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## PM Modi meets Ukraine President Zelenskyy for second time in a month

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in New York to discuss enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation on international platforms like the UN and G20. They focused on implementing the Peace Formula and preparing for a second Peace Summit. Modi reiterated India's commitment to resolving the Ukraine conflict and restoring peace.

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PM Modi with Ukraine President Zelenskyy on Monday.

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for the second time this month. PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Zelenskyy in New York on the sidelines of the UN's landmark Summit of the Future.

"Met President Zelenskyy in New York. We are



"US President Joe Biden invited me to his home"

"You might have come seven seas apart, but no sea has that much depth that it can distance you from India. What Ma Bharati has taught us, we can never forget that. Wherever we go, we accept all as family. To understand diversity, to live diversity is in our veins." PM Modi underscored India's unity in diversity, saying: "We belong to a country where there are dozens of languages and dialogues, all faiths and religions of the world, and yet we are moving forward united." In one of the standout moments of the speech, PM Modi humorously redefined the term AI: "For the world, AI means artificial intelligence, but for me, AI also means American-Indian spirit. This is the new 'AI' power of the world." He went on to say: "I salute the Indian diaspora here."

Reflecting on his meeting with US President Joe Biden, PM Modi shared, "US President Joe Biden invited me to his home, this was an honour for 140 crore Indians. Wherever I go in the world, committed to implementing the outcomes of my visit to Ukraine last month to strengthen

**I understood it even when I held no official position- Modi**

I have always understood the capabilities of the Indian diaspora. I understood it even when I held no official position... For me, you all have been strong brand ambassadors of India. This is why I call you 'Rashtradoot' (ambassadors of the nation)." He praised the diaspora's role in strengthening ties between India and the US, saying, "You have connected India with America and America with India. Your skill, talent, and commitment are unmatched." PM Modi further emphasized the deep connection the Indian community maintains with their homeland:

bilateral relations. Reiterated India's support for early resolution of the conflict in Ukraine and restoration of peace and stability," Modi said in a post on X. "We are actively developing our relations and working together to strengthen.

## Amit Shah's remarks on Bangladesh migrants deplorable: Dhaka

**DHAKA:** Bangladesh has called upon India's govt to advise political netas to refrain from making "objectionable and unacceptable" remarks about Bangladeshis. Dhaka has lodged a strong protest against the "highly deplorable" remarks reportedly made by Union home minister Amit Shah about Bangladeshi nationals during his recent visit to Jharkhand.

Bangladesh interim govt's ministry of foreign affairs handed over a protest note Monday to the Indian deputy high commissioner in Dhaka.

1x1 polls Through the note, Dhaka conveyed its "serious reservation, deep sense of hurt and extreme displeasure". The ministry emphasised that such remarks, coming from responsible positions, against nationals of a neighbouring country, undermine the spirit of mutual respect and understanding between two friendly



Article 370 won't be revived, come what may: Rajnath Singh

**JAMMU:** BJP will not allow restoration of Article 370 "come what may", defence minister Rajnath Singh declared Sunday and accused National Conference (NC), Congress and People's Democratic Party (PDP) of trying to mislead voters by saying they would ensure the junked provision's return.

"They are making a lot of noise over Article 370. How will you restore it? Only a government at the Centre has the power to do so," Rajnath told a poll rally in Jammu's Poonch in support of BJP candidate Choudhary Abdul Gani.

Shah had accused the JMM-led coalition govt in Jharkhand on Friday of encouraging illegal infiltration for its "vote bank politics" and cautioned that if not checked, such immigrants would become a majority in the state in

the next 25-30 years. "There is no place for infiltrators in the state. They are marrying our daughters, grabbing land and destroying rich tribal culture and heritage... we will drive each one of them out... Let the lotus bloom.

**Patriarchal sexist beliefs in India make women susceptible to gender violence**

**LONDON** A new academic study has found that the "pervasive problem of violence against women in India" will not be solved by men protecting women, as such patriarchal sexist beliefs can also be harmful. The first large-scale analysis of associations between sexism and tolerance of violence against women in India, written by academics in the UK, New Zealand and US, has found that patronising beliefs about women that are framed in protective terms can make them more vulnerable to violence as they create a power dynamic in which women are subordinate to their male partners. "Prescriptions that women should be protected from outsiders can simultaneously legitimise men's dominance.

## RBI defers exchange-traded currency derivatives rules

**MUMBAI:** RBI has deferred the implementation of its rules on exchange-traded currency derivatives by a month, resulting in traders scrambling to square off their positions. RBI's circular, which was scheduled to come into effect on April 5, said that only traders with an underlying forex exposure can trade in currency derivatives. Exchange-traded currency derivatives, like futures contracts, help companies hedge against currency risk. For instance, an Indian exporter expecting payment in US dollars in three months, can use currency futures to mitigate potential losses from adverse exchange rate movements. By entering a futures contract to sell US dollars at a predetermined rate, the exporter locks in a viable exchange rate.

The market for exchange-traded currency derivatives has been thriving for a decade because of positions taken by investors with a view on the currency. However, RBI said that its recent circular only reiterates its existing position. "The regulatory framework for exchange-traded currency derivatives has remained consistent over the years, and there is no change in RBI's policy approach," it said.

The circular, issued on Jan 5, retained most of the earlier regulations, including a requirement that trades over \$100 million would require proof of exposure. This requirement of proof for higher value trades was being interpreted by participants to mean that those who did not have any exposure could participate in lower value transactions.

However, the Jan 5 circular carried a footnote.

## Over 23 lakh electors are eligible to vote in Phase 1; 1.23 lakh youth between the age 18

**NEW DELHI** Jammu and Kashmir is all set to vote in the first phase of assembly elections on Sunday.

Seven districts located on either side of the Pir Panjal mountain range will vote under heavy security for 24 of a total of 90 assembly seats. The election after a decade holds great significance to the newest union territories.

**Key numbers in Phase 1**

People in J&K will vote for 24 assembly seats



out of a total of 90 seats. Out of 24 seats, 8 are spread across three districts of Jammu region; 16 seats are in four of Kashmir valley districts.

A total of 219 candidates are in the fray

including 90 independents. Over 23 lakh electors are eligible to vote in Phase 1; 1.23 lakh youth between the age 18 to 19 years, 14,000 polling staff will oversee the process at 3,276 polling stations to

ensure smooth conduct of the polls. High security includes multi-tier forces from the Central Armed Paramilitary Forces, Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police and J&K Police.

**Constituents voting in Phase 1:** Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, Rajpora, Zainapora, Shopian, DH Pora, Kulgam, Devsar, Dooru, Kokernag (ST), Anantnag West, Anantnag, Srigufwara-Bijbehara, Shangus-Anantnag.

## Hezbollah members, fighters and medical personnel, were severely injured

**Lebanon** Hundreds of Hezbollah members, including fighters and medical personnel, were severely injured when their communication pagers exploded across Lebanon. Described as the biggest security breach in almost a year of conflict with Israel, ambulances rushed through Beirut's southern suburbs amidst chaos. Ongoing deto-

nations and numerous injuries were reported by local sources. At least 9 people were killed and over 2,000 people, including hundreds of Hezbollah members, fighters and medical personnel, sustained serious injuries on Tuesday after thousands of pagers exploded across Lebanon. Two of the deceased were Hezbollah

fighters, read an official statement. **'Security breach'** A Hezbollah official described the pager explosions as the "biggest security breach" the organisation had experienced in almost a year of conflict with Israel. "The enemy (Israel) stands behind this security incident that targeted the devices," the official said, without elaborating.

## Dissanayake emerged victorious in Sri Lanka's presidential election, unseating

**Anura Kumara Dissanayake** emerged victorious in Sri Lanka's presidential election, unseating President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Emphasizing national unity, he plans to renegotiate the \$2.9 billion IMF bailout agreement amid public discontent. The election saw a high turnout with about 75% of the country's 17 million eligible voters casting their ballots. Polling was conducted at over 13,400 stations across 22 electoral districts, with around 75% of Sri Lanka's 17 million eligible voters participating.

"We seek fresh start": Marxist leader Dissanayake after winning Sri



Lanka presidential polls. Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Marxist leader, Anura Kumara Dissanayake has won Sri Lanka's presidential election, defeating incumbent President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Following his victory, Dissanayake called for national unity and said, "The unity of Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, and all Sri Lankans

is the bedrock of a new beginning." He further stressed that the "new renaissance we seek will rise from this shared strength and vision," expressing hope for "a fresh start" to realise the country's aspirations.

Sri Lanka's election commission formally announced that Dissanayake, 55, secured 42.31% of the vote in Saturday's election, with opposition

## Gunfight resumes in Kishtwar, J&K

**JAMMU:** A gunfight broke out between security forces and terrorists near Danna Dhar forest of Chatroo in the upper reaches of Kishtwar district in Jammu division of J&K Sunday evening, following a brief exchange of fire that took place in the same area about 23 hours earlier.

A police spokesman said firing resumed after security forces spotted the terrorists hiding in the deep forest. No casualty was reported so far. On Saturday, the forces had engaged with a group of at least two-three suspected Pakistani terrorists in Chatroo.

The area has seen heightened security ops in recent days. On Sept 13, two soldiers were killed and as many wounded in a gunfight.

## Iltija seeks emotional connect with voters



**BIJBEHARA:** Her roadshows are like few on view. Standing atop a SUV, a dupatta draping her head, debutant Iltija Mufti sports a wide smile with folded hands, the deft sway of her head quietly seeking support over a noisy gathering. But in no time, she could be seen grabbing a party flag from a supporter and leading the sloganeering, her slender frame jerking to her lusty chants of "joonu joonu, PDP joonu", her two fists raised, a squeaky voice bearing the novelty of an

upstart. She could be the mild-mannered grandfather Mufti Mohd Sayeed or aggressive mother Mehbooba Mufti. To those witnessing this unfold in real time realise it is a tough battle to become an MLA. But many who watch it as WhatsApp forward, bereft of context, could mistake it for a college election. Such are the frames of freshness that intersperse the roadshows of Iltija. "We have to keep moving. We will speak later please," is her earnest plea bending.



## Warden of Civil Defense Division Chowk honoured

Prayagraj: An important meeting of Civil Defense Division Chowk of Prayagraj was successfully concluded which was held at Lalpat Rai Shishu Bihar School located at Kalyani Devi. Wardens of Dasho Post were present in large numbers. The main objective of the meeting was to educate the upcoming in view of the peace during Navratri, Mahakumbh etc., discussions were held with the government and administration to conduct the festival safely. Also, in the last four months, various programs, festivals,



incidents of fire, voting, and participation in all the festivals were held. City Magistrate, Municipal Commissioner, Deputy Controller Neeraj Mishra ji, Chief Warden Anil Kumar ji, Wardens were honored for the work done by the Wardens and their promptness in supporting the administration. Divisional Warden Raunak Gupta, who came from the city in the felicitation ceremony, was honored. J. Deputy Divisional Warden of Division Chowk, Mani Mehra ji and Mohd Yakub ji, while extending hearty greetings to all the wardens, emphasized on the young friends to come forward to serve the society with enthusiasm and passion and fulfill their responsibility towards the society. And everyone was honored.

## Program organized by Rotary Platinum on World Rose Day

Prayagraj: A grand program was organized by Rotary Platinum on the occasion of World Rose Day at the Cancer Ward of Kamala Nehru Hospital, Prayagraj. Special thanks were given to the charter president of this program, Ritesh Singh ji, who successfully organized this event. During the program, Chairman Shashank Jain ji gave rose flowers to all the cancer victims present in the pres-



ence of Dr. B. Pal Thalliot ji and wished them a speedy recovery. Wish you good luck. He said, "The experience of giving two moments of happiness to the victims is unimaginable." In the program, Treasurer Vikalp Aggarwal, Joint Secretary Prayam Mittal, Charter President Ritesh Singh, and Media Incharge Manish Garg together distributed fruits to all the victims. Doctor Pal Introduced Rotary Platinum to the patients and their families and also honored the nurses and wardens with roses on the occasion of World Rose Day. This event was not only a joyous occasion for the cancer patients but it also served as a social platform for Rotary Platinum. It was also a symbol of responsibility and service spirit.

## Guests will see state's skills in UP International Trade Show

Lucknow: The growing skill potential and innovation of Uttar Pradesh is now ready to shine before the world. The upcoming UP International Trade Show-2.0 is being organized from 25 to 29 September 2024 at India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida. The main objective of this event is to establish Uttar Pradesh as a global sourcing hub, where the activities and achievements of key sectors of skills, employment and entrepreneurship will be showcased. This event will provide a new impetus to the economic and industrial development of Uttar Pradesh, which will provide a golden opportunity to the youth of the state to make their mark on the international platform. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Kapil Dev Aggarwal said that Uttar Pradesh Yogi government is making every possible effort to create new employment opportunities for the youth in the state.

Many special training programs are being run under the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, so that the youth of the state can become competitive at the international level. Skill Development Minister said that a special pavilion has been prepared in the UP International Trade Show to showcase the achievements of ITI and Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, units of the Department of Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, in which 09 specific skills were demonstrated live. Will go. Through this, visitors will get detailed information about the emerging skills and training programs of the state. He said that this event is not only a medium to bring the youth of Uttar Pradesh on the global stage, but is also a unique opportunity to present their skills to the world. Through this platform, we are continuously trying to encourage the talent of the state and connect it with global employment opportunities.

# Once a blood donor, always a lifesaver: Abhilasha Nandi

Prayagraj: Former Mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi ji participated as the chief guest in the blood donation camp organized by National Health Mission Uttar Pradesh and Tej Bahadur Sapru Hospital (BEL) at Jagat Taran Girls Degree College, Prayagraj and encouraged the girl students of the school. While addressing he said - Blood donation is one of the best forms of service to humanity. Blood donation by a healthy person can save many needy lives. Donating blood not only helps others, but it also has a positive impact on the health of the donor. Regular blood donation produces new blood cells in the body, which leads to better health. It is a simple and safe process that any healthy per-

son can easily engage in. We should spread awareness in the society so that more and more people can take part in this noble work and contribute in giving life to others... Abhilasha Gupta Nandi, Principal of the college, Prof. Ashima Ghosh ji, Treasurer Shri Shankar Chatterjee ji, Shri Amit Negi ji, Chairman Prof. Ashim Ghosh ji, Mrs. Poonam Ray ji, Dr. Ankita Chaturvedi ji, Prof. Neelima Mishra ji, Prof. Ratan Kumar Verma ji, Prof. Kayal Deb ji, Dr. Nirmala Gupta ji, Dr. Richa Kakkar ji, Mr. Hemant Shukla ji, Mr. Ajay Mishra ji and the school family were present.

Thereafter, on the occasion of the birthday of the illustrious Prime Minister of India, Honorable Narendra Modi, under the Swachhta

Pakhwada campaign (from 17th October to 2nd October), on the occasion of completion of 6 years of Ayushman Bharat Scheme at Shiv Park in Malakraj,

Uttar Pradesh Government, Honorable Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi Ji, gave information about the schemes of the Central and State Government. Met the ben-



Kidganj Mandal of BJP Prayagraj Metropolitan City. And in the free health check-up camp, the chief guest, in the dignified presence of Cabinet Minister,

eficiaries from the area and locality and inquired about their health. Abhilasha Gupta Nandi said, "Ayushman Bharat Yojana is a major health initiative

## Modi govt gave priority to Garib Kalyan Yojana: Mayor

Prayagraj: Under the ongoing Seva Pakhwada on the occasion of the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a free health camp was organized in all the 100 wards of Prayagraj metropolis under the leadership of Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani organized Kohrana, Nai Basti of Krishna Nagar Ward. Inaugurated the health camp in Ward Gadaiya, Alopi Bagh, Daraganj and said that service to the nation and society has been the core of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's life. He adopted the ideas of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay from organization to government. He stood firm on the Antyodaya principle and gave priority to the Garib

Kalyan Yojana for the welfare of the poor in his government and today the whole world is accepting



the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for human welfare. On this occasion BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said That the life of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi is inspiring towards the workers whose form of service is organization. District

tested which included BP, Sugar etc. , Thyroid, were examined free of cost and the patients who came to the camp were given free health medicines as per their disease. Apart from this, in other health camps, former Cabinet Minister Dr. Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, and all the councilors of the area, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Officers were present. On this occasion, councilors Kiran Jaiswal, Umesh Mishra, Sunita Chopra, Vivek Aggarwal, Pramod Modi, Girijesh Mishra, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Councilors Anupama Pandey, Neeraj Gupta, Akash Sonkar, Ashish Dwivedi, Divvijay Singh, Deepika Singh, etc. All the councilors of the ward were elected.

## Congress thinking of ending reservation: Azeem Arun

Prayagraj: Scheduled by BJP Ganga Par the conference of Morcha and Scheduled Tribe Morcha was organized at Aryan Guest House, Veerbanpur. On this occasion, the chief guest of the conference, Social Welfare SC ST Independent Charge Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Azeem Arun said that everyone gets equal benefit from the policies of Bharatiya Janata Party. Recently, in the Lok Sabha elections, the voters

workers are going door to door to get people to join BJP. Bharatiya Janata Party does the work of uniting and the opposition has been doing the work of breaking. As soon as the elections come, SP and Congress leaders make attractive statements that we will give Rs. 1000 per month to all the women. Why are they not giving where there is Congress government? The politics of division is being done by SP leaders.

scheduled society get the maximum benefit. On this occasion, Phulpur Assembly by-election in-charge minister Rakesh Sachan said that Bharatiya Janata Party's double Engine's government is running in Uttar Pradesh. People belonging to most of the scheduled communities are directly getting the benefits of public welfare schemes of both the governments like free ration, Samman Nidhi, Ayushman card,

under Vishwakarma Yojana, each person was given a reward of Rs 400 at the time of training, certificate after the training, and certificate of the related trade. Tool kit was given. The government is working to provide financial assistance along with grants to start one's employment. Phulpur Lok Sabha MP Praveen Patel said in his address that Social Welfare Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, STSC Independent Charge Respected Azeem Arun has left the job of GIS and joined politics. Arun ji was the SO of Sarai Inayat police station of Prayagraj in 1996. The scheduled communities of Phulpur Assembly have always voted in favor of the Bharatiya Janata Party. What the 70 years of governments could not do for the upliftment and development of the scheduled society, the 11 year old Modi government and 7.6 year old Yogi government did it. In the series of Samvadhan, outgoing MP Mrs. Keshari Devi Patel, former Legislative Council member Nirmala Paswan, District Vice President Vishnu Dev Gautam, District Minister Tulsi Ram Saroj, Soroan Block Chief Pradeep Pasi, Manoj Pasi, Rahul Chaudhary Babulal Bhanwara, Vibhav Nath Bharti, Anil Saroj etc. presented their views. On this occasion, District President Gangapur Mrs. Kavita Patel said in her address that Every policy of development of the scheduled society is clearly visible in the dreams of Yogi Modi, which is evidenced by the large number of people present today.



of Phulpur fell into the trap of the opposition and voted with a subdued heart. Whereas I want to know from the huge crowd present that today the crown prince of Congress, Rahul Gandhi, is going to America and saying that when the time comes, the Congress party can consider ending the reservation. Just consider that four months ago, she was shouting that BJP will end reservation and after four months, she is going abroad and asking for end of reservation. Bharatiya Janata Party

They say that we have only three castes, Scheduled, Backward and Minority. They are dreaming of coming to power by dividing the innocent people of the country into castes. Yogi ji is eliminating the criminals and has now started the campaign to clean the corrupt. Soon the officers will also talk to the public respectfully and provide appropriate solutions to their problems. All the public welfare schemes are being run with equality by Yogi Modi. And if all the schemes are examined carefully, then the people of the

Ujjwala gas, housing etc. Modi government made the Patel community proud by building a huge statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ji. Ambedkar Awas Yojana was abolished by the SP government itself. Has SP ever made any Scheduled Community MLC? Everyone becomes quiet on this. The Scheduled Community is willing to speak. But what did you do for the upliftment of the scheduled society? The same BJP makes plans in its policy keeping everyone in mind equally. Recently, 18 trades of the village were trained

## Srimad Bhagwat unique lamp that illuminates spiritual elements: Batuk Maharaj

Prayagraj: Srimad Bhagwat organized by Shri Prachin Dadhikando Mela Committee Krishna Nagar Triveni Marg Kidganj On the fourth day of the Katha, while presenting the Katha to the devotees present in the courtyard of the Knowledge Library, Kidganj, Pujya Batuk Ji Maharaj said that Shrimad Bhagwat is such a unique lamp that illuminates the spiritual elements, whose light eliminates the darkness of human life. And this is one reason why Shrimad Bhagwat is supreme among all the Puranas, that is why it



has been decorated with the tilak of the word Shrimad. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that in the story of the fourth day, Vyas ji has thrown light on the story of Ajmilo Pakhyan, Prahlad character and Samudra Manthan. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Manish Kesarwani, Ajay Jaiswal, Lallan Jaiswal Amresh Jaiswal, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Aggarwal Pramod Modi Girijesh Mishra Raju Pathak etc. hundreds of women listened to the story.

## Shastri Bridge: A potential hazard during upcoming festivals

Varanasi: The upcoming festivals, starting with Raksha Bandhan, are a time for celebration and joy. People will gather with their loved ones and the markets will be bustling. However, this also means increased traffic and congestion, especially on the Shastri Bridge, which is already in a dilapidated state. Recently, the footpath of the bridge broke, halting movement for repairs. Although it has reopened, the administration has failed to restrict heavy and overloaded vehicles from using it. The bridge, over 50 years old and constructed in segments, has always had its structural integrity questioned. It serves as a crucial route for the residents of Mirzapur and nearby districts. The heavy vehicles have caused numerous potholes, which fill with water during the rains, making it difficult for people to navigate and leading to accidents. To prevent the upcoming festivals from turning into a disaster, the administration needs to act. Even on regular days, the bridge experiences significant traffic jams, causing people to be stuck for hours. During the festive season, the congestion will only worsen, putting more pressure on the bridge. Heavy and overloaded vehicles must be di-

verted to ensure the bridge continues to serve the public safely. Installing high barriers to redirect heavy vehicles is essential. Otherwise, any accident on this bridge could have severe consequences, leaving the administration with no option but to cover up the incident. The residents of Mirzapur and surrounding areas are well aware of the bridge's poor condition. It poses a significant risk of a major accident, yet the administration seems indifferent. In a recent meeting, officials reviewed the movement of heavy vehicles on the Shastri Bridge and decided to allow them, ignoring public sentiment. Heavy vehicle traffic has resumed on the bridge, despite a recent incident where a truck broke the footpath and narrowly avoided falling into the river. People commute daily in fear, dealing with traffic jams and the bridge's deteriorating condition. Instead of restricting heavy vehicles, the administration has permitted 6, 10, 12, and 14-wheeler trucks to use the bridge. By diverting the routes of heavy vehicles, the administration can ensure a pleasant festive season for the public. The safety of the common people should be the top priority.



### DISHA Student Organization organizes 7-day 'Sankalp Abhiyan' On 117th birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh

Prayagraj: To commemorate the 117th birth anniversary of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Disha Student Organization organizes a seven-day 'Samriti Sankalp' across the city from 23rd September to 29th September. Under this campaign, many programs like book exhibition, poster exhibition, street play, film show, discussion, and cycle procession will be organized. On the first day of the campaign, Prabhat Pheri was organized today, which started



from Prayag Railway Station via Ellenganj, Hashimpur Road and ended at Baghada Police Station. During this time, revolutionary songs were sung and pamphlets were distributed, in which attempts were made to convey the ideas of Bhagat Singh to the masses. Pamphlets were also distributed on a large scale under the class-wise campaign in Allahabad University. On this occasion, Chandraprakash, a member of Disha student organization, said, "Our aim is to take the dreams and thoughts of Bhagat Singh to every home. He is often seen as a brave young man who talked about bombs and pistols, but his revolutionary ideas. And there is less discussion of his social and political philosophy." Many students including Sanjay, Harsh, Mahesh, Priyanshu, Premchand, Chandraprakash, and Akash participated in Prabhat Pheri.

### Dinesh Singh became Chairman of Civil Defense

Prayagraj: Jewelers Association District President Dinesh Singh has been made the Chairman of Mohalla Defense Security Committee in Civil Defense Division Chowk. Chief Warden of Civil Defense Anil Kumar, Deputy



Controller Neeraj Mishra, Additional Deputy Controller Rakesh Kumar Tiwari, Divisional Warden Raunak Gupta, Mohan Ji Tandon etc. congratulated Dinesh Singh on being made the Chairman.

### Rotary Club of Alld Academia organized free health training camp

Prayagraj: A free health training camp was organized in Daryabad, Prayagraj under the joint aegis of Rotary Club of Allahabad Academia and Al-Shifa Medical Center. This camp ran from 10 am to 1 pm on Sunday for the local residents, in which expert doctors conducted free sugar, uric acid, and liver (LFT) tests. The aim of this camp was to increase health awareness and early detection of diseases. Had to identify. A large number of local residents participated in the camp and received health related counseling from experts. The doctors not only conducted the tests but also informed the people about the importance of healthy lifestyle and regular health checkups.



led the event. Other office bearers and members of the club, such as Shams Tabrez, Meena Khan, Alina Khan, Dr. Rashid, Farid Ahmed, Rizwani Khan, Syed Ashraf, and Tariq Salman also actively participated in the event. Club President Aftab Ahmed said that the objective of such camps is to bring health awareness in the society and provide health services to people with fewer resources. He said that such events will be organized in future also so that every section of the society can get the benefit of health facilities. Local residents participating in the camp appreciated this initiative and said that the information received from the experts has helped them in taking better care of their health and have become more aware towards their health.

# On PM's b'day, work being done to serve public & nation: Nandi

Prayagraj: As part of the Seva Pakhwada being celebrated on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, a health check-up camp was organized at Shiv Park Malakraj Kydganj on Monday. It was inaugurated by Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government by cutting the ribbon. A large number of people got their health checked in the health testing camp, who were also given free medicines. Minister Nandi said that this step towards a healthy society shows our government's commitment towards public service. Health checkup of more than 400 people was done in the camp.

Minister Nandi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working day and night for the betterment

of 140 crore countrymen and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is working day and night for the betterment of 25 crore people of the state. When Mayawati's birthday was celebrated, garlands of notes were garlanded. MLAs, MPs and ministers were given the target of money. On the birthday of Mulayam Singh Yadav, there was dancing and singing in Saifai. Crores of rupees were spent on dancing and singing. Artists used to come from the film industry and abroad. Public tax money and hard-earned money were spent on cleaning. But on the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under Seva Pakhwada, work of service to the public, ser-

vice to society, service to nature and service to the nation is being done. For

ruled by goons, mafias and miscreants. The goons and mafia used to capture the

health camp was under the leadership of CMO Prayagraj Dr. Ashu Pandey,



Urban Nodal Officer NHM Dr. Ravendra Singh, Deputy DHIO Arvind Gupta, Dr. Hiranandan Eye Doctor, Dr. Sameer Srivastava Dentist, Dr. Rakesh Singh Physician, Dr. Preeti Gupta Ayushman Bharat Scheme Incharge and Gynecology. The team of Dr. Amit Yadav, Medical Officer, Pharmacist Prakash Singh Patel tested the health of more than 400 people. Many people were also given free medicines.

On this occasion, former Mayor of Prayagraj, Mrs. Abhilasha Gupta Nandi, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Metro-

politan Vice President Anil Kesarwani Jhallar, Divisional President Raghavendra Mishra, Divisional General Secretary Rahul Bhardwaj, Divisional General Secretary Abha Dwivedi, Muthiganj Divisional President Kishori Lal Jaiswal, General Secretary Parmanand Verma, Meerapur Divisional President Ranvijay Singh, Chowk Divisional President Sumit Vaish, General Secretary Shivmohan Gupta, Naini Divisional President Dilip Kesarwani, Rekha Yadav, Divisional Vice President Pramod Kumar Pandey, Meenu Pandey, Sunny Sonkar, Divisional Minister Sandeep Srivastava, Kabir Jaiswal, Sector Coordinator Ashish Gautam, Pawan Dubey, Deep Dwivedi, Madhumita Nath, Satish Chandra Rao, Anand Jaiswal, Pranvijay Singh etc. were present.

### Training prog on food grain production for farmers of Bihar held

Prayagraj: Directorate of Extension, SHUATS, Prayagraj District Bhagalpur, Bihar State's five-day farmer training program for selected 48 farm-

eral elements. Chief Guest Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey, while presenting the grain as a sustainable option for food security, said that the ge-



ers under the Aatma Scheme concluded at the Extension Directorate on Monday. Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan said that grain crops can be produced with less irrigation and without the use of fertilizers. These crops are good sources of energy, protein, vitamins and min-

graphical conditions of India are of different types where But there is a lot of variation in temperature, rainfall, soil type, crops etc. For good health and better lifestyle, people should include food items made from Ragi, Sow, China, Konda and Kutki in their daily diet. Joint Director Extension Dr.

AK Chaurasia provided technical information on seed production of food grain crops. Scientist Dr. Shishir Kumar mentioned the scientific production methods of Kutki, Sawna, Kondo, China, Ragi. Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh, Deputy Project Director of Atma, Bhagalpur, expressed his gratitude to the Director of Extension and all the scientists of the university. Training coordinator Dr. Manish Kumar Kesarwani provided technical information about processed products. Chief guest Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey and Director Extension distributed certificates and training literature to the participating farmers. Scientists like Dr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Dr. Sarvendra Kumar, Dr. Madan Sen Singh, Mrs. Meena Nathan etc. were present on this occasion.

### Workshop on How to be Happy organized at MPVM Ganga Gurukulam

Prayagraj: A HOW TO BE HAPPY Workshop was organized at MPVM GANGAGURUKULAM on Monday for the students of senior secondary section by Swami Abhedanandji, Chinmaya Mission, South Africa. The workshop was attended by Hony. Sec Dr. Krishna Gupta, Treasurer Ravindra Gupta and Principal of Patanjali Rishikul Mr. Nityanand Singh and members of Chinmaya Mission. The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of lamp in the accompaniment of Saraswati Vandana. Puja Swami ji addressed the gathering of teachers and students to enlighten the audience on the importance of mental well-being of the youths who are the future of our nation.

The event aimed to empower students with practical tools and insights to cultivate happiness and well-being in their daily lives. Puja Swamiji defined happiness as a state of mind, emphasizing its importance in achieving overall well-being. Swamiji trained the students how to handle the challenges of life maintaining an unflinching flame of positivity throughout and focused on the importance of peace and sharing happiness to fellow human beings. He inspired the students to learn the value of respect and own their responsibility to

parents and community they live in.

Puja Swami ji stressed on the significance of positivity and happiness, encouraging students to reflect it in all their doings. Students explored their values, strengths, and weaknesses, promoting self-acceptance and self-love. The importance of treating others with kindness and understanding was emphasized, fostering a sense of togetherness. After that Swami ji had an interactive session with the students who



shared their personal experiences, thoughts, and feelings, promoting open communication and empathy. After the workshop the students and the teachers felt very calm and charged with spiritual energy. The "How to be Happy" workshop was a resounding success as the principal of the school Mrs. Madhuri Shrivastava had envisioned it. The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Bandana Gupta.

## Self-written poetry recitation competition organized at RTMM

Prayagraj: Under the "Official Language Hindi Fortnight" organized from 13 to 27 September 2024 at Rajarshi Tandon Women's College, constituent Allahabad University, Prayagraj, a self-written poetry recitation competition was organized today on 23 September 2024, the theme

of which was the rainy season. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh (Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Allahabad University) graced the function as the chief guest. At the beginning of his lecture, Dr. Singh said that "It is good fortune to be a human being and good fortune to be a poet". Dr. Singh thanked Acharya Ramchandra Throwing light on Shukla ji's feelings towards poetry and presenting his views, he said that poetry is not ordinary but rather frees the heart from narrow mentality. Dr. Singh said that poetry is a manifestation of the poignant aspects of the world. Describing poetry as the verbal form of the soul, Dr. Singh emphasized on the disclosure of the subject matter of the poetry text and presentation of feelings. Dr



inspired all the participants to read poems of different poets for depth, seriousness and edge of poetry. At the end he appreciated all the participants and ended his lecture with a very beautiful song "Sun Yashoda Main Dungi Duhai Tere Kanha Ne Dhoom Machai". In self-written poetry recitation competition, Trupti Mishra MA 3rd semester Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Mahavidyalaya stood first, Astitva Chitranshi, BA 3rd year Allahabad University 2nd, Shivam Mishra MA 3rd year, Ishwar Sharan Degree College 3rd and Vaishnavi Pandey, BA 3rd year Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Mahavidyalaya, consolation. Received the award. The guest was welcomed and the vote of thanks was given by Principal Professor Ranjana Tripathi. The program was coordinated and conducted by Professor Neelima Singh. On this occasion, a large number of students including Professor Namita Yadav, Dr. Renu Anand, Dr. Shaminaz, Dr. Anamika Tiwari, Dr. Anil and Dr. Ashwani Kumar were present.

### Rally taken out under Swachhta Hi Seva, awareness spread among people

Prayagraj: On the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign being run across the country from 14th September to 02nd October, North Central Region Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Municipal Corporation, Under the joint aegis of Prayagraj, a rally was taken out on Monday under Swachhta Pakhwada, which passed through the



center premises via Baba Square and ended at the center main gate. In which the message was given to the people to make the country clean and beautiful by embedding cleanliness in their behavior along with values and nature. The workers participating in the rally raised slogans against cleanliness and made people aware about cleanliness. During this, the oath of cleanliness was also administered. Under the cleanliness fortnight being celebrated by the Centre, the message about cleanliness is being given through folk songs at selected places of Prayagraj.

## Hindi Language Institute honored children in workshop

Prayagraj: On the completion of 100 years of Kakori train accident, Hindi Language Institute honored the children in the workshop. Courtesy of Mahasagar Shiksha Samiti. On the occasion of completion of 100 years of Kakori train accident, on the completion of 100 years of Kakori train accident, in collaboration with Language Institute, Language Department of Uttar Pradesh Government. In the seminar, the speakers expressed their views on the prevalence and expansion of the Hindi language, while the children were introduced to the Kakori train accident, they were asked questions related to the Hindi language and they were also given awards, while during the Corona period, there was no discrimination between Hindus and Muslims. Shafqat Abbas Pasha, who took the lead at every step without any hesitation in burying the dead bodies by dressing them in



Speakers included Abhishek Malviya, Akshat Malviya, Arpit Mishra, Pranjal Malviya, Pandit Yash Malviya, social worker Wazir Khan. Iftakhar Alam Khan, organizer of the seminar and children's workshop, expressed his gratitude.

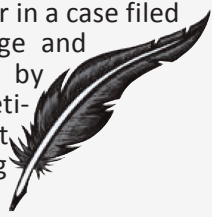
Ghul and shroud, was honored with a special honor from the Ocean Education Committee and social worker Aftab Baba Kaushambi, Neyazul Hasan graphics artist, social worker Syed Mohammad. Askari was also honored with a special honor by the Ocean Education Committee. Chief guest Acharya Pandit Shivendra Saraswat Shibu ji gave a lecture on the expansion and comprehensiveness of Hindi language. It was conducted by senior advocate MA Ansari. Special guest Professor Usha Mishra, Special guest Harish Chandra Malviya gave a special lecture on the upgradation and expansion of Hindi language.



## Editorial

### Why Celebrities Are Seeking Legal Protection For Their Personality Rights

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. In 1995, the Supreme Court recognised a person's right to control the commercial use of one's identity in the R Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu case, commonly known as the Auto Shankar case. In 2015, the Madras High Court intervened to protect actor Rajinikanth's personality rights, halting the release of the movie Main Hoon Rajinikanth. The filmmakers had utilised the actor's name and style without his express permission, with the title itself serving as a clear indication of its connection to Rajinikanth. In yet another case involving actor Amitabh Bachchan, the Delhi High Court in November 2022 restrained the use of the actor's name, image, voice, or any of his characteristics without his consent. It is crucial to note that in intellectual property right cases, it's often impractical to name all infringing parties, leading affected parties to seek blanket injunctions or ban orders, known as 'John Doe' orders. Originating from the UK, John Doe orders are passed by a court against unknown defendants and the world at large. In September 2023, the Delhi High Court ruled in favour of actor Anil Kapoor in a case filed by him to protect his image and personality from misuse by third parties. Kapoor had petitioned the court, stating that several parties were using aspects of his personality, including popular terms from his dialogues.



During his visit to Kyiv, PM Modi extended India's support to the war-struck nation in a meeting with Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy. But how did the media react to his trip? Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Friday. AP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made history with his groundbreaking visit to Ukraine, becoming the first Indian PM to set foot in the country since diplomatic ties were established in 1992. During his visit to Kyiv, Modi met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, shared a warm embrace and held a moment of silence at a memorial dedicated to children who lost their lives in the ongoing Russian invasion. PM Modi also extended India's support, offering to help bring peace to the war-struck nation and positioning himself as a "friend" to Ukraine, igniting hope among many who see India as a potential mediator in the conflict between the two nations. This visit, which came just months after Modi's trip to Moscow, has attracted considerable global media attention, with many reflecting on its potential implications for the conflict and India's foreign policy. From being labelled as a 'balancing act' to being called a 'symbolic gesture', here's how international media reported on PM Modi's visit to



Ukraine. The agency reported that PM Modi's Ukraine visit comes at a "volatile juncture" in the war launched by Russia in February 2022, where Moscow is making slow gains in eastern Ukraine as Kyiv presses a cross-border incursion. It also reported the Ukraine visit had optics that "closely resembled" Modi's visit to Moscow last month where he called for peace and embraced Russian President Vladimir Putin. Reuters said Modi's Ukraine visit had optics that "closely resembled" Modi's visit to Moscow last month where he called for peace and embraced Russian President Vladimir Putin. Image courtesy: PTI, AP

It further said that this stance had angered Ukraine, especially after a Russian missile attack struck a children's hospital in Ukraine on the same day Modi met with Putin. Previously, Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser in Zelenskyy's office, had told

Reuters that Modi's Ukraine visit was significant because New Delhi "really has a certain influence" over Moscow and it was "extremely important" to build relations with such countries to "explain...what the correct end to the war is and that it is also in their interests." The New York Times

The outlet said, "Modi has carefully calibrated his country's relations with the two warring nations." It quoted Harsh V. Pant, a professor of international relations at King's College London as saying that Modi's Kyiv visit was "about positioning India as a voice of the global south" on the war in Ukraine. Pant further told the NYT that Modi's trip created a chance "to talk about, in some ways, the impact this conflict has had" on poorer nations. The American news agency said the visit to Ukraine could be an "attempt by Modi to strike a more neutral stance after what has been seen as

his lean toward Russia". A Ukrainian analyst told AP that the outcome of Modi's first visit is likely to be modest, as this is just "the beginning of a complex dialogue between India, Ukraine, and Europe." "Establishing relations with India will be challenging and a long process," said Yuriy Bohdanov on his Telegram channel. But stressed the importance of this relationship for Ukraine. Bohdanov also noted that if India supports Ukraine's peace efforts, it could strengthen Kyiv's influence in the "Global South," where India competes with China for influence. He added that this support could "increase pressure on Russia." Modi's visit to Ukraine is more about signalling the world that "while India will continue to have strong relations with Russia, it will still work closely with the West," the British media outlet wrote in a report titled, 'Diplomatic tightrope for Modi as he visits Kyiv after Moscow'. It also quoted Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Centre think-tank in Washington, who said the trip will further reassert India's strategic autonomy. Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Centre think-tank in Washington, who said the trip will further reassert India's strategic autonomy. File image/Reuters

"India isn't in the business of

placating Western powers, or anyone for that matter. It's a trip meant to advance Indian interests, by reasserting friendship with Kyiv and conveying its concerns about the continuing war," he said. During the visit, PM Modi emphasised India's longstanding commitment to peace, drawing on the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, whose statue he visited in Kyiv. However, the outlet pointed out that "behind the language, the fact remains that India has never condemned Russia's full-scale invasion" and has, in fact, "been helping to power Moscow's war economy" by buying Russian oil, even as Western sanctions have intensified. The Chinese media outlet was rather critical of PM Modi's Ukraine visit labelling it as a "symbolic gesture...unlikely to significantly advance peace talks". The report titled 'Modi's Kyiv visit 'a symbolic gesture' for peace talk' said that the visit is framed as "an effort to balance its relations between the US and Russia", particularly in light of the criticism India faced for Modi's recent visit to Russia. Contrary to global reports, Cui Heng, a research fellow at the Center for Russian Studies at East China Normal University, told the outlet that India's limited collective support and the scarce resources it can allocate to global issues.

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

By cancelling all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued by the West Bengal government after 2010, the Calcutta High Court has struck at the darkest instincts of appeasement of not just the Mamata Banerjee government but of Indian polity in general. Remember, the Left was still in power in 2010 in Bengal, when the legislation was created. Nakedly soliciting Muslim votes by misusing the OBC quota is not unique to West Bengal. Karnataka and many other states have been brazenly doing it. Taking advantage of the ambiguity in the Constitution in defining 'Backward Classes' and bending the guarantee under Article 15.1 that the State

shall not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, caste, or gender, Muslims were brought under the OBC quota after the PV Narasimha Rao government. The Sachar Committee report was used as groundwork for the abomination. The Rao government was in overcompensation mode since the fall of the Babri masjid, bringing in a slew of constitutional blunders like the Places of Worship Act, the suicidal new Waqf Act, and the OBC lollipop for Muslims. All this not only robbed the share of the genuinely backward, but also brazenly incentivised conversions to Islam and demographic change, placing Bharat's destiny on a doomed path. Why should Muslims, the 200-million strong sec-

ond largest religious group in India with a global Ummah of nearly two billion, eat into the share of OBCs? That is precisely what the Calcutta High Court ruling questions by cancelling all OBC certificates issued during the tenure of the Trinamool Congress administration led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee since 2011. The Bench struck down many parts of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012. But the most remarkable part of the judgment by the division bench of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Rajasekhar Mantha was the blurring.

### Punjab to Andhra to Telangana—state govts' spending on freebies harming India's growth story

The heat of the 2024 Lok Sabha election is at its peak. Every vote is important, and, therefore, political parties are trying to woo every section of society. Earlier, political parties used to make announcements about their proposed policies in their election manifestos. But for the last one and a half to two decades, they have started making announcements for free schemes to woo voters. It's beyond doubt that providing free electricity, water, or travel to everyone could ruin government budgets and increase debt too. Today, there is an ongoing competition between political parties about freebies, and in an effort to woo voters and gain power by hook or by crook, many Indian states are already getting burdened with debt. As a result, on the one hand, they are failing to fulfil their promises completely, and on the other, the development work and essential government activities in those states are getting affected. During the 2022 assembly election in Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) made many promises, including free electricity. After the formation of the AAP government, some of these were implemented, but today, the situation is such that the debt burden on the government is continuously increasing and the state

is trying to take more loans. The central government is also being accused of not giving money to the state, whereas the reality is that the state government is irresponsibly spending on freebies to garner votes. The situation is the same in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand. Meanwhile, the central government is not in favour of states taking more loans because it is against the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003. The states in debt due to expenditure on freebie schemes are unable to spend on the necessary responsibilities. Industries in Punjab are incurring high electricity bills because the AAP government is giving free electricity to nearly 60 lakh people. Infrastructure development in the state is getting badly affected too. Punjab, once the state with the highest per capita income in the country, has slipped to the 19th position. Other debt-ridden states are suffering a similar fate. In its 2024 election manifesto, Congress has announced Rs 1 lakh as an unconditional cash transfer to the poor every year as part of its Mahalaxmi Scheme. If the party comes to power, the implementation of such a scheme can be frightening. It's

notable that as of 31 March 2023, the total debt on the governments (central and state) in India (including the guarantees given by them) was Rs 231.7 lakh crores, which was 85.1 per cent of GDP at current prices. Out of this, the total debt of the central government is equal to 57.1 per cent of the GDP and the rest is of the state governments (nearly 28 per cent of GDP). According to the FRBM Act, the target debt-GSDP (gross state domestic product) ratio, in any state, should not exceed 20 per cent. But as per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in many of the states of the country, this ratio is much more than the targeted one. It reached 48.98 per cent in Punjab, 42.37 per cent in Rajasthan, 37.39 per cent in West Bengal, 36.73 per cent in Bihar, 35.30 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 31.53 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 27.80 per cent in Telangana, 27.27 per cent in Tamil Nadu, and 26.47 per cent in Chhattisgarh in 2020-21. If the debt on state government enterprises and the guarantees given by the state governments are also added, then by 2020-21, the debt to GSDP ratio in Rajasthan would be 54.94 per cent and in Punjab, it would be 58.21 per cent. In Andhra Pradesh also it has been estimated.

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

The metaphor Writings On TheWall came from 30 years of travel, especially in poll-bound India. This installment comes from Kashmir. It's my first time witnessing an election in such a sensitive, important, and fascinating location. What is Writings On The Wall? It involves literally gazing at the walls to see what's changing, what's not, and what people want and don't want. The walls reveal what people are buying (branded underwear, Nitish's Bihar, 2010) or if they're too broke to buy anything (Lalu's Bihar, 2005). That shows an

economy's state and change. For improvement in Kashmir. Read all the previous reports in this series here. Three things stand out in the Kashmir Valley, where Srinagar and Baramulla have already voted and Anantnag-Rajouri votes on Saturday. Say three de-hyphenations stand out, but only one can be read from the walls. The other two require entry. Three de-hyphenations: First, a large portion of Kashmiri youth have distanced themselves from radicalism, separatism, resentment, and grievance. Don't think it's over. It waits until young people

trust you enough to talk. Education, competitiveness, jobs, and careers are priorities. Pakistan's de-hyphenation is noteworthy. Political instability, Imran Khan's detention despite his popularity, and economic collapse are hot topics. It also stems from Pakistan's tragic decline and India's ascent. Third, security agencies' tactical and ground-level achievements in de-hyphenating weapons and people. Everyone knows there are lots of weapons in the Valley and many trained and motivated users. For now, that cord is cut, or de-hyphenated. The like-

ly users can't get the weapons and vice versa. Coaching academy hoardings and posters are common in most of India, except in the north, especially Punjab, where immigration/visas/IELTS dominate. I don't think they're as prominent anywhere as in Kashmir. Allen Career Institute, Chanakya IAS Academy, Elite IAS, Emerge Institute of Coaching, The Commercians, Vedantu, Nucleus Institute Of Excellence—hundreds of brands line walls, trees, unipoles, and anywhere else you can hang something.



## Network for the People of Construction (NPC) organised its first meet - CONEXN



### Chandigarh

**CLUB NPC TRICITY** ( Network for the people of construction ) organised its first CONEXN meet at Mohali. More than eighty new members inducted in this new organisation from different segments of construction industry, Newly formed organisation of tri city has now more than hundred members. NPC TRICITY will be inducting its new members from ten categories Architects, Interior Designers, Engineers, Builders, Contractors, consultants, visualisers, Artists, supplier & manufacturers. CLUB NPC TRICITY CAPTAIN IN CHIEF, Er. RAVIJEET SINGH & Dr PRABHJOT KAUR ( Vice Captain) told that this platform will be used as knowledge sharing as well as networking platform & will help this sector to convert from unorganised to organ-

ised structure. Also this club will help in gathering all fragmented parts of construction sector under one roof. Club NPC TRICITY will be organising group discussions, debates, workshops with various universities and will help in guiding the younger minds in future. Club NPC TRICITY will train its members with latest technologies, skill ful techniques and in future it will be very easy for new clients to select its team from this CLUB NPC TRI CITY. CLUB NPC TRICITY also adopted one village for tree plantation and took a pledge to save wild life on World Environment Day. Mr Sudeep Toki ( Captain ) Mr Pankaj Ahuja ( Captain) Mrs. Aashima Vashisht ( Captain) Mr. Kartik Kapoor ( Captain) was the main organisers of the event.

## Trademark dispute over tiffin box reaches Delhi HC: Cello CEO summoned

**New Delhi:** Shree Vallabh Metals in October 2023 had secured an injunction from Delhi HC against use of MAX FRESH trademark by Cello Plastic Industrial Works. A dispute over a trademark related to tiffin boxes has reached the Delhi High Court. Two leading manufacturers of tiffin boxes and other utensils, Shree Vallabh Metals and Cello Plastic Industrial Works, have locked horns over the 'MAX FRESH' trademark.

Hearing the plea of Shree Vallabh Metals, recently, the Delhi HC has summoned the COO of Cello Household Private Limited to be present before the court on the next date of hearing. "It is directed that Mukesh Kothari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cello Household Private Limited, shall be present before the court on the next date of hearing,"

Justice Sanjeev Narula ordered. Justice Narula directed Cello Plastic Industrial Works to file an affidavit, giving full disclosure of the goods manufactured from 21 October, 2023 till the

date of hearing, along with GST returns thereof. The HC order came while hearing the petition filed by Shree Vallabh Metals over selling of products under "CELLO MAXFRESH" brand by Cello Plastic Industrial Works infringing the registered trademark. Cello Plastic Industrial Works was asked to submit the details of the current stock of "CELLO MAXFRESH" products available with the company in an affidavit. Shree Vallabh Metals, a leading manufacturer of home utensils adopted a trademark 'MAX FRESH' in 2010 and obtained registration for the same from the office of the Registrar of Trademarks. Vallabh Metals, a leading Mumbai-based manufacturer and exporter, has been selling its tiffin boxes and other home utensils under the trademark MAX FRESH. The company also exports its household utensils, including tiffin boxes, to countries like the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The company's exports under MAX FRESH trademark stands

at more than Rs 50 crore. The grievance of the Vallabh Metal was that the Cello Group, who claims a right over the word CELLO for utensils and other products, also adopted the trademark MAX FRESH for its range of products in 2015. Cello Group also filed an application for the trademark MAX FRESH but did not acquire registration. Vallabh Metals moved the Delhi High Court against the trademark infringement. In October 2023, the HC granted an injunction against CELLO on further manufacturing of products under trademark MAX FRESH with immediate effect. The HC had granted time till 31.03.2024 to the Cello Group to exhaust the existing stock. In the month of April-May, 2024, Vallabh Metals purchased tiffin boxes from e-commerce platform and found that the products were manufactured in November 2023 and March 2024. Vallabh Metals had filed a contempt application before the Delhi HC for violation of the October 2023 order.

## CAPSULES

### Legal Procedure to Report Online Cheating and Fraud: Amit Manchanda

**Delhi:** With the rise of technology and internet use, cybercrime has become one of the most common crimes. WFH culture has caused a tremendous increase in these situations in our country. Therefore, this article discusses the laws and procedures for reporting this offense. The Ministry of Home Affairs/National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal defined cyber crime as "Any unlawful act where a computer or a communication device or a computer network is utilised to commit or facilitate the commission of crime". Different cyber crimes exist today. When investigating internet cheating and fraud, many offenders use viruses, trojans, and worms. Online auctions and job offers let crooks commit financial and money laundering crimes. Phishing involves stealing credit card and password information from victims via fake websites. The 2000 Information Technology (IT) Act, revised in 2008, governs most cyber crimes. The Indian Penal Code, 1860, also addresses the crime, which can be confusing. Hacking and data theft are covered by Sections 43 and 66 of the Information Technology Act and Sections 378 (Theft), 424 (Dishonest and fraudulent concealment), and 425 (Mischief) of the Indian Penal Code. Identity theft protection and online cheating are covered by Sections 66C and 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2008. The court also upheld interception under Section 69A and Section 79, which govern intermediary liability. This ruling reiterated that any law, virtual or real, must comply with the Indian Constitution. The 2002 Anti Money Laundering Act also addresses cybercrime in several Indian sectors. This Act aimed to seize money-laundering-related property. Since the Information Technology Act, banks must keep electronic records properly. Bank e-Records Maintenance Policies are a model.

## IIT-Mandi will provide a 5-year integrated MBA in AI

**Delhi:** IIT-Mandi is the first IIT to offer a five-year Integrated MBA (IMBA) program starting in 2024-25. This curriculum grants a BBA after three years, a BBA honours after four years, and an MBA after five years. The IMBA program will focus on BBA Analytics (honours) and MBA Data Science and AI. Through a carefully crafted curriculum, the School of Management at IIT-Mandi aims to teach students management, analytics, data science, mathematics, and statistics. The IMBA program covers humanities, communication, and Indian knowledge system subjects. Future company leaders should appreciate tech-



nology and be cross-functional managers. Management, analytics, mathematics, statistics, communication, and personality development courses in the first years promote students' critical thinking and creativity. Later years include specialized courses to teach technology application in

management. IIT-Mandi director Professor Laxmidhar Behera said: "Data science and AI techniques are being used by businesses to acquire a competitive edge."

The demand for business executives who understand and apply new technologies in the company has increased." The

2022 MBA in Data Science and AI met this industry need.

This five-year IMBA program advances to IIT-Mandi this year. The IMBA program allows students to earn a master's degree in management after 10+2 at a prestigious university.

Students earn two degrees: BBA Analytics (Honours) and MBA in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence after five years.

According to the New Education Policy, the program offers two departure options: a BBA Analytics degree after three years and a BBA Analytics (Honours) degree after four years.

## Applications Open For CBSE Supplementary Exams 2024

**Delhi:** The CBSE is accepting online applications for class 10 and 12 supplementary and improvement exams. LOC filing for additional exams for both courses for 2023-24 commenced. Exam LOCs can be submitted until Rs 300. From June 6-17, 2024, the LOC can be submitted late for Rs 2,000. LOCs must be submitted via CBSE's Pariksha Sangam <https://cbse.gov.in>. Only students who

submit their names to the official announcement, schools must submit LOC for all students. Schools must submit their affiliation number and password to connect into the system to submit LOC. Students who took the 2023-24 Board test and received a Compartment can register on the official website. Passed candidates who want to improve in two class 10 and one class 12 courses can contact their schools. According

## ICICI Prudential Life Insurance today announced a lifetime discount of 15% exclusively

**KARNAL/HISAR:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance today announced a lifetime discount of 15% exclusively for women on all the premiums to be paid, for its best-selling term insurance product, iProtect Smart. Additionally, salaried women will be eligible for an extra 15% discount on the first year's premium, empowering them to provide financial security to themselves and their loved ones. iProtect Smart combined with the critical illness benefit, provides cover against 34 critical illnesses including ailments such as breast, ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers. This combination offers benefits of both health and life insur-

ance. Importantly, the critical illness cover amount is paid out on diagnosis, providing the requisite financial resources for seeking immediate medical treatment, without disrupting the family's savings. As per The Lancet estimates, the incidence of cancer diagnosed in the under 50 years adult age group had a higher ratio of women. A single hospitalisation can cost upwards of Rs. 1 lakh in an urban private hospital, hence, it is essential for women to plan availability of financial resources to treat such critical ailments. Commenting on this announcement, Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life

Insurance said, "We recognise the sacrifices women make as caregivers and guardians to ensure the well-being of their families. To celebrate the indomitable spirit of women we are proud to offer a lifetime discount of 15% on all premiums to be paid for our most popular term insurance product, iProtect Smart. Working women are equal contributors to household finances, they play crucial roles of being 'protectors' and 'providers.' As part of our commitment to empower them to be financially secure we are offering an additional discount of 15% to salaried women on the first year's premium."

## Pul Prahladpur railway underpass eliminated from water logging areas

**Delhi:** PWD officials claimed the railway underpass at Pul Prahladpur in south-east Delhi, which was famed for flooding every monsoon until a year ago, had been removed from the waterlogging hotspot list. Over time, the wet underpass became notorious for drownings. Every monsoon, it would be closed to traffic, causing delays. A senior PWD official said waterlogging has afflicted the site for 20-25 years, but it worsened in the last 10-15 years. He blamed the worsening condition on a Delhi Jal Board sewage pumping plant in Khanpur. Drain sewage over-

flowed onto high-ways during monsoons, causing waterlogging. "The old pump house was a few meters from the main road, and by the time the water reached it through the pipes, it would have spiraled out of control," he said. The official said a 7.5-lakh-litre sump and a pipeline were built to empty storm water into a neighboring Municipal Corporation of Delhi drain.

To drain the water and clean the underpass, a permanent pump building with six 100-horsepower motors was built. Future growth is possible, and two additional pumps can be added, the

spokesman said. He said the agency has two pumps attached to a two-foot, 600-mm-diameter conduit to flush water into an open drain. Other problems included plastic and other solid trash clogging pipes in the sewage. The official added these positive displacement pumps have automated screens that filter water waste. "Sumps also fill with silt, but the pumps circulate a water through a jetting system so that silt does not accumulate," he said. These pumps now operate without manual intervention from the department.

## The deadline for HEIs to submit applications to be recognized as providers of ODL/OL programs is extended by UGC

**Delhi:** For the academic year 2024-25, with the academic session starting in September 2024 (revised from July-August 2024) and beyond, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has extended the deadline for submission of applications from eligible higher education institutions (HEIs) seeking recognition to offer programs under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode. HEs have made many requests to UGC to extend the deadline for HEs to submit applications for recognition of programs offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode for the 2024-2025 academic year. The UGC has chosen to extend from May 31 to June 15, 2024, the deadline for eligible HEIs to submit their applications for the academic session starting in September 2024. Applications can be submitted using the online portal through June 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted through <https://deb.ugc.ac.in>. By June 30, 2024, the original affidavit and annexure, as well as a duly certified hard copy of the application, should be addressed to the Deputy Secretary, Distance Education Bureau at UGC, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001. In addition, HEIs are asked to check the UGC-DEB website for announcements. and updates at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in>.



# NCR housing rates up 49% in 5 years, unsold inventory down 50%

Delhi: Anarock, real estate consultants, report a 49% increase in average home prices in the NCR over the past five years. This sharp increase is due to rising building costs and robust sales, according to the research. "The five-yearly jump in average residential prices between H1 2019 and H1 2024 from Rs 4,565 per sq ft to Rs 6,800 per sq ft is a clear indicator of the market's strength," stated Anuj Puri, Anarock Group CEO. The survey also indicated that NCR residential property demand remained high despite the pandemic. After attracting consumers with offers and incentives, developers



raised average prices as demand grew. Sales have increased, reducing unsold inventories by 52% from 182,000 units in H1 2019 to 86,900 units in H1 2024. The inventory overhang dropped from 44 months in H1

2019 to 16 months in H1 2024. "Developers have launched around 172,000 units in NCR between H1 2019 and H1 2024, and 272,000 units were sold during this period," the study said. "The market's growth is supported by

lower unsold inventory and higher absorption. This rise shows the region's real estate potential and post-pandemic economic rebound and GDP growth." "Despite the higher costs, sales continue to surge, driven

by a combination of improved infrastructure, robust economic growth, and a desire for modern living spaces". The survey noted that the NCR housing market revived before the pandemic after price stagnation from late 2016 to 2019. Covid-19 increased sales of larger homes. In prime real estate, the study shows strong demand and growth. The interest is broad, drawing first and second-generation buyers seeking a more luxurious lifestyle. "Latent demand has increased since the pandemic, spurring new project launches. He noted that around 3,000 pre-launch units sold out in days.

## As Karnataka exploits SC/ST cash for "guarantees," BJP, Congress object



Delhi: The Karnataka government's intention to use SCPTSP funding for the five guarantee projects announced before the 2023 assembly elections is expected to cause a stir. Congress ally Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (DSS) will protest while BJP appeals to the judiciary. Senior government sources said "diversion" of SCPTSP funds is not new and has been done by past governments, but BJP's court case and DSS' "uprising" threat could hurt Congress in upcoming zilla and taluk panchayat elections. Last

week, CM Siddaramaiah said his government has allocated Rs 39,121 crore for SCPTSP, Rs 3,900 crore more than in the previous year due to a rise in budget size and a decision to allocate 24.1% of the budget to SC and ST communities. However, using Rs 14,283 crore of the budget for the five guarantee schemes has caused political unrest. BJP calls it "misappropriation." "BJP is contemplating approaching the court since the decision to re-route SCPTSP funds meant exclusively for the welfare of these

underprivileged communities is being misappropriated," said the MLC. "Redirecting funds by claiming they're being used on SC and ST communities implies that they're getting money while other communities get extra benefits. Giving with one hand and taking with the other." DSS is upset. DSS factions that supported Congress in the assembly and Lok Sabha polls withdrew their support on Saturday, saying Congress is not working "wholeheartedly" for SC & ST populations.

## Electronic papers acceptable as court evidence

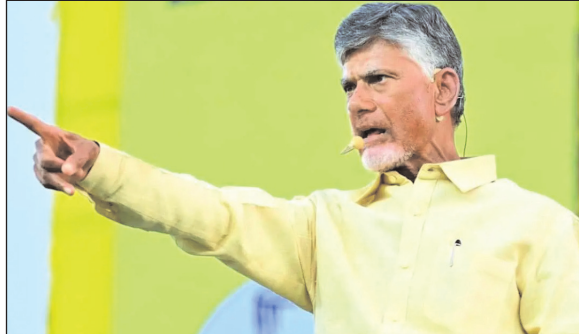
Delhi: Text, voice, and video messages contain what? Post July 1, "digital documents" are admissible as primary evidence, not simply emojis, PPTs, PDFs, group conversations, forwards, or tete-a-tete. The last one is a rewrite of the 1872 Indian Evidence Act and an acknowledgment of digital information's importance today. The 2023 Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam defines and interprets evidence. It states that "an electronic or digital record" can be "admissible" in a case under certain conditions, taking into account technical



improvements and the widespread use of digital communication. Senior counsel Amit Manchanda said protections must be addressed first to prevent misuse given the uncharted field of artificial intelligence and new software to manipulate words, photos, and digital content on a recipient's device. Advocate Mohit

Bhardwaj called Section 57 BSA's "singularly significant" inclusion because it makes digital data, including messages, primary evidence "without much ado," until disputed. For disputed digital records, the new rule mandates a certificate proving authenticity from a specific computer or device. Thus, under Section 61

## The Andhra government expects an 11k crore deficit this year

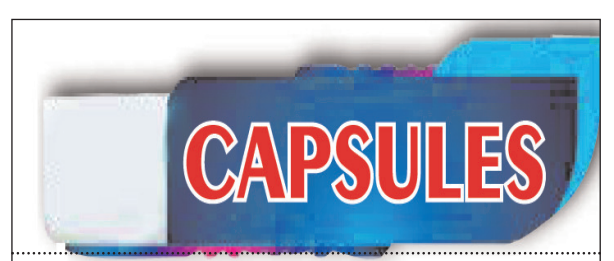


Delhi: Andhra Pradesh's request for Centre financial assistance, including debt restructuring, is expected to cover a projected Rs 11,000 crore deficit this year and leave a meager surplus for development next year. According to sources familiar with the discussions with the Centre, the Chandrababu Naidu government has prepared a blueprint to revisit almost two dozen direct benefit transfer schemes started by the Jagannathan Reddy administration and start a series of steps to boost revenue, start capital works, and help the needy. Naidu met with finance, defence, and health ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Rajnath Singh, and JP Nadda. "The treasury needs

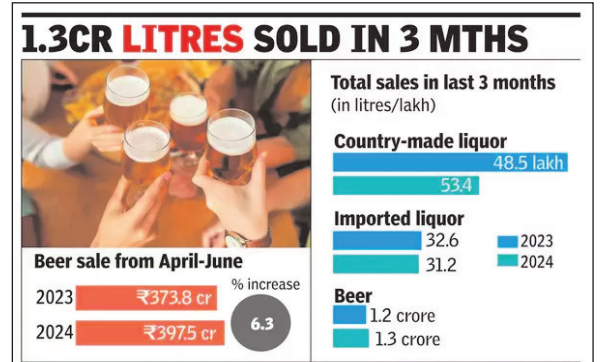
income growth and capital funding. The previous government discontinued vital payments, causing a huge loan burden. We'll need five to six months to fix it and resume the cycle "A source said Andhra will pursue central initiatives and TDP focus areas. Through a series of initiatives, the Naidu administration hopes to raise Rs 37,000 crore by the fifth year of its term for state development. The TDP plans to develop industrial hubs in Visakhapatnam, near Odisha, and Karnataka, with the proposed port in Dugarajapatnam as a key aspect. Central aid for the port was promised a decade ago when Andhra and Telangana split, but nothing has happened.

## BJP gathering in Bengaluru causes political dispute over liquor

Delhi: A BJP public rally to celebrate former minister K Sudhakar's election as Chikballapur MP was criticized as footage showed booze being given. Nelamangala hosted the event. Sudhakar, Opposition Leader R Ashoka, and JD(S) leaders attended. Sideline videos showed cops giving out booze packages and bottles to people in a long line. Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar criticized BJP. In Nelamangala, liquor was distributed publicly. BJP National President JP Nadda must explain for registering a case. How could the MP distribute alcohol?" Said Shivakumar. "More than local leaders, it is important for the BJP's national leaders to tell citizens how their party is upholding culture by distributing liquor at public meetings," he said.



## Ghaziabad Residents Drink Nearly Rs 400 Crore in Beer During Heatwave



Delhi: The excise agency reports that Ghaziabad residents have consumed approximately Rs 400 crore in beer due to the past three months' scorching. Officials credit high heat and consistent prices for this record sales result. People in Ghaziabad and the National Capital Region sought ways to cool themselves due to extreme heat. In addition to lemonade, lassi, and buttermilk, many Ghaziabad inhabitants chose alcoholic beverages, especially beer, which generated large excise money. Ghaziabad beer drinkers spent Rs 397.16 crore during April to June 2024, up 106% from the previous year. Even more, beer can sales rose 116%. Over 13.3 million cans were sold this year, up from 11.5 million last year. Beer helps many cope with soaring temperatures. Due to this tendency, the excise department saw significant income growth throughout these three months. District excise inspector Rakesh Kumar said the severe heat and stable beer pricing drove record sales. said, "The data clearly shows that the intense heat and no price hike were the primary reasons for the exceptional revenue of Rs 397 crore." Beer sales during the heatwave generated significant excise department money, showing how extreme weather can affect consumer behaviour and local economies.

## Shankaracharya Backs Rahul Gandhi After "Hindus Are Violent" Row

Delhi: Swami Avimuktshwarananda, the 46th Shankaracharya of Jyotir Math, defended Rahul Gandhi days after his Lok Sabha speech. Rahul Gandhi accused BJP leaders of communally dividing people during the debate on the President's address Motion of Thanks. Narendra Modi denounced the speech, saying Rahul Gandhi called the "entire Hindu community violent." Parliament heatedly debated this claim, and the Speaker removed some disputed statements from the records. Hindu revered Shankaracharya provided a different view. Our attention was on Rahul Gandhi's entire address.

## No farm relief": Opposition leader criticizes Maharashtra's Rs 11 crore

Delhi: With the government reeling under an enormous debt of Rs 7.9 lakh crore and the state's struggling farmers taking their own lives, Mahayuti government's Rs 11 crore gift for India's T-20 championship squad has drawn criticism from Congress's Vijay Wadettiwar, the head of Maharashtra's opposition. "In just

four months, at least 1,068 farmers committed suicide, but they get no assistance." The Maharashtra government gave wealthy cricket players an unjustified gift in order to further its own agenda, according to Wadettiwar. "We should support players but within our means and must give due weightage considering

the broader picture," Wadettiwar said. The opposition MVA coalition's unity and preparedness for this year's assembly elections in October and November was reiterated by the Bramhapuri MLA. "Shiv Sena (UBT), the National Congress Party (led by Sharad Pawar), and the other three opposition.

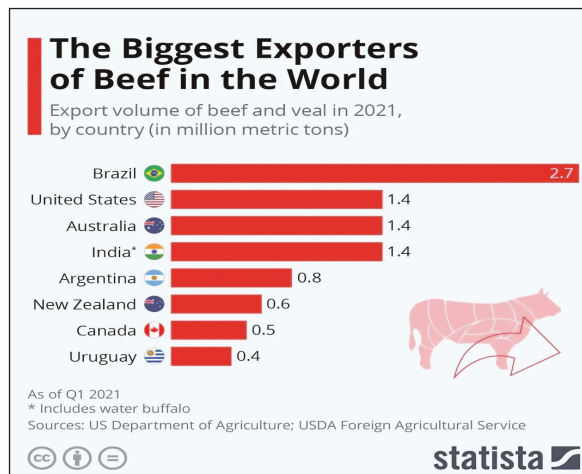
## Rising Drunk Driving, \$12k Fine in 6 Months

Delhi: Delhi Traffic Police reported that more than 12,000 people were penalized for DUI from January 1 to June 30, up 27% from last year. Rajouri Garden had the most drunk driving violations in the past six months, 770. Samaypur Badli had 514 instances, Rohini 441. Traffic police released data on Saturday showing that police penalized 12,468 intoxicated drivers through June 30 compared to 9,837 last year. Punjabi Bagh (387), Mehrauli (367), Mayur Vihar (364), Narela (364), Kalkaji (344), Karol Bagh (342) and Sadar Bazar (342) also had high drunk

driving rates in the first half of the year. The traffic police also examined the top 10 traffic circles with the most drunk driving challans. This research identifies areas with the highest traffic offenses, enabling focused enforcement to improve road safety and traffic law compliance, an officer stated. "Drunk driving endangers the driver, passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers. It impairs judgment, lowers reaction times, and increases accident risk leading to injuries or deaths. The officer cautioned that careless behavior can have dire consequences.

## Muslim groups want India to stop exporting beef

Delhi: Minority organization Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC) held a seminar to condemn cow vigilante attacks and seek a ban on beef export from India and illicit slaughter to end cattle suffering. They also sought to clarify that "beef"—associated with cows—was being misused to characterize buffalo meat export, thus the government should clarify. At a full Mavalankar Hall in Constitution Club, Muslim and dalit representatives approved the memorandum to Union home minister Rajnath Singh. There were also threats that demonstrators would go to the streets and Ramlila Grounds if the administration did



not meet these demands. "We are concerned about Muslim minority atrocities, suppression, and discrimination under the guise of cow protection, beef eating, terrorism, national security, etc. The IMC said vigilante cow defender groups had grown since

a Dadri man was beaten to death for consuming meat last September. "After a long silence, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, finally joined the fray, condemning attacks by Hindu cow protection squads and vowing to investigate those engaged in vio-

lence," the report added. "There have been several instances of religious violence against Muslims in the recent past, frequently in the form of violent attacks on Muslims by Hindu mobs that form a pattern of sporadic sectarian violence between Hindu and Muslim communities," it said. IMC demands "India should abolish cow and calves slaughter. The Supreme Court of India upheld state-enacted anti-cow slaughter regulations in a landmark ruling. 24 of 29 Indian states ban cow slaughter and sale. Cow slaughter is legal in Kerala, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim."



## How first battle between Modi govt 3.0, INDIA bloc hits a flashpoint over NEET

**New Delhi:** With the Lok Sabha election results signalling a resurgent Opposition INDIA bloc, the raging row over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examination and the now-cancelled UGC-NET examination have become the first major issue of conflict between the new BJP-led NDA government and the Opposition alliance. This is set to make stormy the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha beginning June 24. The Congress-led Opposition has made its intent clear soon after the poll results — that it will not let the government rest, vowing that it would be a “fierce challenger” on issues of national importance. At a press conference in Delhi two days ago, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi repeatedly attacked the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over their



alleged failures to stop paper leaks. Rahul made it clear that the Modi government 3.0 will face “intense scrutiny” of the Opposition on various public issues. “They (government) can indulge in eye-wash. But they will face such pressure from the Opposition that they are going to think twice about whatever they are doing. We will make sure that we put so much pressure on them that this issue (leaks of exam papers) is resolved,” Rahul said. He added that the Opposition would raise this issue in the upcoming session of Parliament. **Was paper leaks a**

**poll issue?** During the recent Lok Sabha polls, which saw the INDIA bloc win 234 seats, the issue of paper leaks featured frequently in the election speeches of prominent Opposition faces — including Rahul, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, among other INDIA leaders — as a way to reach out to the youth. The Congress, in its manifesto, had promised fast-track courts to adjudicate cases related to question paper leaks.

**Guntur:** A row broke out over the demolition of an office of YSRCP in Guntur district on Saturday with party chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy accusing Andhra Pradesh Minister Chandrababu Naidu of functioning “like a dictator”. “Chandrababu took vendetta politics to the next level. Like a dictator, he got YSRCP’s central office demolished with excavators and bulldozers, which was almost complete,” he said in a post on X. Former CM Jagan also accused the state government of carrying out the demolition against the high court orders.

**What had the high court said about demolition activity?** According to a statement by YSRCP, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday had ordered the demolition to be halted. The order was also conveyed to the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) commissioner by a party lawyer, but the authority is said to

## Like a dictator’: Jagan Mohan Reddy hits out at Andhra CM



have still gone ahead and demolished the structure at 5.30 am on Saturday. “The demolition proceeded even though the YSRCP had approached the High Court the previous day (Friday), challenging the preliminary actions of the CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority),” the statement read. According to YSRCP, CRDA’s action amounts to contempt of court. ‘Law and justice completely vanished’: Jagan on NDA govt in Andhra The former chief minister lashed out at the newly-formed NDA government in the state and added that the demolition indicates how Naidu’s reign in the next five

years would be. “Law and justice have completely disappeared in the state,” he said in his post. The NDA government in the state comprises of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in alliance with Pawan Kalyan’s Jana Sena Party and the BJP. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the TDP won 16 seats while its allies won three (BJP) and two (JSP) respectively. In the state Assembly polls which were held simultaneously, the TDP won 136 Assembly seats, while the JSP and BJP emerged victorious in 21 and eight seats respectively. The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP was restricted to 11 seats, down from the 151 it won in 2019.

## CAPSULES

### Aundh-Baner residents grapple with inadequate garbage disposal problem and its consequences

Ill-equipped waste disposal systems, leading to garbage getting piled at various points, is a cause of worry for residents of Aundh, an area which is otherwise considered as one of Pune’s most developed and progressive zones. Residents are concerned about the problems that could be caused by frequent dumping of trash at various spots in the Aundh-Baner areas, such as those between Jupiter Hospital and Nagras Road. “I know there are these agencies that dump garbage anywhere in Aundh; there are specific spots. There is no control at all,” noted Subhabrata Sanyal, 51, a resident of Kumar Padmalay. He said the waste menace could also draw in more stray dogs, posing a threat to people going for morning and evening walks.

“When you walk onto the streets, you can see food littered all over, that attracts stray dogs. In case we go near the garbage by mistake, these animals could even attack us,” observed Deepa Adiga, 47, a resident of Sylvan Heights. Residents blamed lack of a proper collection system by the municipality for the mounting garbage piles. “Sometimes the municipal truck may be arriving at a particular time and the waste is generated later, particularly by restaurants where the waste is generated very late at night, post 11 pm or midnight, after the restaurant is closed,” said Anil Gokarn, founder of ProEarth Co., a company that deals with effective waste management.

## Meet Dot, a new AI chatbot that could become your ‘friend, companion and confidant’

**AI chatbots** like Gemini, ChatGPT, and Copilot may be helping you with work and everyday tasks, but Dot AI is designed as a digital companion that mimics human speech and empathy. Developed by New Computer, a startup founded by ex-Apple designer Jason Yuan and engineer Sam Whitmore, the app is currently available for free on the Apple App Store. While it may appear to be just another AI chatbot at first glance, what makes Dot unique is



its ability to remember your conversations to offer a more personalized experience. As of now, there are no specific details on the underlying technology, but some reports suggest that Dot AI uses natural language pro-

cessing in combination with machine learning to understand user inputs and generate responses. Unlike ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot, which focus on providing factually correct information, Dot AI focuses on

emotional support and intelligence. Dot AI App Store For unlimited conversations, you have to buy a monthly subscription. According to the Apple App Store listing, Dot AI is described as a “friend, companion, and confidant.” On opening the app, users are taken through an onboarding process with questions like “What do you do for work?”, “Favorite TV show?”, and “How do you spend a typical Sunday?” Based on these answers, the chatbot asks more

about the user.

Subscribe for new launches, reviews and all that’s making headlines in the tech world. The App Store description also indicates that Dot AI has an infinite long-term memory and can assist with career advice and date spot recommendations. While a free plan offers limited conversations, users can bypass this limit by purchasing the paid plan for \$11.99 per month, which includes access to Chronicles, a feature that curates a history of the user.

## Tamil Nadu govt to rehabilitate reformed bootleggers

**Tamil Nadu:**

Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy told the legislative assembly on Friday that bootleggers who are remorseful and wish to turn over a new leaf will be rehabilitated after they serve a prison term. Such persons who repent for their wrongdoings should be rehabilitated to prevent them from returning to bootlegging, he said. The minister’s statement comes amid the hooch tragedy that has claimed the lives of 48



persons and has affected the health of more than 100 people, who are currently undergoing treatment at various hospitals. “Persons punished for the offence of distilling and selling illicit arrack will be rehabilitated if they show a change of heart, after serving a term,” Muthusamy said. They will be provided a sub-

sidy of Rs 50,000 each and encouraged to start a trade on their own. The government has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the rehabilitation fund, he said replying to the demand for grants for his department. Further, an integrated scheme will be formulated to equip them with the required skills through various departments, he added. A campaign to create awareness among the people, particularly the youth, on the dangers of consuming illicit arrack.

## No request yet from Nikhil Gupta for consular access: MEA

**New Delhi:** Indian authorities haven’t received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited to the US from the Czech Republic following allegations of his involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate Khalistani extremist Pannun. Gupta, who was arrested in the Czech Republic in June last year, was extradited to the US on June 14. “He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Gupta but his family has got in touch with us,” External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “We are in touch with the family mem-



bers and are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request,” he said during his weekly media briefing while replying to a question. Gupta, 53, pleaded not guilty when he was produced in a court in New York on June 17. While Gupta was in custody of Czech authorities, Indian officials were given consular access to him on a few occasions. Last November, US federal prosecutors charged Gupta with working with an Indian government

employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun in New York. Pannun, wanted in India on terror charges, holds dual of the US and Canada. The issue of consular access to Gupta would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular of 1963, people familiar with the matter said. Article 36 of the Convention states that a detained person will have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country. “Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking action on behalf of a national who is in prison, custody or detention if he expressly opposes such action,” the article states.

## National Conference urges PM to keep his word on holding J-K polls

**Jammu:** The National Conference urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to back his word on holding assembly elections, restoring statehood and bridging development gaps in Jammu and Kashmir with concrete action. In a statement, NC leaders and members-elect of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad and Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, said the people of Jammu and Kashmir “are tired of empty promises and meaningless rhetoric”. “It is time for some real progress. Let’s see some action instead of just words. The people of J-K deserve more than just lip service.

It is time for the prime minister to deliver on his promises and bring about real change in the region. The future of J-K hangs in balance, and it is up to PM



Modi to make a difference.

The time for action is now,” they said. The newly elected MPs said the people of J-K “have been dealt a raw deal for the past 10 years”. “They (people) are demanding action, not just empty words. Our people lament the lack of progress despite all the talk of humanity, democracy, and bridging ‘Dil Ki Doori’. It seems like all we have gotten are vague promises and no real answers about where the funds are going,” the joint statement

said. The MPs-elect said people were expecting big announcements about infrastructure projects like Gurez, Simthan, Mughal Road and Karna tunnels, as well as a substantial employment package for the youth. during the two-day trip of the prime minister to the valley. n’But, alas, all they got was big disappointment. With over 14 lakh educated individuals twiddling their thumbs due to unemployment, what good does it do to issue a measly.

## Seasoned diplomat and India’s envoy to Turkiye Virander Paul dies

**New Delhi:** A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi this evening, one of his colleagues said. “Deeply grieved at the passing away of Virander Paul, our Ambassador in Türkiye,” Jaishankar said on X. “A great loss to the Indian Foreign Service. Have worked closely with him in his many postings. Always admired his commitment and service and value his many contributions,” he said. Paul held a medical degree from AIIMS. The external affairs minister also conveyed his “deepest condolences” to Paul’s family. Paul is survived by his wife Racheline and two daughters. “We are deeply sad-

dened at the untimely demise of Ambassador Virander Paul, India’s envoy to Turkiye. A dedicated officer, he will always be remembered for his exceptional human qualities and impactful professional contribution,” external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Team @MEAIndia stands with them in this difficult hour,” he said on X. Before arriving in Ankara as ambassador of India to Türkiye in the second half of 2022, he was India’s High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia. Prior to that, he served as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with multilateral engagement in India’s neighbourhood.



## HEIs, including IITs, are offering five-year integrated BBA/BTech-MBA programs

Delhi HEIs, including IITs, are offering five-year integrated BBA/BTech-MBA programs with Data Analytics and AI specializations. These programs prepare business graduates with AI and analytics abilities to make data-driven decisions. According to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, students seeking shorter postgraduate degrees are increasingly interested in these programmes. MEES is supported in integrated courses to promote learning flexibility. The first IIT to offer a five-year integrated MBA (IMBA) program in 2024-25 was IIT Mandi. Students will learn management, analyt-



ics, data science, mathematics, and statistics. Future corporate leaders with a passion for technology and cross-functional management are sought by the institute. IMBA courses encompass pure management, Analytics, Data Science & AI, Mathematics and

Statistics, Data Structures, Economics, Computer Programming, and Allied Science. The program's first three years lay the groundwork for students to attend AI and Data Science-based management courses in the future. The program

Operations, Finance, Marketing, Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Strategy, and Entrepreneurship. It also offers generic courses on Personality & Skill Development, Creative Thinking and Problem Solving, and

Leadership, says Dr. Anjan Kumar Swain, IMBA, IIT Mandi admissions chair. Swain said the five-year program centers on a six-month industrial internship and a year-long project to keep students current with industry demands. MEES offers the following exit options: The student would receive a BBA Analytics degree after three years and a BBA Analytics (Honours) degree after four years. Transition smoothly Karnataka's TAPMI IPM IT and Analytics are among the possibilities in the 5-year BBA-MBA integrated curriculum. If academically qualified, IPM students can graduate with a BBA.

## Beginning on September 1, the BJP plans to recruit 100 million members

"The choice was made during a conference of the party's state and national office holders"



Delhi: Aiming to register at least 100 million new members, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will launch its membership drive on September 1st in all states except those that are headed for elections and Union territory. The choice was made during a conference of the party's state and national office holders. In addition, the membership drive prepares the ground for the next party

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## CRRI and NDMC Collaborate on Road and Signage Improvements

Delhi: The Municipal Council (NDMC) has approved a number of noteworthy improvements, with an emphasis on updating road signs and enhancing road maintenance procedures within its purview. The NDMC is dedicated to updating the city's road network and making sure it complies with the most recent safety and visibility regulations. This is demonstrated by the initiatives that were authorized at the council meeting. The NDMC approved a project to update all



road signs in its jurisdiction to comply with the most recent Indian Roads Congress (IRC) regulations, namely the IRC 67:2022 rules. This was one of the organization's major choices.

These revised rules include precise requirements, taking into account color,

font, size, and the kind of reflective materials used, for urban road signage as contrasted to those used on highways and expressways. The new signs are intended to increase safety and visibility, especially in places where there are differences in the speed of vehicles.

## 8k LED Streetlights To Illuminate Shadowy Areas

Delhi: A number of suggestions, including the installation of 8,000 LED streetlights on dimly lit sections of Lutyens' Delhi for safe pedestrian movement, particularly for women, were accepted during the NDMC council meeting on Friday.

NDMC approved the Plastic Waste Management Bylaws, 2024 at the meeting



and also approved a budget of Rs 12.8 crore to maintain 1,100 acres of green space, replace over

6,000 road signs, rebuild 39 important roads, and purchase medication. The council further directed the submission of a revised proposal for the PPP construction of a decentralized wastewater plant at Kushak drain and a new proposal for the development of the Shivaji bus terminus-Cum-Commercial Complex.

## Rakshabandhan festivities trigger traffic mayhem in Delhi



Delhi: Traffic was thrown out of gear at several locations in the city on Monday due to the crowds from Raksha Bandhan festivities. While areas around markets experienced congestion from noon, traffic worsened by evening as office-goers joined the shoppers on the roads. Many people reported on social media that they were stuck in the same spot for over two hours. One commuter mentioned being stuck in traffic for more than three hours at Khanpur Depot. Commuters repeatedly complained about the absence of traffic officials, leading to a lack of traffic management at several locations. One commuter noted being stuck with his family on the Khanpur-Saket road for more than two hours.

In Dwarka, an ambulance was caught in traffic with no traffic

policemen present to ensure smooth flow, according to a post on X. Major areas affected in south Delhi included Sangam Vihar, Saket, Khanpur, and Mehrauli-Badarpur Road. Other affected areas were Delhi Airport to Mahipalpur Road, Bhalswa crossing towards Jahangirpuri, Tagore Garden, and Paschim Vihar. Traffic remained heavy from Mithapur Chowk to Badarpur border. In southeast Delhi, Tughlakabad and other areas reported congestion. An X user posted: "There is crazy traffic at Pacific Mall, Subash Nagar red light. Urgent assistance from the authorities is required."

Another user wrote: "Stuck near Tagore Garden metro station for 40 minutes now. There are no traffic officials to manage the situation here."

## 'Papa, will fulfil your dreams': Rahul Gandhi's heartfelt tribute to father Rajiv Gandhi on his 80th birth anniversary

Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on

Tuesday paid homage to former prime minister and his father Rajiv Gandhi on his 80th birth anniversary.

Rahul Gandhi also offered floral tributes to his father at Veer Bhumi, Rajiv Gandhi's memorial.

In a heartfelt message on X, formerly known as Twitter, Rahul Gandhi expressed his admiration for his father's compassionate nature and his role as a symbol of harmony and goodwill. "Papa, your teachings are my inspiration and your dreams for India are my own, I will fulfil them taking along your memories with me.

## SC sets aside Calcutta HC order which advised 'adolescent girls to control sexual urges'

Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed its disapproval to the statements made by the Calcutta high court, which advised teenage girls to "control their sexual desires and not give in to two minutes of pleasure."

The apex court overturned the high court's decision that acquitted an individual charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act. HC advice to girls to check sexual urges wrong: SC. In its ruling, the Supreme Court said



that it has issued comprehensive guidelines on the proper application of the Pocso Act and the manner in which judges should compose their judgments.

The SC had taken suo motu cognisance of

the order and had said on December 8 that judges were supposed to decide a case on the basis of law and facts, and should not resort to preaching in judicial proceedings. It had also questioned the validity of the HC

order acquitting the accused who was booked under the IPC and Pocso Act.

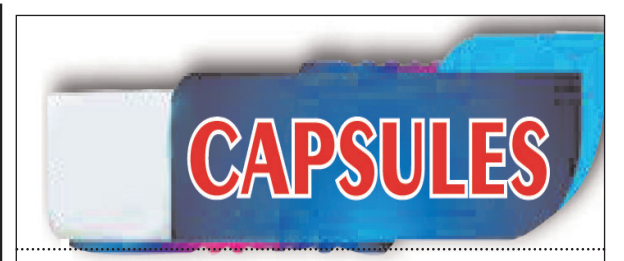
The Calcutta high court in 2023 had said, "Control sexual urge/urges as in the eyes of the society she is the looser when she gives in to enjoy the sexual pleasure of hardly two minutes." The HC had made the observation while overturning a man's conviction under the Pocso Act.

The court determined that the relationship between the accused and the alleged victim was consensual in

## Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana elections slated for Oct. 4 results

Delhi: Approximately 29 million people in Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana will vote in assembly polls between September 18 and October 1, the ECI setting the stage for the first big democratic fight since the general elections three months ago. The first Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections in a decade will be held in three stages on September 18-25 and October 1. This is the first assembly votes in the restive area since its special status and statehood were removed five years ago, and it may be the last until the Union territory's statehood is restored. Elections in Haryana will be held in one phase on October 1.

The votes for both parties will be tallied on October 4. Long lines at J&K polling booths during the Lok Sabha elections show that people desire change and want to be part of it.



## ED conducts searches in illegal T20 betting case

Delhi: ED on Monday conducted searches at 20 premises across Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Lucknow and Coimbatore in a money-laundering case against website Magicwin that was allegedly involved in cricket betting during the recently held T20 World Cup. The case was first registered by Ahmedabad Police which alleged Magicwin illegally "streamed ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 cricket matches for which rights had been given to Star India Pvt Ltd by ICC". The website allowed viewers to watch matches for free. ED said it seized incriminating evidence during its searches.

## MCD officials fined by forest for concretizing trees

Delhi: MCD staff were fined Rs 80,000 by the Delhi forest department for concretizing trees in

Nizamuddin East and Jangpura. The department reported to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that eight trees had concrete within one metre of their trunks.

For this, authorities were penalized. The department intervened when a resident complained to the tribunal. The Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 prohibits concretization near trees, according to south forest division officers. "This original application is registered on the basis of the letter petition received from Sahaj Karan Singh," the forest department said on the NGT webpage. "At least nine trees have been concretised and the officials have not taken any steps till now to de-concretise them, though the complaints were made," it said. After inspecting all trees listed in an April 24 order, the agency determined eight "were concretised within one metre radius around the tree trunk". It stated that MCD authorities, the land-owning and governing agency, were notified to explain.

## Back-to-back earthquakes hit Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla

Delhi: Two consecutive earthquakes struck Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday morning, triggering widespread panic across the valley. The first quake, measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale, struck at 6:45am with its epicenter located in Baramulla district of north Kashmir. The tremor occurred at a depth of 5 kilometers, at a latitude of 34.17 N and a longitude of 74.16E. Just minutes later, at 6:52am, a second earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 hit the same region, this time at a depth of 10 kilometers. 1x1 polls