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## Kolkata doctor's rape-murder: Doctors' anger continues to rage on campuses'

**KOLKATA:** Anger continues to rage on medical campuses across Kolkata, districts and beyond. Sandip Ghosh's resignation from the post of principal at R G Kar Medical College did not break ice with the protesting resident doctors, interns and house staff. In fact, they have decided to intensify their agitation as they are not convinced with the course of investigation in the rape and murder of a second-year PGT doctor. Medical college campuses in Bengal have been on unrest since Friday after news of the PGT doctor's gruesome rape and murder spread like wildfire across the country. The protest that began on the R G Kar campus was soon replicated by junior doctors across the country. "Our demand was not only for the resignation of the incumbent principal Sandip Ghosh but also that he does not occupy any administration post in any medical college. But



### Suspending all elective and non-essential services

The Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) of AIIMS Delhi joined the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) in its nationwide strike on Monday morning, suspending all

he was appointed the principal of CNMC hours after his resignation. Our protest will be on until all our demands are met," said a PGT doctor at R G Kar Medical College. Students and junior doctors from different medical colleges, including IPGIMER, Medical College, CNMC and NRS, marched to R G Kar Medical College on

elective and non-essential services, including OPDs and patient wards. Ten govt hospitals in Delhi have begun an indefinite strike, halting all elective services on Monday.

Monday evening. A general body meeting was being held till late into the night chalking out the next course of action. "There were promises of beefing up security after the Paribaha Mukherjee incident at NRS Medical College. Now a PGT gets raped and murdered in the very hospital she was on duty. Where is

## Respiratory Diseases Hospital are participating in the strike

**Maulana Azad Medical College, RML Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, GTB, IHBAS, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College and National Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases Hospital are participating in the strike., which began at 9 am. Resident doctors of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh on held a protest.**

our security? We will not rest this time till we are convinced about the security measures," said a junior doctor at R G Kar Medical College. Health department has cancelled leaves of senior faculty members and posted them in OPD and emergency duties, the absence of junior doctors is affecting hospital services.

## Population to hit 152.2cr by 2036, sex ratio will improve to 952: Govt

**NEW DELHI:** By 2036, India's population is expected to reach 152.2 crore, with a slightly improved female percentage of 48.8% as compared to 48.5% in 2011, a report published by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI) showed on Monday. The report — 'Women and Men in India 2023' — projects that the proportion of individuals under 15 years of age will decrease from 2011 to 2036, likely due to declining fertility rates. In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 60 years and above is anticipated to substantially increase during this period. India's population in 2036 is expected to be more feminine compared to 2011, as reflected in sex ratio which is projected to increase from 943 (per 1,000 males) in 2011 to 952 by 2036, highlighting a positive trend in gender equality, the report said. The report offers a



### Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh granted 21-day furlough

**CHANDIGARH:** Dera Sacha Sauda chief and rape convict Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh has been granted a 21-day furlough, official sources said on Tuesday. During his temporary release period, Singh will go to the Dera ashram in Barnawa in Uttar

Pradesh's Baghat, they further said. The Sirsa-headquartered Dera sect chief was granted the temporary release days after the Punjab and Haryana High Court disposed of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee's

comprehensive view of the situation of women and men in India, providing data on population, education, health, economic participation, and decision-making. It presents gender-disaggregated data across urban-rural divides and regions, highlighting disparities. Key indicators are derived from published data of various ministries, departments, and organisations. "Gender statistics play a crucial role in promoting and measuring gender equality. They provide benchmarks for progress, making visible similarities and differences between men and women," it said.

### 'UP ke do ladke ...': BJP targets Congress, SP over Kannauj-Ayodhya rape bid

**NEW DELHI:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a scathing attack on Tuesday against the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP) and accused them of shielding criminals and displaying insensitivity toward victims of serious crimes in Uttar Pradesh. The BJP's criticisms came in response to allegations involving party members in two separate incidents of sexual assault attempts in Ayodhya and Kannauj. BJP spokesperson and MP Sudhanshu Trivedi addressed a press conference and condemned the Samajwadi Party's handling of the incidents, particularly highlighting the case of Mohid Khan, an SP leader accused of raping a minor.

### DRDO successfully test fires Made-in-India portable anti-tank missile



**NEW DELHI:** The defence research and development organisation on Tuesday conducted successful test-firing of the indigenously developed Man-Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM). The test took place at a field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, DRDO officials said.

The MP-ATGM is a portable, shoulder-launched missile system designed to neutralize enemy tanks and armored vehicles. The MP-ATGM is a portable, shoulder-launched missile system designed to neutralize enemy tanks and armored vehicles. The ATGM system is well-equipped with day/night and top attack capability with a dual mode seeker functionality. The missile successful trials were conducted on April 14. The system consisted of the MPATGM, launcher, target acquisition system, and the fire control unit. The Warhead Flight Trials were successfully conducted at the Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan on April 13, 2024. Missile performance and warhead performance were found to be remarkable.

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

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to a man accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), emphasising that the legal principle "bail is rule, jail is an exception" is applicable even to offences under special statutes. The top court highlighted that denying bail in deserving cases would be a violation of fundamental rights. A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and



Augustine George Masih underlined the importance of considering bail applications in accordance with the law, even in serious allegations. They stated, "Allegations of the prosecution may be very serious, but it is court's duty to consid-

er the case for bail in accordance with law. Bail is the rule and jail is the exception applies even to special statutes. If courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of rights guaranteed under Article 21." The judgement came in the case of Jalaluddin Khan, who was booked under the UAPA and other sections of the now-defunct Indian Penal Code. Khan had rented out the upper

floor of his house to alleged members of the banned organisation Popular Front of India (PFI). According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the investigation disclosed that a criminal conspiracy was hatched with the intention of carrying out acts of terror and violence. This was purported to create an atmosphere of terror and endanger the unity and integrity of the nation.

## Former Bangladesh PM Hasina booked for murder of grocery store owner



**This marks the first legal action taken against Hasina since she resigned as PM and fled the country on August 5. The other accused in case include several high-profile individuals, including Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader, and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kama. Additionally, the former inspector general of police (IGP), Chowdhury Abdullah**

Al Mamun, and Harunor Rashid, the former DB chief, are among the accused. Other prominent figures named in the case are Habibur Rahman, the former DMP commissioner, and Biplob Kumar Sarker, who

held the position of former DMP joint commissioner. On August 5, Hasina stepped down from her role in the wake of a student-led revolt and sought refuge in India. Throughout her 15-year tenure, her administration was accused of widespread human rights abuses, including the unlawful execution of political opponents. The military declared Hasina's resignation and named Nobel

## Who will hoist flag in Delhi? AAP-LG conflict creates uncertainty

**NEW DELHI:** Contrary to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's wish, uncertainty looms over who will hoist the national flag during the Delhi government's function on the occasion of Independence Day. A few days back, CM Arvind Kejriwal had written a letter to Delhi LG VK Saxena from Tihar jail urging him to allow Atishi to hoist the flag at the function at Chhatrasal stadium. However, the General Administration Department said on Tuesday that the letter does not qualify as a permissible communication. "It is absolutely clear that the letter does not qualify as the permissible communication



which can be sent outside prison. Any communication, written or oral, in contravention of the rules quoted above, is not legally valid and therefore cannot be acted upon," news agency ANI quoted additional chief secretary of the department as saying. The department had sought convenience of the Kejriwal for his availability for the Independence Day function. The issue was brought to the

notice of the higher authorities and the decision is awaited. General administration along with all concerned departments are making all arrangements for the function at Chhatrasal Stadium as per past practice, the department said in a statement. Later, former deputy CM Manish Sisodia also joined the tug-of-war saying that the flag should be hoisted either by the CM or the minister of the

elect government. "The flag should be hoisted by the CM or Minister of an elected government. I don't think there is any problem in this. However, it would be wrong to expect about democracy, Constitution from the LG. We can only expect dictatorship from them and that they are doing," news agency PTI quoted Sisodia as saying. Notably, AAP minister Gopal Rai had on Monday instructed the GAD to arrange for his cabinet colleague Atishi to hoist the national flag on Independence Day. Rai said that the directive was issued as Kejriwal had requested that she should take over the flag-hoisting.

### Tokyo gold medalist para shuttler Pramod Bhagat suspended for 18 months, to miss Paris

**NEW DELHI:** Pramod Bhagat, the reigning Paralympic champion in badminton, has been suspended for 18 months due to violations of the BWF's anti-doping whereabouts clause. The suspension is effective immediately, resulting in Bhagat missing the upcoming Paris Paralympics, a significant loss for India's medal prospects. The whereabouts clause is a crucial aspect of anti-doping regulations. It requires athletes to provide detailed information about their locations for out-of-competition testing. Failure to comply with this clause can lead to suspensions, as seen in Bhagat's case. "In 1 March 2024, the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division found Bhagat in breach of the BWF anti-doping regulations for committing three whereabouts failures within 12 months," the Badminton.

## Former US president reveals assassination attempt details, calls Biden's exit a 'coup'



**In a much-anticipated return to social media, former President Donald Trump shared harrowing details of an assassination attempt and pledged the largest deportation in US history during a live interview with Elon Musk on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter. The conversation was marred by technical issues, frustrating many of Trump's supporters as the start was delayed by over 40 minutes. Key highlights from the interview- Assassination attempt recounted Trump recounted the near-fatal experience at a Pennsylvania rally, revealing how a bullet narrowly missed him. "If I had not turned my head, I would not be talking to you right now — as much as I**

like you," Trump told Musk. He attributed his survival to quick reflexes and divine intervention, emphasizing the severity of the situation by stating, "For those people that don't believe in God, I think we all have to start thinking about that." Musk responded by praising Trump's bravery, saying, "You can't fake bravery under such circumstances — the courage is instinctual or it is not." Trump reflected on the aftermath of the incident, recalling how he want-

## Muslim community leads tricolour campaign in every house

Prayagraj: In the stronghold of Mafia Atiq Ahmed, people of the Muslim community today started the tricolour campaign in every house. In this context, slogans of Swachh Bharat Sundar Bharat resonated in the Kareli region today. On the occasion of 78th Independence Day in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, people of the Muslim community took out the Tricolour Yatra under the leadership of social worker Farid Sabri in honor of the great Indian freedom struggle movement. Salute to the revolutionaries and immortal martyrs. People were contacted on different routes of Kareli area and made aware about hoisting the tricolour at every house and business establishment. Hundreds of people belonging to the Muslim community participated in the yatra and made it successful. Through the yatra, the youth were made aware of the feeling of dedication towards the country. Under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, tricolour was installed in hundreds of houses today. Convener Farid Sabri says that a large number of Muslim people had appealed to him to start the Tricolour campaign for every house, under which today a picture of the Tricolour being installed from roads to homes was seen. Mohammad Shariq, a resident of Kareli, says that the installation of the tricolour enhances the beauty of the house, whenever one sees the tricolour, the feeling of patriotism increases in itself. Similarly, Mouni Khan, a resident of Kareli, says that this campaign of the government is better, earlier the importance of the tricolour was understood only on 15th August, but due to the government's Har Ghar Tricolour campaign scheme, now the feeling of patriotism is felt among the people for many days. Let us tell you that Kareli area has been the stronghold of Mafia Atiq Ahmed and more than 80 percent of the population belongs to the Muslim community. Convener Farid Sabri says that till August 15, the tricolour will be hoisted in all the houses of Gaus Nagar, Meerapur, Daryabad apart from Kareli area.

## Vishnu Bhagwan wins Bronze, Emerges 2nd Runner Up CBSE Pre Subroto Cup U15 National Football Championship 2024

Prayagraj: Vishnu Bhagwan Public School won the bronze medal by defeating MPS Bhopal 2-0 in the third place match (Bronze Medal Match) played on the last day of Pre Subroto Cup U15 National Football Championship 2024. According to Vishnu Bhagwan Public School Head Coach Indranil Ghosh, one goal each was scored in both the halves of the game. Forward player Abhay Pratap Singh scored the first goal and Aditya Upadhyay scored the second goal.

In the prize distribution ceremony, Asha Nair, Principal of Delhi Public School, Rau Indore, gave certificates to the first, second and third place teams. Vishnu Bhagwan Director Abhishek Tiwari and Principal Dinesh Kumar Srivastava congratulated the entire team on this achievement of the team. The bronze medal winning Vishnu Bhagwan team is as follows: Nishant Mishra (Goalkeeper), Aditya Upadhyay, Prakhar Tripathi, Kumar Ansh, Aditya Singh, Raunak, Rudransh (Captain), Abhay, Saksham, Shivans, Shaurya, Veer, Utkarsh, Akshat, Karthik, Ayaan. Trainer- Mitesh Gupta and Team Coach - Indranil Ghosh.

## Rotary Prayagraj Platinum organized Rakhi Making Competition

Prayagraj: Rotary Prayagraj Platinum organized a Rakhi Making Competition at Srinivasa Ramanujan Public School, Civil Lines, in which all the students from classes Nursery to XII participated enthusiastically. The objective of this competition was to promote creativity among children and celebrate the festival of Raksha Bandhan in a unique way. President of Rotary Prayagraj Platinum, Rotarian Shashank Jain said that the winners of the competition will be given special prizes. He further said that the rakhis prepared by the children will be tied to the army

# National Librarian Day celebrated at SHUATS

Prayagraj: The Central Library of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHUATS) celebrated National Librarian's Day, marking the 132nd birth anniversary of PadmaShree Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the father of library science in India.

The event was graced by Dr. Praveen Charan, Director of Extension at SHUATS, who served as the Chief Guest. The program commenced with a prayer led by Mr. Navneet Hembrone, followed by a warm welcome extended to the Chief Guest and attendees by Mrs. Meenkshi Robinson.

In his address, Mr.

Christofhar Sudhir George, Librarian of SHUATS, emphasized the profound contributions of PadmaShree Dr. S.R. Ranganathan to the field of library and information science. He noted that Dr. Ranganathan's groundbreaking work in classification and indexing had a revolutionary impact on the profession.

Dr. Praveen Charan, the Chief Guest, underscored the enduring importance of libraries and library science professionals in the digital era. He remarked that despite the prevalence of the internet, libraries remain relevant as places of peace



and inspiration. He also extended his greetings to all on the occasion of National Librarian's Day.

To mark the occasion, the Central Library organized a general knowledge quiz competition, which saw

enthusiastic participation from students. The top three winners were awarded by the Chief Guest: Alok

Kumar Pandey from Joseph School of Business Studies and Commerce took first place, Isha Kumari from the School of Film and Mass Communication secured second, and Himanshu Singh from the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology came in third.

The event also featured contributions from other library science professionals in Prayagraj, including Dr. Vishnu Srivastava, Deputy Librarian at Allahabad High Court, and Rajesh Gupta from CTE, who shared their insights. The celebration concluded with a closing prayer and the distribution of sweets to staff and students.

## SHUATS Pharmacy Dept Achieved Rank 85 in NIRF 2024

Naini, Prayagraj: Pharmacy department of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences has obtained rank 85 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released on August 12. SHUATS Pharmacy department ranked 11th in Uttar Pradesh in the ranking of pharmacy institutes in NIRF 2024.

Vice-Chancellor Rev Prof (Dr) Rajendra B Lal congratulated the faculty members of the Pharmacy department. He said this is the result of combined efforts and positive attitude of staff and students of the Pharmacy department as well as the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance

and Assessment (IQAA) department staff and students for making SHUATS



Higher officials of the university Prof Jonathan A Lal (Pro VC Academic Affairs) and Dr Ranu Prasad (Registrar) praised the Pharmacy

proud. Dean Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr Shekhar, Faculty Coordinator Dr Danish Ahmed and Head of Pharmacy Department

Dr Amita Verma, applauded the teamwork and motivated the staff members. Dr Verma said that the faculty members of Pharmacy department are committed to performing better in teaching and research. She further thanked the university authorities for the encouragement and facilities provided.

Every year NIRF Ranking is announced by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to rank higher education institutes in 16 categories. SHUATS Pharmacy department has consistently remained in the top 100 since 2022 in NIRF. This is the fourth time the SHUATS Pharmacy department is in NIRF's top 100.

## Scribe accuses Dan of stamp theft, seeks CBI investigation

Prayagraj: Embers of controversy surrounding Morris Edgar Dan refuses to die down. Now, Ivan Shedwin, a journalist, also charged Morris Edgar Dan with stamp theft. In a letter to the Chief Minister, he has urged that the Central Bureau of Investigation probe the entire incident. He also revealed proof of stamp theft on his personal account. Morris Edgar Dan, who is wanted for theft of Rs 3.84 crore, is constantly pressuring the Principal of Boys High School to drop the case and regularly claiming a complaint and an inquiry from EOW, which is absolutely false. The Allahabad High School Society is a private organization that is controlled by the Societies Registration Act of 1960. The Boys' High School College is a minority-serving, unaided private college.

The complaint filed with EOW was not considered by authorities since he is not a competent authority and such an action falls

outside of his competence. Also, according to the High Court's ruling, the Boys High School's accounts are controlled by the Principal and a person selected by DM Prayagraj, hence the complaint is utterly useless and false. The complainant is accused of embezzling Rs. 3.84 crore. Morris Edgar Dan School has also been incarcerated in the past, and the case is now pending in court. By filing bogus complaints, he is pressuring the Principal Boys High School to drop the matter, despite the fact that Rs 3.84 crore has yet to be restored to the college's bank account.

Morris Edgar Dan does not even serve as the High School Society's chairman. In such a case, journalist Ivan Shedwin has written to the Chief Minister, requesting that the Central Bureau of Investigation investigate the case of stamp theft and embezzlement of Rs. 3.84 crores at the behest of Morris Edgar Dan, and has also shared some stamp theft evidence on his Facebook page.

## Rotary Club of Alld launches 'Walk in the Slum' project Campaign on menstrual hygiene and anti-drugs

Prayagraj: Rotary Club of Allahabad launched its regular project 'Walk in the Slum' on Tuesday, from the slum behind Mustafa Garden, Kareli. Under this project, free sanitary towels packets will be distributed every month to the women living in slums to eradicate the misconceptions related to it. A campaign to stop the use of substances will also be carried out by Rotarians Meena Khan, Dr. Ishanya Raj and Alija Ahmed, who are the project



directors and coordinators respectively. Rotary's Major Donor Tariq Khan, President Aftab Ahmed, Tariq Salman, Shams Tabrez and Rizwani Khan were also present on the first day of the slum walk. 200 packets of sanitary towels were distributed and the crowd was informed about the dangers of drug abuse. Was made aware, and given measures to quit drug addiction and was given a resolution to stop the drug abuse.

## Devotees accepted Prasad of Baba Mukteshwar Nath Mahadev Ji

Prayagraj: Grand Bhandara of Baba Mukteshwar Nath Mahadev Ji was organized in the courtyard of Shri Ram Mandir Hewett Road, Coordinator Basant Lal The Bhandara was inaugurated under the leadership of Azad.



Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani did this. Thousands of devotees accepted the Prasad of Lord Bholenath. The program was conducted by Ajit Singh and Rajesh Kesarwani. On this occasion, Dau Dayal Gupta, Ajay Agrahari, Preeti Rawat, Dharmendra Kesarwani, etc. hundreds of workers were present.

## 2024 Jawa 42: Trinity of Performance, Design and Engineering

Varanasi: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles who introduced 'Neo-Classic' motorcycles to India, proudly unveils the 2024 Jawa 42. This latest avatar, driven by continuous enhancement and tech-advancements cements the Jawa 42's position as India's most revered neo-classic machine. With its unparalleled blend of design, performance, and engineering, the 2024 model promises an exhilarating riding experience that sets a new benchmark in its class. The 2024 Jawa 42 redefines price performance with revolutionary upgrades. Powered by the new 294cc J-Panther liquid-cooled engine delivering 27.32PS and 26.84Nm, it features refined NVH levels,

gear-based throttle mapping and smoother shifting. With improved ground clearance, retuned suspension, an enhanced seat, and best-in-class braking, this 42 sets a new benchmark in riding dynamics, comfort, and safety. "The 2024 Jawa 42 is a testament to holistic approach to motorcycle engineering," says Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. "We've left no stone unturned in our quest for 'price-performance' perfection. From upgrading materials to refining our manufacturing processes, we've pushed boundaries at every step. We believe in the philosophy of price-performance engineering, and the result is a motorcycle that

doesn't just meet expectations-it redefines them. The authentic neo-classic 2024 Jawa 42 is a trinity of edgy performance, gorgeous design, and precision engineering." The Jawa 42's evolution has been a relentless pursuit of perfecting the ultimate neo-classic motorcycle. From its inception, each upgrade has brought us closer to the perfect synthesis of classic style and modern performance. Our journey began with a potent, segment-first liquid-cooled engine and 6-speed transmission, laying the foundation for the perfect neo-classic. As we progressed, we enhanced performance, comfort, and versatility while meeting stringent emission standards.

## Int'l Youth Day: 5 young women inspiring next generation of climate leaders Spearheading green innovations for a healthier planet

Lucknow: A recent report from the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication projects that climate change could lead to water shortages across Asia, potentially affecting over a billion people by the 2050s. Underserved women and girls are particularly vulnerable to climate change. Yet, they are often excluded from climate discourses, as emphasised in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's annual reports on 'gender composition' over the years. To address the climate crisis effectively, we must urgently implement an inclusive climate action strategy that empowers and platforms

women and girls. Their active participation is fundamental to achieving sustainable and equitable climate outcomes. The Women Climate Collective (WCC) is one such platform empowering the next generation of climate leaders who champion inclusive climate action. Here are five achievers, part of the WCC 2024 cohort, whose groundbreaking work is paving the way for a sustainable future.

Megha Raha (27 years), Kolkata, West Bengal: A development professional in the social impact sector with a focus on livelihoods, policy and sustainability, Megha Raha is currently a communications specialist

at a migration and financial services company. Her passion for waste management led her to launch the @handsonwaste initiative. By leveraging her storytelling and communication skills, she is amplifying voices in the waste sector and shifting societal perspectives on waste treatment. With extensive experience in public commu-

nication, she has also excelled in citizen engagement and organising events related to various waste management and upcycling projects. Her initiative promotes waste management practices and also passes the mike to waste collectors, ensuring their voices are heard. Nivedita Bansal (24 years), Thane, Maharashtra: Thane, also known as the City of Lakes, played a significant role in shaping Nivedita's early connection to nature, as she grew up near water bodies and amidst lush greenery. However, after witnessing the

degradation of the environmental wealth of the city, she decided to pursue marine biology, which later evolved into a deeper commitment to climate action. Nivedita went on to co-found Talk Dharti to Me, a youth-run magazine focused on sustainability. In addition to being the executive editor of the magazine, she has also left her imprint on publishing, academia, and legal research and has been associated with various climate-friendly initiatives. Sayesha Dogra (29 years), Gurgaon, Haryana: The Climate Party is a platform that regularly brings together various stakeholders to generate ideas for climate solutions.



## Cops arrested two accused, recovered stolen motorcycle

Prayagraj: Kareli police of Prayagraj police station arrested two accused on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, on the information of an informer. The arrested accused include Rishu Bharatiya (age 22 years) and Aman Ravidas (age 19 years), whose residence is in Sadiyapur police station, Karaili district, Prayagraj. Police caught both of them from behind the boundary of Tulsiur Majeedia Islamia Inter College and recovered a stolen motorcycle (registered number UP 70 DN 3190, Hero Honda Passion Pro) from their possession. On the basis of this, section 317 has been increased in the case. Accused Rishu Bharatiya also has a criminal history which includes sections of the Explosive Substances Act and others. The police team that made the arrest included sub-inspector Sachin Dev Verma, constable Shivam Aggarwal, and Sumit Kumar Singh.



## Dance competition event organized by SWS Arts

Prayagraj: A dance competition program named The Dance Day was organized on the occasion of 15th August by SWS Arts at Jagriti Chowraha Kalindipuram. In which a large number of small children participated and the children won everyone's hearts with their dance. Some children won the competition through Kathak, some through Malhar and some through Punjabi dance and about 100 children participated in this program. Dance Competition SWS Arts Director Saqib Siddiqui said that like every year, this year too a dance competition was organized for the bright future of children and to highlight their inner talent through sports and dance



competition, in which a large number of participants participated. Boys and girls joined. Shравan Shukla, Secretary of Sanjeevani

Welfare Society was the chief guest in the program and Anu Vishwakarma was the special guest. Dr. Rahul Shukla was involved. Chief guest Shравan Shukla encouraged the children participating in the dance competition and said that in this way they should enhance their inner talent and make their bright future and everyone should come together and participate in this great festival of independence with a healthy spirit. This great festival of independence is neither about caste or religion, nor about big or small, all Indians are equal. Saqib Siddiqui encouraged the children and said that they should celebrate this great festival of independence with great enthusiasm and participate in the program and prepare well for the upcoming competition. Saqib Siddiqui, Poonam Tiwari, Mithlesh and Manoj Rajput etc. were present on this occasion.

## Abhilasha Nandi asks to help in building India, great and affluent nation via celebration

Prayagraj: On the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under the Tricolor campaign in every house, Prayagraj city, cabinet minister of Uttar Pradesh government and MLA city South Assembly, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, from Muthiganj election office, Dilip Kesarwani, divisional president of the entire assembly, from Muthiganj election office. Sumit Vaishya, Raghavendra Mishra, Ranvijay Singh, Kishori Lal Jaiswal and all the sector coordinators, booth presidents and page chiefs and distributed more than ten thousand flags among the students and general public. BJP Metropolitan President Mr. Rajendra Mishra was

present in the above program. After distributing the flag, Abhilasha Gupta Nandi ji said - 15th August is the day to show respect



and reverence to all those brave freedom fighters of our country who fought to liberate India without caring for their lives. The fore-

sight, sacrifice and unwavering resolve of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Bhagat Singh, Subhash

Chandra Bose, Chandrashekhar Azad showed us the path to independence. On August 15, when the country's first

Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the tricolor from the Red Fort So, it was not just a flag, but a symbol of the hopes, dreams and struggles of millions of Indians. This day teaches us that freedom is not just the name of rights, but it is also a symbol of our responsibilities. We must perform our duties every day to maintain this freedom and make it stronger. We must resolve that we will make every possible effort to maintain the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of our country. We have to rise above the discrimination of caste, religion, language, and region and remain united and contribute in making India a powerful and prosperous nation.

## Empowering Young Minds: TMPS Holds Investiture Ceremony

Prayagraj: Saturday marked a significant milestone at TMPS International School and College as we held the Investiture Ceremony 2024-25, entrusting our deserving students with leadership roles that will shape their future and ours. The Chairperson of TMPS Group of Schools, Mrs. Priya Mehrotra Ma'am, graced the occasion and in her address she congratulated and motivated the newly elected Badge holders and thanked all the parents for their presence and their constant support.

Our headmistress Mrs. Kirti Mehrotra Ma'am and

academic mentor, Mrs Meeta Sahai Ma'am also congratulated the students and had a healthy interac-



tion with the parents.

Badges of Monitors and Prefects of Class 9 and Class 10 were also given to the students for their out-

standing contributions. Principal of TMPS International School & College, Dr. Yogesh Arora, congratu-

lated all the new office bearers and reminded them of the new set of responsibilities and told the students that they have to strike a

balance between studies, sports and extracurricular activities. He thanked all the parents who had taken out their valuable time to attend the ceremony and appreciated all the teachers who really worked hard to make this event a great success.

Special Mention for Ankit Sir, Naheed Ma'am, Krishna Ma'am, Adil Sir, Arpita Ma'am, Sushma Ma'am, Laiba Ma'am, Ritu Priya Ma'am and all those teachers who worked behind the scene. Wishing our new Student Council a remarkable journey ahead, filled with growth, learning, and success.

## Protest against rape and murder of female doctor

Prayagraj: On Tuesday, August 13, Disha Student Organization and Naujawan Bharat Sabha demonstrated at the Students Union Building of Allahabad University in protest against the rape and murder of a female doctor in Calcutta's R.G Kar Medical College. He demanded strict punishment to the accused. Chandraprakash of Disha Student Organization said that crimes against women are continuously increasing across the country. This incident has not only exposed the government's 'guarantee of women's safety', but also shows the unsafe environment in which women doctors are forced to work. He criticized the growing cultural decadence in the society, which is generating new rapists and murderers and

supporting rapist mentality. He R.G Pointed to the increasing cases of heinous incidents like in medical colleges and raised questions as to why incidents of anti-women crimes occur, what are the reasons behind them, and how can they be stopped. The protesters also destroyed dens of obscene and pornographic material. Emphasized the need for closure, organizing militant struggle on issues of education, health, employment, and security, and eliminating conservative values from society. They also demanded understanding and propagation of progressive values. Akash, Priyanshu, Sanjay, Premchand, Nidhi, Ankit, Mahesh, Neeraj, and Avinash participated in the protest.

## Tremendous anger among public over arbitrary working style of PDA: Kiran Jaiswal

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of senior Bharat Janata Party councillor and chief whip of BJP Municipal Corporation Kiran Jaiswal, councillor Mukesh Lara, councillor Rudra Sen Jaiswal, BJP Metropolitan Vice President Vivek Aggarwal, media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani and a large number of regional citizens and BJP workers participated in the Prayagraj development program. After reaching there, he handed over the memorandum to the Chief Engineer. While handing over the memorandum, Councillor Kiran Jaiswal said that at eight places from Shankar Lal Bhargava Road Skill School to Police Booth intersection, drains and five-foot pits have been left dug for four months and this should be rectified. There is no provision as to where the drain water will be disposed and there is soil filled under the slab that has been laid in the drain. How will the drain be cleaned?



The work is done by the contractor for one day and then the work is stopped for 5 days which is not right. The work should be made equal because any accident can happen due to the dug pits and further said that the road leading to Payal Talkies from Triveni Road in front of Samiya Mata Temple, which is only five meters long, has been dug and left for two months in which all these places are filled with drain water due to which there is mud on the track and he said that due to this working style of the executive agency PDA, many people have lost their lives and the public is facing huge problems. And about which there is tremendous anger among the public, this is tarnishing the image of the Bharatiya Janata Party government and the important thing is that there is a fair of Dadhikando in Triveni Road, Shankar Lal Bhargava Road in which Krishna Baldaui's group comes out, lakhs of people participate in it. Therefore, this work should be started immediately. If there is no progress in the work, a collective symbolic fast will be observed by all councilors, BJP officials and regional citizens from 20th August from 10 am to 1 pm at the Police Booth intersection. On this occasion, the Chief Engineer Assured that the work will start smoothly from tomorrow, there will be no need for fasting on this occasion Mukesh Lara, Rudrasen Jaiswal, Vivek Aggarwal, Rajesh Kesarwani Babban Prajapati, Dilip Kesarwani, Manish Kesarwani, Bablu Sahu, Ram Nath Dubey, Mahendra Sahu, Bablu Yadav, Parmanand Sahu etc.

## Super-25 NEET free coaching being discussed: Dr. Mithlesh Singh

Prayagraj: Saharsh Charitable Trust is making efforts to provide free education for preparation where special coaching arrangements and subject expert teachers will provide education in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English through projectors and other mediums. Special study material will be provided free of cost for NEET preparation in free classes for students. Studying in this will be absolutely free. Practice of OMR test or CBT i.e. computer based test will be done twice every month. All classrooms will be equipped with facilities. Apart from daily studies, there will be separate classes for clearing doubts. Library has been arranged for the students.

# National symposium- 'Contribution of folk arts in nation building'

Prayagraj: Folk arts, which first embodied the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam that united India, were the first to record historical events. From immortal creations to love, rituals, celebrations, festivals, social environment and contexts, folk voices, dance, singing, presentations were woven into one thread by folk art and folk artists and preserved. Today, the folk arts that weave together the homes and the society and its concerns seem to be broken. Today, some of the folk arts' struggles for their concerns and identity are struggling with the indifference and apathy of the policy makers. Therefore, there is a need that folk artists themselves should come forward by sharing their advocacy with folk art connoisseurs and thinkers. 1. Alok Parankar ji, folk arts are the foundation stone of nation building and also expand the direction of politics. The scripture of folk music is created every day and it presents the fabric of happiness and sorrow of the rural environment. Limitation of classicism to a section, a special class, a family is synonymous with his monologue. Which some-

times prohibits even the accompanists. The foundation stone of nation building can be folk arts which call for collectivity, paves the way for unity, harmony and sovereignty. It is a powerful medium of communication and reaching out to the masses.

2. Ms. Shashiprabha Tiwari ji, when it comes to culture, folk is there in our lives, in our daily activities, Tulsi is remembered every morning, whereas Kabir is there in ethos and Meera and Sur are hummed in loving memories. Beyond religion, people highlight the feeling of welfare of all, it is the contribution of our vast language fund that music in Indian languages like Maithili, Bhojpur, Bengali, Punjabi etc. is becoming popular. Guru Rabindranath Tagore wrote literature in Bengali language. Composed. The victory of the people is that personalities like Atulayaduvanshi ji are continuously giving new dimensions to Nautanki with new technology and new dimensions by connecting the urban audience with their social concerns along with its complete simplicity and craft.3. It seemed necessary to underline the significance of the seven-

day Nautanki Mahotsav of Shri Amitesh Kumar Swarga Rangamandal because when the concept of modern theater was coined in India, folk art was called vulgar. Folk art mediums like Nautanki in Uttar Pradesh, Swang in Haryana, Bidesiya in Bihar are available, but the proscenium theater approach of theater creates obstacles for a large section of the audience to connect with them. The full credit goes to Nautanki for connecting the society and culture and for highlighting the concerns and assimilating them. Be it freedom movements or the need for social consciousness, folk arts provided them the platform and empowered them. Habib Tanveer, Jagdish Chandra Mathur, Atul Yaduvanshi are the bearers of these traditional folk arts. Increasing the audience and preserving the folk artists is the true contribution of folk arts in nation building.

4. Shri Praveen Shekhar ji, with gratitude to the tireless efforts of Swarg Rangamandal and its charioteer Atul Yaduvanshi in trying to connect with the sensibilities of the people, as well as the contribution of folk art in nation build-

ing, is proved from the holy land of Prayagraj. While social concerns were highlighted in Budhi Kaki, Panch Parmeshwar, Bahurupiya, the timeless literary works Abhigyan Shakuntalam, Dastan-e-



Laila Majnu etc. were combined with modernity and gave a new lease of life to the folk art drama. Which creates a new dimension of drama and what Amitesh Kumar said, 'Atul ji's planned meaningful steps are already underway in the effort to connect the audience and save the folk artistes.5. Shri Shailesh Srivastava ji, the lack of good presentations in folk arts, which used to be lacking, undoubtedly, the packed audience gallery in the seven-day Nautanki

Mahotsav of Swarg Rangamandal works to bridge that lack. The excellence of folk arts lies in upgrading oneself by adopting the innovations instead of being afraid of them. 6. Dr. Shlesh Gautam ji, the folk

arts that give liveliness to humanity talk about animals, birds, environment, birth after birth, rivers and ponds. Whenever these end, folk arts come forward. Our folk culture and folk history have an important role in building and maintaining the country. In this time of materialism, when we are forgetting our values, traditions and duties, folk arts work to give us a sense of morality and to uplift folk values. Folk arts have always shouldered the responsibility of controlling

the stray and chaotic crowd.

You will get music, colors and festivals, you will get the basis of life. If you come to folk art then you will get the whole world. If you come to folk art then you will get the whole world. 7. Shri Rajesh Mishra ji, the concept of ethos is also found in the Vedas, nation means embracing every component of the geographical territory. Along with the five elements, nature, animals, culture, dialect, clothing etc. are all quoted from the ethos. The beauty of poetry which is found in folk speech makes our story comprehensible. A book like Nautanki Tradition and Sangharsh is an incomparable work done by Jyotish Joshi which along with recording the authentic folk art traditions, has been creating folk literature over a long period of time. Works to bridge the gap. Veda is the scripture of the people and Atharva Veda is a complete collection of ethos. Veda is the work of experience, experiment and meditation. In the scriptures which have been limited to

devotion and beauty, Rasa and Bhava have been expressed in a cosmetic form, whereas in the public there are voices of protest, while the cosmetic sentiments also get intelligibility, universal acceptance and universal recognition.8. Dr. Pushkar Mishra ji, when the underlying meaning of the word folk is understood in its true form, then it will get further expansion. Our biggest mistake has been to narrow the meaning of folk in the context of English folk. When we understand the philosophy of our traditions, we find the discussion of the world in the form of worldly and beyond-worldly and in this world and hereafter. When the art tradition in India was fully developed and people in Greece lived in caves, then when and how did it happen that based on the facts described in the Vedas about the five elements, Aristotle and Socrates included any four elements and we imitate them. They accept it completely and do not even recommend the Vedas.

9. Shri Dr. Jyotish Joshi ji, in his presidential address, Joshi ji said that 'there is nothing beyond the world'. Whatever has been

created and coined is universally understood in our speech and language. For that we will have to search the dictionary of our own public sentiments. It should not be our compulsion to find meanings in a foreign language but it should be theirs. We get the meanings of words in different senses. Folk theater is a powerful medium with a touch of collectivity which goes beyond the scriptures and classicism and imprints its content and thoughts on the heart of the people. Folk arts do not need preservation but there is a need to encourage more and more performances and folk art seekers. The mind busy in urban life also needs folk music and folk bani to remain connected to its land. When taking off the suit-pants which make the body tired all day long and wearing Gamchha dhoti-sarikurta gives relief to the body. When it comes to drama, Jaishankar Prasad admitted that it was drama that preserved classicism. Out of the ten metaphors, most of the emotions are reflected in the drama. Atul Yaduvanshi thanked everyone. The program was conducted by Dr. Alka Prakash ji with thanks.

## Editorial

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

The court was also informed that third parties were unfairly benefiting commercially from the sale of merchandise featuring his pictures and voice for ringtones. Most alarming was the online circulation of fake pornographic images and videos of the actor with other actresses. Notably, in its order, the Delhi High Court stated that satirical writing and genuine criticism would be safeguarded and not construed as violations of personality rights. While the word 'Jhakaas' can be used by people, they cannot exploit it commercially in the manner Anil Kapoor does. Similarly, it can be used for satire, criticism or parody, but not for monetary gains. In the Jackie Shroff case as well, the court declined to order the removal of a video titled 'Jackie Shroff is Savage, Jackie Shroff Thug Life', posted on a YouTube channel named 'Thughesh'. The court deemed the video a form of artistic expression and said imposing restrictions would have significant consequences. In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights.

like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

"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.

## Sparked concerns about a possible war between Israel and the Lebanon-based terror group

The killing of a top Hezbollah commander in Beirut by the Israeli Defence Forces has sparked concerns about a possible war between Israel and the Lebanon-based terror group. The two previously fought a 34-day war in 2006 that ended in a stalemate. But what happened? Hezbollah vs Israel: What happened the last time they went to war in 2006?

Hezbollah on 12 July, 2006, killed three Israeli soldiers and captured two others in what it called operation 'Truthful Promise.' AP

Are Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah going to war? This is what many are worried about in the aftermath of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) killing a top Hezbollah commander in Beirut. Israel claimed that the commander Fouad Shukur was allegedly behind the weekend rocket attack that left 12 young people dead in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights – an assertion that Hezbollah has denied. The two sides have exchanged near-daily strikes for the past 10 months against the backdrop of the war in Gaza, but they have previously kept the conflict at a low level that was unlikely to escalate into full-on war. However, that could now change. "The Israeli enemy has committed a great stupid act in size, timing and circumstances by targeting an entirely civilian area,"



Hezbollah official Ali Ammar told Al-Manar TV.

"The Israeli enemy will pay a price for this sooner or later."

But what happened the last time Israel and Lebanon did battle?

**Let's take a closer look:**

The war between Israel and Hezbollah kicked off with Hezbollah fighters crossing the border into Israel on July 12, 2006. As per Human Rights Watch, the militants attacked an IDF convoy near the border. They killed three soldiers and kidnapping two others – whom they brought back to Lebanon. The aim of the operation was in keeping with Hassan Nasrallah's objective to capture Israeli soldiers and exchange them for prisoners. Hezbollah also sought the return of the Israeli-occupied Sheba Farms. The terror group then announced it would enter 'indirect negotiations' with Israel. However, then Lebanese prime minister

Fouad Siniora denied that he knew what Hezbollah was planning. In a letter dated July 13, 2006, to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, the Government of Lebanon declared that "[T]he Lebanese Government was not aware of the events that occurred and are occurring on the international Lebanese border" and that "[T]he Lebanese Government is not responsible for these events and does not endorse them."

**'Act of war'**

However, Israel was having none of it. Minister Ehud Olmert announced that the Lebanon government had committed an 'act of war.' "Lebanon is responsible and Lebanon will bear the consequences of its actions," Olmert vowed. Meanwhile, Israel's chief of staff Dan Halutz said "if the soldiers are not returned, we will turn Lebanon's clock back 20

years," as per ICRC. Udi Adam, the head of Israel's Northern Command, added, "This affair is between Israel and the State of Lebanon. Where to attack? Once it is inside Lebanon, everything is legitimate – not just southern Lebanon, not just the line of Hezbollah posts." The IDF on July 13, 2006, began bombing bridges, roads, and important other Hezbollah positions including Beirut's Rafic Hariri International Airport. Israel also imposed a 'complete blockade' on Lebanon, as per Human Rights Watch. According to CSIS, Hezbollah was taken by complete surprise.

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah later admitted he would not have started the war had he known its outcome. Reuters

Indeed Nasrallah would later announce that he would not have conducted the operation if he had known about the outcome. But that would come later. Hezbollah's immediate reaction was to fire a hail of rockets at Israel. The terror group is estimated to have fired 4,000 rockets – around 34 on average daily.

As per CSIS, Hezbollah militants hid themselves along trees, patches of vegetation, caves, surface irregularities, and buildings along the slopes of the hills. From here, they launched missiles and rockets at Israeli posi-

tions on the border. They also used civilian infrastructure to hide command centers, ambush Israeli fighters and allow its own militants space to manoeuvre. Hezbollah also used anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) to great effect. During the war, ATGMs accounted for the majority of Israeli infantry casualties including 24 tank crewmen. ATGMs also took out 20 tanks. The performance of Hezbollah's militants won praise from Western analysts, as per CSIS. According to ICRC, the government in Lebanon repeatedly asked the United Nations Security Council to call for an 'immediate and unconditional ceasefire' between Israel and Hezbollah.

**The ceasefire**

The war finally ended with the United Nations Security Council passing Resolution 1701 on August 11, 2006. The resolution called for a "full cessation of hostilities based upon, in particular, the immediate cessation by Hezbollah of all attacks and the immediate cessation by Israel of all offensive military operations, and emphasising the need to address urgently the causes that have given rise to the current crisis, including by the unconditional release of the abducted Israeli soldiers. The resolution also called for a demilitarised zone on Lebanon's side of the border.

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

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

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

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

### What is Australia's world-first peanut allergy treatment for infants?

In a world first, Australia will offer life-saving treatment for babies allergic to peanuts. The country, which is dubbed the 'allergy capital of the world', has about 3 per cent of children who develop peanut allergies by the time they turn one year old.

What is Australia's world-first peanut allergy treatment for infants? Babies with peanut allergy in Australia will be fed peanut powder to build tolerance. Representational Image/Pixabay

Australia is taking steps to tackle peanut allergy in babies. The country has launched a nationwide programme to build immunity for those allergic to peanuts. Touted as the world's first, the initiative entails life-saving treatment for babies with potentially deadly peanut allergies. Ten paediatric hospitals in five states have joined hands with the National Allergy Centre of Excellence (NACE) to roll out the peanut oral immunotherapy (OIT) programme, reported ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation). How will it work and why has Australia launched the ambitious plan? We explain.

**What's a food allergy?**

Food allergy is an abnormal response of the body to certain foods. When the body's immune system feels a "dan-

ger" to your health, it generates immunoglobulin E or IgE antibodies, according to Johns Hopkins. These react to the food, causing allergy symptoms such as hives, asthma, itching in the mouth, stomach pains, vomiting, or diarrhoea. Severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) includes symptoms like difficulty in breathing, wheezing or persistent cough, swelling of the tongue or throat, difficulty talking, and continuous dizziness or collapse. Eggs, peanuts, cow's milk, shellfish, fish, tree nuts, soybeans and wheat are some of the most common allergy-inducing foods in Australia, reported the Guardian. Peanut is one of the most common allergy-causing foods in Australia. Representational Image/Pixabay

Australia's world-first peanut allergy treatment Australia will offer oral immunotherapy to babies with a peanut allergy. As per BBC, eligible babies will be given peanut powder every day for two years, which will help in building up their tolerance. The doses will be increased over time so that their sensitivity to peanuts can be reduced. The initiative will be carried out under the supervision of select paediatric hospitals around the country. "This is a slow process. Under supervision, each child has increases in

dose each month at a level that shouldn't cause a reaction for that child," programme medical lead Dr Tim Brettig told ABC. "Eventually they will reach a maintenance dose, where they'll then stay and continue this dose for up to two years before stopping to see if this treatment has been effective." Only children under 12 months who have been diagnosed with a peanut allergy and are getting care at one of the 10 participating hospitals will be eligible for the programme, reported BBC. , the peanut powder will be given to infants mixed into other foods. With this, the hope is to increase the tolerance threshold and decrease the risk posed by peanuts to allergic babies. "In some cases, [the threshold] might be so high that they can eat peanut in their diet freely, for others it might raise it to a level where accidental exposures wouldn't result in an allergic reaction," Brettig was quoted as saying by BBC. After the end of two years, a food allergy test will be done to ascertain if treatment led to remission, reported AFP. Doctors have warned families against trying oral immunotherapy at home without supervision. "This programme follows a carefully planned dosing schedule and children are under the strict medical supervision .

### The Massacre Law': Why Turkey wants to cull 4 million stray dogs

On Tuesday, Turkey approved a controversial bill that aims to regulate millions of stray dogs. Although many of them are harmless, a growing number are congregating in packs, and numerous people have been attacked in Istanbul and elsewhere. The government estimates that around four million stray dogs roam on the streets and rural areas. Opposition lawmakers, animal welfare groups and others have dubbed the bill the 'massacre law'.

'The Massacre Law': Why Turkey wants to cull 4 million stray dogs

A stray dog rests on a banner that reads "#withdraw the legislation" during a protest by animal rights activists in Ankara, Turkey, Monday, July 29, 2024. On Tuesday, the country approved a controversial bill that aims to regulate millions of stray dogs. This comes despite massive protests against the law over the past few weeks, occasionally scuffling with police and carrying banners that read, "You cannot kill them," and "Take back the massacre law." Animal lovers and advocates fear many canines would be killed or end up in neglected, overcrowded

shelters. New rules Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose ruling AK Party proposed the bill, told legislators, "Although some people persistently ignore it, Turkey has a stray dog problem." According to The Associated Press, deputies in the Turkish Grand National Assembly approved the law after a tense, marathon overnight session as the government pushed to have it passed before the summer recess. The bill was approved with 275 votes in favour and 225 against. The full assembly will have a

final vote in the coming days. Under the new rules, municipalities will have to collect stray dogs and house them in shelters, where they will be neutered and spayed. Animal rights activists stage a days-long protest in a public garden in Ankara, Turkey, late Tuesday, July 23, 2024. AP The law requires all municipalities to spend at least 0.3 per cent of their annual budget on animal rehabilitation services and building or upgrading shelters, though they will be given until 2028 to do so, as per Reuters.

## UP CM Yogi introduces 'MYUVA Scheme' to empower youth entrepreneurs



**Delhi:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will launch the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" plan to encourage young entrepreneurship. This ambitious project shows the government's commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs and encouraging innovation and enterprise. Through MYUVA, enterprising youth will obtain support and tools to establish their entrepreneurial endeavors, boosting Uttar Pradesh's economy. CM Yogi has ordered MSME Department staff to speed up the initiative's action plan. The

directive emphasizes the government's determination to quickly adopt MYUVA. Officials must submit the action plan quickly to promote entrepreneurship and youth development in Uttar Pradesh. The Yogi administration provides interest-free financing for projects up to Rs 5 lakh to prepare one lakh young entrepreneurs each year. The 2024-25 budget includes Rs 1,000 crore for this endeavor. This unique program empowers educated and skilled youngsters across the state to create self-employment and MSMEs. The initiative promotes entrepre-

neurship to create rural and urban jobs. The plan offers interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh to industry and service ventures. Finance 1,00,000 units annually to directly benefit one million units (10 lakh units) over 10 years. Participants in the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, One District One Product Training and Toolkit Scheme, Scheduled Caste, Tribe, Other Backward Class Training Scheme, and Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission Skill Upgradation (Kaushal Unnayan) will be eligible for assistance. This program also

## UEA Offers Indian Students UK Higher Education Scholarships

**Delhi:** The University of East Anglia (UEA), one of the UK's top 25 universities, has launched a variety of scholarships for Indian students. Graduate and undergraduate applicants for 2024-2025 can apply for these scholarships, which cover tuition, housing, and living expenses. Indian postgraduate students studying Economics, Humanities, Engineering, Chemistry, and Law are eligible for the £4,000 UEA India Award. Following

**Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students**

UEA's entrance requirements immediately qualifies candidates. Undergraduate Scholarship: UEA India High-achieving Indian undergradu-

ates at UEA can get a £4,000 tuition price discount in their first year. Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students. Valued at £4,000 each year, exceptional applicants may receive £10,000. Gita and Sonny Mehta India Scholarship: UEA's Department of Literature, Drama, and Creative Writing offers this scholarship to bril-

liant Indian writers. Applicants must submit a separate £28,500 application. David Sainsbury Full MSc Scholarship: This scholarship covers the tuition cost (£31,500), maintenance grant, and £4,000 travel fees for Global Plant Health applicants. Scholarships are individual and cannot be combined. The UEA website lists deadlines. Framework is part of Norwich Research Park, Europe's.

## Research Internships from UGC Give Students Stipends, Insurance, and Academic Credits

**Delhi:** Stipends, insurance, and academic credits are awarded to fourth-year undergraduates who complete research internships. Participating enterprises must pay interns a set amount, according to UGC norms provided to higher education institutions. Nodal officers for research internships will negotiate

with corporations for the program at higher education institutions.

Higher education institutions may also seek group internships. The Four Year Undergraduate Programme's fourth year will include the research internship. Every student will have an internship supervisor to help them finish

their work on time. The UGC solicited stakeholder input on this guidelines draft. UGC chairperson M Jagdish Kumar said it implemented a credit framework at the undergraduate level following the National Education Policy 2020. He claimed the internship is mandatory to boost student employability.

Educational institutions will survey local market demand for research internships. Surveys and courses will inform internship projects. Educational institutions must publish internship projects and mentor information. Industry representatives should have been in career counseling, it said.

**Over 1,300 beggars got skills**

**Delhi:** The economic survey says the Delhi government started skill development for homeless beggars last year. It claims 1,312 of Delhi's 16,000 homeless and pavement residents were taught between March and September 2023. The government said an interdepartmental committee would train city homeless before the 2023 G20 Summit. The lieutenant governor and chief secretary ordered.

## Within two months, Physics Wallah's 'Alakh AI' had 1.5 million users

**Delhi:** In less than two months, Physics Wallah's indigenously-built AI education package 'Alakh AI' has seen over 1.5 million users. It debuted the suite in late December 2023. Alakh AI offers AI Guru: Personalised Tutor, Sahayak: Smart Companion Powered by AI, and NCERT Pitara. At its flagship event, Vishwas Diwas, Physics Wallah launched innovative educational technolo-



gy projects. With the theme 'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz (A New Era in Education)', the edtech platform featured innovations to make learning more personalized, effective, and engaging.

"'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz' is more than a theme; it is our commitment to provide a learning experience that transcends traditional boundaries, making education more personalised,

effective, and engaging for every student," Physics Wallah CEO and Founder Alakh Pandey stated. This effort centers on Physics Wallah 2.0, a futuristic strategy that employs technology to improve student achievements. Physics Wallah has launched new technologies and offered up to 80% off most online courses. Its FY23 sales was Rs 798 crore, growing 3.4 times from the previous year.

## Congress leader Pradeep Chaudhary welcomed MP Deepender Hooda on his arrival

**Kaithal:** Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former Chief Minister of Haryana Ch. Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary, a special supporter of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, said that in Haryana Ch. If the Congress government is formed under the leadership of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, monthly pension of Rs 6000 to the elderly, 300 units of electricity free to every family, gas cylinder for women at Rs 500, confirmed recruitment on 2



lakh vacant government posts for the youth, for poor families. By implementing the free plot scheme of 100-100 yards, along with building houses on that plot, the old pension scheme will be implemented for the employees. Pradeep Chaudhary was talking

to Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda last day in the office located near the bus stand in Kaithal. Congress state executive member Pradeep Choudhary said that before 2014, during the Hooda

regime, Haryana which was number 1 in per capita income, per capita investment, law and order, sports players and providing employment, today Haryana is the worst in unemployment, crime, drugs and corruption.

Has become number 1 in. The government is sending the youth here to war-torn areas like Israel by giving them contract jobs through Skill Employment Corporation. Whereas other countries.

## MG Motor India introduces new Hector variants Shine Pro and Select Pro

**HISAR :** MG Motor India has announced the launch of two new variants of India's first Internet SUV - MG Hector. Named Shine Pro and Select Pro, the new variants pack many new features, intuitive technology, safety, and driving convenience. With a bold-striking exterior and interiors standardised with best-in-segment offerings and unique design elements, MG Hector now starts at an attractive price of INR 13.99\* Lakh (ex-showroom). With a host of best-in-class offerings like its dual-pane panoramic sunroof\*, MG Hector is a great value proposition for SUV enthusiasts who prefer to lean towards technology and top-notch performance in their vehicles. Both

new variants, Shine Pro and Select Pro, offer a superior in-car infotainment experience with India's largest 14-inch HD portrait infotainment system, complete with Wireless Apple CarPlay & Android Auto and a Wireless Phone Charger. The new variants of the Hector feature LED Projector Headlamps, Floating LED Turn Indicators, LED Blade Connected Tail Lamps, and Chrome Outside Door Handles. With an All-Black theme in premium upholstery and leather-wrapped steering, along with a brushed metal finish (CVT 5-seater), both Shine Pro and Select Pro variants come with a Full Digital Cluster with a 17.78 cm Embedded LCD Screen. On the com-

fort and convenience front, the Shine Pro and Select Pro offer a Push Button Engine Start/Stop with a Smart Key. The new variants also offer the first-in-segment Digital Bluetooth® Key and Key Sharing capability\*. "Since its launch in 2019, the MG Hector has made a bold statement with its commanding presence and has redefined the SUV landscape with a multitude of tech features and superior driving comfort. With ADAS Level 2 and Connected features. Each subsequent variant has set new benchmarks in the segment by offering a harmonious blend of comfort, advanced technology, and ergonomic design. Using insights from our market research.

## Galore of cricket, entertainment and cine starts as CCL reaches Chandigarh and Mohali

**Chandigarh:** The Celebrity Cricket League (CCL) will witness its zenith at the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA), Mohali when home team 'Punjab De Sher' serves spectators a blend of Cricket, Fun and Cine stars. Team Punjab De Sher reaches Chandigarh for its last league matches and sweating hard during practice sessions. Team will face Bengal Tigers, Captained by Jisshu Sengupta on the glittering evening on March 8 followed by yet another clash against Mumbai Heroes, captained by Ritesh Deshmukh on March 9 under floodlights. Team captain Sonu Sood is confi-



dent that they will make a comeback in the tournament by winning both the league matches. Meanwhile, a match will be between Bengal Tigers and Bhojpuri Dabangs captained by Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament on the afternoon of March 9. This match will also witness popular Bollywood faces such

as Sohail Khan, Suniel Shetty, Jenelia Deshmukh and many more. Puneet Singh and Navraj Hans, Co-owners, Punjab De Sher, extended his Punjabi liberty by serving an open invitation to cricket and cine fans. According to them, Punjabis are always cheerful and open hearted, hence they expect a massive fan base with their

complimentary passes. Punjab De Sher hopes that fans will turn in numbers to cheer for their favourite team - Punjab De Sher. Fans need to register on Punjab De Sher's website and social media platforms to grab the complimentary passes and in lieu they will have a memorable evening. Along with their practice, the Punjab De Sher team will also be visiting college campuses, popular hangouts and malls of Chandigarh Tricity to perform promotional activities and meet their fans to distribute free VIP passes and gift hampers.

## Computerized EWS lottery determines school entrance.

**Delhi:** The Delhi High Court ruled that schools must follow the Directorate of Education (DoE)'s computerized draw of lots for economically weaker section (EWS) admissions. Justice C Hari Shankar noted that the computerized draw of lots is based on the class strength communicated by the schools, and if a school does not have enough general students, it must apply to the DoE to reduce the number of EWS students. A pupil seeking admission to a private school's pre-primary class after a successful DoE computerized draw of lots petitioned the court. The school denied admission to the petitioner because the actual number of general category admissions was less than what was communicated to the DoE, and it had already admitted 25% of the actual number under the EWS category per legal mandate. "Once a school communicates the number of general category and EWS seats available with it for being filled in an ensuing academic year.

## Instead of fulfilling the expectations of the people, BJP showered lathis: Jadoula

Vikas Kumar

**Kaithal:** Senior Congress leader and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula, under the pledge of Congress' Hath Se Hath Jodo Abhiyan, exposed the anti-people policies of the current BJP government by publicizing the Congress's announcements in several villages of the constituency. While interacting with the villagers, Jadoula said that every Haryanvi will be connected with brotherhood, every farmer will be connected with the guarantee of MSP, employees will be connected with OPS, the elderly will be connected with a pension of Rs 6000 per month, every housewife will be connected with a cheap cylinder of Rs 500, all families will be connected with 300 units of free electricity and poor families will be connected with free plots of 100 yards each and all the announcements will be implemented with the first stroke of the



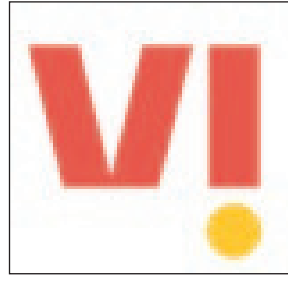
pen as soon as the Hooda government is formed. Former MLA Sultan Jadoula alleged that playing with the future of educated youth, paper leak in the name of recruitment, recruitment cancellation, recruitment being delayed in court, making youth run around courts, this is the report card of 10 years of BJP. BJP government first cheated the youth in the name of CET, cancelled every recruitment in the name of CET and then made such rules which could not even stand in court. It is clear from the decision of the Supreme Court that the BJP government deliberately left such loop holes in the recruitment rules and process so

that it could get an excuse for not making recruitment. Haryana is the only BJP government in the country which is not able to properly defend even the rules made by itself in the court. Congress leader Jadoula said that instead of fulfilling the expectations of the people, the BJP government harassed them and showered lathis on them. Papers are being leaked every day. Due to this, the future of the youth of the country is being played with. The youth of the state are migrating to foreign countries due to rising unemployment. He said that the BJP government lathicharged the farmers who were protesting for their demands in the Kisan Andolan and in the arrangement of power, the government tortured the Sarpanchs, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers and employees, the consequences of which will have to be paid in the assembly elections to be held this year.

## Vi Engages with Samsung for 4G-5G Radio Network

Vatika Times

**GURUGRAM / HISAR :** Leading telecom operator Vi has been in an active discussion with Samsung on the new technologies, such as virtualized Radio Access Network (vRAN) solution for its 4G and 5G deployments. With an objective to expand Vi's 4G footprint and introduce 5G, Vi and Samsung have been engaged for the last 12-18 months on network trials in Chennai, India. Further to the encouraging trial response and at par performance with incumbent suppliers, Vi has extended Samsung deployments in Karnataka and Bihar circles. These setups have enabled Vi to fulfil its 5G Minimum Rollout Obligation (MRO)



in these three circles (Chennai, Karnataka and Bihar) with NSA vRAN architecture. Vi is committed to expand its collaboration with Samsung for the vRAN solution and to harness the cloud benefits in the RAN domain. This unique blend of traditional RAN deployments and vRAN allows Vi to embrace new technologies and architecture with better performance and customer experience.

Commenting on the deployment, Jagbir Singh, Chief Technical Officer, Vodafone Idea Limited said, "We are proud to demonstrate our leadership in next-generation radio solutions (vRAN) that can deliver enhanced experience to our customers with better TCO. This vRAN deployment, delivered through Samsung's innovation and joint technological strategic initiatives, is in sync with our technology transformation roadmap and enriched vendor ecosystem. We see a major role ahead for hybrid architecture in delivering the network enhanced capabilities that will push new dimensions in radio architecture."

## Bournvita and Other Drinks Will No Longer Be Listed as "Health Drinks"

**Delhi ; The Central Government** ordered all e-commerce sites to remove all so-called drinks and beverages, including the well-known milk supplement Bournvita, from the 'healthy drinks' category, dealing a severe blow to fitness drink businesses. The National Commission

for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) undertook an investigation and came to the conclusion that the FSS Act of 2006 did not specify a health drink, thus the Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued the order. "National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), a

statutory body constituted under Section (3) of the Commission of Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 after its inquiry under Section 14 of CRPC Act 2005 concluded that there is no 'health drink' defined under FSS Act 2006, rules and regulations submitted by FSSAI.

## Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks

**Delhi:** To reduce dust pollution and increase green cover, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks, schools, open spaces, and roadsides this year. In 2023-24, the city planted two lakh trees and 3.25 lakh plants. The horticulture department requested zonal office requirements to complete the assignment. "We will plant when the details are acquired. An officer stated schools, hospitals, parks, and below flyovers are used for this. He stated that the



government will continue roadside tree planting in some colonies at homeowners' request.

MCD plans to carpet or repave 50 km of interior roadways by Oct. to

reduce dust. Between April 2023 and February 2024, 139 km of roads were resurfaced or repaired. A civic council wants to resurface 180km of roads by Oct. Road

maintenance and resurfacing are ongoing. After winter, we started dense carpet work on damaged areas. Work is being done with MLA or Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna non-plan head funding "said the official. Our 52 mechanical road sweepers are for PWD roads. He added that 195 water sprinklers, jet machines, and 30 mobile anti-smog guns are reducing dust pollution on roadways. PWD gave MCD 60 anti-smog weapons to reduce dust near construction sites.

## One-year DDA flat maintenance with RWAs

**Delhi:** Delhi Development Authority would give residents' welfare societies maintenance work within a year of creation to ensure flat maintenance. This will also apply to Special Housing Scheme units. This conclusion followed Real Estate Regulatory Authority criteria. A maintenance fee is normally collected by DDA during allotment. It has maintained flats for 10-20 years, depending on the scheme. A DDA official stated that applicants must join the registered



agency or RWA to maintain common services. Per pocket, one RWA will be registered. All new DDA plans require upfront monthly costs for one year, depending on flat type. "DDA shall do daily maintenance from maintenance charges for one year or until

RWA is formed, whichever comes first. An RWA will get the balance maintenance fund if it is founded before one year. If a RWA is not created within a year, it will be done on actuals "said the official. "For subsequent years, the necessary arrangement will be communicated

to the residents," he said. Residents expect standard changes to speed up DDA flat maintenance, which had been delayed for a long period. The authority defined maintenance as green space maintenance, campus, colony, and housing pocket cleaning, light fitting replacement in common areas, lift maintenance and operation, and common area electrical bill payment. "After transfer, the urban authority will be responsible for common areas in many housing pockets.

## HDFC Bank Empowers MSMEs with Special Knowledge

**AMBALA/HISAR,** June 26, 2024: Ahead of World MSME Day today, HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, started an exclusive campaign for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), to provide an impetus to businesses in deeper geographies. The campaign aims to spread awareness on various banking products and services, government policies for MSMEs and encourage them to adopt digitisation in their business dealings. As part of the campaign, the Bank will be providing a host of offers on working capital loans, business loans, business cards, trade services and Dukandar Overdraft. The Bank will also run virtual and on-the-ground knowledge sessions in partnership with HDFC SKY, HDFC ERGO, Niva Bupa General Insurance, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, and Aditya Birla General Insurance, among others. The sessions, which are themed around digital



transformation of businesses, will happen in the following 15 cities: Indore, Surat, Roorkee, Nashik, Ludhiana, Raipur, Dehradun, Coimbatore, Varanasi, Vizag, Patna, Nagpur, Kanpur, Hubballi, and Guwahati where over 1,000 small and medium businesses will be invited. On the occasion, the Bank has released a special film thanking MSMEs for trusting HDFC Bank as their banking partner. Mr. Rahul Shyam Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking (CRB), HDFC Bank said, "MSME entrepreneurs, through their perseverance and enterprise, play a strong role in shaping India's economic growth trajectory. HDFC Bank recognises their contribution to GDP, exports and most importantly, employment creation.

A large number of micro enterprises do not apply for credit despite being eligible for loans due to lack of access to information. We continue to address MSMEs' financial needs by providing services in over 700 districts, extending education on a variety of government schemes, and by going beyond the usual assessment criteria like firm size, value added, access to trade credit, among others, to specifically address their needs." As of 31st March, 2024, the Bank's distribution network stands at 8,738 branches and 20,938 ATMs across 4,065 cities/towns. A total of 52% of the branches are in semi-urban and rural areas, along with 15,182 business correspondents, which are primarily manned by Common Service Centres.

## One-liner satires are becoming popular in India too : Acharya Rajesh

**Chandigarh:** An online seminar on the one-liner satire genre was organized today by Samvad Sahitya Manch. Speaking as the chief guest, senior satirist Acharya Rajesh Kumar said that in view of the demand of the time, one-liner satire is becoming popular in India too. Recently, he has edited a book titled 'Dekhan Mein Chhote Lage'. The publisher of the book, Sushil Swatantrata, said that his publication will continue to contribute to the satire genre. The program was conducted by the Forum's General Secretary Dr. Neeru Mittal 'Neer'. While introducing the guests and expressing his views on the book, he said that



these satires are small in appearance but sharp and serious in thoughts. Senior litterateur and Forum President Prem Vij, while welcoming, said that it is necessary to have satire in every discipline related to satire.

Famous writer Prabhat Goswami said that satire should be on ideas, not on people. Famous litterateur Harish Kumar Singh said that every form of satire delights the reader. Famous poet Ranavijay Rao said that now one-

liner satire is also being discussed. Dr. Vinod Sharma said that this art of satire will soon become popular. Dr. Sarita Mehta, Tarinder Kaur, Bimla Guglani, Dr. Pragya Sharda also expressed their views.

## Currency circulation increases despite 2k note ban

**Delhi:** Despite the elimination of Rs 2,000 banknotes, the currency in circulation increased by Rs 1.3 lakh crore in FY24 from Rs 33.5 lakh crore at the end of March 2023 to Rs 34.8 lakh crore. Growth has slowed the most since 2018. In FY24, currency in circulation as a proportion of GDP fell since 4% is slower than GDP growth. CIC grew 7% last year and over 10% the year before due to a pandemic cash rush. Currency in circulation grew 0.5% to Rs 35.3 lakh crore in the week ended April 5. RBI data shows that the increased issue of Rs 500 notes has more than offset the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes. ON May 19, 2023, RBI announced their withdrawal. In March 2024, Rs 2,000 notes were worth Rs 8,202 crore, down from Rs 3.6 lakh crore a year earlier. The value of Rs 500 notes rose to Rs 30.1 lakh crore from 25.8 lakh crore a year before.

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## A warning against bogus syllabuses and sample question papers is released by CBSE

**Delhi:** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued a warning alert informing parents and students to be wary of false information pertaining to the curriculum, study guides, and practice exams for the 2024-25 school year. The Board has issued a warning to pupils about the dangers of falling for online scams that spread false information. We've noticed that some websites and online portals are disseminating stale information and unreliable updates about curriculum, sample question papers, CBSE resources, and activities. The alert said, "These links and news erroneously assert to offer up-to-date information for the session 2024-25. "In the interest of the public, we wish to emphasize that information from unauthorized sources can be misleading and may cause unnecessary confusion among schools, students, parents, and other stakeholders," it continued. Due to significant discrepancies between theory and practical scores in a few courses, CBSE has recently instructed schools to assess practical exams appropriately. In a notification, the CBSE said that, based on data from prior years' results, it had used sophisticated AI techniques to identify significant disparities between theory and practical grades in specific courses among 50% or more students in about 500 CBSE-affiliated schools. In the meantime, the July 15th date of the CBSE supplementary examinations for Classes 10 and 12 has been set. The Class 12 supplementary test will take place on a single day, July 15, while the Class 10 CBSE supplemental exam 2024.

## Govt. limits tur, chana stock until Sept to curb hoarding

### The import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024

Delhi: The Union Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs said wholesalers, retailers, huge chain shops, millers, and importers will be subject to stock limits. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits, and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order went into effect. Stock limits for

each pulse are 200 tonnes for wholesalers, 5 tonnes for retailers, 5 tonnes at each retail outlet, and 200 tonnes at the depot for big chain retailers; last 3 months of production or 25% of annual installed capacity, whichever is higher, for millers. The measures discourage stockpiling and boost market availability. Importers cannot keep imported merchandise after 45 days after customs clearance. Tur, urad, and chana prices have been constant yet high all year. India imports 15% of its pulses annually to meet demand. Legal companies

are required to report stock positions on the Department of Consumer Affairs portal. "In case the stocks held by them are higher than the prescribed limits then, they shall bring the same to the prescribed stock limits by 12th July 2024," the note added. As Kharif pulses like tur and urad are likely to rise, the government expects tur and chana dal prices to fall. The statement anticipates the import of the current harvest of tur from East African countries starting in August 2024. A new crop of chana in Australia and its import from October 2024.

## Google cancels Play Store online gaming trial due to lack of rules

Delhi: Google paused its pilot program to list fantasy sports and rummy games on the Google Play Store, but gave India a "grace period". This means Google will not increase Play Store open access for more real-money games as planned in January. Existing Play Store apps will stay there. Google suspended the pilot, which began in July 2018 and was extended in January in India, Brazil, and Mexico, due to a lack of a "central licensing framework" that governs game legality. "Expanding our support of real-money gaming apps in markets without a central licensing

framework has proven more difficult than expected, and we need additional time to get it right for our developer partners and the safety of our users," a spokesman for Google said. The move hurts India's online gaming industry, which is divided over whether games are 'games of skill' or 'games of chance'. Supreme Court cases challenging Tamil Nadu and Karnataka's internet gaming prohibition remain pending. Google said it is developing a framework for permitted applications in this field. "In the meantime, in India, we are extending the grace period of

the pilot program so existing apps offering fantasy sports and rummy games in India can remain on Play Store," the spokesman said.

A senior Google executive said on condition of anonymity that the company intends to create a framework, but conversations are ongoing and there is no "specific timeline" for when these apps can be used again.

India's major online gaming companies by revenue—Sporta Technologies (Dream11), Gameskraft, and Games24x7—listed their fantasy and rummy apps on Play Store after

## RBI changes priority sector lending rules

Delhi: RBI has amended its priority sector guidelines to encourage banks to provide modest loans in economically challenged districts with low loan amounts. New rules discourage lending in districts with large average loans. Fresh priority sector loans in districts with low credit availabil-

ity (less than Rs 9,000 per person) would receive 125% additional weight starting in FY25. In districts with substantial credit availability (above Rs 42,000 per person), loans weigh 90%. Except for outlier districts with poor credit availability and excessive loan sizes, all other dis-

tricts will remain 100% important. "RBI has decided to rank districts based on per capita credit flow to the priority sector, and to establish an incentive framework for districts with lower credit flow and a disincentive framework for districts with higher priority.

## Installation Ceremony for ASHRAE held at CII

Chandigarh Dr. Balkar Singh has been appointed as President along with other committee members during the installation ceremony of the ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-Conditioning Engineers), Chandigarh Chapter at CII, Northern Region, Sector 31. The other members in the committee includes Money Khanna as President Elect, Harmeet Singh as Vice President, Ar. Amit Kumar Sharma as Secretary and Amardeep Singh as Treasurer. The installation was done by Richie Mittal, Director and Regional Chair, Region XV of ASHRAE in presence of Guests of Honours - Ms Sapna, Chief Architect Punjab and Architect Kapil Setia, Chief Architect,



UT. Visawanath Krishnan, Regional Nomination Chair and Dr. Varun Jain, RVC GAC. VAARTA - Voice on Air Conditioning, Air Quality, Renewable Technology &

Architecture was organized on the theme of Building Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Living wherein key speaker Architect Gaurav Shorey deliberated upon the topic. The

event was attended by the HVAC&R and Building Science industry leaders, Consultants, Senior Officers from government organizations and experts.

## GST Council to change alcohol tax legislation, settle disputes

Delhi: The GST Council is considering amending GST legislation regarding extra neutral alcohol (ENA), a highly pure alcohol used in liquor manufacture but not for direct consumption. These revisions explain that ENA should not be GST-taxable, which could relieve the spirits industry by avoiding dual taxes. In addition to legislative changes, the Council is anticipated to propose a mechanism that would allow central and state tax agencies to stop recovering past tax dues,

helping the spirits industry. This action is part of a larger attempt to settle tax disputes and streamline taxation. The GST Council will discuss officer committee revisions at its meeting in the national capital. According to two Centre-state sources, this committee was charged with drafting legislative revisions to keep ENA outside the GST regime, a decision made at the GST Council's 52nd meeting on October 7 last year. The proposed revisions clarify tax implementa-

tion by excluding ENA from GST under section 9 of the Central and state GST statutes. GST is currently applicable to non-alcoholic goods and services, however ENA is not mentioned. The clarification should reduce the alcoholic beverage industry's tax burden by preventing the same commodity from being taxed under several streams. The Centre would submit CGST and IGST Act revisions in Parliament, while states will alter SGST laws. Since the 2017 indirect tax reform.

## Avoid promoting 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai



Delhi: The insurance regulator prohibits promoting Ulips and index-linked plans as investment products. The Irdai mandated tight standards for fund performance ads in a circular. They should show compounded yearly returns for the past five years with a caveat that past success does not guarantee future results. If applicable, benchmark index performance

must be stated with fund performance. The circular advised advertisers not to overestimate benefits, selectively offer benefits without constraints, or make derogatory comparisons to competitors or the industry. The laws compel insurers to form an advertisement committee and appoint distribution channel compliance officers to ensure compliance. These businesses strictly over-

see advertisement material and enforce restrictions. The regulator also requires companies to let policyholders pay premiums online or hire a new agent or direct sales staff if the policyholder's agent leaves. A any new policy from the allocated insurance agency or direct sales staff for the same policyholder if the assigned policy is not resurrected or abandoned within six months.

## Land and luxury commercial buildings may be sold by LIC

Delhi: LIC plans to sell some of its premium commercial buildings and land nationwide to raise \$6-7 billion (50,043-58,384 crore). LIC, India's third-largest landlord, has instructed an internal team to develop a selling plan for its real estate assets nationwide, according to two sources. The process may begin in Mumbai. The article listed LIC's premium assets as the Jeevan Bharti building in Delhi's Connaught Place, the LIC building in Kolkata's Chittaranjan Avenue, and

Mumbai's Asiatic Society and Akbarally's buildings. Two sources informed that LIC's real estate assets were valued at a cautious 50,000-60,000 crore during their latest valuation. "LIC-owned buildings may be revalued for the formal asset sale procedure. LIC buildings may have a market value of at least five times the conservative estimate of 2.5-3 lakh crore, as many have never been sold.

The first insider informed that LIC may incorporate a separate business to

keep and monetize real estate assets due to the difficulty of valuing them. He added LIC owns the State Bank of India building on Mall Road in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, and two media house offices in New Delhi and Lucknow.

"The insurance company owns numerous marquee buildings. The valuation must be done properly. Only piece-by-piece auctions can determine prices. However, the LIC Act must be amended and laws changed

## Flipkart will challenge Zepto, Blinkit with fast commerce

Delhi: As India's e-commerce power-house targets rapid commerce, the sector will heat up again. Three sources told Entracker that Flipkart has begun building infrastructure for its rapid commerce play. "In six to eight weeks, Flipkart will launch 10-15 minute delivery in at least a dozen cities," stated an anonymous insider. "It's building up a chain of dark stores across several cities including Bengaluru, Delhi (NCR) and Hyderabad among others." Flipkart's move into rapid commerce comes as experts expect it to cut into India's e-commerce pie soon. A 2022 Redseer analysis estimates the Indian fast commerce market at around \$45 billion. More crucially, Zomato's Blinkit, Swiggy's Instamart, and Zepto have shown investors that rapid

commerce has a future in India in recent years. Zepto received a unicorn round, but Blinkit (previously Grofers) and Swiggy Instamart have scaled up with improved profits for their owners. "Flipkart's latest launches indicate its move into fast commerce. It started same-day delivery in 20 cities a couple of weeks ago and delivered flowers and cakes around Valentine's Day (February 2024)," an e-commerce and rapid commerce analyst told Entracker, asking for anonymity. Flipkart will have a larger library than Zepto, Instamart, and Blinkit, according to sources. "The company will have a sharp focus on FMCG, grocery and daily essentials but it would also push categories such as electronics, fashion," said the aforesaid insider.

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## A Japanese company is creating battery material with an energy density that is 100 times higher

Delhi: TDK, a multinational electronics business based in Japan, has revealed that it has created a material for solid-state batteries that has an energy density that is roughly 100 times higher than that of traditional ones. The Tokyo-based company claims that a variety of wearable gadgets, including smartwatches, wireless earbuds, hearing aids, and environmental sensors, may make use of their technology. Although the new material is intended to replace current coin cell batteries, it makes use of lithium alloy anodes and an oxide-based solid electrolyte. "Batteries are quite safe since they employ solid electrolyte based on oxides. It stated in a statement that "it is intended for use in wearable devices and other devices that come into direct contact with the human body." "The battery can be applied for replacing coin cell primary batteries in compliance with EU battery regulations, which require them to be replaced by rechargeable batteries, which is expected to contribute to the reduction of environmental impact," it stated. According to the company, the new technology also makes it possible for batteries to be smaller and have a longer operating life.

## Voda to sell 10% Indus share for \$1.1bn

Delhi: Vodafone Group will sell 10% of India's Indus Towers for up to \$1.1 billion to service debt, according to a term sheet obtained by Reuters. Last week, Reuters reported that Vodafone was considering selling its 21.5% holding in mobile-tower operator Indus Towers through several group businesses.

## Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test

Delhi: Philippine law-makers have allowed international medical graduates to obtain licenses and practice locally, benefiting Indian students. Since the National Medical Council requires returning students to take the Indian screening test with a valid practicing license, the move advantages Indian doctors-to-be. The move follows several other nations' efforts to attract Indian medical students overseas. Russia, Belarus, and Georgia have adopted similar policies after NMC's 2021 amendment, which required medical graduates from other countries to have a valid practicing license before taking the Indian screening test. NMC de-recognized the Philippine Bachelor of Science in 2023. It only accepted candidates from their four-year MD program, similar to India's MBBS. It fell short of NMC's 54-month minimum, therefore candidates had to complete a year of internship before taking the screening test to become doctors. In India Foreign



education agent Kadwin Pillai stated all worries are gone. The Philippine UG medical course duration now meets NMC standards. Welcoming foreign medical students to practice medicine locally or abroad will help our students and boost the Philippines' status as a major Asian-Pacific medical education destination "said. About 2,000 Indian UG medical students study in the Philippines each year. A record 24 lakh students took the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test this year. Foreign education agents expect 5 lakh Indians to study medicine abroad when local admissions close. Students spend Rs 40 lakh on schooling on average.

## Indian weightlifter shattering the world mark for gold

Delhi: At the IWF World juvenile

Championships, 15-year-old Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi won a gold medal after shattering the world record for juvenile clean and jerk in the women's 40 kg division. She lifted an amazing 76kg, breaking the previous record of 75kg. On the first day of the competition, Bhoi's overall effort weighed 133 kg, barely 2 kg less than the young world mark thanks to her 57 kg snatch lift. Jyoshna Sabar of India won the silver medal with a total lift of 125 kg (56 kg + 69 kg), and Fatma Kolcak of Turkey took home the bronze medal with a total lift of 120 kg (55 kg + 65 kg). The result was a 1-2 finish. Two more weightlifters from India made it to the podium, making it an excellent day for them. Payal finished second in the women's 45kg category, losing to Colombian Lawren Estrada, who won her second world title with a total lift of 151kg (67kg+84kg). Payal took home a silver medal in the 45kg

## The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across

Delhi: NCERT textbooks dominate Indian education. These texts have underpinned Indian education for decades. The extensive use of NCERT textbooks has benefited pupils across. In this post, we will discuss the benefits of NCERT textbooks, their broad use, and how NCERT Solutions for Class 6 and other courses improve learning. One reason NCERT textbooks are so popular is their dedication to quality education for all pupils. Experts curate the information to ensure accuracy and relevancy, meeting current educational requirements. NCERT textbooks guarantee national curricular

uniformity.

India is diverse, and different states have distinct educational systems and standards, therefore uniformity is essential. NCERT textbooks help create a level playing field, ensuring that students have a consistent educational experience regardless of their geographical location. NCERT textbooks follow the National Curriculum Framework, which is modified to reflect educational changes. This keeps the curriculum current and prepares students for a continually changing world. The textbook exercises and problems are explained in depth and solved step-by-step. This improves pupils' comprehension and subject knowledge.

event. With a total lift of 193 kg (86 kg + 107 kg), Babulal Hembrom won the bronze in the men's

49 kg event, making him the fourth lifter from India to place on the podium.



## No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines.

Delhi: To prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception. According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibited. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under "Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters must avoid the media.

## Sindhu beat Ongbamrunghan to reach the Malaysia

Delhi: Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunghan in the Malaysia Masters women's singles semi-final at Axiata Arena to advance to the final. Sindhu defeated the higher-ranked Thai shuttler 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the 88-minute match. Her first tournament final since March last year. Sindhu has reached four BWF World Tour Super 500 finals. In his first semi-final of the year, the two-time Olympic medalist lost the first game before showing her real courage. After a fierce battle, she took the lead from world no. 10 in the second game and led by two points at half-time. Keep calm and extend your lead to win 21-16. In



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the final game, she went all out and left her opponent no chance to recover. Sindhu led 11-5 before exchanging sides and closing with eight match points. She easily won

21-12 to win the match. Sindhu will face Wang Zhi Yi of China in the final. The incumbent Asian champion defeated Zhang Yiman in straight games to reach the

## The US is the top study abroad location for Indian students

Delhi: The US is the top destination for Indian students seeking higher education abroad. Most Indian students prefer US education due to its universities, cultural diversity, and academic opportunities. Indian student enrollment in U.S. universities rose 35% in 2022-23. USA is known for academic brilliance and offers international students learning and job possibilities with close to 200 universities in the top 1500 QS world university rankings.

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## India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace

Delhi: As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeated Belgium with a resounding 4-2 shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impression. Kanika Siwach

rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momentum and held off Belgium during a goalless second quarter to limit their team and take a dominating lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a pivotal penalty corner, but the Indian defense

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2-2. India prevailed in the subsequent shootout to win the match 2-2 (4-2 SO). The next game for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is scheduled for May 26 in Breda, against Germany.

## Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal-IMD

PUNE: A weather conundrum is gathering steam over Bay of Bengal ahead of monsoon arrival. In India a Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast formation of a low-pressure area over southwest Bay of Bengal

around, while some independent forecasters sounded alarm about potential for an intense cyclone in the making that could impact Odisha, Maharashtra, and Gujarat.

Mrutunjaya Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, IMD, told TOI: "Low-pressure area will help monsoon advance over Andaman sea and adjoining Bay of Bengal, but it may not have an impact on onset of monsoon in Kerala. However, we have not so far ruled out the possibility of the system turning into a cyclone later because known for cyclone formation. It is too early to confirm whether or not it will transform into a

cyclone. If at all a cyclone forms, its impact on monsoon progress cannot be gauged as of now because it will depend on its path and intensity."

GP Sharma, president of Skymet Weather Services, however, said the system did have a significant potential to become a cyclone, but is unlikely to hinder monsoon's progress. "There are ample chances that the Bay of Bengal system could gradually turn into a cyclone. It is unlikely to disrupt the monsoon progress when it forms, rather only help in its progress," Sharma said. Roxy Mathew Koll, senior climate scientist at Indian Institute of Tropical.

## Indian women's compound team wins third straight Archery World

Delhi: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami won their third straight Archery World Cup gold medal at stage two. The three defeated Turkey's Hazal Burun, Ayse Bera Suzer, and Begum Yuva 232-226 to prove their dominance. The world-number one Indian team showed skill and consistency from the start. They kept a six-point lead throughout the final, preventing Turkey from closing in. This win continues their winning trend, having won gold at World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai and Stage 4 in Paris last year. India won silver in compound mixed team in addition to women's team. Olivia Dean and Sawyer Sullivan of the US faced Jyothi Surekha



Vennam and Priyansh Jain in the final. After an early lead, the Indian duo succumbed by two points, 155-153. Jyothi and Priyansh opened the match with a near-perfect 39 out of 40, giving India a two-point advantage. They lost consistency in later rounds. By halfway, the USA pair tied the score and beat the Indians with a perfect third end to win the gold medal. Prathamesh Fuge just missed a bronze

medal in the individual events after losing to world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands in a shoot-off. Fuge defeated Austrian world number six Nico Wiener in the quarterfinals. He lost in the shoot-off after overcoming a two-point deficit to force a tiebreaker, losing his first World Cup medal. In the compound men's individual semifinal, Fuge lost to world number seven James Lutz of the US 143-148.

## HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNV (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25.



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