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BJP-ruled UP, MP, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha move to give job quota to Agniveers

NEW DELHI: On the Kargil Vijay Diwas, as opposition cornered PM Modi-led NDA government over the Agniveer scheme, the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled states moved to provide job reservations to the ex-servicemen. In back-to-back statements, the chief ministers of Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha announced the decision to provide job reservations to Agniveers in the state jobs while backing the scheme. Underscoring the importance of national security, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath criticised the opposition on Friday for allegedly misleading the public regarding the Agniveer scheme. He also stated that



KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS
MP the third BJP-led state to announce reservation in jobs for Agniveers

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday announced that his government will provide reservations to Agniveers in the recruitment of police and armed forces after the end of their services. Sharing the information on social media platform X, Yadav said the decision is as per "the wishes of our illustrious Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji." "The Madhya Pradesh government will provide Agniveers jobs in police service and Pradeshi Armed

Constabulary (PAC) on "priority basis". In a post on X, CM Yogi said, "When Agniveers return after their service, Uttar Pradesh government will provide these youth the facility of adjustment in Police Service, PAC on priority basis. A certain reservation facility will be provided for them in Uttar Pradesh Police." **More states follow suit**
The announcement comes just days after the BJP-led Haryana government said the state would provide 10% reservation to Agniveers in direct recruitment to posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden and SPO. Besides UP, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh also announced job quotas for Agniveers on Friday.

'Hardik Pandya is as skilled as Ben Stokes, but...': Former New Zealand all-rounder

NEW DELHI: Hardik Pandya possesses abilities that are on par with England's top and skipper Ben Stokes, according to former New Zealand player Scott Styris. However, Styris believes that the talented Indian cricketer must demonstrate greater consistency in his performances. The Indian selectors opted for Suryakumar Yadav to lead the T20I team against Sri Lanka instead of Pandya. Chief selector Ajit Agarkar explained the decision, stating that he "wanted someone who was likely to be available more often." "This champion all-rounder (Pandya) has got as many skills as anyone. He's probably in a similar ability-zone as someone like Ben Stokes. He's got much more talent than that (his recent performances)," Styris told PTI Videos in an interview. Styris had no doubt about Pandya's talent, but the Kiwi urged him to bring more consistency to his performances. "He is a phenomenally skilled cricketer. But he



'The same train will go ahead': Suryakumar ahead of first T20I

NEW DELHI: Suryakumar Yadav, who has recently been named as the captain of the Indian T20I team, made a statement on Friday. He emphasized that the team will maintain the aggressive style of play that was a signature of the previous captain, Rohit Sharma's tenure. India adopted a revolutionary

approach starting from the ODI World Cup held in their home country last year, under Rohit's leadership. "I don't think his job is to coach the Indian team": This aggressive brand of cricket continued to be the team's hallmark even after the World Cup victory. "I think the skills that Indian fans need to see from him now is being available all the time on

Apple reduces iPhone prices in India, here are all the new prices

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a cut in basic customs duty on mobile phones, chargers and some components as part of the Union Budget 2024. This reduction has led to lower prices for Apple iPhone models in India, particularly benefiting the high-end Pro models. Apple's official store now reflects these updated prices. Apple reduces iPhone prices in India, here are all the new prices
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Over 50% Indian EV owners want to get back to petrol/diesel vehicles

A Park+ survey of 500 electric vehicle owners from Delhi NCR, Mumbai, and Bangalore revealed that 88% suffered from charging anxiety, with maintenance costs and resale value also being major concerns. 51% preferred conventional vehicles. Tata Nexon EV emerged as the favorite. BYD was noted for its high pricing. Park+ has released a report based on a recently conducted survey, revealing key findings from a survey focusing on the experiences of electric vehicle owners in India. The survey included responses from 500 EV car owners in Delhi NCR, Mumbai, and Bangalore. According to data from the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), nearly 91,000 electric passenger vehicles were sold in India during the Financial Year 2023-24.
Key findings from the survey: A significant 88 percent of EV owners cited charging anxiety as a primary concern, surpassing the more commonly discussed range anxiety. Many drivers preferred to limit their travels to short intercity trips under 50 km due to these challenges. Moreover, 73 percent of respondents, maintenance costs were a major grey area. Many EV owners find it problematic that even local mechanics find it difficult to fix and EV. The inability to obtain second opinions on repair costs further compounded their concerns. Besides that, a substantial fall in the resale value of EVs was a worry for 33 percent of respondents. While the resale market for EVs is still developing.

Pune Police files 900-page chargesheet in Porsche car accident

NEW DELHI: Pune Police on Friday filed a 900-page chargesheet in a Porsche car accident case in which the accused teen rammed his luxury four-wheeler into a bike, killing two techies around 2:30 am on May 19 in Kalyaninagar. The deceased, both IT professionals, were on the two-wheeler when they were hit by the Porsche,

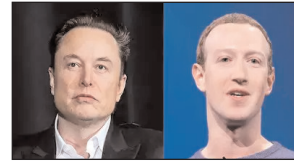


reportedly driven by the minor. Initially, the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) granted bail to the teenager, the son of a real estate developer, shortly after the incident and instructed him to write a 300-

word essay on road safety. However, following intense criticism, the police approached the JJB again, resulting in a modified order that sent the accused juvenile to the observation

Elon Musk dares Zuckerberg to a fight: 'Any place, any time, any rules'

Elon Musk, at an event with the Israeli Prime Minister, challenged Mark Zuckerberg to a fight. Zuckerberg later questioned the sincerity of the challenge. The interaction followed ongoing competition between their companies and comes after Musk praised Meta's new AI model, Llama 3.1. Elon Musk dares Zuckerberg to a fight: 'Any place, any time, any rules'; online reactions pour in



Tesla CEO Elon Musk recently stirred the internet by declaring his readiness to fight Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg "any place, any time, with any rules." This bold statement was made during an event where Musk attended Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress.

"I'll fight Zuckerberg any place, any time, any rules," Musk stated to reporters with a smile. Zuckerberg's reaction and social media buzz quickly went viral on Threads, prompting Zuckerberg to respond, "Are we really doing this again?" Meanwhile, social media platforms, especially X (formerly Twitter), were abuzz with reactions and opinions.

Scrap Niti Ayog, restore planning commission: Mamata Banerjee

NEW DELHI: West Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on Friday said, she will ask Prime Minister Narendra Modi "to scrap the Niti Ayog and restore the Planning Commission," at the Niti Ayog governing council meeting on Saturday, since the original version of the public policy think tank was an "effective platform and Niti Ayog is a powerless body, meant only for speeches." Banerjee, who arrived here on Friday for the meeting, while most of the INDIA bloc parties are boycotting it, said, she will speak out for her state, as well as for



the states ruled by the INDIA bloc parties, who were boycotting the Niti Ayog meeting, while speaking to the media. The TMC chief, however, made it clear that the boycott of the Niti Ayog meeting "could have been better coordinated," if all the parties were to skip the meeting. "Possibly because it was a late decision after the budget was presented, each state reacted on their own," she added, when

cancelled my trip yesterday, but Abhishek (Banerjee, TMC MP and party general secretary) convinced me this morning to attend the meeting and raise our issues on the joint platform, since I had earlier decided to come for it and had prepared what to say... so I decided to speak for my state and also on behalf of all our INDIA bloc states who won't be there." "They (BJP) have formed government but they don't have people's mandate. This is the first time after BJP came in, since 2014, they have not formed the government as a single party," she said, adding, that because of their "compulsions".

Indian IT industry has a 'new' highest-paid CEO

CEO C.Vijayakumar emerges as the top-paid Indian CEO with a substantial remuneration increase. The annual report reveals detailed breakdown of his salary, including base pay, bonuses, and incentives. Moreover, Vijayakumar discusses company performance and the evolving workplace model in a shareholder letter. Indian IT industry has a 'new' highest-paid CEO: Here's how much he earned
HCLTech CEO C Vijayakumar HCLTech CEO C Vijayakumar has become the highest paid Indian CEO. According to the company's annual report released on July 22, Vijayakumar's remuneration for the fiscal year 2024 jumped to around Rs 84.16 crore, a 190.75 per cent year-on-year increase.

Trump is not that different from others: Kremlin

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov noted former US President Donald Trump is not significantly different from other American political elites, who share an anti-Russian sentiment. He acknowledged that during Trump's presidency, numerous sanctions were imposed on Russia. Although he exhibited some political wisdom in maintaining dialogue, it did not substantially impact Russia-US relations. US former President Donald Trump is 'not that different from the others,' the Kremlin said on Friday and added that he is a representative of a political elite that harbours anti-Russian sentiment. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, when asked next about a commentary in the Wall Street

Journal co-authored by Mike Pompeo where he highlighted that Trump's plan for peace in Ukraine, said Moscow was aware that Trump represented a political elite that held anti-Russian views, reported Reuters. Kremlin had made it clear-eyed when it came to assessing what a Trump presidency could mean for Russia. The Pompeo in Wall Street Journal suggested Trump enact tough new sanctions on Moscow if elected and step up help for Ukraine. "We have never worn and do not wear rose-coloured spectacles. (Trump) is a representative of the U.S. political elite, which is now all absolutely suffering from total anti-Russian sentiment," he said.

Shivshakti Sena salutes martyrs of Kargil

Prayagraj: Kargil Vijay Diwas program was completed on Friday at the intersection of Loknath, the historical square of Prayag Nagar, under the auspices of Shiv Shakti Sena. The program started with the Aarti of Maa Bharati by Yogi Rajkumar Maharaj. After that, Ajay Gupta, founder and operating chief of Shivshakti Sena, garlanded the picture of Bharat Mata and in the same sequence, National General Secretary of the Sena, Dinesh Singh Rajput, offered a flower circle. The historical square Loknath Square was resounded with the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' in memory of the Kargil warriors. Thereafter, 2 minutes silence was observed in memory of the martyred Ranbakurs. Then the lamp was lit in the Yadav of the martyrs. This program of Shivshakti has been running continuously since 1999. It is 25 years of Kargil Vijay Diwas. On this occasion, Army Chief of Shivshakti Sena, Ajay Gupta said that today on the occasion of 25th Vijay Diwas, we all are paying true tribute to those martyred Ranbakurs of Kargil. We pay our respects to such brave warriors, due to whose bravery we and our country are safe today. National General Secretary Dinesh Singh Rajput said that this Vijay Diwas remembers the song which will be played on the pyres of martyrs every year, this will be the last breath of those who died for the country. Mainly people like Basant Lal Azad, Councilor Sunita Chopra, Vivek Tripathi, Babban Singh Chauhan, Ajay Jain, Narendra Gupta, Vikram Yadav, Milan Sahu etc. were present in the program.

Employees Union elections on Aug 6

Prayagraj: IFFCO Employees Union organized a General Body Meeting at the main gate of IFFCO plant. Employees Union President Pankaj Pandey and General Secretary Vinay Kumar Yadav presented the details of the work done and achievements since 02 August 2021 to till date. Union General Secretary Vinay Kumar Yadav announced the elections and appealed to all the employees to participate in this great festival. IFFCO Employees Union elections will be held in 06 August 2024. Employees Union elections are to be held on the posts of President, Vice President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary (Organization), Joint Secretary (Publicity), Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Executive Member. The detailed program will be announced after the appointment of the election officer. During this time a large number of IFFCO employees were present.



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Md. Zia Siddiqui resigned from Youth Muharram Henna Committee

Prayagraj: Md. Zia Siddiqui has resigned from the Prayagraj Youth Muharram Henna Committee, Tara Babu Ki Gali, Bakshi Bazaar. Mohd. Now the new committee that will be formed in Moharram 2025 will complete the work of lifting the henna. I will not have any contribution or connection with the new committee.



Apply online for admission in govt and private ITIs

Lucknow: State Minister of State for Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) Kapil Dev Aggarwal said that online applications for admission in government and private Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) for the session 2024-25 have started. This application can be made for regular courses in ITI and training sessions for 11 long-term professions in 149 government institutes run in collaboration with Tata Technology Limited, which will start from August 2024. Interested candidates can apply online by visiting SCVT website <http://www.scvtup.in>.

Magistrate checking campaign conducted at Prayagraj Junction & Chheoki

Prayagraj: Magistrate checking campaign conducted at Prayagraj Junction and Prayagraj Chhivki stations under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager/Prayagraj, Himanshu Badoni in Prayagraj Division to ensure better services to the railway passengers with safe, pleasant and comfortable journey. To curb illegal vendors, littering, ticketless and irregular travel, a special ticket checking campaign is conducted at stations and trains. On 25.07.2024, a magistrate checking campaign was conducted at Prayagraj Junction and Prayagraj Chhivki stations. In this investigation campaign, ticket

checking staff, Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police, working together, imposed fines on illegal vendors, litterers, smokers, unbooked luggage, ticketless and irregular travelers. In this inspection campaign, 10 trains including stations were thoroughly inspected. In this campaign, a total fine of Rs 25650/- was charged from 53 passengers and collected. In this, 30 passengers traveling without ticket were charged Rs 11610/-, 04 passengers traveling irregularly were charged Rs 1500/-, 13 passengers spreading filth were charged Rs 1700/- and 06 passengers without booked luggage were charged Rs. A fine



of Rs 10840/- was recovered.

Fortification and checking was done at Prayagraj Junction and Prayagraj Chhivki stations on 25.07.2024, as per the instructions of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/

Prayagraj, Himanshu Shukla, under the leadership of Assistant Divisional Commercial Manager, Dinesh Kumar, against illegal vendors and spreading filth at Prayagraj Junction and Prayagraj Chhivki station. In the cam-

campaign against ticketless and irregular travel, Divisional Chief Ticket Inspector/Red, Diwakar Shukla along with Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police conducted intensive checking of stations and

trains. In this campaign, a total fine of Rs 1,47,430/- was charged and collected from 284 passengers. In this, 166 passengers traveling without tickets were charged Rs 105680/-, 104 passengers traveling irregularly were charged Rs 40350/- and 14 passengers spreading filth were charged a fine of Rs 1400/- . In this checking campaign, 7 legitimate vendors were caught and handed over to the Railway Protection Force for further action. North Central Railway appeals to all its respected railway passengers to travel with proper and valid railway tickets to avoid inconvenience and travel with dignity.

KVK Goat rearing training completed in SHUATS

Prayagraj: KVK 5-day goat rearing program concluded at SHUATS. Chief guest of the program was Dr. Vishwaroop Mehra, Prof.V.C. Shuats administration did it. He said in his address that those who do not have land can do goat rearing along with farming. Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan informed the trainees about the works of the university and the agriculture related works of 7 districts under the Directorate of Extension. Director Research Dr. S.D. McCarty said that Mahatma Gandhi had rightly said that goat is the poor's

cow and discussed in detail about goat rearing. KVK In-charge Dr. Mukesh P. Masih told the farmers about the works of Krishi



Vigyan Kendra and how the farmers are doubling their income by getting training from here. Training coordinator Dr. Subodh Yadav ex-

plained the native remedies for diseases occurring in goat rearing. Satyam Kesari of N.S.S. under the plantation programme ensured

Pandey, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Pandey, Dr. Rampal Singh, Dr. Anand Singh, veterinarian Dr. K.K. Sachan, Dr. Mangal Pandey, Dr. Manoj Shukla, Dr. James, Ashish of small scale industry etc. provided information related to goat rearing to the farmers. of. Program Assistant S.P. Singh conducted a field tour of the goat rearing unit. In the end, he gave subject literature and certificates to the farmers and wished them a bright future. 60 men and women participated in this program. The program was conducted and the vote of thanks was done by Dr. Nimisha Natarajan.

Delegation of farmer leaders met DM

Prayagraj: District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal and officials of Police Commissioner Prayagraj met with the officials of Bharatiya Kisan Union Apolitical Prayagraj Mandal regarding the problems of the farmers. There was



a detailed discussion on the problems of the farmers and most of the problems were resolved immediately. And the District Magistrate immediately instructed the officers to resolve the matter soon. During the meeting with the District Magistrate, Mandal President Bablu Dubey, District President Prayagraj Shani Shukla, State Legal Advisor Rahul Zamidar, District Media In-charge Vishal Dwivedi, etc. farmer leaders and workers were present.

ABVP submits memo for increase of stipends for medical interns

Prayagraj: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) delegation met with Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Health and Medical Education Minister Brijesh Pathak to advocate for an increase in the stipend for medical interns. The memorandum, submitted on Friday, highlighted the inadequate stipends currently provided to medical interns in regional medical institutes and schools, which have sparked protests among students. ABVP supports these demands and calls for a swift resolution.

ABVP had earlier informed Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak about this issue on July 17, urging an increase in the stipends for medical students.

Since July 22, ABVP has actively supported the medical students' protests, culminating in the submission of the memorandum today. During discussions with the ABVP delegation, Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak assured that the matter would be taken seriously and addressed in the interest of the medical students.

Rohit Singh, State Joint Secretary of ABVP Awadh, stated, "ABVP has consistently advocated for a uniform stipend for medical students across the country. In Uttar Pradesh, medical interns receive a stipend of Rs 12,000, which is insufficient for their basic needs and significantly lower than stipends in other states." He emphasized the urgency

of addressing this disparity. Saurabh Nayak, ABVP's State MediVision Convener and a medical intern, added, "The current stipend in Uttar Pradesh is much lower compared to other states, where the average is around Rs 25,000. In centrally affiliated medical institutions, the stipend is even higher at Rs 27,000. We have urged the Uttar Pradesh government to adjust the stipend accordingly to meet the basic needs of medical interns."

The delegation, which met with the Deputy Chief Minister, included ABVP Awadh Joint Secretary Rohit Singh, State MediVision Convener Saurabh Nayak, along with members Manish Kumar Gupta, Srishti, and Yash Chopra.

Partner meet held for sustainable energy future of UP

Prayagraj: Jackson Solar organised a partner meet in Prayagraj in association with Chawla Machinery. It is worth mentioning that Jackson Solar is a subsidiary of Jackson Group, the country's leading energy and infrastructure solutions provider. This meet was an important event. Through this, old partnerships were encouraged. Along with this, new partnerships were also formed. This strengthened Jackson Solar's presence in the region. During this meet, Jackson Solar showcased the new "HeliaNXT" module.

Jackson Solar CEO (Module and Product Business) Mr. Anurag Garg said, Jackson Solar is committed to providing solar power to every person. Our recent meeting in Prayagraj and the "Helia NXT" module presented there is a proof of our commitment under which we want to make solar energy a part of daily life. These modules of ours give an excellent output of 590 Wp. This is an incredible demonstration of capabil-

ity. Through our meets in the state, we are providing all our key tools and networks in the region so that we can contribute to the region as well as the entire country's transition to sustainable energy solutions.

55 dealers, industry experts and potential customers participated in the meet. This



is a strong testimony to the growing importance of "solar energy solutions" and the number of adopters in the state. The importance of government initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana (PM-Surya) was highlighted in the meet and it was said that these schemes should be leveraged to achieve the goal of sustainable development.

Monsoon Health Risks: Battling Hepatitis A through Prevention

Varanasi: As India braces itself for the annual monsoon deluge, the onset of heavy rains and increased humidity not only transforms the landscape but also sets the stage for a surge in infectious diseases. The combination of waterlogging and moisture-laden air creates ideal breeding grounds for various pathogens, posing significant health risks to vulnerable populations, particularly children and older adults.

"During the monsoon season, the risk of hepatitis A outbreaks escalates due to increased exposure to contaminated water and food," explains Dr.K.K JAIN senior Pediatrician and Vaccine Expert, Varanasi. "Individuals residing in unsanitary environments,

hostel residents, and frequent diners who often consume from street vendors or exposed food sources are at a high risk of getting the infection due to compromised hygienic conditions."

Among the array of health concerns exacerbated by the monsoon, hepatitis A has emerged as a pressing issue this year. According to WHO reports, fatalities related to viral hepatitis infections are on a constant rise claiming 3500 lives each day. Hepatitis A is a viral liver infection primarily transmitted through contaminated food or water, thriving in environments with poor sanitation. Common symptoms

include fever, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, and abdominal discomfort.

Preventive measures



play a crucial role in curtailing the spread of hepatitis A. Beyond practicing stringent hygiene, such as thorough handwashing and consuming clean, properly cooked food, Vaccination

stands out as the cornerstone of prevention efforts. The single-shot hepatitis A vaccine is highly effective and safe and provides long-term immunity against the virus. Reassuringly, Dr. KK Jain emphasizes, "Vaccination is a reliable shield against hepatitis A. It is paramount to administer the hepatitis A vaccine to children by 12 months of age. For those who miss this window, timely catch-up vaccination is recommended to ensure continuous protection." Public awareness campaigns are instrumental in educating communities about the importance of vaccination and hygiene practices during the monsoon.

Rudrabhishek performed for welfare of world

Prayagraj: While narrating the story of Shri Shiv Mahapuran on the third day in Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Narayan Vatika in Muthiganj organized under the aegis of Dutva Path Pariwar, revered Shri Satanand Maharaj said that even a sinful person, while repenting, meditates and meditates on Lord Shiva. If he does so then Lord Shiva blesses him too and he becomes free from sin and the story of Shiv Purana makes the devotees sinless and further Vyas ji said that a saint is the only



path to attain Bhangvat, hence if a saint comes in his life then Understand that God is about to enter his life and further Vyas ji narrated the story of greatness of Shivaling in today's story

and said that Shivling is a symbol of the form and nature of Brahma. The main host of the story Sapna Arya. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said, before the Katha of Maha

Rudrabhishek and Parthiv Shivlinga, Maha Aarti of Katha of Katha was done by Mahamandaleshwar of Kinnar Akhara, Pujya Kaushalya Nand Giri, Kumar Narayan, Satish Chandra Kesarwani, Mohit Kesarwani, Ram Ji Kesarwani, Councilor Neeraj Gupta, Sadhna Chaturvedi, There were hundreds of devotees like Urmila Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Shailendra Gupta, Sai Baba, Pintu Kumar, Ajay Agrahari, Asha Kesarwani, Usha Kesarwani, Dharendra Chaturvedi, etc.

Construction work of 11k earthly Shivling started by devotees

Prayagraj: Under the auspices of Kartavya Path Pariwar, the Rudrabhishek of Lord Bholenath for the welfare of the world was started by the Brahmins of Kashi in the courtyard of Bagiya Narayan Vatika of Munshi Ram Prasad with full rituals and chanting of mantras. On this occasion, women started the construction work of 11000 mortal Shivalingas from the holy water of Ganga. On this occasion, Lord Shiva was offered Ganga water, cow's milk, curd, sugarcane juice, Panchamrit, honey, Bel leaves, hemp, Dhatura, fruits, flowers, Rudrabhishek was done with other materials. On this occasion, Sapna Arya, Sadhna Chaturvedi, Urmila Kesarwani, Satish Chandra Kesarwani, Shailendra Gupta, Mohit Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Ajay Agrahari and hundreds of devotees were present.



Rajat Jayanti Samaroh of Kargil Vijay Diwas held at New Cantt

Prayagraj: 26 July 1999 is the historic Day when the Indian Armed Forces successfully thwarted nefarious designs of our adversary and regained our territory unscrupulously occupied by them. The valour and supreme sacrifice of our gallant soldiers and their courage and determination to guard our borders for our motherland was relived on Rajat Jayanti Samaroh of Kargil Vijay Diwas held at New Cantt, Prayagraj under the aegis of HQ Purva UP & MP Sub Area on 26 July 2024. Paying the sincere obeisance to our bravehearts and counting the ultimate oblation of life offered by 527 fearless soldiers the commemoration of Kargil Vijay Diwas commenced with the wreath laying ceremony by the GOC, Station Commander and Senior most Veteran, Brig Syed Ahmed Ali, SM a Kargil War Veteran at Yudh

Samarak Sthal, New Cantt, Prayagraj.

Wreath laying was followed by a mega cultural event & felicitation cer-



emony at Cobra Auditorium, New Cantt. The veterans were distributed with memorabilia on the auspicious day and Memoirs of Kargil War was screened in the auditorium for the serving and veteran armed

forces personnel and ladies. Thereafter Brass Band from the Dogra Regimental Centre, Ayodhya mesmerised the august gathering with

bravehearts who laid down their life in service to the nation. After the felicitation, Brig SA Ali, Sena Medal addressed the gathering and

their soulful symphony and filled the atmosphere with patriotic vibes.

The Veernaris of Kargil War along with other Veerangnas were felicitated during the function to honour the divine act of the

lauded the progress Indian Army and other armed forces have made in all spheres. He iterated that modernisation of the forces have visibly made the armed forces combat ready, organised

and equipped for all eventualities in service of nation.

The GOC, Sub Area in his closing remarks hailed the Veterans for their participation and assured them of continued support and assistance. He sensitised the gathering about the current policies and development in the armed forces and urged the Veterans to utilise them as well as proliferate the welfare scheme into the environment to strengthen the organisation goal to reach out to all veterans. He also asked the veterans to be updated and refrain from misinformation being spread by unwanted elements. The event provided an informal platform for interaction with our Veterans and showcased Indian army's commitment towards the veterans, informed Shantanu Pratap Singh, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Defence, Prayagraj.

Minister Nandi aims to make Bundelkhand Exp, first solar e-way in UP

Prayagraj: Preparations have intensified to make Bundelkhand Expressway the first solar expressway of Uttar Pradesh. Regarding this, Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi held a meeting with departmental officials on Friday at the camp office located at 6 Kalidas Marg. In which it was decided to hold a big seminar with all the stakeholders and solar energy experts in Lucknow on August 9 regarding the construction of Solar Expressway and to review the progress and inspection of the construction work of Ganga Expressway in Prayagraj on August 10. Principal Secretary Anil Sagar, Secretary Abhishek Prakash, ACEO UPDA Hari Pratap Shahi etc. officers were present.

Along with environmental protection, Bundelkhand Expressway will also generate electricity. More than 25 thousand saplings will be planted on both sides of the expressway for environmental protection. Besides, the state's longest solar park will also be developed on 1700 hectares of land. Due to which 450 MW energy will be produced. A solar park of 15-20 meters width will be developed on 1700 hectares of land located between the main carriage-way and service road of the 296 km long

Bundelkhand Expressway from Etawah to Chitrakoot. For this, land will be allotted to the companies on lease for 25 years. Regarding the preparation to bring the first solar expressway of Uttar Pradesh on the ground, the Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi held a meeting with the officials in the camp office and made the preparations. Reviewed. It was decided in the meeting that a big seminar should be organized on August 9. In which there

should be a detailed discussion with all the stakeholders and solar energy experts regarding the construction of the Solar Expressway. In which there will be discussion on how the people there can be benefited from the accumulated energy. Along with Solar Expressway, the progress of construction of Ganga Expressway was also discussed.

Before Mahakumbh, it was decided to hold a review meeting in Prayagraj on 10th August to complete the construction work of Ganga Expressway and check the quality of the works. In which all the officers associated with the Ganga Expressway construction work will be included. After the meeting, Minister Nandi will also do on-site inspection of the construction work along with officials.



Training prog on Plant Tissue Culture inaugurated



Prayagraj: A ten-day Hand's on training on "Plant Tissue Culture Technology" was inaugurated at Centre for Tissue Culture Technology, Jacob Institute of Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj on Thursday.

The programme was commenced with a prayer by Prof. (Dr.) Alok Milton Lall, which was followed by welcome of guests by Dr. Gurudayal Ram Guru (Program Co-coordinator) and brief sketch of training by Dr. Pragati Shukla (Program Coordinator) and Head, Centre for Tissue Cul-

ture Technology). Dr. Samuel Deepak Mecarty (Director, Directorate of Research, SHUATS) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In the inaugural address, he threw light on the importance of this training in the career growth of participants and motivated them to help the farmers in increasing the crop production and productivity. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Gurudayal Ram Guru.

Dr. Pragati Shukla (Program Coordinator) told that thirty-five students from United University were registered for the training program (25th July to 3rd August 2024) and she thanked

Prof. (Dr.) Jonathan A. Lal (Dean, JIBB and Pro-Vice Chancellor Academics, SHUATS) for his guidance and support. Prof. (Dr.) Rubina Lawrence (Associate Dean, Academics and Head, Industrial Microbiology), Prof. (Dr.) Kapil Lawrence (Head, Department of Molecular and Cellular Engineering), Prof. (Dr.) Alok Milton Lall (Head, Department of Biochemistry and Biochemical Engineering), Dr. Rajiv Kant (Head, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics), Dr. Eapen P. Koshy (Program Co-coordinator) and other staff members also graced the occasion with their esteemed presence.

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ANTHE, AESL's Exam: 5 students to win trip to Kennedy Space Center, USA

Prayagraj: Marking 15 glorious years of its flagship scholarship examination ANTHE, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of the latest edition of the highly anticipated Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam (ANTHE) 2024. The popular and most-sought after exam offers students from Class VII-XII the chance to earn up to 100% scholarships along with significant cash awards, helping them achieve their dreams of a successful career in medicine or engineering.

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tensive coaching programs, which prepare students for exams such as NEET, JEE, State CETs and scholarships like NTSE and Olympiads.

Mr. Deepak Mehrotra, CEO and MD of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), remarked, "ANTHE has played a crucial role in bridging the gap between the aspirations and abilities of countless students. Celebrating these 15 years of ANTHE, we have worked to make our courses accessible to deserving students across the nation, regardless of their location. ANTHE enables students to prepare for NEET and IIT-JEE exams at their own pace, wherever they are. We anticipate strong participation in ANTHE 2024 and are dedicated to guiding students towards a bright future."

Celebrating its 15th successful year, ANTHE has a distinguished record of nurturing top achievers. Over the years, many of its students have excelled in prestigious examinations, including top ranks in

NEET UG and JEE Advanced. Some notable achievers who enrolled in Aakash through ANTHE and secured top ranks are: Rishi Shekhar Shukla (JEE Advanced 2024 AIR 25); Krishna Sai Shishir (JEE Advanced 2024 AIR 67); Abhishek Jain (JEE Advanced 2024 AIR 78) among others. In NEET 2023, our

top scorers were Kaustav Bauri (AIR 03); Dhruv Advani (AIR 05); Surya Siddharth N (AIR 06); Aditya Neeraje (AIR 27) and Aakash Gupta (AIR 28). ANTHE 2024 will take place from October 19-27, 2024, in both online and offline modes across 26 states and union territories in India. In addition to scholarships of up to 100%, top scorers will also receive cash awards.

ANTHE will be a one-hour test carrying a total of 90 marks and comprising 40 multiple-choice questions based on the grade and stream aspirations of students. For Class VII-IX students, the questions will cover subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Mental Ability. For Class X students aspiring for medical education, the questions will cover Physics,

Chemistry, Biology and Mental Ability, while for engineering aspirants of the same class, the questions will cover Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Mental Ability. Similarly, for Class XI-XII students who aim for NEET, questions will cover Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology, while for engineering aspirants they will cover Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

The last date for submitting the enrolment form for ANTHE 2024 is three days before the commencement of the online exam and seven days before the offline exam. The exam fee is INR 200 for both offline and online mode. Students can also avail a flat 50% discount on the registration fee if they register before 15th August 2024. Results for ANTHE 2024 will be declared on November 08, 2024, for Class X students, November 13, 2024, for Class VII to IX, and November 16, 2024, for Class XI and XII students. The results will be available on our ANTHE website anthe.aakash.ac.in.



Grand Old Party recalls martyrdom of brave soldiers

Prayagraj: On the call of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee, under the leadership of Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, City President of City Congress Committee Prayagraj, today Congress people gathered at the

July all over India. Because on this day, Kargil war started between the armies of India and Pakistan in the year 1999 which lasted for about 60 days. And during this Kargil war, many army soldiers had sacrificed their

lives while fighting bravely with the enemies on the border line for the border security of the country, hence in the memory of the martyrdom of the brave soldiers, Kargil war is celebrated as Vijay Diwas every year. It is celebrated and we pay heartfelt tribute to

the soldiers of the country's army who were martyred in the Kargil war. On this Tribute Day, City Congress President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman said in his statement that today is the day when the dignity and decorum of the country is being celebrated. If the name of any word comes first in protecting the security of the country, then people say that the army of our country is a uniform branch which always hoists the flag of its bravery, hence whenever the country faces a crisis, then people remember the country. Let us remember only the army. Because the army is the only pillar which is successful in saving the country's freedom, security and dignity of the country in every way.

In the same sequence, City President Anshuman also said that the army of our country is that rare diamond which even before this, during the efficient

tenure of the Prime Minister of India, Late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, when the country was attacked by the enemy country, our army it was these soldiers who risked their lives and defeated the enemy country and brought the enemy country's army to its knees and increased the pride of the country, on which we all feel proud even today and as a result of that, today among us there is a country, next to India which we all know by the name of Bangladesh. Mainly present in the tribute program were Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, Raghunath Dwivedi Rajesh Rakesh, Irfan, Praveen Singh Bhole, Divakar Bhartiya, Vinay Pandey, Shyam Ji Shukla, Vivek Pandey, Vishal Sonkar, Nafees Qureshi, Ishiaq Ahmed, Rakesh Srivastava, Satyendra Bahadur, Ajendra Gaur, Arvind Pandey, Kameshwar Sonkar, Anjum Naz, Daraksha Qureshi, Rachna Pandey, Afreeen Khan, Santoshanand Maharaj, Irshad Ullah, Abdul Kalam Azad, Raj Kumar Shukla etc. were mainly present.



statue of immortal martyr Chandrashekhar Azad ji, who was martyred for the freedom of the country, at Chandrashekhar Azad Park, the historical martyr site of Prayagraj. Subject: Kargil War is celebrated with Vijay Diwas and this day is celebrated every year on 26th

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Congmen pay tributes to Kargil martyrs

Prayagraj: The Prominent Congressmen of City including former UPCC Spokesman Kishore Varshney, UPCC members duo Fuzail Hashimi and Harikesh Tripathi, Parvez Siddiqui, Ajay Srivastav, Arshad Ali and others paid homage to the Martyrs of Kargil war to commemorate the silver jubilee of India's victory by garlanded the life size statue of Chandra shekhar Azad at Azad Park in the evening and recalled the Supreme sacrifice of Kargil warriors. Partymen said our soldiers once again given befitting reply to the Pakistan army by defeating. They said around one fifth of the total Indian casualties in the 1999 Kargil war were from Uttar Pradesh. As many as 522 Servicemen including 26 officers, 23 junior commissioned officers and 473 jawans were killed in action. They further said the contributions of our soldiers are perpetually celebrated and the legacy remains an enduring well-spring of inspiration for generations to come.

Procession-e-Abid-e-Biram taken out

Prayagraj: Procession-e-Abid-e-Biram taken out from the Kothi of Nawab Nanhe in Rani Mandi. On the martyrdom of the fourth Imam Zainul Abedin Alaihissalam, a procession of Abid-e-Biram was taken out from the Kothi of Nawab Nanhe in Rani Mandi. Anjuman Shabbiriya Rani was present in the procession taken out under the patronage of Amjad Ali Pappu, Mandi, Anjuman Hydari Daryaabad, Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar, Anjuman Abbasia Rani Mandi Naukhwaans reciting Purdard Nauha ended the procession by reaching Imambara Mir Hussaini. Before the procession, Khatib-e-Ahlebait Hasan Ali read sad prayers. The patrons of the procession were Mukhtar Hussain Bhayiyu, Secretary Zafar Abbas Rizvi Kounain, General Secretary Muzaffar Abbas Najmi, Sadr Salman Haider and Dr. Hasan Kazmi, Naib Sadr Asghar Abbas and Shahid Abbas Rizvi, Amjad Ali Pappu, Asad Ali, Abbas Ali, Abid Ali, Akbar Ali helped in carrying out the procession. The Shabihe coffin and the Shabih of Zuljanah were also present in the procession, on which devotees offered flower garlands, kissed them and asked for vows and wishes. Whereas Raza Ismail Safvi spoke on behalf of Abbas Guddu in the

annual Majlis-e-Tarahim at Rani Mandi Imambara late Hussain Abbas Rizvi (Kallu Bhai), Maulana Syed Johar Abbas described the martyrdom in a poignant manner and the fans of Imam Hussain spoke in a touching manner.

Eyes filled with tears. Naukhawan Ghulam Abbas Naqvi of Anjuman Muhafize Azaan Qadeem and others read the sad Nauha. In the same sequence, the annual



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Editorial

Blue Screen Blues: Microsoft Triggered Cyber Meltdown and the Case for Atma Nirbharta

The champions of Atmanirbhar Bharat, isolationists among conservatives and the malcontents of globalisation are having a “told you so moment.” The Microsoft outage has given all of them a chance to have a right royal moan about the perils of blind belief in the overarching credo of the liberal world order: that international post-World War II system characterised, at least in one context, by the encouragement of global trade, economic interdependence, and multilateral agreements. And it's not hard to see why. Look at the mayhem caused by a single rogue file called c-00000291*.sys. This teeny-weeny alphanumeric code in a single content update virtually fried the dendrites of the Microsoft Operating System that literally turned blue – the pallor of death. Questions abound: did the firm tasked by Microsoft to ward off viruses and malware itself violate zealously adhered to software testing and development guidelines? Software updates are stringently tested at many levels before they are rolled out globally. The fact that this one slipped past shows that the checks and balances aren't as foolproof as they ought to be. The descent into defective code-induced dysfunction triggered global mayhem. The cost to businesses and economies could run into billions of dollars. This disruption was because of negligence, what if the next cyber pandemic is because of malevolence? no country except autarkies like China, Russia and North Korea, and the less technologically leveraged in the Global South, were spared. But because India is a paid-up member of the globalised, rules-based world order, it was strongly buffeted. Indeed, in a less connected world, a freak outage such as this would have had less impact. But that a single misplaced bit of computer code could bring nations to their knees reveals just how uncritically accepting we continue to be of “globalisation” as a project for the advancement of the human race. One would have imagined that we would have been less credulous by now, three years after a single sneeze triggered a global pandemic that stilled the globe and our lives. But clearly, some lessons are hard to learn. While no one needs to take the sledgehammer to globalisation, it is becoming obvious that there is a need to minimise risks. Perhaps, as a first step, by improving vigilance and incorporating redundancies throughout the global supply chain. This imperative of building self-reliance, however, will only gain ground when any prospective autopsy of the costs of globalisation is freed from politics. As of today, any inquiry into the status quo is dismissed by the Left as a “right-wing” lurch towards protectionism, spawned by a crude inward-looking parochialism. In India, examples abound. A certain section of the political class and commentariat mocked Prime Minister Modi for being blinded by exclusivism for deciding against joining an influential trading bloc like the RCEP. The decision, as it turned out, was the right one. Thailand joined the RCEP but in the last 18 months, its GDP growth has slumped to 2.7 per cent. This is largely due to trade imbalances after the RCEP's lead member, China, dumped goods, wantonly taking advantage of favourable tariff rates that its economic heft allowed it to impose across the RCEP. Of course, the stigmatisation of Atma Nirbharta is not only confined to trade-related policies but also foreign policy. Modi's “keep all options open” policy-driven engagement with Russia was the subject of scorn just a few weeks ago. Global interconnectedness has brought many benefits to many people. But the prohibitive costs of its many misses have brought ruin upon millions too.



New criminal laws are betting on DNA fingerprinting. India must prepare to offset risks

India's new criminal laws emphasise the use of technology and modern forensic methods to speed up justice and take the conviction rate up to “90 per cent”. DNA fingerprinting, used extensively in the developed world, is one such technique. Other than producing scientific evidence against known suspects, DNA databases of previous convicts also assist investigators with unsolved crimes. However, is it the proverbial silver bullet as touted by many in the law enforcement community? DNA fingerprinting involves creating a profile of an individual's genetic make-up. This throws up various legal, quality control, privacy, and human rights issues. It is therefore crucial to examine the adequacy of the systems put in place to achieve the goals of these 21st-century legislations. A comprehensive, robust, and independent regulatory and oversight mechanism, established by a statute, is imperative. Developed in 1984 by British geneticist Sir Alec John Jeffreys, DNA fingerprinting entails analysing a person's DNA profile from human cells like hair, saliva, or blood and creating a profile used for identification in forensic investigations. It was first successfully applied in the twin rape and murder cases of two girls in the UK. The late Prof Lalji Singh at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad pioneered the use and application of forensic DNA technology in the Indian legal system in 1988. The Bharatiya



Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, which replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), retains the provision for mandatory DNA profiling of rape case suspects, introduced in the CrPC in 2006. In addition, Section 176(3) of the BNSS mandates the collection of forensic evidence from crime scenes in offences punishable by seven years or more. Another new law, the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022—which replaced the colonial-era Identification of Prisoners Act 1920—allows the extraction and analysis of biological samples from convicts, preventive detainees, as well as those arrested for charges punishable by 7 years or more, or any offence against a woman or a child. Notably, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has been entrusted with the responsibility of collecting measurement records from states and maintaining a national database. According to Section 2(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022 the term ‘measure-

ment’ includes biological samples and their analysis, which also implies preparing DNA profiles. In fact, when the government withdrew The DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2019 in July 2023, it stated that most of its provisions had already been incorporated into the 2022 Act. However, without adequate safeguards, there is a risk that individuals may be arrested simply to include them in the database. Neither the BNSS nor the Identification Act define the term ‘DNA profile’. GeneWatch UK, in its comments on India's DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019, noted that DNA profiling can be restricted to only non-coding DNA, a commonly used international standard. This prevents using DNA sections that code for personal characteristics, including medical conditions. Forensic geneticists, in the past, have been criticised for attempting to create mugshots—essentially predicting physical appearance—using genetic information. Given the broad

categories of individuals whose biological samples can be collected by the state, such a restriction would help eliminate many possible misuses. The reliability of DNA fingerprinting has often been challenged, particularly concerning quality control during the handling of biological materials at different stages. Contamination of samples is a common problem. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), the most widely used technique for amplify small DNA quantities, also amplifies contaminants. There have been several high-profile cases of sample contamination. For instance, the defence in the OJ Simpson case argued extensively about the contamination of collected biological material. He was finally acquitted by the jury. Similarly, in the Pune Porsche hit-and-run case, the alleged culprit's blood sample was swapped with his mother's. Such examples highlight the need for strict quality control mechanisms and robust protocols for forensic labs (central, state, or private), investigators, medical practitioners, and data bank managers. The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019 proposed the creation of a DNA Regulatory Board. This board was meant to advise the central and state governments on DNA labs and data banks and to grant accreditation to labs. However, the bill was withdrawn in July 2023. While some functions of the DNA Regulatory Board have been assigned to the NCRB, it can-

Maharashtra BJP workers are confused, not demotivated—party must counter ‘outsiders’

Why did the Hindutva movement, based on Hindutva thought, become successful in India? What led to its significant impact across sectors such as the socio-cultural, political, education-health, rural development, and environment, among others? In reality, the period when the Hindutva ideology began to take shape and grow systematically as well as the decades preceding it were highly challenging for the philosophy. The movement has also witnessed a time when people uttering words such as Hindu, Hindutva, Rashtra, and Nationality were considered irrelevant, insignificant and politically-ideologically untouchable. Despite lacking political backing; government resources; funding from domestic or international, legal or illegal monetary sources; or other such support, how did this movement manage to flourish rather than fade away over the 75 years since the country's independence? What was the source of its

strength? The answer to this question is very simple. The source of strength of the Hindutva movement is nothing but the activist who puts both his sattva (goodness) and swatva (selfhood) at stake. He is the soul of this movement. It is the inner strength of the activist that has led Hindutva to become the central point in various socio-economic spheres within India. Today, the remarkable influence of Hindutva ideology in the country's politics and state system is a product of this inner strength. Although politics is one of the many aspects of the Hindutva movement, we have all witnessed in the past ten years the potential for societal and national transformation through the effective application of political power. The activist is the prominent reason for Hindutva's success in politics, which becomes evident when we analyse the history of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or the erstwhile Jana Sangh.

If Biden is Unfit to Run Again, How is He Fit to Stay on as President?

It is ironic that despite its scorn for North Korea and the tradition of secrecy that shrouds the health of its top leaders, the US appears to be going down a similar path with its political leaders. While the partisan US media has been questioning the lack of a proper bulletin on the condition of Republican presidential contender Donald Trump after the failed assassination attempt, there is less than optimal information on the health parameters of incumbent President Joe Biden. As there is a visible change in Trump's demeanour after an assassin's bullet clipped his right ear, an update on his mental state after that near-miss is certainly warranted. He seems mellowed, subdued, quieter, even reflective. Although the media seems less concerned about his overall well-being than a more popular political personage, the impact of that event cannot be discounted. The nation—the US—needs to know to what extent he has been affected by this ordeal. But even more imperative are medical updates on the man who still has control over the nuclear balloon but cannot remember the name of his own Secretary of Defence or a Supreme Court justice's full name. Whether Biden remains in the race or steps aside in favour of someone younger and composed, he will still be in charge of the US at least till January 2025 and (supposedly) taking decisions that can have wide-ranging consequences. So his health is a crucial matter. Yet, the media and commentariat in the US is focusing voter attention only on the fact that he is doing well after being diagnosed with Covid-19 yet again. Despite having taken multiple booster shots of the vaccine in the past four years. The only question being mildly raised is whether he has the stamina to keep up with the pace of the Presidential elections. They are glossing over the more important issue of Biden's fitness to

handle the day-to-day challenges of his high office. Stumbling and shuffling while walking, a very visible stiffness in his arms and legs, wooden smiles and all-too-frequent moments of blank incomprehension on his face do not portend well for a man who is one of the world's most powerful leaders. That the White House is behaving as if “aall izz well” is even more alarming in that context. One commentator observed that not since the Nixon era has the White House been so busy hiding information about a President. It is as if the Biden clan and White House officials willed the US—the mainstream media at least—to ignore evidence of his decrepitude.

His decline did not happen overnight, yet it may not have come into focus at all had he not flubbed the debate with Trump on primetime TV so spectacularly, forcing the media to take note. Media posited every stumble of Trump while in office as evidence of debility, but Biden's procession of fumbles and tumbles had always been downplayed. The decline in Biden's physical—and by implication, possibly mental—fitness has been obvious for years, so the secretive attitude of his close confidantes is confounding. While it may not be ‘elder abuse’ as some have alleged, the danger of a President not being at the top of his game is manifest. There is no problem with your average Grandpa being creaky and forgetful, but if that old man also happens to be POTUS, it becomes a matter of international consternation. There are precedents of US presidents not being open about their health. No one knew then, for instance, that John F Kennedy was taking a strong cocktail of steroids to deal with health issues though he exuded an image of robustness. And Franklin Roosevelt took great care—with the cooperation of the media—to keep his wheelchair mostly out of sight of the public and conducted.

Why is BJP doubling down on Hindutva? Modi-Shah have a different reading of 2024 result

Over a hundred thousand new jobs—1,09,589, to be precise—were created every day in 2023-24, the Reserve Bank of India said in its latest report on employment. Citing this report about the creation of 4.7 crore new jobs in the last fiscal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that eight crore new jobs were created in India in the last three to four years, and it silenced those “spreading fake narratives”. The Opposition was quick to pick holes. By telling one lie after another on jobs, you are rubbing salt in the wounds of the

youth, said Congress party's communications chief Jairam Ramesh. He questioned how the RBI arrived at this figure when it didn't disclose the sector-wise break-up as it did in the past. My colleague TCA Sharad Raghavan reported that over 37 per cent of women counted as ‘workers’ in the RBI report were doing ‘unpaid work’. Unpaid helpers in household enterprises constituted 18.3 per cent of the workforce in 2022-23, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey. For instance, if a person is selling pakoras at a stall,

with his wife frying them and the daughter or son serving them, they are all counted as employed in the unpaid helpers' category. As per PLFS 2022-23, 20.9 per cent of the workforce in India are regular wage/salary employees. Others include unpaid helper, casual labour and own account worker and employer. Opposition's criticism aside, the Economic Survey 2023-24, tabled by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, sought to revalidate what PM Modi suggested in Mumbai—that India has wit-

nessed “a notable transformation in its employment landscape”. Its detailed accounts of the Modi-led government's achievements in creating jobs had a catch though. “Estimates show that about 51.25 per cent of the youth is deemed employable.

In other words, about one in two are not yet readily employable, straight out of college. However, it must be noted that the percentage has improved from around 34 per cent to 51.3 per cent in the last decade,” said the Economic Survey.

Nitish Kumar launched a tirade in the state legislative assembly

A day after apologizing for his controversial birth control remarks, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched a tirade in the state legislative assembly against former ally Jitan Ram Manjhi, whom he had appointed to lead the state after the Janata Dal (United)'s poor 2014 Lok Sabha performance.

Nitish's heated interruption occurred during Manjhi's talk on the Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill, which would increase SC, ST, OBC, and OBC quotas in government positions and state-run schools from 50% to 65%. Inko idea? Ye galati hai jo iss aadmi ko humnein bana diya mukhya mantri. No sense, iska.



Aise bolted. Nitish: Nahi matlab. Has he any idea?

It was my fault for making him chief minister. His words make no sense. After repeating that he chose Manjhi to lead the state out of "murkhta" (stupidity), the chief minister said

that when he dissolved his 17-year coalition with the BJP in June 2013, he wanted him to stay with the party. "I started getting complaints two months after appointing him chief minister. However, he joined us in 2023. Send him to you

(BJP). JD(U) chief: Even his relatives are not with him. Nitish replied: "He (Manjhi) joined you (BJP) to become a governor" when BJP MLAs accused him of "insulting" a Dalit leader by calling him "tum" (you). Make him governor." "Chup raho (keep quiet)," Nitish

told Manjhi, who remained talking after his mike was off. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary then tried to soothe Nitish. As he left the Vidhan Sabha, Manjhi said that Nitish chose him as his successor because he dreaded resignation calls after the party's abysmal 2014 Lok Sabha performance. "But Nitish underestimated me.

He expected a rubber-stamp CM. Nitish Kumar and his followers had problems when I started making my own decisions, said Manjhi, the founder of the BJP-led NDA's Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM).

Mahayuti will not field a chief minister in Maharashtra



Delhi: A top BJP official claims that the Mahayuti will not field a chief minister in Maharashtra in the assembly elections and will claim at least 160 of 288 seats. Shiv Sena and NCP are furious with BJP's CM and seat count stance. After careful consideration, the BJP functionary decided not to nominate Mahayuti netas Eknath Shinde, Devendra Fadnis, or Ajit Pawar for CM. The functionary said the new CM will be chosen following the assembly elections. "BJP did not field a neta as CM in MP,

Rajasthan, or Chhattisgarh assembly elections. We want to follow the same method in Maharashtra," said the official. The BJP functionary stated the party will claim 160 seats under the seat-sharing system. We won't compromise on 160 seats. We will want this figure during discussions. Only after winning more than 100 seats can we seize the CM's post. "BJP recently said that its nominee would become CM if it wins the most seats. Shiv Sena, on the other hand, argued that Eknath Shinde will be

CM regardless of how many seats the Sena gets because the Mahayuti government was constituted under the banner of insurrection. "There will be no compromise on the post of CM, Shinde will continue as CM," Siddiqui stated. An NCP member claimed his party will seek 100 seats and Shiv Sena equal seats. In New Delhi, Union home minister Amit Shah will decide the seat-sharing formula. "NCP and Shiv Sena are demanding 100 seats each, we expect to settle for 80 seats each," the functionary added.

Uttarakhand to ban Char Dham name misuse

Delhi: In light of the recent controversy over the proposed construction of a Kedarnath temple replica in Delhi, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami's cabinet introduced a strict law to prevent the misuse of Char Dham shrines and other prominent Uttarakhand temple names, reports Kautilya Singh. The law prohibits organizations and trusts from using the name of Uttarakhand's leading temple committee "as it may cause confusion among the



public." Some people or organizations are using the names of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath, and other top Uttarakhand temples. Names that are similar cause confusion, local hostility, and religious offense.

"The proposed law will prevent temple managers from misusing Char Dham or other prominent temple names," said CM secretary Shailesh Bagauli. Dhami lay the foundation stone for a Delhi Kedarnath temple, sparking controversy.

Yogi govt to facilitate export of Kalanamak Rice to England after seven decades and for first time to USA

Lucknow Under the leadership of the Yogi government, England and United States of America will now experience the unique taste of Kalanamak rice. After nearly seven decades, this renowned rice variety will be exported to England and, for the first time, to US. The popularity of Kalanamak rice has surged since it was declared an ODOP by the state government. This year marks a significant milestone as 5 quintals of Kalanamak rice will be exported to England. In a similar vein, another 5 quintals will be exported to America for the first time. Prior to this, Kalanamak rice had already made its way to Nepal, Singapore, Germany, Dubai, and other countries. England has a historical fondness for the taste and aroma of Kalanamak rice. This tradition dates back about seven decades,

when British colonials had large farm houses across India. These farms were so prominent that they became landmarks, such as Birdghat and Campierganj. Siddharthnagar was also part of this trend, where the British cultivated Kalanamak rice extensively. They appreciated its unique flavor and fragrance, which commanded high prices in England. During that era, shiploads of Kalanamak rice were sent to England. However, following the abolition of the zamindari system about seven decades ago, this trade gradually declined and ultimately ceased after India gained independence. ODOP initiative boosts popularity of Kalanamak Rice. The popularity of Kalanamak rice has surged ever since the Yogi government declared it the One District One Product (ODOP).

Udhayanidhi Stalin may become Deputy Chief Minister

Delhi: Sources told India that Tamil Nadu's DMK administration may make Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin Deputy Chief Minister. Like his father, MK Stalin, who became Deputy CM following the 2009 Lok Sabha elections. Udhayanidhi, DMK's youth wing leader and Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni MLA, became a minister in December 2022. Sources say Udhayanidhi was slated to be Deputy CM twice this year. DMK's intentions failed due to controversies. Due to the Sanatana Dharma issue and Kallakurichi hooch catastrophe, his appointment as Deputy CM was canceled in January. The Sanatana Dharma debate began in January when Udhayanidhi compared it to "malaria" and "dengue" and called for its eradication.



CM-VNY to be monitored at state and local levels, aiming to boost urban contribution to a \$1 Trillion economy

Lucknow The Yogi government is optimistic about the 'Mukhyamantri Vaishwik Nagaroday Yojana' (CM-VNY), launched to boost the income of urban local bodies and enhance infrastructure. The government aims to integrate urban bodies into its vision for a \$1 trillion economy. To ensure transparency and timely completion, all projects and proposals within these bodies will be evaluated and monitored from the local to the state level. The Urban Development Department has initiated this scheme as a 'Mission to Movement,' expanding various existing schemes and missions across all urban local bodies in Uttar Pradesh, promoting comprehensive city development and increased revenue collection. The scheme will be overseen at the highest level by the Urban Development Minister, who will not only supervise but also guide its overall implementation. The State Level Governing Body will be chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department, with the Director of Local Bodies serving as the Member Secretary. The committee will include secretaries from the Housing, Health, Energy, Basic Education, Finance, Women and Child Development, and PWD departments as well as the Director of C&DS. The Director of NIC will also participate in relevant projects, and special invitees may be included at the Chairperson's discretion. The State Program Monitoring Unit will operate under this body. The Technical Appraisal Committee will be chaired by the Director of Local Bodies, including the Chief Engineer, AD Accounts, Director C&DS, and PMU Representatives. This committee will also incorporate the State Program Monitoring Unit. In committees formed for Municipal Corporations, the Mayor will act as Chairperson, while the Municipal Commissioner will serve as Member Secretary and Convener. The DM, VC of the Development Authority, and an SE of PWD appointed by the Divisional Commissioner will be members. Projects will be approved by committees established at the civic body level under the 15th Finance Commission. For Nagar Palika Parishad and Nagar Panchayats, the DM will chair the committee, which will include the Executive Engineer, Executive Officer, Accounts Officer of the relevant body, and a nominee of the DM. The scheme aims to standardize urban infrastructure across the state while enhancing the contribution of urban local bodies toward achieving a \$1 trillion economy. Expected outcomes include increased revenue sources for urban local bodies, improved liveability indices in urban areas, and better infrastructure integration with master plans.

"Haryana maange hisaab" asserts the state has the greatest unemployment

Delhi: After fighting the Lok Sabha election over price hikes and unemployment, the Congress is preparing to run in Haryana on similar issues. The party's slogan "Haryana maange hisaab" asserts the state has the greatest unemployment, price rise, and crime rates. "Unemployment, price hikes, and law and order will dominate our

campaign. Over two lakh government department seats are unfilled. Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda says more than 30 test papers have been leaked and unemployment is 37.4%. Haryana has the third-highest kidnapping rate in the country despite having the greatest law and order issues,

according to the Social Progress Index. Following Rahul Gandhi's two marches, Lok Sabha MP Deepender Hooda began a "Haryana maange hisaab" padyatra (foot march) on Sunday as a prelude to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Gandhi's main campaign closer to the elections.

Joshimath's derailed hydropower facility obtains NDMA approval

Delhi: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), under the Union ministry of home affairs, said "it has no objection to Uttarakhand govt permitting NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) to restart construction at Tapovan-Vishnugad hydel project site" after subsidence in Joshimath town in January 2023. The Uttarakhand government halted all activities at NTPC's Tapovan-Vishnugad project after soil subsidence in Joshimath made hundreds of homes uninhabitable and forced 1,000 people to flee

owing to enlarged fractures. After this, NDMA formed a group of multi-institutional expert organizations to immediately assess the hazard and damage, study the causes and contributory factors, and conduct a comprehensive, in-depth multi-disciplinary investigation into subsidence and its causes. NDMA reported to HC that specialists have given numerous reasons for the soil subsidence. The most prevalent being that unregulated construction in the town impeded natural water flow from Auli to Joshimath.

The world recognized the unwavering valour and bravery of Indian soldiers during the Kargil War: CM Yogi

Lucknow Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated on Friday that the world recognized the indomitable valour and courage of Indian soldiers during the Kargil War. Speaking at the 'Silver Jubilee Celebration' marking the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas at Surya Auditorium, Central Command, Cantt, Yogi remarked that the Kargil War was imposed on India. "Pakistan had covertly infiltrated Kashmir, imposing war on India. However, the outcome of the war

was determined by our brave soldiers. Despite facing adverse circumstances, no enemy could stand against the valour of our soldiers." The CM further stated, "I take immense pride in honouring the courageous women and families who have lost their loved ones in the Kargil War." He emphasized that India's global identity is not that of a country that forcefully monopolizes. CM Yogi highlighted that Indian tradition holds, "Shastrena Rakshite Rashtre Shastra Chinta Pravartate," meaning

that contemplation of 'shaashtra' (scriptures) is possible only in a nation safeguarded by arms. He remarked, "Even when India was a global leader in strength, intelligence, and knowledge, we never initiated aggression. However, when invaders dared to disrupt our peace and goodwill, our brave soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the motherland." CM Yogi stated that the state government consistently supports the brave soldiers who defend the country's borders.

He mentioned that if a soldier is martyred in battle or while safeguarding the border, the state government provides Rs 50 lakh in assistance. to their family. Additionally, employment is guaranteed for one family member. Since 2017, the government has also committed to honouring the memory of martyred soldiers by naming a grand memorial, institute, or road after them in their village, city, or town. CM Yogi remarked that Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Blood donation camps were held by Sant Nirankari Mission in Vijay Vihar (Rohini), Shalimar Bagh, and Najafgarh



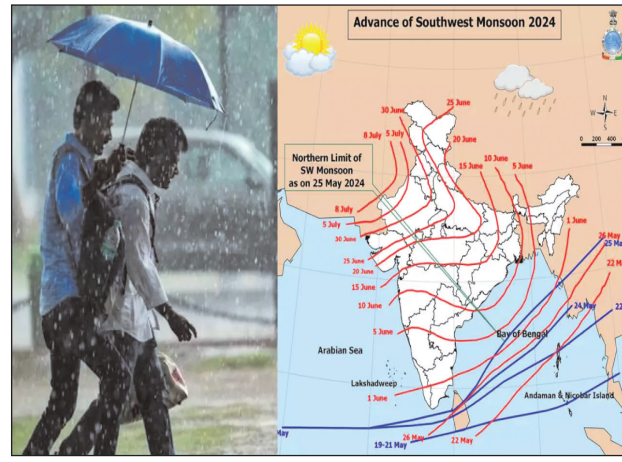
Delhi: Under the auspices and divine direction of Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji and Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, the social arm of the Sant Nirankari Mission, organized blood donation camps at Branch Rohini, Shalimar Bagh, and Najafgarh, where 185 Mission devotees generously gave their blood for the good of humanity. To gather blood, medical professionals and members of the AIIMS blood bank team visited the camp. Smt. Rajwasdev

Singh Ji, the Deputy Head of Sant Nirankari Mission, gave the camp its opening. She gave all of the blood donors who took part in the blood donation camp encouragement and recognition for their unselfish devotion and priceless contribution to the well-being of the populace. The CPAB Department Convener, Hon. Shri S.L. Garg ji, officially opened the Shalimar Bagh camp. He urged everyone in the camp who was donating blood, saying that giving blood is the greatest kind of giving. In addition, the

esteemed Mrs. Raj Kumari (Mami ji), Member Incharge of the Publicity Department, officially opened the Najafgarh camp. She also urged everyone who volunteered to give blood, emphasizing that we should do it at all times for the good of humankind. Upon completion of the blood donation camp, Mr. Vinod Khanna, the local coordinator, conveyed his sincere appreciation to all the dignitaries, blood donors, medical professionals, and their support staff.

When Will Delhi Get Monsoon

Delhi: Delhiites are eagerly awaiting Southwest Monsoon, but relief may not arrive until June. The monsoon arrived over the Bay of Bengal three days early, on May 19, according to the IMD. IMD anticipates above-average June-September rainfall at 106% of the long-term average. This is likely due to La Nina and good Indian Ocean Dipole circumstances. Although there may be more rain, some forecasts expect powerful bursts with dry spells in between. The IMD expects the monsoon to reach Kerala by May 31, with a four-day delay. This matches the typical June 1 start. "Not early. Near regular date" IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra



said. The weather agency also reported that the monsoon will reach the Bay of Bengal and Andaman on May 19, Karnataka on June 3-8, and Maharashtra on June 9-16. Delhi should get some relief from the heat on June 27. IMD issued a red signal on Sunday, May 19, expecting two days of high

heat in several sections of Delhi.

The temperature in Delhi reached its highest point of the season on Saturday, and it is projected to soar further. The southwest monsoon arrives in Kerala around June 1. It surges northward and covers the country by July 15.

Kejri will begin his Pb campaign

Delhi: Till the conclusion of the state's election campaign for the June 1 Lok Sabha elections, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal will campaign in Punjab. Party leaders have stated that Kejriwal will travel from Delhi to Amritsar and then to Ferozpur to address a town hall meeting. He

will later conduct road shows in Bathinda and Hoshiarpur for party candidates. He has scheduled campaign events in each of the state's 13 seats while he is camped there through May 30. It is probable that he will engage with various voter demographics, such as attorneys and business owners, at the

town hall meetings. Other than that, the chief minister is the focus of this election campaign, which goes by the slogan "Sansad Mein Bhi Bhagwant Mann," according to an AAP official. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has been the focal point of the AAP's Lok Sabha campaign in the state.

Studies show polluted air increases Type 2 diabetes risk

Delhi: Air pollution may increase Type 2 diabetes risk. Air pollution, especially PM2.5, is known to cause chronic lung ailments, heart attack, stroke, and cancer, but the diabetes argument is gaining ground. Several research from the US, Europe, and China have shown the association, but a new two-city study from India found that even a 10 g/m3 increase in PM2.5 exposure raises blood sugar. Mumbai-based JAPI (Journal of Association of Physicians of India) published an editorial headlined, 'Air



Pollution: A New Cause of Type 2 Diabetes?' this month. Diabetes specialist Dr. V Mohan from Chennai wrote, "We now know that PM2.5 is an endocrine disruptor that affects insulin secretion and also leads

to insulin resistant." Due to summer, the air quality index has been low in recent weeks, but air pollution is becoming one of urban India's largest problems, killing 20,000 in Mumbai and 50,000 in Delhi annual-

ly. Dr. Mohan and Public Health Foundation of India researchers published the first PM2.5-diabetes study a few months ago. 'BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care' found links between short-, medium-, and long-term PM2.5 exposure. "A 10 g/m3 increase in monthly average exposure to PM2.5 was associated with a 0.4 mg/dL increase in finger pick blood test and a 0.021 unit increase in HbA1c test," claimed the study. The HbA1c blood test measures blood sugar over three months. The study followed

Indian Ayushman Bharat digital mission to be shown at WHO

Delhi: Official sources said India will promote Ayushman Bharat, public health emergency preparation, and digital health changes at the World Health Assembly in Geneva from May 27. At the annual WHO event, it will display the Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cube, an indigenous portable hospital with novel features to improve disaster response and medical support. Geneva will host the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) from May 27 to June 1. The Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare delegation



is led by Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra. Participants from 194 nations will shape the global health ecosystem. This year's WHA theme is "All for

Health, Health for All". WHA proceedings are held in Plenary, Committee A, and Committee B. Sources say health ministers/heads of delegation from 194

nations will attend the Health Assembly plenary session. India will chair Committee A, which will tackle universal health coverage, public health emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, sustainable WHO financing, etc. Committee B handles internal and external audit, budget, financing, and the WHO secretariat.

At least 14 side events and various strategic roundtables will be held on the sidelines of WHAT to discuss diverse health problems and the global health architecture.

Indian traditional knowledge and genetic resources are further protected by a new patent agreement

Delhi : A new treaty finalized by members of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) requires patent applicants to reveal the nation of origin or the source of genetic resources if the claimed invention is derived from those materials or related traditional knowledge. One of the main demands of the developing world, led by India, is the treaty that will offer extra protection for Indian genetic resources and traditional knowledge, including yoga, siddhi, and ayurveda. The agreement was finalized by the Geneva-based agency that is in charge of developing regulations pertaining to patents and trademarks. This will force some nations to revise

their domestic laws. Rather than trying to register patents to take advantage of the immense traditional knowledge and genetic resources, India has asked that the world's largest corporations give credit to these resources. Even while there is protection against misappropriation in India and other nations without disclosure requirements, the disclosure standards will offer protection internationally.

Currently, there are disclosure requirements in 35 countries, the majority of which are voluntary and lack the necessary legal framework to be implemented successfully. For the first time, the knowledge and wisdom that have long underpinned

economies, civilizations, and cultures will be recognized by the WIPO treaty on intellectual property, genetic resources, and related traditional knowledge. These resources are now part of the global intellectual property system. "As a source of traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity, India has championed these historic achievements. is a huge victory for India and the nations of the global south," a government official declared. The fact that it took 150 nations and two decades of negotiations to reach an agreement is indicative of the resistance from nations like the US and transnational corporations.

District Courts receive instructions to facilitate smooth case hearings via VC

Delhi: the Delhi High Court directed the national capital's district courts to follow a number of guidelines to guarantee that video conference equipment functions properly during court sessions.

The Delhi High Court's Acting Chief Justice Manmohan issued the following directives. The video conference must remain active throughout court hours.

At the court end, the video will be turned on. According to the office order of June 5, 2023, it will be made sure that the video conference at the court's end won't be kept silent unless the court orders otherwise. According to the office order of June 5, 2023, it will be



made sure that the video conference is not locked and that litigants, counsel, and members of the public can all attend without difficulty, unless the court orders differently. Each Court is required to make certain that the item number is visible

throughout the video conference.

Every court must make sure that, in accordance with Office Order of June 5, 2023, a message appears on the video conferencing screen when the court retires, is not in session, is on leave, or when instructions

are given to restrict the proceedings. According to the ruling, the Principal District & Sessions Judges are required to provide a report on the video conference to the Registrar General's office of this Court using the stipulated format.

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore.

Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a year earlier.

Under Swachh Survey 2024, Municipal Corporation organized awareness program in Maharishi Dayanand School

CHANDIGARH: As per the guidelines of higher officials, in view of "Swachh Survey 2024", the Municipal Corporation today organized an awareness program in Smt. Sikandra Devi Multimedia Hall of Maharishi Dayanand School, MDAV Bhawan Daria, Chandigarh, Ward No. 9. The chief guests of this program were Area Councilor Vimala Dubey, BJP senior leader Anil Dubey and President of Residents Welfare Association JP Rana. Municipal Corporation Inspector Davinder Rohilla made the children aware about single-



use plastic. He gave detailed information about how to separate four types of garbage.

He said that if you see anyone throwing garbage in the market or anywhere outside, then immediately inform the Municipal Corporation. Appropriate action will be taken against those people. If plastic is being used anywhere in the market, then share its information with the school and send it to the Municipal Corporation. Action will be taken by challan against those who throw garbage here and there. Inspector Rohilla said that everyone has to work together in the Swachh Survey. School Principal Dr. Vinod Sharma said that the school will also play its leading role in making every possible effort to make the city number 1 in Swachh Survekshan 2024. Praising the officials of the Municipal Corporation and the administration, he said that they work hard to make Chandigarh a beautiful city. The beauty of Chandigarh is an example of this. He thanked Municipal Corporation Inspector Devendra Rohilla and other employees. The school staff and Bhumika Pragati JV supervisor Aman, Sonu, Mandeep and other employees participated in this event.

India will become the third largest economy in the world in the next three years: CM Yogi

Lucknow Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Friday, said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India is set to become the world's third-largest economy within the next three years. He emphasized that this milestone signifies a new era of prosperity and a significant step toward achieving self-reliance. The Chief Minister was addressing 'Rajat Jayanati Samaroh' held at Kargil Smriti Vatika on the

occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. Reflecting on the 1999 Kargil war, he said, "It was a deceitful attack by Pakistan, which was met with a resolute response from Indian soldiers. This victory showcased India's bravery and valor to the world. India remains a peaceful nation committed to democratic values and ideals, which is why it has never attacked any country." Highlighting the contribution of UP in building India as a self-

reliant nation, he said that work is going on at a fast pace on the 6 nodes of the Defence Corridor in the state. Here, defence-related companies from India and abroad are setting up manufacturing units, presenting a new example of India's self-reliance in the defence sector. "Under the leadership of PM Modi, the country has entered the 'Amrit Kaal' of independence. In light of this, we need to rise above personal interests work towards.

CM Yogi concludes review meetings with MPs, MLAs, and MLCs, instructs action plan

Lucknow division's public representatives on Friday. Lucknow, July 26 Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has concluded an extensive review meeting with public representatives from all 18 divisions of Uttar Pradesh, focusing on the results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Over the past 20 days, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs from each division presented the

issues and expectations of their constituencies to the Chief Minister. After carefully listening to their concerns, CM Yogi instructed officials to develop a new strategy for regional development for each region. The division-wise review meetings began on July 7 with the Devipatan and Ayodhya divisions and were completed with the

Lucknow division on Friday. During the division-wise meetings, representatives openly shared their concerns and suggestions. After listening to these discussions, CM Yogi provided the mantra of victory for the upcoming 2027 assembly elections. He emphasized the need to focus on communication, active engagement, and social media.

Yogi govt preparing students for the future by incorporating skill development from an early age

Lucknow The Yogi government is taking significant steps to equip students with future-ready skills by integrating skill development from an early age. On Friday, the children received vital information on skill development and its benefits under the Basic Education Department's program 'Shiksha Saptah'. It is noteworthy that the UP government is continuously making efforts to create an excellent educational environment in the

state and to make Uttar Pradesh a 'Nipun Pradesh' through council schools. Skill development is also becoming a part of this process. Following the directives of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the Basic Education Department is celebrating 'Shiksha Saptah' from July 22 to 28/29 in all council schools of Uttar Pradesh. Various activities are being organized each day as part of this initiative.

Vijay Kargil Day makes the spirit of unity and integrity strong: Ramchander Jadaula

Kaithal: East Hated Director and Famous Social Acquisition Ramchander Jadaula said that Kargil Vijay Day is a symbol of heroism and sacrifice of Indian Armed Forces. During the Kargil War, the Indian Army presented many examples of bravery and dedication. Many great heroes of war and many other soldiers are remembered for their unique courage and sacrifice. Ramchander Jadaula bowled the martyrdom of the heroic martyrs of Kargil War, said Kargil Vijay Day is not only a symbol of a military victory, but it is also a symbol of strongness, sacri-



and discipline of Indian armies. This day is a source of inspiration for the countrymen, which appreciates the bravery and their contribution of the Indian Army every year. Vijay Kargil Day strengthens the spirit of unity and integrity. Social worker Ramchander Jadaula said that on July 26, 1999, the Indian Army completely freed

Pakistan's occupied areas in the Kargil region. This Vijay gave India an important military achievement and shown how influential of the Indian Army's power and strategy. It was also an important moment when India demonstrated its sanctity towards protecting its sovereignty and regional integrity. He said that Kargil Vijay Day is an important day in Indian history, which is not only a symbol of the success of the military strategy, but also the unique story of the bravery and dedication of the Indian Army. This day is a moment of pride for every Indian, which

reminds us how many difficulties we face in defense of freedom and security. Celebrating this day and honor the heroes of the war, we all have the responsibility, so that their bravery and sacrifice can be reached to the coming generations. Ramchander Jadaula said that Vijay Kargil Day is a source of inspiration for the youth. It tells them that despite the difficulties goals can be achieved, if they have strong loyalty and honesty. Youth should look at this day as an opportunity so that they understand and motivate their responsibilities towards the service of the nation.

Male infertility: Growing Public Health Concern in India

GURUGRAM : Infertility is a global health concern, with around 60-80 million couples all over the world facing issues every year, and an astounding 15-20 million of them reside in India alone. According to World Health Organization (WHO), one in four couples in developing nations experience infertility challenges WHO data also indicates that prevalence of infertility in India is around 15 to 20 per cent, and male infertility contributes around 40 per cent to this. Doctors have been witnessing a rise in male infertility in India over the last decade. According to the Indian Society of Assisted Reproduction (ISAR), around 10-14 percent couples in India are infertile and most importantly, infertility is not only prevalent among women, but a growing number of men too, but the focus and the burden has always remained on women,

thus, a large number of men who suffer from fertility issues do so silently and without access to proper care and guidance, even though in most cases infertility should not keep a couple from experiencing the joys of parenthood. Infertility can be caused by a host of reasons and affect both male and female reproductive systems. Factors include issues like an obstruction of the reproductive tracts (such as ejaculatory ducts and seminal vesicles) due to blockages which causes problems in semen ejaculation, hormonal balances in hormones produced by the pituitary gland, hypothalamus and testicles, or when testicles fail to produce sperm due to conditions that impair sperm-producing cells, and also due to the abnormal shape or quality of sperm that affects its morphology and movement making it harder to fertilize the female ovum. Also, the

age of marriage has started to increase as couples prioritize their education and career. Most men and women now get married in their mid-to-late thirties and this leads to delayed parenthood. As men age their sperm quality also goes down, this makes it harder for the couple to conceive naturally. In addition to this many common issues men face on the daily also contribute to infertility. Issues ranging from stress, obesity, serious testicular injury or overheating of the testicles over a long period of time. Infertility issues can also be exacerbated by harmful consumption of addictive substances like alcohol or tobacco. Dr. Priya Varshney, Senior Fertility Specialist, Cloudnine Hospital, Gurgaon says, "Male infertility is not openly discussed in many societies due to fear of ostracization, thus, many men live in the dark.

The 'Magical Mangroves Campaign' empowers over 34,000 lives across seven coastal states in India

GURUGRAM : - 30 years. Commenting on this initiative Tejashree Joshi, Head of Environmental Sustainability, Godrej & Boyce said, "Mangrove ecosystems are crucial for coastal protection, supporting diverse wildlife, and acting as significant carbon sinks. Their role in coastal communities' life is incomparable. We are ecstatic to continue with our Magical Mangroves initiative in partnership with WWF India. In the 5th phase, we aim to strengthen our outreach by empowering 95 volunteers across 07 states - with more educational workshops and community engagement programmes. With WWF-India, we have reached broader audiences and implemented impactful conservation initiatives. The community awareness and engagement have always resulted in successful nature conservation"

NSSRC to help Kushinagar grow a wide variety of spices

Kushinagar the land where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana, will soon be known for its spices. Under the leadership of the double-engine government, efforts are being made with the help of the National Seed Spices Research Center (NSSRC) in Ajmer to cultivate a wide array of spices apart from Kushinagar's traditional produce turmeric. The centre will help farmers from Kushinagar to grow additional spices such as coriander, cumin, fennel, mangrail, and celery. These spices are expected to enhance the flavor of dishes not just locally, but also in the kitchens of every Indian around the world. With assistance from the NSSRC in Ajmer, certain spice varieties will be cultivated in a select number of farmers' fields during this year's Rabi crop season.

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) launches ANTHE 2024

FARIDABAD/ ROHTAK: Marking 15 glorious years of its flagship scholarship examination ANTHE, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of the latest edition of the highly anticipated Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam (ANTHE) 2024. With the launch of ANTHE 2024, the quest begins for the next visionaries in science and technology. Great scientists like Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose, who advanced plant science; Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the Father of India's Green Revolution; Dr. Har Gobind Khorana, whose discoveries in biochemistry reshaped genetics; and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, whose visionary work in aerospace and missile technology inspired a nation. Aakash strives to guide its students to achieve similar excellence with dedication and innovation. The popular and most-sought after exam offers students from Class VII-XII the chance to earn up to 100% scholarships along with significant cash awards, helping them achieve their dreams of a successful career in medicine or engineering.

This year, an exciting addition includes a 5-day all-expenses-paid trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA, for five outstanding students. The John F. Kennedy Space Centre, located in Florida, is one of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) ten field centres in the United States.

ANTHE scholarship recipients will benefit from Aakash's extensive coaching programs, which prepare students for exams such as NEET, JEE, State CETs and scholarships like NTSE and Olympiads. Mr. Deepak Mehrotra, CEO and MD of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), remarked, "ANTHE has played a crucial role in bridging the gap between the aspirations and abilities of countless students. With ANTHE 2024, we are launching a national talent hunt to nurture future doctors and engineers and search for the next APJ Abdul Kalam, HG Khorana, MS Swaminathan and JC Bose who would do pioneering work and make India proud in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

Yogi govt to establish new state-of-the-art building for KGMU's general surgery department at cost of Rs 315 crore

Lucknow In line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision for modernizing Uttar Pradesh's medical universities, King George Medical University in Lucknow is poised for a significant transformation. The university's General Surgery Department will soon be equipped with a state-of-the-art new building with an investment of Rs 315 crore. The development will unfold on a 9.62-acre site within the university campus, featuring a built-up area of 37,128.76 square meters. Key elements of the project include the construction of a two-story underground basement for parking, and a seven-story building that will house advanced hospital and building management systems. The new facility will boast cutting-edge amenities.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Expands Reach with its New Banking Outlet in Naraina Vihar, New Delhi (NCR)

GURUGRM : Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFBL) today announced the inauguration of its new outlet in Naraina Vihar, New Delhi (NCR). With this launch, the Bank has reached 32 banking outlets in New Delhi (NCR) and 920 banking outlets across the country. Commenting on the expansion, Mr. Govind Singh, MD & CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited said, "We are thrilled to extend our banking network in New Delhi (NCR). This is a significant step towards strengthening our presence in the capital city.

Naraina Vihar, known for its vibrant community and commercial activities, presents unique opportunities for growth. The inauguration of this banking outlet will not only support the local communities in accessing



banking services but will also play a pivotal role in fostering economic development, financial inclusion, and empowerment within the local community." The Bank is in a position to provide an array of financial products and services to its customers, which includes savings and current accounts, fixed deposits and recurring deposits. To cater to the aspirations of its customers, the Bank offers various loan products such as housing loans, business loans and loan against property. With its banking outlet infra-

structure, digital banking capabilities and ATM network, the Bank offers integrated customer service. Apart from this, the Bank offers multiple channels such as Internet banking, Mobile banking, Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and Call Centre. Utkarsh SFBL aims to provide financial services to underserved and unserved customer segments while serving other segments of society including micro-banking loans (JLG loans), MSME loans, housing loans and loan against property amongst others.

Veet Unveils Its Revolutionary Veet Pure Range with Brand Ambassador Sara Ali Khan

GURUGRM : Veet®, the leader in depilatory products, announces the launch of its groundbreaking new range, Veet Pure, at an exclusive event held in Mumbai today. The event was graced by Bollywood sensation and Veet brand ambassador, Sara Ali Khan, who unveiled the product to an enthusiastic audience of influencers and beauty enthusiasts. This innovative product line marks a significant milestone for Veet, promising a salon-smooth finish in just 5 minutes^A and offering consumers a no-compromise solution for hair removal. Veet is set to enhance the hair removal



process with the new range of Veet Pure made with natural extracts such as organic aloe vera, rose extracts, and mint extracts. Veet Pure is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern women who seek effective and gentle hair removal solutions. The new product stands out with its gentle yet effective

formula, addressing common concerns associated with hair removal creams, such as foul smell. Actress and Brand Ambassador Sara Ali Khan expressed her excitement at the launch, "I have always been an integral part of the Veet family and have witnessed how it has always catered to the needs of modern women. Hair removal can be such a task, we don't necessarily have the time to indulge in time-consuming salon appointments every time. Veet Pure is a game-changer for women who want an easy and effective hair removal solution that's also gentle on the skin."

Yogi govt to develop effective web portal for Empowerment of Persons with Disability

Lucknow As part of its ongoing effort to foster integrated development of all sections of the society, the Yogi government is placing special emphasis on empowering people with disabilities through various government schemes. In this context, a special online

web portal is being developed in line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision to ensure everyone benefits from these central and state government initiatives, address their queries, provide solutions, and facilitate regular monitoring. This portal for the

Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department will feature user management, online file management, and an approval system. Shreerion India Limited, the nodal agency appointed by the Uttar Pradesh government for IT/ITES solutions.

JTL Industries Ltd. Gets Buy Call from Hem Securities Ltd

CHANDIGARH: JTL Industries Limited (BSE: 534600, NSE: JTLIND) is a fast-growing dynamic steel tube manufacturing company that specializes in producing Black Steel Pipes, Pre-Galvanized and Galvanized Steel Pipes, large-diameter steel tubes and pipes, and hollow structures. The company has received a "Buy Call" from Hem Securities Ltd, with a target of Rs. 288. Recently, the company also approved Raising of funds by way of issue of Equity Shares, through a QIP, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. Approved the floor price of 221.57 per Equity Share Earlier, company reported robust earnings for Q1FY25. In Q1FY25, JTL Industries delivered stable financial results, demonstrat-

ing sustained growth year-over-year. Our revenue for the quarter reached Rs.5,153.8 Mn, up from Rs.5,048.0 Mn in Q1FY24, driven by strategic market expansion, increased product demand, higher sales volumes, and enhanced product offerings. EBITDA for Q1FY25 stood at Rs.438.6 Mn, reflecting a 20.8% increase from Q1FY24, underscoring our efficient cost management and operational excellence. The EBITDA margin improved to 8.5% in Q1FY25, up from 7.2% in Q1FY24, driven by our strategic focus on high-margin products and increasing scale. Sales volume grew by 10.8% year-over-year, reaching 85,674 MT in Q1FY25 compared to 77,342 MT in Q1FY24. Notably, value-added products contributed

25% to its total sales mix, with sales volumes of 21,261 MT. Quarterly export volumes reached a record high of 5,917 MT, a robust 31.4% increase from Q1FY24. According to its internal schedule, the company has successfully commercialized the first phase of Nabha Steels and Metals which began operations in June, achieving strong performance with total sales of 10,726 MT. This acquisition marks a significant milestone in our backward integration strategy, enhancing yield, generating synergies, and boosting profitability. Looking ahead, the launch of DFT lines will bolster the company's manufacturing capabilities, increase plant capacity utilization, and enhance production

efficiency. These advancements will help us meet the growing demands of the company's valued customers, supported by the introduction of over 300 value-added SKUs. The company aims to achieve a 50% contribution from value-added products in its total sales mix, driving higher turnover and improved EBITDA margins. The company further added, "Our focus on expanding global footprint and seizing export opportunities remains strong. We anticipate robust demand for our structural pipes, supported by their quality and reliability, further strengthening our export contribution and enhancing financial performance. JTL Industries is dedicated to sustainable growth.

Mr. Abheek Barua, Chief Economist, HDFC Bank, commented on Union Budget 2024

HISAR/AMBALA: The central focus of this budget has been on employment and associated issues like skill formation. The government's efforts to reap India's demographic dividend is visible in its push towards labour intensive production, its skilling initiative, incentivising formal job creation and increasing participation of women in the workforce. The budget estimate that these measures will help create 8 million jobs per year -- which is



line with the employment requirement that has been set out in the economic survey. The change in income tax slabs along with the direct benefit transfer to first time workers, is likely to spur consumption, particularly for small ticket items, by increasing disposable incomes. The budget's

policy mix -- including continued capex, job creation, support for manufacturing, agriculture, and rural development -- is likely to be positive for India's potential growth. The government made no compromise on its capex plans despite the increased allocation to some of its allies. The commitment towards fiscal consolidation with a reduction in the fiscal deficit to 4.9% of GDP in FY25 is a positive for medium-term debt.

Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD and CEO at National Stock Exchange (NSE) on the Union Budget 2024

AMBALA/CHANDIGARH : "The budget for the financial year 2024-25 presented by Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has given a huge fillip to job creation in India by



All these things are being achieved without much tinkering with the direct or indirect tax structure ensuring that India's long term credit rating improves by giving a glide path to 4.5% fiscal deficit

ensuring that the private sector also participates in job creation in addition to the government sector while ensuring that India becomes the number 1 start up nation and a nation of entrepreneurs by providing relief on the angel tax as well as increasing Mudra loan scheme limit from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs 20 lakhs per person. She has also

focused on increasing women participation in India's labour force which will help India reap demographic dividend even further by increasing young women's participation in the workforce. Skill development as a part of job creation has been also an out of the box idea from her while keeping infrastructure outlay intact and reducing fiscal deficit

BJP is misleading the public by merely making empty promises: Sultan Jadoula

Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula visited several villages of the constituency and invited the villagers and workers to participate in large numbers in the workers' conference to be held at Pundri's Jashn Palace on August 4 under the campaign 'Haryana Maange Hisaab' from the BJP government. Addressing the villagers during this time, Congress leader Sultan Singh Jadoula said that in the last 10 years, the BJP government has brought Haryana from a very low position to fulfill its selfish interests in the arrogance of power. Today, there are no doctors in the state's hospitals, no teachers in the schools and no employees in government offices. The government is trying to mislead the public by merely making empty promises. He said that the Haryana which was number one in per capita investment and employment during the



regime of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda before 2014, is number one in unemployment and crime today. Permanent jobs have been converted into temporary ones through Kaushal Nigam. In which there are neither jobs nor pensions. The youth in Agniveer Yojana will return in just 4 years. Former MLA Sultan Singh Jadoula said that BJP has given false guarantees of doubling the income of farmers, recommendations of Swaminathan Commission, price on C-2 plus 50 percent formula, roof over the head of every person by making false promises, to which the public is ready to give a reply.

Along with this, the government is continuously ignoring the

demands of the employees and the working class has come out on the streets against the government with their demands. Congress leader Sultan Jadoula said that under the leadership of former Chief Minister of Haryana Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, Congress will work to form the government by waving the flag of victory in the assembly elections and as soon as the Congress government is formed, Haryana will become the number one state in the path of development and employment.

All the announcements of Congress will be implemented with the first pen. 23 Vikas 03 Former MLA Sultan Singh Jadoula inviting the villagers to the workers conference.

UP youth to gain extensive skill training and employment opportunities from 2024-25 budget

Lucknow The General Budget 2024-25, presented on Tuesday by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, includes provisions that will significantly benefit the youth of Uttar Pradesh. These measures will enable lakhs of young people to receive skill training in large numbers and enroll in future employment-oriented courses. Additionally, they will have access to loans for skill training. The Finance Minister's announcements aim to enhance the skills of a vast number of youths in the state and across the country and open up new employment opportunities for them. This focus on youth skill development marks a notable step towards addressing the employment needs of the younger generation. Skill development is a priori-

ty for Yogi govt Kapil Dev Agarwal, the Minister of Vocational Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) in Uttar Pradesh, said that significant steps have already been taken for the skill development of the youth in the state under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The new provisions in the 2024-25 budget will undoubtedly benefit the youth of the state and help them get trained and access new employment opportunities, he added. "The model skill loan will provide financial assistance to students from weaker sections, and the upgrade of 1,000 industrial training institutes will strengthen industrial education in the state," he stated further.