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## Rains halt Sikkim rescue efforts, trap 1,200 tourists



**Delhi:** The Sikkim government's plan to airlift tourists stranded at Lachung and Chungthang in north Sikkim was canceled due to rain and inclement weather, and most of the region was cut off due to landslide damage to roads, bridges, and human habitations since last weekend, officials said. The Sikkim death toll remained nine after no casualties. These were six Mangan district reports. About 1,200 visitors are trapped in north Sikkim, officials said. At least 200 have sought refuge at the Chungthang Gurdwara, while others are at Lachung.

Travel and tour providers and the state government began transporting tourists from Lachung to Tung on Monday after flight operations were canceled. Although only 13 km, the road was damaged five times. "Landslides have stranded several automobiles between Tung and Mangan. These cars will transport tourists to road-damaged areas. Travel Agents Association of Sikkim (TAAS) president Sonam Lachungpa stated they will walk to the next vehicle batch. Chief minister Prem Singh Tamang claimed only airlift could evacuate visi-

tors. "The weather prevented it. A Mangan police officer said airlifting visitors is impossible. While camping at the damaged area, state tourism minister Tshering Thendup Bhutia said, "The tourists are all safe but many of them are getting restless." NH-10, the lifeblood of Sikkim and Bengal Kalimpong district, was closed on Sunday due to stones falling from slopes, especially near Likhu Vir. Kalimpong district magistrate Balasubramanian T remarked, "We are asking people to avoid NH-10 and use alternative routes for their own safety."

## GGM liquor prices rise due to the new excise regime

**Delhi:** Gurugram's booze prices rose 20% as Haryana's new excise policy 2024-25 increased liquor levies. Excise authorities claimed the Haryana government auctioned 162 zones with 324 liquor vends in Gurugram east and west through e-tenders as part of the new excise policy, earning 1,756 crore, a 9.4% rise on the reserve price. Auctions at the department's reserve price are the lowest. Customers from Delhi and Noida bought whiskey at liquor vends across the city despite the price increase. In Delhi's Chattarpur, Vikas Ambawata said the spike is noticeable but



Gurugram's range of brands makes its vends more appealing. "Since there are hardly any brands available in Delhi, I prefer to buy from Gurugram, even if I have to pay extra," remarked. "Gurgaon has better selection than Delhi, where stores run out quickly. The ease and choice of upscale liquor stores are worth the extra cost." The Haryana gov-

ernment has auctioned 162 Gurugram zones—83 west and 79 east. The highest bid was 50.57 crore for a Golf Course Road liquor vend, and the second was 48.28 crore for Bristol Chowk. The excise department's data shows that five of the top 10 liquor vendor bids are near Delhi. Another auction on June 14 will auction two west and 20 east zones.

## First experimental train crosses the highest rail bridge in J&K to Reasi

**Delhi:** Indian Railways ran the first trial train from Sangaldan to Reasi, including the world's highest rail bridge across Chenab river in J&K. In 4-5 months, this rail link will connect the Valley to the rest of the country, officials added. A

nine-person terror attack in Reasi made headlines. The railways did this days before PM Narendra Modi visited Srinagar on International Yoga Day. Railway minister tweeted, "First trial train from Sangaldan to Reasi crossed Chenab

bridge. USBRL construction is largely complete, with tunnel No. 1 half incomplete." Railway authorities said the Commissioner of Railways Safety (CRS) will inspect the Sangaldan-Reasi line for two days later this month.

## Many booze brands are back in AP stores, high on the victory of TDP

**Delhi:** In Andhra Pradesh, some liquor brands that had vanished from the market during the previous five years are making a resurgence. Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Limited (APSBC) has begun indenturing liquor brands that are in demand, as CM-designate N Chandrababu Naidu has made it clear that the excise policy will be one of the first changes made in the state. The majority of whiskey and beer brands were unavailable since the previous YSRCP government had



stopped paying suppliers, including major alcohol companies like AB InBev, Diageo, United Breweries, and United Spirits. However, a few whiskey and beer brands had returned a few days before to the model

code of conduct (MCC) going into effect. Even after shipments were stopped, APSBC began issuing indents to smaller, less well-known businesses rather than paying its debts. The opposition parties had claimed

that the YSRCP government had engaged in a "organized scam" by placing retail outlets under the management of APSBCL and that "benamis" of former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had taken over majority of the state's distilleries. Companies that left Andhra are hoping to return following the NDA alliance's resounding victory in the state. Beer brands like Kingfisher, which for the previous 45 years had all but disappeared from state retail establishments, are now back on the shelves.

## Delhi transplanted 42.5% trees survived: Forestry department

**Delhi:** The forest and wildlife department reported that only 578 of 1,357 trees transplanted in and around Delhi between 2019 and 2022 have survived, indicating inadequate adaptation. According to documents seen by HT, 779 transplanted trees died, leaving 42.5% survival. Seven transplantation sites in Delhi were assessed, with survival rates ranging from 12.6% at north Delhi's DTU to 60% at east Delhi's Mayur Vihar. None of the seven locations satis-



fied the Delhi Tree Transplantation Policy, 2020, which requires 80% survival at all sites, according to environment department statistics provided by Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai. Rai presented a 12-point air pollution summer action plan He said the government was consider-

ing revising Delhi's tree transplantation policy because transplanted trees had a dismal survival rate. Officials shared transplanted tree survival data with 30 government departments and agencies, including the forest department, in a meeting. The forest department examined trans-

planted trees at the DTU campus, a Rithala sewage treatment facility, Sarojini Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Yamuna Khadar, Tajpur Pahadi, and Gharoli Farms in Mayur Vihar. The DTU campus has the lowest transplanted tree survival percentage at 12.61%. Next were 17.05% in Rithala, 36.30% at Sarojini Nagar, 47.51% at Yamuna Khadar, 51.72% at Tajpur Pahadi, and 60.0% at Gharoli Farms in Mayur Vihar. Data showed that of the 578 transplanted trees found alive.

## Byelections for 13 seats in 7 legislatures are set for July 10 by the Election Commission

**Delhi:** The Election Commission announced by-elections for 13 assembly seats in seven states, including four in West Bengal. All seats vacated by MLA deaths or resignations will be voted on July 10 and counted on July 13. Rupauli (Bihar), Raiganj, Ranaghat Dakshin, Bagda, and Maniktala in West Bengal; Vikravandi in Tamil Nadu; Amarwara in Madhya Pradesh; Badrinath and Manglaur in Uttarakhand; Jalandhar West in



Punjab; and Dehra, Hamirpur, and Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh are up for West Bengal by-polls will be held in three seats held by BJP MLAs who moved to Trinamool Congress and lost Lok Sabha

elections after quitting. The Maniktala bypoll was called after state minister Sadhan Pandey died. Himachal had six assembly bypolls on June 1, with Congress winning four and BJP two.

## Majhi gives ministers responsibilities, stays home, finances

**Delhi:** According to Raj Bhavan orders, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi gave his council of ministers responsibilities and kept home, finance, and other ministries to himself on Saturday. Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo, the only minister with ministerial experience, oversaw agriculture, farmers' empowerment, and energy. Debutant MLA Pravati Parida, the only female in the 16-member council of ministers, will



oversee women and child development, Mission Shakti, and tourism. Majhi became the state's first BJP chief minister. The chief minister also oversees general administration and public griev-

ances, information and public relations, water resources, and planning and convergence. Rabi Narayan Naik, a farmer leader, was handed Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, and Drinking Water,

while veteran BJP leader Suresh Pujari received Revenue and Disaster Management. Health, family welfare, parliamentary affairs, and electronics and IT were given to Mukesh Mahaling. Nityananda Gond got school and mass education, ST&SC development, minorities, and backward classes. The message mentioned welfare, social security, and disability empowerment departments. Krushna Chandra Patra had food supply.

## Unauthorized buildings at the Hyderabad home of former chief minister Jagan were destroyed

**Delhi:** Here, next to the Lotus Pond home of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) razed a few buildings on the sidewalk. Ten days after Reddy resigned as the neighboring state's chief minister, the demolition work was completed. An GHMC senior official stated that in order to tile Jagan's home's pavement, the municipal authorities had to remove the buildings that bordered the compound wall. Security people were using the buildings, he said.



## AAP suspends former MLA Tyagi for anti-party conduct; he joins the BJP



**Delhi:** Former AAP lawmaker Nitin Tyagi joined the BJP, claiming that the ruling party in Delhi is on the verge of political collapse since its leaders' attention is now on "personal gain" rather than the welfare of the populace. In the presence of Union Minister Harsh Malhotra and Virendra Sachdeva, head of the party's Delhi branch, the former Laxmi Nagar MLA was inducted into the BJP. Following claims of "anti-party" conduct during the recently concluded Lok Sabha election, Mr. Tyagi was suspended from the AAP. He had criticised various policy decisions made by the ruling party on social media. Speaking the truth is now viewed as "anti-party activity" in the AAP, according to Mr. Tyagi. "People are deserting them due to their politics of corruption and plunder," he stated. The leader claimed that the party led by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had pledged to advance the welfare of the populace when it was founded in 2012 as a result of social activist Anna Hazare's campaign against corruption. "But Arvind Kejriwal's current movement is for

# Lessons unlearned: Deep-seated issue in India's education system

Prayagraj: India, a country with a rich history and a rapidly growing economy, faces a significant challenge in its education system. Despite various reforms and policies aimed at improving education, the system remains plagued by numerous issues that hinder its effectiveness. The recent results of the NEET exam orchestrated by the National Testing Agency (NTA) has sent shock waves through the education sector, undermining the integrity of one of India's most critical entrance examinations. Media is discussing the widespread malpractice, including the leaking of exam papers, manipulation of results, and even impersonation during the test. This breach of trust has jeopardized the future of thousands of aspiring medical students who rely on NEET as a fair means to secure their academic and professional aspirations. Reports suggest that a network of individuals, including NTA officials, coaching centers, and candidates, colluded to gain unfair advantages, raising serious concerns about the credibility of the entire examination system.

Parents and students across the country have expressed their outrage, demanding a thorough investigation and strict puni-

itive actions against those involved. This incident has not only tarnished the reputation of the NTA but also raised questions about the security measures in place for conducting national-level exams. Educational experts emphasize the urgent need for reforms, suggesting the implementation of advanced technology for exam monitoring, stringent background checks for officials, and the establishment of an independent body to oversee the examination process. The government's response to this crisis will be crucial in rebuilding trust and ensuring that future exams are conducted with the utmost integrity and fairness.

When Indian Education system is compared with Global standards, we will find that the most pressing issues facing the Indian education system is the lack of adequate infrastructure and resources. Many schools, particularly in rural areas, lack basic facilities such as clean drinking water, proper sanitation, and sufficient classrooms. According to a report by the Ministry of Education, approximately 40% of schools in India do not have access to electricity, and 30% lack functional toilets. This inadequacy extends to educational resources as well. Schools

often suffer from a shortage of textbooks, teaching aids, and technology. The lack of access to modern teaching tools hampers the quality of education and limits students' exposure to innovative learning methods. Consequently, students in rural and underprivileged areas are at a significant disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts. The quality of education in India is also compromised by the shortage of qualified teachers. Many schools operate with a high student-to-teacher ratio, making it difficult for teachers to provide individual attention to students. Furthermore, a significant number of teachers lack the necessary qualifications and training to deliver effective education. According to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2020, only 50% of teachers in government schools possess the required qualifications. The result is a cycle of poor teaching quality, leading to substandard performance and low educational outcomes. The Indian education system has long been criticized for its emphasis on rote learning and memorization rather than fostering critical thinking and creativity. The curriculum is often rigid and exam-centric, prioritizing the

ability to recall information over the understanding and application of concepts. This approach stifles creativity and discourages students from engaging in analytical thinking. It also fails to prepare students for real-world challenges, as they are not trained to think independently or solve problems indicatively. The focus on rote learning contributes to high levels of student stress and anxiety, as academic success is often measured solely by exam performance. Educational inequality is a significant issue in India, with access to quality education heavily influenced by socioeconomic status, gender, and geography. Children from low-income families, girls, and those living in rural areas are disproportionately affected by these disparities. The ASER 2020 report highlights that only 50% of rural children in grade five can read at a grade two level, compared to 70% of their urban counterparts. Gender disparities are also evident, with girls often facing barriers to education due to societal norms and expectations. Additionally, the digital divide has further exacerbated educational inequality, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, as many students lack access

to online learning resources. Despite numerous educational policies and reforms, the implementation and governance of these initiatives often fall short. Corruption, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and lack of accountability hinder the effective execution of educational programs. For example, the Right to Education Act (RTE) of 2009 mandates free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14 years. However, the implementation of this act has been inconsistent, with many schools failing to meet the required standards. Additionally, funds allocated for education are often mismanaged or inadequately utilized, further impeding progress. Addressing the failures of the Indian education system requires a multifaceted approach involving various stakeholders, including the government, educators, parents, and the community. Here are some potential solutions: Complete free education of private school and colleges level by investing in the development of school infrastructure and ensuring access to basic facilities is crucial. Recruitment of qualified teachers and providing continuous professional development are essential. Shifting the focus from rote learning to

a more holistic approach that emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving is necessary. Ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficient use of resources in the implementation of educational policies is critical. Regular monitoring and evaluation of programs can help identify gaps and make necessary adjustments. Engaging parents and the community in the education process can foster a supportive environment for students. The Indian education system faces significant challenges that hinder its ability to provide quality education to all students. Inadequate infrastructure, teacher shortages, rote learning, educational inequality, and policy implementation issues are major factors contributing to the system's failures. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach, involving all stakeholders in the education sector. Central government by investing in infrastructure, enhancing teacher quality, reforming curriculum, promoting equity, and improving governance, can positively results towards building an education system that empowers its students and prepares them for the future. - Sharav N Singh, Law student

## Distributing Prasad with devotion gives unprecedented benefits: Pawan Srivastava

Prayagraj: On the fourth and last Tuesday of Jeth, Hanuman Ji Maharaj was worshiped and Prasad was dedicated and curd sherbet was distributed to the devotees. Distributing Prasad with devotion in the society gives unprecedented benefits --- Pawan Srivastava



Guest, Municipal Corporation, on the last Tuesday there. In the temple of Shri Hanuman ji, after offering Prasad to Hanuman ji, curd and sherbet were distributed to the devotees with full pomp and enthusiasm. On the reply, BJP councillor Pawan Srivastava said that India is the only country where the culture is always based on sharing and eating. Councillor Neeraj Gupta, Vinod Sonkar, Gaurish Ahuja, Rajeev Tandon, Alok Srivastava, Ravindra Singh Sandeep Chauhan, Shailendra Srivastava, Anoop Kumar and others were present on the said occasion.

## Bada Mangal: Grand decoration of Shri Bade Hanumanji with flowers

Prayagraj: On the last day of the month of Jyeshtha, there was a huge crowd of devotees in Shri Bade Hanuman Ji temple. Grand decoration of Bade Hanuman Ji Maharaj took place in Shri Bade Hanuman Temple of Prayagraj. Mahant Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj of Baghambari Math and Bade Hanuman Temple performed Maha Aarti. There, Akhand Ramayana was recited. On the occasion



of Bade Mangal, special worship took place at Shri Bade Hanuman Temple. The temple was decorated with flowers. Along with this, special decoration of Bade Hanuman Ji Maharaj was also done. On the last Tuesday of Jyeshtha month, devotees arrived from far and wide to have darshan of Lord Shri Bade Hanuman Ji. The crowd remained there till late evening. Maha Aarti took place at 4:30 in the evening. After this, Akhand Ramayana was recited. At the same time, tents were also arranged to protect the devotees from the sun. Besides, Bhandara also continued like every day. Mahant Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj told that Bajrang Bali lying in the Bade Hanuman temple is considered as the city Kotwal of Prayagraj.

## Due to extreme heat, car became ball of fire

Prayagraj: MG Hector car suddenly caught fire while moving. There was chaos due to sudden fire in the car on the National Highway. The people in the car saved their



lives by getting out of the car. The incident that took place near Bakarganj village on the National Highway in the Tharwai police station area created panic all around.

## Senior IPS Dr. Rajeev Narayan Mishra became DIG PAC Prayagraj

Prayagraj: Recently, IPS officer Dr. Rajeev Narayan Mishra, transferred by the government, took charge of DIG PAC Sector Kanpur/Varanasi as in-charge IG PAC East Zone Prayagraj on 18 June 2024. It may be noted that Dr. Rajeev Narayan Mishra has successfully organized the Magh Mela as

the in-charge for the last four consecutive times. If sources are to be believed, he has been transferred to Prayagraj in view of the upcoming Mahakumbh 2025. Dr. Rajeev Narayan Mishra has previously been awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry by His Excellency the President of India for his contribution in foiling the terrorist attack on Ram Janmabhoomi. He has also received the President's Police Medal and various other decorations for his meritorious service. Dr. Mishra has previously been appointed as SSP STF, Lucknow, SP Kushinagar, SP Traffic Noida, SP ATS and other important posts.



## If you want to know history of Allahabad University, you will have to search documents: Prof. Alok Prasad

\* Truth preserved in archives corrects our sense of history: Prof. Santosh Bhadauria

\* Exhibition organized under Official Language Section, AU and Regional Archives

Prayagraj: "Bundele Har Bolon Ke Munh Hum Hume Suni Kahani Thi... Khoob Ladi Mardani Woh To Jhansi Wali Rani Thi" This poem when the students of 'Banyan Kalamanch' of the Official Language Section gave a musical presentation, the auditorium echoed with applause. The occasion was the organization of an inscription exhibition and seminar organized under the joint aegis of the Official Language Section, Allahabad University and Regional Archives, Prayagraj, on the martyrdom day of the brave queen Rani Lakshmi Bai. The main speaker of the program was Prof. Alok Prasad, Department of History, said that it is very pleasing that the Regional Archives Prayagraj is inviting the students of Allahabad University to come and peruse the records, which they can use in their research work. Such programs expand the understanding of history and Hindi. If we want to know the true history that is being told about the brave queen Rani Lakshmi Bai, then the medium for it is the historical documents kept in

the archives. Coordinator of the Official Language Committee of the University, Prof. Santosh Bhadauria said that we should avoid the lies being spread about our sacrificial history. If we want to know history correctly, there is only one medium



and that is inspection and examination of documents. He said that Jhansi was a major center of the first freedom struggle of 1857. First of all, on June 5, 1857, the soldiers of the 12th Bengal Native Infantry revolted. Jail Inspector Bakshish Ali led the revolutionaries on 6 June. The British were forced to flee and the revolutionaries took over all the offices in Jhansi and freed the prisoners. On June 11, 1857, the revolutionaries

marched to Delhi with the support of Rani Lakshmi Bai. On June 12, 1857, the queen's power was reestablished in Jhansi. The main associates of the queen were Jawahar Singh, Raja Mardan Singh of Banpur and Ghulam Gaus Khan. While fighting for indepen-

Verma said that the role of women in the pages of history is very important. Rani Lakshmi Bai takes that name to a higher level. When it comes to Jhansi, the name of Rani Lakshmi Bai comes at the top. Along with Rani Lakshmi Bai, there were other women who were par-

Prayagraj explained the purpose of the exhibition and said that this exhibition is showcasing the movement led by Rani Lakshmi Bai in 1857 as well as the documents that were confiscated by the British at that time. A total of 25 important records have been shown in it. Musical presentation of 'Khub Ladi Mardani Wah To Jhansi Wali Rani Thi' composed by Subhadra Kumari Chauhan on behalf of 'Banyan Kalamanch' Aashika Arya, Ishita, Priyaranjan Kumar, Varsha Shukla, Sapna Yadav, Sanjay Maurya, Ananya Pandey, Shikha Singh, Shiv Yadav and Dwarka Rai. A poster making competition was also organized for the students. The theme of which was 'Khoob Ladi Mardani... @1857 Rani Lakshmi Bai'. First, second, third and two consolation prizes will be given in this competition. Along with the welcome statement, Hindi Officer of the Official Language Section, Praveen Srivastava explained about the activities of the Official Language Section. The program was moderated by Hindi translator Hariom Kumar.

participating in the freedom struggle and the movement of 1857.

Ashok Kumar Kanojia, Controller of Examinations and Registrar in-charge, Allahabad University, said that it is important that today we are organizing this program in Allahabad University on the occasion of the martyrdom day of Rani Lakshmi Bai. Such programs create awareness among students. Rakesh Kumar Verma of Regional Archives

## OPPO Introduces India's first IP69-Rated Super-Rugged Monsoon-Ready Phone

Varanasi: OPPO India has introduced the F27 Pro+ 5G - the country's first IP66, IP68 and IP69-rated Super-Rugged, Monsoon-Ready smartphone. The F27 Pro+ will be available in two colours - Dusk Pink and Midnight Navy - and retails at INR 27,999 with 128GB storage and INR 29,999 for the 256GB variant. The smartphone boasts OPPO's full-device protection solution - a damage-proof 360-degree Armour Body - that shields the device from drops and scratches. This is in addition to a four-year

durable 5,000mAh battery. Commenting on the launch, Savio D'Souza, Director of Product Communications at OPPO India, said, "The OPPO F27 Pro+ 5G meets the needs of customers who are always on the move, and demand a durable smartphone that can keep up with them, whether rain or sunshine. It is the only smartphone to carry all three - the IP66, IP68 and IP69 - ratings and meets the highest standards against dust and water damage. Additionally, its 360° Armour Body provides

inside-out protection, certified by the Swiss SGS Premium Performance standard and MIL-STD-810H Method 516.8. All that and essentials like a vivid, borderless display, stellar cameras, and a very capable processor are packed into a slim, lightweight, and stylish build that is sturdy and flaunt-worthy in equal measure." Waterproof and Ultimate Durability: The OPPO F27 Pro+ 5G is the first phone to boast all three ratings of the highest levels of dust ingress and water resistance with IP66, IP68 and

IP69; these standards specifically certify that the phone can withstand high-pressure, high-temperature water jets and even water immersion for up to 30 minutes at a time.

The phone's durability goes beyond dust and water ingress protection owing to its damage-proof 360-degree Armour Body protection, which is made possible by internal dampening materials like sponges to enhance drop resistance, a high-strength, high-thermal conductivity aluminium alloy to protect the

motherboard, and Corning Gorilla Glass Victus 2 on the screen.

An Ultra-Slim New Look: The F27 Pro+ 5G pushes the boundaries of design with the first-ever 3D Curved AMOLED display in the F Series. The 120Hz AMOLED display sports super-narrow bezels and a 93% screen-to-body ratio for a near-borderless viewing experience. Its 10-bit panel and 950nits of overall brightness ensure a visually stunning multimedia experience with natural colour reproduction.

# Number of bodies cremated increased in Shringverpur Dham, chaos

## Shringverpur Teerth Kshetra Trust appealed to CM Yogi

Shringverpurdham: Amidst the scorching heat in Shringverpurdham, the number of funeral pyres from remote areas is increasing. By 2 pm on Tuesday, the number of pyres reached 150. It is estimated that the number of pyres will cross 200 by night. Shringverpurdham is the land of salvation, where usually 20 to 25 funeral pyres are performed every day. But in the scorching heat, there has been a significant increase in the number of pyres. The number of pyres has increased by 6 to 7 times. On Tuesday, the scene of Shringverpurdham looked as if it was a fair or a festival. There were queues of four-wheelers and two-wheelers on the roads of Shriramghat. The family members were reaching the cremation ground carrying the dead body on their shoulders amidst the traffic jam. There was a race for dead bodies within five to ten minutes. The situation

was such that there was a shortage of wood for the pyre. A number was also imposed on burning pyres. Everywhere on the banks of Ganga, queues of tears of grief-stricken family members were expressing their pain. This scene after the Corona period was very painful.

Officials of Shringverpur Teerth Kshetra Trust appealed to the Chief Minister: President of Shringverpur Teerth Kshetra Trust, Arun Dwivedi said that not even a month has passed but this is the second time when the number of pyres for cremation has increased. But the administration officials are completely silent. Arun Dwivedi says that not even a month has passed since SDM Soraon was informed about this. But he said to tell the nodal officer. No administration official is ready to listen. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is requested to take this prob-



lem seriously and take immediate action. So that the people coming for the funeral do not face any problem. The pile of filth is such that pigs are rolling in it. But the departmental officials remain silent. Told that amidst the chaos, there was a crowd of thousands at

Shriramghat and cremation ground of Shringverpurdham. On the other hand, due to the chaos, the villagers who reached the funeral had to face problems. Villagers were wandering in search of water amidst dust storm and filth all around. From the

Block Officer to the CDO, no one is coming forward to solve the problem. The administration does not have time to listen to the problems of the people. There was no space left even to stand in the cremation ground. In the scorching heat, Baradari was also

filled with crowd of villagers.

Vehicles and bus stand in Shringverpurdham remained jammed with four wheelers and two wheelers from the shops to the main road in Shringverpurdham. There was no space for the villagers to go out on foot. The same buses were deployed on one side. As if the bus was standing at the bus stand. The queues of vehicles kept increasing since morning to perform the last rites in the hot sun in Shringverpurdham were also seen in the shops. Shopkeepers rapidly sold water, lye, gram, peda and cold drinks. Not only this, the local villagers also made sachets and sold the water. Due to which the earnings of the villagers were also seen.

## Sharbat distributed to passers-by

Prayagraj: Sharbat distributed to passers-by on the last Tuesday of Jyeshtha month. On the fourth and last Tuesday of Jyeshtha month and Nirjala Ekadashi, a sherbet distribution program was organized by the advo-



ates in Civil Lines on Tuesday. The advocates stopped and handed out sherbet to the passersby. On this occasion, there was cooperation from senior advocate Vishnu Verma, advocate Shalabh Mehrotra, Shashank Srivastava, Ved Prakash, Surendra Kushwaha, Pradeep Kumar, Arvind etc.

## Advice from scientists, rain likely from June 19

Naini, Prayagraj. According to the forecast received from the Government of India under the ongoing Rural Agricultural Season Program at Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Science (SHUATS), scientists have predicted rain from June 19 and have advised the farmers to plant seedlings of 20-25 days old. -3 plants per hill 3-4 cm. Do it to a depth of. Medium duration varieties of paddy for barren areas: CSR-10, CSR-43, CSR-13, Narendra Usar Paddy-2009, CSR-60 enter the nursery. In the autumn season, the stage of dormancy has been completed in the sugarcane, hence to prevent the sugarcane from falling and to prevent unwanted buds from emerging, make sure to cover the roots of the sugarcane with soil. If Imidacloprid 30.5 percent SC is used to control green hopper and white fly pests in pumpkin crops. 1.0ml Chemicals and flubendimide 39.35 SC for control of stem and fruit borer insects. Of 01 ml. Make a solution in one liter of water and spray it and to protect from fruit fly, use cue lure pheromone trap 8 to 10 traps per hectare. Apply at the rate of Rs. To protect the brinjal crop from stem and fruit borer pests, apply 1.0 ml of Chlorantraniliprole chemical. Maintain moisture in mango orchards by irrigating them at regular intervals.

To protect the animals from sunlight, tie them to a shady place in the afternoon and graze them only in the morning and evening. Be sure to feed green fodder to animals, do not feed withered green fodder (especially jowar) to animals because it contains HCN. Animals can become sick due to excess of elements (poisonous elements). Fish seed producers should feed their brood fish supplemental food at the rate of two percent of their body weight every day and should also give them vitamin E rich food.

## Priyanka's candidature from Wayanad welcomed in her hometown

Prayagraj: Prominent Congressmen of the district and city have welcomed the decision of the top leadership of party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi to make her a candidate in the by-election from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in her hometown. In this regard, in the meeting held on Tuesday afternoon at Himmattganj Camp office under the chairmanship of former UP Congress Committee spokesperson Kishore Varshney, happiness was expressed over Priyanka starting her innings of electoral politics. Said that despite the lack of resources in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, he took charge of the campaign at the country level and made all the parties except Congress realize his fighting spirit. During this, condolences were expressed towards the dead and injured, expressing grief over the train accident in Jalpaiguri, Bengal. State Congress General Secretary Mukundan Tiwari, PCC members Fuzail Hashmi and Harikesh Tripathi, Parvez Siddiqui, Dr. Satya Pandey, Arshad Ali, Rakesh Patel, Ajay Srivastava, Indresh Mishra, Arun Chaurasia, Sartaz Mohammad, Keshav Pasi, Md. Javed, Kameshwar Sonkar. etc.

## SP leaders ignoring their elderly counterpart

Prayagraj: The old leader of Samajwadi Party was ill for a long time and even the people of the party turned a blind eye. Nafees Khan, 70 years old, resident of Bahadurganj, Prayagraj, who has been an old socialist thinker and has been serving the people by joining Samajwadi Party, Nafees Khan in the 1990s. They used to do a lot of agitation in that period like traffic jams,



arrests, going to jail, lathicharge, demonstrations etc. Today due to illness no one is going to ask them, now they have become very weak and do not do anything due to illness Congress leader Irshad Ullah When he came to know about this, he reached his house, took him in the car and got him admitted to Colvin Hospital.

## Employees of Lucknow Diocese paid tribute to their counterpart employee

Prayagraj: Employees of Diocese of Lucknow (CNI) held a meeting on Tuesday at the LDTA premises located at Sarojini Naidu Marg and paid tribute to their fellow employee Anil

ing employee and was always alert towards his work. On the other hand, acting district president of the union, Akash Tripathi expressed grief, calling it an irreparable loss. He said that the employees union is with the family of the deceased in every way in this difficult time. In the tribute meeting, all the employees offered flowers on the photo of the departed soul and prayed. Prayers were offered by keeping 2 minutes silence in the tribute meeting. Rakesh Kumar Ramchandra Yadav, Vijay Kumar Mobile Smile, Ashok Kumar, Sanjay, Vijay, Sadashiv, Mohd. Jamil etc. were present in the meeting.



Singh. Employees Union President Sunil Kumar Verma said that his personal experience with Anil Kumar Singh may have been very limited but he was a fight-

## Priyanka Chauhan and Pratima Yadav mesmerized audience with their songs

Prayagraj: The third night of the three-day Ganga Dussehra festival organized by the North Central Region Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, at Arail Ghat on the banks of the Sangam was in the name of Priyanka Chauhan and Pratima Yadav. He mesmerized the audience by presenting one folk song after another. As soon as she reached the stage, the audience welcomed Priyanka Chauhan with applause. She started the program by singing 'Hey Ganga Maiya Tohre Piiri Chadhaibe', 'Shivnath Sab Teri Mahima Teen Lok' and made the whole atmosphere devotional. After this, Pratima Yadav and fellow artistes sang the Ganga hymn 'Ganga Kai Nirmal Ba Paani Balam Tani Darshan Karayada Ho". Got a lot of



applause by presenting folk dance on the songs "Aisan Manohar Mangalmurat" and "Saria Laida Balam Kalkatiya". Bhajan and folk song singer Mohani Srivastava made the whole atmosphere happy by pre-

sending "Milli Sabav Jan Karo Kuch Upaya to keep the Ganga flowing", "Ganga Mein Kain Snavan Sajan Karab Mai Ke Poojanvan Ho" and "Let's see the city of Ayodhya my friend".

Rajendra Choudhary played drums, Amit Singh played organ, and Aarohi Singh accompanied in singing. A large number of spectators including center officers and employees were present on this occasion.

## District Road Safety Committee meeting concluded

### Instructions given to take effective action against people over speeding, not wearing helmet and seat belt

Prayagraj: District Road Safety Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Additional District Magistrate Nagar Madan Kumar at Sangam Auditorium on Tuesday. Was organized. In

ing. To prevent over-speeding, he has given instructions to install cameras and maximum signage after taking information about the interceptors available in the district. He reviewed the

the Hon'ble Supreme Court, he suspended the licenses for various offenses like over speeding, red light jumping, drunk driving, use of mobile while driving, carrying passengers in goods

speeding, wrong side driving, talking on mobile while driving, not wearing helmet and seat belt, so that So that effective action can be taken to prevent road accidents. He has asked for paint and reflectors to be applied on the dividers and repair of broken dividers.

In the meeting, Auto Union President Vinod Chandra Dubey, General Secretary Ramakant Rawat, Auto Union Vice President Raghunath Dwivedi and others discussed about making people aware about road safety measures, closing illegal cuts, reopening of illegal cuts near Ghurpur police station. Other suggestions related to closure, dealing with the jam situation due to illegal parking in front of Bangar Dharamshala, closure of cuts made near coaching institutes and road safety were given, on which the Additional District Magistrate directed all the concerned officers to take necessary action.



the meeting. Additional District Magistrate Nagar has instructed all the concerned officers to be present in the upcoming meeting. The Additional District Magistrate first reviewed the progress of compliance with the decision taken in the last meet-

enforcement action taken by the police department to prevent road accidents and by marking the junctions of all MDR, SH, NH category roads in the district, necessary traffic coming measures were installed on them. In compliance with the instructions given by

vehicles and overloading of goods vehicles etc. Reviewed the forwarded and pending cases. Additional District Magistrate has given instructions to collect proper information about the causes of accidents and take effective action against those involved in over

## Lord Jagannath's resting journey will start with musical instruments

### Lord Jagannath will go to rest on June 23

Prayagraj: The meeting of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust Prayagraj was held at Arya Bhawan located at Johri Tola Zero Road. While presiding over the meeting, Trust President Durga Prasad Gupta said that on the full moon day of 23rd June in the evening Rath Yatra coordinator Basant Lal Azad said that the rest journey of Lord Jagannath ji will be taken out after worshiping as per the tradition of Sanatan Dharma, for which complete preparations have been made. Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh



Kesarwani said that the Vishram Yatra will be taken out on its scheduled route from Kashi Rajnagar Prayageshwar Nath Temple to Lord Jagannath Ji's Dham which will be Katghar, Salik Ganj Square, Mutthiganj Square, Ram Bhawan, Bahadurganj, Mansarovar, Hevet Road, Ghantaghar. Minister Gagan Das Gupta conducted the meeting while taking rest at Arya Bhawan. The prominent people in the meeting were Dau Dayal Gupta, Jairam Gupta, Kanhaiya Lal Gupta, Amar Rastogi, Triloki Kesarwani, Umesh Chandra Jaiswal, Shashikant Jaiswal, Poonam Gupta, Seema Srivastava, Happy Kaseria, Lata Upadhyay, Meena Devi, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Abhilash Kesarwani etc. were workers of the trust.

## Editorial

### Why Uttar Pradesh Needs

Yogi Adityanath

V.S. Naipaul once quipped, "India means the world, in a way. People live in several worlds at the same time." This may sound crude to many critics of India, who have been trying to ride on an iron-clad image of the BJP government through their Goblesian pronouncements, thus stoking and promoting the unfinished business of Partition, nonetheless, Naipaul's is a telling articulation of the bundle of contradictions that undergird India. That is to say, to understand India, would be to swallow multiple worlds. It is another matter that the Opposition in India does not understand this simple point. No matter how badly the Opposition and critics may slam, sledge, and try to ostracise Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over the election debacle of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh, it would be an intellectual feebleness, even suicidal, to singularly view the result of the 18th Lok Sabha, 2024 election, as a barometer of his creditability or the delegitimation of the Yogi model of development. A point can be made that the election results may be an indication that excessive polarisation, convincingly demonstrated by almost all parties in India, can only lead to virtue-signalling gestures rather than converting into votes for all of them, but that is precisely the reason why the Yogi model is still needed. What this election result signifies is that people have evaded the scrutiny of religion, opting mostly for development, modernisation, employment, and inclusiveness. While compartmentalisation of communities cannot be entirely rejected, it is also understood that people in Uttar Pradesh are looking for cross-fertilisation of ideas/ideologies that can fortify their living standard in quotidian life, thus making the implicit hint that communities may be tacit to be (mis)used as election cannon fodder by political parties. The implication of this shift is already obvious with CM Yogi strictly asking his cabinet ministers, in the wake of the election outcome, to deter from practising "VIP culture" and instead promote the practice of "samvaad (dialogue), samanvay (coordination), samvedansheelta (sensitivity)." The mantra is simple if only they are willing to listen. The Yogi model has been the model of communication, interaction, dignity, and development. It has always been like that since its inception in 2017. In fact, CM Yogi's efforts to stabilise people's lives can be gauged from the fact that "in the last six and a half years, more than 55 lakh underprivileged people in the state received free housing facilities under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana." Those who cast doubt over the inevitability of Yogi in Uttar Pradesh discount the fact that in his tenure as CM, Yogi has bulldozed the aspirations of criminals, which for so long existed in the state both as a reality and anecdotal evidence. The fact that not many would like to present is that Yogi triggered "68K 'encroachments' [with] Rs 844-crore property seized." These seized lands have been converted into living houses that the Yogi government has provided to the marginalised section of society in the state. That hue and cry over his bulldozer image is, therefore, a diversion tactic by his opponents. It is a strange paradox that those who cry about democratic backsliding and its failure in Uttar Pradesh, whenever Yogi takes strict actions against criminals, do so only due to their inherited character of loot and corruption, something with which the state has become a synonym for so long. The hypocrisy of these experts on democracy is not only acute but also detrimental to the progress of Uttar Pradesh. It is not rocket science to understand that any state can make economic progress only when it ensures a firm grip on the law-and-order situation. By the same equation, it is not difficult to understand who is afraid of strict laws and actions. In Yogi lies the answer to Uttar Pradesh's future.

# The gulf of slavery being prepared

Being a slave means becoming subservient, that is, the person under whose rule you are a slave can drive you like an animal as he wishes. By the way, slavery has been prevalent for centuries in almost all the countries of the world, let alone India. In Germany, Russia and many other European countries, slaves used to be sold regularly. Now the governments of all the countries, in collusion with the capitalists, are hatching such a conspiracy for the benefit of those capitalists that instead of giving proper benefits to the farmers and laborers (farmer-coomera class), that is, these two hard working classes, which is quite a lot, they are following the policy of keeping the farmers and laborers as slaves. The current central government of India has also decided to do the same with the farmers and laborers associated with the country's largest agricultural sector. In fact, the farmer workers who provide food to the people of the entire country, as well as run small and cottage industries that make agricultural equipment and medicines to keep the crops disease-free and nutritious, and run small and cottage industries that convert agricultural produce into



refined food products, and give impetus to other government institutions with their skilled labour, have given power to the BJP twice by giving it full support in the hope of improving their economic and social condition; but today the Modi government of the same center has spoiled the country's semi-system by giving these resources and institutions to private hands with the intention of snatching the livelihood of farmers and agriculture-related businesses from the hands of laborers and small traders. Because in the last 10 years, the Modi government of the center has not only snatched the means of livelihood from the farmer workers, i.e. farmers and laborers, by handing over most of the government institutions to private hands, but has also made the reservation given to their children ineffective without

the workers and with the intention of not paying the salary fixed on the basis of government standards, it has legalized the contract system in government institutions as well as private sector institutions and pushed them towards slavery by adopting that policy. In this way, the Modi government of the Centre, without changing the chronology, very cleverly made it ineffective and forced all the workers from skilled and unskilled to technical and non-technical workers to work on low wages in all government institutions, even ministries.

Apart from this, the same thing is being done in other middle class positions from government clerks, due to which such people are also losing their jobs or those who are retiring. Instead of making new recruitments in their place, under this contracting system, instead of hiring new people, many people are being replaced by one or two people on low salary by the contractor companies and more work is being done by them and they are not even being paid the salary that a person used to get on a government post. That is, by saving the salary of 5-7 government people, one person is being paid half

the salary of a government person and the work of 5-7 people is being done from him. And in this way, the Modi government at the center has given the exploiters i.e. capitalists the legal right to exploit the workers and educated youth economically, mentally, physically. This government has not only done injustice to the workers, but in order to suppress the voice of the workers who come together and raise their voice against the exploitation of the exploiters i.e. industrialists and capitalists engaged in business etc., it has increased the number of workers required to form a constitutional organization from 60 to 300 from an institution, so that they cannot form an organization. That is, the registration of the organization will be possible only when at least 300 workers from an institution come together and agree to the organization and sign to get the organization registered.

It is obvious that today there are no 300 workers in any institution and even if there are any, it is difficult for them to gather. Because the capitalists make many of their own laws beforehand and get them to sign. Similarly, this government has given legal freedom.

## Health trade license required for city amusements

When the Union Cabinet was sworn in on June 9, all attention was focused on a young 41-year-old cabinet minister. The name Paswan is well-known across all political parties in India, resonating with coalition politics. From 1996 to 2014, during the era of coalition politics in India, Ram Vilas Paswan played a crucial role. No government in Delhi could be formed without him. Despite being overshadowed by Dalit icons like Kanshi Ram and Mayawati, Paswan emerged as a true socialist leader beyond his Dalit identity, representing all communities regardless of caste or religion. In Delhi, he was an 'all-weather man' and was wanted by all leaders. Following the untimely

death of Ram Vilas Paswan, the responsibility of leading the party fell upon the young shoulders of Chirag Paswan. Despite doubts from critics, who questioned Chirag's political acumen and his ability to uphold his father's legacy, and a split within the party, Chirag fought against all odds. The party symbol was taken over by Ram Vilas Paswan's brother, leading to a crisis of political identity. Critics said Chirag wouldn't survive. Nevertheless, Chirag publicly supported Prime Minister Modi, and became known as 'Modi's Hanuman'. Silencing all his critics, Chirag emerged victorious after a hard-fought battle, winning all five seats in the Lok Sabha polls and achieving a

perfect strike rate unmatched by any other party in the current elections. Chirag has been appointed to the Ministry of Food Processing, a position crucial to India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. The food processing sector stands as the fifth-largest industry in terms of production, consumption, exports, and growth potential. It is a significant employment-intensive industry that contributes to 12.28 per cent of employment generation and is projected to reach \$535 billion by 2025. The food processing industry (FPI) holds promise for enhancing the value of farm output, creating new job opportunities, boosting exports, and fortifying the domestic supply chain.

## Elections showed that Manipur still has faith in democracy

Over a year since ethnic violence erupted in Manipur, people are slowly losing hope. Thousands who fled their homes fear they may never return, as one of India's longest-running conflicts drags on with no resolution in sight. Unlike other states, like Gujarat in 2002, where violence between communities was swiftly contained, the situation in Manipur continues to be volatile. With elections over, will the new Narendra Modi-led government finally address Manipur's plight with the urgency it deserves? In May 2023, simmering tensions between Manipur's Kuki-Zo-Hmar and Meitei communities boiled over into violent clashes. Fearing for their safety, people of the Kuki-Zo-Hmar community fled back to the hills, while Meiteis in the hill districts evacuated to the valley. But even as they ran, leaving everything behind, they clung to the hope that their displacement would be temporary. Yet, as time passes, the division between the hills and the valley only becomes more pronounced and lawlessness prevails. Just last Saturday, alleged militants set fire to two police outposts and dozens of houses in Jiribam district, with the flare-up of tensions causing some 600 people to seek refuge in Assam's Cachar. The crumbling of trust in the system is now palpable.

There's a profound sense of betrayal that the state (read Centre) has failed to safeguard its citizens within their own homes. After all, safety and protection are fundamental rights that any state is obligated to guarantee. This has shattered people's faith in the government and the feeling of alienation is intensifying with each passing day. In the wake of the grand election season that swept across India, the central question has become whether the crisis in this small but strategically important border state will finally be tackled seriously. More than 60,000 people in Manipur are internally displaced in their own country. Many are stuck in relief camps with not even a minimum subsistence allowance, while others continue to survive on the love and compassion of others—who, in turn, are running out of resources and reserves. On top of this, residents in hill districts like Churachandpur and Kangpokpi now face restricted access to Imphal airport, resulting in difficulties in obtaining essential goods, medicines, and healthcare, among other things. Life isn't easy for everyone in Imphal either. Not everyone has the luxury of travelling by air, and many residents are effectively trapped in a landlocked state, unable to pursue business or educational opportunities outside

their immediate vicinity. In reality, both sides have axed their feet and need rescue, but there's little help coming even from within the Northeast region. When the Jiribam violence led to hundreds crossing the Jiri River to neighbouring Assam, they weren't exactly welcomed with open arms—the state government responded to their arrival by immediately tightening its border. While concerns about security and infrastructure burdens may be behind this, it is also essential to consider the plight of those fleeing Manipur in distress. State policies should reflect humanitarian principles of compassion and solidarity so that no one is left abandoned during crises. What is not in doubt is that the prolonged crisis in Manipur is bound to have a spillover effect on neighbouring states. Northeast leaders should have acted early to help resolve the situation, but concrete actions have been scarce, except for a few like Mizoram, where about 9,000 displaced people from Manipur are living. United efforts from Northeast leaders could have significantly alleviated the situation. However, their lack of unity has resulted in a missed opportunity to leverage their collective strength. It's crucial for them to recognise that one state's problems resonate.

## MaBaTha sees Hindutva as an ally. India must not serve fanatics in Myanmar

Fire comes out from Maung Po Than's arm," shouted the excited villager who ran through the streets of Pegu in the winter of 1909-1910, "lightning will strike those who do not believe and tigers will devour them." The sleeve of his jacket had indeed caught fire from a lit cheroot which he had carelessly stuffed into a pocket, but signs the villager was to be Myanmar's new king kept mounting. A girl's silk handkerchief was carried away by a kite, it was said, and an old ring was found; a white ele-

phant was sighted, and the Shweyinna Pagoda was miraculously gilded. Later that year, historian SR Ashton wrote, hundreds of insurgents armed with swords and a single, crude firearm marched against British colonial forces in the province of Sagaing, along the borders with India. The rebellion, backed by local monks, was brutally crushed—by police drawn from India. The colonial authorities also tried to tame their restive colony by recruiting immigrants from India, creating a new élite

that came to control land, capital and administration. The policy engendered racial bitterness that still runs deep in independent Myanmar. "To be Burmese means to be Buddhist!" one independence-movement slogan went. Ethnic-Bamar nationalist leaders in colonial Myanmar, scholar Matthew Bowser records, thought it was more important to free their country from the 'Kalar'—a derogatory word meaning Black, used interchangeably for Indians and Muslims—than evicting the coloniser.

"The history of Myanmar is the history of a succession of revolutions and wars in which strange changes come about," GJS Hodgkinson, the commissioner of the Pegu division, observed in 1888. The wheel of destiny is turning—and this time around, guardians of Bamar nationalism are looking to India for salvation. Faced with an increasingly successful insurgent campaign, the country's all-powerful Tatmadaw, or army, has been desperately seeking help from New Delhi.

## CBSE recommends stronger internal examinations in schools to reduce theory-practice gaps

**Delhi:** The CBSE recently advised schools to review their own assessment systems. After finding a large gap between theory and practical test marks in classes X and XII in over 500 schools. Many students who did poorly in theory tests did well in practical exams. The advice proposes a more robust, transparent, and dependable approach to provide realistic assessment and significant academic value for pupils." The CBSE circular says An anonymous CBSE official said, "We have complete theory and practical mark data for grades X and XII. If all 40 students in a class obtain full marks in practical but just a few get good scores in theory, we can uncover exam disparities." The board has provided guidance before, he says, adding that the CBSE conducts this procedure annually. Says, "Many schools give additional marks in practical tests to boost grades. With practical marks, a student can pass the exam despite low theory marks. This improves school performance and reputation." Teachers and school management should be consistent and ethical while deciding practical marks. "Many times, to



save their jobs, teachers resort to mark inflation," he says. "These discrepancies affect the morale of the bright students who despite all their hard work are positioned together with the non-deserving students." Senior official: "There are a few rules, but officials are striving to establish a more comprehensive assessment system to eliminate irregularities. CBSE will sensitize schools." Former Delhi government school administrator Sangeeta Jay believes, "Familiar environments improve student performance. Students feel comfortable at school since they are surrounded by instructors and friends during internal assessment and no other agencies or examiners are involved. This is why 30%-40% of pupils do well. When students appear for boards that require them to complete papers at different centers, they may be nervous in a new atmosphere. This may hinder student performance."

## Candidates want full retakes, thorough investigation of irregularities

**Delhi:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) informed the Supreme Court that 1,563 candidates who obtained "grace marks" in the 2024 National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) will have their scorecards canceled. These NEET-UG candidates who received grace marks for missing time can reappear. June 23 is the re-examination date, with results expected by June 30. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta heard the NTA's declaration that a committee will review these contestants' results. The Committee canceled 1,563 candidates' scorecards and offered retests. The Supreme Court said it will not stop NEET-UG 2024 counselling, emphasizing that it will proceed. The Supreme Court will hear petitions again on July 8. The Court accepted the NTA's assertion that the 1,563 students' retest will be notified today and the findings



## Simple Methods for Writing UK SOPs: Templates & Examples for 2024

**Delhi:** One of the most well-liked nations for postsecondary education is the UK. The UK has been attracting more and more international students due to its outstanding universities and ongoing efforts to strengthen its educational system. When applying to UK universities, a "Statement of Purpose," or "SOP," is an important document to

take into account. SOP is essential and is thought to give your application at least 30% more weight. The SOP format used in the UK is the same as in other nations. Your SOP needs to include a summary of your accomplishments and strongest points, your academic and personal history, and an overview of your future objectives.

declared before June 30, ensuring that July counselling is not disrupted. Students nationwide have reacted differently to the Supreme Court's NEET UG 2024 ruling.

## After heatstroke, typhoid, 3 law students sue Delhi University for substandard amenities

**Delhi:** Three law students sued Delhi University for heatstroke and typhoid after drinking from a cooler at the Faculty of Law. The suit asserted a lack of pure drinking water, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and other campus infrastructure issues, and the Delhi High Court summoned a stakeholder meeting this week. Ronak Khatri, Ankur Singh Mavi, and Umesh Kumar, all second-year law students, are campaigning for better university facilities. Both petitioners and advocates are involved. However, they had to act after all doors were closed. "We protested at the Faculty of Law on 2 May. We gave our dean a letter but nothing happened. We tried the Delhi Students' Welfare and Delhi University Students Union but failed. Khatri, who fell in class due to heatstroke, claims they protested in front of the vice chancellor's building on May 15. In the second hearing on June 12, Justice Amit Sharma appointed advocate Rajesh Mishra as amicus curiae to help decide the dispute. The high court ordered Delhi University's dean of students' welfare, law faculty dean, petitioner Mavi, and amicus curiae to meet.

The talk will cover water coolers, filtered drinking water, and Wi-Fi. Court order: meeting within a week. Judge Sharma added the Bar Council of India (BCI) as a "necessary party" to the petition. The 4 July hearing follows the 27 May writ petition.

## DoE steps up efforts to improve facilities at public schools

**Delhi:** The Department of Education has stepped its efforts to enhance the fundamental facilities and services provided by Delhi government schools. Ashok Kumar, the secretary of education, has issued strict directions to make sure that schools have enough desks, stationery, clean water, and clean bathrooms. He has also ordered minor repairs and implemented safety precautions. An evaluation conducted on June 6 by the state project director and additional director of education, after unambiguous instructions were given in May, found that a number of institutions had not yet complied.



Authorities suggested disciplinary action against vice principals and principals who neglected to upgrade their schools' infrastructure in order to resolve the non-compliance. But as of yet,

no suggestions have been made. The secretary gave regional directors of education (RDEs) until June 11 to identify the schools that lack proper facilities and suggest disciplinary meas-

ures against the district deputy directors of education (DDE) who are in charge of those schools. The RDEs will be subject to disciplinary punishment if they don't comply within the allotted 10-day period. Within seven days, they must also provide ideas for taking action against the relevant district DDEs. All pupils in government schools (classes 1 through 8) received free textbooks from the education department on Thursday for the 2024-25 school year. Before classes resume, all DDEs need to make sure that students have their textbooks.

## 89% of MCD students have bank accounts post

**Delhi:** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) claimed that the education department opened bank accounts for 89% of its students. The project allows direct bank transfers to students' accounts for numerous objectives. As per the Delhi High Court's orders, MCD is striving to cover 100% of student bank accounts following summer breaks. An official said, "MCD's persistence is getting more students to open bank accounts. We're working to

open 100% of pupils' bank accounts after summer breaks." Students in MCD schools receive funding for clothes, shoes, bags, and stationery. Students need bank accounts to get these funds. MCD ordered zonal deputy commissioners to ensure every student in their zone had a bank account. An official said, "We are holding camps for pupils at its schools to open bank accounts in various banks and post offices. Teachers contact parents to collect

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan textbooks during summer vacations. In April, the court raised concern over MCD's inability to provide uniforms, notebooks, and stationery to 2,00,000 bankless pupils. The judge stated this could make kids lose interest in school. NGO Social Jurist asked the education department and MCD to ensure that all schoolchildren had bank accounts, and the court responded.

## Content Creator based Entertainer's Cricket League launched

**Karnal**

**The** Entertainer's Cricket League, the first of its kind content creator based cricketing league launched in the presence of team captains Abhishek Malhan, Sonu Sharma, Elvish Yadav, Harsh Beniwal, Munawar Faruqui, Anurag Dwivedi and league founders, Anil Kumar and Himanshu Chandnani. This franchise-based league featuring six teams will be played in August and September. The creators will each lead one of the six franchises with each team further picking in the form of the draft from a vast pool of 250 popular content creators out of which 96 creators will make the final cut. These will include popular content creators across multiple industries such as technology, finance, infotainment, education, motivation & self-help,

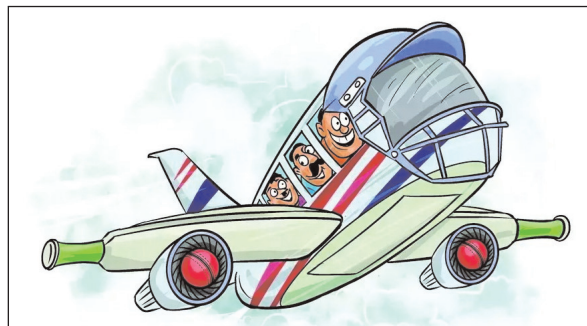


entertainment including vloggers, gaming, fashion and lifestyle from India. ECL is also expected to garner over 100 crore viewers across the first season alone since the total followers of the content creator exceeds this number. "We are excited to be a part of this huge amalgamation between cricket and culture and are backing our initial aim of building an inclusive community for all kinds of content creators. The ECL helps to create an offline community for the creators. It will be a great

opportunity for all kinds of creators to come together and have this kind of exposure that is not possible online". said Anil Kumar and Himanshu Chandnani, League's Founders. "This league is a dream come true for many of us. Cricket has always been close to our hearts, and combining it with our passion for content creation is a fantastic opportunity. I'm eager to see the enthusiasm of our fans as we take on this new challenge," said Elvish Yadav, Captain, Team Haryana.

## Gujarat traffickers sneaking people into US during T20 Cricket World Cup

**Delhi:** Bat, ball, and kabootar bazi replace "donkey flight" for now. Cricket lovers and Gujarati human traffickers using the T20 World Cup to sneak people into the US are excited about the New York leg. These smugglers pose as cricketers to get their clients into the US. Local cricket clubs sign clients to play mini tournaments in India to attract US club sponsorships. This grants six-month sports visas. Once in the US, they disappear and live illegally. This strategy has supplanted artist visa programs where people impersonated Bollywood or TV actors to enter the US. Smugglers now use cricket due to stricter immigration laws. Kalol man used the scheme successfully. "I played cricket professionally from an academy in



Gandhinagar, participated in leagues organised by a religious group here, and got entry into the US to play a cricket league," stated. He and his brother have lived illegally in the US for eight months. Monty Patel of Gandhinagar disappeared after entering the US last September. Ashish Patel of Navsari succeeded after several failures. Seven years ago, he entered the US as a TV serial crew member but returned. Using a New Jersey tournament cricketer identity, he entered the US last year after three

failed attempts. An Ahmedabad police crime branch officer recognized the trend but said India cannot prosecute overseas offenses. "No such case has been documented. Vikas Sahay, Gujarat DGP, said these contravene visa rules. When Gujaratis were deployed to cricket-loving Russia five years ago, this commotion began. Traffickers began targeting the US 18 months ago due to the increased interest in cricket, especially in North and South Carolina, which have cricket clubs.

## In keeping with global trends, UGC enables biennial entries

**Delhi:** To meet global norms, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has allowed HEIs with appropriate infrastructure to offer biennial admissions in regular manner commencing with the current academic session. Admissions to universities worldwide are biennial. UGC head M Jagadesh Kumar said adoption will boost international cooperation and student exchanges at our HEIs, increasing global competitiveness. After the commission's approval on July 25, 2023, UGC made the decision on May 15 after receiving positive comments from students in biennial admissions in Jan-Feb and July-Aug open, distance, and online programs. UGC said biennial admissions will help HEIs allocate resources. Large colleges like DU will find it difficult, but we will start with a pilot run and expand if authorized." Previously, HEIs may only enroll students in one 12-month academic session starting in July/Aug. According to SASTRA Deemed University VC S Vaidhyasubramaniam, dual window admissions may not work in India "due to capacity, capability and credibility issues". He said collateral damage will overshadow biennial admissions' modest benefit.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The college officials believe it's necessary to disclose such

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## CAs appraised with DRISHTI roadmap of their apex body ICAI

Chandigarh CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, the newly elected National President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a nationwide apex body of CAs, while outlining the objectives ICAI with the Govt of India's vision to achieve the status of a developed nation by the year 2027 announced its strategic roadmap - 'DRISHTI' for 2024-49. CA Agarwal, the 72nd national president after assuming charge reached Chandigarh for the first time along with his team was addressing the CA fraternity of Chandigarh during a seminar organized at Hotel Hyatt Regency on Saturday. Nearly 200 CA members participated in this seminar hosted by ICAI Chandigarh Branch and appraised the strategic aspects of the newly formed

Central Council of ICAI. Earlier, in his welcome address, CA Abhishek Singh Chauhan, Chairman, ICAI Chandigarh Branch expressed hope that the DRISHTI roadmap of the Central Council will prove beneficial not only in the national interest but also in establishing new dimensions in the CA profession. Chauhan laid demands to the National President for the interests of local CA members and students. At present, nearly 3500 CAs are practicing under the aegis of Chandigarh branch, while about ten thousand CA students from Upper North students are being associated which are gradually increasing annually. To meet their demands, Chauhan put forth the demand for a Center of Excellence to which CA Agarwal assured that it would be discussed in

detail. There had been no convocation for the Upper North students of ICAI Chandigarh since a long time and hence they have to approach Delhi for their degree. Regarding the demand of holding the convocation in Chandigarh, President garwal agreed to organize the annual convocation in Chandigarh which would be a relief to innumerable students. In his address, National Vice President CA Charanjot Singh Nanda discussed in detail the newly constituted committees and other projects to describe them as vital and effective for the professional development of students, members and CA fraternity at large. During the program, guest speaker Dr. Rakesh Gupta and CA Naveen Soni benefited the delegates by highlighting the technical aspects.

## The UGC has asked all HEIs to form an ICC and a Special/Women's Cell

Delhi: The UGC has asked all HEIs to form an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and a Special/Women's Cell to address gender-based violence and gender sensitization. The UGC has released an advise on implementing the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act 2013. It said all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) must form an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and a Special/Women's Cell under their administrative supervision to address gender-based violence and gender sensitization. The University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015, are available on the UGC website, www.ugc.gov.in. These regulations explicitly outline Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) responsibilities, grievance redressal sys-



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

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

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

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

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

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

women voters increased more than men.

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

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

## Joe dramatically raises US tariffs on Chinese EVs

**Delhi:** US President Joe Biden lambasted Beijing for "cheating" as he raised tariffs on Chinese products such as electric vehicles and semiconductors. Biden strongly opposed the sanctions as Biden sought to appear tough on trade ahead of a rematch with Republican Donald Trump in November's US presidential election. "We're not going to let China flood our market, making it impossible for American automakers to compete fairly," Biden declared in the White House Rose Garden. He said, "We're never going to allow China to unfairly control the market for these cars," before ordering duties. Trump's tariffs have been frequently criticized by Biden. He's been using similar tactics to win over blue-collar voters in swing Rust Belt states. The White House stated EV tariffs will treble to 100% this year and semiconductor duties will rise from 25% to 50% by next year.



File ITR or risk scrutiny

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

## AIIMS to open emergency cath lab



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

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

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

## Free bike rides home for voters

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

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

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

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

## CAPSULES

### Close fire-violating coaching centers: HC



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

## Order mandating SpiceJet to pay Sun Group's Kalanithi Maran 270

**Delhi:** Judge ordered SpiceJet to refund over 1270 crore to Sun Group promoter Kalanithi Maran, but a Division Bench of the Delhi High Court overturned it. SpiceJet and CMD Ajay Singh appealed the single-judge's ruling to a Division Bench of Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dudeja. Appeals are allowed. The July 31, 2023 order is vacated "By the

Court. The Division Bench denied SpiceJet's request to postpone the single-judge ruling upholding an arbitral tribunal award ordering the airline to reimburse over 270 cases. The issue between Maran and SpiceJet began in January 2015 when Ajay Singh bought SpiceJet from him. Maran reportedly gave Singh his 58.46% airline ownership. According to the

contract, Maran would receive redeemable warrants for his airline promotion investment. Maran was entitled to 18 crore warrants and 26% SpiceJet shares. No convertible warrants or preference shares were issued to Maran, and he received no money. Maran sought roughly 1,323 crore in damages. Arbitration was ordered by the Delhi High Court. The

arbitral tribunal ordered SpiceJet to return Maran 1270 crore in July 2018. The tribunal also ordered the airline to pay 12% interest on warrant payments and 18% on Maran awards if they are late. The tribunal also found no breach of Maran, SpiceJet, and Ajay Singh's share sale and purchase agreement. Thus, Maran's shareholding return and damages claims were denied.

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

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

### What SC Said

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Government e-commerce platform accepting unicorns



**Delhi:** Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a UPI-like alternative to e-commerce heavyweights, is onboarding unicorns like MakeMyTrip, Policybazaar, Cars24, and Zerodha to build traction. While ONDC was created to support small businesses like kirana stores and democratize online shopping, the govern-

ment believes large players will give consumers more choice and boost demand in smaller towns and cities. The goal is to assist consumers and businesses without platform fees. "It gained popularity in the last two years. Five lakh sellers—70% small and medium—have joined. ONDC processed 72 million transactions in April

"Rajesh Kumar Singh, industry and internal trade secretary, told reporters. Singh expects all types of players to join, when asked if big startups would overwhelm smaller ones. "The intent is noble, let us see how it works and to what extent we can actually crack some of the issues you raised in terms of market concentration," said.

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



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

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

central Delhi will offer the plan for all ACs, including next-generation inverter types. Around 40 "first cum, first served" window and split variants of prominent brands are available.

BSES said domestic consumers can exchange up to three air conditioners per contract account num-

ber. BSES spokesperson: "We empower sustainable technologies like LED lighting, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and rooftop solar net metering.

The AC plan will cut annual and monthly electricity expenditures and help us work toward a greener future.

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

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

## The Hans Foundation Signs Strategic MoUs to Revolutionize Menstrual Health and Hygiene in Jharkhand



**GURUGRAM :** Three key Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed today at the National Conference on Menstrual Health and Hygiene, which took place at the Conference Hall of the District Sadar Hospital in Ranchi, according to a statement released by The Hans Foundation (THF). This momentous occasion represents a turning point in THF's continuous endeavors to enhance menstruation health and cleanliness throughout India. The MoUs were signed with

three key partners: Menstrupedia, MVM Nutritional Products, and the District Health Society of Ranchi. These partnerships seek to strengthen health-care facilities in rural areas, increase menstrual education, and offer wholesome dietary supplements.

The MoU between the District Health Society in Ranchi and THF aims to transform health-care at the Primary Health Centre in Usha Matu, Ratu block. Over five years, they will upgrade facilities,

increase staff, and enhance medical resources to ensure accessible high-quality healthcare. The District Health Society will handle registrations and operational support, while The Hans Foundation will manage recruitment and daily activities. Additionally, The Hans Foundation has partnered with Menstrupedia to create educational materials on menstrual health for young girls and women, including the Mini Menstrupedia comic books.

## RAI provides major financial institutions with a new 160-series mobile phone to reduce spam

**Delhi:** To stop residents from falling for scammers, the government has set aside 160 mobile phone series for transactional and service voice calls for all firms regulated by RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, and PFRDA in the first phase. Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), and other financial institutions as well as all telecom service providers (TSPs) were met by the

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The 160 mobile series will make it easier to identify the calling entity once it is put into use. According to the Ministry of Communications, the meeting gave authorities, organizations, and telecom service providers a forum to share views about how best to use this series. According to the Ministry, the 140 series operation, which is now being utilized for promotional reasons, is moving to a distributed ledger technology (DLT) platform, and the

operationalization of digital consent scrubbing is also underway. The Ministry stated, "A significant reduction in spam calls from 10-digit numbers is anticipated with the execution of the aforementioned two measures." During the conference, representatives from banks, other financial institutions, and regulators emphasized the importance of cooperating to combat the problem of spam, especially with voice calls. They also pledged their support for TRAI's timely implementation of various projects.

## Exporters choose plane route for Red Sea crisis

**Delhi:** Red Sea tension has led fast fashion and electronics exporters to fly to the US and Europe via Gulf nations. Companies like Zara have been using freighters, but now exporters are exploiting passenger aircraft belly space. With DIAL open to allow additional freighters to deliver

cargo faster, Bangladeshi garment exporters choose Delhi airport. Cargo headed to Europe and North America is more expensive because ships now take a longer route around the Cape of Good Hope, and shipping time has increased, prompting exporters to look at newer options,

especially when buyers want faster delivery. A large exporter stated shipping took 30 days longer. "Many exporters are using sea and air transport to save time and cost, particularly of footwear, apparel, electronics and high-value low-volume engineering goods," said Fleo.

## CAPSULES

### With 11,730 crore in inflow, foreign investors are making a strong comeback to India's equity markets

**Delhi:** With an influx of 11,730 crore rupees, foreign investors have made a spectacular return to the Indian equities markets. For the past several months, foreign investors have been dumping their equity in Indian markets. When Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) made investments in the Indian equity market the week before, the pattern shifted. May had the highest amount of equity sold by FIIs in any month of 2024—more than 40,000 crore rupees. As of June 14, the Net FIIs outflow for the month was 3,064 crore rupees, based on statistics from depositories. Between June 3 and June 7, foreign investors sold 14,794 crore rupees in shares. Rather than equities, they choose the debt market. FIIs have invested 5,700 crore rupees in the debt market as of June 14 this month. It has been beneficial that there is now more interest in Indian markets.

### Insurance firms can't deny claims without documents.

**Delhi:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) said that general insurance companies cannot deny claims for "want of documents". When issuing coverage, insurers must gather all essential papers. Importantly, the regulator has required companies to provide a product with a policy duration of less than a year, with or without extension or periodic review based on specified criteria, including reported or settled claims.

## Castrol launches new EDGE range of products in India

**GURUGRAM :** Castrol India Limited today unveiled an exciting range of products within the Castrol EDGE line. This premium and advanced engine oil, designed for on-demand performance, now includes three new variants tailored for the passenger car segment, addressing the evolving needs of automotive consumers.

Supporting this launch is a dynamic television commercial (TVC) campaign titled Stay Ahead, featuring Bollywood superstar and brand ambassador Shah Rukh Khan. The TVC concluded its grand premiere on 9 June 2024 amidst the highly anticipated India vs Pakistan T20 match, which showcased Khan in a fresh and exciting avatar,



highlighting the superior performance offered by Castrol EDGE.

The commercial cleverly plays

on today's paparazzi culture, depicting celebrities finding innovative ways to 'Stay Ahead' of the shutterbugs. The core

message highlighted in the TVC is Castrol EDGE's ability to significantly boost engine performance on demand, ensuring drivers can count on exceptional performance in any situation and on any terrain. "We are excited to launch Castrol EDGE, our range of high-performance car lubricants, with this engaging multimedia campaign featuring Shah Rukh Khan. The campaign leverages SRK as himself, showcasing a slice of his life, where the brand can truly give him an advantage," said Mr. Rohit Talwar, Vice President and Head of Marketing, Castrol India of Castrol EDGE, our focus on innovation meets India's growing demand for better performance.

## Amazon Fresh brings grocery convenience to your doorstep; expands reach in 130+ cities in India

**AMBALA:** Amazon India announced the expansion of Amazon Fresh, its full-basket grocery service of wet and dry groceries including fruits, vegetables, chilled products, beauty, baby, personal care, and pet products among other daily grocery needs, to 130+ cities. Amazon Fresh Sellers source fruits and vegetables from over 11,000 farmers and ensure the quality of the produce through a '4-step quality check'. Customers in 130+ cities like Chandigarh, Ambala, Aurangabad, Hoshiarpur,



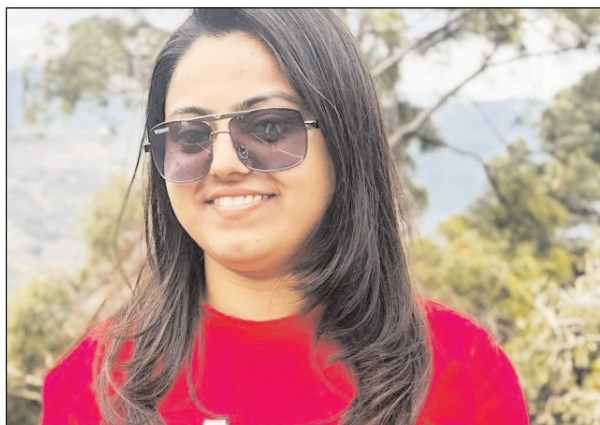
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exciting deals from Amazon Fresh sellers and bank partners while building

their weekly/monthly basket. Srikant Sree Ram, Director, Amazon Fresh IN said, Amazon Fresh is reshaping grocery shopping in India. We bring fresh produce and daily essentials right at the doorsteps of our customers across 130 cities in India. Our expansion and focus on quality products demonstrate our commitment to serve customers and offer them.

## Daughters should study by setting goals, they will get success: Shivani

**Chandigarh:** Social worker Shivani said that in the present times women are coming forward in every field and establishing new dimensions. Women do the work of managing their home as well as their work area very well. The whole country is proud of the capability and talent of daughters. The interest of the society lies in the inter-



est of women. She said that today women have proved their talent in the fields of sports, medicine, education, science, judicial system, army, police etc. If daughters determine their goals and study regularly, then they will probably achieve every goal of life. While talking, Shivani said that in the constitution of our country, women have been given equal status and the right to vote. Earlier, evils like Sati Pratha, widow marriage etc. were prevalent in

the society. All those evils have been removed. Today women are coming forward in every field. Shivani said that women officers usually do good work, whatever duty they get, they discharge it with full honesty and responsibility. All daughters should focus on studies regularly. Along with this, if a daughter is interested in sports, she should also keep practicing regularly. He said that good values are learnt from home.

## Srestha Finvest Ltd. to Invest Rs. 250 Million in Renewable Energy and Clean Water Projects with Felix Industries

**CHANDIGARH:** Srestha Finvest Ltd., a leader in financial solutions, has announced that Srestha Finvest Ltd (Srestha) and Felix Industries Ltd (Felix) have joined hands through the signing of a Facility Agreement aimed at advancing renewable energy and sustainability initiatives. The Signing of said agreement paves way for Srestha towards lending in renewable energy and clean water related projects aimed at sustainable development. The company further added, "By combining our strengths and resources, we aim to provide robust financial support to a diverse range of

Renewable Energy and water related projects, fostering sustainability and marking a significant move towards Green Environment and sustainable projects." Through this agreement, Felix is well-positioned to secure funding for their renewable energy, clean water and water recycle related projects. The Facility Agreement comprises various provisions aimed at enhancing support for Renewable Energy and sustainability related projects. The Company, i.e., Srestha will fund Rs. 250 million for targeting the above mission in next 1-2 years and also expand its foot-

print in new technology sectors. Earlier, the company announced stellar earnings for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. For the quarter ended 31 March 2024, the company reported Revenue from operations at Rs. 391.85 Lakhs, a growth of 462.36% YoY. PAT was reported at Rs. 506 Lakhs (Q4FY24), and Net PAT (total comprehensive income) came in at Rs. 1767.74 Lakhs (Q4FY24) For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company saw a stellar 269% growth in its revenue from operations, growing from Rs. 274.56 Lakhs (FY23) to Rs. 1013.01 Lakhs (FY24).

## Adani's Rs 45,000 cr Mundra Port development receives green light

**Delhi:** Gautam Adani's Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) gained environmental and coastal regulation approval from the Centre to double the capacity of its Mundra port to 514 million tonnes with a ₹45,000 crore investment. This could help APSEZ get a rollover from the Gujarat government when the port's 30-year concession expires in 2031. The Kutch port in Gujarat can handle 225 mt of cargo a year, including 9.5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). It has environmental and coastal regulation zone certification. Mundra, India's largest commercial port and top container port by quantities, handled 179.6 mt of cargo, including 7.4 million TEUs, in fiscal 2024, accounting for almost a fourth of all cargo volumes and over a third

of container freight. In its April volume projection, APSEZ expects to handle 200 mt of cargo in FY25. This will make it the nation's first port to do so. Ports/terminals should operate at 70% capacity to avoid congestion and productivity difficulties worldwide. "The terminal operates efficiently at 70% capacity. Port industry insiders say efficiency diminishes above that, causing delays. APSEZ applied to the Expert Appraisal attached to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change to raise the capacity by 289 the expansion of the Waterfront Development Plan spread over 3,335 hectares. at Mundra port. The port has grown in double digits over the past few years, putting it on track to reach full capacity.