announce the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend, which will take place at the Taj Palace, New Delhi, on August 3rd and 4th, 2024. An ultra-luxurious showcase of the best in couture, trends and jewellery, the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend will consist of a bespoke curation of India's top couturiers, jewellers and ancillary service providers to give to-be brides, grooms and their families a one-stop experience under one roof. It will also mark the launch of RPSG Lifestyle Media's wedding vertical, Manifest, that will consist of a magazine, digital engagements, online experiences, and more. The group



already publishes celebrity magazine HELLO! India, and is soon to launch Indian editions of Esquire and The Hollywood Reporter. The event will kick off on the day after FDCI's annual Hyundai India Couture Week, which is a highly anticipated event on the city's cultural and fashion calendar. The FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend aims at presenting the newest wedding trends by face-to-face interactions between patrons and the designers themselves. The selection

of those showcasing their creations will be curated by FDCI and the editorial team of Manifest, ensuring a rich experience for those attending. Given the personal nature of interactions involved with creative professionals, the event will be access-regulated, and patrons will be encouraged to attend by prior appointment and invitation only. Reflecting on the event's significance, FDCI Chairman Sunil Sethi shared, "The overwhelming response to our inaugural FDCI Wedding

Weekend set a high standard. This year, we aim to elevate the shopping experience even more. Print and digital media together form a comprehensive and creative promotional strategy, reaching diverse audiences and driving consumer interest. By uniting coveted couturiers, jewellers, and wedding professionals, we continue to tap into the booming Indian wedding and luxury fashion market, making this event the premier platform for acquiring festive couture, red-carpet creations, and exquisite jewellery." Avarna Jain, Chairperson of RPSG Lifestyle Media, added, "We are delighted to launch our first homegrown brand at this exclusive event in association with the Fashion Design Council of India.

Met museum head talks art of repatriation and relevance

Vatika Times

It's not easy running one of the world's largest museums with more than 1.5 million works spanning 5,000 years. And certainly not easy amidst heightened scrutiny over looted objects and mounting pressure for repatriation. Max Hollein—who took charge of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Met), New York as director in 2018 and CEO last July—knows this all too well. Fresh from signing an MoU with India's Ministry of Culture, being "blown away" by the Sanchi Stupa, Jantar Mantar and the Kanheri Caves and ahead of delivering a lecture at the CSMVS on Friday, Hollein remained composed as he sat down for a chat about policing its art and artefacts with a problematic past recent restitutions and keeping the museum relevant in an age of sensory overload. What kind of collaborations do you foresee with the signing of the MoU with India's culture ministry. It marks a continuation.

Congress prepares for 2025 Delhi assembly elections



Delhi: In order to begin preparations for the 2025 assembly elections, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) chairman Devender Yadav attended executive committee meetings of Adarsh Nagar and Karawal Nagar district units. A resolution was voted to host monthly block-level meetings, raise party flags at all members' houses, and invite social organizations, residents' associations, and NGOs to join or support the party, Congress officials stated. Congress workers are proud that the party's vote share increased in the Lok Sabha elections and that Delhi residents are again looking to the party for excellent administration. Congress rule brought unparalleled growth to Delhi. In his Adarsh Nagar talk, Yadav said people now struggle to access potable water, experience frequent power shortages, and deal with waterlogging,

air, and water pollution. In the 2024 Delhi Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won all seven seats despite Congress and AAP's partnership. The AAP and Congress stated their alliance was restricted to Lok Sabha polls and it was unclear whether they would contest assembly elections separately or together. A Delhi Congress senior said block and district members offered methods to strengthen the party and solidify grassroots achievements. The leader noted that strengthening the block and district units, which work on the

frontlines of the party, is necessary to strengthen the party in the Capital. Devender Yadav said sessions with grassroots workers will strengthen the party at the booth level and put it in a strong position for the early 2025 Delhi assembly elections. "Congress workers should not lower their guard and diminish their enthusiasm, as, under the dynamic leadership of Rahul Gandhi, the party was poised for a major leap, because people wanted change and stable leadership," Yadav stated.

Core sector growth drops to 6.3% in May

In May, the eight key industries grew 6.3% year-on-year, down from 6.7% in April, mostly due to weaker steel, refinery products, and crude oil output, the commerce ministry. Core sector growth was 5.2% in May 2023. As a sequential measure, core sector output grew 3.7% in May. May output usually rises from April. In the preceding 12 years, the month-on-month growth averaged 6.8%, but this year it was lower. "A combination of factors, including the heat-wave over parts of the country and the phased parliamentary elections.

Government prepares senior folks' fifth home

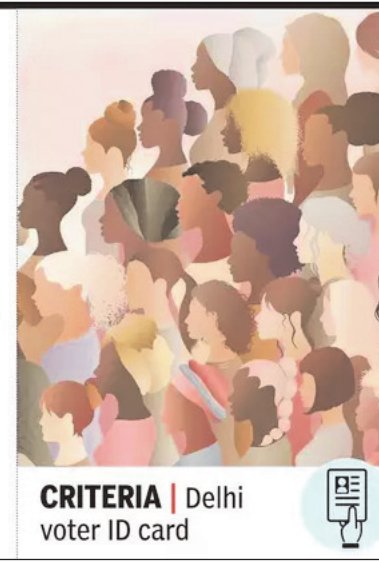
Delhi: Delhi's new senior citizen home in Paschim Vihar, north west Delhi, is ready for opening. The capital's fifth elderly and infirm facility, officials said. Four old age homes at Bindapur, Wazirpur, Tahirpur, and Kanti Nagar are operated by the social welfare department, while eight others, including Paschim Vihar, are under development. A senior social welfare official said the five-story geriatric care building is ready for the city's elderly who require shelter. The new senior home will house 96 people. "The building finished early this year. A few finishing touches can be done 10-15 days before the inauguration. An official said the fire department's no objection certificate is required before the center's opening. Destitute Delhi citizens 60 years and older who have no family can live in old age homes if they don't have an infectious condition. Residents receive free housing, food, clothes, bedding, TV-radio, books, an amusement center with religious and spiritual programs, health check-ups, and physiotherapy. For the elderly to "interact with each other, sit together and talk about their joys and sorrows" officials set up round tables. "No one wants to live in old age homes, but the government must develop them and offer all the amenities they need. The official added we will provide free cutting-edge facilities to seniors in old age homes. Another senior age home in Sarita Vihar may open in 2025.



Delhi nears Rs 1k women's aid scheme launch

Delhi: The Delhi government has launched the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana to give Rs 1,000 to women over 18. Delhi women and child development minister Kailash Gahlot said he has ordered officials to speed up the process to eliminate "bureaucratic hurdles" and launch the plan fast. "I've instructed the department to write the cabinet note to start Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana. The project aims to help economically disadvantaged women live decent lives and become financially independent. He said they wanted Delhi women to benefit from the plan quickly. The finance, planning, and law departments would approve the cabinet note, according to a top Delhi official. "The officials will vet it, give comments, and after their approval, it will go to the cabinet," he said. However, other authorities noted that chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's imprisonment pre-

WHO'S ELIGIBLE | AAP govt in its last budget announced a monthly aid of ₹ 1,000 to Delhi women aged 18 or above
MONEY ALLOCATED | An amount of ₹ 2,000 crore has been set aside for this scheme named Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana
EXCLUSION | The scheme will not apply to govt employees, taxpayers and beneficiaries of any govt pension plan



CRITERIA | Delhi voter ID card

The Directorate of Estates constructs homes for parliamentarians

Delhi: A top government source, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed that Gandhi would be given a new home fit for a Union Minister. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' Directorate of Estates is searching for and assigning residences to the 280 new MPs, the highest since 2014. Rahul Gandhi and other Union ministers will take possession of their new Lutyens Delhi residences next week. A top government source, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed that Gandhi would be given a new home fit for a Union Minister. Up to his disqualification from the Lok Sabha in August 2023, Gandhi resided at 12 Tughlak Lane. Though we haven't chosen the address, Rahul Gandhi will receive a category VIII mansion similar to those owned by cabinet ministers. He hasn't asked for anything,

vents cabinet sessions, making scheme implementation difficult. "It has to be notified by the cabinet and after that, it goes to the LG for approval," a rep said. The AAP government proposed the policy in its 2024-25 budget and hopes to implement it before the 2025 assembly elections to attract women. Kejriwal dubbed it the "world's biggest programme" for women's empowerment. The initiative

received Rs 2,000 crore in 2024-25. Women must be Delhi voters to qualify for the scheme. She must fill out a paper and self-declare that she is not a government employee, taxpayer, or member of any government scheme. Based on her self-declaration, she will get scheme benefits. The woman must furnish her Aadhaar card and bank account information with the form.

Panel warns officials about illegal tree cutting

Delhi: A three-member Delhi ministerial fact-finding committee has issued letters to senior DDA, forest, and Delhi Police officials for reportedly destroying 1,100 trees in Ridge without authorization. On Saturday, ministers Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, and Imran Hussain constituted a committee to report to the forest minister. Does the opposition's request for a SC-appointed inquiry into NEET-UG 2024

irregularities make sense? The committee has ordered the principal secretary, DDA vice-chairman, principal commissioner (LD and LM), DDA commissioner (housing), deputy commissioner of police (south Delhi), station house officer (SHO), and other senior officials to attend a July 1 meeting. The committee's factual report to Supreme Court is due July 11. "As the next date of hearing in this matter is

12.07.2024 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed GNCTD to file an affidavit based on the facts before 11.07.2024, your cooperation is needed to adhere to the strict timelines imposed by Supreme Court of India," Bharadwaj wrote in his email. Delhi's government and civic agencies were ordered to meet to consider comprehensive green cover measures by the court.

Smt Smriti Irani Launches 24/7 Violence Helpline for Women

Delhi: Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Former Union Minister for Women and Child Development, inaugurated the National Commission for Women's 24/7 helpline number 7827170170 today to improve women's safety and security nationwide and advance the Union Government's goals. The helpline supports women afflicted by vio-

lence 24/7 online by referring them to police, hospitals, District Legal Service Authority, psychological treatments, etc. Smt. Irani praised the NCW and the new helpline at a virtual launch. In times of need, this digital helpline assures women that their government and Commission would support them.

ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option

KARNAL/HISAR: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress. As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the family continue with the savings plan. Ideally, the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient for the family to contin-

ue with their lives. ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount. Another valuable add-on benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney

failure, leukemia, parkinson's etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment. Checking the claim settlement ratio and the average claim settlement time are two important points which individuals should consider before buying a term insurance plan. In FY2024, ICICI Prudential Life had a claim settlement ratio (non-investigated) of 99.17% and the average settlement time of just 1.27 days. Fulfilling the responsibility towards the family is making a commitment to secure and safeguard their future. Many financial experts agree that term insurance is the foundation.

Wait 7 days to port after replacing the SIM

Delhi: New Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) rules require mobile phone users to wait at least seven days after replacing a lost or non-functional SIM card before switching service providers. The Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2024, prevent fraudsters from

porting to new service providers under new names. The service provider cannot give the user a unique porting code until this seven-day period ends. The customer receives an alphanumeric porting code from the current TSP to port their phone number to a new TSP. TSPs had three-and-a-half months from the TRAI to modify their

telecommunication systems to refuse UPC requests in the seven-day period and test the systems before the system was rolled out across India. The (DoT) wrote to TRAI in September 2022, "It has come to the notice that mobile connections are being fraudulently ported out by the criminals/fraudsters.

Two new booze vends will cheer up domestic flyers at Delhi airport

Delhi: Delhi Consumers' Cooperative Wholesale Store Limited plans to open a liquor shop at T3's arrival section by the first week of July and another at T1's departure area in the following weeks. This strategy aims to help Delhi restore share of domestic liquor sales after the closure of private-operated premium liquor stores due to the rescission of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 in September 2022.



International passengers can buy liquor at T3's duty-free shops. Following this trend, domestic terminals will shortly open shops. The Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 allowed six private

premium liquor stores in the Delhi airport's domestic terminals at its height. After the scheme was canceled amid CBI and ED probes for alleged irregularities, the Delhi govern-

ment returned to the excise regime and gave retail liquor to four government corporations. Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation tried to rent airport space for booze shops but couldn't negotiate conditions. Finally, Delhi Consumers' Cooperative Wholesale Store Limited found space for the shops.

Magenta Line is first driverless Metro network

Delhi: All 29 Magenta Line trains are presently unmanned. DMRC has removed the drivers' cabins, although an attendant is present after three-four trains. They will be removed in phases. Magenta Line trains would be fully automated. "Magenta Line can now transport people without drivers. DMRC officials stated attendants will be removed gradually. The Pink Line will follow the Magenta Line. Full automation is available



on Magenta and Pink lines in Delhi Metro's 97km network. Only one network operates driverless trains in India. Driverless trains will operate in DMRC's Phase-IV expansion lines. Driverless train

operation was inaugurated on the Janakpuri West-Botanical Garden Magenta Line in December 2020 and the Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar Pink Line in November 2021. A train operator was present until now to

instill trust and support. With the expertise from these two lines, we will try this in Phase IV soon. We installed track monitoring cameras for driverless operations in Phase IV "DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar. A DMRC spokesman remarked, "Driverless trains increase flexibility and eliminate human errors. The system also increases coach availability for operations. Driverless trains eliminate pre-induction.

IFFCO's Nano Fertilizer Promotion Campaign launched

AMBALA: To promote the use of nano fertilizers, the Nano Fertilizer Usage Promotion Mahaabhiyan has been launched by IFFCO. Under this, 200 model nano village clusters have been selected by IFFCO. Through this, farmers of 800 villages are being given a subsidy of 25 per cent on the price (MRP) of Nano Urea Plus, Nano DAP and Sagarika by IFFCO so that farmers can use nano fertilizers more and more in their fields. Along with this, IFFCO will give a grant of Rs 100 per acre to the drone entrepreneur so that farmers can get the facility of spraying at low rates. Farmers will be made aware of the increase in the quality and production of the crop in these model nano villages. Hon'ble Prime Minister has also launched 100 days action plan to



increase the use of nano fertilizers in agriculture, under which 1270 demonstrations of Nano DAP (liquid) will be conducted in 413 districts and 200 trials of Nano Urea Plus (liquid) in 100 districts. In these trials, the help of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, State Agricultural University and other research institutions will be taken and monitored by the Government of India. Nano fertilizers will be made available by IFFCO to the cooperative society and other sales outlets. Farmers will be told

about the benefits of nano fertilizers. IFFCO is providing 2500 agricultural drones for farmers for spraying nano fertilizers, for which 300 'Nano Drone Didi' and drone entrepreneurs have been prepared. Apart from this, other types of sprayers have also been made available through which farmers will be able to easily spray nano fertilizers in their fields. Contracts have been made with 15 institutions to spray 245 lakh acres of area by drones which will spray in the fields of farmers.

Veet Unveils #BetterWayToWax Campaign with Triptii Dimri, Showcasing Superior Hair Removal Technology

GURUGRAM : Veet®, the leader in depilatory products, is set to enhance the waxing experience with Veet Wax Strips, providing consumers smooth and flawless skin at home. With new brand ambassador Triptii Dimri, the latest #BetterWayToWax campaign underscores Veet's commitment to empowering women with confidence and offers them a superior method of hair removal. Veet Cold Wax Strips' cool gel wax technology ensures a comfortable and efficient hair removal experience, providing results that last up to 28 days*—surpassing salon wax results. The #BetterWayToWax campaign, now featuring Triptii Dimri, focuses on amplifying the message that Veet Wax Strips effectively remove even the shortest of hair^ that salon wax struggles with. Actress and Campaign Brand Ambassador, Triptii Dimri said, "I am excited to be part of the Veet family and share their mission of empowering women to



feel confident and beautiful every day. Veet is an iconic brand that resonates with women like me who are juggling numerous responsibilities and are looking for superior solutions to their grooming needs. Veet Wax Strips are the most effective way to achieve smooth skin instantly. Commenting on the campaign, Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, Health & Nutrition, Reckitt South Asia said, "At Reckitt, we are dedicated to innovating our product portfolio to meet the evolving needs of young Indian women who demand the best global beauty solutions. With its advanced

cool gel wax technology, Veet Wax Strips offers the best possible self-grooming solution, providing consumers a superior experience that's even better than salon waxing. Veet Wax Strips are truly the better way to wax, and the latest campaign reaffirms our dedication to excellence." Anupama Ramaswamy, Joint MD and Chief Creative Officer, Havas Worldwide India said, "Everyone is obsessed about how celebrities look flawless every day, and with Triptii becoming a national sensation, we decided to address this question straight-up with a friendly banter between two friends.

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.

Government should heal the wounds of farmers and immediately give them tubewell connections: Amarender Khara

Kaithal: Sardar Amarender Singh Khara, Pradhan of Siwan Grain Market and farmer leader, alleged that due to the anti-farmer policies of the present government, farmers are forced to run from pillar to post to get tubewell connections for their fields, but the government and the corporation are not waking up from their deep slumber. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers against the government. While talking here, Amarender Khara said that the arbitrary behaviour of the corporation officials is such that even those farmers who have deposited the security amount are being given



empty assurances in the name of giving connections. Which is a blatant mockery of the interests of the farmers. Farmers' organizations have been continuously demanding connections by organizing dharnas, demonstrations and protests outside the corporation's office and on the roads and have submitted memorandums to the government and officials several

times, but every time the farmers are being turned away by giving false assurances. The farmers are not being heard. The problem remains the same even today. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers and they are helpless to take to the streets. Pradhan Amarender Khara said that due to not getting connections even after waiting for a long time, the crops of the farmers are drying up in the fields without water and the farmers are compelled to irrigate the crops by buying diesel at high prices. The anti-farmer face of the government has been completely exposed.

The government is not concerned with the interests of the farmers. He said that the conditions imposed on the farmers in the name of tubewell connection should also be removed by the government with immediate effect, because due to the conditions the farmers are suffering huge losses. Farmer leader Amarender Khara demanded from the government and corporation to provide relief and issue tubewell connections to farmers as soon as possible, so that farmers can get relief from the problems related to crops.

Leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space

Delhi: A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires the competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have

been dumped. "While the horticulture department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance. Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency "official. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transfer rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan

for approval after the model code of conduct is lifted.

MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully.

DUROPLY CELEBRATES 68th YEAR OF EXCELLENCE AND LEGACY IN PLYWOOD MANUFACTURING

New Delhi : Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, proudly celebrates 68th year of Excellence and Legacy in plywood manufacturing. Reaching this milestone signifies



decades of commitment to customer satisfaction, quality, and innovation. Duroply has celebrated the momentous day with its key stakeholders: its esteemed customers, employees, dealers, contractors, and carpenters. The Company organised programs to felicitate its key stakeholders at all its 16 branches across India.

Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Duroply, said, "We are humbled to be in the service of the nation in our quest to adorn

the interiors of our customers' homes and offices with block boards, plywood, veneers, and doors that last generations. The legacy of our trust on customer satisfaction has enabled us to imbibe a culture of innovation at Duroply which ensures that we identify the need of our customers, and develop a product fulfilling that need. Our manufacturing processes are aligned to make products that set the benchmark of quality in the industry. Our deep relationship with industry stake-

ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option

Sonipat/Panipat: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress. As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the family continue with the savings plan. Ideally the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient for the family to continue with

their lives. ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount. Another valuable add-on benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney failure, leukemia,

parkinson's etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment. Checking the claim settlement ratio and the average claim settlement time are two important points which individuals should consider before buying a term insurance plan. In FY2024, ICICI Prudential Life had a claim settlement ratio (non-investigated) of 99.17% and the average settlement time of just 1.27 days. Fulfilling the responsibility towards the family is making a commitment to secure and safeguard their future. Many financial experts agree that term insurance is the foundation of responsible financial planning.

DPCC issues SOP to seize, dispose of plastic

Delhi: The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has a regular operating system for seizing and disposing of unlawful plastic items sold or used in the city. According to the amended plastic waste management laws, illegal plastic will be defined and DPCC staff will investigate various locations. It said that only a waste-to-energy plant would dispose of seized plastic products including polyethylene, earphones, silverware, etc. The DPCC seizure procedure requires a team of authorities to take samples of plastic carry bags and sheets from the unit during inspection of all producers, importers, and brand owners and include them in the report. Teams must seize, transport, and store non-authorized plastic objects at the DPCC lab until disposal. "The unit

owner/occupier must pay for seizure, loading/unloading, transportation, storage, waste-to-energy plant disposal, etc. A recent DPCC portal document indicated that the team would take geotagged photos and video of the seized samples and the full seizure procedure of banned/non-permissible stuff. It said that "all the seized non-permissible plastic carry bags/sheets/banned SUP items shall be disposed of through a waste-to-energy plant." The Centre banned 19 single-use plastics manufactured, imported, stocked, distributed, sold,

and used in July 2022. From December 2022, 120-micron carry bags were forbidden. Earbuds with plastic sticks, balloon sticks, flag sticks, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, thermocol for decoration.