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One nation, one election': PM Modi says 'important step for vibrant democracy'

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed Union Cabinet's nod to "one nation, one election," and said that the move is an important step towards making country's democracy even more vibrant and participative. Taking to X, PM Modi heaped praise on former President Ram Nath Kovind who headed the panel and said, "The Cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on simultaneous elections. I compliment our former President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ji for spearheading this effort and consulting a wide range of stakeholders." "This is an important step towards making our democracy even more vibrant and participative," the Prime Minister added. The opposition, however, slammed the Modi government and called the Cabinet move on "one nation, one election" a "cheap stunt". The Congress has called it an impractical idea which



Sena MLA threatens to bury 'Congress dogs'

NEW DELHI: Days after courting controversy by offering a bounty to anyone who chopped off "Rahul Gandhi's tongue", Shiv Sena MLA Sanjay Gaikwad yet again stoked a fresh row threatening to "bury any Congress dogs". will be impossible to implement in country like India. **'Not practical,' says Congress** Reiterating his stance, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge claimed that holding simultaneous elections is

This comes after Congress chief Kharge took strong exception to the "violent language" used by BJP-NDA leaders and demanded the Prime Minister's intervention to "impose discipline" on his netas. "impractical" and said that the elections should be called whenever necessary to maintain democracy. "It is not practical. It will not work. When elections come, and they are not getting any issues to raise, then they divert attention.

IIT-Guwahati academic affairs dean quits amid stir over student suicide

GUWAHATI: IIT-Guwahati students temporarily halted on Wednesday their agitation over a 21-year-old 3rd-year B.Tech student's death after the dean of academic affairs resigned. The institute's director, Devendra Jaliha, assured students that their demands for the resignation of several more faculty members, including the chairperson and the associate deans of student and academic affairs, would soon be addressed. However, IIT-Guwahati authorities said they were yet to decide whether to accept the resignation letter of dean of academic affairs KV Krishna. The authorities have restricted media access to the institute. Protests had erupted on Monday following the alleged suicide of the Paswan community student, Bimlesh Kumar from Ballia, UP. "There is clear negligence on the part of IIT-Guwahati. How could they be so ruthless towards a student who submitted a medical reason for poor attendance and fail him in his third year, not for poor academics but for having low attendance.

How Israel's Mossad turned everyday pagers into deadly weapons against Hezbollah

Thousands of modified pagers turned into instruments of destruction in a deadly attack against Hezbollah on Tuesday. Israeli operatives had embedded explosives in these pagers, which were originally intended for Hezbollah's communication network. When the devices received a seemingly routine message, they detonated, causing the deaths of at least 11 people and injuring over 2,800 across Lebanon. The pagers, manufactured by Taiwan-based Gold Apollo, were initially intended for low-tech communication among Hezbollah fighters, who sought to avoid detection from advanced tracking systems. However, Israeli intelligence agents managed to insert explosive components into these devices at the production stage. The pagers were then distributed to Hezbollah under the guise of standard equipment. The operation centered on the strategic deployment of 5,000 Taiwan-made pagers, procured by Hezbollah



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat says crises can't destroy India as it has 'Sanatan Dharma'

NEW DELHI: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday said India is not just "a piece of land" and that crises can't destroy the nation as it has "Sanatan Dharma". "Crises do not have the power to destroy India, India is not just a piece of land, India is Sanatan, India is with Sanatan Dharma, India has Sanatan Dharma," Bhagwat said during a visit to Balnath Ashram here. Bhagwat participated in the

Mahamrityunjaya Mahayagya in the ashram. He spoke about the importance of uplifting the vulnerable in the society. "We should make efforts to progress our brothers who are poor backwards in society. We should uplift them by giving them whatever we have," Bhagwat was quoted as saying by news agency. Mohan Bhagwat received Guru Peeth Mahant Bastinath's blessing. Bastinath is the head seer of the ashram. Reuters reported quoting sources. The modification included a remote-trigger mechanism that was

'My brother's charisma unsettled many': DMK's Stalin on threats to Rahul

NEW DELHI: A day after Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge raised concerns over "violent threats" directed at Rahul Gandhi, Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin too came out in support for his "brother," calling out the "intimidating" statements by BJP-NDA leaders. Stalin then went on to attribute these threats as a reaction to Gandhi's "charisma and growing public support". The DMK supremo took to X and said he was deeply shocked by media reports of a BJP leader's threat that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would meet the same fate as his grandmother Indira Gandhi and a Shiv Sena MLA announcing a bounty for chopping off the Leader of Opposition's (LoP) tongue, among other incendiary comments. "My brother Rahul Gandhi's charisma and growing public support have clearly unsettled many, leading to such vile acts of intimidation", CM Stalin wrote on X.

'Could restore sight': FDA grants 'breakthrough status' to Musk's Neuralink



NEW DELHI: US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday granted "breakthrough device" status to Elon Musk's Neuralink's experimental vision-restoring implant, Blindsight. This designation aims to speed up the development and review of innovative medical devices that address severe conditions. Musk explained that the device could allow individuals who have lost both eyes and their optic nerve to regain sight. For those who have been blind from birth, provided their visual cortex remains intact, the device could offer vision for the first time. Musk described the initial vision quality as being akin to early video game graphics but suggested that future advancements could lead to vision that surpasses natural sight, including the ability to perceive infrared, ultraviolet, or radar wavelengths. "To set expectations correctly, the vision will be at first be low resolution, like Atari graphics, but eventually it has the potential be better than natural vision and enable you to see .

Who is Dr. Kaustav Nayak, Removed by CM Mamata Banerjee from the Position of Director of Medical

NEW DELHI: Dr. Kaustav Nayak, a pediatrician and former principal of Burdwan Medical College, was removed from his role as the Director of Medical Education (DME) in West Bengal by CM Mamata Banerjee following protests by doctors. His removal was part of the state government's response to demands for leadership changes amid ongoing healthcare protests. Nayak has



since been appointed as the Director of the Institute of Health and Family Welfare, while a new DME is yet to be appointed. Who is Dr. Kaustav Nayak, Removed by CM Mamata Banerjee from the Position of Director of Medical Education? In a recent shake-up by the West Bengal government, Dr. Kaustav Nayak was removed from his position as the Director of Medical

Education (DME) amidst ongoing protests by the medical fraternity. This decision, announced by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, came as part of a larger reshuffle that also saw changes in key police and health administration roles. Dr. Nayak's removal as DME occurred in the wake of a massive doctors' strike that has affected healthcare services in the state.

Ajit Pawar laments lack of credit for Baramati development efforts

NEW DELHI: Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar on voiced his disappointment over the lack of appreciation for his development efforts in Baramati. Despite securing substantial funds for Baramati, Pawar believes that his efforts have been taken for granted. Reflecting on his loss in the Lok Sabha elections, Pawar accepted responsibility but pointed to



challenges such as the Covid pandemic and limited time out of power, which he said reduced his productive years to three. "The people assume I gave those funds simply because I

could," Pawar said during an event in Pune. "When a capable person feels their efforts go unrecognised, it becomes discouraging. In a democracy, however, it's the people's right to make their choice," he added. Pawar also addressed discussions on potential constitutional changes, including curbing reservations and implementing a common civil code.

Putting an end to all the masala': Virat Kohli and Gautam Gambhir leave fans stumped

NEW DELHI: Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir and batting icon Virat Kohli were seen engaging in lighthearted conversation during a special interview that the BCCI is set to release on Wednesday, September 18. The interview took place prior to the commencement of the Test series against Bangladesh. In the past, Gambhir and Kohli have been known for their fierce competitiveness on the cricket field, with the two even having confrontations during the Indian Premier League (IPL).



However, since Gambhir took on the role of coaching the Indian team, the two have put aside their differences for the benefit of the side. BCCI on Wednesday released a teaser of an interview between Gambhir and Virat. **Here's how the conversation**

unfolded between the two legends: Virat Kohli: When you are batting and you have a bit of a chat with the opposition, did you ever feel like this might carry on to you going out of the zone and potentially getting out, or it put you in a more motivated state? Gautam Gambhir: You have

had more altercations than I have (laugh). I think you can answer that question, better than I can. Virat Kohli (laughing): Main to ye dhund raha hun ki koi meri baat se agree kar jaye. Ye nahi bol raha ki galat hai. Koi to bole haan, yahi hota hai.

Patient, 11, raped in Agra medical college, doctor held

Vatika Times A junior doctor was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly raping an 11-year-old patient admitted to the paediatric department of Sarojini Naidu Medical College (SNMC) in Agra on Tuesday night. The principal of the college suspended Dilshad Hussain, 28, the first-year resident doctor, and set up three committees - disciplinary, departmental and internal - to probe the matter. The girl, suffering from fever, was admitted to the emergency ward on Sept 6 before being shifted to the paediatric department the next day. Hussain, who was on duty at around 11.55pm on , sexually assaulted.

'God protect Delhi': AAP MP Swati Maliwal ups ante against Atishi; makes new



NEW DELHI: AAP Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on Wednesday upped the ante against her own party as she sharpened her attack on Delhi minister Atishi, who outgoing CM Arvind Kejriwal chose as his successor on Tuesday. Continuing her criticism of AAP's decision to pick Aitish as the next Delhi CM, disgruntled Maliwal claimed that Aitishi's parents "had close ties with Syed Abdul Rahman Geelani", one of the accused in the 2001 Parliament attack. Maliwal took a "god protect Delhi" dig at Atishi, claiming that Atishi's parents also attended a programme organised by Geelani in memory of Afzal Guru at Delhi's Press Club. "Atishi Marlena's parents had close ties with SAR Geelani. Geelani was accused of having a hand in the attack on Parliament. In 2016, he organised a programme in the memory of Afzal Guru at the Press Club of Delhi. Atishi Marlena's parents were with Gilani on stage in that programme," the AAP MP wrote.

BJP Backward Class Morcha to protest and agitate against RaGa's anti-reservation stand

Prayagraj: A press conference was organized by BJP Backward Class Morcha at the Circuit House regarding Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's anti-reservation statement in America. On this occasion, Regional President of Backward Class Morcha Ashwani Kumar Patel said that this anti-reservation mentality of Jawaharlal Nehru is the same. Following this, his successor Indra Gandhi had kept the Kaka Kalelkar Commission

in the elections.

He said that Rahul Gandhi's statement of ending reservation in America is very condemnable. Bharatiya Janata Party, taking seriously Rahul Gandhi's statement of ending reservation, will protest across the country by the workers of BJP Backward Class Morcha and said that in the states where there are governments of Rahul Gandhi's ally Indi alliance like West Bengal, Telangana, Karnataka, the



report in a cold bag and Rajiv Gandhi, while opposing the recommendation of Mandal Commission, rejected the Mandal Commission report in the Parliament as Prime Minister and Rajiv The statement given by Gandhi is a reflection of the repetition of the anti-reservation mentality of the Congress and especially the Gandhi family and said that not only this, the Congress, especially the Gandhi family, is behind declaring Jamia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University as Muslim universities and the backward classes and It is a mischievous move to take away the right of reservation from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and said that on the pretext of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, Jawaharlal Nehru has deprived the backward classes and Dalits of Jammu and Kashmir of their right to reservation as well as their vote in the Legislative Assembly. His constitutional rights were also snatched away and it exposes the backward and anti-Dalit mentality of Jawaharlal Nehru, who made Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar lose

right of backward class reservation is being given to the people of a particular community, Muslim class, this proves that the government of Indi alliance is backward. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said that against Rahul Gandhi's anti-reservation statement, BJP Backward Class Morcha will protest on social media platforms on September 19 through state and divisional level officials and workers and on September 21 in the districts of the state. Will take out a large scale anger march at the headquarters and will siege the Delhi residence of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on September 26. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani conducted the press conference, mainly Regional General Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Metropolitan President Anand Jaiswal, Yamuna Cross District President Subhash Patel, Ganga Par President Vijay Patel, Ghanshyam Maurya, Devendra Giri, Dharmendra Patel, Raju Patel, Nateshwar, Kuldeep Verma, Kulbhushan, Dinesh Singh, Vikas Singh, Krishna Verma, Piyush Jaiswal, etc. were respected journalist brothers.

No traffic rules followed on Shastri Bridge

Varanasi: The continuous incidents of bridge collapses in the neighbouring state of Bihar have instilled fear among the people of Mirzapur. This fear is justified as the Shastri Bridge has become very weak due to overloaded trucks and freight vehicles. The potholes scattered across the bridge are a sign of a potential major accident. Shastri Bridge is the backbone of Mirzapur district, providing excellent connectivity to Jaunpur, Banaras, Bhadohi, Gopiganj, Allahabad, Sonbhadra, and Banaras. However, the increased load on this bridge has made it dilapidated. Recently, a part of the bridge's footpath broke, and the police had to barricade it to stop movement, but it had to be reopened for the convenience of the locals. Now, after repairs, it is fully operational again.

Just think, with the continuous bridge collapses in Bihar, the condition of Shastri Bridge and the current situation due to heavy vehicles will indeed cause fear among those who use it. The administration has no system in place to prevent overloaded vehicles from using this bridge. If the administration had been vigilant earlier and installed high barriers to stop overloaded vehicles, the lifespan of this bridge would have increased. Built in 1976, this bridge, now around 50 years old, has been repaired three times. The history of this bridge is also one of being built in pieces, so its strength should also be questioned.

The potholes on the bridge are dangerous on normal days, but during the rainy season, when these potholes fill with water, they become even more hazardous. Especially for pedestrians and two-wheeler riders, these potholes can be fatal. The administration should consider the movement of heavy vehicles and immediately install a high barrier to prevent them from using the bridge. Diverting overloaded and heavy vehicles to NH 19 (formerly NH-2) will reduce the pressure on this bridge. Some people believe that there is an attempt to stop the movement under some conspiracy, but these discussions are happening because Shastri Bridge is very important for Mirzapur and essential for the common people. If we do not remain vigilant and continue to be careless every day, it won't be long before a major accident occurs, and people will politicize it. There is no adherence to normal traffic rules on this bridge, and heavy and overloaded vehicles move freely, especially at night. Local traders and residents need to be aware of this issue, as the local people will suffer due to the administration's negligence. The situation of bridge collapses in Bihar should not be repeated in Uttar Pradesh, and for this, the government and administration need to remain vigilant.

Artistic tableaux became center of attraction, Kansa slaying and counter-kirtan today Kydganj Dadhikando Fair witnesses massive footfalls

Prayagraj: Krishna Nagar Triveni Marg Kidganj Dadhikando Fair The entire fair area was illuminated with grandeur with shimmering electric fringes and attractive decorations. Lord Shri Krishna and Baldau ji ride on a silver pot on the symbolic Airavat elephant by the ancient Dadhikando Fair Committee Krishna Nagar Triveni Marg Kidganj The procession was taken out and Lord Shri Krishna came out to give darshan to the devotees riding on Baldau Airavat elephant. People welcomed the procession by showering flowers at various places. According to the ancient tradition, before the procession left, Lord Shri Krishna visited Harihar Baba Temple in Krishna Nagar, Kidganj. And Baldev ji's crown was worshipped by the patron of the committee and mayor Ganesh Kesarwani with proper rituals and Shri Krishna Baldau was brought

to Pehalwan Peer Baba temple Baiharana with a big ghazi and he was made to sit on the silver pot made on Airavat elephant. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, former Cabinet Minister Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, MLA



Harshvardhan Bajpai, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, BJP District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, Councilor Mukesh Kaseera inaugurated the team by doing Aarti. The team was led by the chief officer of the committee, Manish Kesarwani Ajay Jaiswal. Krishna Sahu, Amresh Jaiswal, Prakar Sahu, Rahul Sahu, Lallan Jaiswal, Ishu Kesarwani did it Media in-charge Rajesh

Kesarwani told that in the procession of Shri Krishna Baldau, flag pennant, pipe band, DJ band, Dhol Tasha Nagada, Ganesh, Lord Hanuman Ji Maharaj and dozens of attractive posts were included. The main

posts included the killing of Kansa by Krishna, Krishna Killing of Bakasura by Radha Krishna, masquerade of Maa Kali by Shri Krishna, tableau of Govardhan Parvat by Shri Krishna, Kaliya Daman, etc. The team included the tableau of Radha Krishna, starting from Peer Baba temple Baiharana traditionally Peer Baba, ADC intersection, Krishna Nagar Triveni. The route via Sati

Shah Square, Dant Pul, and Kanya Square, Police Booth Ki Ganj Square, Shankar Lal Bhargava Marg, via Ram Janaki Mandir Square and concluded at Gyan Library Kidganj and further said that on September 19 at 7 pm: At 00 o'clock, Kansa Vadh and Jawaabi Kirtan will be organized by the committee at Kidganj Parade Ground. Welcome stages were set up at various places in the fair by the Roshni Committee and they gave awards to the excellent posts participating in the fair and Dadhikando Fair Committee and Chowki. Committee officials were honored on this occasion. People who came from far and wide enjoyed the fair's colorful decorations, lights, film songs and chowkis. On this occasion, Padum Jaiswal, TN Dixit, Pramod Jaiswal, Girjesh Mishra, Raju Pathak, Sanskar Sinha, Ayush Agrahari, Manoj Mishra, Ajay Agrahari, Councilor Rudra Sen Jaiswal, etc.

MNREGA workers raised slogans regarding their demands

Prayagraj: Angered by the government not taking any meaningful decision regarding the pending demands of MNREGA employees for eighteen years the MNREGA workers raised slogans regarding their demands at the development block Phulpur office on Wednesday and submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister to



Block Development Officer Hanuman Prasad Verma. Angry MNREGA workers started raising slogans against the government in front of the block office.

Addressing the protest Mandal President Vijay Chandra Vishwakarma said that exploitation of village employment servants will not be tolerated. In the coming days, employees of all departments and their families are ready to lend a helping hand to the government. Presiding over the program, Block President Nooruddin Hashmi said that the EPF deduction amount of Gram Rozgar Sevaks should be deposited in their UAN accounts. The announcements made by the Chief Minister in the MNREGA conference should be implemented by paying the honorarium pending for years. In case attendance is not recorded due to technical glitches in the attendance through mobile monitoring system, officials should take cognizance and arrangements should be made for stationery and high quality mobile phones and recharge. The program was efficiently conducted by District Media In-charge Hariom Prakash. On this occasion MNREGA accountant Rakesh Kumar, District Treasurer Ajay Kumar Gupta, General Secretary Suresh Chandra, Komalam Saroj, Komal Kumar Chaurasia, Anil, Upendra Patel, Shiv Bahadur, Bharat Lal, Sandeep Yadav, Sangam Lal, Manoj Kumar Rajak, Basant Lal, Rahul Dev Prabhakar, Prabhakar Gautam were present.

Celebration of Prophet and Jashneh Zahra held

Prayagraj: In the Naatiya gathering of Jashne Prophet and Jashne Zahra organized by Mahmood Abbas at the residence of Allama Jawadi in Karaili, the poets received applause by reciting one qasida one after the other. Maulana Jawwadul Haider Rizvi read the faza'il. The gathering started with the recitation of Maulana Akhtar Sahib. Under the guidance of Shafiq Abbas Pasha, the head of Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar, Rizwan Haider Rizvi, read it. This evening's separation is also the hour of doomsday. I am lonely and there is a crowd of desires!! So Bilal Haider Barabankvi read Rasool Shaaad Hain with whom he works! I bow down and salute Imam-e-Asr!! Mehndi Manjhanpuri expressed his Taasura in this way. The heir is Noor, he will be Noor Mujassam! He will have the flag of Alamdar in his hands!! Mustafa read something

like this. Friends, it is very easy to bring Islam! But you need a heart to believe!! Ehsaan Haider read. No tears of mine Consider them a storm! The boats that have sunk the captives!! Read by Nayab Baliyavi. Shabbir's Ghazi's accent,



Zainab! But then someone should go and read your ode Zainab! Poets Dr. Qamar Abdi, Nayab Baliyavi, Rizwan Haider Rizvi, Bilal Barabankvi, Mehndi Manjhanpuri, Ehsaan Haider, Tasveer Mustafa etc. showered light on the gathering with their poetry and gathered applause. On this occasion,

organiser, Mahmood Abbas, along with Nazar and Niaz, prepared Dastarkhwan and served food to everyone. Went. Zulqarnain Abdi, Mirza Azadar Hussain, Ahsan Raza, Hussain Raza, Aqeel Rizvi, Maqsood Rizvi, Haider Ali, Syed

Mohammad Askari, Asghar Ali, Mohammad Raza, Bashu Bhai, Sheebu, Zaheer Abbas Naqvi, Hasan Tiger, Yasir Manzoor, Jibran Rizvi, Aman Jayasi, Salman Mustafa, Shajih Abbas, Zamin Hasan, Sheeraz, Abid Hussain, Faiz, Lakhte Asghar, Ishaan, Shamsi, Tayyabain Abdi etc. were included.

Anganwadi left for Lucknow with their demands

Prayagraj: Angered by the taunting attitude of the central and state governments thousands of Anganwadi workers and assistants under the leadership of Sangh's district patron Mauji Lal Rawat and divisional patron Santosh Mishra gathered at the Phaphamau railway on Wednesday and staged a two-day dharna in Lucknow raising anti-government slogans. The demand of Anganwadis is that the government is not giving honorarium in Uttar Pradesh like other states, apart from this it is going to hire teachers on separate contract at Anganwadi centers without any reason, this is being opposed in the entire state, the same Anganwadi and assistants are being given 62 rupees salary. On retirement in Uttar Pradesh it is not even giving them pension and graduation whereas in other states they are getting all the facilities. Angered by this the Anganwadis and assistants across the state are very angry with the actions of the government. Earlier on August 29, they protested at the District Magistrate's of-

fice and protested against the Chief Minister and the Prime Minister. Addressed demand letter memorandum It has been sent that under the leadership of Anganwadi Employees and Helpers Association they will protest at Eco Garden on 19th and 20th September and submit their memorandum to the Chief Minister. Even after this, if the gov-



ernment does not agree to their demands, then all the work of the government will be disrupted by going on strike and strike. Thousands of Anganwadi and assistants including Shashi Kala, Sita Soni, Ranno Jaiswal, Shashi Bala, Sarita Devi, Rita Devi, Prabha Shukla, Sushila Devi, Pratibha, Raj Kumari, Pramila Devi, Shakuntala Devi, Kanchan were present on the occasion.

Jayant Chaudhary unveils an array of Skill Development initiatives in Ranchi

Varanasi: In a transformative effort to uplift local communities and promote sustainable livelihoods, National Skill Development Corporation under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched several skill development initiatives in Ranchi, aimed at empowering women and youth in the region. These programs are designed to enhance skills, foster entrepreneurship, and create economic opportunities, ultimately contributing to the holistic development of the community. The launch event was graced by Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said, "On the auspicious occasion of

Vishwakarma Jayanti and the Hon'ble Prime Minister's birthday, we are launching these initiatives that symbolize our commitment to empowering communities through skills and entrepreneurship. The initiatives we unveil today are not merely skill development pro-



grams-they are pathways to empowerment, self-reliance, and socio-economic transformation. By focusing on women's upskilling in millet food processing, bamboo handicrafts, and recognizing the expertise of 'Rani Mistris,' we are tapping into

the vast potential that lies within these communities. These initiatives not only promote economic independence but also drive a sense of ownership and entrepreneurship. They are rooted in sustainability, from millet-based enterprises to bamboo crafts,

and they align with our broader national goals of inclusivity and sustainable growth. This is a crucial step in reshaping the narrative around skills, where tradition meets innovation, and the local becomes global." At the occasion, Shri

Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Defence, said, "Jharkhand, with its rich tribal heritage, has a long-standing tradition of millet-based diets. The tropical climate here is perfect for millet cultivation, and the abundance of raw materials gives us a natural advantage in promoting millet-based enterprises. Through these skill initiatives, the Ministry of Skill Development is not only upskilling women in millet food processing but also helping us modernize and preserve our traditional knowledge for today's market. Bamboo handicrafts, deeply rooted in our cultural fabric, are now becoming pathways to sustainable livelihoods for our tribal women. This is about leveraging the natural strengths of Jharkhand's people and environment, with the support of MSDE, opening up new avenues of growth, ensuring local skills and resources drive long-term economic self-reliance.

Demand made to arrest criminals

Prayagraj: Janhit Karini Samiti, Uttar Pradesh demanded Police Commissioner Prayagraj to arrest the criminals regarding the attack on Rajkumar Kesarwani, resident of Hatia police station. On this occasion, National President of the Committee Rajesh Kesarwani and State President Advocate Sushil Jain addressed Mr. Police Commissioner. While informing about this, he said that on the afternoon of 12th September, Ramsurat Yadav and his family members made a fatal attack on Rajkumar Kesarwani, a resident of Hatia Golghar under Muthiganj police station, due to business rivalry, due to which Rajkumar Kesarwani was seriously injured. Those who were injured are undergoing treatment at Rani Medical Hospital. In this context, Rajkumar Kesarwani's wife Neetu Devi has lodged a First Information Report in the names of attackers Ramsurat Yadav, Pushpa Yadav, Saurabh Yadav at Muthiganj police station. It has been registered under S. 2023 under Section 74, 115 (2), 352, 351 (3) but till now the criminals have not been caught due to inaction of the police and the criminals are roaming freely and the first information report has been given to the victim's family members. The relatives of the victim are repeatedly threatening to take them back. The family members of the victim are repeatedly asking outpost incharge Uday Shankar Tiwari to catch the criminals, while he himself was present at the spot, but no concrete action has been taken by the police to arrest the criminals. It has been said that the criminals should be arrested immediately and justice should be given to the victim Rajkumar Kesarwani otherwise Janhit Karini Samiti Uttar Pradesh will be forced to protest. On this occasion, Bharat Lal, Dilip Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani Bablu, Priyanshu, Bharat Jaiswal, Ranjit Kumar Vijay Kesarwani etc. were other workers of the committee.



Rana Chawla elected president of Punjabi, Sikh, Sindhi Trust

Chief Sevadar of Shri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara Harjinder Singh honoured

Prayagraj: On Wednesday, the election and oath taking ceremony of Punjabi, Sikh, Sindhi Trust was held at Hotel Milan Palace. On this occasion, Sardar Harjinder Singh, Chief Sevadar of Shri Guru Singh Sabha Prayagraj, was hon-



ored on behalf of the Trust. In the election, Rana Chawla was elected president, while Inderpreet Singh was elected general president, Jitendra Singh and Umashankar Ailani were elected vice presidents, Sahil Arora and Ramesh Andani were elected joint secretaries, Inder Madhyan was elected treasurer and Diljit Singh and Atul Luthra were elected joint treasurers. Apart from this, Akash Puri, Manjeet Singh and Nikhil Madhyan were elected executive members. Davinder Pal Singh, Dr. Anil Kalra and DP Madani were elected to the Board of Trustees. After the formation of elec-

tions, the swearing in ceremony concluded with great enthusiasm. While conducting the program on this occasion, Chief Sevadar of Shri Guru Singh Sabha Prayagraj, Sardar Harjinder Singh, son of the Trust's founder late Sardar Joginder Singh, announced the "First Committee" of the Trust and administered the oath to the office bearers. Said that this trust is the result of the vision of late Sardar Joginder Singh and Vijay Arora. His contribution and vision will always guide the work of this Trust. On this occasion, all the office bearers expressed their commitment towards the objectives of the Trust and social service and took an oath to continue working to promote brotherhood, unity and cooperation among the three communities and to contribute significantly to the welfare and development of the society.

Inter-college competition of recitation of patriotic poems held at RTMM

Prayagraj: Under the Official Language Hindi Fortnight to be organized from 13 to 27 September 2024 at Rajarshi Tandon Women's College (Constituent Allahabad University), Malviya Nagar, Prayagraj, an inter-college competition of recitation of poems of Hindi poets on patriotism was organized today on 18.9.2024. Dr. Humil Sen Singh of Hindi Department, Allahabad University was present as the judge. Students of Arya Kanya Degree College, Rajarshi Tandon Degree College, KP Training, ECC, Ishwar Sharan and Allahabad University participated in the competition in which they included

Makhanlal Chaturvedi, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, Gaya Prasad Shukla Snehi, Ram Avtar Tyagi, Hariom Panwar recited poems related to patriotism by Kavita Tiwari, Ashutosh Rana and Kumar Vishwas. In his address, Dr. Vinam Sen Singh said that the great poets whose poems were recited by the students had not only inspired the revolution in the national movement. He not only limited himself to his writing but also brought it into his life and ensured his important and unforgettable role in the struggling times of the freedom movement. In his lecture, Dr. Sen ji encouraged the participants



to recite the poems of modern day poets. Also appre-

ciated for his awareness towards the world. He said

that the young generation should be interested in literature and like other countries, should be dutiful for the self-respect of their country.

Youth is the speed of air and by controlling the youthful energy, it can be transformed into the life force of the nation. On request, he has seen his poems 'City, town, village becoming bad people' and 'Two readers and writers have also been seen lost in love. He gave a melodious and mesmerizing presentation of poems 'Sapne Sach Hote Dekha Hai'. In the competition, Arjit Gangwar,

Ishwar Sharan I, Astitva Chitranshi, Allahabad University and Vaishnavi Mishra Rajarshi Tandon II, and Raksha Kushwaha, Aparna Pandey and Arya of KP Training Girl's Lakshmi Pandey stood third. Principal Prof. Ranjana Tripathi welcomed and thanked the guest and said that recitation of poems by Hindi poets is like students paying homage to great poets. The program was coordinated and conducted by Professor Neelima Singh. On this occasion, a large number of students including Prof. Namita Yadav, Dr. Renu Anand, Dr. Anamika Tiwari, Dr. Shaminaz, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Puneet, Dr. Ashwini Rai were present.

Monthly meeting of teachers' group held in Uthagi

Prayagraj: In accordance with the orders of the Director General School Education and State Project Director's Office, Lucknow, the monthly meeting of the teaching group for the month of September 2024 was concluded in Primary School Uthagi Kaudihar Prayagraj. It started with Saraswati Puja by teacher leader Rajesh Shukla and tree plantation in the school premises. Teacher group Pragya Mishra led the meeting. Pragya Mishra talked about effective teaching through 5 point tool kit and the pride of place was Anita Sonkar and Teaching was presented by Dr. Mridula along with taking out his precious time, he also received guidance from Block Education Officer Kaurihar Kshama Shankar Pandey and ARP Vishnu Kumar Mishra. The Block Education Officer set goals for the teachers and kept their work and mindset positive. Instructions were given to do the same, at the end of the meeting; Principal of Uthagi Nafees Ahmed expressed gratitude to all the teachers of Prof. Uthagi cluster.



Dr. Ajai shoots off letter to Singapore PM

Informs him about deadly repercussions of projected plastic-made roads

Prayagraj: Dr. Ajai Kumar Sonkar few days back came across a report in a Newspaper of Singapore that greener road will be constructed using non recyclable plastic waste. Dr. Ajai is in the research on devastating impacts of petroleum based plastic in the environment. According to him a huge micro plastics are produced by frictions of the tyres of the vehicles as well as footwear soles. If a road is made using plastic waste will never be a greener road. This will elevate the productions of micro plastics in the environment several folds. Scientist Dr Ajai Kumar Sonkar wrote a letter to Prime Minister of Singapore and apprised him with the lethal consequences of proposed plastic made roads. Prime Minister's Office has written back to Dr. Ajai to look into the matter and make follow up. Dr. Ajai said that he is hopeful that Singapore Government will take and appropriate action and will not allow such environment enemy projects.



Swachhata Hi Seva program organized by SHUATS NSS

Prayagraj: The National Service Scheme (NSS) of SHUATS organized the 'Swachhata Hi Seva Program' sponsored by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of India. A total of 173 NSS volunteers were present in the program. The NSS volunteers took the oath of cleanliness



and also discussed about various activities to be done from 17 September to 02 October 2024. Program Coordinator Dr. Deepak Kumar Bose, Assistant Coordinator Mr. Satyam Kumar Kesari, Program Officer Dr. Reena Mehta and Dr. Alka Gupta etc. were present in the program. Mr. Satyam Kumar Kesari said that under the Swachhata Program, each student has to collect 2.5 kg of single used plastic so that the environment can be protected.

26 get selection in placement drive organized at SHUATS

Prayagraj: A placement drive was organized by different companies at Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Science (SHUATS), Prayagraj in which 26 students recruited.

Director Career Planning and Placement Prof. Dr. Ashok Tripathi shared that after several rounds of interviews in the placement drive organized by the companies, a total of 26 students got selection in the final result. According to Prof. Tripathi, four students of B.Sc. Agriculture and one student of B.Sc. Horticulture were selected in IDBI Bank. One student of B.Tech. Mechanical was selected in Tractor & Farm Equipment (TAFE). Four students of MBA Agribusiness were selected in HDFC Life Insurance company. One student each of B.Tech Agriculture and MBA Agribusiness were selected in Corizo. Two students from B.Tech Agricul-

ture and one student from MBA Agribusiness were selected in Indo Farm Equipment Ltd. Two MB students, two students from B.Sc Agriculture and one student from M.Sc were selected in Sangwan Poultry Farm Pvt. Ltd. Two students from M.Tech Dairy Technology, three students from B.Tech Dairy and one student from M.Sc Dairy were selected in Swethara Milk Production Company.

Professor Tripathi said that discussion are going on with many nationalized companies, campus interviews are likely to be conducted by other companies soon. The selected students attributed their success to the academic environment of the university and the quality education provided by the faculty members. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rajendra B. Lal congratulated all the successful students and wished them a bright future.

Law and order has collapsed across state: Ujjwal

Congress's protest against deteriorating law and order and corruption

Prayagraj: Congressmen staged a mandal-level protest against the state government on the deteriorating law and order and corruption in the state and other issues. The protesters have warned of agitation if the law and order situation is not improved and corruption at the police station level is not curbed soon. On Wednesday, a large number of officials and workers of Prayagraj, K a u s h a m b i , P r a t a p g a r h , Fatehpur District

that under the BJP rule, the law and order system of the state has completely collapsed. Corruption is at its peak at the police station level. MP Ujjwal alleged

same time, Congressmen protested against the indecent remarks made by BJP leaders on Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and demanded his

Pradeep Mishra, Mukund Tiwari, Fuzail Hashmi, Harikesh Tripathi, Kishore Varshney, Haseeb Ahmed, Gaurav Pandey, Talat Azim, Sanjay Tiwari, RS Chauhan,



that at the instigation of the state government, the police is bent upon continuously carrying out fake encounters.

He has demanded a judicial inquiry into the encounters taking place in the state by a sitting Justice of the Supreme Court. At the

dismissal. During this, the leaders under the leadership of former MLA Vijay Prakash handed over a two-point letter addressed to the President to the Additional City Magistrate.

On this occasion: District President Suresh Yadav, Arun Tiwari,

Vijay Mishra, Chhotalal Patel, Manoj Pasi, Raees Ahmed, Madhavi Rai, Mohd. Hasin, Dinesh Soni, Arshad Ali, Anil Kushwaha, Rajesh Sahni, Uday Yadav, Tabrez Ahmed, Vinay Pandey, Anoop Tripathi, Rajesh Rakesh etc. were present.

Issue of corruption of lekhpals to be raised in Kisan Panchayat

Prayagraj: The issue of Lekhpal accused of corruption is going to be raised in the Kisan Panchayat organized in Asrawal on September 25 under the leadership of Prayagraj Youth District President of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Non-Political) Kamlesh Rao. He said that Bharatiya Kisan Union is ready day and night to serve the farmers against the corrupt, land mafia and bureaucrats. State Legal Advisor Rahul Zamindar said that the accountants who are exploiting the farmers should come to their senses, because they have been running accountants in one circle for many years and are exploiting the farmers in collaboration with the brokers of the area. This will no longer be tolerated.

RaGa's effigy burning today

Prayagraj: In protest against the statement given by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi against Sikh in America, BJP Minority Morcha will burn the effigy of Rahul Gandhi at the main gate of District Court Prayagraj on Thursday at 11:00 am.

Muslim, Brahmins made scapegoat by BJP regime: Pradeep Mishra

Prayagraj: As per the instructions of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee President Shri Ajay Rai, under the chairmanship of MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, officials and workers of Allahabad Mandal organized a huge protest against the broken law and order system of the state and police harassment and a memorandum addressed to His Excellency the Governor was sent to the Honorable District Magistrate Prayagraj. While addressing the protest, Ujjwal Raman Singh ji said that the law and order situation of the state is not being maintained by the Yogi government. Metropolitan President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman said that this has been mentioned in the list of crimes that has just been released in the state. It is said that maximum number of people from Muslim community were encountered,

after that people from Brahmin community, Dalit and backward community were encountered with a feeling of hatred which has exposed the law and order. In this protest, mainly MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, Pradeep Kumar Mishra Anshuman, Arun Tiwari Suresh Yadav, Gaurav Pandey, Virendra Singh Chauhan, Raghunath Dwivedi, Vijay Mishra, Vinay Dubey, Ujjwal Shukla, Rajesh Rakesh, Diwakar Bharatiya, Vinay Pandey, Lallan Patel, Mohammad Irfan, Jitendra Nayak, Vivek Pandey, Irshad Ullah, Shyamji Shukla, Haseen Ahmed, Vikram Patel, Dinesh Sonkar, Bharat Lal, Vishal Sonkar, Saurabh Chaudhary, Arshad Ali Arshi, Satyendra Bahadur Singh, Tabrez Ahmed, Pushpendra Bharatiya, Abdul Kalam Azad, Gulshan, Madhavi Rai People like Pratima Tripathi, Asha Devi etc. and many supporters were present.

137 CETF BN (TA) 39 GR organised a mega plantation drive

Prayagraj: 137 CETF BN (TA) 39 GR organised a mega plantation drive on 17 Sep 2024 in 3 Dists of Prayagraj, Kanpur and Varanasi (UP). The unit conjoined students of schools and colleges, volunteers and people of influence to bring to light the heightened importance of planting trees. The motto of "EK PED MAA KE NAAM" was well received by the people in the environment and prompted them to actively participate in the culminating event of Plantation Drive on the occasion of TERRITORIAL ARMY PLATINUM JUBILEE celebrations. In all, the

unit was able to plant 12,000 saplings of various species (Ashoka, Aawla, Guava, Mango, Neem, Amaltas,

82000 Saplings beginning from 01 Jul 2024 till date to culminate the Territorial Army Platinum Jubilee Cel-



Gulmohar and Karanj) to contribute to a greener and healthier environment. With this effort, the unit managed to plant a total of

celebrations-2024, informed Samir Gangakhedkar, Group Captain, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Defence, Prayagraj.

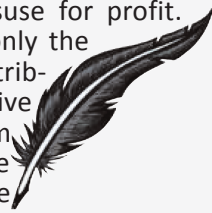
Editorial

Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

The Delhi High Court recently issued an order safeguarding the personality and publicity rights of film actor Jackie Shroff, restraining several social media accounts, AI Chatbots, and e-commerce websites from exploiting the actor's name, voice, or image for commercial purposes without his consent. Shroff petitioned the court against the unauthorised use of his name and persona, seeking protection against various individuals and entities utilising and misusing his identity without permission. The proliferation of AI-generated deepfake videos has exacerbated concerns for celebrities. Jackie Shroff's isn't the first instance of a film star resorting to legal action to protect their personality rights. Over the past two years, the Delhi High Court has issued interim orders to prevent the unauthorised use of Amitabh Bachchan and Anil Kapoor's name, image, and voice. The question arises: why are some celebrities turning to courts for the protection of their personality rights, while others refrain? "Where there is demonstrable misuse, people are approaching. Personality right is a facet of publicity right," says advocate Ameet Naik, who has represented Bachchan, Kapoor and now Shroff in their respective personality rights suits.

In India, laws regarding personality rights are still evolving, with courts deriving principles from Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech and expression), Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty), and intellectual property rights laws. "A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies, pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names, images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today.



A Shaky World Order: Can India Navigate A Russia-China-Iran Axis?

The world today appears to be on the verge of a cascade of conflicts. Over two years since it started, the Russia-Ukraine war does not seem to be heading towards an imminent settlement. Likewise, despite calls for a ceasefire, the Israel-Hamas conflict appears unlikely to abate anytime soon. And now, events over the past month involving Israel and Iran have demonstrated the potential for a wider regional conflict. While the wars in Eurasia and the Middle East may seem disjointed and seeped in their own historical and political contexts, they are also interconnected in a broader sense of the emerging great power competition for the future of the world order. What we are witnessing today is an era of great power competition in an increasingly multipolar world. The US and China are the chief protagonists in this new order, although each is constrained by its domestic politics and capacities. This creates a certain power vacuum, but also space for autonomy of action, balancing and bandwagoning, and even adventurism by middle powers. In this environment, while there are no distinct blocs that have emerged, there are certain alignments that are becoming more prominent. For instance, NATO seems to have found a fresh purpose following Russia's assault on Ukraine, but there are deep concerns related to



American policy continuity. Likewise, there is the emergence of a Russia-Iran-China axis based on common interests and grievances with the West. But there are limits to the nature of support that each lends to the other. After years of mutual antagonism, Israel and Iran now appear to be on the brink of a new conflict. The proximate cause for this can be traced back to Israel's frustration with what it argues is Iranian support for Hamas, and other groups such as the Hezbollah, the Houthis, the Syrian government and groups in Iraq. Over the course of the past month, the two countries have engaged in a cycle of attack and counter-attack. Neither seems to desire a major escalation. But the ladder of escalation often follows its own logic, which can put the best-laid plans to waste. Two strategic outcomes can be observed amid these recent events. First, the persistence of

the war in Gaza and the emerging spillovers have exposed the limitations of American and Chinese power, particularly since the situation does not necessarily serve either's strategic interests. Second, there is a clear alignment, albeit with increasing friction, between the US and Israel. The US has been at the forefront, supporting Israel in its war against Hamas, and led its defence amid the recent Iranian strikes. It is interesting to note that this effort was supported by regional actors like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Jordan. In addition, options to coerce Iran economically are being discussed in both the European Union (EU) and the US. On the other hand, China and Russia have been critical of Israeli actions since October 2023. Amid the Iran-Israel tensions, Beijing has backed Iran and sought to preserve its tenuous effort at reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and

Tehran. Russia, meanwhile, has become Iran's largest military backer since 2022 and threw its diplomatic weight behind Iran's "retaliatory measures" on April 14 against Israel. On the other side of the world, the war in Ukraine is well into its third year. The conflict has fundamentally reshaped European geopolitics and geoeconomics. The war has re-energised transatlantic unity for the moment. However, the direction of American domestic politics has a significant bearing on this momentum. Beijing has sought to straddle the line in Europe by trying to appear neutral while backing the Russian call for a new regional security architecture. It has supported Russia's defence industrial complex with the supply of dual-use items, but has been cautious to avoid direct weapons support. Russia, meanwhile, has economically become more dependent than ever on China. It views China as indispensable in shaping a new global order. The recent visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to China underscored the strategic nature of the relationship. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was blunt in stating that their ties were "irreplaceable in maintaining global strategic stability and promoting cooperation among emerging powers". Both men condemned the US for creating

"closed military-political alliances [like NATO] with a limited set of members", and expressed willingness to create alternative institutions where China and Russia can shape norms in a way that suits their interests. Iran, too, has played a quid pro quo role in supporting Russia in its war against Ukraine, both diplomatically and militarily. In fact, as per a recent US Congress report, Iran not only maintains a steady supply of drones, air-to-ground munitions, and artillery ammunition to Russia, but it is also building a drone production factory inside Russian territory. Moreover, Russia, China and Iran are increasingly deepening cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. In March, they held the fourth edition of their annual trilateral naval exercises in the northern Indian Ocean. The cascade of conflicts obviously has a negative impact on India's external environment. A more volatile world makes pursuing development security all the more challenging. Within this context, the emergence of a strong partnership between China, Russia and Iran, founded on an anti-Western sentiment, has serious implications for India. For starters, efforts by the three countries to shape norms across the Global South and the Indo-Pacific, or at institutions such as the BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, could chip away

Snatching Mamata's OBC Pie for Muslims, Starving Vote-Bank Politics

"This court's mind is not free from doubt that the said community has been treated as a commodity for political ends. This is clear from the chain of events that led to the classification of the 77 Classes as OBCs and their inclusion to be treated as a vote bank. Identification of the classes in the said community as OBCs for electoral gains would leave them at the mercy of the concerned political establishment and may defeat and deny other rights," it noted. The court observed that the decision of the State was an affront to the Muslim community as it was being treated purely as a vote bank. The National Commission for Backward Castes had discovered that 118 of

179 groups in the Bengal OBC list were Muslims! In the Most Backward Class category, of 81 communities 73 are Muslim and only eight are Hindu. Of the 98 communities in Category B, 45 are Muslim and the rest Hindu. The state's Muslim population in 2011 was 27 per cent. How can one-fourth of the population snatch three-fourths of OBC benefits? Besides, NCBC chairperson Hansraj Gangaram Ahir found that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar's Rohingya had made their way into the beneficiaries list. He said state officials initially claimed that these were Hindus who had later converted to Islam. Asked for proof, they slinked away. Earlier, a

Constitution bench of the Supreme Court under CJI YK Sabharwal had stated that the concerned State will have to "show in each case the existence of the compelling reasons, namely, backwardness, inadequacy of representation and overall administrative efficiency before making provision for reservation...the State has to collect quantifiable data showing backwardness of the class and inadequacy of representation of that class in public employment in addition to compliance of Article 335." The Calcutta High Court has gone as far as calling the practice of arbitrarily giving Muslims a slice of the OBC quota a fraud on the Constitution. "The State has reserved to itself.

Thiruvananthapuram. Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 per cent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyoorkavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manaloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, Kovalam, Neyyattinkara, Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur,

Hindu voters make up 63.2 per cent of the population, followed by Christian voters at 21.4 per cent and Muslim voters at 15.4 per cent (according to the 2011 Census figures). This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like Guruvayur, Vadakkunnathan, and Paramakkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the

winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing setbacks in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters and continued his humanitarian work in the region. In 2023, Thrissur was confronted with a severe crisis. The cooperative banks had reached their peak, resulting in many individuals losing their hard-earned deposits to the Karuvannur bank scam. Suresh Gopi emerged as a champion for the people, mirroring his on-screen action-hero persona. His proactive involvement in this crisis established him as a real-life champion for the people. During the Nari Shakti Sammelan held in Thrissur in January 2024, party leadership indirectly endorsed Suresh Gopi's candidacy. Around the same time, Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Kerala Chief Minister K. Karunakaran and Suresh Gopi's former opponent in the Assembly elections, joined the BJP. Further bolstering his support, the Left-leaning independent mayor of Thrissur.

A changing Kashmir votes and vents about education, aspiration, and 3 de-hyphenations

UPSC, NEET, JEE—all the things young people want—are sought after by all. These hoardings feature several successful student photographs. Kashmiri post-stone-throwing generation. They represent the Valley's future. I messaged my old buddy and fellow traveler Uday Shankar, previously of Star-Disney and now a great entrepreneur, to say I see so many Allen hoardings that the location should be renamed the Valley of Allen or Allentistan. He proudly told me how many young Kashmiris are passing these tests to become physi-

cians, engineers, etc. Those nostalgic for militancy and secession might find it a distraction. If so, no distraction is more good. Even tripling defense funding or enacting a legislation three times as harsh as UAPA cannot change the fact that so many tens of thousands of boys and girls desire to compete with the best and choose employment elsewhere. We see what hasn't changed and the tensions within most clearly on the walls. Gupkar Road is home to Kashmir's powerful. The principal Valley parties created the Gupkar Alliance for that reason.

Reinforced concrete walls up to 18 feet and more make each 'home' a fortress. On walls, you may discover stronger steel sheets with rolled concertina fencing. Even Sergei Bubka, a famous pole vaulter, would struggle to pass this hurdle. This won't change soon. Farooq Abdullah teaches me for about two hours under a tree. He says violence is gone, things are better. Youth are still outraged, though. They consider Delhi 'vindictive'. Too many are imprisoned in distant states. My best translation and summary of this peaceful teaching over

fresh, sliced strawberries would be: Peace is fine, but what's the benefit? Things are improved, people appreciate peace, and Pakistani delusions are ended. Take nothing for granted. He often discusses history, the numerous turns he has taken since making his public debut as a subaltern to his father. He is one of India's oldest and most vibrant and passionate politicians, approaching 87. When we revisit Article 370, that passion shines. "They say Kashmiris are now Indians after abrogation. We weren't Indians before? Like every chronic geopolitical.

Classes at Delhi University Will Start on August 29 for Semester 1



Delhi The Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS-UG) Phase-2 admissions procedure is being held at University of Delhi (DU). Admissions timetable for undergraduate students for 2024-2025 has been released. Subject to meeting the eligibility requirements, candidates who successfully finished Phase-I of the CSAS-UG may access their dashboard at <https://ugadmission.uod.ac.in> to select the programs and college combinations of their choice. August 16-21, 2024, is when the first round of CSAS allocation and admission

will take place. From August 16-18, 2024, candidates have time to accept the seats that have been allotted. August 21, 2024 is the deadline for candidates to pay their fees. The academic schedule for the first year of undergraduate courses for the session 2024-2025 has also been made public by the university. According to the academic calendar: The first semester of undergraduate studies will start on August 29, 2024. The dates of the 2024 midterm break are October 7-11, 2024. Following the midterm break, classes

will resume on November 4, 2024. Starting on December 24, 2024, there will be a practical examination, preparation leave, and class distribution. Theory tests are scheduled to begin on January 6, 2025. The first day of winter break is January 25, 2025. The second semester of classes will start on January 27, 2025. The midterm break is set to begin on March 17, 2025.

On March 17, 2025, school will resume following the midterm break. Class distribution, preparatory leave, and the practical exam are all planned to begin on May 25, 2025.

Punjab new head coach Wasim Jaffer

Punjab's new coach is Wasim Jaffer, a former India and Mumbai opener. PCA secretary Dilsher Khanna said: "Wasim will be our head coach this season. He's accepted our offer to be Punjab's head coach. He's a famous former India cricketer and coach with lots of expertise. I know he'll do well for us. Last season was our first time winning the Mushtaq Ali Trophy, and we want to build on it and strengthen our cricket." Jaffer beat former Australian bowler Shaun Tait to the post.

After coaching Uttarakhand and Orissa, Jaffer will coach this



third domestic squad. After coaching Punjab Kings from 2019-2021, the 46-year-old became Bangladesh Under-19 and 'A' team batting consultant. Jaffer will succeed ex-pacer Aavishkar Salvi, who led Punjab to their first Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy last season. The BCCI's National Cricket Academy employs Salvi as the Indian women's bowling coach. Jaffer played 31 Tests and two

ODIs, scoring 1944 runs @34.10 with five hundreds. Jaffer is the top run-getter in Ranji Trophy history, with 12,038 runs in 238 innings in the event during his epic career. He scored 19,410 runs in 260 First-Class games with 57 centuries. He led Mumbai to two Ranji Trophy victories in 2008-09 and 2009-10, and later helped Vidarbha win two more in 2017-18 and 2018-19. Other former Mumbai players to coach a state side in the 2024-25 domestic season include Jaffer, Chandrakant Pandit (Madhya Pradesh), and Sulakshan Kulkarni (Maharashtra).

GC-NET retests are computer-based

Manash Gohain states that the UGC-NET re-test is returned to its former format after being scanned for switching from computer-based to pen-paper mode. All 83 tests will be given in CBT format from August 21 to September 4. New dates were announced by the National Testing Agency. Information on the student's exam center city

will be provided by NTA. Fearing irregularities, the June 18 exam was canceled. For university and college assistant professor and junior research fellowship positions, UGC-NET is conducted. UGC-NET scores currently determine PhD admission in universities and higher education institutions. NTA posted the exam's subject-wise schedule

online. In June, 11.2 lakh students registered and 9 lakh took the exam. The National Testing Agency (NTA) issued the subject-wise UGC NET June 2024 re-examination schedule for Junior Research Fellowship, Assistant Professorship, and PhD admissions. From August 21 to September 4, 2024, 83 subjects will participate in CBT.

DU UG Admission Key dates and whole process for University of Delhi undergraduate admissions

Phase 1 graduates must choose their programs and colleges. CSAS online registration continues, August 7, 2024

Delhi The University of Delhi (DU) began the second phase of the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) for 2024-25



undergraduate admissions on August 1. Candidates must choose programs and colleges at this step to determine their admission status. Phase 1 graduates must choose their programs and colleges. CSAS online registration continues, August 7, 2024. Both

stages will end simultaneously, with preferences auto-locked August 9, 2024. Phase II requires candidates to match CUET-2024 subjects to Class XII subjects. Only CUET papers from Class XII passed will be evaluated. CUET (UG) 2024 General Test is excluded

from subject mapping. The Admission Branch offers helpdesks, chatbots, and email to prospective students. Many colleges have helpdesks. Webinars will also help candidates through the admissions process, starting on Friday, on UnivofDelhi's YouTube page. Candidates should routinely check the Undergraduate Bulletin of Information 2024, CSAS 2024 guidelines, and admission website for revisions. Visit DU Admission for details.

Indian-Origin US Startup CEO Promised Users 'Free Visa If Neeraj Chopra Wins Gold'

Delhi The Indian-origin CEO of a US firm has offered his users free visas to all countries for a day if Neeraj Chopra wins a gold medal at the Paris Olympics. Mohak Nahta of Atlys' LinkedIn post startled and thrilled online users, who asked how to apply. "If Neeraj Chopra wins an Olympic gold, I will personally send everyone a free visa. Let's go, India" LinkedIn post. Defending champion Chopra is one of India's top medal contenders in the men's



javelin throw on August 8. With the newest destination information, Atlys helps consumers get speedy travel visas. Nahta explained the

arrangement to his users a few hours ago after his offer sparked interest. On July 30, I promised everyone a free visa if Neeraj

Chopra won Gold. Since many requested for information, here's how it works: On August 8, Neeraj Chopra competes for medals. He claimed that if he wins Gold, all users will get a free Visa for a day. Nahta added that all nations are covered and visas are free. Are there any fees? Your visa is free—we pay. This offer covers which countries? Nahta stated customers can create an Atlys account with a free visa credit by leaving an email in the comments.

Universities can test candidates after CUET

Delhi :The Commission claimed that unfilled seats after repeated counseling rounds waste central university resources and deprive many prospective students of higher education. SOPs have been developed to help central universities fill these slots. According to the SOP, candidates who took CUET but did not register for a university may take the university admission exam. UGC Chair M. Jagadesh Kumar stated, "Seats remain vacant in some central universities even after three or four counseling rounds. Keeping seats unfilled for an academic year wastes money and denies quality higher education to many students who want to attend core universities. UGC Chair M. Jagadesh Kumar stated, "Seats remain vacant in some central universities even after



Universities prepare for UG admissions after CUET

Delhi: The National Testing Agency released the results of the common university entrance test-Undergraduate, preparing universities in the city for 2024-25 undergraduate admissions. Delhi University has nearly 71,000 seats in 65 institutions, while Jawaharlal Nehru University accepts CUET scores for BA (H) in foreign languages and integrated BSc programs. "NTA data is being synchronized and integrated. The second phase should begin in a day or two. First-phase students can correct their work "DU admissions dean Haneet Gandhi remarked.

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added, "SOPs help universities fill vacancies. CUET students who may or may not have applied to the university for courses or programs may also be considered."

The Paris Olympics Closing Ceremony Flag Bearer is Manu Bhaker

Manu Bhaker, a two-time Olympic bronze medalist, will be India's Paris Olympics closing ceremony flag bearer. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) reports that Bhaker would be India's closing ceremony women's flagbearer. India's men's ceremony flag bearer is unknown. The Paris Olympics closing ceremony is August 11. Bhaker excelled in Paris and won two Summer Games bronze medals. At the



Paris Olympics, the 22-year-old shooter found atonement. Her gun malfunctioned during the 2021 Tokyo Olympics 10m air pistol qualification round,

wasting time. India's Olympic medal count began with Bhaker's third-place finish in the women's 10m air pistol. After that, Sarabjot Singh and Bhaker won the 10m air pistol (mixed team) bronze medal. She may have brought back three Paris medals. She finished fourth in the women's 25m pistol shooting event in the final event, narrowly missing the unprecedented grand treble.

Delhi Premier League Draft Top Picks: Rishabh Pant, Ishant, Harshit Rana

Delhi **Rishabh** Pant, Ishant Sharma, Yash Dhull, Ayush Badoni, Anuj Rawat, and Harshit Rana were the top picks at the first Delhi Premier League player draft in New Delhi. According to a DPL press release, Purani Dilli 6 signed Pant and Ishant, North Delhi Strikers drafted Harshit, and Central Delhi Kings signed Dhull. The draft included 270 Delhi cricketers from India, IPL, National, and U19. Purani Dilli 6



used Pant and Ishant Sharma to construct a strong team. The franchise also signed all-rounder Lalit Yadav, who joined from the

Delhi Capitals, and batting all-rounder Shivam Sharma. Purani Dilli 6 also got 20-year-old opening batsman and off-spinner Arpit Rana and right-arm bowler Prince Yadav. Hrithik Shokeen, a Mumbai Indians tweaker, was the West Delhi Lions' first draft pick, followed by fiery Navdeep Saini. The first five picks included middle-order batsman Dev Lakra, bowling all-rounder Deepak Punia, and off spinner Shivank Vashisth.

Delhi to draft coaching facility law, stakeholders say it 'won't fix bigger issue'

Revenue Minister Atishi and Mayor Shelly Oberoi said a five-member team will prepare a coaching centre law for Delhi. The announcement follows the drowning of three aspiring government officials in Rau's IAS Study Circle's flooded basement in Old Rajinder Nagar. Many coaching centres praised the Delhi government's news, but some said the legislation would have 'limited applicability'. The primary issue is city infrastructure deterioration, thus laws will have little applicability. Growth has outpaced infrastructure in many Delhi neighbourhoods, including Old Rajinder Nagar and Mukherjee Nagar. Deepanshu Singh, a UPSC mentor and public policy expert, said addressing these issues won't fix the larger issue. "it is crucial to recognize they are linked to overpriced property rates in the area".

Anil Ambani, others fined Rs 624 crore by Sebi for fund diversion

Delhi : Markets regulator Sebi has banned ADAG chairman Anil Ambani, along with 24 entities associated with him, from the securities market for five years and imposed a total fine of Rs 624 crore for diversion of funds from his group company Reliance Home Finance. Ambani, Amit Bapna, Ravindra Sudhalkar and Pinkesh R Shah (all former top executives at RHFL) have also been barred from associating with any listed entity for five years. "By preponderance of probability, the mastermind behind the fraudulent scheme is the chairman of ADAG - Anil Ambani. It is also apparent that (Bapna, Sudhalkar and

Taxmen get a new target to go after

Delhi : The income tax department in New Delhi has instructed officers to concentrate on the top 5,000 cases, which involve a staggering Rs 43 lakh crore of tax demand. This initiative is aimed at bolstering recovery and cutting down on funds locked in litigation, the report said. High-ranking officers are required to establish special teams to scrutinize these

cases and submit the list to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by the end of September. The approach not only focuses on expediting high-value cases under litigation but also includes other strategies. A directive for reviewing cases dating back 10 years has been issued to determine whether they should be written off or pursued with more vigor.

Shah), KMPs (key managerial personnel) of the company, played an active role in perpetrating the fraudulent scheme," Sebi noted. Sebi's 222-page investigation report detailed how Ambani and the three former executives had loaned

large sums of money to various entities connected to the Anil D Ambani Group (ADAG) that was never paid back. The Sebi probe, which follows interim directions issued on Feb 11, 2022, completes regulatory action in the case.

Swiggy's Valuation Dips To \$14.7 Bn Ahead Of IPO, Sets Sight On \$15 Bn Target

Delhi : US-based asset management firm Baron Capital has marked Swiggy's valuation at USD 14.74 billion as of June 2024, according to regulatory filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), media reports reveal. This is a 2.6 per cent drop from its previous valuation of USD 15.1 billion in March, attributed to rupee depreciation. As per Reuters, Swiggy is preparing for one of India's largest IPOs this year, targeting a valuation of around USD 15 billion. The food delivery giant, backed by SoftBank, aims to raise



between USD 1 billion and USD 1.25 billion through the offering. Swiggy plans to use the IPO proceeds to scale its quick commerce business, Instamart, and add more warehouses to compete with rival Zomato, which has doubled its market value to USD 28 billion since its 2021 listing. In another development, accord-

ing to media reports, Swiggy was valued at USD 11.5 billion by investor 360 One WAM, formerly known as IIFL Wealth Management, as of June 2024. Swiggy recorded Rs 5,476 crore in revenue from operations during the first three quarters of FY24, with reported losses of Rs 1,600 crore.

Suraksha Group invests Rs 250 crore in Jaypee Infratech

Delhi: Suraksha Group has recently infused Rs 250 crore into Jaypee Infratech Ltd (JIL) following their acquisition of the company through an insolvency process. This injection includes both equity and debt. Moreover, Suraksha Group has secured a Rs 3,000 crore loan facility to support the completion of approximately 20,000 unfinished flats in the Delhi NCR region. JIL has Rs 1,000 crore in cash from its real estate

business and toll income from the Yamuna Expressway, which connects Greater Noida and Agra. In total, JIL currently holds Rs 1,250 crore in funds, comprising internal cash and the new infusion. Sources detail that Suraksha Group will require an investment between Rs 6,500 crore and Rs 7,000 crore to complete about 160 residential towers across various projects. Before Suraksha Group's takeover, construction was ongoing only

in 62 of these towers, while work on the remaining 97 towers had come to a halt. "Suraksha Group has accelerated the pace of construction in the 62 towers and is also applying for completion certificates for the completed buildings," said sources. Construction activities are anticipated to reach full momentum by October. On June 4, Suraksha Group took control of JIL following the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) decision.

How IIMs are shifting focus from campus placements to long-term employability of their graduates

Delhi The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are shifting their focus from short-term job placements to enhancing students' long-term employability, as they aim to prepare themselves for the future. The institutes are exploring various options to equip students for a rapidly evolving job market, including increased interactions with recruiters and industry experts to understand their requirements, workshops, external



mentoring, student profile mapping, and soft skill courses. Institutes acknowledge that they have faced challenging placement seasons in the past and will continue to experience them in the future. This realization has prompted them to

adopt a different approach to tackle the emerging scenario and better prepare students for the dynamic job market. According to an report, IIM Kozhikode has established the CARE office this year, an initiative by director Debashis Chatterjee, to focus on improving students' employability rather than solely targeting immediate job opportunities. The office provides a platform for long-term career development through three functions.

Modi government working on new policy to increase lifespan of NH

Delhi: The Modi government is set to finalize a policy that will enable the strengthening of aging national highways through a technique called 'white-topping', which aims to extend their lifespan. The primary focus will be on rehabilitating flexible, or asphalt, pavement, which makes up the largest and most crucial component of the aging national highway network.

According to an report the ministry of road transport and highways is currently seeking feedback on a draft policy that outlines the technique, its advantages, and the criteria for selecting national highways to be rehabilitated.

India's national highway network currently spans approximately 146,000 kilometers. "As India is building more and more two-, four- and six-lane national highways and expressways, the quantum of aged assets is increasing which warrants rehabilitation to extend its life further," a senior government official explained to the financial daily. Although there are various techniques and treatments available for strengthening flexible pavement, India has chosen to implement the thin white-topping technique, according to the official.

Thin white-topping involves constructing a concrete overlay with a thickness of 100-200 mm on top of an existing in-service bituminous pavement.

'If courts start denying bail ...': SC affirms 'bail is rule' even for special statutes

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to a man accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), emphasising that the legal principle "bail is rule, jail is an exception" is applicable even to offences under special statutes.

The top court highlighted that denying bail in deserving cases would be a violation of fundamental rights.

A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih underlined the importance of considering bail applications in accordance with the law, even in serious allegations. They stated, "Allegations of the prosecution may be very serious, but it is court's duty to consider the case for bail in accordance with law. Bail is the rule and jail is the exception applies even to special statutes. If courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of rights guaranteed under Article 21." The judgement came in the case of Jalaluddin Khan, who was booked under the UAPA and other sections of the now-defunct Indian Penal Code. Khan had rented out the upper floor of his house to alleged members of the banned organisation Popular Front of India (PFI). According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the investigation disclosed that a criminal conspiracy was hatched with the intention of carrying out acts of terror and violence. This was purported to create an atmosphere of terror and endanger the unity and integrity of the nation.

As part of this conspiracy, the accused arranged rented accommodation in Ahmad Palace, Phulwarisharif (Patna). The premises were used for training individuals in acts of violence and for holding criminal conspiracy meetings.

Information received by the Bihar Police indicated that the accused planned to cause disturbances during the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2022.

Acting on a tip-off, the Phulwarisharif Police conducted a raid on July 11, 2022, at Khan's house.

Mid-air malfunctions come on top of SpiceJet's financial woes

Delhi : SpiceJet Ltd. staged one of global aviation's most remarkable Turnarounds in 2015 after founder Ajay Singh swept in at the eleventh hour to rescue it. Less than a decade later, the Indian budget airline needs a revival of fortunes again. Once an investor darling, SpiceJet is now the worst-performing airline stock in Asia, fighting a run of negative publicity triggered by a slew of seemingly innocuous but frequent technical glitches. The airline also hasn't restored pilot salaries even after a surge in domestic demand and has delayed releasing quarterly results for the three months ended March citing a ransomware attack on its servers. It's reportedly fallen behind on statutory dues, too. SpiceJet, known for naming its



Ministry of I&B tweaks self-declaration rules for advertisers

Delhi : New Delhi/ Mumbai: The food & beverages industry and the health sector that routinely violate advertising guidelines will continue signing self-declaration forms for their ads, but just once a year, according to new rules issued by the government. It has made an update superseding two advisories issued earlier in June, stating that only advertisers in these two sectors must fill a self-declaration and not all advertisers.

aircraft after the aromatics used to flavor food, has struggled in India's cut-throat aviation market -- the

world's fastest growing -- where even before the pandemic fierce price wars led to wafer-thin margins.

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FSSAI crackdown on 'A1 or A2' milk product ads

Delhi : India's top food safety regulator has prohibited the marketing and sale of milk and milk products labelled as A1 or A2, deeming such practices "misleading". The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an order aimed at curbing what it sees as deceptive promotions, particularly on social media platforms, that tout A2 butter, curd or ghee as superior products, a person aware of the matter said, asking not to be named. It has come to the notice of FSSAI that several food business operators are selling/marketing milk and milk products such as ghee, butter, curd etc in the name of A1 & A2 under FSSAI licence number and/or registration certificate", the order stated. The regulator explained that the A1 and A2 distinction in milk is related to differences in protein structure, specifically beta-casein. Consequently, the FSSAI deemed A2 claims on milk fat products as misleading and not in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006 and associated regulations.

DGCA fines Air India, 2 officials Rs 99 lakh

Delhi : DGCA has slapped a fine of Rs 99 lakh on Air India and two of its senior officials for a rostering lapse that paired a trainee pilot with a non-training captain for operating an international flight this July. The regulator has also suspended post holder approval of Air India director (training) for six months.

Zyudus to buy 50% stake in Sterling Biotech

Delhi : Zyudus Lifesciences and Perfect Day Inc, a Temasek portfolio company, have signed an agreement to buy the latter's 50% stake in Sterling Biotech in a Rs 550 crore deal. Post the transaction, Sterling Biotech will become a 50:50 joint venture, a company statement said. Sterling Biotech is one of the leading producers of pharmaceutical Gelatine, Di-Calcium Phosphate and some APIs.

PMJDY marks decade of success, UP leads in the country with over 9.46 crore bank accounts

Lucknow The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, an ambitious financial inclusion initiative launched by the Central Government, completed ten years on Wednesday, with Uttar Pradesh emerging as the leading state, with over 9.46 crore Jan Dhan accounts—18 percent of the more than 53 crore opened across the country during this period. A notable achievement in Uttar Pradesh is the significant participation of women, with approximately 5 crore of these accounts belonging to female account holders. The state also leads in the distribution of Rupay cards through the Jan Dhan accounts. The success of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in Uttar Pradesh is a testament to the Yogi government's commitment to prioritizing and effectively implementing central schemes. Over the past decade, Uttar Pradesh has made remarkable strides in financial inclusion by prioritizing the opening of Jan Dhan accounts for the poor. As of August 21, 2024, the state has successfully opened a total of 9,46,62,464 Jan Dhan accounts. The majority of these accounts, 6,81,66,123, have been opened in rural and semi-urban areas, while 2,64,96,341 accounts have been opened through urban and metro bank branches. The total deposits in Jan Dhan accounts across the state have reached an impressive Rs 48,525.75 crore, representing over 21 percent of the national total. Following Uttar Pradesh, Bihar ranks second with 6,06,80,517 accounts, and other states like West Bengal (5,18,88,115), Madhya Pradesh (4,38,81,099), Rajasthan (3,57,41,553), Maharashtra (3,54,81,136), and Odisha (2,19,54,863) also contribute significantly to the success of the Jan Dhan Yojana. Uttar Pradesh not only leads in the number of accounts but also in the distribution of RuPay cards, with 6 crore 24 lakh 23 thousand 540 cardholders, the highest in the country. In the financial year 2023-24 alone, the state opened around 65 lakh new Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts, with Aadhaar seeding completed for more than 91 percent of them. Launched as a national mission, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has transformed financial inclusion in India over the past decade. The scheme ensures that every family has access to essential banking services, including at least one basic banking account, financial literacy, loans, insurance, and pension facilities. Beneficiaries are also provided with a RuPay debit card, which comes with an accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh. One of the most significant aspects of PMJDY.

India-made Micron Tech semiconductor chips to launch globally in 2025



Delhi: Micron India Managing Director Anand Ramamoorthy said that Micron Technology's packaging operation in Gujarat's Sanand will produce the first Indian semiconductor chips in the first half of 2025. "We expect to have products roll-out early next year, in the first half, which is a very good turnaround given that we had announced this whole engagement in the middle of last year," he said. Sanand may become a worldwide semiconductor

powerhouse since Ramamoorthy predicted most of its chips will be exported. The chips will be utilized in data centers, smartphones, notebooks, and IoT devices, said Ramamoorthy. Demand, cost, and customer needs will dictate chip allocation closer to manufacturing. Micron also wants to explore two-wheeler electric vehicles and Indian government contracts. Micron's semiconductor supply chain is moving to India, with Simmtech opening

operations in Gujarat. Ramamoorthy said the company is working with the government and suppliers to capitalize on India's semiconductor ecosystem. Micron is building an ATMP plant in India under the government's \$10 billion semiconductor production and assembly incentive program. The initiative, funded by central and state governments, will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs, boosting India's semiconductor industry.

AI reduces the lowest-fare luggage limit to 15kg

Delhi: Air India economy class domestic fliers on reduced fares can now check in 15kg of baggage instead of 25kg. AI's substantial allowance for economy fliers within India was its USP, and it would help make up for the long-awaited enhanced cabin product on the airline's outdated planes. All major Indian airlines give 15kg check-in for free. AI spokesperson: "Last year, we adopted a menu-based pricing strategy for branded fare families to comply with worldwide airline industry standards. Air India's 'comfort', 'comfort plus', and 'flex' fare families offer dis-



tinct features and limits at varying prices. We offer tariff families to help guests choose the finest meal and services for them." "Bundled fares provide passengers more value and choice for less. On a domestic sector like Delhi-Mumbai, the price difference between 'comfort plus' and 'flex' fares is typically about Rs 1,000,

Domestic business with the 'flex' fare offering nearly Rs 9,000, including 10kg extra baggage, zero change or cancellation fees, more loyalty points, and more free seats." On domestic economy class routes, 'comfort' and 'comfort plus' price families allow 15kg baggage, while 'flex' allows 25kg.

Parents go to thana with girl's rape complaint, beaten by woman cop

CHENNAI: A couple who complained that their 10-year-old daughter had been raped repeatedly by a neighbour were beaten by an Anna Nagar all-women police inspector and made to stay at the station till the early hours of Aug 31. The survivor, a Class VI

student of a govt school, stood witness to the ill-treatment of her parents in the presence of the accused, Sathish, a water can supplier in the neighbourhood. He is yet to be arrested though the FIR was registered on Aug 31. The girl's father is a construc-

tion worker and her mother a cook. Though the incident came to light on Aug 29 and the case registered on Aug 31, the child is yet to get the mandatory counselling by a District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) or anyone from the Child Welfare.

OpenAI and Microsoft are being sued by eight US newspapers for "purloining millions"

Delhi: OpenAI and Microsoft are being sued by eight US newspapers for "purloining millions" of copyrighted news stories to train its artificial intelligence chatbots. New York federal court received the lawsuit from the Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Denver Post, and others. The MediaNews Group and Tribune Publishing executive editor Frank Pine wrote, "We've spent billions of dollars gathering information and reporting news at our publications, and we can't allow OpenAI and Microsoft to expand the Big Tech playbook of stealing our work to build their own businesses at our expense." The lawsuit also



names MediaNews Group's Mercury News, Denver Post, Orange County Register, St. Paul Pioneer-Press, and Tribune Publishing's Orlando Sentinel and South Florida Sun Sentinel. Alden Global Capital

owns all publications. Microsoft declined comment. A request for comment from OpenAI was delayed. The New York Times sued OpenAI and Microsoft in December for Copyright infringement in ChatGPT's con-

struction and training. Teams of wealthy lawyers seeking to stop us from publicizing their stories. Lobby groups with unclear funding that debunk climate emergency and other science. Authoritarian regimes that disregard press freedom. Bad actors propagating online falsehoods to subvert democracy. Something powerful is on our side. We got you. The Guardian is funded by Indian readers like you, and our editor selects what we publish. This week is the 31st World Press Freedom Day, a time to reflect on free expression as the foundation of all rights. It's also a chance to assist independent media worldwide.

Kusal Roy, the head of Standard Chartered Bank's consumer banking division in India,

Delhi: Kusal Roy, the head of Standard Chartered Bank's consumer banking division in India, has tendered his resignation and is anticipated to join Jio Financial Services. The news of upcoming consumer-focused initiatives that Jio Financial Services would soon offer coincides with the development. Roy is a seasoned banker who joined StanChart Bank in 2020 after heading Tata Capital. He had previously worked for Citibank and ICICI Bank.



Roy's departure was verified by StanChart in response to an email inquiry. Following the release of the company's most recent financial results on April 19,

Jio Financial Services announced a number of initiatives, which were unveiled concurrently with the announcement of Roy's resignation.

Godrej & Boyce to own Godrej land bank exclusive construction

Delhi: According to sources and regulatory filings, Jamshyd Naoroji Godrej and his sister Smita Krishna Godrej-controlled Godrej & Boyce will have exclusive construction rights over a vast land bank, including a prime 3,000-acre property in Mumbai, they received as part of the family agreement that split the Godrej empire. Deal splits the 127-year-old organization into two groups commanded by Adi Godrej and his brother Nadir and their cousins Jamshyd and Smita. The former would oversee Godrej Industries Group, which includes listed firms Godrej Industries Ltd, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd, Godrej Properties Ltd, Godrej Agrovet Ltd, and Astec Lifesciences Ltd. Jamshyd Godrej, 75, will manage Godrej



Enterprises, which includes Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co., which operates in aerospace, aviation, defense, energy, construction, IT, and software. His niece Nyrika Holkar will be executive director. Both groups will use the Godrej brand, but they have a six-year non-compete arrangement to avoid each other. According to sources and the regulatory filing, they can enter other domains after the non-compete period, but not use the Godrej name.

Sources indicated the separation was done through share transfers, not value. Adi and Nadir Godrej will sell their Godrej & Boyce shares. to the other branch. Jamshyd Godrej and his family will pass GCPL and Godrej Properties to their cousins through a family agreement. A separate agreement will regulate ownership rights for thousands of millions of rupees of real estate in affluent Mumbai areas under Godrej & Boyce (G&B).

Bandhan Life hires 1,000 avatars

"Most of our partner distribution operations are tech-enabled, so once a consumer knows what they want to buy, it's quick "said"

Delhi: After acquiring Aegon Life Insurance, Bandhan Financial Holdings rebranded it Bandhan Life. The new company plans to become a multi-channel life insurance in five years as part of its expansion strategy. It will hire 1,000 people soon. After buying BCL and Aegon Indian Holding's shareholding in February 2024, BFHL became the promoter. "Our vision for the next five years is set,"



stated Bandhan Life MD and CEO Satishwar B. We will grow into all important product areas to improve our offerings." He continued, "To support our tech-enabled approach, we have extensively invested in technology and data-driven operations. This combination will enable us to develop with the new Bharat." Given their size and scale, Bandhan Bank may be the largest distribution partner initially. Satishwar said it serves mass and conventional banking customers. We sell offline too,

Currently, Australia is monitoring Indian spices

Delhi: In order to determine whether a food recall is necessary, Australia's food safety regulator is gathering data on potential contamination of spice mixes produced by Indian businesses MDH and Everest. Three MDH spice blends and one Everest mix were taken off the market in Hong Kong earlier this month. The same Everest mix was recalled by Singapore as well due to excessive quantities of ethylene oxide.

even though we're mostly on the internet. Most of our partner .

Children under 12 must sit with parents on flights without charge



Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered airlines to seat children under 12 with a parent or guardian. This change follows many complaints from consumers, particularly group travelers, who were seated separated from their children after opting out of extra seat selection expenses. Under the new rule, airlines must seat children under 12 with their parents or guardians on the same booking reference. The DGCA stressed the need of recording seating arrangements for compliance. "Airline shall ensure that children upto 12 years are allocated seats with at least one of their parents/guardians, who are travelling on the same PNR and a record of the same shall be maintained," a revised DGCA rule stated. Passengers can opt out of opt-in services including premium seating and meals. Airlines may automatically assign seats before departure if passengers do not pick seats during web check-in. "Airline 'opt-in' unbundled services .

Record Rs 700cr R&D funding for IIT-B, up from 2022-23's Rs 576cr



Delhi: IIT Bombay received the largest annual R&D grant ever: Rs 700 crore. This is a big increase from Rs 576 crore in 2022-23 and Rs 502 crore in 2021-22. R&D funds come from government, private, and foreign sources. Government agencies provide most of the grant, although 35% comes from private sources. This year's award is close to the IITB's annual Central government funding of Rs 800 crore. R&D grant is presently the institute's second-largest source of funding after tuition fee, which is Rs 105 crore. The institute's spokeswoman said "IIT Bombay has made concerted efforts to align its R&D focus with the national goal of technological self-reliance. "The institute features numerous significant multidisciplinary research centers to solve complicated problems holistically with experts from diverse academic areas. Institute students and professors research science, engineering, design, management, and humanities. " According to institute administrators, the institute did this by strengthening industrial outreach, engaging in government research missions, and naturally growing faculty numbers, which led to new projects.

The focus of new textbooks is on cultural elements to fortify national identity

Delhi: The National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), 2023, and the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS), 2022, have been amended by the government to enhance students' cultural awareness, according to a PIB news release. The incorporation of cultural elements into the new textbooks for classes 1, 2, 3, and 6 acknowledges the significance of these elements in fortifying the country's identity and culture. Teachers may also find guidelines in the textbooks on how to include cultural education into the classroom. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2020 integrates cultural elements, and the National Curriculum Frameworks (NCF-FS and NCF-SE) feature capacity-building programs* for teacher educators and instructors on NCFs that integrate cultural education and local cultural settings. Since 2015, secondary school students from all around the nation have been



Karnataka legislature joins Tamil Nadu, West Bengal in rejecting NEET

Delhi: The Karnataka legislature voted a resolution against NEET, joining a growing list of anti-BJP states that have requested exemption. The Mamata Bannerjee-led Trinamool Congress administration in West Bengal approved a similar resolution. The assembly also rejected the "One Nation, One Election" approach and demanded that the Union government utilize population statistics from the 1971 census to delimit Lok Sabha seats beyond 2026. Medical education minister Sharan Prakash Patil warned the house that NEET was badly harming rural poor medical education chances. The Congress minister who introduced the motion said the federal system was making school education inefficient and denying the state the authority to accept children to

able to showcase their skills in a variety of art forms and traditional customs via the Ministry of Education's Kala Utsav. Students from far-flung locations are also given the chance to demonstrate their abilities. A variety of cultural activities are arranged under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat project with the goal of increasing cultural awareness.

Despite Nissanka threat, new skipper Suryakumar leads India to victory over Sri Lanka

Delhi: India scored 145 runs off 72 balls to reach 213, which Sri Lanka couldn't match. The touching tale of Nissanka's rise continues. Born to a cricket ground boy father and a temple flower vendor mother, he was identified and fostered to become one of Sri Lanka's rising great openers. He scored Sri Lanka's first Test centurion in 20 years and ODI double century on debut. Nissanka, meaning hope, nearly startled India with a 48-ball 79 of fierce strokes. Mohammad Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, and Hardik Pandya all noted his seamer pull. The pursuit collapsed when he fell in the first delivery of the 15th over to an Axar Patel slider that beat his intended cut and hit his stumps. He left Sri Lanka needing 74 from 35 balls but without energy. He had thrashed every bowler before that, and the greatest thing was he didn't look rushed despite the asking rate. However, practically against the run of play, he chose the incorrect length to back away and cut a ball he could have played on the front foot. Parag bowled the last over of the chase with 44 runs to defend and took two wickets in two balls. Suryakumar had the toughest batting assignment of his career as Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal, who had scored 74 runs in six overs, had fallen off successive deliveries, and Rishabh Pant was pinned down by Hasaranga and Pathirana. Hasaranga had taken down the imperious Jaiswal with a cunning slower-paced tossed-up googly that had him slip out of the crease on the attempted push-drive and stumped him before harassing Pant with a series of googlies that the left-handed dasher struggled to pick.

UG to PhD: DU May Cost More

"Teachers and university Executive Council members say the measure is an attempt to utilize students' money to repay Higher Education Loans"

Delhi: Education at Delhi University will cost extra. In the upcoming semester, the institution will raise fees for BTech, law, and some PhD programs. Teachers and university Executive Council members say the measure is an attempt to utilize students' money to repay Higher



Education Loans. The revised pricing structure raises first-year BTech students' costs by 3.7% to Rs 2.24 lakh from Rs 2.16 lakh. Five-year integrated law program fees increased 5% from Rs 1.9 lakh to Rs 1.99 lakh this session. The maximum fee rise is 60.2% for PhD courses, from Rs 4,450 to Rs 7,130 this session. Foreign students enrolled in DU's MA Hindu Studies program will pay less for many courses, although some have increased fees. Tibetan applicants and Teachers and

Academic Council members claimed DU was hiking fees to repay HEFA loans with interest. Executive Council member Aman Kumar remarked, "Increasing program fees is highly condemned. Students choose DU for its fees. However, DU has introduced and increased high-fee courses in the past two years

. When the central government should be responsible for education and health, the current government is cutting education budgets and telling universities to self-finance. "This commercializes and privatizes university education." Foreign students should not pay registration fees or college and department fees.

Karnataka is the third state to vote against NEET

Delhi: The Karnataka Assembly asked the Centre to cancel the NEET and institute its own medical college entrance test. The resolution stated that the Centre should exempt Karnataka from this exam, allow school students to apply to medical colleges using the Common Entrance Test conducted by the State government, cancel the NEET system due to nationwide irregularities, and amend the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Central Act 30 of 2019). The Congress-led Karnataka government

"RETURN TO CET FOR MEDICAL SEATS"

- House adopts resolutions against NEET, delimitation of Lok Sabha & assembly constituencies, and One Nation, One Poll move
- K'taka seeks to return to CET for medical admissions, citing "repeated irregularities" in NEET examinations
- Ex-BJP minister CN Ashwath Narayana says NEET designed to bring uniformity among students from diverse backgrounds and regions
- Congress MLA Pradeep Eshwar says state-specific entrances will mean students may have to spend ₹1L only to apply for all exams

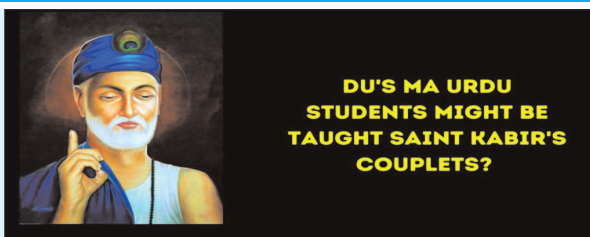
said that the NEET examination system renders school education inefficient and denies state governments the authority to admit children to state-run institutions. West Bengal Assembly passed a resolution Wednesday urging the Centre to repeal NEET. Tamil Nadu's assembly

unanimously resolved the identical problem last month.

Thousands of students protested the National Testing Agency (NTA) over alleged exam irregularities, sparking considerable controversy. On May 5, NEET-UG was held this year.

MA Urdu students at DU may study Kabir couplets

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DU'S MA URDU STUDENTS MIGHT BE TAUGHT SAINT KABIR'S COUPLETS?

Education modifications.

Delhi: If DU's Executive Council approves the first-year syllabus adjustments, Delhi University's master's in Urdu students would study Kabir's couplets in 2024-25. In the first semester, students will learn 40 couplets from 'Kabir Bani' as part of Faculty of Education modifications. Please read 'Kabir Bani' by Ali Sardar Jafri and 'Kabir' by Prabhakar Manchve. The paper 'Basic Text: Early Urdu Literature' will

include the modifications. February 19's Faculty of Arts meeting proposed the revisions. It will be considered by the Executive Council, the university's top decision-making body. The session may start in August. Urdu department brochures indicated that the move introduces students to early Deccan and north Indian literary traditions. "At the completion of this course, students will be able to understand and appreciate the classical poetry and prose in the context of early literary Urdu traditions," noted. First-year students will start with 'Kabir Ke Muntakhab.

Bihar govt. rushes to count private schools by 10 August in the dark

Delhi: According to its ruling last week, Bihar's basic education department lacks accurate data on private schools. Private school registration applications are purportedly languishing at education department district offices. No school should function without registration under the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009. However, district education department offices have been awaiting private school registration applications. "For some reason, the meeting to approve private school registration has not been held for some time. Siwan's District Education Officer (DEO) Mithilesh Kumar said the applications are waiting, but we'll shortly begin work. "The education department has ordered us to list unregistered private schools. Working on this." Only 11,192



private schools are registered, according to the education department's 20 July decree. They estimate that twice as many private schools operate in the state. The administration warns that private schools without official permission have one final opportunity to register. Mithilesh Mishra, primary education department director, ordered DEOs to direct private schools to apply via the e-affiliation site by August 10. "If any school does not apply on the portal for approval despite the stipulated period, ensure action under

the relevant rules of the RTE Act, 2009 and the Bihar State Free and Compulsory Education Rules for Children, 2011," Mishra said. The directive states that failing to register may result in a Rs 1 lakh punishment, and if the school runs beyond the deadline, Rs 10,000 each day. DEOs were urged to meet with private school nodal officials to get clearance for all private schools in their areas. Section 18 of the RTE Act requires private schools to get a Certificate of Registration if they satisfy the requirements.

Delhi University raises UG promotion passing score to 63%

Delhi: In all undergraduate (UG) disciplines, the University of Delhi has raised the promotion passing score from 50% to 63% for next year. To be promoted, undergraduates at all Delhi University (DU) colleges must now score 63 percent in their first and second semesters.



Delhi University students in athletics, extracurriculars, the NCC, the NSS, and other fields may be excluded from the criterion with college clearance. This was done to fix Delhi University's NEP UGCF 2022 implementation issues, according to a university official. Under the old passing and promotion rules, a student could be promoted from the first to the second year of the course if they passed 50% of the first and second semester exams combined.

The official said pupils had to pass seven papers and 22 credits to advance. Under the NEP-UGCF 2022, since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can be promoted to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score, according to a committee member. An NEP-UGCF 2022 promotion committee member said that since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can advance to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score.

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