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

9 killed, over 40 injured as goods train rams Kanchanjunga Express in Bengal

NEW DELHI: PHANSIDEWA:

Villagers, armed with household utensils like tongs, and work instruments like hammers and shovels, were the first responders at the accident site on Monday, managing to bring out most of the injured and the dead from the bogies amidst heavy rain, hours before railway men and trained rescue personnel from NDRF reached the site. According to locals involved in rescue operations, a railway team reached the spot and engaged in rescue operations only at 10.45am, nearly two hours after the accident. They also said the NDRF team arrived an hour later, around noon, by which time nearly all injured had been rescued and most bodies retrieved. New Jalpaiguri junction is only about 11km from the accident site. Both railway and NDRF have refuted the alle-



gations of late arrival. Acknowledging that the location of the station - in the middle of two rural rail stations and at least a kilometre's trek along tea plantations and agricultural fields from Phansidewa Road - was a constraint, they said they had reached the spot as early as they could. The locals of Nirmal Jote, where the incident occurred, insisted the rescue team arrived late and pointed out that many of the injured were taken to hospitals in e-rickshaws, as ambulances had arrived much later. Md Hasim, one of the locals who had rushed

to the spot along with his friends, said they used chisels and hammers to pry open doors and evacuate passengers stuck inside. Also, because it had been raining, most coach windows were shut. "We used kitchen utensils like tongs to open the windows and take out the wounded," he said. "I cut my hand while rescuing a passenger who was stuck. There were no ambulances. Local youths hired private vehicles and sent the injured to North Bengal Medical College and Hospital," said Md Rahul. An NDRF officer said they were alerted

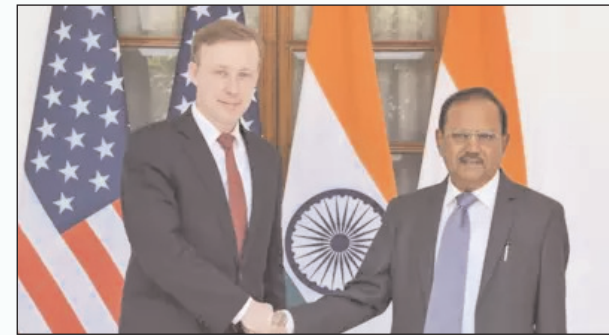
about the accident at 10.05am. The first of the three teams reached the spot by 10.40am, he added. "There were three bodies - that of the loco pilot and co-pilot of the goods carriage and that of the guard of Kanchanjunga Express - that were caught in a mangled mess. Our men managed to retrieve them. The entire rescue operation was complete by 2pm. While two of our teams are on standby at the spot, one has left," the officer said. The officer added that 82 NDRF personnel were engaged in the rescue operation. Two officers flew down from Kolkata. NF Railway Katihar division CPRO Savyasachi De said the railways responded promptly and acted as soon as they received information about the incident. "The railways promptly reached the spot. The rescue was complete by noon," he said.

US, India pledge to dismantle barriers, prevent tech leakage to countries of concern

NEW DELHI:

US NSA Jake Sullivan and his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval committed "concrete action" in coming months against longstanding barriers to strategic trade, technology and industrial cooperation, while pledging to prevent leakage of sensitive technologies to countries of concern, in what was the first high-level engagement between the 2 countries since the return of the NDA government this month. After several false starts earlier this year, Sullivan finally arrived in India Monday to undertake along with Doval a comprehensive review of cooperation under the initiative on critical and emerging technology (iCET).

The initiative is expected to propel the relationship to the next level by removing regulatory



PAN-India fraud? Scammers target dead, farmers, women

MUMBAI: A Mumbai-based homemaker and senior citizen had to litigate up to the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) level over alleged misuse of her PAN after a tax officer held that she had sold immovable property of Rs 1.3 crore in 2010-11 and treated this as her income. Illiterate and a

cancer patient, the woman failed to respond to I-T notices. At a recent hearing before the ITAT, her counsel submitted that her PAN was misused in the property registration. 6 cyber frauds posing as Mumbai narcotics dept officers held for extorting Rs 20 lakh.

barriers and developing a new defence industrial roadmap for joint development and production. Sullivan also held talks with foreign minister S Jaishankar and called on PM Narendra Modi who said in a post on X

India remains committed to strengthening the India-US partnership for global good. Sullivan briefed him about the progress in iCET cooperation in areas like AI, semiconductors, defence and space.

China boosting nuclear arsenal, has 3x India's warheads: SIPRI

NEW DELHI: China is boosting its nuclear arsenal faster than any other country around the globe, and now has triple the number of warheads that India has, while it also deploys some of them on "high operational alert" on ballistic missiles. Pakistan, in turn, maintains its rough parity with India in the number of nuclear warheads, while Russia and the US are leagues ahead of others, together accounting for 90% of all nuclear weapons. China now has 500 warheads, up from 410 in January 2023, while India has 172 (from 164 in 2023) and Pakistan 170 (unchanged from 2023), as per the latest assessment by the Stockholm International Peace Institute.

Pot of gold: Black market price of Sheelavathi goes for Rs 1.2L/kg



VISAKHAPATNAM: The black market price of Sheelavathi, a strain of ganja illegally grown in the Andhra-Odisha border (AOB) region, has gone up in the recent days to nearly Rs 1.2 lakh per kg in various parts of the country. Drug smugglers took huge risks moving the contraband in the past few months as security agencies had set up checkpoints at the borders of all states for the recent Lok Sabha elections. This was the main factor for the jacked up prices, sources in Andhra Pradesh police said. Poll vigilance hits Sheelavathi supply, ganja peddlers jack up prices multifold. Officials also say that Sheelavathi recently overtook the Malana Cream variety of Himachal Pradesh in popularity in the illegal market and has found many takers in the north. The cannabis, routed through AOB by organised drug syndicates, is in great demand in other states and metro cities. While drug peddlers procure it from cultivators at anywhere between Rs 3,000 and Rs 5,000 per kg, the prices go up several times by the time the cannabis reaches its handlers in cities like Vizag, Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai,

Denied nod to fly as commander due to HIV+ status, trainee pilot tells HC

MUMBAI

An Indian trainee pilot in his early 20s currently based in the US has moved Bombay High Court over aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) refusal to allow him to fly as pilot-in-command only because of his HIV status. "The petitioner has no grievance with being subjected to



extra or more frequent tests due to his HIV status, but is aggrieved that despite being medically fit, he is in principle denied permission to fly as pilot-in-command

but only as co-pilot which will close all avenues of employment in India," states his petition, filed through his father. According to his petition, in Nov 2020 he started

preparation for the DGCA examination to become a civil commercial pilot. In July 2021, a medical test deemed him fit to serve as pilot-in-command. On Oct 8, he cleared three DGCA examinations in the first attempt. After a medical test at a hospital, on Oct 14, he was informed about his HIV diagnosis.

'Bharat' will not replace 'India' but will be used interchangeably in textbooks: NCERT

NEW DELHI:

"Bharat" and "India" will be used interchangeably in NCERT textbooks, aligning with the terminology in the country's Constitution, according to Dinesh Prasad Saklani, director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Saklani's comments are significant following a recommendation from a high-level panel on the social science curriculum to replace "India" with "Bharat" in all school textbooks. In a discussion with PTI editors, the NCERT chief stated that both terms will appear in the textbooks and that the council has no preference for either. The name Bharat



gained official prominence last year when the govt issued G20 invitations under the title "President of Bharat" instead of "President of India." Subsequently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nameplate at the summit in New Delhi also read "Bharat" instead of "India". "It is interchangeable...our position is what our Constitution says and we uphold that. We can use Bharat, we can use India,

what is the problem? We are not in that debate. Wherever it suits we will use India, wherever it suits we will use Bharat. We have no aversion to either India or Bharat," he said. "You can see both being used in our textbooks already and that will continue in new textbooks. This is a useless debate," Saklani added. A high-level committee for social sciences, established by NCERT to revise the school curricu-

lum, recommended last year that "India" be replaced with "Bharat" in textbooks for all classes. Committee chairperson C I Isaac said they proposed replacing "ancient history" with "classical history" and integrating the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into the syllabus for all subjects. At that time, NCERT stated no decision had been made regarding the panel's recommendations. "It is interchangeable...our position is what our Constitution says and we uphold that. We can use Bharat, we can use India, what is the problem? We are not in that debate. Wherever it suits we will use India.

TCS fined Rs 1,600 crore by the US court

A US District Court has fined Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) a total of \$194.2 million (about Rs 1,600 crore) on charges of alleged misappropriation of trade secrets. The order against TCS has been passed in a case filed by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), which has merged. with DXC Technology Company (DXC), alleging misappropriation of its trade secrets before United States district court. TCS informed the court order to the Stock Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in a BSE filing. It added it will appeal against the court order and file a review petition. "Pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), 2015, we hereby inform.

Erase our names or will sue: Yogendra, Palshikar to NCERT

NEW DELHI: Political scientists Yogendra Yadav and Suhas Palshikar wrote to NCERT on Monday objecting to the inclusion of their names in new textbooks after they had requested removal of their names as authors from the revised versions. They warned legal action if these books were not immediately withdrawn. Yadav and Palshikar said they did not want NCERT to use their names to endorse



"politically biased, academically indefensible and pedagogically dysfunctional" political science textbooks. Last year, the former chief advisers for the political science textbooks had criticised the rationalisation exercise for

"mutilating" the books beyond recognition and demanded the removal of their names. They said textbooks, once a source of pride, had become a source of embarrassment. Despite their objections, the revised textbooks still list them as chief advisers. Expressing shock that "more than a year after our original request, NCERT has gone ahead to publish... without removing our names.

Air India passenger woes continue: Flyer gets 'metal blade' in his meal

NEW DELHI:

Passenger woes at Air India show no signs of ebbing. A person flying Bengaluru - San Francisco (AI 175) on June 9 reportedly found a metal blade in his meal, which he was able to spit out in time before it could cause any harm. In the past few weeks, AI - where change is still awaited 2.5 years after Tata took over the airline it once founded - has been earning flyers' ire due to long delays and poor onboard product. "Air India food can cut like a knife. Hiding in its roasted sweet potato and fig chaat was a metal piece that looked like a blade. I got a feel of it only after chewing the grub for a few seconds.. Thankfully, no harm was done. Of course, the blame squarely lies with Air India's catering service but the incident doesn't help the image I have of Air

India. What if the metal piece was in the food served to a child?" Mathures Paul said on his X handle @MathuresP. Air India chief customer experience officer Rajesh Dogra said: "AI confirms that a foreign object was found in the meal of a guest aboard one of our flights. After investigation, it has been identified as coming from the vegetable processing machine used at the facilities of our catering partner. We have worked with our catering partner to strengthen measures to prevent any recurrence, including more frequent checking of the processor, especially after chopping any hard vegetables." Global supply chain constraints have meant that planned upgrade of AI's old aircraft interiors is taking longer than usual.

Prabuddha Foundation taking theater to villages for spreading awareness

Prayagraj: The only organization of Prayagraj working towards the preservation, promotion and development of Bahujan theater along with Bahujan literature, art and culture and its restoration, Trust Prabuddha Foundation and associate organizations include Devpati Memorial Trust, Dr. Ambedkar Welfare Association. (Claim), an urgent campaign being run by Babasaheb Shaadi.com which has now become a movement. Such people who for some reason are not able to reach the theatre, now the drama is reaching the streets of your village and even your courtyard. Now you can be surprised to see a grand drama at your doorstep in your colony or village and by getting trapped in the

magic of drama, you can become the audience of dramas forever and some people can reach the highest pinnacle of success by becoming institutionally renowned artists. Such artists are fulfilling the dreams of Bahujan great men and by restoring the Bahujan theatre, the cultural path of the Bahujan community is being strengthened and paved. On the auspicious occasion of the 133rd birthday of the national hero Bodhisattva Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the symbol of knowledge, a one-day Dr. Ambedkar Mela of the struggle for equality, organized at the Dr. Ambedkar statue site in the High Court - 2024, celebrated the birth anniversary by dozens of dance, drama and singing perfor-



mances. Adding to the grandeur of the function, it was resolved that under the Prabuddh Bal Theater Abhiyan, in every Bahujan dominated colony, for the creative, artistic and personality development of the children of the age

group of seven to seventeen of the Prabuddh Pathshala run by the Prabuddh Foundation in dozens of villages across Yamuna, A presentation will be given in the same village with preparations for dozens of dances, dramas and

singing.

The village people will be benefited as spectators of this unique initiative to strengthen the non-political roots of the Bahujan Samaj and the cultural path of the Bahujan Samaj will become strong and broad.

Manager of Prabuddha Foundation, Advocate of High Court, Theater artist, Theater director IP Rambrij, as per the promise made, a twenty-nine day long presentational summer Prabuddha Bal Rang Workshop was organized at Majra Kalika Ka Purva, Gram Sabha Pandar, Jasra development block, Tehsil Bara, Yamunapar, Prayagraj, on last 26th May. It is being run from 04 PM to 07 PM. More than five dozen boys and girls from Dauna, Chhiriya, Jasra and Kalika, Purva are participating in this workshop. After the training, the workshop will be concluded with dozens of dance, drama and singing presentations on the stage of Lakshmi Guest House in Karma on 23rd June at 2 pm.

36 footballers from state working hard for National Championship Uttar Pradesh (Under-17) Football Team Training Camp

Prayagraj: Under-17 National Football Championship is being organized by Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) in Vardaman West Bengal from June 22 in which Uttar Pradesh state football team is also going to participate. Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) is a national sports promotion organization certified by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India. According to PEFI Uttar Pradesh Secretary Nandini



Rawat, after the final selection trials for the selection of Uttar Pradesh football team, a total of 36 football players have been selected in the final training camp which has started from June 12 in Prayagraj.

Under the guidance of football coach Indranil Ghosh and assistant coach Rahul Verma, manager Dinesh Yadav, all the selected players are being given high level training and the players who perform excellently will get a place in the state team of Uttar Pradesh. The training camp is being conducted in the morning at CAV Inter College Civil Lines and in the evening at Vishnu Bhagwan Public School, Jhalwa. Selected players include 11 from Prayagraj, 10 from Meerut, 3 from Agra, 3 from Varanasi, 2 from Basti, 3 from Lucknow, Kanpur. - 2-2 from Noida, a total of 36 football players are included.

Heavy congestion of double and triple passengers on Shastri Bridge

Varanasi: Varanasi is a historic and culturally rich city that attracts millions of visitors worldwide every year. Consequently, traffic issues are already prevalent here, but the situation on the Shastri Bridge is becoming increasingly hazardous. The Shastri Bridge, standing strong for over 50 years, has withstood countless monsoons, summers, and floods from Ganga. Despite many repairs, the condition of the bridge is very critical. Adding to this, the violation of traffic rules is making the problem even bigger. Vehicles carrying double or triple their capacity of passengers pose a significant danger that could lead to a major accident someday. People do not seem to care about traffic regulations. On the one hand, heavy and commercial vehicles are transporting goods beyond their capacity, while on the other, passenger vehicles are overloaded with double or triple the number of passengers. Unfortunately, there appears to be no authority on the sight to stop this violation of traffic rules. This huge bridge, spanning over the river Ganga also known as the Shastri Bridge, is a crucial link connecting various parts of Mirzapur and Varanasi. However, an alternative route of NH2 (NH 19) has been created for the people which can significantly alleviate traffic congestion, providing much-needed relief. Additionally, it would help preserve the Shastri Bridge, ensuring its longevity and safety.

The district administration should strictly enforce traffic regulations and take action against vehicles carrying double or triple of their capacity. These vehicles have become a significant problem and a hazard. It is common to see three passengers on a two-wheeler and other passenger vehicles are also found overloaded. Legally, carrying three passengers on a two-wheeler is not permitted, but no one stops them. This reckless behaviour puts the lives of these passengers in danger.

Carrying three passengers on a two-wheeler poses multiple dangers. The imbalance caused by overloading a two-wheeler can lead to accidents at any time. In the event of an accident, severe injuries are likely. Overloaded vehicles often suffer greater damage, and passengers face higher risks of injury. There are several reasons for this behaviour among citizens or passengers. Due to lack of public transport, people carry three or four passengers on two-wheelers, as it is a cheaper option. People continue to carry three passengers on a two-wheeler because there is no one to stop them. When traffic authorities do not intervene, this behaviour starts to seem normal and legally acceptable. Essentially, the lack of administrative presence encourages them to carry three passengers on two-wheelers. It has become very important to take strict action against two-wheeler drivers carrying three passengers. The concerned officials should regularly patrol the Shastri Bridge and station traffic police at both ends of the bridge. When strict enforcement measures are implemented, people will naturally refrain from taking such risks. Additionally, awareness campaigns should be conducted to educate individuals about the inherent dangers of carrying three passengers. It is imperative to instill a habit of adhering to laws and regulations among the populace.

The role of citizens is also important in maintaining a smooth traffic system. Citizens have to understand that Shastri Bridge is already in a dangerous condition. A big accident can happen here anytime, given that it was constructed fifty years ago. It has fully exhausted its lifespan and capacity. Now vehicles should also use the alternative route NH 2 (NH 19). By adopting an alternative route, Shastri Bridge can be saved for a long time, and traffic and accidents can also be avoided. The people of Varanasi should prioritize traffic regulations and give utmost importance to life and property. A resident commented, "The problem of overloading on the Shastri Bridge has become very serious, and the administration should take immediate and strict measures to control it. The Shastri Bridge itself has become a hazard. A good alternative is for people to use NH2 (NH19). This will only be possible if the administration strictly enforces rules against overloading on the Shastri Bridge."

Eid ul Azha (Bakrid) prayers concluded safely amid tight security

Kanpur: Eid-ul-Azha i.e. Bakrid was celebrated on Monday this year at its predetermined time at all places including Badi Eidgah in the district. After congratulating each other, the devotees reached their respective homes for sacrifice on Bakrid. The administration also remained alert since morning regarding Eid-ul-Azha prayers. Imam Maulana Hafiz Mohammad Shakeel offered the Eid-ul-Azha prayers at 7.30 am in the Badi Eidgah located at Bakra Mandi. However, before this, Namaz was offered at 6 in the morning at Chhoti Idgah New Road. The administration seems to be more active at Badi Eidgah due to the high number of devotees. After this, Namaz was offered at Badi Eidgah Gadiyana at 8.30.

DCP Central RS Gautam said on Monday that namaz was completed safely at Badi Eidgah. Surveillance

was maintained through CCTV cameras during the prayers. However, tight security arrangements were made and a metal detector was installed at the gate of Idgah. Along with this, there will also be safety of the namazis from the rooftops. In view of the law and order on the festival of Eid ul-Zuha, under the direction of Deputy Commissioner of Police East Shrawan Kumar Singh, a visit was made to the Eidgah and the mosque under the Jajmau police station area and after checking the policemen on duty, they were given the necessary direction. -Instructions were given and the Namaz was completed safely. During this, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Law and Order Manoj Kumar Pandey and Assistant Police Commissioner Cantonment Anjali Vishwakarma were also present.

Journalists from across nation participated in Shaan-e-UP

Prayagraj: On the 17th foundation day of Kashish Media, "Shaan-e-Uttar Pradesh" was organized in the District Panchayat Auditorium. In which journalists from many districts of Uttar Pradesh including Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan participated. Chief Social workers, medical, education, cultural sectors as well as journalists were honored with Shaan-e-Uttar Pradesh Samman at the hands of guest mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani and special guest Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalya Nand Giri ji. On this occasion, Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani said that the public trusts the journalists a lot, hence



they should avoid negative news, even during the Emergency, the pen soldiers of Prayagraj also saved the democracy by becoming the voice of the country's democracy.

They should give prominence to news of change in society. The function was presided over by Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalya Nand Giri of Kinnar Akhara. The program

was conducted by Najeeb Allahabadi. In the end, program organizer Md. Zia Siddiqui thanked everyone. All the journalists expressed happiness for the successful and good program.

Eid-e-Qurba, term given to observing Hazrat Ibrahim's Sunnah in Islam

Prayagraj: The festival of Bakrid i.e. Eid ul Azha was celebrated today in peace and harmony with devotion and respect, fulfilling the dream of Hazrat Ibrahim. According to Syed Mohammad Askari, General Secretary of Ummul Bunin Society, from 6 am to 10:30 am, special prayers of Eid ul Azha were offered in mosques, places of worship and homes across the city including Eidgah under the leadership of Olma. Eidgah, Chowk Jama Masjid, Chak Zero Road Shia Jama Masjid, Roshan Bagh Shah Wasi Ullah Masjid, Karaili Bibi Khadija Masjid, Bakshi Bazaar Masjid Qazi Saheb, Khanqah Mosque of Daira Shah Ajmal, Big Mosque of Atala and Rasulpur, Masjid e Noor of Daira Shah Ajmal, Baidan Tola, Siahmurg. Special prayers of Eid ul Azha were offered at the

scheduled time in hundreds of mosques across the city including Dhobi Ghat's Hari Masjid, Karaili Labor Square's Masjid-e-Mohammi, Imam Raza Masjid of Daryabad, Baitussalat, Musalla-e-Zeeshan, Ibadat Khana, Madrasa Jamiatul Abbas VIP Colony. In the mosques, along with respect for all the religions that live together in prosperity, health and blessings, blessings were sought that the country will always be successful and move ahead with its queen.

Sacrifice of pride, jealousy, pride and error is the true purpose of Eid-e-Qurba (Maulana Jawadul Haider Rizvi) Maulana Syed Jawaadul Haider in sermon after Namaz on Eid-ul-Azha i.e. Eid-e-Qurba at Masjid Qazi Saheb Bakshi Bazaar Rizvi narrated the virtues of

Eid Qurba and said that Hazrat Ibrahim was ordered thrice in his dream by Allah to sacrifice his son for the



sake of God, then he told that dream to his wife and son Hazrat Ismail. After the consent of his wife and son, Hazrat Ibrahim took his son to the mountain of Mena to sacrifice his life to God. On the way, three people tried

to stop him from doing this in different ways but both of them rejected him and said that you are a devil.

After Hajj, pilgrims throw stones at the same three devils. Unless this ritual is performed, Hajj is not complete. When Hazrat Ibrahim, on the orders of God, wanted to put a knife on the neck of his son Ismail, there

was a disappearance from Allah. At that place, I found the lamb slaughtered and when I opened the blindfold, I saw that the lamb had been sacrificed and his son Hazrat Ismail was standing nearby and smiling safely. Following this Sunnah, Muslims all over the world today sacrifice the lambs and goats. They make sacrifices. Through this movement, people should take a pledge from today that they should become good and true believers by sacrificing not only animals but also jealousy, anger, pride and misguidance so that Allah accepts our sacrifice. Fatma Welfare Society has donated food to the homes of the needy. Went and gave food items and gifts.

On the occasion of Eid ul Zuha (Bakrid), Fatma Welfare Society, an organization working in the so-

cial, educational and medical fields, took a unique initiative by going door to door, distributing food items to the needy and gifting gifts to children. Gynecologist Dr. Naz Fatma, on behalf of her organization Fatma Welfare Society, first identified the poor and needy people in areas like Daryabad, Karaili, Bakshi Bazaar, Rasoolpur, Atala etc. and then reached their homes on Eid Uz Zuha and made them available for daily use. Food items like flour, pulses, rice, mustard oil and spices etc. were given. Clothes and chocolates were also given to the small children of the house. On this occasion, Dr. Naz Fatma, Amit Yadav, Dr. Jamsheed Ali, Arslan Khan, Syed Mohammad Askari, Farzan Gaddi, Fuzail Khan, Atif etc. were included.

Two more accused arrested in stamp robbery case, criminal shot during encounter

Kaushambi: Manjhanpur and Karari police station arrested two robbers who were absconding in the stamp vendor robbery case on Saturday late night. During this time, a robber was injured by a bullet in his leg during the encounter and has been admitted to the hospital. Police have claimed to have recovered Rs 1.46 lakh of loot from the possession of the robbers. Superintendent of Police Brijesh Srivastava said on Sunday that an incident of robbery of Rs 5.57 lakh from a stamp vendor took place near Nagiyamai village of Saini police station area last Monday. The criminal Ayaz related to the incident was arrested by Manjhanpur police on Saturday afternoon itself. During interrogation, police recovered the looted amount of Rs 1.46 lakh. During this, Ayaz informed the police about his partner Faiyaz. As soon as the accomplice was found, police teams laid siege to arrest him. Police cordoned off the area on the information given by the companion dur-

ing interrogation that Fayaz is arriving near Osa culvert on Saturday night. Cops from Karari police station in Manjhanpur tried to arrest the robber Faiyaz. On seeing the police he opened fire. In retaliatory firing by the police, the criminal Fayaz was shot in the leg. He has been admitted to the Medical College located in Manjhanpur for treatment in injured condition. SP has directed the police station to take strict action against the miscreants.

Keshav Prasad, resident of Ramsahaypur village of Mohabbatpur Painsa, works as a stamp seller outside the registry office of Manjhanpur tehsil. Last Monday evening, he was going to his home by bike carrying Rs 5.57 lakh from the stamp sale from the tehsil in his bag. At around 8 pm, near Nagiyamai village, miscreants in an unknown car looted a bag full of money from Keshav and ran away. After reaching Saini police station, the victim Keshav Prasad wrote a complaint to the police and filed a case against unknown

miscreants. To uncover the robbery incident, the SP formed five police teams and started searching for the miscreants. Two days after the robbery, on Wednesday, the SOG police team arrested three criminals of the robbery, Mohd. Sameer, Gaurav Tripathi and Badal Kushwaha, in the forest of Shakha village. According to SP Brijesh Srivastava, despite being in police custody, the arrested criminal Mohd. Sameer Khan, while trying to recover the money kept hidden in the forest, took out a pistol from a bag full of money and fired at the police team. In retaliation to which the criminal Sameer was shot in his right leg. After treatment he was sent to jail. Rs 3.69 lakh of loot was recovered from the possession of the miscreants. Two other miscreants of the incident were not caught, police teams were searching for them and Rs 1.80 lakh was to be recovered from them. Both of them have also been caught and Rs 1.46 more have been recovered from the remaining looted amount.

On foundation day of univ, Chancellor and Governor congratulated AU family via video message

Prayagraj: In her video message on the foundation day of the university, Chancellor and Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandi Ben Patel while congratulating the university said that I am happy that the University has made continuous efforts to expand quality education. I feel that this university is in an ideal position to harmonize ancient and modern education. I am confident that you will continue to move forward with the same spirit of loyalty and dedication. To make the campus a green campus, the work of plantation should always be ongoing in the campus. According to the Prime Minister's concept, every student should ensure that at least one tree is planted in the name of his mother. The university family should try to achieve highest grades with full

dedication and hard work for NAAC Accreditation. Our best wishes. Our universities must produce men and women of character and integrity. Without these values it is impossible to achieve anything important in life. Along with academic skills, great emphasis should be laid on character building. We expect you to nurture the minds of our youth and inculcate in them love for the motherland, discharge of duty, kindness towards all, respect for women; Honesty in life; self-control in conduct; Will incorporate essential civilizational values like responsibility and discipline in work. Make knowledge and hard work permanent friends in your life. This will give you the confidence to overcome challenges and the means to achieve success in life.



The Chancellor, while giving his best wishes to the entire university family including Vice Chancellor Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh, requested to make yoga and blood donation an essential part of their lifestyle. He further said that the youth should donate blood at least three times a year and the universities and colleges should donate blood

automatically. Play an active role in life. With a positive attitude in life, difficult goals can be achieved. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh said the above in his presidential address organized in the seminar hall of the administrative building on the occasion of the eighth foundation day of Prof. Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhaiya University on 17 June 2024. He further said that the University has been committed to inclusive goals, academic excellence and innovations in research since its inception. Vice Chancellor Dr. Singh discussed in detail the achievements of the University and presented a detailed overview of the eight years of the University through a presentation. Did. He also presented the setting of targets till 2027. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh further said that at present the university campus has a library with latest technology for the students, e-books, men's and women's hostel, indoor and outdoor sports grounds, ideal environment for excellent research, green environment for good health and An inclusive ideology along with a motivating environ-

ment for quality studies and teaching was determined in the colleges including a state-of-the-art gym in the university campus. On this occasion, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, all the people took the Yoga oath. At the beginning of the foundation day, the invited guests garlanded the portrait of Maa Saraswati and Prof. Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhaiya and the ceremony was addressed by Dean Arts Faculty, Dean Student Welfare and Controller of Examinations Mahedy. The program was conducted by Dean Dr. Avinash Kumar Srivastava and vote of thanks was given by Registrar Sanjay Kumar. Teachers, officers, employees and students of universities and colleges were present on this occasion.

which the government should not give reservation to any class and should give reservation to the poor, whatever class they belong to. State President Shailendra Mishra State Vice President R.K. Pandey Organization Patron Umesh Chand Shukla State State Women General Secretary Kanak Mishra, Vishakha Mishra, District President Women's Cell Jaya Mishra, District President Prayagraj Ajay Tripathi, District Spokesperson KP Mishra, member Anil Pandey Laxmikant Dubey, SD Pandey Kamlesh Tiwari etc. were present.

Brahmin Parishad Uttar Pradesh Core Committee meet concluded

Prayagraj: Brahmin Parishad Uttar Pradesh Core Committee meeting held on 17 June 2024 under the leadership of State President Shailendra Mishra, concluded at Hotel Nakshatra Civil Line Prayagraj Shiv Kumar Pandey nominated as District Vice President Prayagraj It was done and it was ensured that Brahmin Mahasammelan would be held in Prayagraj in the month of November in



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Why RaGa quit Wayanad but maintained Rae

Bareli, explains Javed Urfi

Priyanka is about to make her poll debut

Prayagraj: "The Congress on Monday announced that Rahul Gandhi would retain his seat in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh, and give up Wayanad in Kerala where Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, his sister, will make her electoral debut. The announcement came after Congress' top leadership on Monday held discussions at party president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence," informed UPCC member Javed Urfi.

"If Priyanka manages to win from Wayanad, considered a safe seat now, it will be the first time that three members of the Nehru-Gandhi family will be in Parliament at the same time, opening the party to renewed criticism of practising dynastic politics and promoting just one family. Sonia Gandhi is a member of the Rajya Sabha," he added. While replying over a query on what message does Rahul Gandhi's decision send? He said, "In the recently concluded parliamentary elections, the Congress staged some recovery in Uttar Pradesh, winning six seats. Barring Rae Bareli, the Congress had lost all seats in UP in 2019, including Amethi where Rahul was defeated by Smriti Irani. The party was at its lowest in 2019 in UP when its vote share was just 6.36% in the state. In 2014, the party won two seats - Rae Bareli and Amethi - and its vote share was 7.53%. However, this time around when the party contested just 17 seats and left the rest for its INDIA bloc allies, it managed to win six and despite contesting the limited number of seats, its vote share increased to 9.46%. With the positive result from the state which has maximum representation in the Lower House of Parliament, the party would like to send a message that Rahul is not abandoning the seat and state that gave him and the party a good result in the elections."

Reply to another query on why Priyanka Gandhi from Wayanad? He claimed, "The Kerala unit of the Congress, which believes that an anti-incumbency sentiment is gaining ground against the Vijayan government, was keen that Rahul retain the seat to blunt a possible attack from the CPI(M) that he has fled the state looking for political gains in UP. Hence, the decision to field Priyanka. There is no dearth of candidates in the Congress for the Wayanad seat. Initially, party leaders felt the high command could field K Muraleedharan, who shifted from Vadakara to Thrissur to take on the BJP's Suresh Gopi, could be the choice for Wayanad. Muraleedharan was an MP in the last Lok Sabha. But that, party leaders felt, would have given the CPI(M) a talking point to attack the Congress in the weeks and months to come. Moreover, Priyanka too was said to be keen to enter electoral politics."

3 commit suicide by leaping before train

Prayagraj: Near Jasra railway gate of Ghurpur police station area, a woman along with two children committed suicide by jumping in front of a train, all three died,



created panic, police reached the spot, the woman is said to be a resident of Lalapur police station area.

Wish for recovery of Yogi's mother

Prayagraj: BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra and BJP Metropolitan workers wished recovery for the unwell Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's mother. They have prayed to God for good health of the mother. Metropolitan spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's mother Savitri Devi ji is undergoing eye treatment at Rishikesh AIIMS Hospital in Uttarakhand. Apart from this, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Varun Kesarwani Rajesh Kesarwani, Ramesh Pasi, Vivek Aggarwal, Vijay Vaishya, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal etc. have wished for health benefits.

Member of Agricultural Prosperity Commission honoured by int'l storyteller

Prayagraj: Kuldeep Singh, member of the Agricultural Prosperity Commission, was honored by international storyteller His Holiness Shri Alok Anand Ji Maharaj. He welcomed Kuldeep Singh by dressing him in Ramnama and giving him body clothes. The entire felicitation ceremony



was held at the Circuit House in Prayagraj. During this, State President of National Team Yogi Mahasangh, Prateek Singh, Editor of Allahabad Ujala, Balram Shukla, Pankaj Das Maharaj of Ayodhya Hanumangarhi Sita Seva Sadan Ashram, State President of Youth Cell Brahmadev Mishra, Dr. JP Mishra and all the devotees were present.

DCP Shraddha Narendra Pandey remained on toes rthroughout the day

Prayagraj: In order to ensure peaceful and safe conduct of Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid) prayers, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Yamunanagar Commissionerate, Prayagraj, visited the Eidgahs and took stock of the security arrangements and gave necessary guidelines to the concerned. Deputy Commissioner of Police Yamunanagar Commissionerate Prayagraj Shraddha Narendra Pandey, in view of the peaceful and safe conduct of Eid-ul-Azha



(Bakrid) prayers, visited the Eidgahs under Yamunanagar area and took stock of the security arrangements and gave necessary guidelines to the concerned.

Traffic arrangements discussed in seminar organised by Police Commr

Prayagraj: In view of the last Tuesday of Jyeshtha month in Commissionerate Prayagraj, a seminar was held by the Police Commissioner with all the gazetted police officers/traffic inspectors/traffic sub-inspectors regarding the traffic arrangements. On the last day of Jyeshtha month on 18-06-2024, a seminar was organized by the Police Commissioner today on 17-06-2024 in Triveni Auditorium located at Police Lines regarding traffic arrangements. In the seminar, major construction works being done in the city of Prayagraj district were discussed. Especially in view of the flyover being built from GT Jawahar to

Harshvardhan Square, a detailed discussion was held regarding alternative routes to reduce the traffic pres-

smooth traffic by coordinating with the organizations carrying out the construction work and officials of



sure arising at various places in the city due to the narrowing of the respective routes. The concerned officials of the traffic police were instructed to ensure

the concerned departments. The concerned police station in-charges were also ordered to maintain smooth traffic. In order to maintain smooth traffic sys-

tem in the district, necessary guidelines were given to all concerned. In this seminar, Additional Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner of Police City, Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganganagar, Deputy Commissioner of Police Yamunanagar, Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Yamunanagar, Additional Police Deputy Commissioner Traffic, Additional Police Deputy Commissioner Crime, all Assistant Police Commissioners of the city area, Assistant Police Commissioner Karchhana. /Tharvai and traffic inspector/traffic sub-inspector were present.

BJP workers distributed sherbet

Prayagraj: Om Jai Maa Vindhyavasini Samiti and BJP workers for the passers-by suffering from the scorching heat, soft drinking water and soft sherbet camp was set up at Muthiganj small

team distributed cold sherbet and cold water to the people passing by on the way. He said that this cold sherbet and soft drinking water camp will be organized at many places in Muthiganj area.



intersection. On this occasion, BJP spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani and Om Jai Maa Vindhyavasini Samiti President Neeraj Kesarwani along with their

Those who distributed the sherbet were Bablu Kesarwani, Lala Kesarwani, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Ujjwal Kesarwani, Raju, Ajay Agrahari etc.

Chief Income Tax Commr performs Ganga Aarti attends Bhandara

Prayagraj: On June 16, a grand Aarti and huge Bhandara was organized at Maa Kali Ghat by Janhit Triveni Sansthan. Hemant Pandey on behalf of Janhit Triveni Sansthan on the holy festival of Ganga Dussehra at Maa Kali Ghat in Kidganj hosted a grand Aarti and huge Bhandara, in which Chief Income Tax Commissioner Prayagraj Shikha Darbari



also participated in the program as the chief guest. This program was organized on Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 06:30 pm with Bhajan evening, grand Ganga Aarti and puja and huge Bhandara at Maa Kali Ghat, Kidganj. In which she received blessings from all the Ganga devotees by performing Ganga Aarti on this auspicious occasion.

Addl Divisional Railway Manager/General inspected crowd management at Prayagraj Junction

Prayagraj: Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General of Prayagraj Division, Sanjay Singh inspected the

Prayagraj Junction. Additional Divisional Railway Manager/General has reserved good food facilities and facili-

ties in the station and trains in view of the summer rush. Instructions were given to ensure that passengers of other categories and waiting list do not travel in coaches.



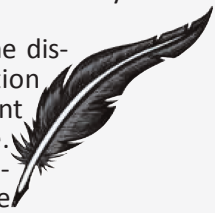
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Editorial

Decoding BJP's Unexpected Loss in Ayodhya

The 2024 general elections have concluded, and the results have generated considerable discussion. The INDIA coalition's performance exceeded expectations, impacting the BJP's anticipated dominance. While the BJP had projected a significantly higher seat count, the actual results fell short of their projections. The Uttar Pradesh outcomes, particularly the loss in the Faizabad (Ayodhya) constituency, were unexpected for the party. The significance of the Ram Mandir, a long-held aspiration for many BJP supporters, contributed to expectations of a comfortable victory in Faizabad. However, the BJP candidate, 70-year-old incumbent BJP MP Lallu Singh was unseated by Samajwadi Party's (SP) Awadhesh Prasad, who won by a margin of 54,567 votes. While this margin might not be considered substantial in the context of national parliamentary elections, the loss itself carries symbolic weight for the BJP. Therefore, it's essential to analyse the factors that contributed to this unexpected outcome in the city of Lord Ram. The Faizabad (Ayodhya) Lok Sabha constituency comprises five Vidhan Sabha constituencies: Dariyabad, Rudauli, Milkipur, Bikapur, and Ayodhya. The BJP held four of these except Milkipur, where the Scheduled Castes and Muslim demographic plays a pivotal role in determining electoral outcomes. In the 2024 general elections, the BJP secured victories in Rudauli, Bikapur, and Ayodhya but faltered in Dariyabad and Milkipur. The SP candidate, Awadhesh Prasad, an incumbent Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), managed to secure a lead from his home constituency of Milkipur as well as Dariyabad. The BJP's leads in the remaining three constituencies were insufficient to counter these losses. Both candidates are seasoned politicians with substantial experience and accomplishments in their respective careers. BJP's candidate, Lallu Singh, held the parliamentary seat for two consecutive terms and had previously served as an MLA on five occasions. On the other hand, SP's candidate, 78-year-old Awadhesh Prasad, was an incumbent MLA from Milkipur and had been elected to the state legislature nine times. Having contested elections since 1974, Prasad's ascension to the Lok Sabha came 47 years after his initial MLA victory. Notably, he also served as a minister in the Uttar Pradesh state government on six different occasions. Prasad's stature as a veteran politician who has consistently delivered electoral triumphs is undeniable. Lallu Singh, on the other hand, had purportedly lost touch with the grassroots over the past five years, according to local accounts, prompting public dissatisfaction with his candidacy. However, the BJP disregarded these sentiments and persisted with his nomination. Conversely, the Samajwadi Party banked on a Scheduled Caste leader with robust local connections and expertise, a strategy that yielded the desired outcome for the INDI alliance. The Muslim-Yadav (M-Y) vote bank had already exhibited an apparent inclination towards the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh and the INDI alliance at the national level. Awadhesh Prasad, hailing from the Scheduled Caste community, managed to secure a significant portion of the Scheduled Caste votes. The anti-incumbency sentiment cannot be disregarded, as Lallu Singh had been the incumbent Member of Parliament since 2014, and the electorate had repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction with his tenure. Despite the BJP government undertaking developmental projects such as the construction of wide roads, highways and airports and the renovation of the railway station in Ayodhya.

widespread corruption in the disbursement of compensation funds led to discontentment among the local populace. Furthermore, the lack of infrastructural development in the areas surrounding Ayodhya contributed to the BJP's defeat.



UP's Jat leaders were dealt with in dealing with each other

BJP's Jats in Uttar Pradesh planned to deal with each other and due to this they were dealt with. After the alliance with Galrog, Baghpat MP Satyapan Singh was happy that this time Muzaffarnagar MP and Union Minister Sanjeev Batiyan could not stand against this alliance and if he loses, then my defeat is certain. Similarly, on the other side, Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan thought that on one hand, the alliance of Nir and Saka can prove to be the reason for my victory and with my loss, Satyapal Singh from Baghpat will become the Union Minister. Thinking this, Sanjeev Balyan along with Jat leader and BJP's Uttar Pradesh's Akshay Bhupendra Chaudhary made a plan to bring RLD President Chaudhary in BJP's alliance with NDA and after many days of effort, the plan was finally successful. Under this, Baghpat's Lok Sabha seat went into the account of the people and Union Minister Santriya Mantifan easily dealt with his rival Sawpal Singh. Kalid also won both his Lok Sabha seats



and Bijnor in this Lok Sabha election, but gave a shock by losing the Muzaffarnagar seat won by the BJP the last two times, to Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan. After winning, Jat leader Harendra Mantri, who fought on SP ticket and dealt with Sanjeev Balyan, said that he has taken revenge for Chaudhary Ajit Singh's defeat and has promised to take action against Jayant Chaudhary in Hathras. But Sanjeev Balyan must have taken the responsibility of taking out a procession of his defeat for the party and the monkey chief must have also been somewhat satisfied somewhere. But now the problem of the state president Bhupendra is that there is a possibility

of bad election results in Uttar Pradesh. Now the Jat leaders of BJP are trying to put the blame of the defeat on Jayant. They want that even if Jayant Chaudhary i.e. RLD's alliance with BJP does not break, and even if Jayant Chaudhary is not expelled, then at least he should not become a minister. Efforts are being made to believe reliable sources. Although today Jayant Chaudhary is not in a position to insist on a ministerial post, but his many demands can be accepted at this time, because he is the only leader from Western Uttar Pradesh who represents the Jat community in the NDA on two Lok Sabha seats and even if the NDA distances Jayant Chaudhary from itself,

then the NDA can solve their problems in the Lok Sabha seats. But the thing is that when it comes to running away, he too did not run away from the NDA alliance because he felt that the NDA alliance was closed for him. It seems that now there is no hope of getting leadership from Chaudhary Charan Singh and Chaudhary Ajit Singh Jai, at least from these leaders. Yes, the party needs a new leadership, which can raise the voice of not only Western Uttar Pradesh but the entire state like the earlier Jat leaders, especially the farmers, laborers and solve their problems. But I am very saddened by this split of the Jat leaders, and this sorrow is because those doors can be closed at this time which may stop the entry of people. But only one door which can be opened with a little push of the hand. Although the Jats also have this, and I think it has always been there that if later India Bandhan forms the government by manipulation, then it will not be possible to do anything. Anyway, all these Jat leaders are preparing to

make Modi or Prime Minister somehow with the help of Vaishnavi. That is why they and their close aides do not allow any kind of split to happen at this time because if at this time even one party splits, then the other parties in this biggest alliance of the country will become alert and it is possible that they also try to break this alliance. However, if we talk about Jayant Chaudhary, these leaders did some special work in their respective areas, but they were always busy in settling scores with others and today the situation is so divided among themselves that the unity and rights of this community are being lost, but no Jat leader has the courage to bring the entire Jat community under one umbrella and get their support. And these Jat leaders cannot use their powers properly and stand against the anti-farmer and anti-Jat policies of the government. In such a situation, it will be interesting to see whose influence works and whose influence is defeated.

Pakistan budget is critical for IMF deal, yet it was postponed for Shehbaz's China trip

Did anybody else find it strange that the government would postpone the announcement of its own budget in order to schedule a trip to China that, it says, is for garnering investments? A trip with that itinerary could easily have waited till after the budget, especially given that the budget is critical before an IMF deal can be finalised. It's especially puzzling given the trip took precedence over the National Economic Council as well, which is necessary to finalise the Economic Survey and then prepare the next budget's targets. Perhaps there is nothing to it. There are many days still left in June after all, and the budget can wait till the middle of the month. Or perhaps there are priorities at play that are essential to sort out before the budget can be

drawn up. At this point, all we know is that excited announcements are beginning to pour in of an MoU here and an agreement there. Perhaps these will add up to something big in the days to come; but for now, we should be looking somewhere else to ascertain what the purpose of this trip really is. What awaits the government upon their return is the real story. A cascade of demands is descending upon them from the organised interest groups in society. The textile industry is back to demanding what it calls a 'regionally competitive energy tariff', but which the rest of us call free handouts to the rich from taxpayer money. That's the only way these guys know how to make money after all, so little surprise this is where their needle has

been stuck for the past few years now. There is an interesting exercise to do here. Look at the biggest textile houses in the country and look at what the families that own them were doing 20, 30 or 40 years ago. You will notice something. Most of them were doing the exact same thing. Now ask yourself, where is the innovation? Why should the state keep bailing out enterprises that refuse to innovate, refuse to look out, or otherwise invest in the next generation of opportunities that are always on the horizon? And, especially, why should the state do this when there is material evidence to suggest that the benefits of such schemes flow mostly to a small number of large controllers of capital?

The Saffron Tide Rises: BJP's Kerala Breakthrough Signals a New Era

The conclusion of the 18th Lok Sabha elections marks a significant moment as our citizens have chosen their representatives for the upcoming five years. The BJP has much to celebrate, with one of the most notable achievements being the breakthrough in Kerala, traditionally a stronghold of the Left. This victory is the result of 75 years of dedicated hard work, persistence and effort. The closest a Hindu right-wing leader from Kerala came to winning an election was in 1977 when K G Marar, representing the Jana Sangh, finished second in the Uduma constituency. When the Jana Sangh transformed into the Bharatiya Janata Party, Marar became the first president of the state unit. Since then, the BJP had been trying to win a seat in Kerala, struggling to break the narrative of being a communal and North Indian party. The NDA secured its first electoral victory in Kerala when P.C. Thomas, representing the Kerala Congress (Thomas faction), won the Kottayam Lok Sabha seat. He later served as a minister in the third Vajpayee government but was subsequently disqualified by a Supreme Court verdict. In 2016, O Rajagopal became the first BJP candidate to win a seat in the Kerala Legislative Assembly, securing victory in Nedom, a constituency on the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram. Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily

increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 percent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyoorkavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manalloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, Kovalam, Neyyattinkara, Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur, Hindu voters make up 63.2 per cent of the population, followed by Christian voters at 21.4 per cent and Muslim voters at 15.4 per cent (according to the 2011 Census figures). This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like Guruvayur, Vadakkunnathan, and

Paramekkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad.

All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing setbacks, in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters.

Voters in Ayodhya have shown what it means to be Hindu. Indian-Americans must learn

Hindus for Human Rights was founded in the US in the wake of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's second-term win in the summer of 2019. Those of us who cared about human rights and secular democracy were despondent. How was it possible that after five years of Hindu nationalist rule, bookended by several mob lynchings of Muslims and Dalits and the Islamophobic Citizenship Amendment Act, Modi could have won with a bigger mandate than in 2014? Five years later, Indians course-correct-

ed. On the morning of 4 June, I woke up to the news of change, hope, and the promise of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The BJP still won the most votes compared to other parties, but it wasn't the landslide majority that they were banking on. Over the last few months, Modi spouted hateful rhetoric about Muslims, calling them infiltrators and jihadis with too many children. He accused the Congress of stealing wealth from Hindus to give to Muslims. Politicians in the Opposition were thrown

in jail. Many left the electoral race out of fear because their families were threatened. The Congress had its bank accounts frozen and other parties also faced threats from the Income Tax department. Despite the BJP's best efforts, the Indian people have voted for democracy and the human rights of all citizens. If the elections had been truly fair, perhaps the BJP would have been roundly trounced. "We The People" are awake, and the Indian democracy envisioned by its founders, MK Gandhi,

Jawaharlal Nehru, BR Ambedkar, and so many others, is alive and kicking. The sweetest news was that the BJP lost Ayodhya, the site of the demolition of the Babri Masjid by Hindutva mobs in 1992, and the inauguration of a Ram temple by Modi on 22 January this year. Hindu voters have told us that their Lord Ram is Gandhi's Ram. Switching Gods like designer outfits, Modi's election result day speech replaced his usual "Jai Shri Ram" chant with "Jai Jagannath".

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



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

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

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

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

Hearing the plea of Shree Vallabh Metals, recently, the Delhi HC has summoned the COO of Cello Household Private Limited to be present before the court on the next date of hearing. "It is directed that Mukesh Kothari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cello Household Private Limited, shall be present before the court on the next date of hearing," Justice Sanjeev Narula ordered. Justice Narula directed Cello Plastic Industrial Works to file an affidavit, giving full disclosure of the goods manufactured from 21 October, 2023 till the

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

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

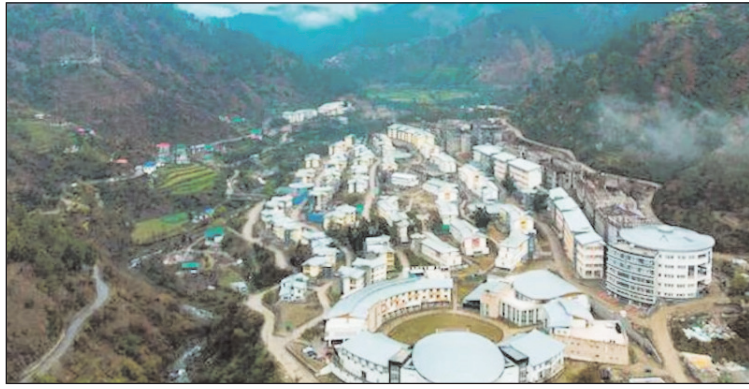


Legal Procedure to Report Online Cheating and Fraud: Amit Manchanda

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applications Open For CBSE Supplementary Exams 2024

Delhi: The CBSE is accepting online applications for class 10 and 12 supplementary and improvement exams. LOC filing for additional exams for both courses for 2023-24 commenced

Exam LOCs can be submitted until Rs 300. From June 6-17, 2024, the LOC can be submitted late for Rs 2,000. LOCs must be submitted via CBSE's Pariksha Sangam <https://cbse.gov.in>. Only students who

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

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

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

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

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

Pul Prahladpur railway underpass eliminated from water logging areas

Delhi: PWD officials claimed the railway underpass at Pul Prahladpur in south-east Delhi, which was famed for flooding every monsoon until a year ago, had been removed from the waterlogging hotspot list. Over time, the wet underpass became notorious for drownings. Every monsoon, it would be closed to traffic, causing delays. A senior PWD official said waterlogging has afflicted the site for 20-25 years, but it worsened in the last 10-15 years. He blamed the worsening condition on a Delhi Jal Board sewage pumping plant in Khanpur. Drain sewage overflowed onto highways during monsoons, causing waterlogging. "The old pump house was a few meters from the main road, and by the time the water reached it through the pipes, it would have



spiraled out of control," he said. The official said a 7.5-lakh-litre sump and a pipeline were built to empty storm water into a neighboring Municipal Corporation of Delhi drain. To drain the water and clean the underpass, a permanent pump building with six 100-horsepower motors was built. Future growth is possible, and two additional pumps can be added, the spokesman said. He said the agency has

two pumps attached to a two-foot, 600-mm-diameter conduit to flush water into an open drain. Other problems included plastic and other solid trash clogging pipes in the sewage. The official added these positive displacement pumps have automated screens that filter water waste. "Sumps also fill with silt, but the pumps circulate a water through a jetting system so that silt does not accumulate.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Delhi high court orders parents to pay for school AC

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The college officials believe it's necessary to disclose such

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

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

Why NMC student migration regulation will prevent 'backdoor' entries

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



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

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

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

Schengen visa rule to encourage Indian summer vacations in Europe

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



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

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

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

CAs appraised with DRISHTI roadmap of their apex body ICAI

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

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

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

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

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



2015, are available on the UGC website, www.ugc.gov.in. These regulations explicitly outline Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) responsibilities, grievance redressal sys-

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

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

Locked Lok Sabha election! 1.5 crore can vote in Delhi

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

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

women voters increased more than men.

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

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

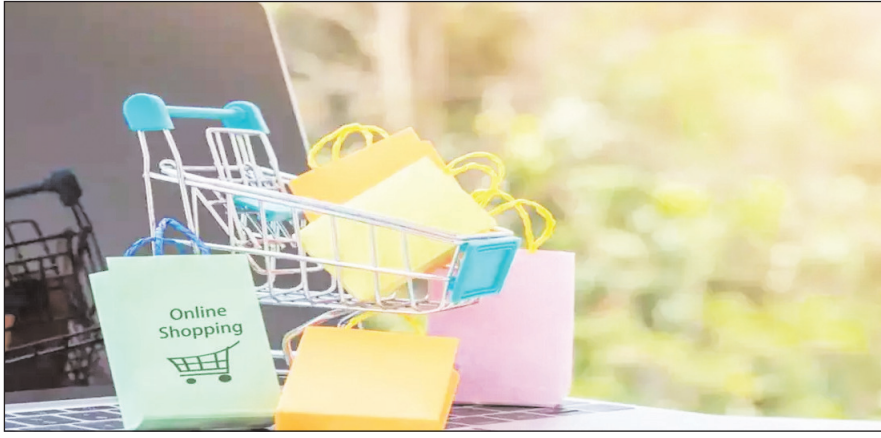
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Deeksha sets Women's 1500 M national record



Delhi: At the Sound Running Track Fest in Los Angeles, Indian track athlete KM Deeksha established a national record in the women's 1500m while Avinash Sable finished second in the men's 5000m. Deeksha, 25, finished third in the final in 4:04.78, breaking Harmilan Bains' 2021 National Open Athletics Championships record of 4:05.39 at Warangal. Deeksha beat Bains to take gold at the 2023 National Inter-State Athletics Championships at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar with a 4:06.07 personal best. Deeksha, from Amroha, UP, has trained under S K Prasad at the MP Athletics Academy for five years. Parul Chaudhary placed fifth in the women's 5000m in 15:10.69s. Ankita finished 10th in 15:28.88, while Parul narrowly missed extending her national record. Sable finished second in the men's 5000m with a time of 13:20.37, not his favorite 3000m steeplechase race. Gulveer Singh ran 13:31.95. The national record is 13:19.30. Kartik Kumar finished second in the men's 10000m after a 62-second last lap. His time was 28:07.66s.

Government should start new rules to combat fraudulent e-commerce reviews



Delhi: Consumer affairs secretary Nidhi Khare said the Union government will use an Indian Standards code to combat fake customer reviews and inflated ratings on e-commerce platforms, a global issue, as online shoppers complain more on the national consumer helpline. Online shoppers are heavily influenced by customer reviews and ratings. E-commerce sellers manipulate ratings and add paid reviews to encourage sales. "The presence of fake reviews online jeopardizes the trust-

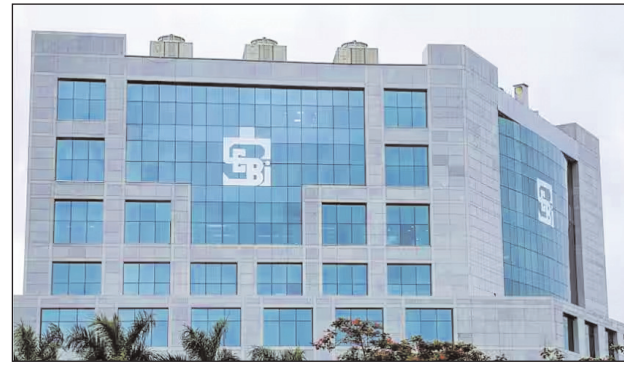
worthiness and credibility of shopping platforms and can cause consumers to make wrong purchase decisions," said Khare, who led a stakeholders' meeting with Amazon and Flipkart executives. Mordor Intelligence estimates that India's e-commerce market would expand from \$112.93 billion in 2024 to \$299.01 billion in 2029, a 21.5% CAGR. The new standard (IS 19000:2022) assigns reviewers and administrators particular duties. New regulations compel organizations to identify

review authors in certain ways. E-commerce grievances on the national consumer helpline increased from 95,270 in 2018 (22% of all grievances) to 4,44,034 in 2023 (43% of total grievances). E-commerce platforms in India must create a documented code of practice and share it with management and workers. Khare said they must show how they will follow this constitution and the guiding principles. Amazon and other platforms have acknowledged the issue globally.

Sebi proposes tighter SME listing requirements over misuse worries

Delhi: Sebi and stock exchanges aim to tighten standards for SMEs seeking public listings, according to Reuters. Concerns over exploitation of a 2012 platform to help small firms access financing markets prompted this change. According to sources in the report, the planned modifications might boost the minimum amount of public offerings to Rs 30 crore to Rs 50 crore (\$3.59 million to \$5.99 million).

In response to stakeholder engagements, these new regulations are due later this year. There's no minimum issue size, but corporations listing on this



market must have Rs 25 crore in post-issue capital. One source told Reuters that a minimum offer size will ensure that genuine enterprises can access financial markets, protecting investor interests. During the fiscal year ending March 2024, more SMEs went public due to India's

strong equities markets. On PRIME Database, 205 companies raised Rs 60 billion through public offerings, up from 125 firms raising Rs 2200 crore the year before. Companies with yearly turnovers between Rs 5 crore and Rs 250 crore are Indian SMEs.

Air India, Vistara try to resolve staff issues before merger

Delhi: As the Vistara merger process begins, Air India hopes to resolve employee fitment difficulties. The Vistara-Air India integration committee has identified certain occupations that will be duplicated following the merger. Vistara has 6,500

employees and Air India 17,000. At a recent town hall meeting, employees were notified that the merger may eliminate some positions. The Tata Group will upskill some employees and place others in other group entities to avoid job losses. Prior to the

merger, Air India employed consultants to design the new structure. Some Air India staff would be kept, while others may join Air India Express. Some employees worry about their career advancement and seniority in the new framework.

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Joe Biden dramatically raises US tariffs on Chinese EVs and chips

Delhi: US President Joe Biden lambasted Beijing for "cheating" as he raised tariffs on Chinese products such as electric vehicles and semiconductors. Beijing strongly opposed the sanctions as Biden sought to appear tough on trade ahead of a rematch with Republican Donald Trump in November's US presidential election. "We're not going to let China flood our market, making it impossible for American automakers to compete fairly," Biden declared in the White House Rose Garden. He said, "We're never going to allow China to unfairly control the market for these cars," before ordering duties. Trump's tariffs have been frequently criticized by Biden. He's been using similar tactics to win over blue-collar voters in swing Rust Belt states. The White House stated EV tariffs will treble to 100% this year and semiconductor duties will rise from 25% to 50% by next year. The sanctions targeted \$18 billion in Chinese imports, including batteries, vital minerals, and medical supplies. Biden said China has substantially supported critical sectors, forcing corporations to produce more than the world can consume and flooding the market with unfairly priced commodities. The president's announcement followed a review of tariffs imposed by then-president Trump on \$300 billion in Chinese imports. The Biden administration maintained tariffs.



Order mandating SpiceJet to pay Sun Group's Kalanithi Maran 270 crore overturned by Court

Delhi: Judge ordered SpiceJet to refund over 1270 crore to Sun Group promoter Kalanithi Maran, but a Division Bench of the Delhi High Court overturned it. SpiceJet and CMD Ajay Singh appealed the single-judge's ruling to a Division Bench of Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dubeja. Appeals are allowed. The July 31, 2023 order is vacated "By the Court. The Division Bench denied SpiceJet's request to postpone the single-judge ruling upholding an arbitral tribunal award ordering the airline to reimburse over 270 cases. The issue between Maran and SpiceJet began in



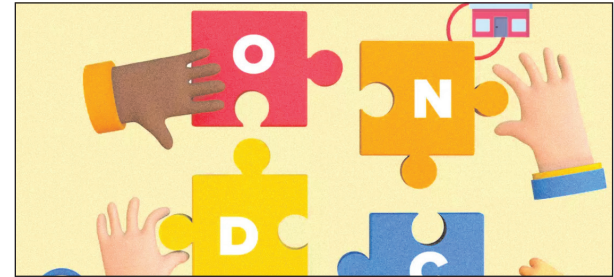
January 2015 when Ajay Singh bought SpiceJet from him. Maran reportedly gave Singh his 58.46% airline ownership. According to the contract,

Maran would receive redeemable warrants for his airline promotion investments. Maran was entitled to 18 crore warrants and 26% SpiceJet shares. No con-

vertible warrants or preference shares were issued to Maran, and he received no money. Maran sought roughly 1,323 crore in damages. Arbitration was ordered by the Delhi High Court. The arbitral tribunal ordered SpiceJet to return Maran 1270 crore in July 2018. The tribunal also ordered the airline to pay 12% interest on warrant payments and 18% on Maran awards if they are late. The tribunal also found no breach of Maran, SpiceJet, and Ajay Singh's share sale and purchase agreement. Thus, Maran's shareholding return and damages claims were denied.

Government e-commerce platform accepting unicorns

Delhi: Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a UPI-like alternative to e-commerce heavyweights, is onboarding unicorns like Makemytrip, Policybazaar, Cars24, and Zerodha to build traction. While ONDC was created to support small businesses like kirana stores and democratize online shopping, the government believes large players will give consumers more choice and boost demand in smaller towns and cities. The goal is to assist consumers and



businesses without platform fees."It gained popularity in the last two years. Five lakh sellers—70% small and medium—have joined. ONDC processed 72 million transactions in April "Rajesh Kumar Singh, industry and internal trade secretary, told reporters. Singh

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

Microsoft, I4C remove 1,000 cybercriminal Skype accounts



Delhi: The Indian Cyber Coordination Centre (I4C) and Microsoft have blocked over 1,000 Skype accounts linked to intimidation, blackmail, extortion, and 'digital arrests' of citizens by cyber criminals posing as police, CBI, narcotics, RBI, or ED personnel. A MHA statement stated I4C helps prevent SIM cards, mobile devices, and mule accounts used by criminals. Many complaints are being reported on the National Cyber Crime

Reporting Portal (NCRP) about how these fraudsters call potential victims and claim they have sent or are the intended recipient of a parcel containing illegal goods, drugs, fake passports, or other contraband. They may also claim that a loved one is in their custody for a crime or accident. Money is demanded to compromise the "case". Some victims face 'digital arrest' until their demands are granted. Many victims have

lost a lot of money to such thieves. The home ministry stated cross-border crime syndicates run this online economic crime. MHA said it is collaborating with other ministries, agencies, RBI, and other organizations to combat these frauds. I4C assists police in all states and Union Territories in identifying and investigating cases. Citizens should be aware of these frauds and disseminate knowledge. image

Airtel partners with Google Cloud to provide Indian businesses cloud and gen-AI solutions

Delhi: Bharti Airtel and Google Cloud are partnering to offer Indian businesses cloud and generative-AI solutions. The telecom company will use Google Cloud products to accelerate cloud adoption and modernization through the agreement. Airtel will offer cloud-managed services to its corporate customers, including over 2,000 large organizations and a million developing businesses. This partnership targets India's big and rising public cloud services industry, which IDC predicts will be worth \$17.8 billion by 2027.

Bharti Airtel managing director and CEO Gopal Vittal said, "Cloud and AI solutions will drive India's digital transformation. We're excited to collaborate with Google



Cloud to provide safe and scalable cloud solutions for government, companies, and startups. Our collaboration will speed the implementation of generative AI in the country and uncover its potential to solve challenges. Airtel will also use Google Cloud's generative AI to improve its mobile, broadband, and digital TV consumer experiences and internal processes. Airtel will also offer similar services to its Indian and global B2B customers.

According to Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurian, "Our strategic partnership with Airtel is a major step for accelerating cloud and AI adoption in India. We want to develop disruptive solutions to improve Airtel's customer experience through our relationship." Airtel will train artificial-intelligence and machine-learning solutions on its enormous dataset using the two businesses' strengths—connectivity and AI technology.

IFC provides \$500 million to HDFC Bank so that it can offer microloans to female clients



Delhi: HDFC Bank said that it has received \$500 million from the IFC to support low-income women borrowers through onlending. According to an official release, the largest private sector lender in the nation would provide financing for income production, promoting financial inclusion and socio-economic growth. The microloans will be extended to women registered in the lender's

Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (SLI) as well as self-help and joint liability groups. Arup

Rakshit, group head of Treasury at HDFC firm, stated that the firm has opted for a longer-term loan facility that will support the bank's endeavors to empower women. According to the statement, banks' wide distribution and cheaper funding costs can be used to provide microloans to women, despite the fact that non-banks now service two thirds of the microfinance market. "Having access to financial services is essential for enhancing the economy and empowering women.

Eight US publications sued OpenAI and Microsoft for copyright infringement

Delhi: OpenAI and Microsoft are being sued by eight US newspapers for "purloining millions" of copyrighted news stories to train its artificial intelligence chatbots. New York federal court received the lawsuit from the Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Denver Post, and others. The MediaNews Group and Tribune Publishing executive editor Frank Pine wrote, "We've spent billions of dollars gathering information and reporting news at our publications, and we can't allow OpenAI and Microsoft to expand the Big Tech playbook of stealing our work to build their own businesses at our expense." The lawsuit also names MediaNews Group's Mercury News, Denver Post, Orange County Register, St. Paul Pioneer-Press, and Tribune Publishing's Orlando Sentinel and South Florida Sun Sentinel. Alden Global Capital owns all publications. Microsoft declined comment. A request for comment from OpenAI was delayed. The New York Times sued OpenAI and Microsoft in December for copyright infringement in ChatGPT's construction and training. Teams of wealthy lawyers seeking to stop us from publicizing their stories. Lobby groups with unclear funding that debunk climate emergency and other science. Authoritarian regimes that disregard press freedom. Bad actors propagating online falsehoods to subvert democracy. Something powerful is on our side. We got you. The Guardian is funded by Indian readers like you, and our editor selects what we publish. This week is the 31st World Press Freedom Day, a time to reflect on free expression as the foundation of all rights. It's also a chance to assist independent media worldwide. —a healthy democracy needs a free press. We welcome you to join our goal to spread independent, worldwide news.

ICICI Prudential Life offers 15% lifetime discount for women and an additional 15% discount for salaried women on its term plan – iProtect Smart

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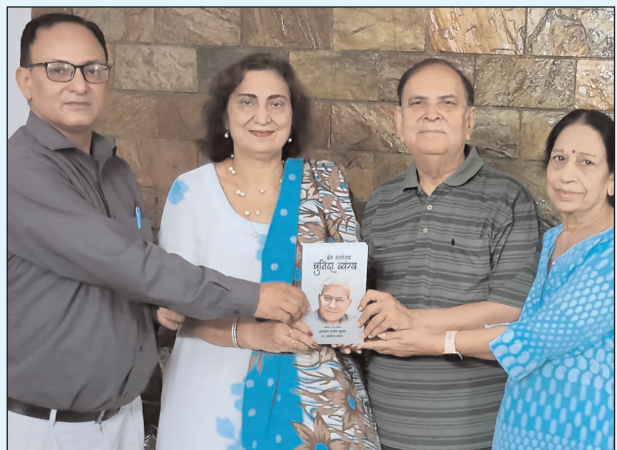
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National Eligibility Test to replace PhD entrance exams at JNU

Delhi: JNU will use the National Eligibility Test (NET) score instead of the National Testing Agency (NTA) entrance test for PhD admission starting this academic year. JNU reported that UGC, as part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has decided to allow universities/HEIs to use the score of the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC and CSIR for Ph.D admission in place of an entrance test. According to this decision, JNU will use NET scores for Ph.D admissions, replacing the NTA entrance test. "Accordingly, JNU has decided to use NET score in place of the entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to Ph.D Programmes in the University from the academic session 2024-25," said the note.

Dr. Sarita Mehta released the book 'Prem Janamejay Chuninda Vyang'

Chandigarh: Dr. Sarita Mehta, a famous poetess and President of Vidyadham, America, released the book 'Prem Janamejay - Chuninda Vyang' written on senior litterateur Prem Janamejay in Sector 37 today. The editors of the book are Acharya Rajesh Kumar and Dr. Lalitya Lalit. It has been published by Swatantra Prakashan Delhi. Senior litterateur Prem Vij, poet and editor Dr. Vinod Sharma and Raj Vij were also present on this occasion. Dr. Sarita



Mehta congratulated the editors and said that by publishing the book of selected satires of Prem Janamejay on his 75th

Janamejay, he is an editor and a reputed litterateur. Acharya Rajesh Kumar has published more than 100 books. Dr. Lalitya Lalit has also achieved an important place with 39 books. The owner of Swatantra Prakashan and poet Sushil Swatantra has published the book in a very beautiful manner. Dr. Vinod Sharma said that Janamejay is a walking encyclopaedia of satire. This book will prove helpful for researchers as well.

Pradeep Chaudhary condemned the closure of Aadhar card updating and new making machines in villages

Kaithal: Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary, executive member of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee and close supporter of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, alleged that the decision of the government and administration to suddenly shut down the machines for making and updating Aadhar cards at CSC centers in rural areas for the last several years by issuing a Tughlaqi decree is a completely wrong and anti-people step, which cannot be condemned enough. Pradeep



Chaudhary was propagating the policies of Congress in various villages of the constituency under the Congress' Haath Se Haath Jodo Abhiyan. Addressing the villagers, Congress leader Pradeep Chaudhary said that by shutting down the facility of making and

updating Aadhar cards, the employment of CSC center operators will be snatched away and they will become unemployed. Due to which the villagers will also have to face a lot of problems. The villagers will have to leave their daily work and come to the city every day,

which will lead to a waste of both time and money. There is a lot of anger among the villagers and CSC operators due to this step of the government and administration. The government should withdraw its arbitrary anti-people order without wasting time, so that the villagers living in the villages do not face any kind of problem. Pradeep Kumar said that when the Aadhar service was started at a CSC center, a setup worth about one lakh rupees was prepared at the center.

GODAVARI BIOREFINERIES LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

GURUGRAM : Godavari Biorefineries Limited ("The Company" or "GBL") one of the prominent manufacturers of ethanol based chemicals in India has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). As on March 31, 2024, the Company has the largest integrat-



ed bio-refinery in India in terms of installed capacity and were also the largest manufacturer of MPO (3 Methyl-3 Penten-2-One) worldwide in terms of installed capacity, one of only two manufacturers of natural 1,3 butylene glycol and the only company in India to manufacture bio ethyl acetate according to Frost & Sullivan Report. The Company plans to raise fund through Equity Share Capital of face value ? 10 each. The total issue comprises of fresh issue

of equity share aggregating up to 3,250 million [325 crore] and offer for sale of up to 6,526,983 Equity Shares. ("Offer For Sale") ["Total Offer Size"] Company plans to utilize the net proceeds from fresh issue towards funding (i) Repayment/pre-payment, in full or in part, of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the Company amounting to 2,400 million [240 crore] and balance amount towards general corporate purpose. ["Fresh Issue"] The Offer for Sale comprises of up to 4,926,983 Equity Share by Mandala Capital AG Limited [Investor Selling Shareholders], up to 500,000 Equity Shares by Somaiya Agencies Private Limited, up to 2,00,000 Equity Shares by Samir Shantilal Somaiya, up to 200,000 Equity Shares by Lakshmiwadi Mines and Minerals.

International Olympiads 2023-24: SilverZone rewards 5 students from Gurugram

GURUGRAM : Fostering the school talent across globe, SilverZone Foundation, a non-government organisation with its unwavering commitment to promoting educational excellence, rewarded 5 International Olympiad winners from Gurugram at 21st Educational Excellence Award & Student Felicitation Program 2023-24. Among the awarded students, 5 are from Gurugram and a total of 15 students are from Haryana state. SilverZone Foundation has been organising 10 Olympiad competitions for school students including International Olympiad for Mathematics and



International Olympiad for Science and International Informatics Olympiad (Computer Science) for the last 20 years. In 2023-24 a total of 523 students secured top ranks out of 1.5 million students who participated from India and abroad, 100 winners were from Delhi and NCR region. The event also saw the presence of chief guest, Major General R.K. Raina, ex-MD of Army Welfare Education Society, and the guest of honour, Mr. Punya Prasun Bajpai, a renowned journalist and news presenter. These luminaries captivated the audience with their insights on current developments in the education system, leaving everyone inspired and enlightened. Mr. Kamal Kishore, Managing Director of SilverZone Foundation, proudly announced the completion of 20 years of organising Olympiad exams. He said, "We at SilverZone

Foundation believe in encouraging talent for excellence in the education sector. We host various International Olympiad for school students to inculcate competitiveness in them and to motivate them to perform to the best of their abilities. Today, I congratulate all the winners for performing extraordinarily in these exams. This annual event celebrates the participants who took up these exams and excelled, as well as the academic community that has partnered with us and supported our mission to enhance participants' academic performance through scientific assessment and evaluation."

Former wrestler Narsingh named WFI's seven-member athletes' panel

Delhi: former Commonwealth Games gold medalist Narsingh Panchar Yadav was chosen chairman of the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) Athletes' Commission, as required by the sport's world governing body. Eight people competed for seven seats. Paper ballots were used. Narsingh made news before the 2016 Olympics when two-time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar, who missed the qualification event due to injury, demanded a match against him. After Sushil's Delhi High Court petition was dismissed, Narsingh was confirmed for the Rio Olympics. In a startling turn of events, Narsingh failed two dope tests before the Games and was banned for four years by the Court of Arbitration. for Sport (CAS) despite the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) clearing him on the grounds of sabotage.