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In the last moment, in a conscious state, he uttered the name of God :

“Hey Ram, Hey Ram !”



Mahatma Gandhi dead body covered by flowers at Birla House, New Delhi | Mahatma sank slowly to the ground, three bullets in his frail and fast-worn body, he lifted his hand in the traditional Hindu gesture of greeting, silently bestowing his forgiveness.

MAHATMA GANDHI IN MEMORIAM

“He was in the true sense of father of the nation, and a madman has slain him. Millions and millions are mourning because the light has gone out.... The light that shone in this land was no ordinary light. For a thousand years that light will be seen in this country, and the world will see it.” So spoke Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru shortly after Mahatma Gandhi had been assassinated in New Delhi on January 30, 1948.

Five months earlier, India had peacefully achieved her national independence. The work of the 78-year-old Gandhi was done; he realised that his hours was nigh. “Abhay, bring me all the important papers,” he said to his grandniece on the morning of this tragedy. “I must reply today. Tomorrow may never be.” In numerous passages of his writings, also, Gandhi gave intimations of his final destiny.



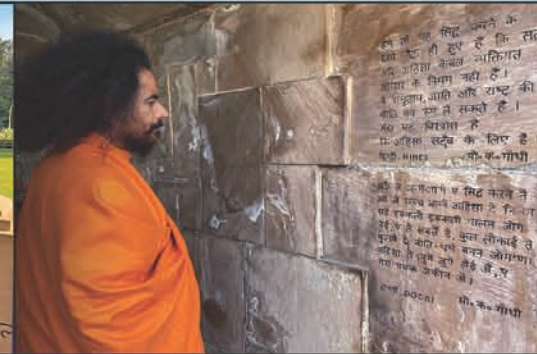
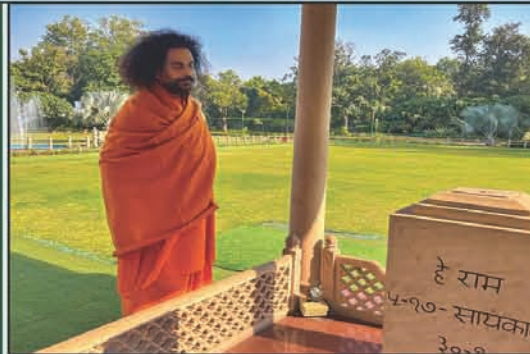
As the dying Mahatma sank slowly to the ground, three bullets in his frail and fast-worn body, he lifted his hand in the traditional Hindu gesture of greeting, silently bestowing his forgiveness. Innocent artist as he was in all the ways of his life, Gandhi became a superior artist at the moment of his death. All the sacrifices of his selfless life had made possible that final loving gesture.

“Generations to come, it may be,” Albert Einstein wrote in a tribute to the Mahatma, “will scarce believe that such a such one as this ever in flesh and blood walked up on the earth.” A dispatched from Vatican in Rome said: “The assassination caused great sorrow here. Gandhi is mourned as an apostle of Christian virtues.”

Fraught with symbolic meaning are the lives of all great ones who come to earth for the accomplishment of a specific light righteousness. Gandhi's dramatic death in the cause of Indian unity has highlighted his message to a world torn in every continent with disunity. That message he has stated in prophetic words:

“Nonviolence has come among men and it will live. It is the harbinger of the peace of the world.”

- Paramahansa Yoganandaji
(Excerpts from Autobiography of a Yogi)



When humans follow the path of liberation from all ignorance and attain the ultimate height of self-realization, i.e ParaBrahma alone exists, ParaBrahma is all in all in the Universe, such Ascended Masters come again and again in human form to show the path of liberation from all miseries of life. Many times, many prophets incarnate at the same time and have fellowship amongst themselves and try to give the best teachings of Truth and Non-Violence which is based on the perfect realization - “an essential unity in all religions.” The human form is a compact universe, a mini-cosmos, which is visible in the expanded form observed as a vast universe.

As discussed, and calculated by Gyanavatar Swami Sri Yuktेश्वर Giri, the present Yuga and age is Ascending Dwapar Yuga and 324 years of Ascending Dawapar Yuga (2024 A.D.) has passed, bringing rapid development in the knowledge of mankind. The past Kaliyuga which is called Descending Kaliyuga started in 700 B.C. and completed in 500 A.D.. The Ascending phase of Kali Yuga started in 500 A.D. and ended in 1700 A.D.. Following that, Ascending Dwapar yuga started in 1700 A.D. and will complete in 4100 A.D.. This opens a clear picture that the present time is Ascending Dawapar Yuga 324th year. The latest incarnated Prophets which are very well known by the people of the world are Mahatma Gandhi, Yogavatar Lahiri Mahasaya, Gyanavatar Yuktेश्वर Giri and Paramahansa Yogananda.

All the great religious and political leaders and saints have had a large following in their own religious sects. The great prophet Gandhiji has not only influenced millions of religious followers but also thousands of politicians and almost all races and countries of this planet.



“If I die of a lingering illness, may even by as much as a boil or a pimple, it will be your duty to proclaim to the world, even at the risk of making people angry with you, that I was not the man of God that I claimed to be.

If you do that it will give my spirit peace.

Note down this also that if someone were to end my life by putting a bullet through me, as someone tried to do with a bomb the other day, and I met his bullet without a groan, and breathed my last taking God's name, then alone would I have made good my claim.”

(This was uttered on the night of 29 January 1948, less than twenty hours before he was shot.)



Gurudev Swami Shree Yogi Satyam at the place of Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrdom

The great Prophet Gandhi ji lived and practiced the principles and philosophy of Kriyayoga Science. The Omnipotent words of Mahatma Gandhi brought a great effect on powerful nations like England. Mahatma Gandhi was very famous for not showing any trace of anger when he met with all persons who were behaving like enemy to Gandhi ji. Whenever the public urged Gandhi ji to take legal actions against those persons who wanted to harm Gandhi ji, Gandhi ji refused, saying, “I will only send my Love.” Gandhi ji believed in one God and in the universal brotherhood of man. He made no distinction between Christians, Hindus and outcastes. He always says that whoever follows the path of Truth and Non-Violence is an Indian. He calls Christians and Hindus who follow and believe in the path of Truth and Non-Violence as Indians. Gandhi ji believed in the principle and philosophy of Kriyayoga science, “All for each, Each for all.” Gandhiji lived and taught the science of protection for all.

- Swami Shree Yogi Satyam

Finalize MCD budget on Feb. 8

"As provided therein, the corporation is required to determine the rates at which various municipal taxes, rates and cesses shall be levied in the next year," a new notice said. The standing committee was not constitutional this year, thus MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti presented the updated 2023-24 and 2024-25 budget projections to the house directly on December 9



Delhi: The leader of the house will finish discussing the 2024-25 MCD budget on February 8. No standing or ward committees means all discussions will be from Feb. 5-7. First, opposition leader Raja Iqbal Singh will propose the budget on Jan. 30. All ward committee meetings until 2022 included debates and ideas for two months. Section

109 of the DMC Act, 1957 (as modified in 2022) and Delhi Municipal Corporation (budget estimates) regulations, 1958, outline the process for presenting, considering, and adopting budget

estimates for the following year by February 15. "As provided therein, the corporation is required to determine the rates at which various municipal taxes, rates and cesses shall be levied in

the next year," a new notice said. The standing committee was not constitutional this year, thus MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti presented the updated 2023-24 and 2024-25 budget projections to

the house directly on December 9. "While the mayor has previously scheduled special corporate meetings to present, review, and pass budget estimates, the LOP will begin discussion on Tuesday (Jan 30).

The 2024-25 budget is divided into revenue income, revenue expenditure, suspense account, plan account, sponsored program account, Yamuna Action Plan, schedule of posts, and resolutions. In a special house meeting on December 9, Bharti presented a Rs 16,683 crore 2024-25 budget. Like prior years, 25.1% of the budget went to sanitation, 20.8% to general administration (salaries), 18.6% to education, and 12.3% to public health and medical aid.

The government has committed Rs 800 crore for SC complex expansion



Delhi : At the Supreme Court's diamond jubilee inauguration in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Rs 800 crores for expansion. "I know about your Supreme Court building issues. He spoke on the Rs 800 crore Supreme Court building expansion approved this week. PM Modi remarked, "By abolishing the colonial criminal laws, the government started the system of 'Bharatiya Nagarik

Suraksha Sanhita,' 'Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita,' and 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam.'" "These reforms have transformed our legal policing and investigative processes. I suggest the Supreme Court hold a similar capacity-building exercise "He added. PM Modi stressed the need for a trustworthy judiciary, "The Jan Vishwas Bill helps. This reduces unnecessary judicial burden." PM Modi stressed justice's importance in India's

global standing, saying, "Laws made today will illuminate India's future. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud also spoke on 'democratised access to the Supreme Court' due to e-filing. He said, "It offers a host of improved features that have made 24x7 filing of cases simpler, faster, and more convenient." Nearly 1,28,000 e-files have been made, with a steady increase in e-filings over physical filings.

MCD issues an order halting MLALAD operations in illicit colonies

Delhi: In unauthorized compounds, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has issued an order prohibiting the use of MLA local area development (MLALAD) funds for construction. The order to halt development work was allegedly issued because the AAP performed inadequately in the most recent civic elections, according to the Delhi BJP. "Group Housing Society residents have always voted for the BJP, but since the central government gave ownership rights to residents of unauthorized colonies, they have also



begun to support the BJP," said Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor. "This has politically frustrated chief minister Arvind Kejriwa." According to an order issued on January 24 by Sakshi Mittal, additional commissioner of MCD, "All concerned are directed that no development

works under MLALAD funds be undertaken in unauthorised colonies or co-operative group housing societies, or in relation to water coolers in religious places, security gates including concertina coil RBT fencing in localities, or boundary walls of residential colonies and societies."

The Delhi Jal Board will begin efforts to plug unlicensed borewells



Delhi: The Delhi Jal Board (DJB), which has formed 16 teams to investigate such activities throughout the city, will close down illegally operated borewells. The drive is a reaction to an ongoing case before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) concerning illicit groundwater exploitation. According to Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) regulations, extracting groundwater without prior approval is prohibited. The diameter of the pump, its capacity, and the reason for extracting groundwater are some of the variables that determine the penalty for violators. 41.49% of Delhi's land is deemed "over-exploited" according to a report by the Central Groundwater Board (CGWB) because of

extensive groundwater exploitation. The water utility has formed 16 teams to investigate unlawful borewell activities throughout the city as part of the Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) upcoming push to shut them, according to officials with knowledge of the situation. A sub-divisional magistrate, local assistant engineers and the executive engineer of DJB, as well as representatives from the tax department, make up the sealing teams. The district magistrate and DJB superintendent engineer will oversee each district's drive, according to a January 24 order from DJB CEO Cheshta Yadav. A top DJB official who was aware of the initiative stated that there will be 1-3 teams in each of Delhi's 11 revenue districts.

L-G urges the Social Welfare Department to amend the compensation structure for cooks

Delhi: The Department of Social Welfare was instructed by Delhi Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena to carry out the Delhi High Court's ruling and pay cooks according to the updated pay scale established by the Seventh Pay Commission. Back in February 2016, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) rendered a verdict that favored the cooks. The Delhi



government then filed a case in the High Court challenging the CAT decision. In January of last year, the High Court

ultimately ruled in favor of the cooks, according to officials. The chefs filed a contempt petition when the Delhi government refused to carry out the Delhi High Court's ruling, and in January 2024, the Delhi government eventually sent the file for the Lieutenant-General's permission, according to Raj Niwas authorities. After clearing a file in

Smart cards are Delhi Metro passengers' favorite

Delhi: The travel smart card was utilized by 73.6% of Delhi Metro riders in October. QR-based paper tickets were second at 24.6%, while 1.8% commuters used it, Paytm, and WhatsApp, according to DMRC data. About 45% of people use cashless purchases. This shows that individuals are adopting cashless or digital travel in big numbers, since DMRC has implemented many digital initiatives "DMRC official. He noted that smart cards are the most popular since people are used to them. DMRC has launched QR ticketing via its smartphone app, ticket vending machines

(TVM), ticket windows, WhatsApp, Paytm, and PhonePe, which support popular digital payment methods. NCMCs are available alongside smart cards. NCMC will soon be linked to Delhi Transport Corporation and Cluster Scheme buses and autos and Namoo Bharat trains. QR tickets via WhatsApp were introduced by DMRC on October 5. Previously exclusively offered on Airport Express Line, this service now includes all stations, including Gurgaon Rapid Metro. Delhi Metro added Paytm-based QR code ticketing on October 12. Delhi Metro's June 30

Government will look for funding to build the Narela jail



Delhi: The government of Delhi will request funding in the next budget to build a high-security jail in Narela. The jail's layout is modeled after Cellular Jail in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. Given the impending Lok Sabha Elections, the Delhi budget, which is typically given in mid-March, will be delivered between February 15 and February 20 this year. According to a top government official in Delhi, the department would insist on the funding for the jail. The official stated that the Delhi government is required to cover around 20% of the costs. The home depart-

ment in Delhi has approved the jail's plan and set aside 40 acres of land for it. According to the official, work on the first phase of the 11 acres will shortly start. There will be 250 cells in the new penitentiary. From a central watch tower, its wings will radiate, giving the entire complex the appearance of a wheel's spokes. Modern high-

security technologies like body-worn cameras, X-ray baggage scanners, full-body person scanners, and automated locks will be installed. These will support law enforcement in preventing gang formation and reducing violence on the property. Approximately Rs 100 crore has been approved for the project

by the Union Home Ministry. The Port Blair jail is strikingly similar to the architectural drawing created for the project. English philosopher Jeremy Bentham's concept of the panopticon—a structure planned so that a lone guard may reach a strategic location to watch over prisoners—had an impact on the construction of Cellular Jail. Since they couldn't see the guard, the prisoners would believe they were under constant observation. The Cellular Jail structure consists of seven wings, with a tower in the middle that serves as a watchtower for the guards.

MCD's zonal ed dept issues gag order

Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's Rohini zone education department has warned staff and teachers against strikes, mass casual leave, boycotts, demonstrations, and social media and press criticism. Defaulters may face severe disciplinary punishment, the instruction warns. Such dissent "will be considered as a violation of the CCS (Conduct Rules, 1964)". The education department complained about unregistered associations using social media and other avenues to harm MCD's image. Instead of such measures, the notification advised using legal avenues to resolve issues. Teachers and other staff were advised to "get disassociated with such unrecognised associations" and "not participate in any activity organized by these associations".



Quickly move certificates to the handicapped

Delhi: Raaj Kumar Anand, the minister of social welfare in Delhi, requested that the department expedite the issue of Unique Disability Identification (UDID) cards to individuals with impairments. The cards facilitate the use of government programs for the social and financial advancement of people with disabilities. A backlog of applications was caused, according to officials, by a lack of personnel to process the applications, the absence of medical panels for the unique disability identification process, and inconsistencies in the software's automatic hospital allocation. They said that the large increase in new applications was also brought about by the Delhi government's generous stipend. "To clear the pending applications, the minister has directed the department to reshuffle the staff, make computers, scanners and printers available, wherever needed; and quickly compile reports received from hospitals," stated a spokesperson. According to officials, the minister has established deadlines of February 15 and March 31, respectively, for the issuing of UDIDs and the digitization of certifications.



Lok Sabha polls in Delhi on April 16?

A Jan 19 communication from the office of the chief electoral officer (CEO) of Delhi to 11 district election officers in the capital mentioning that Election Commission of India (ECI) has given April 16 as the "tentative" date for Lok Sabha elections in Delhi found its way to social media. As excitement rose about the likely schedule of the looming contest, the poll watchdog hastily issued a "nothing-has-been-finalised-yet" clarification. The CEO's office, in its statement, stressed that the date was mentioned only for "reference" for district officials to plan their activities according to ECI's "election planner". "Polling will be conducted in many phases and may start in the first week of April. By mentioning April 16 as the tentative poll day, the ECI has given an indication that elections in Delhi may take place in the second or third phase," said the official.

Delhi: Scrap old car, get Rs 5k off new one

Delhi: The Delhi government is offering a road tax subsidy of up to Rs 50,000 on new cars with better pollution standards to encourage people to discard their old cars. Officials said the transport department is likely to release a draft scrapping policy soon for public comment. According to sources, the strategy has been referred to Delhi's finance department for approval because it involves public money as subsidies.

BJP directed the party's Tamil Nadu president to send a list of prospective candidates



Chennai: BJP leadership has directed the party's Tamil Nadu president K Annamalai to send a list of prospective candidates, three for each of the 39 Lok Sabha constituencies in Tamil Nadu, triggering speculation that the party may well decide to face the Lok Sabha elections in the state without the AIADMK in tow. Elections for the Lok Sabha are expected to be announced soon, and all parties have started their preparatory work, constituting committees, for election work, candidate selection and to prepare manifestos. The BJP has appointed office bearers to take care of election work

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for all the constituencies in Tamil Nadu. They include R Nanthakumar, Dr M Siva Subramanian, H Raja, A Kathali Narasinga Perumal and R Umarathi. With the Tamil Nadu BJP yet to initiate talks

with potential allies in the state, including the PMK, O Panneerselvam, G K Vasan's TMC, T T V Dhinakaran-led AMMK and other fringe groups, it is not clear yet how the alliance would shape up. Meanwhile, Annamalai has been asked to furnish details of prospective and potential candidates for all the 39 constituencies in Tamil Nadu.

He has been asked to give a list of three candidates for each constituency by the end of the month. The BJP state president is expected to receive applications from the party members after the Ram temple consecration.

Thane woman tries to hire hitman to kill doctor after relations sour

THANE:

A Thane woman was arrested Sunday for plotting to kill a Nashik doctor. Neha Jadhav alias Jyotsna Pagare (47) had befriended the doctor, but started blackmailing him after their relationship soured, said Thane police anti-extortion cell officials. "She had been making persistent demands, asking the doctor to pay Rs 50 lakh, and warned him to face consequences if he failed to pay the amount," DCP (crime) Shivraj Patil said. Following a complaint by the doctor and an initial probe, the police learnt that she was looking out for a contract killer to target him, said senior police inspector Shekhar

Bagde. The police then sent a decoy who approached the woman and convinced her he would take up "any kind of work" she wanted done. After a few conversations, the woman told the police decoy of her plan to get the doctor eliminated. "She agreed to pay him Rs 3 lakh for the job... But she was not aware that the man had been sent by the police," said an officer. She gave him the doctor's details — his photograph, clinic address, timings, photos of his wife — on WhatsApp, the officer said, adding that this evidence is just what they wanted. The police had even provided a voice

recorder to the decoy who taped the woman's conversation when they met, including the plot to kill the doctor.

"The woman had given the decoy a lethal injection [vial] and a syringe and told him to inject the doctor," said inspector Bagde. To convince her that he was serious about executing the murder plan, the decoy visited Nashik.

"From there, he made a video call to her on Friday," the inspector added. After this, the woman paid the 'contract killer' the first instalment of Rs 20,000 via an e-wallet, leaving behind a record of the payment. Armed with enough evidence.

Auto driver rescues disabled woman

Chennai: An auto driver found that a woman who boarded his vehicle at Madhavaram on Sunday was mentally challenged and handed her over to police. The auto driver found something was amiss when she found her giving wrong addresses as drop locations. Police said Sudhakar, the driver, was waiting

for passengers when a woman approached and asked him to drop her at a relative's place in Madhavaram. When he reached the address mentioned by her, he found it was incorrect. The driver found her to be giving out contradictory replies and suspected she was mentally challenged. He managed to con-

vince a woman in his locality to let this woman stay there overnight. Later in the morning, Sudhakar took her to Madhavaram police station.

With the details the woman gave, police traced her relatives to Madhavaram. She was later reunited with her family.

CAPSULES

Drug smuggler held, heroin worth 7crore recovered

Kanpur: The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Barabanki and Kanpur's Kalyanpur police arrested

Fatehpur drug smuggler Rehan from Indira Nagar area of the city and recovered 1 kg of heroin worth Rs 7 crore from his possession on Saturday.



The arrested smuggler told investigators that a man from Lucknow gave him the heroin, which he had to take to Delhi and deliver it to a person living in the Indira Nagar area of Kalyanpur. Deputy commissioner of police DCP (West) Vijay Dhul and DSP Irfan Nasir Khan of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force said that Rehan, a resident of Aladatpur of Fatehpur Kotwali area, works in a salon in Lucknow. "A man from Barabanki lured him, after which he started smuggling drugs," they said. DCP Vijay Dhul further said that Rehan was to get Rs 2 lakh for supplying heroin in Delhi. "It is suspected that earlier too he used to supply and earn money. Besides 1 kg of heroin, three ATM cards, Rs 1400 and a mobile phone have been recovered from Rehan," the DCP further said. A reward of Rs 50,000 has been announced for the police team that arrested Rehan, he added.

Few have declared class suspension due to 'unavoidable circumstances'

Kolkata: Most city schools have decided not to defer board practical examinations while a few have declared class suspension due to 'unavoidable circumstances' keeping in mind the rallies scheduled. There are some schools that will disperse kids earlier than usual. Sushila Birla Girls School, Birla High School, South Point, DPS Ruby Park have decided to conduct their board practical as per schedule. Birla High School has decided to conduct board practical exams as per schedule but classes have been suspended for junior sections. Sushila Birla Girls High School principal Koeli Dey said, "Board practical examinations will be held and only 34 students will take them. They will leave soon after the exam is over." South

● **Birla High School has decided to conduct board practical exams as per schedule but classes have been suspended**

Point School has declared a holiday on Monday as they had carnival for students on Saturday and Sunday. Around 90 students have practical exams on Monday that will be held as per schedule and only examinees and concerned teachers will come to school. DPS Ruby Park has issued a notice for parents that said, "Classes will be suspended on Monday due to unavoidable

circumstances. Practice test of class X scheduled on Monday will be held on Thursday. However, the board practical examination will be held as scheduled on Monday, Jan 22. The reporting time of all examinees is 7.30 am." St Xavier's Collegiate School, Calcutta Boys' Schools, too, have exams. A principal of a school in the central Kolkata said, "It's difficult to reschedule practical examinations as we have a very short period of time to complete board practical exams. So, we will conduct practical examinations as per schedule." There are a number of schools, located along the route that the interfaith rally led by CM Mamata Banerjee will take, that will either stay shut or shift to online mode.

Speeding car crashes into divider & rolls twice in first mishap on MTHL, 5 hurt

NAVI MUMBAI: In the first accident on the newly-opened Sewri-Nhava Sheva Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, a speeding Mumbai-bound car rammed into the side barricade and divider around 3pm on Sunday, resulting in minor injuries to two women and three children. The accident took place 12km from the Mumbai end of the 21.8km bridge. A video recorded from another vehicle that was behind the Maruti Ignis shows it first hit the left side barricade of the bridge and then



skidded at high speed over three lanes to crash into the divider after which it rolled twice before coming to a halt.

A Navi Mumbai traffic police cop who rushed to the site after the MMRDA control

room sounded an alert said, "The family in the car was very lucky to have survived with minor injuries because the vehicle could have even fallen off the bridge into the sea because of its speed." Mumbai resident Moiz

Shakir has been identified as the owner of the vehicle.

At the time of going to press, a case of accident was being filed at Nhava Sheva police station against Panvel resident Zara Shakir (35) who was at the wheel at the time of the crash. Car in MTHL crash was on way to Dongri. A speeding car with two women and three children crashed into the divider and rolled a couple of times on the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link on Sunday afternoon, leaving them injured.

GMC control room to keep a watch on feed from 1.5k cams

Ghaziabad: Strides toward becoming the safest city in the state are being made as the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) works on the integration of over 1,500 CCTV cameras into a centralised control room enhancing surveillance and security in Ghaziabad. Officials said feed from these 1,500 CCTV cameras will be monitored live from a centralised control room, to be set up by the corporation at GMC's headquarters in Navyug Market. They said the work to integrate the cameras will be carried out at a cost of about Rs 4.8 crore. "Under the chief minister's 'safe city loop' initiative, the CCTVs will be installed at crime hot spots of the city to monitor public places and identify the troublemakers," said municipal commis-

sioner Vikramaditya Singh Malik. Apart from the 1,500 CCTV cameras, another set of 6,500 CCTV cameras installed at residents, RWAs, and private entities overlooking public places like by-lanes, markets, and roads, will be brought under the "safe city loop" initiative to help with crime surveillance and detection. "This will not only augment the reach but will also help surveillance larger areas. We have requested residents to save feeds for 15 days and GMC will have the first right to access those feeds. Once the feed is sought from residents by the police or GMC officials, the DVR footage will be converted into NVR and used as and when required," said Malik, adding that residents are often not keen on sharing footage, one

of the common problems GMC officials face. Meanwhile, under the state smart city project, the state government has approved the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) project in the city, for which Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) cameras, Red Light Vehicle Detection, Cameras, Public Address System, Surveillance Junction, and Speed Violation Cameras will be installed at 41 locations/roundabouts. Also, an Automatic Number Plate Reader (ANPR) will be installed at 16 points, which will be linked to FASTag. "The state government has sought the ITMS project to be vetted by IIT Delhi. It should be installed in next six months," said NK Choudhary, chief engineer, GMC.

Students of classes 1 and 2 state-run primary schools will have to wait a little longer for books

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Prayagraj: Students of classes 1 and 2 of around 1.14 lakh state-run primary schools will have to wait a little longer for National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) books of English, Hindi and mathematics for new academic session of 2024-25 starting April 1 as they have not yet been approved. These books are being introduced for the first time in the curriculum of these classes. Books for classes 3 to 8 will be available in time for the new session. In coordination with NCERT, experts from the State Institute of Education and the English Language Teaching Institute,

both units of State Council of Educational Research and Training, UP, have prepared the books, but they have not yet been approved by the UP basic education department. After getting approval, tenders will be floated and after that they will be published. After the purchase order is issued, it may take time till the end of April or May for the books to reach the children. Meanwhile, on the instructions of director general, school education, UP, Kanchan Verma, most of BSAs have issued purchase order to publishers for books from classes 3 to 8 for their respective districts as per norms. All these books

are to be supplied to the districts within 90 days with effect from January 10 while the workbooks are to be supplied within 120 days or four months. This means that children will get books for classes 3 to 8 by the start of the new academic session on April 1, but it is certain that it will take more time for the supply of books and workbooks for classes 1 and 2. This time, textbooks are being purchased for around 2 crore students of government-run primary and upper primary schools of the state based on the number of students registered on designated Prerna portal.

Vivaldo for Delhi event

Chennai: The Prasanna Kumar-trained Vivaldo has been in scintillating form and could clinch the Global Stud Mahender North India Derby (Gr.3), the major classic event of the races to be held in Delhi on Saturday. Selections: 1) The Icelandic Plate (1200M), For 3 years old only, 1pm. (4) My Darling Bobby (3) Maria Teresa (1) Ode To Nature. 2) The Daring Don Plate (D-1), (1400M), Rtd (20-46) 1:30pm. (8) Guarnerius (5) Peaceful (2) Galway Bay. 3) The Daring Don Plate (D-2), (1400M), Rtd (20-46) 2pm. (8) Little More (4) Jaat Hero (1) Ustaad Ji. 4) The Best Of All Plate (1400M), Rtd (60-86) 2:30pm. (6) Golden Sun (7) Accumulate (3) Lodge Keeper. 5) The Turf Hawk Plate (D-1), (1000M), Rtd (40-66) 3pm. (7) Master Stepper (9) Winning Legacy (10) Player. 6) The Global Stud Mahender North India Derby (1600M), For 4 years old only, 3:30pm. (8) Vivaldo (10) Aralina (11) Ashwa Kanchenjunga.

Editorial

Beyond the Macron-Modi bromance—what's next for India-France partnership?

What more can be written on the enduring tenacity of India-France relations, which stand as a master class in conducting bilateral ties in an uncertain world? Fine editorials have lately dissected various aspects of it, and the French embassy in New Delhi has been tweeting up a storm on the historicity, trust, relevance, and future commitments in India-France ties. To start with, French President Emmanuel Macron is India's Republic Day chief guest today, making France the only country that has been accorded this honour a record six times. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Macron's bromance indeed has been riding the high tide. What stands out this time is Modi's hospitality, including introducing Macron to the splendour of Rajputana and a road show in Jaipur. These gestures clearly return the warmth Macron had accorded to him on France's Bastille Day. As observed by senior scholar C Raja Mohan, a liberal France's endorsement of India, right after a spectacular Ram temple consecration, will be a net positive for New Delhi in Europe. For Modi, the bonhomie marks a splendid continuation of India's unprecedented closeness with the West despite divergences on the Russia-Ukraine war. That said, familiar issues remain on the agenda—military-industrial collaboration, Indo-Pacific and space cooperation, and pushing forward the civil nuclear project. Since Macron is coming with several CEOs, there's also an obvious will to capitalise on the all-time-high bilateral trade. During Modi's visit to France as the Bastille Day chief guest, the two leaders signed Horizon 2047, a roadmap to set the course for the bilateral relationship up to 2047. It will mark the centenary of India's independence and the golden jubilee of the India-France strategic partnership. Horizon 2047 rests on three pillars—France's role in the development of a self-reliant defence, industrial, and technological base in India; bilateral, trilateral, and triangular cooperation in the Indo Pacific; and, finally, cutting-edge collaboration in the space sector. The document also outlines a comprehensive matrix for India-France cooperation across several areas, drawing from their mutual commitment to strategic autonomy and multipolarity. As noted earlier, defence industry cooperation has been and will be the star performer in the wider India-France cooperation matrix. A deal on Rafale Marines for the Indian Navy is close to getting inked and industrial cooperation for motorisation of heavy-lift helicopters under the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH) programme has advanced with a shareholder's agreement between France's Safran Helicopter Engines and India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Cooperation on Shakti, a turbo shaft engine for advanced light and combat helicopters, has also progressed significantly. Another big-ticket announcement in the aviation sector could be the Indian Air Force's acquisition of 114 Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA). If the Rafale Marines deal is finalised, it might give a further boost to France for the MRFA bidding. For the Indian Air Force to reach the desired 42 squadrons by 2040, another 450 combat aircraft will need to be inducted. The majority will come from indigenously manufactured Tejas variants (to be powered by the GE 414 engine). However, that alone would fall short of the target even after factoring in the recent decision by the DAC to procure 12 Sukhoi-30MKIs from HAL. Procuring 114 MRFAs from France could help bridge the gap. There is a strong argument of economies of scale in Dassault delivering India-specific models across multiple platforms. There are grand plans for defence industry cooperation for the naval sector too. DRDO has signed an agreement with Naval Group France to upgrade the Kalvari Class submarines—export derivatives of the French Scorpene class. submarines built in India under the P75-Kalvari programme.

Union government told Supreme Court that Muslims who lobbied with the British government for establishment of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) had voluntarily surrendered its denominational character, and acceded to overarching government control over its administration in 1920, as the aim and intent behind AMU was to establish an institution of national importance. Arguing against reconsideration of the 56-year-old five-judge SC judgment in Azeez Basha case, which had ruled in 1967 that AMU was not a minority institution, solicitor general Tushar Mehta said the events preceding establishment of the university by the AMU Act of 1920 showed that the governing society of Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College, affiliated to Allahabad University, was dissolved by the 1920 Act and an institution of national importance, on the lines of Banaras Hindu University, was set up. SG Tushar Mehta said patrons of MAO College, historically referred to as British loyalists, faced stiff opposition from within the community for giving up AMU's denominational character and Muslim control over its administration and formed Jamia Millia Islamia which, unlike AMU, retained its minority status, like St Stephens College, during pre- and post-Constitution times.



The aim of AMU patrons was to establish a university recognised by the British government to enable students obtaining degrees from the institution to be eligible for employment under the Crown, SG said. "It was wholly open for MAO College to continue as a college, avoid control by the British, and remain a minority institution. However, the said course was not adopted," he added. HC "Right of administration at the stage of incorporation and establishment of AMU was surrendered by 'loyalists' who sought an imperial legislative enactment at the time. The said surrender cannot be resurrected after the Constitution came into being as it was complete at a time when the fundamental right was not in operation," Mehta said. SG repeatedly urged SC not to juxtapose the mandate

of Article 30 of the Constitution guaranteeing rights of linguistic and religious minority communities to establish and administer educational institutions to the pre-Constitution days as there was no concept of 'minority' institution. He said events leading to the establishment of AMU showed that it was not an institution of denominational character. Countering AMU's argument that the 1920 Act establishing the university was a mere mechanism to get its degrees recognised and had no bearing on its minority character, the SG said, "AMU owed its existence to the 1920 Act, which was the fountainhead of its powers. The British government had overarching control over its administration." He said the non-denominational character of AMU was evident in the cor-

respondence between MAO College society and government and the debates in the imperial parliament relating to surrendering of denominational character while the 1920 Act itself robbed AMU of any minority control over its administration. Arguments will continue During spirited arguments from AMU which sought reconsideration of Supreme Court's Azeez Basha judgment of 1967 declaring it to be a non-minority institution, attorney general R Venkataramani provided a brief light moment, while defending the 67-year-old ruling, by inadvertently referring to the judgment as 'Ashish Basha', reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. This conversion of 'Azeez' into 'Ashish' by the AG escaped the attention of mercurial senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who representing AMU was seen repeatedly interrupting solicitor general Tushar Mehta. When Dhavan was arguing for AMU, interruptions by Mehta used to invite the former's wrath. Dhavan's pet dialogue was "the new practice in SC is to interrupt a lawyer even during proceedings before a seven-judge constitution bench" Arguing for AMU's minority status, advocate M R Shamsad said the Basha judgment adopted an exclusionary approach and denied minority status to AMU just because it agreed for govern-

ment recognition of its degrees through the AMU Act, 1920, and received financial aid from government. "Even in context of a university, governments have established universities for different groups like tribals, women, depressed and backward classes etc. If that is so, why not a university for Muslims?" he asked.

The AG explained the meaning of 'establish' and 'administer' in context of the right conferred on minority communities relating to 'choice' of educational institutions. "Unfettered freedom to establish educational institutions 'of their choice' does not extend to the grant of exemption from the obligation to abide by other constitutional demands and requirements, for example, the obligation to honour provisions relating to reservations, or matters relating to regulations of appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff and including general regulations relating to standards and quality of education," Venkataramani said. "The choice aspect of institutions does not exempt the minority from constitutionally sanctioned regulations or constitutional prescriptions which are themselves as important as the choice. As long as the state does not impinge on the choice and which the state cannot, Article 30 is intact," he added.

Temples existed centuries before the Common Era

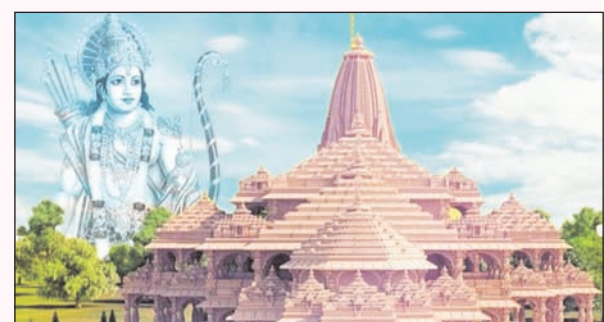
India is gripped in an unprecedented festive mood with the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya on 22 January. Millions of people in India and around the world celebrated the event. After all, it was a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. Ram Lalla came home after a long wait. The celebrations and fervour have also led to some counterviews. From discredited court testimonies to outright rejection of temple worship in ancient India, there are many opinion articles that have been written in leading publications. A majority of them suggest that temple worship is contrary to Hindu traditions of ancient India, and some even suggest that there were no large temples before 500 CE.

The truth, however, is different. Temple construction and temple worship were in practice centuries before the Common Era. Large temples were not only built in India but also in faraway places like Vietnam. A case in point is Audumbara, a successor state of the Indo-Greeks, in modern-day Himachal Pradesh. The Audumbaras ruled in the first century BCE, practised Hinduism, minted coins with Hindu iconography, and used the Kharosthi script. A square Audumbara punch-marked coin shows a pillared temple with a trident standard. A wavy line under it probably represents a river. It is a depiction of a Shiva temple along a river. The Audumbaras

also issued coins with the Nandi (humped bull, a vehicle of Shiva) and an elephant with text reading, 'B h a g a v a t a mahadevasa rajarana' in Brahmi. The text indicates reverence to Shiva. The depiction of a pillared temple tells us that it was definitely not a small structure. Pillars, as we know, are only used when there is a large roof to support. The image also shows two tiers of what looks like a shikhara, indicating height. It is almost impossible to guess the exact dimensions of the temple, but it can be assumed that it was large enough to need support from multiple pillars. It had a roof, strong enough to support a two-tier shikhara, all signs of a large structure.

A moment of national resurgence

The extensive ceremony of the inauguration of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya on January 22, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the principal invitee performing all the religious duties pertaining to the installation of the deity of Ram Lalla, has proved to be a national event that electrified the belief system of Hindus across India - including those who were living abroad. This happened in a manner not seen in this country's history before. The Prime Minister was at Ayodhya both as a Hindu and as the chief of the political executive governing the nation and this established, in the Indian context, the principle that holding a high political office did not mean that a leader should shy away from his or her religious commitments. Secularism means that India granted complete freedom of worship and did not put a denominational stamp on the national or state government - it also at the same time, did not deny people in power their right to publicly own their faith. Apart from the basic democratic concept of 'one man one vote' - that was in play regardless of caste, creed or gender - the only other secular requirement of governance would be that policy should not discriminate between sections of the citizenry. The address of Prime Minister Modi was free



of any suggestion of religious 'exclusivism' and it effectively countered the narrative of 'majoritarianism' and allegation of any other form of bias and largely focused on the importance of socio-cultural unity as a powerful instrument of national advancement. The extraordinary turnout of people associating with the ceremony was no doubt driven by the historicity of the event - but they also had a clear perception that it is precisely the Hindu faith that alone had remained unacknowledged even after Independence. The fact that the temple construction was started only after the Supreme Court gave its judgement in its favour through a constitutional Bench - this was highlighted by the Prime Minister - freed the political status of Prime Minister Modi in the eyes of the people, nobody can grudge it - the voter it should be remembered is an astute judge of the merit of the rulers. In his scintillating address on

the occasion, Prime Minister Modi declared that Lord Ram was the 'spirit of the Constitution' and Ram Temple a 'symbol of national consciousness' that liberated the people from 'slavery' and a 'colonial mindset'. This latter was a reference to the historical subjugation of the Hindu religion as also to the British game of dividing India into communities and creating a minority-majority issue in politics. He validated the place of glory that Hinduism enjoyed in India's nationalism by affirming that "Ram is the faith of India, the foundation of India and the idea of India" and went on to add that "Ram was also the law of India, the leader of India as well as the policy of India". He put a stamp of eternity on it by saying that Ram was not only the present but also the future of India. The speech was remarkable for steering clear of any sectarian overtones and for emphasising how the story of Ram established that differences between 'high' and 'low' did not exist for him.

When stars don't sell, star ratings

I am not sure if film critics qualify to be called journalists. Maybe they did very long ago. Because, reviewing films was a part of their multiple other duties. One of the journalists on the roster was assigned the task because he was either a movie buff and threw around his 'gyan' about movies, or just because he was the editor's favorite. The reviewer's job was somewhat of a recreational break because it involved watching a movie for free and gorging on decent snacks during the interval. Press screenings or press shows were organized a couple of days before a film's theatrical release and

that was the privilege a film critic enjoyed and boasted of. Everybody wanted to know from the critics how good or bad the film was! There was no system of outsourcing the film reviews as one of the staffers of a newspaper or magazine was assigned the role. This was the era of only the print media. Critics from reputed publications were expected to be honest and they did not let us down. But, then, how many people read English publications in those days! So, the influence of the reviewers was really felt in B-rung publications and also the vernacular media. This influence, though, came from the headline of the

review being grabbed by either the male or female lead of the film, the PROs, or public relations men, of both approaching the reviewer with sealed envelopes. The weight of the envelope decided who grabbed the headline. This was so because no one expected people to read a complete film review. (That has not changed even today.) Only the first and last paragraph of a film review was read. The press screenings were held in what in those days were known as the Preview Theatres, with a seating capacity for not more than 50 people. It was a funny system because the

vernacular media occupied front rows while the English and other reputed media houses were assigned the rows behind. This system was not designed or imposed by anybody. It just so happened that those who occupied the front row were the first to reach the refreshment area during interval! How did this grabbing of the headline in a four/five column film review help an actor? Really speaking, it did not. There were two kinds of audiences which, I think, still hold true. There were these first-day-first-show types and those who took in a film within its opening weekend.

Government classifies universities as 'Accredited' or 'Not Accredited' without grading

Delhi: HEIs in India will no longer receive grades during accreditation. They will be "as either accredited or not accredited" instead. Accreditation authorities will also use "Maturity-Based Graded Accreditation (Level 1 to 5)" to encourage accredited institutions to meet higher standards to become "Institutions of Global Excellence for Multi-Disciplinary Research and Education." In November 2022, the Ministry of Education (MOE) appointed K Radhakrishnan, the former ISRO chairman and chairperson of the IIT Council Standing Committee, to lead a committee to propose radical accreditation and assessment reforms to meet the National Education Policy 2020's 50% Gross Enrollment Ratio target. After public consultation, the committee submitted its final report to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on January 16. A top



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MOE official said the group proposed revolutionary changes to improve Indian HEI approval, assessment, and accreditation. Mentoring and reward programmes are also recommended to boost involvement and accreditation. The new process's major component is "binary accreditation," which follows global best

practices. Educational institutions will be labeled "accredited or not accredited." According to media reports, "Maturity-Based Graded Accreditation" will be used for recognized HEIs, leveling them from 1 to 5. "This is to motivate the accredited HEIs to continuously improve, evolve in-depth or in-breadth in disciplines to a higher level," said the official. The guidelines suggest that Binary and Maturity-Based Graded Accreditation metrics focus on processes, outputs, and impact across numerous aspects of Higher Education Institutions rather than inputs.

President Macron 'Determined' To Accept 30,000 Indian Students in French Universities By 2030

Delhi: Before India's 75th Republic Day, French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed 30,000 Indian students to study in France. This announcement came a month after Narendra Modi visited Paris as France's National Day's chief guest last year. Macron announced a plan to welcome 30,000 students to study in France on X. He wrote, "France 2030: 30,000 Indian pupils. I'm committed to achieve this lofty goal. This is how." France is building alliances, françaises, and international classrooms to



teach French, the president said. He added that France will simplify visas for Indian graduates. Coming to France means seeking greatness. We are developing new French learning routes in public schools with "French for All, French for a Better Future". We are expanding the Alliances françaises net-

work with new French-learning institutions. International classes will allow non-French-speaking students to join our universities. Finally, we will help previous Indian students in France get visas. "The message added. "QS ranks 35 universities and Times ranks 15 higher education institutions.

Bihar board issues 10th, 12th test guidelines

Delhi: The Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) will begin Class 12 intermediate exams on February 1, 2024. BSEB 2024 test requirements require students to be frisked twice: at the gate and in the exam hall by a designated individual. Each dis-

trict has model BSEB exam centers. With the Bihar board exam norms, the BSEB announced all test centers will have CCTV cameras and videography.

In the complete rules provided before the BSEB 2024 tests, the

board specified reporting time, exam center items, and more. These are: Students should arrive early at the exam center.

Students must arrive at the exam center by 9 am for 9:30 am exams and 1:30 pm for 2 pm exams.

The Ramayana-Dedicated Website Valmiki.iitk.ac.in is Launched by IIT Kanpur

"Shlokas and translations of the Valmiki Ramayana can be found on the website valmiki.iitk.ac.in"



Delhi: The idol of Lord Ram's 'pran pratishtha ritual' at the newly built Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. In conjunction with the opening of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir, the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, has initiated the creation of a vast digital archive devoted to the wisdom of the Ramayana, signifying a momentous cultural occasion. Individuals can visit

valmiki.iitk.ac.in for further information.

Shlokas and translations of the Valmiki Ramayana can be found on the website valmiki.iitk.ac.in. Additionally, people can actively engage by editing the content on the platform by becoming editors. Users can now edit material. The offi-

cial notification said, "If you would like to be an editor, please send us your credentials."

The Rashtriya Sanskrita Vidyapeetham in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, offers the Ramayana book, which includes a chapter about Sundarakanda, in physical copy for a fair price.

District collector will dine with coaching pupils regularly

Delhi: Dr. Ravindra Goswami, Kota's district collector, will share a Friday dinner with coaching students at their hostel under his new program, "Kamyab Kota." This weekly meal addresses JEE and NEET student difficulties. The Kota district administration initiated the program to combat student suicides. At the Shiv Residency Girls Hostel in Kunhadi Landmark City, District Collector Goswami spent two hours with women students. He told the children that he came to



Kota for coaching as a student but left after not liking it and subsequently succeeded by studying on his own. He stated students experience perplexity, indecision, and worry. This requires strength and smart work. Problems

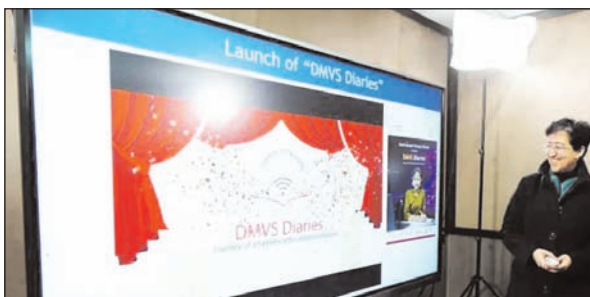
strengthen us. Face panic instead of avoiding it. He assured students of a bright future. He advised students to always consider alternatives.

"Career goals are paths, not destinations. Don't give up when you

fail to reach your goal. Failure in a test shouldn't define you. Keep striving if you deserve it, but there must be limits. Keep alternative possibilities open, he advised. Instead of protracted study sessions, Goswami urged pupils to break up study time. He also advised kids to talk to hostel friends if they felt sick. Do what makes you confident and joyful. Create a family vibe with your hostel companions to avoid homesickness and aid with school.

Delhi Government Launches Virtual School Model for Both Online And Offline Education

Delhi: The Delhi government launched the Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS) in response to the recent disruptions to school schedules caused by the Covid pandemic and inclement weather. The primary objective of the DMVS is to change the teaching methods used in all government schools to a hybrid mode in which classes will be offered both online and offline. According to Delhi Education Minister Atishi, the school is an inventive endeavor to guarantee that students who are unable to attend lessons in person can still receive a top-notch education. She emphasized that in the unlikely event that schools are forced to close due to bad weather, this effort



will guarantee that children's education will not be compromised. "Under the Arvind Kejriwal administration, the Delhi Model Virtual School fulfills our goal of offering every child a top-notch education that goes above and beyond the last mile. Our virtual school conducts live courses and provides its pupils with digital resources through state-of-the-art studios and qualified teachers," the ministry of education tweeted. In addition, she said, "Delhi gov-

ernment school students can now access preparation materials for JEE-NEET-CUET using this platform." To guarantee the success of hybrid education, the education minister has instructed officials to create a strategy for smoothly integrating DMVS with the conventional physical schooling system. With a focus on cutting-edge studios and highly qualified instructors, the online school offers its pupils digital tools in addition to live instruction.

Board Exams Will Be Held Every Two Years Beginning in 2024-2025, Per CBSE

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will hold board exams twice a year starting with the 2024-25 academic year. The format of the twice-yearly board exams will be familiar to students who take the CBSE Class 10 and 12 exams during that session. However, students will not be required to take the twice-yearly CBSE board exams.

The program is designed to lessen students' anxiety about passing up once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. A candidate may decide not to take the next exam if he is ready and happy with his results from the last



round of tests, according to officials. In a statement, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the twice-yearly board structure will go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year. This indicates that the Class X

and XII board exams in 2025 will use this. This will take effect for current students in Classes IX and XI," Pradhan stated. The multiple board test approach, according to the officials, is being implemented to lessen the

stress on pupils who worry about missing a single opportunity. A candidate may choose not to take the second exam if they are ready and happy with their performance on one of the exam sets. Exams will be given twice a year under the new system, however it is not required for students in classes 10 and 12. The final result and merit list will be decided by utilizing the results of the best of two exams, according to reports in the media. It is anticipated that the November-December 2024 board exam will take place, and the February-March 2025 test will take place.

Delhi government ITIs place over 72%

Delhi: Officials say Delhi government-run Industrial Training Institutes placed 72.30 percent in 2023-24. They stated 10,700 students from 19 Delhi government ITIs were placed in organizations, with ITI Vivek Vihar and ITI Dheerpur having the highest placements. Delhi Education Minister Atishi attributed Delhi ITI placement numbers to the government's concentrated placement strategy. With world-class technical education and a great employment ecosystem in its ITIs, the Delhi government prepares students for great jobs. She stated we align education with industry needs to train a skilled and employable workforce. She said the government created the centralised placement and industry outreach department to improve ITI student placement and industry exposure. The Delhi Minister said the placement cell has adopted a transformation plan to modernize placement.

Air India was fined Rs 1.10 crore by the DGCA for safety infractions

The aviation regulator DGCA fined Air India Rs 1.10 crore for operating Boeing 777 aircraft that were leased to the United States in breach of safety regulations. This is Air India's second penalty in a week from the regulator. A former Air India pilot filed a complaint with the regulator, claiming that the airline was operating Boeing 777 aircraft to the US without the necessary emergency oxygen supply system in place. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducted a thorough inquiry into the situation and served the airline with a show-cause notice. "Since the said operations of the leased aircraft were not in line with regulatory/OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) performance limits, DGCA has initiated enforcement action and imposed a penalty of Rs 1.10 crore on Air India," according to a notification from DGCA. Air India did not immediately



respond to inquiries regarding the punishment. The announcement said that following receipt of a voluntary safety report by an airline employee accusing Air India aircraft on specific long-range terrain-critical routes of safety violations, the regulator conducted a thorough investigation. A show-cause notice was sent to Air India, according to the DGCA, since the investigation's first findings suggested the airline was not in compliance.

The press release omitted certain details. Before pursuing enforcement action, the DGCA examined the airline's answer to the show

cause notice in light of the performance limitations outlined in the documents provided by the OEM and the requirements outlined under applicable statutory provisions, according to the announcement. The pilot, who had been a B777 commander, lodged a complaint with the airline on October 29, 2023, over its policy of not having the necessary emergency oxygen supply equipment on board. According to reports at the time, the issue was that Air India was using leased B777 aircraft on flights that had a chemically manufactured oxygen system that lasted for around 12 minutes.

The government is seeking proposals to establish ACC units for battery storage under the PLI program

The Center declared that selected bidders would be able to establish massive battery production facilities with a 10 GWh capacity and an estimated budget of Rs 3,620 crore by participating in rebidding under a PLI initiative for Advanced Chemistry Cells (ACC). Starting on Wednesday, the global tender documents can be seen online. Bids will be accepted on April 23, 2024, and the deadline is April 22, 2024. Manufacturing of technology-neutral ACC in India is encouraged by the PLI project 'National



Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage'. "With this bidding process, the prospective applicants can submit their bids to set up a domestic manufacturing facility for ACC, which will help them qualify for incentives under the PLI ACC scheme," the ministry of heavy industry

said. The country's capital goods, automotive, and heavy electrical equipment industries are the three that the ministry supports in their development and expansion. Mahendra Nath Pandey, the Union Minister of Heavy Industries, stated that the ministry is fully committed to advancing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed and self-sufficient India. It is also supporting the expansion of India's manufacturing capabilities and exports in the automotive and automobile component sector.

Punjab National Bank Q3 Results: Tripled net profit, improved asset quality

Delhi: Punjab National Bank (PNB) recorded a net profit of Rs 2,222.8 crore for the December quarter of FY 2023-24, increasing 253.49 percent from the previous year. The bank's gross NPA dropped from 9.76 percent last quarter to 6.24 percent. Net NPA for the quarter was 0.96

percent, up from 3.30 percent year-over-year. The stock rose 0.84 percent to Rs 102 on BSE at 2.50 pm. In Q3 FY24, the bank's net interest income (NII) rose 12.13 percent to Rs 10,293 crore and operating profit rose 10.75 percent to Rs 6,331 crore. PNB credit cost rose 61 bps to

1.26 percent in Q3 FY'24 from 1.87 percent in Q3 FY'23. As of December 23, New Delhi bank provision coverage ratio (PCR) rose 911 bps YoY to 94.28 percent. As of December 31, 2023, the Bank has 10,108 domestic branches with 12,455 ATMs and 29,768 BCs.

The Centre places a 15% import charge on gold and silver findings

Delhi: "Gold or silver findings" are little components like hooks, clasps, clasps, pins, catches, and screw backs that hold jewelry. A Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs announcement boosted gold, silver, and coin import duty to 15% through 5% Agriculture Infrastructure Development Cess (AIDC). The move is meant to prevent gold and silver import duty abuse. According to the notification, "gold or silver findings" denote a minor component such as a hook, clasp, clamp, pin,



catch, or screw back used to hold jewelry in place. In addition, the finance ministry raised import tariffs on precious metal-containing

used catalysts. The duty has been raised to 14.35 percent, including 10 BCD and 4.35 AIDC (Agriculture Infrastructure

Development Cess) with SWS exemption. Since gold imports have increased in the last two months, a government official told Reuters that the action intends to prevent tariff circumvention on gold and silver bars. Just click here Financial minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed an agriculture infrastructure and development cess (AIDC) on alcohol, gold, silver, cotton, peas, apples, petrol, and diesel in the 2021-22 budget. Government imposed 2.5% AIDC on gold, silver, and dore bars.

HDFC Bank expects ROE to return to pre-merger levels in 4-5 years

Delhi: HDFC Bank's return on equity was above 17% before the merger with Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC), but it dropped to 15.8% as of December-end. It expects to restore a key financial metric to pre-merger levels after 4-5 years. "We will see a period of consolidation for 4-5 years during which growth rates and some metrics will differ from what we were used to in the bank, but this is a different institution after the merger," Reuters said. "We



are focused on profitable growth and will see return on equity return to pre-merger levels in 4-5 years," the person said. The source added the economic environment and the bank's strategy deci-

sions to adapt will affect other indicators including net interest margin, deposit and loan growth. HDFC Bank shares have fallen more than 15% since the institution released its third-

quarter FY24 earnings on January 16. The bank saw a 33% YoY increase in net profit to ₹16,372 crore and a 24% YoY increase in net interest income to ₹28,470 crore. Analysts worry about the bank's profitability and deposit growth. Retail deposits increased 2.9% QoQ while the bank's deposit base grew 1.9%. Since March 2023, management has prudently lowered the wholesale deposit base from ~17% to 16% of total deposits in December 2023.

Tata Steel reports a profit in Q3 despite losses in Europe's operations

Delhi: Despite its European business continuing to lose funds, Tata Steel managed to turn the corner in the quarter that concluded on December 31 because of improved profitability in its India operation. In comparison to a loss of ₹2,502 crore in the same quarter last year and ₹6,511 crore in the previous quarter, the company recorded a consolidated profit of ₹522 crore during the quarter. The domestic division of Tata Steel, which posted a pre-tax, depreciation, and interest profit of 8,257 crore as opposed to 5,335 crore the previous year, was the main driver of the turnaround. A loss of 2,872 crore before tax, depreciation, interest, and special items was declared by Europe in



the meantime. "The end-of-life state of several of its heavy end assets continues to cause production shortfalls for the UK business," stated Koushik Chatterjee, executive director and chief financial officer of Tata Steel.

He added that the margins of the better performing Netherlands company were also affected by the muted demand. Tata Steel's managing director and chief

executive, T.V. Narendran, insisted that the business climate remained challenging even if the company made progress during the quarter.

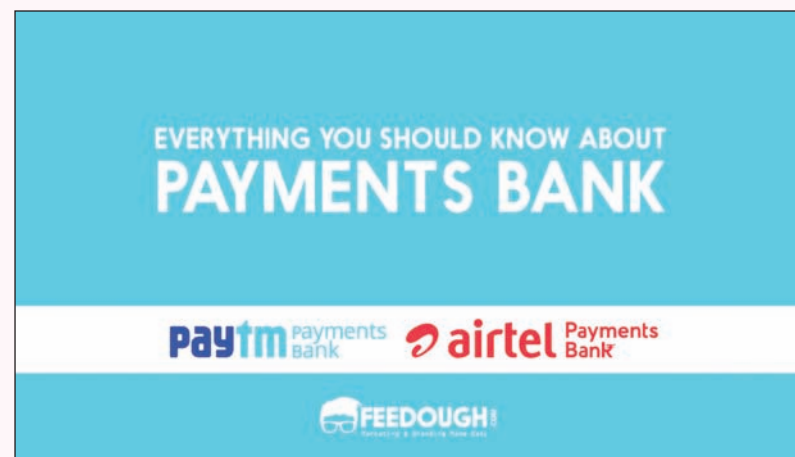
"Global operating environment has been complex, with economic slowdown in China and geopolitics weighing on commodity prices in general," he stated. According to him, China exported 7-8 million tonnes of steel per month during the December quarter, the most since 2015. This has hurt profitability as well as global steel pricing, he claimed. "Despite this context, Tata Steel India has delivered better margins aided by higher deliveries as well as realisations on a QoQ basis," he stated.

Payments Bank banned from selling new FASTags

● "During the audit, various complaints were received from the auditor that the bank did not cooperate with them in carrying out the audit"

Delhi: After an audit discovered that Paytm Payments Bank was not complying with the service level agreement, Indian Highways Management Company (IHMC), NHAI's toll division, prevented the bank from issuing new FASTags. New toll plazas in the National Electronic Toll Collection, which covers the whole NH network, are also prohibited. IHMC has also asked why Paytm Payments Bank should not be penalized for non-compliance.

However, the bank's FASTag customers will be unaffected. Paytm is a major Electronic



Tolling Tool issuer. Paytm Payments Bank ignored inquiries and requested delays. NHAI officials said other businesses are under investigation and may face similar action in the coming weeks. After the RBI froze savings bank account openings, the move was made. IHMC said it imposed limitations after an audit after many customer complaints.

"During the audit, various complaints were received from the auditor that the bank did not cooperate with them in carrying out the audit," the agency acknowledged as "a matter of concern".

Beauty industry expanding more quickly than fashion: CEO of Myntra

Delhi: In the beauty market, where well-funded competitors like Reliance and Tata Group have been rapidly expanding, Walmart's Myntra is placing its bets. There is a noticeable rivalry in the area. Huda Beauty, a Dubai-based brand, was added to Reliance's Tira and Myntra's lineup last week. Nandita Sinha, the CEO of Myntra, projects that the personal care and beauty sector would reach \$30 billion by

Moto Hero wants e-bikes over 4 lakh

Delhi: "The benefit with EVs is that we not only sell them in India, but also target global markets with them." The Vida electric scooter costs Rs 1.2 lakh (ex-showroom), but Gupta claimed the company will introduce cheaper models. "Vida will be mid-priced and cheap. A last-mile B2B commercial is under consideration. We consider it a promising and substantial segment." He stated Zero will be a premium, performance-oriented offering for 400cc-plus petrol motorbike buyers. "We are working on it and expect the motorcycle to be priced at around Rs 4-5 lakh." Gupta said the two-wheeler sector, which had been under pressure for years due to onerous circumstances for entry-level customers, is improving. "First, the category is underdeveloped and has great potential. As consumer confidence rises, the segment is showing green shoots. Capital expenditures by the government are also increasing revenue and employment.



In FY22, Byju's losses exceeded 8, or, up 80%

Delhi: Due to delayed MCA filings, failed edtech startup Byju's consolidated losses rose to Rs 8,245 crore in FY22. The company lost Rs 4,564 crore in FY21. In FY22, operations revenue rose to Rs 5,014 crore from Rs 2,280 crore.



The startup's auditor, BDO (MSKA & Associates), called the firm's continuous losses and disputes with lenders over a \$1.2 billion term loan B "material uncertainty" that "may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern".

"However... The management has undertaken various measures to improve its operating financial condition, is also in the process of securing necessary funding arrangements and exploring sale of assets as needed, and hence is confident regarding the future viability of the group," stated the auditor. According to reports, Byju's is in talks to raise \$150-300 million through a rights issue at a valuation of about \$2 billion, nearly 90% lower than its peak valuation of \$22 billion, due to a liquidity shortage. The company's FY22 losses climbed by over 80% due to rising expenses, which rose to almost Rs 13,000 crore from Rs 7,027 crore in FY21. Byju's noted that WhiteHat Jr. and Osmo's performance affected its financials. Two of the company's key acquisitions lost around Rs 3,000 crore in FY22.

The final four Noida Film City bidders include Akshay Kumar



Delhi: Four bidders—including T-Series and Akshay Kumar and Boney Kapoor-backed companies—have advanced to the final financial examination as potential developers for the International Film City near Noida Airport. UP Industrial and Infrastructure Development Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh, Yamuna Expressway Authority office in Greater Noida. The Authority Principal Secretary and Chairman Anil Sagar, Director Information Shishir Singh, CEO Arun Vir Singh, and project OSD Shailendra Bhatia chaired the program. Officials claimed Akshay Kumar, of Supersonic Technobuild, attended the presentation online, while Boney Kapoor, of Bayview Projects, was at the Yamuna Expressway Authority office in Greater Noida. The financial bid for the International Film City concessionaire or developer has been submitted after all four bidders qualified technically. Project development is based on public-private partnership (PPP). The officer stated the greenfield project developer will be the company with the largest revenue sharing to the state government. After the financial offer was opened, Bhatia, the Yamuna Expressway Authority's Additional CEO, said,

Parineeti Chopra's musical career begins

Delhi: As she announced her singing debut, actress Parineeti Chopra said she could now pursue two vocations. Parineeti posted a studio singing video on social media. Song 'Maana Ke Hum Yaar Nahin' by 'Ishaqzaade' finishes the video. Parineeti sings this song in the 2017 love film 'Meri Pyaari Bindu' with Ayushmann Khurrana. Actress from 'Hasee Toh Phasee' shared the video and wrote a poignant remark about how music has always been her happy spot. It said, "Music has always been my happy place. I've watched innumerable musicians worldwide perform on stage, and now I want to



join them. I feel lucky, blessed, and stressed about starting a new chapter in my life, and I can't convey how happy I am to start this musical journey." "A journey that lets me have two careers! How exciting (and hectic) The actress sang 'O Piya' at her September 2023 wedding to AAP MP Raghav Chadha. On the film front, she was last seen in Mission Raniganj. Her next project is 'Amar Singh Chamkila'.

From Republic Day, Ranbir Kapoor's 'Animal' will stream online

Delhi: From Republic Day, Ranbir Kapoor's blockbuster action drama 'Animal' will stream online. The film, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, examines modern father-son interactions. The film stars Ranbir as Ranvijay and Aziz Haque. Balbir Singh, Ranbir's father,

is played by Anil Kapoor. Abrar Haque, played by Bobby Deol, is also important. Mandanna plays Ranbir's wife Geetanjali. Triptii Dimri plays Zoya. The film stars Shakti Kapoor, Prem Chopra, Suresh Oberoi, and others. About the OTT release, Ranbir said: "We are absolutely overjoyed by the response 'Animal' received in theatres and now I am glad that audiences worldwide will get a chance to watch it in their homes. It's special to promote our work abroad."

CAPSULES

Six OTT Titles for This Week



Delhi: Over the years, OTT services have become incredibly popular as they have revolutionized the movie-watching experience. With just one click, fans can now watch their preferred films and television series whenever and wherever they choose. The crowd's expectations have been heightened by streaming services such as Disney+ Hotstar, JioCinema, Zee5, Netflix, Prime Video, and others that release new content every week in a variety of genres and languages from around the globe. Check out the list of web series and films that are coming out on OTT platforms this week if you want to add more high-quality stuff to your watchlist. The main character in "After Everything" is author Hardin Scott, who tries to win Natalie's forgiveness for what he did to her.

The film is a follow-up to 'After Ever Happy' and stars Josephine Langford and Hero Fiennes Tiffin as Tessa Young and Hardin Scott, respectively. Netflix will debut the film on February 1. In "Mr & Mrs Smith," two strangers are hired by a secret agency and are promised money, travel, and espionage. Donald Glover and Maya Erskine play the main roles in the series. On February 2, it will be available on Prime Video.

Shruti claims that because she wore black lipstick, people called her "chudail."

Delhi: Shruti Haasan addressed the backlash she received for using black lipstick in photos that were uploaded to Instagram. Despite being referred to as a "chudail (witch)" because of her appearance, she stated she saw it as the "greatest compliment." Shruti stated, "I didn't wear that black lipstick so you can put that gold star on your report card for me," in an interview with Pinkvilla. I followed my desire and did it. Although she wouldn't "randomly" wear black lipstick, she would not think twice "if the mood calls for it," she continued. Shruti declared that she adores the "goth subcul-



ture" and finds it amusing to be referred to as a "chudail (witch)". "I was raised idolizing the metal scene and the goth subculture, and I adore them both."

I adore the entire aesthetic. I hear remarks like "What hap-

pened to you? You look like a chudail," to which I reply, "Okay, that's okay. That's cool because witches are bad, so I love that." She continued by saying that, as a "rock and roll witch," she views it as the "greatest compliment."

Saindhav' starring Venkatesh Daggubati is getting ready for its premiere on Netflix!

The main character in the recently released Telugu movie "Saindhav" is played by Venkatesh Daggubati. The film, which was helmed by Sailesh Kolanu, hit theaters on January 13. The action thriller has brought in a total of Rs 15 crore at the box office. The movie is now scheduled for its digital debut and a February 9 release on the national OTT service Amazon Prime. Although the movie was supposed to be available on digital platforms in March, it wasn't until 28 days after its theatrical release date that it was



made available on over-the-top platforms. Fans' reactions to the movie were ambivalent, and its box office result was only mediocre. The official release date of the movie on OTT has not

yet been announced by the producers. "Saindhav" features a cast of well-known actors, including Venkatesh Daggubati, Nawazuddin Siddique, Shraddha Srinath, Arya, Andrea Jeremiah,

and Ruhani Sharma. Santhosh Narayanan wrote the soundtrack for the movie. In the film, Venkatesh plays Saiko (Saindhav Koneru), a devoted parent who gave up his previous life as a gangster in order to fulfill his commitment to be a devoted husband and father. In the action-packed movie, Venkatesh plays a man who must confront his troubled past after learning that his daughter will require an expensive treatment of Rs. 17 crore for spinal muscular atrophy.

Shubhangi Atre transforms an outdated sunglasses case into a chic clutch



Delhi: Actress Shubhangi Atre revealed that she turned an old sunglasses case into a stylish clutch purse. He plays Angoori Bhabi on the television series "Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai." The actress highlights how upcycling can change lives and how repurposing common objects may have an intrinsic beauty. Shubhangi discussed the same topic when he said: "I stumbled upon a content creator's viral video while perusing through my Instagram feed one day. She cleverly made a

sling bag out of a leftover biscuit wrapper, which motivated me to do something similar. I tried something new and turned my boring old sunglasses case into a chic clutch purse that I wear with pride on special occasions. The actress went on to say that she especially appreciates the skill of mixing and matching. Shubhangi stated: "For an athleisure-inspired style, I prefer to combine elegant sneakers with a crossbody bag or a sporty cropped hoodie with cut trousers. I also

like to pair wide-leg culottes with a fitted blazer. Repurposing, combining, and matching are fun and imaginative ways to express oneself. One can utilize their imagination to breathe new life into old goods and create something fascinating and new instead of purchasing anything new. I really think that wearing in a way that is true to your style and honest is one of the most empowering things you can do. A strategy like this can improve motivation, productivity.

Bobby Deol: Suriya is a great actor and person.



Delhi: Bobby Deol is excited and nervous for his work down south after his stellar performance as Abrar in 'Animal'. Bobby will appear in Tamil film 'Kanguva' and Telugu film 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu' directed by Krish Jagarlamudi, among others. Is he expanding his horizon? I just want to challenge myself. Not knowing the South language, I was afraid to participate in the film. Performing 'Kanguva' makes me happy. The director Siva rocks. I enjoy working with him, Bobby told IANS. "Then I am working with Krish in a Telugu film, he is a great director as well," said the actor, who will star with Pawan Kalyan in an adaptation of Veera Mallu's life. Bobby praised his 'Kanguva' co-star Suriya. "Suriya is a great actor and excellent person... Bobby remarked, "Working with such people is great."

Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayan casts Sunny Deol as Hanuman! Ranbir Kapoor and Yash-starrer updates

Delhi: The excitement around Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayan is enormous. Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi will play Lord Ram and Devi Sita, respectively, in the film, according to sources. Recent sources said Yash will play Demon King Ravana, whereas Sunny Deol will play Lord Hanuman. It appears the drapes have been raised. PinkVilla indicates that Sunny Deol will play Lord Hanuman in the proposed Ramayan trilogy. An insider told PinkVilla, "Sunny Deol is thrilled to play Lord Hanuman. As Lord Hanuman symbolizes power, Sunny Deol is the ideal choice to play the role with true conviction. The source also revealed that Sunny will begin Ramayan: Part One filming in May 2024. Ramayan: Part One will have Sunny Deol as a guest, but the second and third parts of the epic trilogy will have him fully. The creators believe Sunny Deol will follow Tara Singh as Lord Hanuman in modern times" said. If these are true, Sunny Deol fol-

69th Filmfare Awards honor Sam Bahadur



Delhi: From 'Sam Bahadur' winning three technical categories to 'Jawan' receiving Best Special Effects (visual) and Best Action, the 69th Filmfare Awards opener saw it all. In Gujarat, Aparshakti Khurana and Karishma Tanna presented the 69th Filmfare Awards Curtain Raiser. Ganesh Acharya got the Best Choreography Award for 'What Jhumka?' from 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani'. SRK's 'Jawan' won Best Special Effects (visual) and Best Action, while '12th Fail' won Best Editing. 'Animal' won Best Background Score and shared Best Sound Design with 'Sam Bahadur'. Best Sound Design: Kunal Sharma for Sam Bahadur, Sync Cinema for Animal Harshvardhan Rameshwar for Animal Best Background Score The Best Production Design: Subrata Chakraborty and Amit Ray for Sam Bahadur

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Delhi: During a rally in the Bulandshahr region of Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially opened the 750-acre "Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida" (IITGN). According to PM Modi, this smart township can compete with the world's top manufac-

turing centers since it has all the essential infrastructure needed for commerce, trade, and industry. The Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida Limited (IITGNL), a joint venture between Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and Greater Noida Authority, has

created the IITGN at a cost of around Rs 1,700 crore. Prior to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, PM Modi additionally announced and dedicated a number of other development projects valued at more than Rs 19,100 crore. Eight major corporations have made investments in the township

thus far, according to Greater Noida Authority officials. These companies are Jworld Electronics, Guru Amardass, Chenfeng (LED firm), Satkriti Infotainment, Haier Electronics, and Forme Mobile. According to the officials, the enterprises have employed about

11,000 young people and invested over Rs 4,000 crore thus far. Four new industrial smart cities are being constructed around the nation by the national government. These are the kinds of emerging cities that are competitive with the top manufacturing and investment locations worldwide. Greater Noida has seen the construction of one industrial smart city out of this. Here, every essential facility needed for day-to-day living and business has been constructed. PM Modi stated, "This city is now prepared for investors from all over the world," adding that it would help the entire region of western Uttar Pradesh.

Knew it would happen," Kcharge said of Nitish Kumar's Mahagathbandhan withdrawal



Delhi: The development comes amid a loud rumor that Nitish Kumar may rejoin the BJP-led NDA, ending the state's 'Mahagathbandhan' governance. Rohini Acharya, daughter of former CM and RJD chief Lalu Yadav, criticized the JD(U) on social media, saying that while the 'socialist party' claims to be progressive, its ideolo-

gy changes with the wind. A BJP legislative party meeting is underway at the party's Patna office amid Bihar's political turbulence. RJD ran a full-page ad in prominent state newspapers, outperforming Janata Dal (United) supreme and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. In the full-page poster, which solely showed

Tejashwi amplified, the RJD congratulated the deputy CM for giving over 4 lakh government employment and boosting tourism. In Bihar's 243-member Assembly, the RJD has 79 MLAs, the BJP 78, JD(U) 45, Congress 19, CPI (M-L) 12, CPI(M) 2, and Hindustan Awam Morcha (Secular) 4. An Independent and AIMIM hold two more seats.

Indians should emulate Akhilesh



Delhi: The Samajwadi Party spokesman said SP President Akhilesh Yadav has set an alliance format to challenge the BJP in Lok Sabha polls and others should follow. The declaration followed Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's resignation. Nitish Kumar told reporters in Patna that "things were not working well" for him in the opposition bloc INDIA. The BJP is set to assist his Bihar government. On Sunday, Samajwadi Party spokesperson Ameer Jameer remarked, "The elections are for saving our secular democracy. Our party leader,

Akhilesh Yadav, who announced seat-sharing with Congress and RLD, set an example.

Second Congress negotiations are underway. Everyone should follow this to overthrow the BJP." On Saturday, Akhilesh Yadav said

his party's coalition with the Congress was "off to a good start" with 11 "strong" Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh. The Congress then reported positive seat-sharing talks between senior party leader Ashok Gehlot and SP chairman Yadav, but no formula had been reached. "This should not have happened," the SP spokesman stated of Nitish Kumar's resignation.

Our leader has followed Mulayam Singh Yadav, who did everything to stop the BJP from taking power."

Ramayana set to be taught in Uttarakhand madrassas



Delhi: The story of Lord Ram will be made a part of the new syllabus for madrassas affiliated to the Uttarakhand Waqf Board chairman Shadab Shams Shams added that the board would appoint principals for the four madrassas soon. "These principals would be authorised to recruit teachers well-versed with Ramayana so that they can teach the students well. We are making elaborate arrangements in this direction.

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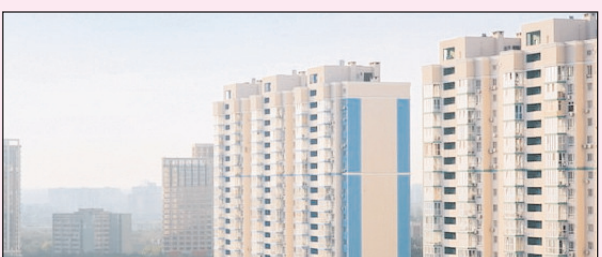
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In order to receive approval, registrations will start with 1,000 units in Noida



Delhi: After much anticipation, the city will launch its long-awaited registry of flats, with 1,084 buyers who have already taken possession of their properties receiving the initial go-ahead. Consent letters from seven real estate companies, which agree to paying off 25% of their entire debt within 60 days and the remaining amount in installments in accordance with the relief package announced by the state government last month based on the recommendations of the Amitabh Kant committee, are clearing the way for this. Around Rs 100 crore in total adjusted dues would be

given to the Noida Authority. The developers of more than fifty housing projects that have been put on hold were met earlier this month by the Noida Authority, who informed them of their recalculated dues after extending to them a two-year zero-period waiver accrued during the Covid epidemic (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022).

Real estate

agents were promised a 21% rebate. Five builders have paid 25% of amended dues upfront, according to officials:

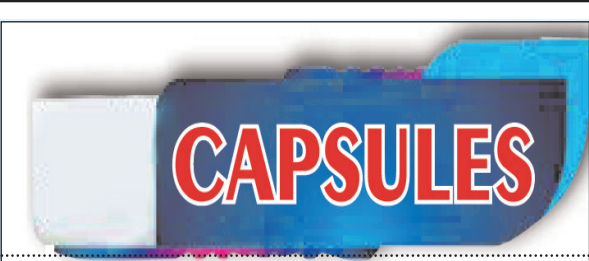
IITL Nimbus (Hyde Park, Sector 78); Capital Infraprojects (The Golden Palm, Sector 168); Divine India Infrastructure (Divine Meadows, Sector 108); HR Oracle (Elite Homz, Sector 77); and Aims RG Angel (Eco City, Sector 75). The revised dues

have also been accepted by two additional developers: Sunshine Infrawell (Helios, Sector 78) and Gulshan Homes (Ikebana, Sector 143). Authorities claim that Divine India Infrastructure has paid in Rs 3.5 crore, Aims RG Angel Rs 99 lakh, Capital Infraprojects Rs 1.65 crore, and HR Oracle Rs 8.2 lakh. IITL Nimbus was released from any obligation to pay following the zero-period waiver.

Manoj Sharma, the director, stated, "We have no dues to pay to the Authority and the registry of the remaining flats in The Hyde Park will be completed soon.

CM Kejriwal will run unopposed in the Haryana state elections

Delhi: The AAP will run autonomously for all ninety assembly seats in Haryana, but will remain in the opposition bloc. India (INDIA) at an event in Jind's Eklavya Stadium, Delhi chief minister and the party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal made a declaration regarding the Lok Sabha election that took place a few months prior. Later this year, the ten Lok Sabha constituencies of Haryana are up for assembly elections. "People have placed their trust in one party, the AAP, today." They are exposed to Punjab and the Delhi administration. Individuals there opted for change and are content with that choice. Currently, Haryana desires change, he declared at the AAP's "Badlaav Jansabha."



K'taka court sends Jayalalithaa's jewelry to TN

Delhi: A Bengaluru special court ordered the transfer of billions in gold and diamond jewelry from former Tamil Nadu chief minister late J Jayalalithaa's excessive assets to the state. The special court ordered Karnataka to receive ₹5 crore from the late AIADMK leader's fixed deposit account for trial expenses. The Supreme Court ordered the trial in Karnataka, therefore all significant evidence is in the court's coffers.

From February 4, Yogi Adityanath will lead BJP's 'Gaon Chalo' campaign



Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will lead the Bharatiya Janata Party's eight-day 'gaon chalo' campaign from February 4. According to a party guideline, cadres and leaders would ensure that "vote percentage in each booth increases by 10% in 2024 Lok Sabha elections." Yogi Adityanath, his ministers, and state BJP officials, including Bhupendra Chaudhary, will participate in the 'gaon-chalo' campaign. Each leader must spend 24 hours in rural villages debating party policies. BJP officials in rural areas may also mention the 'Ram Mandir' inauguration in Ayodhya and the opposition's boycott. BJP will soon name 'gram sanyojaka' and 'gram pravasis' (village coordinators and village stay coordinators) to perform "micro planning" for the rural UP "door-to-door, person-to-person" mass contact campaign. "The idea is to connect with the entire rural population, reach the unreached areas to take the party's word, plan and commitment to the masses," said a BJP official. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his senior ministers will show how serious the party is about this endeavor. Before its 'gaon chalo campaign', the BJP will finish opening Lok Sabha poll offices and forming election committees. UP BJP general secretary (organisation) Dharampal Singh said the party will hold two-day divisional level workshops from February 1 to train cadres on how to interact with villagers and maximize content messaging to share the impact of "double engine Modi and Yogi" governments' pro-poor schemes with the masses before the 'gaon chalo' campaign. At these rural meetings, party leaders will discuss "double engine" BJP successes.