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UNIQUE GIFT OF KRIYAYOGA ASHRAM AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO GIVE IMPETUS TO WORLD BUILDING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

PM Modi, Japanese PM pledge to speed up bullet train project

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida, affirming that ties with Japan will continue to receive priority in his third term. Govt said in a statement that India and Japan are collaborating in several important areas including the landmark Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project which, it added, will usher in the next stage in mobility in India. While the bullet train project is reported to be facing a five-year delay, Japanese authorities said earlier this year that work on all sections has started and they are satisfied with the progress. According to Japan, all uncertainties over the project have been removed. PM Modi and Kishida also spoke about the targeted 5 trillion yen worth of Japanese investment in India in 2022-2027 period, and India-Japan Industrial



Competitiveness Partnership aimed at transformation of our manufacturing cooperation. They noted that the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership is in its 10th year and expressed satisfaction at the progress made in the relationship. They discussed ways to deepen cooperation further, with focus on new and emerging areas. "The meeting provided an opportunity to review some of these ongoing works of cooperation," said the govt. **PM Modi to unveil farmer welfare initiatives in Varanasi on**

Tuesday PM Narendra Modi's visit to his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on June 18, his first after taking office, will highlight govt's efforts to improve farmer welfare, including transferring Rs 2,000 each to 9.3 crore farmers under PM-Kisan and recognise 30,000 self-help groups as 'Krishi Sakhis'—women professionals trained in farm extension services. Modi will connect with thousands of stakeholders attending the event virtually at all 732 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) nationwide. Several Union

ministers will join the event from 50 selected KVKs in various states. Agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan wrote to all CMs urging, including from opposition-ruled states, to participate virtually and extend their support. "We want to take everyone along for welfare of farmers," said Chouhan. Over one lakh primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) and five common service centres (CSCs) in rural areas will participate in the event, aimed at raising awareness about various schemes and facilities, including the AI-powered grievance chatbot (Kisan e-Mitra) designed to assist farmers promptly in their local languages. "As of now, chatbot's services are available in 12 languages and will soon cover all remaining languages. To date, it has resolved over 70 lakh queries related to schemes," noted Chouhan.

NEET: Bihar police summon students, say proof of leak

Bengaluru: **PATNA:** Bihar Police sent notices on Saturday to students in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar to join the investigation into alleged malpractice in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-Undergraduate) and said they had evidence that the exam papers were leaked. The police notices come amid nationwide protests and govt efforts to allay fears that NEET papers were leaked. Economic Offences Unit officers have arrested 13 people, including four students, and sent notices to nine more candidates suspected of involvement in the alleged scam and of receiving question papers, along with the answers ahead of the May 5 exam. The notices were served to them after details were acquired from National Testing Agency. Police said



Reform UK overtakes PM Sunak's Conservatives in opinion poll

LONDON: In a recent YouGov poll conducted for the Times newspaper, Nigel Farage's Reform UK Party surpassed Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party for the first time, just weeks before Britain's upcoming election on July 4. The survey, which involved 2,211

participants and was carried out from June 12-13, revealed that Reform UK garnered 19% support, a 2% increase from their previous standing, while the Conservatives remained unchanged at 18%. The opposition Labour Party maintained its lead

these students could help sleuths piece together the jigsaw puzzle. Scores of students across the country are demanding re-examination despite repeated denials from the NTA and Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan

that the papers were leaked. EOU DIG Manavjit Singh Dhillon said police had recovered a list of 13 people from a "safe house" at Ram Krishna Nagar, on Patna's outskirts, where around 30 medical aspirants were summoned.

Farmers' son gets 'Sword of Honour' in IAF pilots' course

LUCKNOW: The dreams of two boys from Uttar Pradesh, Bijnor's Happy Singh and Taufeeq Raza from Jhansi, came true on Saturday when they aced Indian Air Force's 213 graduation course with flying colours. In a grand combined graduation parade ceremony at Air Force Academy in Dundigal, Telangana, 235 flight cadets of flying and ground duty branches, including 22 women cadets, were commissioned as officers. Among the commissioned officers, Flying Officer Happy Singh from the flying branch was awarded the President's Plaque and the Chief of the Air Staff Sword of Honour for standing first in the overall order of merit in the pilots' course. Happy is the son.

HD backpedals on subsidy, says was calling for 'balanced approach'

BANGALURU: A day after questioning the subsidy to Micron Technology, Union minister HD Kumaraswamy went into damage-control mode, saying his comments weren't meant to criticise the incentives but to highlight the need for a more balanced approach. Union steel and heavy industries minister HD Kumaraswamy went into damage-control mode Saturday following his comments the day before questioning the rationale behind granting a Rs 3.2 crore subsidy for every job US semiconductor-maker Micron Technology creates at its upcoming Gujarat plant. Taking to social media with a resolve to exercise "utmost prudence" with his views in the future, he said his comments were not meant to criticise the financial incentives lined up for Micron, but to highlight the need for a more balanced approach in supporting domestic and foreign investments. Kumaraswamy - whose JDS is a BJP ally - reassured stakeholders that the Centre remained committed to creating a favourable environment for domestic companies while also bolstering the local semiconductor industry. "Semiconductor is an important industry. It is a fundamental prerequisite for electronics and automobile manufacturing. Both these sectors generate substantial employment. I appreciate the semiconductor-related initiatives taken by @PMOIndia and will endeavour towards fulfilling them through my ministry," he posted on X. "The rationale behind this is not justifiable as we have been investing Rs 3.2 crore.

Take down posts on senior scribe in 7 days: Delhi HC to 3 Congress netas

NEW DELHI Delhi HC has ordered the removal of posts by Congress politicians Ragini Nayak, Jairam Ramesh and Pawan Khera that allege that senior journalist Rajat Sharma used abusive language on air during a show on election results day. The single judge bench of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna granted an



ex parte ad interim posts on 'X' which injunction order in have not been favour of Sharma removed, be his defamation suit removed within and directed that the seven days by the

defendants in terms of the intermediary guidelines. The court also directed that videos in the public domain in this case be made private by Google India Pvt Ltd and not be put in the public domain without judicial orders. "Irreparable loss and injury would be caused to the plaintiff for if the videos and tweets, etc.

G7 Summit commits to promote India-Europe corridor

NEW DELHI: The G7 countries have committed to promoting the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEEC), in what is seen as a boost to the strategic initiative amid tension in West Asia, which may have delayed work on the project. While the Indian govt has started its end of the work on the initiative that was announced on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders Summit in



Delhi last year, there are rail links in Saudi Arabia and some other countries that need to be established. PM Modi attended the meeting as India was a special invitee along with Brazil, Argentina, UAE

and Turkiye, among others. The backing for IMEEEC came along with a similar statement of support by G7 for the Lobito Corridor in Central Africa and Luzon Corridor. and the Middle Corridor.

Nasa's Chandra X-ray captures 'super' star cluster nearest to Earth

NEW DELHI: Westerlund 1, the largest and nearest 'super' star cluster to Earth, is being closely observed with new data from Nasa's Chandra X-ray Observatory and other Nasa telescopes. These observations are helping astronomers study this active star-producing region in more detail. This marks the first publicly released data from a project called the Extended Westerlund 1 and 2 Open Clusters Survey (EWOCs). EWOCs is led by astronomers from the Italian National Institute of Astrophysics in Palermo. Chandra observed Westerlund 1 for about 12 days in total as part of EWOCs.



Presently, only a few stars are formed in our galaxy each year. In the past, however, the Milky Way produced many more stars with its peak around 10 billion years ago, forming dozens or hundreds per year. Most of this occurred in massive clusters, known as 'super star clusters,' like Westerlund 1. These clusters are young and contain over 10,000 times the Sun's mass. Westerlund 1 is between 3 million and 5 million years old.

The new image includes deep Chandra data and previous data from Nasa's Hubble Space Telescope. Chandra's X-rays reveal young stars and diffused heated gas in the cluster. The young stars mostly appear as white and pink, while the heated gas is shown in pink, green, and blue (with increasing temperatures). Hubble's data highlights many stars as yellow and blue dots. Few super star clusters exist in our galaxy today. They provide valuable

insights into the era when most of our galaxy's stars formed. Westerlund 1 is the largest remaining super star cluster in the Milky Way. It contains a mass between 50,000 and 100,000 times that of the Sun and is the closest to Earth at roughly 13,000 light-years away. These attributes make Westerlund 1 an ideal target for studying the influence of a super star cluster's environment on star and planet.

To have already suffered greatly from

MUMBAI: Actor Salman Khan, who has been allegedly facing persistent threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, while recording his statement before the crime branch expressed his frustration and exhaustion over being targeted for a crime he claims to have already suffered greatly from. and paid fines imposed by various courts. The gang has been targeting Khan since 1998, when he was accused of hunting chinkaras near Jodhpur while shooting for a movie. The city crime branch, probing the case in which two shooters fired at Khan's Bandra residence on behalf of Bishnoi on April 13, recorded the statements of Salman Khan and his brother Arbaz Khan on June 4.

How retired bank employee lost over Rs 1 crore on WhatsApp

A 61-year old retired bank employee fell victim to a cyber fraud promising high returns on stock market investments. The victim lost more than Rs 1 crore in the fraud that started in the first week of February this year. A case has been filed under the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act. In her complaint, the victim told police that she came across a share trading advertisement on Facebook in the first week of February. She clicked on the link in the advertisement and joined a WhatsApp group that advised her to buy BSE shares and IPO through them. Later, a woman named Sangeeta Kumari invited her to join a VIP group. The complainant, on being told that her international trading account

had been sanctioned, shared her Aadhaar card details with the admin. The victim was then asked to download an app on her Android phone through an invitation code link. The complainant clicked on the link which directed her to a 'share trading' firm's webpage. In March, the victim was asked to pay Rs 32 lakh as tax. She was later asked to send Rs 95 lakh as tax. This time, the complainant told Kumari to deduct the amount from her profit, and return her remaining money, but Kumari refused. The complainant transferred Rs 30 lakh and informed the accused that she wanted to withdraw all her funds, but the accused demanded an additional Rs 5 lakh as a service fee. How to stay safe?

We do not just produce electricity but also consider girl child development and empowerment as priority: Kamlesh Soni



Meja: The summer workshop of Girl Empowerment Campaign 2024, conducted for the last one month in Urja Nigam, concluded - Meja. After the summer workshop of Girls Empowerment Campaign 2024 run by Meja Urja Nigam ended on Saturday, a closing ceremony was organized. In which Chief Executive Officer of Meja Urja Nigam Kamlesh Soni was present as the chief guest and President of Aparajita Mahila Samaj, Mrs. Anu Soni was present as the special guest. It is noteworthy that this one

month long summer workshop was very beneficial for 40 girls selected from nearby villages in which they learned many new activities like drama, theatre, computer, self-defense etc. It is noteworthy that Meja Urja Nigam is associated with the Girl Empowerment Campaign since 2019. This campaign symbolizes a unique initiative for the betterment, welfare and empowerment of girls, which has a sense of social concern.

During the program, Chief Executive Officer of the corporation, Kamlesh



Soni, said that Meja Urja family takes pride in the fact that not only we pro-

duce electricity which is the natural primary function of the company, but

the company also makes girl child development and empowerment its primary

duty and Accepts responsibility. He said that we also see the campaign from the perspective of constitutional responsibility, social justice, girl child development, and propounding and awakening social consciousness. During the closing ceremony, the girls also gave an excellent display of the arts they had learned from one month of training. During the programme, all the heads of departments, general managers, CSR team, villagers and other staff members were prominently present.

Central govt should take strict steps to eradicate Pak sponsored terrorism: ABVP

Prayagraj: The recent deadly attacks by terrorists on civilians and security forces inside the peaceful area of Jammu is extremely condemnable and unfortunate. ABVP is continuously protesting against the terrorist incidents in Jammu and is demanding from the Central Government to establish peace in Jammu. After a long time, it is being seen that such terrorist attacks are taking place in a peaceful area like Jammu. For the last few days, there have been continuous terrorist attacks in residential places like Doda, Kathua, etc. of Jammu and still some suspicious people are hiding in Jammu city, the work of finding them is going on by Jammu and Kashmir Police. In Jammu, they are working to harm the general public through ruthless terrorist attacks sponsored by Pakistan and efforts are being made to create an atmosphere of fear among the people. ABVP national minister Ghulam Mustafa Ali said, "ABVP demands from the central government that the border security mechanism as well as the internal security mechanism in Jammu and Kashmir should be further tightened, as well as the Indian Army's presence in the rural areas of the region. There is a need to increase the presence. Soft operations like Operation Sadbhavana need to be launched more rapidly so that the terrorists are not able to spread their Pakistan-funded hate terrorism propaganda among the common innocent citizens of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

ABVP National General Secretary Yagyavalkya Shukla said, "The deadly attack on innocent civilians and security forces by Pakistan-backed ruthless terrorists is not only unfortunate and condemnable but is also an attack on the country's identity. It is unforgivable to carry out such cowardly incidents, the Center The government should take strict action to curb such criminals and due to such incidents, students are also facing a lot of difficulties in the admission process in all the universities of the state. The date of NET examination is also not far away. In such a situation, ABVP demands the Central Government to take immediate decisions and ensure the safety of common citizens."

SP State Prez given grand welcome on arrival in Handia

Prayagraj: A grand welcome was given in Handia today under the leadership of Samajwadi Party State President Shri Shyam Lal Pal and Samajwadi Party Youth Brigade National Secretary Kamlesh Singh Yadav. Speaking on this occasion, State President Shyam Lal Pal said that he appealed to the workers to start preparing for the upcoming 2027 assembly elections. The state president said that he will form the government with full majority in the upcoming assembly elections. Speaking on this occasion, Shri Kamlesh Singh Yadav, National Secretary Samajwadi Party (Youth Brigade) said that the workers should get their names increased in the voter list from now on. Whose name is left out. The coming time is for SP and India alliance. National Secretary Kamlesh Singh Yadav said that the alliance of BJP with Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu. There is an alliance of two opposite schools of thought. The BJP government at the Center will not complete its term. The government will fall in four months. The National Secretary said that the India Alliance government is going to be formed at the Center within four months. On this occasion, people like Ramakant Bengali, Kasim Khan, Nizam Bhai, Lallu Asgar Kethari, Brijbhunash Yadav, Rakesh etc. were present.

Ninth day of Ganga Mahotsav enthralled one & all

Prayagraj: On the ninth day of Ganga Mahotsav, organized under the aegis of Ganga Aarti Committee, Legislative Council member Nirmala Paswan, BJP, in the festival organized at Ramghat, below Triveni Dam. Leader Kush Srivastava, and Naresh Kundra and Prem Narayan Kesarwani performed the Aarti and worship of Maa Ganga. After the Aarti and worship of Maa Ganga, program coordinator of Harihar Ganga Aarti Committee, Awadhesh Chandra Gupta, along with all the guests



and devotees who came along with him, gave a resolution. After reading the letter, a pledge was taken to ensure that Mother Ganga remains clean, clear and flowing continuously. Founder and President Suresh Chandra Bade Babu welcomed and felicitated the guests. Sponsor Mithai Wala Aju honored all the artists. The program was conducted by renowned announcer Dr. Abha Srivastava. Madhur did it. As part of the 10-day event, a huge Bhandara has been organized by all the Ganga devotees on the sacred festival of Ganga Dussehra tomorrow, 16th June 2024. Suresh Chandra Bade Babu, media in-charge Narendra Maurya Channu Baba, Vipul Mittal, assistant media in-charge, Pramod Pandey, Laljiyadav, Mithai Lal Aju, Prabhat Mukherjee, Chhavi Sharma, Manoj, Guddu Pathak, Divyansh Srivastava, Sanju Malhotra, at Ganga Mahotsav. Prominent people like Sanjay Kumar, Radheshyam Dada, Jitendra Jaiswal, Shalin Dubey, etc. were present.

Dishonour of cheque of erstwhile bank not an offence: HC

Prayagraj: The Allahabad high court has ruled that cheques from erstwhile banks (banks which merged with another bank on April 1, 2020) became 'invalid' after September 30, 2021. Consequently, the dishonor of such cheques will not constitute an offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. Justice Arun Kumar Singh Deswal observed while allowing a petition filed by one Archana Singh Gautam seeking quashing of the entire criminal proceeding, including the impugned summoning order in a Complaint Case under Section 138 NI Act.

"From the perusal of Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, it is clear that if any invalid cheque is presented before the Bank

and the same was dishonoured, then no liability under Section 138 N.I. Act would be attracted, and the cheque of Allahabad Bank is invalid after 30.09.2021 after the merging of Allahabad Bank into the Indian Bank on 01.04.2020. Therefore, dishonoring such cheques after 30.09.2021 will not attract liability u/s 138 N.I. Act," observed the court.

The facts of the case were that a cheque was presented to the 'Indian Bank' by the opposite party on August 21, 2023, and the same was returned on August 25, 2023, with the endorsement "wrongly delivered not drawn on us". The opposite party filed a complaint against the petitioner in the Court of Special Judicial Magistrate-II, Banda.

Before the HC, the coun-

sel for the applicant contended that the bank returned the cheque in question because it was invalid on the date of issuance and presentation. Hence, bouncing such an invalid cheque will not attract liability u/s 138 NI Act.

On the other hand, the counsel for the opposite party and AGA contended that if the applicant was aware that the cheque had been declared invalid due to the merger of Allahabad Bank into Indian Bank, issuing this cheque would constitute an attempt to deceive the opposing party. Hence, the offence under Section 138 NI Act would indeed be applicable. The Court while allowing the petition clarified that the above analogy would also apply to the cheques of all banks that have merged with other banks.

NCC children made aware about traffic rules

Prayagraj: In the multipurpose hall of Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, the boys and girls of 67 CTR NCC camp were made aware about the rules of road safety by Prayagraj Traffic Inspector Pawan Kumar Pandey. Camp Commandant Ravindra Khatri was present as the chief guest on this occasion. Pawan Pandey ji was honored by the chief guest by presenting him a memento. Inspector Pawan Pandey told in the program that many people lose their lives in road accidents. Safe travel has become a big challenge especially for cyclists. The reason is that people are careless about the rules. Students were told that car drivers and two-wheeler drivers should leave the

house only wearing seat belts and helmets of correct standards. A certain distance should always be maintained from other vehicles on the road. One should be well aware of the



road side direction boards and road safety rules. Do not drink alcohol while driving. People drive with earphones in their ears which is very dangerous. And also answered the children's traf-

fic related questions. He also told the children about Good Samaritan or the ten golden principles of traffic. 450 NCC cadets participated in this workshop. Captain KP Singh, Major DP

Goswami, Lieutenant Sunil Kumar, social worker Nitish Shukla, Pradeep Dubey, Satendra Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Kamlesh Kumar etc. were present in the workshop.

Awareness program organized on World Blood Donor Day

Prayagraj: Awareness program was organized on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day at Central Hospital, North Central Railway. Every year, World Blood Donor Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and to urge more people to donate blood. This year's theme is "Celebrating 20 Years: Thank You Blood Donors!". Dr. S. K Handu presided over the awareness programme. She urged people to donate blood to help in the continuous supply of healthy blood for health care organizations. Dr. Kalpana Mishra expressed her gratitude to blood donors for their life-saving donations over the years. Dr. Usha S.P. Yadav spoke in detail on the subject with a power point presentation on the components of blood and benefits of blood donation. Registration of voluntary blood donors was also done on the occasion.



Voluntary blood donation camp organized

Prayagraj: Blood donation camp organized on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day in the premises of Anha Blood Bank in collaboration with Blood for Humanity Foundation as well as other organizations. Done. 65 units of blood were donated in the blood donation camp. On this occasion, K.P. Mishra Manoj, President (Priest Human Services and Nature Conservation Institute) along with Sanjeev Chawla, President of the organization, were present. Respected friends, a total of 65 units of blood were donated. Due to the scorching heat, many Raktabirs could not reach. All the blood heroes and blood brave women were also honored by giving them citations and mementos. In this blood donation camp program, Dr. Nikunj Kumar Agarwal, (Director of Anha Charitable Blood Center Prayagraj), Blood Bank Incharge Dr. NK Agarwal, Dr. Ashish Tandon, Dr. Raj Kishore. Aggarwal, Dr. Avnish Saxena, Dr. Sharad Jain, Naveen Prajapati, Devesh Jaiswal, Hasan Mahmood Usmani, Sanjay Anand ji.



Open University administered oath of yoga to RAF soldiers

Prayagraj: In the context of International Yoga Day 2024, in order to administer the online oath to make a record in the Guinness World Book, 101 of the RAF located at Phaphamau in Prayagraj It was organized in the battalion premises. In which, on behalf of RAF, Deputy Commandant Shri Ramchandra Ram welcomed the Registrar of the University, Colonel Vinay Kumar and the coordinator of World Yoga Day 2024, Dr. Devesh Ranjan Tripathi and introduced all the members of the RAF campus to the various activities of the Open University. Went. In the same sequence, Registrar of Open University, Colonel Vinay Kumar explained the importance of Yoga to all the soldiers and provided information regarding the online Yoga Shapath Maha Abhiyan being organized currently. He said that Yoga is the only medium through which peace can be brought in life.

Yoga Coordinator Dr. Devesh Ranjan explained the usefulness of various programs of the university to all the platoon commanders present and explained the various steps of taking the online yoga oath. After that everyone took a collective oath online. All the platoon commanders

pledged to take this great campaign being run by the Chancellor and Governor of Uttar Pradesh to each of their soldiers and family members and administer the oath. In the end, the Deputy Commandant expressed his gratitude to his Commandant Mr. Manoj and Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam. Deputy Commandant Shri Ram assured that in future too, Open University and RAF will jointly organize similar public utility programs. Along with this, Raj

Bhavan, Lucknow organized the largest yoga related program in the world on the occasion of World Yoga Day-2024. After receiving instructions to make a record of the oath, Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, the only open university of the state, is continuously running the oath taking campaign to achieve its goal. With the inspiration of the newly appointed Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam, on June 15, 2024, teachers, employees and students actively participated in the Yoga Pledge Campaign in the university campus. Along with this, people were also inspired to support the university in the Yoga Pledge campaign in the establishments near the university campus.



BSP Chief Zone Incharge reviewed defeat in AId Parliamentary Lok Sabha

Mission will be taken forward by correcting errors: Amarendra Bahadur Bhartiya

Prayagraj: Reviewing the reasons behind BSP's loss in the Lok Sabha elections and low election percentage, Chief Divisional Sector Incharge of Prayagraj Mandal Amarendra Bahadur Bhartiya and Dr. Jagannath Pal said that Behenji considers Bahujan great men as icons and today Behenji is the icon of us Bahujans. Is an icon. Whatever decision she takes, her judgment has to be trusted. If the Bahujan community uses discretion and closes its eyes and sees with its divine vision, then sister's life is dedicated to the Bahujan community. She works for the Bahujan Samaj and is an amazing force of the Bahujan Samaj. BSP's mission is not for any caste or religion but for ideology. Man is a social animal. Today man seems to be changing colors like a chameleon. Bahujan great men have worked for humanity and respect in adverse circumstances, but today due to the negligence of BSP people, the vote percentage

of the party has decreased. People of opposition party India alliance created a market in the name of Baba Saheb by taking the name of Vina Lohia and enslaved the Bahujans, the children of the slave makers. After the crushing defeat of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in the Lok Sabha elections, extensive changes have been made at the district and division level and now Uttar Pradesh has been divided into six sectors. The main sector in-charge of Sector 2 has started reviewing this defeat. In this sequence, a review meeting of Lok Sabha constituency 52 was held in Mungari of Karchana assembly constituency on Friday.

First of all, during the review meeting, Assembly Speakers of Koraon, Meja, City South, Bara and Karchana presented their views to review the situation of the party in the last Lok Sabha elections from booth to sector in Allahabad parliamentary seat. Among the BSP As-



sembly Presidents of Allahabad Parliamentary Constituency, Major Assembly Speaker Awadhesh Kumar Gautam said that the posts of Chief Sector Incharge and Mandal Sector Incharge between the State President and the District President should be abolished and all the powers should be vested in the State President and the District President. Should be

done. All the Assembly Speakers agreed on the issue of forming caste based brotherhood committees, making candidates of all castes and religions in Lok Sabha and Assembly in proportion to the population and strengthening the non-political roots of BSP by re-starting the closed cadre of BSP. High Court advocate Rambrij, election in-charge of Karchana assembly and

member of the district executive, said that the dirt contained in the Ganga will not be removed by cleaning in Haridwar, Kanpur, Prayagraj and Varanasi, but the first stop of BSP's mission is from Gangotri in the form of sister-in-law, National General Secretary. From the District President, Main Sector, Mandal Sector In-charge and the business that is done in the name of getting tickets for the Assembly and Lok Sabha by making her meet her close to sister-in-law, up to the Legislative Assembly level, such officials who distribute the election material to BSP. Those who are taking votes from the party candidates and have been doing Vibhishan's work by getting the opposition party to vote, they should be immediately removed from the party and other people should be given a chance.

In the review meeting held at the Karchana Legislative Assembly office located next to the Mungari saw machine, the main sec-

tor incharges Naushad Ali, Suraj Singh Jatav, Pravech Kuril, Hemant Pratap Singh were to review the crushing defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, as per the instructions of sister. Despite this he was not present in the review meeting. In the absence of Chief Sector Incharge, Divisional Sector Incharge, Amarendra Bahadur Bhartiya, Divisional Sector Incharge Dr. Jagannath Pal, Divisional Sector Incharge Akash Rao Gautam participated in the review. The review meeting was conducted by District President Pankaj Gautam. District in-charge Dr. SP Siddharth, Bara Assembly Speaker Gulab Chand Chaudhary, Devi Charan Kushwaha from Koraon, Abhay Raj Singh of Karchana, Harishchandra Kuril with Surya Bali Pasi from Southern, TN Jaisal, Bholu Nath Chaudhary, Shiv Shankar Pal, Jealousy Kapoor, Hundreds of people were present along with Vijay Kori, Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Manoj Pal, Amar Nath Nidar.

Kareli ward 96 presents festering picture of utter civic neglect

Prayagraj: "Kareli ward number 96 residents are in the misfortune. The councilor of this ward is completely useless. Its development is like that of Modi ji, which is not visible anywhere. Only special devotees see development. Its henchmen and devotees remain active on social networking sites and continuously praise fake development and keep trumpeting, garbage is not picked up in the ward every day, street lighting is not working, water is not available, electricity problem is completely broken, sewer line is completely broken. This is all a common thing. Regarding this garbage, our father and the residents of the locality called the councilor but the problem has not been solved till now. The filth is spread everywhere. What a bad effect it is having on the small children. There is filth all around, there is bad smell, the rhetoric was at its peak at the time of elections, there was talk of 'Choose a son, not a leader', there was talk of 24x7, which is complete rhetoric, the councilor is missing from our area like the lion is missing from the donkey's head. His attitude towards the ward is negative, his special focus is on raising money and earning. Today the people of the ward are feeling cheated," said social activist Iftakhar Ahmed Mandar.



State govt initiates steps to improve environmental conditions in 7 cities

Prayagraj: In a significant move to improve environmental conditions, the state government has sanctioned Rs. 258 crore as an incentive for seven major cities of Uttar Pradesh, including Prayagraj. This funding, provided by the 15th Finance Commission, is aimed at bolstering eco-friendly efforts in Varanasi, Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Ghaziabad, and Meerut besides Prayagraj, officials shared. According to a letter issued by undersecretary (urban development) Mohd Wasif, the highest budget of Rs. 106.9 crore has been allocated to Kanpur Municipal Corporation. The lowest amount of over Rs. 4.04 crore has been allocated to Prayagraj Municipal Corporation. Varanasi has received over Rs. 36.62 crore, Lucknow has got over Rs. 16.98 crore, Agra has received over Rs. 58.97 crore, Ghaziabad has bagged over Rs. 17.17 crore and Meerut Municipal Corporation has received over Rs. 14.43 crore, stated the missive. This amount must be spent on environmental improvements in these cities, the letter makes its clear.

The budget can be used only for the construction and repair of drains and roads, purchase of machines and other equipment for air quality improvement and improving the quality of drinking water, it adds. Confirming the development, chief finance officer of the Prayagraj Municipal Corporation, RK Sharma said that the government has set standards for the incentive amount given under the 15th Finance Commission.

Before Rath Yatra, construction of idol temple of Lord Jagannathji being done

Prayagraj: Trust's Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said that this year the Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust is celebrating its Silver Jubilee festival. On this occasion, the idol of Lord Jagannath ji is being dedicated in the temple complex of Prayageshwar Nath Jagannath Dham located in Kashi Rajnagar Katghar. The construction work has started and before the Rath Yatra, the entire temple premises will be beautified which will attract people from far away. On the occasion of Ganga Dussehra, sherbet distribution will be organized in the courtyard of Bhole Giri Temple Katghar Road on June 16 from 10:00 am.

Neha Gupta appointed metropolitan co-coordinator of BJP Divyang Cell

Prayagraj: BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra appointed Neha Gupta as the metropolitan co-coordinator of Bharatiya Janata Party Divyang Cell and appointed her Those who congratulated included metropolitan spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, metropolitan coordinator Divyang Cell Priyas Singh, co-convenor Raja Mehrotra, Monu Sharma, Sarvesh Pandey, Vijay Vaishya, Rakesh Bharti, Prashant Shukla, Anand Vaishya Sudarshan, Anand Dubey, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Kishan Jaiswal etc.



Crowd thronging market of sacrificial goats on Eid Ul Azha Bakrid

Prayagraj: Prayagraj's only oldest goat market Hatia Bahadurganj Irshad Ullah told that this is the oldest goat market of Prayagraj, here the market is held two days a week, on Saturday and Tuesday, on the occasion of Bakrid, the market is roaring. The number of goats increases during Bakrid, goats from outside also come here for sale and farmers from villages are also reaching the market with goats. Many breeds of goats are present in Hatia goat market.

Meeting held to ensure success of Lok Adalat

Prayagraj: A meeting was held with all the police station heads for the success of the Special National Lok Adalat to be organized by the Supreme Court under the chairmanship of the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority. Guidelines were provided in the meeting regarding serving notices to the police station heads. For the success of the Special Lok Adalat to be organized by the Supreme Court from 29.7.2024 to 03.08.2024 and the National Lok Adalat to be organized on 13.7.2024, a meeting of the Police Station Chiefs of all the police stations in the District Court Auditorium / District Judge. It was orga-



nized as per the instructions of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Prayagraj Santosh Rai and under the chairmanship of Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Secretary District Legal Services Authority. In the meeting, guidelines were provided to the police station incharges of all the police stations regarding the serving of notices for the Special Lok Adalat organized by the Supreme Court from 29.7.2024 to 3.8.2024 and the National Lok Adalat dated 13.7.2024 and by getting as many notices served as possible, the Supreme Court Instructions were given for the success of Special Lok Adalat and National Lok Adalat. Chief Judicial Magistrate Shashi Kumar told all the police station chiefs about the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court regarding old files and asked them to ensure that they are followed on priority basis, so that they can be disposed of. This information was provided by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Dinesh Kumar Gautam.

ABVP delegation submitted memo to Education Minister demanding to remove irregularities in NEET-UG exam

Immediate investigation should be done into irregularities in NEET-UG exam process and results

Prayagraj: A delegation of ABVP met Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan ji to apprise him about the #NEET exam issue and the consequent student distress. Pradhan informed that he has taken cognizance of the developments and that he will take the strictest action against anyone found guilty. He has also assured that the interests of students will be protected at all costs. ABVP delegation led by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad National Minister Dr. Virendra Solanki and Shivangi Kharwal on Saturday met Union Education Minister Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi on the issue of conducting National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG 2024) conducted by NTA. A memorandum has been submitted to CBI to investigate the irregularities in the process and results and to take immediate action against the culprits involved. Irregularities were seen in various parts of the country in the conduct of this

examination and incidents like distribution of solvers and question papers came to light at some centres. ABVP is in support of the fair demands being raised by the student community and has demanded an im-

mediate solution to this problem. India There is doubt among the students about the purity and transparency in the process and results of the NEET-UG examination conducted for admission to the top medical institutions of India. Many irregularities were also found during the conduct of the examination,



which makes it clear that the centers were not reviewed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and complete preparation was not done for the conduct. While discussing these points with the ABVP delegation,

Union Education Minister Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan has assured that injustice will not be done to any student in the concerned subject and legal and punitive action will be taken against those found guilty in the matter.

ABVP's National Ministers Dr. Virendra Solanki and Shivani Kharwal said,

"There is a situation of doubt among the students regarding the irregularities in the conduct of NEET-UG examination and the examination results. ABVP is with this demand of the students and is in the related matter." This type of irregularities by a major examination agency like NTA shows its incompetence by conducting an investigation by CBI and hence ABVP needs to make its functioning foolproof so that no irregularities occur in future. Dr. Abhinandan Bokaria, National Convener of ABVP's Ayam Medivision, said, "A review should have been done by the entrance examination agency before the examination, so that such irregularities do not come to light. An important examination like NEET, for which the medical field "Students who are interested in studying hard work, irregularities in such major examinations are a violation of the legitimate expectations of the students. ABVP demands strictest action against the culprits in the matter."

Online gaming fraudsters ran mini call centres in several states: Cops

Prayagraj: Questioning from 14 accused involved in online betting and gaming racket busted by Naini police has revealed that the kingpin of the scam Rahul Sao was running mini call centres in multiple cities in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and other states for luring youths for online gaming and duping them of hefty cash.

Sao's close aides used to supervise the call centres. The call centre busted in Prayagraj was run by his close aide Manish Rao while Shivam Singh was the head of call centre at Gopalganj. Sao used to take help from some people in foreign countries and duped people through apps and websites.

Meanwhile, Shivam Singh was arrested by Bihar police and informed

that Sao also has connections with persons running a popular gaming app. Sao used to provide training to the gang members and arranged mobile phones, SIM cards and laptops. The arrested members of the gang used to get commission from one to ten percent depending on their work and ability.

DCP (trans-Yamuna) Shradha Narendra Pandey said laptops, mobiles etc recovered from the accused are being scanned to trace other members of the gang and unearth their network across the country. It is worth mentioning that in a major crackdown against online gaming frauds, Naini police on Tuesday busted an inter-

state betting and gaming scam which was being run in a house in Naini area.

The gang was involved in duping youths while luring them of profits through online games. Police team arrested 12 gang members with cash Rs. 2.43 crore, laptops, mobile phones, SIM cards, bank documents, transaction records etc. Two more gang members Manish Rao and Manish Soni were arrested by police on Thursday. On inputs provided by Naini police, more raids were carried out and two similar gangs were busted in Gopalganj of Bihar and Maharajganj of Uttar Pradesh and 26 persons involved in the scam were arrested.

On eve of Ganga Dussehra, two-day free medical camp kicks off

Prayagraj: On the eve of Ganga Dussehra, a two-day free medical camp was organized by the team of Ideal Homeopathic Welfare Organization on Saturday under the aegis of Baba Bhagwan Ram Hospital on the banks of Sangam. Dr. Bhanwar Singh, Chief Executive Member of Ideal Homeopathic Welfare Organization, said that like every year, this year also free treatment was organized by

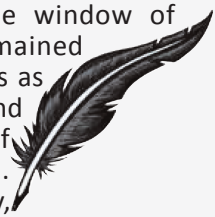


Baba Bhagwan Ram Hospital on the occasion of Ganga Dussehra. In medical treatment, health check-up of hundreds of Ganga devotees was done and free medicines were distributed. Dr. Vandana Singh said that on Sunday, on the occasion of Ganga Dussehra, health check-up of Ganga devotees will be done and free medicines will be distributed. In the medical camp, mainly Dr. Vandana Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Patel, Dr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, Dr. Gyanendra Netra, Assistant Vineet, Dr. YP Singh Pushpanjali, Vicky, Dr. Awadhesh, Dr. Rahul Abhishek, Gaurav, Janu etc. were present.

Editorial

Putin surprise & reshuffle

The President has chosen deputy prime minister and long-time economic advisor Andrei Belousov to replace Shoigu, who in turn has replaced Patrushev. The latter's new appointment remains unknown. The move is being seen as an effort to reduce the unsustainable and soaring costs of the war in Ukraine. It also challenges the narrative that the Russian economy is unaffected by the sanctions in the long-standing war. For 2024 alone, Putin has allocated \$117 billion for the special military operation against Ukraine. His war economy runs feverishly in an overheated mode. Most international estimates state that 7.5 per cent of Russia's GDP is directed to the military-industrial complex although Kremlin's official estimates claim it is 6.7 percent. It is a rare submission of a rising-cost problem from Putin, who had preferred to continue with his hunting-holidaying excursions pal Shoigu despite repeated allegations of systemic corruption and inefficiency against him for years. These allegations became the order of the day when mercenary group Wagner, led by Yevgeny Prigozhin, was brought to deliver victory in the infamous battle for Bakhmut in 2023. Putin's slighting of Prigozhin's outright allegations against Shoigu and Chief of General Staff Valery Gerasimov led to the incredible Wagner mutiny against the two generals, which ended up with Prigozhin's death in uncanny circumstances. It, however, unleashed an investigation into rampant corruption inside Russia's military leadership, of which Prigozhin had become the most notorious victim. Russia-watchers had an inkling of Shoigu's exit after Prigozhin and his aides were made to bid adieu to the flannel skies, and many corrupt links started to get exposed in the Ministry of Defence. The inkling became stronger as Shoigu's deputies, including Timur Ivanov, got arrested on corruption charges last month. Soon, two other deputy defence ministers allegedly backdated their resignations before 9 May, or the Soviet Victory Day. The Russian army was supposed to make an impressive win in Chasiv Yar on the eastern front but had to make do with American tanks captured at a small village called Berdychi when Ukrainians retreated, running out of ammunition to fire. All has certainly not been going as planned. The latest reshuffling in key defence and security offices has been Putin's biggest shake-up in the past 15 years. There are two reasons for this. One is ensuring economic efficiency at a time when the stakes are very high for Russia and Putin. And two, Shoigu's leadership has not been able to yield the anticipated results in the Ukraine war. His current appointment is a step-down with little direct authority. Getting an economist like Belousov in the key position of a defence minister also shows that Putin is preparing for the longer haul. It is a solemn reiteration that the Ukraine war has indeed been reduced to a grinding war of attrition, with both sides lacking the capabilities to end it anytime soon. Europe's combined strategies to support Kyiv militarily won't come to fruition until mid-2025. American aid and the conditionalities attached are likely to help Ukraine stay afloat, but not gain a decisive edge. That said, Russia, too, has been astonishingly lacklustre in exploiting the window of opportunity that had remained open for the last six months as Ukraine was outgunned and outnumbered with a lack of troops and ammunition. Despite the high intensity, war-economy mode with the reported.



Nitish was foisted as the chair of the alliance

Though some point out that Kharage and not Nitish was foisted as the chair of the alliance, given his track record, the Bihar chief minister's opposition to the BJP was always suspect. The second move by the Congress has been to channelise the strength of the alliance partners to keep itself afloat. To this end, the Congress is contesting only 328 seats this time, significantly fewer than the 421 it contested in the 2019 polls. This number would have been 330, but one candidate's nomination papers were rejected in Surat, and another withdrew in Indore. This means that the Congress

in INDIA has created an alliance base that is much wider than that of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). This also means that the party has shrunk from the position of a dominant partner to a senior partner with some other members of the bloc like the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab not even entertaining an alliance. Those in charge of forging alliances for the Congress claim that this time the grouping is much more pragmatic than in 2019. Uttar Pradesh is a case in point. In 2019, the Congress went into the polls alone, with no major allies. Facing both

the BJP and the SP-BSP alliance, it contested 67 of the state's 80 seats but could win only one: Sonia Gandhi in Raebareilly. This time, in alliance with the Samajwadi Party, it is contesting just 17 seats, down by 50. People close to poll planning point out that it has been done to conserve the party resources for more realistic contests. Similarly, in West Bengal, from contesting 40 seats in 2019, the Congress is taking on just 14 seats this time, giving the remaining Ones to its alliance partner, the Left. The Congress has extended its alliances with Left parties in Andhra Pradesh, giving the Araku seat to the

CPI(M) and Guntur to the CPI. It has also partnered with local parties in other states, such as ceding the Dibrugarh seat in Assam to the Assam Jatiya Parishad and allocating three seats to regional parties in Rajasthan. To avoid repeating past mistakes, the Congress allocated one seat to the Samajwadi Party in Madhya Pradesh. Ironically, the SP candidate's nomination papers were rejected, leading the Congress and SP to back a candidate running on the All India Forward Bloc symbol. Similar arrangements have been made in Tripura, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. How would this affect.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has done major reforms in Uttar Pradesh

In 2014, when Modi was running in the whole country, no one would have thought that a BJP leader would come in this way and by creating his own identity away from the allegations of corruption that are usually leveled on leaders, he would become famous among the people like Prime Minister Narendra Modi and became so famous that people started seeing him as the next Prime Minister. But when the five-time MP from Gorakhpur parliamentary seat, Mahant of Gorakhnath Bhaam Math and former MP, became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, which has the highest number of Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha seats in the country, in 2017 at the age of 45, his reputation definitely changed, the reason for which is his clean image and saintly nature. It is usually said that no other face can become big in front of a big face, but Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has earned his stature through his work, law and order and his impeccable image that when it comes to the public, no one else can be compared to him in the party in the state. Actually, Chief Minister Adityanath is not only famous for his impeccable image, he is also famous for taking action



against the wrongdoers and working in the interest of the common people.

He is the first Chief Minister of the country, who, apart from being famous as a saint after becoming the Chief Minister, has also become famous as Kulchner Baba. He has also received the title of the most popular Chief Minister of the country. Chief Minister Adityanath has not only benefited the people of Uttar Pradesh, but has done excellent work under many development schemes on behalf of the Uttar Pradesh government. And not only is his support base the strongest in Uttar Pradesh, but he is the main face of all the MLAs and ministers in his government, due to which he is able to take decisions in his government unopposed. He not only gave free hand to the police to deal with the criminals to

end the lawlessness in Uttar Pradesh, but also by ordering bullock carts to break the chains of those who grab property illegally, he created the image of a good Chief Minister in the minds of those people who eat simple food. Even today he finds immense joy in serving cows and used to sing Hindu Hriday Samrat. He is known as the image of Ram R Ram Rajya.

Apart from this, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has done major reforms in the pilgrimage places of Uttar Pradesh and has also given the names of places changed in the modern times to their historical names.

The old name of Allahabad Sangam was Prayagraj. It has got its own identity. The biggest Kumbh Mela of the country has been held in Prayagraj for centuries, but no one till the time of the state paid attention to its

development and improvement.

But after becoming the Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath first got the Pracharagran renovated and the Prayagraj is worth seeing. Similarly, he has also developed many other places. Eastern Uttar Pradesh was once suffering in terms of development, now international level roads have been built there. Apart from this, his government has made efforts to provide water to every village. Now in Uttar Pradesh, whether it is the election of the Prime Minister, Assembly or Lok Sabha, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has a big and strong influence in the elections, on the basis of which BJP gets a good number of seats in every election. Actually, I am getting all this because many people are not aware of the stature of Chief Minister Aditya and his clean political record or it can be said that they are taking Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath lightly. Yesterday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, after coming out of jail, held a press conference and said that as soon as Modi becomes the PM, he will finish Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Arvind Kejriwal said that PM Modi does not want to fight this election for the country or the party,

he wants to fight only for one person Amit Shah. He said that he will remove Yogi Adityanath from power next time. Sources say that after Arvind Kejriwal's statement of removing Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the game of checkmate and checkmate started in the coin division, and it also revealed who all are in the race for the post of Prime Minister in BJP. According to the number of supporters and impeccable record, Yogi Adityanath is the youngest leader in India who has the capability to become the Prime Minister after Modi.

But due to past experience and the decision of the Central Government to ignore the decisions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the formation of the cabinet, rumours spread that the Gujarat lobby does not like Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. But now the supporters of Uttar Pradesh are angry with the Chief Minister of Delhi saying this and due to this the Gujarat lobby has started doing something and Chief Minister Yogi has intensified his strategy by drawing his Laxman Rekha.

And there are such political experts that if Gujarat Chief Minister does not help, then BJP will be able to get only 30-40 seats in Uttar Pradesh.

Why Delhi-Tehran deal on Chabahar Port is good news for India's Shia Muslims

After extensive negotiations, India and Iran have finally sealed a historic 10-year bilateral agreement for the operation of the strategically located Chabahar Port on the Gulf country's eastern coast. While India initially engaged in short-term agreements with Iran starting in 2016, the newly inked deal marks a significant milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance on Pakistan's ports in Karachi and Gwadar, facilitating smoother access to landlocked Afghanistan and other Central Asian nations via Iran.

This deal has a lot of economic significance for India. Despite the nation's preoccupation with the ongoing Lok Sabha election, the

Narendra Modi government's decisive action, including the special permission reportedly obtained from the Election Commission of India (ECI) to dispatch a central minister to Iran, underscores the paramount importance of this deal for the nation's strategic interests and economic future. In geopolitical dynamics, this deal is a major achievement for India and a testament to Modi's personal diplomacy. It marks our first step into managing overseas ports and serves as a strategic move against the emerging

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Its timing, amid the chaos in West Asia disrupting important trade routes, makes it even more significant.

Furthermore, beyond these tangible benefits, India's diplomatic success shines through the forging of successful ties with conflicted powers. Its diplomatic success is evident in its ability to foster friendly relations with Israel while extending support to Palestine. Simultaneously, New Delhi adeptly navigates deepening ties with the United States and successfully negotiates with Iran, showcasing its diplomatic prowess. Meanwhile, our long-standing partnerships with countries such as Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Japan continue to flourish. India's leadership roles in the G20 forum and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) highlight that its diplomacy is actually working.

A sign of serious concern

These figures have been in the public domain for the last five years, still, it is amazing that in this country, we have some eminent journalists and political commentators misinterpreting the 2019 election as mostly decided on the basis of Pulwama and Balakot. Coming to the 2024 elections, Lokniti-CSDS released a pre-poll survey in April where the data pointed out that the satisfaction level towards the Modi government has seen a dip of around 8.1 per cent — a sign of serious concern for the BJP. Increasing unemployment (12.2 per cent), price rise (7.6 per cent) and falling income (4.1 per cent) are some of the crucial issues in the survey that matter to voters. The pre-poll survey also points out that there is an increase of around 5 per cent in support for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi — 26.5 per cent — as the next prime minister compared to the 2019 pre-poll survey. Interestingly, there is also a 2 per cent increase in support for Narendra Modi — 47.5 per cent — as the next prime minister. This is despite 10 years of anti-incumbency. Many journalists and political commentators are seen discussing that Ram Mandir in Ayodhya isn't a poll issue. First of all, this isn't an issue for a particular election — Ram Mandir is a sentiment for the Hindus. That said, it's still an issue in this election. According

to the pre-poll survey, for 7.5 per cent of voters, Ram Mandir is an important issue when they vote, with an additional 2.3 per cent of voters separately pointing to Hindutva as an important issue when they vote. Clearly, the BJP's Hindutva agenda remains a significant factor for 9.8 per cent of voters in this election, though a small fraction of them may be anti-Hindutva voters. Unemployment remains the most important issue for voters — 27.3 per cent — when they vote. However, it is wrong to conclude that all voters citing unemployment as an important issue are necessarily anti-BJP voters. If they vote for the Modi-led BJP, liberals and Leftists label them as being "blind" towards basic issues like unemployment and price rise. Interestingly, according to the pre-poll survey, 9.1 per cent of voters cited employment as the most liked work of the Modi government — the second most liked factor after Ram Mandir. This means that there is a section that believes that although unemployment is a burning issue, the Modi government has been working to address it. After unemployment, price rise has been cited by 23.4 per cent of voters as an important factor. However, it's worth noting that despite price rise being an important issue during the 2009 elections, the

Congress-led UPA came to power with an increased number of seats. This is not to deny the disillusionment of voters towards the Modi government on price rise. However, welfare schemes, cited by 18.1 per cent of voters as the biggest change since Modi became prime minister, and infrastructure-related works are likely to aid the government, lessening the impact of this disillusionment and preventing it from converting into votes against the BJP-led NDA. Liberals and Leftists aren't happy with Narendra Modi's election speeches targeting Congress-led Opposition for Muslim appeasement. They argue that this is not a significant issue. While the Congress manifesto does not discuss wealth redistribution, the CSDS-Lokniti pre-poll survey suggests that concerns about policies targeting Muslim communities resonate with some voters. The survey found that 47.3 per cent of voters agreed that Muslims are unnecessarily pampered, compared to 32.2 per cent who disagreed, while 20.4 per cent chose not to respond. Modi's speeches on Muslim appeasement, targeting the Opposition, particularly Congress, aim to address the concerns of these voters, close to 50 per cent of those surveyed, while also appealing to undecided voters.

The Google, Amazon, Apple lobby opposes India's EU like antitrust legislation



Delhi: A letter shows that a U.S. lobby organization representing Google, Amazon, and Apple has urged India to reconsider its EU-like competition law, warning that data use laws and partner preferential treatment could hike customer costs. In February, a government panel proposed imposing obligations on a few big digital companies in India under a new antitrust law to complement existing regulations whose enforcement the

panel said is "time-consuming." India's "Digital Competition Bill" is modeled after the EU's landmark Digital Markets Act 2022. Big enterprises with a global revenue of over \$30 billion and digital services with at least 10 million local customers will be affected, including some of the world's largest IT corporations. It would ban firms from using user data to promote their own services and remove limits on third-party app downloads.

"Targeted companies are likely to reduce investment in India, pass on increased prices for digital services, and reduce the range of services," warns the USIBC, which has asked India to reconsider the new law, the Corporate Affairs Ministry, Apple (AAPLO), Amazon (AMZN.O), and Google did not respond to Reuters queries. India's 1.4 billion people and expanding affluent class make it an attractive market for digital companies.

Global tech partner sought by ONGC for Mumbai High

Delhi: To boost output from Mumbai High, the largest oilfield in India that is still producing almost 50 years after it began operations, state-run exploration company ONGC is looking for long-term technical cooperation abroad. On June 1, the firm declared its intention to go public and invited bids from "internationally-proven" technological service providers that could work with it for ten years, with the possibility of a five-year extension, and had a minimum yearly revenue of \$75 billion. Bids end on July 15th. For the first time, ONGC is looking for a technological partner outside. In



order to unlock the "significant" upside in output, the business brass wants to implement best-in-class reservoir management technologies and globally-best operational and management techniques, even though an internal pool of experts has demonstrated their

ability to maintain production over time.

The chosen service provider would conduct an exhaustive analysis of field performance and pinpoint enhancements in reservoirs and wells, encompassing water injection and facilities administration.

Zee Board approves 2,000cr share sale hike

Delhi: The board approved Zee Entertainment Enterprises' Rs 2,000 crore share sale. Zee's merger with Sony Pictures Networks India failed in January. Zee cut costs and increased earnings once the acquisition failed. It also ended a \$1.4 billion Walt



Disney cricket broadcasting pact. The funding may be done in tranch-

es, it noted. The Punit Goenka-led company would use the capital for "future growth opportunities in the evolving media landscape". Zee has requested a \$90 million agreement termination fee from Sony India after the merger plan collapsed following legal fights.

CAPSULES

All Indian plywood sold after next year must be ISI-certified

Delhi: The government will need ISI certification for all plywood companies next year. They noted that boiling-water-proof plywood will need ISI certification. One person claimed the move aims to improve plywood used in furniture and other goods to endure longer in harsh situations. It should also reduce low-quality plywood imports from Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Nepal. This is crucial because India's plywood trade deficit rose from \$85.83 million in FY19 to \$154.57 million in FY24. One person stated the new rules will force plywood manufacturers to undertake a mycological fungus resistance test for all grades. Haryana Plywood Manufacturers Association president JK Bihani said "The new standards will improve plywood quality, ensuring consumers receive better products. Having ample time to comply with the norms will benefit firms and force substandard product producers to change." "One of the most important quality standards that has been made mandatory from next year is ISI certification for boiling-water-proof (BWP) plywood," said one source.

BigBasket adds gadgets to Q-commerce pack

Delhi: BigBasket is in talks to offer gadgets through BB Now with sibling brand Cromia. "We will hopefully strike a deal soon with our sister company Cromia," BigBasket co-founder and CEO Hari Menon stated at India Global Innovation Connect. He stated that rapid commerce will become multi-category and horizontal.

For improved asset liability management, RBI raises the bulk deposit barrier to Rs 3 crore from Rs 2 crore

Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India raised the bulk fixed deposit threshold to Rs 3 crore from Rs 2 crore to improve bank asset liability management. Bulk fixed deposits earn somewhat more than retail term deposits because banks offer varying rates for liquidity management. Retail fixed deposits now include Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) and Small Finance Banks single-rupee term deposits up to Rs 2 crore. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the bi-monthly policy to redefine bulk deposits as 'Single Rupee term deposit of Rs 3 crore and above' for SCBs



(excluding RRBs) and SFBs after reviewing the bulk deposit ceiling. Also, Local Area Banks' bulk deposit ceiling should be 'Single Rupee term deposits of Rs 1 crore and above' like RRBs. The review is routine. It was one

crore a few years ago, then two, and now Rs 3 crore to keep up with the times. It may improve asset liability management for banks, helping them classify bulk and retail, "RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J told the media. As for fears that it may raise deposit costs, the deputy governor said it depends on the entity. "There may not be a systemic influence, but certain organizations' liability management may have a positive or negative impact. "We don't expect any systemic impact from this change," Swaminathan said. This will simplify business and increase operational flexibility for authorized dealer banks.

TCS launches AI platform to accelerate GenAI adoption

Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) announced TCS AI WisdomNext to help its clients swiftly adopt new technologies like generative AI (GenAI) at cheap prices. Tech businesses are becoming GenAI-friendly, and this platform follows. The Mumbai-based software exporter was the first Indian IT company to unite AI and cloud operations into AI.Cloud. Instead of having separate teams for each client, the company would supply AI and cloud solutions



under one banner. WisdomNext would bundle different GenAI products and offer clients customized industry blueprints based on the company's experience in various industries. "TCS AI WisdomNext gives enterprises a choice to select the right large language models at an optimal

cost," Ganesan said 100 customers in banking, financial services, retail, consumer goods, travel, manufacturing, life sciences, and healthcare used WisdomNext. Krishna Mohan Reddy, vice-president and deputy head of TCS's AI.Cloud branch, said the platform worked on sales, marketing, code development, and real-time supply chain improvements. TCS CTO Harrick Vin claimed the WisdomNext platform would increase jobs, not replace them.

Sebi alerts PolicyBazaar over the purchase in Dubai

Delhi: PB Fintech, the business behind the insurance-tech platform PolicyBazaar, is under investigation by market regulator Sebi for failing to disclose a \$2 million investment in a company based in Dubai. Yashish Dahiya, the CEO and chair of PB Fintech, has received a show-cause notice from Sebi, the business informed the exchanges. "The SCN pertains to investment of \$2 million by PB Fintech, Dubai on Nov 17, 2022 for 26.7% stake in YKNP Marketing Management (an unrelated party) which was not considered unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI) due to non-material value of the transaction," the business stated. It is made clear that the SCN has no appreciable effect on the company's operations,



Stocks will be credited to your demat account without going via a broker

Delhi: Regulator Sebi has ordered that, starting on October 14, investors will receive the equities they purchased straight to their demat accounts from clearing businesses in an effort to reduce market risks. At the moment, clearing companies credit equities to brokers who then credit the stocks to the individual investors. Broker assistance in crediting stocks to buyers' accounts will no longer be necessary according to a new approach that has been recommended by Sebi, which discovered that brokers occasionally misuse assets in pooled accounts for other responsibilities.

Indira killer's son lost dad at 6, had no school money.

Delhi: Sarabjit Singh Khalsa, 46, won the Faridkot parliamentary seat as an independent after a difficult political debut. On the revival of Panthic politics in Punjab, Sarabjit Singh, a 1995 matriculant, and self-styled Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, who is in prison, were voted to LS. These two independent candidates won in the 40th anniversary week of 1984's Operation Bluestar at the Golden Temple, which led to Indira Gandhi's assassination in October and a Sikh massacre in Delhi in November. Sarabjit remembers occasions when his family couldn't afford his school tuition. "My



father didn't care for the family and laid down his life... Sikh community support pulled my family through troubled times and elected my mother and grandfather to Parliament." Sarabjit Singh, who lost three elections, wasn't a viable competitor until Amritpal entered the race. His effort attracted Sikh preachers, ragis, and dhadis, changing Faridkot's stance. His effort soon became a Sikh movement to

settle his father's "debt" for "avenging" 1984's terrorist-flush-out military raid on Harmandir Sahib, the holiest Sikh shrine. "Now that I have won, my priority will be to raise my voice in Parliament to ensure legally there is provision of death penalty for the heinous crime of sacrilege... we will field Panthic candidates in byelections and upcoming SGPC election," stated.

Stock rallies boost Naidu family's wealth by Rs 858 crore in 5 days

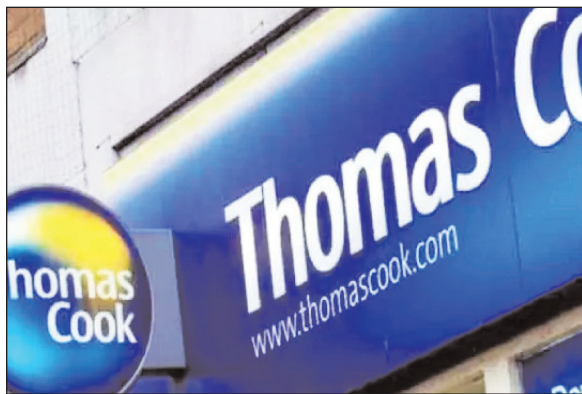


Delhi: The rebirth of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its leader Chandrababu Naidu, who is kingmaker in the coalition government, has also helped his family's Heritage Foods business. His family's wealth has increased by Rs 858 crore in five days as Heritage Foods' share price has risen 64% from Rs 403 on Friday (May 31, 2024) to Rs 662, a 52-week high. The stock gained 82% in less than a month, raising his family's fortune by approximately Rs 989 crore in less than a month. These estimates are based on Naidu's fami-

ly's 35.7% dairy company shareholding. In addition to his wife Nara Bhuvaneshwari, who runs the company as MD, Naidu's son Nara Lokesh owns about 10.8% of the company. Naidu's daughter-in-law Nara Brahmani (0.5%) and grandson Devaansh Nara (0.1%) also own less than 1% of the company. As Heritage Foods' share prices rose by over Rs 298 and Rs 259 a share, the company's market capitalization rose from Rs 3,371 crore on May 13 to Rs 3,738 crore on May 31, a day before the exit polls, to Rs 6,141 crore.

TCPay, a revolutionary approach to international money transfers

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



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

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

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

Yellow Day celebrated in Maharishi Dayanand Public



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OpenAI's Sam Altman denies launching Google search engine rival

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



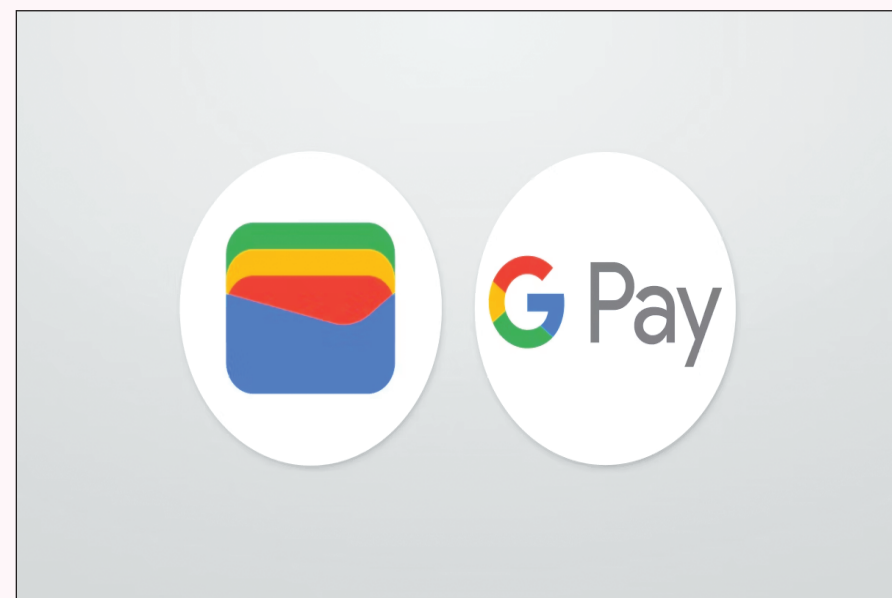
Meta's greedy." Another Musk fan said, "Meta will need to revise their attribution model, revealing the truth to advertisers who are already noticing a decline in results." "For X, refining the attribution model to match reality is easy. This will boost advertiser results, the X user said. Musk and Zuckerberg are recognized rivals. Musk just added long-form articles, monetisation initiatives, full-length films, and more. The

billionaire claimed subscribers may publish movies, TV shows, and podcasts and get money. Musk just added long-form articles, monetisation initiatives, full-length films, and more. The billionaire claimed subscribers may publish movies, TV shows, and podcasts and get money. Musk announced the change in a response to his sister Tosca Musk, who co-founded Passionflix, saying users can now submit full-length movies.

Knowing the main distinctions between Google Pay and Google Wallet

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

Google Pay's presence in India will remain unaffected by the debut of Google Wallet, the company announced at launch. The Google Wallet app, which was launched in India, is unable to accept digital payments or hold bank



cards. Unlike the worldwide version of the program, the Google Wallet version that was introduced in India is not able to hold bank cards or be used for digital payments. Conversely, among the most widely used UPI services in

India is Google Pay. Users can transact, view their account balance, and acquire information about their spending patterns with it. Google Pay will continue to be the payment app for India, and the com-

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

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

Delhi: Apple plans to create 25% of its iPhones in India over the next 3-4 years by building a network of local vendors instead of using Chinese suppliers. Mint was informed that the Cupertino-based tech giant has begun building its supply chains, while Foxconn Technology Group and no Tata Electronics will scale up their manufacturing capacities to handle most of its production. "India is one of their key markets. They produce 14% of their iPhones in India for local and export sales as of December 2023. They want to raise levels to 24-25% by 2027 or 2028." One person, who requested anonymity, said the conversations were private. In 2022, JP Morgan analysts predicted that 25% of Apple products would be made outside China by 2025, up from 5%. India produced in iPhones in FY24, 14% of the global total. India makes iPhones 12, 13, 14, and 15.

#Travel With Limca On An Exhilarating Exploration Of Your City

Panipat/Karnal: Coca-Cola India's homegrown heritage brand Limca, India's favorite lemony flavored drink, has launched its exciting new campaign, #TravelWithLimca. Launching Triptii Dimri as the Limca girl, the campaign is built on the idea that there is a whole world waiting to be discovered right in our neighborhoods. The #TravelWithLimca campaign encourages people to discover new hotspots within their cities. Conceptualized by Studio X, the campaign film takes viewers on a vibrant journey alongside Triptii Dimri as she embarks on a bus ride that takes her on a delightful city exploration. As the bus rattles through the streets, with the

first sip of the ultimate thirst quencher, Limca, a layer of happiness envelops her, igniting a sense of excitement and curiosity. Energized by the refreshing taste, Triptii's journey takes an enchanting turn, setting out to traverse through the hidden gems of her city. From bustling markets to sizzling street snack shops, she uncovers the rich experiences, inspiring consumers to tour the city with a refreshing Limca. Expressing her excitement about joining the Limca family, Triptii Dimri said, "I am very happy and excited to be a part of Limca. Exploring new places and experiencing different cultures has always been my passion, and I am thrilled to encourage others to do the

same. Together with Limca, I look forward to embarking on this exciting journey of discovery." Ruchira Bhattacharya, Senior Director, Marketing - Hydration, Sports and Tea Category, India and South-West Asia Operating Unit at The Coca-Cola Company, said, "With its legacy of lime and lemony credentials, Limca has been rejuvenating consumers with its unique taste for 5 decades. We are thrilled to launch the #TravelWithLimca campaign featuring Triptii Dimri as our new Limca face. With this campaign, we hope to encourage people to get out there and discover the beauty of their own cities and refresh themselves with a chilled Limca! Mukund VML, Chief Strategy Officer, Studio X said.

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

GURUGRAM : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (the "Company"), proposes to open the initial public offering of its Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. ("Offer") (The initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 10,000 million ("Fresh Issue") and an offer of sale of up to such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 20,000 million by BCP Topco VII Pte. Ltd. (the "Promoter Selling Shareholder") ("Offer for Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer"). The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue, (i) to meet future capital requirements towards onward lending; and (ii) general corporate purposes. The Equity Shares are being offered through the Red Herring Prospectus dated April 30, 2024 ("RHP") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bangalore ("RoC"). The



Equity Shares issued through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE" together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). For the purposes of the Offer, the designated stock exchange shall be NSE. Amit Dixit, Head of Private Equity Asia, Blackstone, said, "The listing is a significant milestone for Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, and its transformation is a great example of what we do best: Building businesses that build India. We brought our scale, network, and best global practices to grow the business, and empowered the company in digitizing its processes, end to end from origination to collection. It has been a wonderful partnership, and we couldn't be more proud of where the business stands today." Mukesh Mehta, Senior Managing Director in Blackstone Private Equity, said, "It is rewarding to be a part of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited's mission to enable underserved Indians to own homes and play a role in the company's transformation and growth. Our priority has been to build through close.

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

KOLKATA: The hot and discomfort weather conditions in the past few days are taking a toll on the health of Kolkatans, especially those who have to remain outdoors for hours. Even though none of the city hospitals have recorded any heat stroke cases so far, doctors are getting a good number of people with heat exhaustion and dehydration. Health experts have cautioned people to take all precautions when outdoors to avoid severe consequences.

"Because of such hot and humid weather, the people who are engaged in outdoor activities are prone to develop heat exhaustion when the body starts sweating a lot due to the rise of the core body temperature resulting in dehydration. Heat exhaustion makes the person feel weak, dizzy and thirsty. I have seen two to four such cases in the past one week, mostly middle aged men, probably due to their higher exposure to the sun," said internal medicine specialist Joydeep Ghosh of Fortis Hospital, Anandapur. opd

B P Poddar Hospital had tended to 14 persons in its emergency in the past three days, most of them down with extreme dehydration making them unwell while they were out in the sun. "37 patients came to our OPD with heat related issues. While most of them were middle-aged patients, some were school children. We had to admit two senior citizens because in addition to dehydration they had other issues like BP fluctuation and sodium, potassium imbalance," said Supriyo Chakrabarty, group advisor, BP Poddar Hospital.

Probe Shortage Of Medicines: Bharadwaj To LG

New Delhi: Health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has written to lieutenant governor VK Saxena demanding strict action against officials responsible for the non-availability of medicines and consumables at Delhi govt health facilities. He also demanded a "time-bound inquiry" against them for misrepresenting facts and misleading govt on the issue. The letter was sent on Thursday in response to a story, 'Boy with broken arm turned away by hosps'. On April 1, an 8-year-old boy with a broken arm was turned away by two state-run



hospitals, Dr Hedgewar Aarogya Sansthan and Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya, a dedicated paediatric facility. While one hospital claimed it did not have cotton, the other said it had no orthopaedic doctor at the time to treat the boy. The boy's father, a guard with a monthly salary of

Rs 15,000, had to ultimately take him to a private hospital and pay Rs 13,000, including the doctor's consultation fees, which would have been negligible at a govt hospital. Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya, where Class II student Aditya Kumar was taken by his parents, has now started "emergency ortho" till

8pm on all working days. Until now, this facility was available from 9am to 4pm. Bharadwaj wrote about the health secretary misinforming and misleading the minister concerned about the availability of the items. Bharadwaj underlined that either the senior officers of health and family welfare were unaware of the actual situation or were not deliberately resolving this imminent crisis. He said he had directed the chief secretary and the health secretary multiple times to ensure the supply of medicines and consumables.

PAT Day 1 marked by shortage of question and answer booklets

Mumbai: As the Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT). School heads said despite sending details of the number of students appearing for PAT, the SCERT on Thursday directed schools to take photocopies of the question papers wherever there was a shortage. Schools also complained of not receiving the answer keys to the questions. Teachers assess papers based on answer keys. Mahendra Ganpule, spokesperson of the Maharashtra School Principals' Association

highlighted the need for improved planning by the education department. Ganpule said, "Despite the challenges, teachers managed to distribute papers on the first day, albeit with additional effort and expense. The issue was more pronounced in remote areas and was exacerbated by a lack of manpower at the taluka level for distribution." Over one crore students are participating in these exams, which are part of the Strengthening

Teaching-Learning and Results for States project funded by the World Bank. The PAT aims to enhance the quality and governance of school education and includes a basic test followed by two comprehensive assessments. The mandatory test is to determine the learning outcome of students. It is based on second semester syllabi. Schools that incurred expenses on photocopying question papers last year said they are yet to receive reimbursement.

HC seeks status of criminal cases filed in 2020 Delhi riots

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Thursday sought status of criminal cases registered following riots that broke out in the national capital in Feb 2020. A bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Manoj Jain asked police to furnish details after noting that over 750 FIRs were registered in the aftermath of violence and the investigation in 273 was still pending. Communal clashes had broken out in northeast Delhi on Feb 24, 2020, after violence between citizenship law supporters and protesters spiralled out of control leaving at least 53 people dead and around 700 injured. The bench was hearing a public interest litigation by Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind seeking setting up of special investigation team (SIT) to hold an independent probe

into the riots. The petitioner's lawyer said that SIT should be set up at least in those cases where the stage of filing of chargesheet has not even come till now. "How much time will you take? That was 2020 and we have entered 2024...Total cases registered is 757; transferred to Crime Branch 62; number of cases chargesheeted 367; number of cases pending trial 250 and pending investigation is 273. Therefore, pending cases are 273 as on April 2. So many cases," said the bench, relying on the figures furnished. During the hearing, the court observed that the cases were registered in 2020 but several of them were still pending and asked the police the reason behind it. The petitioner had approached the high court in March 2020 seeking several

reliefs, including preservation of the CCTV footage of the riots in northeast Delhi. The PIL claimed that FIRs have not been lodged against persons responsible for the riots and alleged that the police is not accepting the complaint in which the accused are named and they are insisting to give a complaint against unknown persons. The court posted the matter for next hearing on April 29. We also published the following articles recently: 2020 Delhi riots: Court rejects Tahir Hussain's bail. Former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain's bail plea rejected by New Delhi court in the 2020 Delhi riots case due to prima facie true allegations. and UAPA provisions, including dismissal based on a larger conspiracy.

2 calves born in Kashi farm mark new start for Gangatiri breed

LUCKNOW: UP govt's Varanasi farm has become the country's first conservation centre to breed two high-merit Gangatiri cow calves using embryo transfer technology (ETT) and IVF. The two female calves were born on March 26 and 27. Gangatiri breed is native to eastern UP and Bihar. It got its name after Ganga as it is the belt along the river which is its natural habitat. The breed has low input costs and is resistant to many diseases. "Gangatiri is recognised nationally and has high significance as a source of livelihood to local farmers in the state," said Dr Neeraj Gupta, CEO of the UP Livestock Development Board. The ETT will help produce elite cows at a faster rate as a single mother can produce multiple high-merit progenies, he added. In the current case, four elite females at the farm were selected as egg donors. Semen from a high-merit bull was used to fertilise the eggs in-vivo (inside the body).



After about seven days, the embryos were flushed from the donor cows and transferred into four surrogate cows, which may not have been of high merit. However, only two pregnancies were successful, and two calves were born, said Gupta. The ETT is being extensively used for the improvement of indigenous cow breeds at var-

ious places as elite cows are used as egg and sperm donors. "This technique will increase the efficiency as well as productivity of Gangatiri bovine herds. It has huge potential to multiply the income of farmers," said Ravinder, principal secretary of animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries, and chairman of UPLDB.

Joyride? Man risks life travelling 400km on the train's roof

KANPUR: A man spotted lying on the roof of New Delhi-Gorakhpur bound Humsafar Express (12572) triggered panic at the Kanpur Central railway station on Tuesday. Investigation revealed that the man, identified as Dilip Kumar of Fatehpur, had travelled an astonishing 400km between Delhi and Kanpur by lying on the train's roof. The video of his bizarre act also went viral on social media. Fortunately, Kumar did not stand on the train's roof during the journey and got saved from getting electrocuted by the overhead wires, said GRP personnel. When the train entered platform 9 of Kanpur Central, passengers noticed Dilip on the roof of the B-11 AC coach of the Humsafar Express and raised an alarm. Deputy chief traffic manager Ashutosh Singh, assistant commercial manager railway Santosh Kumar Tripathi, station superintendent.

“National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) Hosts Second Major Event on Social Stock Exchange (SSE) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi”

PANIPAT/ KARNAL : The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) successfully hosted its second major event on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) today at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event witnessed participation from a diverse audience including senior government officials, SEBI and NSE representatives, social enterprises, impact investors, and various Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs). Eminent dignitaries Shri Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister; Dr. R Balasubramaniam, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, Social Stock Exchange, SEBI; Shri Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member, SEBI; Shri Ved Mani



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MAGGI Empowers 10 Women to Bring their Entrepreneurial dreams to life

GURUGRAM : MAGGI has announced the winners of the second edition of MAGGI Apna Food Business. It is aimed at empowering aspiring food content creators with the skills and knowledge that enables them to build their own food channel and monetise the content they create. In this edition, the programme reached over 20 million aspiring culinary content creators and equipped over 50,000 participants with the skill and experience to start their online food channel. After two intense months of training with some of the most prominent food

influencers in India, like Kabita Singh (Kabita's Kitchen), Madhura Bachal (Madhura's Recipe), Teja Paruchuri (Vismai Foods), Tanhisikha Mukherjee (Tanhir Paakshala) and experts from YouTube and META, 10 deserving winners were awarded Rs. 5 Lakhs each in seed capital, to build their own content business. The food entrepreneurs who made their way to the coveted list are Sophia Machado, Shreya Rao, Trashika Dsen, Ashneet Kaur Anand and Sheetal Pednekar from Mumbai, Priyanka Kundu Biswas from Kolkata, Shailaja

Nair from Trivandrum, Pinky Daswani from Pune, Vandana Jain from Gurugram and Benisha Martin from Mumbai/Hyderabad. Commenting on this initiative Rajat Jain, Director, Foods business, at Nestlé India said, "I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the winners of this edition of MAGGI Apna Food Business. Over the years MAGGI has evolved into a symbol of empowerment, innovation, and a celebration of the culinary arts. 'MAGGI Apna Food Business' is yet another testament of our unwavering

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After British, it's fight against 'desi Angrez': Amit Shah in Bundelkhand

LUCKNOW: Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that there was a time when Uttar Pradesh was known for "producing country-made pistols (kattas)" but, after PM Narendra Modi built a defence corridor in Bundelkhand, "cannonballs are made". Addressing an election rally in Lalitpur, Shah said, "If Pakistan makes any mistake", shells made in Bundelkhand will be used to "destroy" that country. At a rally in Jhansi, in an apparent reference to Congress functionaries, he asked Bundelkhand voters to fight the "desi Angrez" just like they fought against the Mughals and the British. In Amethi, Shah attempted to give a last-minute push to BJP's campaign with a roadshow. Addressing a crowd in Amethi, Shah attacked Congress for referring to Amethi and Rae Bareilly as their "family seats". "Did Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, or Priyanka turn up in Amethi or Rae-Bareilly when the Covid pandemic struck," Shah asked as people shouted "No". Shah also asked the people to choose between Modi and Rahul. He said that after losing from Amethi, Rahul fled to Wayanad and is now back in Rae Bareilly. "I have been in Rae Bareilly for three days and can say with confidence that he (Rahul) is losing from there also," he said. In Jhansi, he told voters they have a choice to make between two categories of leaders: one, a person behind a Rs 12 lakh crore scam who was born with the proverbial silver spoon and holidays in Thailand; and two, Modi, whose tenures as CM and PM have been unblemished, and who was born in a poor house and never took a holiday.

Fadnavis vows to resign as Maharashtra CM amid poll turbulence

Delhi: Maharashtra's Bharatiya Janata Party's face, Devendra Fadnavis, took responsibility for the party's poor performance in the state and asked the central leadership to relieve him of all government

responsibilities. He is the first potential casualty of the BJP's failure to win a national majority in a general election it expected to sweep. Mission 45 in Maharashtra sought to win as many seats as possible for the

Mahayuti alliance, but only 17 were won, with the BJP winning nine. A day after the results, Fadnavis informed reporters he wanted to resign as deputy CM to focus on winning the October assembly elections.

Care Health Insurance Advocates Hypertension Management for your Father's sustained good Health

Vatika Times
CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: This Father's Day, Care Health Insurance is urging individuals to prioritize the health of their fathers by proactively getting regular health check-ups and maintaining an exercise routine. This is so because, hypertension commonly known as high blood pressure, is a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases and often goes unnoticed due to its asymptomatic nature. It is a concerning factor as it has significantly led to

an increased risk of heart attacks, strokes, and other serious health conditions. Hypertension, being a lifestyle ailment is closely linked to factors such as inadvisable diet, inadequate physical activity, heightened stress levels and poor overall lifestyle choices. Regular monitoring and management are key to prevent its serious consequences. Besides, recent studies have highlighted a significant gender imbalance in hypertension awareness, treatment and con-

trol. The hypertension cases have increased in men by 6.9% in the last 8 years. Women generally outperform men in these areas, a trend attributed to women's frequent engagement with healthcare services, particularly during antenatal care where blood pressure measurement is routine. Men, on the other hand, are less likely to undergo voluntary screenings due to a general reluctance to seek medical care. Commenting on the same, Mr. Ajay Shah,

Head - Distribution, Care Health Insurance mentioned "We recognize the importance of early detection and timely management of hypertension in men. If left unmanaged, hypertension can impact the heart, kidneys and other vital organs. Our goal is to ensure that we provide easily accessible and affordable health insurance solutions to our customers that can help them manage their blood pressure and overall health.

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Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member, SEBI, who emphasized upon the regulatory support and vision driving SSE's evolution. Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE mentioned the vision outlined by Hon'ble Finance minister of India during her budget speech for financial year 2019 introducing the concept of Social Stock Exchange. He further elucidated "Under the guidance of SEBI, NSE has initiated.

'Make Your Way' with Toyota Urban Cruiser Taisor

AMBALA: The All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is Toyota Kirloskar Motor's latest addition to its robust SUV lineup in India. This dynamic SUV seamlessly blends style, advanced features, and power-packed performance, making it a perfect choice for Indian customers seeking both

prestige and practicality. With its modern styling and cutting-edge technologies, the URBAN CRUISER TAISOR reinforces Toyota's commanding presence in the SUV category. The vehicle's powertrain options include a 1.0L Turbo engine, a 1.2L Petrol engine, and an E-CNG variant, each designed to deliver a remarkable driving experience. The 1.0L Turbo engine is available with both 5-speed manual and 6-speed automatic transmissions, offering versatility for those who prioritize power and performance. The 1.2L Petrol engine comes with a 5-speed manual transmission and Intelligent Gear Shift (IGS), while the 1.2L E-CNG option ensures exceptional fuel efficiency. The All-New URBAN CRUISER TAISOR delivers maximum power of 100.06

PS @ 5500 rpm in the 1.0L Turbo option, offering a power packed driving experience with segment best fuel efficiency of 21.5* km/l for Manual and 20.0* km/l for Automatic. The 1.2L Petrol Engine offers maximum power of 89.73 PS @6000rpm with a fuel efficiency of 21.7* Manual and 22.8*(AMT) km/l. The All-New URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is also available in the E-CNG option offering fuel efficiency of 28.5* km/kg. Exterior - All-New D 27 proudly reflects Toyota's illustrious SUV pedigree through a bold, unique and stylish Aerodynamic Exterior design with a sleek sloping roofline, enhancing both visual appeal and performance. showcasing Toyota's signature elegance uniquely.

Blood donation is a great donation, great welfare, there is no greater donation than this: Ramchandra Jadoula

Kaithal: A huge blood donation camp was organized at Anant Farm in Dhand under the joint aegis of Barfani Seva Mandal Regd. Kaithal Branch Dhand and Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Trust Regd. Dhand. In which social worker Ramchandra Jadoula, head of Barfani Seva Mandal Dhand branch, honored the blood donors by putting badges and giving certificates. Ramchandra Jadoula himself also donated blood in the blood donation camp. In



his address on this occasion, social worker head Ramchandra Jadoula said that blood donation is a precious gift that can help save lives in humanity. The importance of blood donation is very important. This is a unique process in which a

person can save the lives of others by donating his blood. Blood is required in many medical procedures. Donating blood leads to new formation of blood, which maintains the normal functions of the body and helps in maintaining good health. He

said that in this great sacrifice of blood donation, everyone should sacrifice themselves by donating blood. There is no greater donation than blood donation. One unit of blood can save the lives of three persons, there cannot be a more virtuous act than this. There is no other alternative to blood donation. In such a situation, blood is priceless. Patients injured in various accidents and suffering from diseases need blood very much. Therefore, blood donation.

BJP To Form New Govt. After Odisha Electoral Loss, Naveen Patnaik Resigns

Delhi: Odisha Chief Minister and BJD leader Naveen Patnaik resigned to Governor Raghubar Das at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar after a crushing loss in the State Assembly and Parliamentary elections. The BJP defeated Odisha's Biju Janata Dal, which had ruled since 1997, ending Naveen Patnaik's rule. Bharatiya Janata Party won 78 of 147 assembly seats. The BJD gained 51 seats, falling short of the majority of 74, while the Indian National Congress got 14. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won 20 of 21 parliamentary seats in the state, with the Congress winning the other. Naveen Patnaik entered state politics unexpectedly through the BJD, named after his father, former Odisha CM Biju Patnaik. His political career began with a 1998 Lok Sabha bypoll win in his father's Aska constituency.