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## PM Modi at ET World Leaders Forum: People voting for change worldwide, but India voted

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that while voters in many nations sought change in their governments this year, Indians opted for continuity, political stability, and economic growth by electing the NDA government for a third consecutive term. Speaking at the World Leaders Forum, he emphasised that India is crafting a unique success story, with the effects of its reforms evident in the economy's performance.

"Global economy grew at 35 per cent in the last 10 years, but Indian economy has grown 90 per cent. We promised sustained growth and we have achieved sustained growth which will continue to grow in the future," PM Modi said. "You innovate, we will facilitate": PM Modi tells India Inc at ET World Leaders Forum. "Our government has touched lives of crores of people in the country. 'Reform, perform, transform' has been



### The Mahayuti government in state has come under fire

The Mahayuti government in state has come under fire not only by the opposition members but also from within its own fold. NCP's Ajit Pawar, second deputy chief minister to Shinde, and his

our mantra. And the people can also see this. Many big countries of the world have voted for the change of government in recent times. But people of India gave an opposite mandate. People of India gave hattrick to a government after 60 years. The youth and women voted for continuity, stability and eco-

party cadres across the state have all condemned the statue collapse. Chief minister Eknath Shinde recently said he would not hesitate to touch the feet of Chhatrapati Shivaji.

conomic growth. For this, I thank people of the country," PM Modi said. "Today, India's progress is part of global headlines. 25 crore people have come out of poverty in the last 10 years and formed a neo-middle class. The speed and scale is historic. No democratic society in the world has seen this," PM Modi

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi: My expectations from regulators

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the financial sector regulators need to take bigger steps to prevent cyber frauds in the country. Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF), he said that the threat of cyber fraud should not impede progress of the fintech and startup ecosystem. "My expectation from regulators is that they need to do more to prevent cyber frauds and take more steps to improve digital literacy.

said. He shared that over the past decade, more than 250 million people have moved out of poverty, leading to the emergence of a new middle class. PM Modi emphasised that while the poor had aspirations, they faced challenges and lacked basic facilities like bank accounts.

## Who can stop them?': Haryana CM reacts to Charkhi Dadri mob lynching case, says no compromise on cow protection

**NEW DELHI:** Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini, reacting to the Charkhi Dadri lynching case, said on Saturday that villagers revere the cow and if they sense some untoward situation then "who could stop them?". Saini was reacting to five vigilantes who lynched a man over suspicion that he had consumed beef. The Haryana CM, however, said such unfortunate incidents should not happen, and urged people not to get involved in such things. "It is not right to say things like mob lynching, because a strict law has been made in the Assembly for cow protection and there is no compromise on it...I want to say that such incidents should not happen and these incidents are unfortunate," Saini told news agency ANI. On August 27, a group of cow vigilantes allegedly thrashed a migrant worker from West Bengal to death over suspicion that he had eaten beef. The worker,



### Earned his livelihood by gathering discarded materials and rags

The officer said that after some people intervened, the accused took Malik to another location and beat him again, leading to his death. Malik, who lived near Bandhra village in Charkhi Dadri district, earned his livelihood by gathering discarded materials and rags, according to police. The authorities have taken into custody all five men, including two minors, allegedly involved in the incident. A case under rel-

identified as Sabir Malik, died on August 27. Suspecting that the victim had eaten beef, the accused --

evant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered against the accused, the cops said. "A migrant labourer was beaten to death by some people. A case has been registered under BNS and 7 people including 2 juveniles have been arrested. Police is working on the case actively and the accused have been taken on police remand and are being questioned," said DSP Dheeraj Kumar.

Abhishek, Mohit, Ravinder, Kamaljit and Sahil -- called Malik at a shop under the pretence of selling empty .

### Unique medicinal plant garden 'Dhanyentari Udyan' inaugurated to promote sustainability

The Indian Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) opened Dhanyentari Udyan, a herbal garden with 21 types of medicinal plants, in Sealdah. Led by Seema Deouskar, the project promotes environmental sustainability. ERWWO also provided sewing machines to economically disadvantaged women to empower them through skill building, reinforcing its commitment to gender equality and economic support. Unique medicinal plant garden 'Dhanyentari Udyan' inaugurated to promote sustainability. In a significant step towards promoting environmental sustainability, the Indian Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) inaugurated Dhanyentari Udyan.

### Congress's Adhir accuses Kolkata police of placing medic's family on 'house arrest'



**NEW DELHI:** West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Saturday said that the victim's family has effectively been placed under "house arrest" by preventing them from leaving their home under various pretexts and erecting barricades around the premises.

Adhir visited the residence of the deceased doctor and spent a considerable amount of time conversing with her parents. Following the visit, Chowdhury made serious allegations against the police. "I visited the family of the deceased doctor's residence and spoke to them for a long time. The police have kept the family under house arrest. They are not allowing them to come out of the house on the pretext of various excuses. The police have created a barricade around them, the CISF have no clue about this," Adhir told reporters. He further alleged that the Kolkata Police, acting on the state government's orders, had offered the father money to expedite the cremation of his daughter's body.

## Election Commission revises voting day for Haryana from October 1 to October 5

**NEW DELHI:** Election Commission revises voting day for Haryana from October 1 to October 5; results for J&K, Haryana on October 8. The Election Commission on Saturday revised the polling day for Haryana from October 1 to October 5, and accordingly counting day for J&K and Haryana assembly elections from October 4 to October 8. The decision has



been taken to honour both the voting rights and the traditions of the Bishnoi community, which has upheld a centuries-old practice of participating in the Asoj Amavasya festival celebration in remembrance of their Guru Jambheshwar, said the EC. "Representations were received from National Political Parties, State Political Party and All India Bishnoi Mahasabha

regarding mass movement of people of Bishnoi community of Haryana to Rajasthan to participate in centuries old Asoj Amavasya festival celebration. It may deny voting rights to large number of people and may lead to reduce voters' participation in general election to legislative assembly of Haryana. The Commission, having considered these representations, has decided to change.

## Assam CM Himanta hits back at Tejashwi for 'Chinese version of Yogi' remark

**NEW DELHI:** Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hit back at Tejashwi Yadav over his "Chinese version of Yogi" remark, saying the JRD leader "should have implemented a four-hour break when he was in power in Bihar". Earlier, taking a dig at Sarma over the Assam assembly's decision to do away with the two-hour namaz break for Muslim MLAs, Tejashwi said that the BJP leader has become



a "Chinese version of Yogi (referring to the UP CM) in an attempt to 'gain cheap popularity'". "Tejashwi Yadav is criticising me but I want to ask him...is there any such practice in Bihar? You (Yadav) should have

implemented four-hour break when you were deputy chief minister of Bihar. Practice it first before preaching," Sarma retorted to the Bihar's ex-deputy CM, according to news agency PTI. The Assam CM also advised Tejashwi, who also happens to be ex-Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav's son, to "practice before preaching". "I will re-implement the two-hour Jumma break.

## Mollywood sexual abuse row: Not part of any 'power group', says actor Mohanlal

### THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

Actor Mohanlal said that the Malayalam film industry is going through a huge crisis and that it is unfair to crucify only the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (Amma) because there are 21 associations in the film industry. This is his first public reaction to the allegations of harassment that have surfaced since the Hema Committee report was made public. Speaking to reporters after inaugurating the Kerala Cricket League in the city on Saturday, Mohanlal said that he was not part of any power group and that he does not know about such a group. He said that the entire film



industry should be held answerable for the overall issues that were raised in the Hema Committee report. "Movies are only one part of society, and all sectors have such issues. The Hema Committee report is welcome. I have appeared before it as an actor and producer and have been deposed. I have told them what I know. They ask about movies in general, but I cannot tell," he stated. Stating that AMMA does not have the

characteristics of a trade union, Mohanlal said it is like a family and was founded to help artists. "I resigned as president because we found that the executive committee of Amma and I were getting blamed for everything when the entire Malayalam movie industry is answerable." He also said that "Amma need not answer for all. I discussed with lawyers and seniors and decided to step down but the activi-

ties of the association will continue, like the disbursement of pensions, medical camps, and the construction of houses." Stating that he does not have answers for everything, Mohanlal said that the industry where thousands of people work can collapse. "I don't have a 'Yes' or 'No' as an answer. Please don't blame only us. There is a system, a govt, police, and courts. I don't have much to say about what they have to do. My view is that anyone who has committed a mistake should be punished." Stating that it was time to take things forward for a better future, he said, "We will cooperate to start a clean-up.

### UP holds 'largest police exam', 32 lakh compete for 60,000 posts

**LUCKNOW:** Around 32 lakh candidates took the test for more than 60,000 vacant posts in Uttar Pradesh Police over five days concluding on Saturday amid tight security, with the state government describing it as the "largest police recruitment exam" in its history. The exam, conducted by the Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment and Promotion Board (UPPRPB), was held at 1,174 centres in 67 districts of the state on the fifth and last day of the exercise, which began last week. The exams were held in two shifts for five days -- August 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated the candidates, the UPPRPB, district administrations and the state police for ensuring "smooth and fair" conduct of the exam. The fresh recruitment exercise to fill over 60,000 posts was necessitated after the exams scheduled for February 17.

### Rahul Gandhi to visit US on September 8; to meet Indian diaspora, lawmakers



**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is set to embark on a visit to the United States from September 8-10, marking his first international trip since becoming the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha. During this visit, he will engage with the Indian diaspora, students, academicians, and lawmakers in Dallas, Texas and Washington DC. Sam Pitroda, chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, shared details about Gandhi's upcoming tour. "Since Rahul Gandhi has

become the leader of opposition, I, as chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, which has a presence in 32 countries, (have) been bombarded with requests from the Indian diaspora, diplomats, academicians, businesspersons, leaders, international media and many others, for interactions with him," Pitroda said in a video statement. Gandhi's visit will begin in Dallas on September 8, where he will engage with students at the University of Texas.



## Shri Patharchatti Ramleela Shringaar Committee formed

Prayagraj: The election of Shri Patharchatti Ramleela Shringaar Committee was held on Saturday at Badshahimandi. Officers were elected under the chairmanship of Advocate Ajay Shukla. Unanimously, Basant Lal Azad, Arjun Singh as Patron, Suresh Chandra as President, Dhruv Singh and Pawan Singh as Vice President, Rajesh Singh as General Secretary, Manish Singh



as Minister and Dinesh Singh as Treasurer were given the responsibility. Also Sumit Singh, Umesh, Amit, Anurag, Bachha Singh, Deepu Singh, Shivam Singh, Sonu Singh were elected members.

## ABUVM meet: Ajay Jaiswal appointed Phaphamau Prez, Raman Gupta Sr Vice Prez

Prayagraj: Necessary meeting of Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal (ABUVM) was held at Civil Lines Hotel Vitthal in which regional incharge Vipin Gupta was appointed on the approval of Metropolitan President Animesh Aggarwal, Ganga Par President Rajendra Kesarwani and District President Lalu Mittal. Ajay Jaiswal was nominated as the President of Phaphamau Market and currently Organization Minister Raman Gupta Jai Hind was given the responsibility of Senior Vice President



in the district. On the new appointment, all the businessmen sent their best wishes and congratulations to the newly appointed officer. Regional in-charge Vipin Gupta told the importance of the foundation day. Lalu Mittal said that in the campaign of expansion of the organization, new businessmen will be continuously added and new markets will be created. Animesh Aggarwal expressed his views on the foundation day of the organization to be held on September 3. State Youth President Atul Gupta, Women District President Ratna Jaiswal, Metropolitan Women President Apoorva Chandra, Ghanshyam Jaiswal Dalmao Raebareli Trade Board President, Jitendra Shukla Senior Vice President In-charge Meja Assembly, Mihir Barwal, Mukesh Aggarwal, Khaliluddin Usmani, Umashankar etc. extended their best wishes.

## Rotaract Club creates memorable day for kids of Mother Teresa Children's Orphanage

Prayagraj: Rotaract Club of Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT) visited Mother Teresa Children's Orphanage on Saturday. Under the guidance of the club advisor, Dr. Jyotsna Sinha, and the leadership of club president, Johny Yogi, member of the Rotaract Club devoted their full energy to bringing happiness and joy to the lives of the children residing at the orphanage. Eighteen volunteers from the Rotaract Club gathered with a shared goal: to create a memorable day for the children



of the Mother Teresa Children's Orphanage, filled with smiles and fun. The team arrived at the orphanage early in the morning, carrying gifts, delicious snacks,

and boundless enthusiasm to share with the children. Storytelling sessions sparked their imaginations, and the games played created an atmosphere of laughter and camaraderie. Adya Agarwal, the secretary of MNNIT Rotaract Club, said, "It is an honor for us to serve our community. The happiness on the children's faces is a testament to the significant impact we can make when we come together with love and compassion." The in-charge Mother Teresa Children Orphanage expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rotaract Club. The Rotaract Club of MNNIT reaffirms its commitment to social service and plans to engage in similar activities in the future, spreading goodness and positive impact in society.

## Razia Sultan felicitates SI Dixit during farewell event

Prayagraj: On the auspicious occasion of retirement of Sub Inspector Chandra Prakash Dixit ji High Court Security Allahabad, SP High Court Shri Sita Ram ji and



all the respected police officers and employees along with Sub Inspector Mohammad Qamaruddin Khan and his wife Razia Sultan presented body clothes and bouquet. They honored Dixit ji wholeheartedly by presenting him a turban and gave good wishes.

# Workers to connect every section of society with BJP: Rajendra Mishra

## Membership campaign workshop organized at 1216 booths

Prayagraj: BJP's booth level membership training workshop was organized on Saturday at 1216 booths of all 15 mandals of the metropolis. During this time, the speakers who came to address the workshop, while giving information related to the campaign to the workers, said that the membership campaign is the most important campaign of the organization and every worker and official should engage in making this great

campaign successful at his own level. Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, MP Praveen Patel, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, MLA Harsh Vardhan Bajpai, Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, former minister Dr Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Siddharth Nath Singh, Keshari arrived to address the workshop at various booths. Senior party workers and officials including Devi Patel said that on the



instructions of the state leadership, at least 200 members have to be made in every booth and for this the

workers will have to go among the people. If the campaign is made successful at the booth level, then there is no doubt that it will be successful at the metropolitan level. Connect people from every section of the society with the organization. The party's membership campaign will start from September 2. Tell people about the ideology of the organization and the

achievements of the state and central government. Membership campaign will be conducted in the form of organization festival. Dr. Krutika Aggarwal, Anamika Chaudhary, Neeraj Tripathi, Sanjay Srivastava, Awadhesh Gupta, Dr. KP Srivastava, Dr. VK Singh, Ranjit Singh, Murari Lal Aggarwal, Shashi Vashney, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, and senior workers and officials opened the booth.

# Denotified Tribes to get their rights: Aseem Arun

## Their fighting skills greatly astounded the British government

Prayagraj/Lucknow: The contribution of liberated and nomadic castes in the country's freedom movement cannot be forgotten. In the Revolution of 1857, they made an important contribution in preparing the background of the revolution by delivering lotus and bread to every house. Their fighting skills greatly astounded the British government. These things were said by Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Social Welfare, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare, Aseem Arun while addressing the 73rd Vimukt Jatiya Diwas program at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan today. On this occasion, Narendra Kashyap, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Department of Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was present as the chief guest. Addressing the program, Minister Arun said that the Central and State Governments are committed to the social, economic

and educational upliftment of the liberated and nomadic castes. They are being covered with various schemes to integrate them into the mainstream of development and for their all-round development. The state government is provid-



ing them basic facilities like housing, health, education, electricity and water etc.

At present the state government is encouraging to educate the students of this community. Residential and non-residential schools are being run for them. Along with education, children are also being linked to employment resources through skill development. Apart from this,

along with scholarship, books, copies, dresses etc. are also provided to the children by the government. In the program, chief guest and Minister Narendra Kashyap said that the government is continuously working for the liberated

stream. On this occasion, Sanjeev Kumar Gond, Minister of State, Social Welfare, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare, Principal Secretary Social Welfare Dr. Hariom, Director Kumar Prashant, Program Convenor Ravendra Kumar, Co-Convenor Deepak and a large number of freedmen and nomads from all over the state were present. Citizens of the society participated in the program.

15 people who made excellent contributions were honored. In the program, 15 people from the nomadic community who made excellent contributions in various fields were honored. This includes two sportspersons, three selected in different government departments and 10 who have performed well in education. Cultural programs: Artists belonging to the Man Mohavimukt community displayed their talent through various cultural programs. On this occasion, artists performed Kalbelia dance, folk songs etc.

# Sulem Sarai's Dadhikando fair today, prep going on war footing

## Krishna Baldau to give Live darshan to devotees

## Radha Krishna's Maharasa will be center of attraction

Prayagraj: The historical Dadhikando fair of Sulem Sarai will be held on Sunday. Extensive preparations have been made for this. Road lights have been decorated in an area of more than six kilometers during the fair. On GT Road, both the tracks of the road from Mahila Gram Inter College to Bamrauli were attractively decorated with fringes and bulbs with the help of poles. All preparations for the fair were completed. A group of Dadhikando will rise from Sulem Sarayan Thakurdwara Temple at 8 pm. Sulemansarai Fair Committee President Rajesh Gupta said that this time Lord Chhathi Utsav is falling on Sunday, hence on this special Sunday the fair committee will celebrate Lord Chhathi Utsav with great enthusiasm at 12 noon. In the sixth puja, Bhog Prasad of Laddus and Maha Prasad of Puri Kachori Kheer will be offered to the Lord. Then Mahaprasad will be distributed to the devotees. As chief guests at the Dadhikando fair, MP Praveen Patel, Ujjwal Raman Singh, MLA Siddharth Nath Singh, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani will perform aarti after worshipping the Lord. This time, Aghori dance of Lord Shiva, Satna Dandiya Group, Tehelka Band, Dhol, Pipe Baid, Harinam Sankirtan Yatra by ISKCON temple along with the attractive tableau of Maharasa of Radha Krishna will be the center of attraction of the fair. Symbolic elephant rider Lord Krishna Baldau will give Sanjeev darshan to the devotees throughout the night. Dhunganj Inspector said that mounted police, security personnel in plain clothes will be deployed at the fair and UP SSF personnel have also been deployed. Strict security arrangements have been made in the fair.

## UP STF arrests two for duping aspirants of constable exam-2023

Prayagraj: The Prayagraj Unit of the Special Task Force on Saturday busted a gang involved in duping aspirants of constable recruitment examination-2023 on the pretext of helping them get selected. The STF team seized admit cards, educational documents and OMR sheets along with other documents from the accused. An FIR has been registered against them at Manikpur police station of Pratapgarh district, police said. DySP STF Shailesh Pratap Singh said that following a tip-off, the STF team arrested Shubham Sonkar of Manikpur, while he was near Mirgarhwa Bijhabheet area of Manikpur in Pratapgarh district.

During questioning, Shubham told the STF team that he and his aides used to dupe aspirants on the pretext of helping them pass the examination. Shubham and his aide, Arun Pratap Singh of Prayagraj, took admit cards of the interested aspirants. The duo used to demand Rs14 lakh from

each aspirant.

As an advance, Arun had collected cash Rs. 2.50 lakh from the aspirants. On Shubham's confession the police arrested another of his aide, Pawan Kumar Pal, from Burlington Crossing in Lucknow. Pawan claimed that he was in contact with some aspirants whom he had lured in return for Rs. 10 to 14 lakh each. Some aspirants had given cash in advance to one Kamlesh Sonkar, Shubham's uncle. Arun Pratap Singh and Kamlesh Sonkar are still at large and will be arrested soon. STF officials said. STF team recovered 13 admit cards of constable recruitment examination, 2 Aadhaar cards, a PAN card, a driving licence, voter identity card, ATM card, bank passbook and cheque books, copies of high school and intermediate marksheets, original marksheet of high school and intermediate, a stamp paper of Rs. 10, OMR sheet and some cash from the arrested accused.

# Formation of Student Parl, a positive effort: Champat Rai

Prayagraj: The oath taking ceremony of the students council of Rani Revati Devi Saraswati Vidya Niketan Inter College Rajapur was held under the guidance of Principal Banke Bihari Pandey, on Saturday. The program commenced with lighting of lamps and offering garlands to Goddess Saraswati. Thereafter, the office bearers and MPs of the Student Parliament were administered the oath of devotion and discipline at the oath taking ceremony.

Chief guest Vishva Hindu Parishad's All India General Secretary and Ram Janmabhoomi Trust's General Secretary Champat Rai administered the oath of office and secrecy to the Prime Minister of Student Parliament Vishnu Pandey, Deputy Prime Minister Pratik Tiwari and Kanya Bharti's Prime Minister Shreya Shukla, Deputy Prime Minister Shubhra Pal and Shishu Bharti's President Shobhit Gaur, Vice President Aradhana Singh, Commander Adhip Rai and

Deputy Commander Atharva Pandey and special guest former State Inspector of Jan Shiksha Avadh Rajkumar Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy to all the MPs and the presiding Jairam Ji Maharaj administered the oath of office and



secrecy to the heads of all the departments.

Chief guest Champat Rai encouraged the students to achieve their goals by organizing their lives with time and patience. Along with this, following the parliamentary decorum, the children were sworn in on various democratic posts and inspired them to work in the interest of the school along with their per-

sonal responsibilities. He said that the formation of Student Parliament is a positive effort to make the children feel faith and responsibilities towards democracy since childhood. Special guest Rajkumar Singh made the office bearers of

bearers and members.

On this occasion, in the cultural program conducted under the direction of the music teacher of the school Manoj Gupta, Anushka Pandey, Aastha Pandey, Suhani Singh, and Kirti Yadav sang their songs "Shaphat Lena Toh Saal Hai, Par Nibhaana Hi Mushkil Hai", "Hey Ram, who resides in every pore", "Today all the four Dhams have come by walking on my doorstep" and Sakshi Gupta and Deepika mesmerized everyone with their dance. In the program, the contribution of the Principal of Vidya Mandir Ayodhya, Avni Kumar Shukla, Acharya Krishnanand Tiwari, Head of Shishu Bharti Archana Rai, Head of Kanya Bharti Lakshmi Singh, Head of Student Parliament Girjesh Singh and all the teachers and teachers of the school was commendable, the guests were welcomed and honored by Principal Banke Bihari Pandey and conducted by Mrityunjay Shukla and Shreya Shukla.

# Blenders Pride Four Elements: A Bold Evolution

Varanasi: Blenders Pride, the iconic leader in premium whiskies, unveils its latest innovation: Blenders Pride Four Elements. It's a meticulously crafted blend that embodies the four elemental forces of nature, each lending a unique expression to the whisky. With a strategic focus on capturing the taste palates of both seasoned whisky aficionados and newcomers alike, this exceptional blend marks a significant milestone in Blenders Pride's journey of excellence and innovation. At the core of the creation of this new spirit, Master Blender Kevin Balmforth uses four styles of Scotch Malts along with select Indian grain spirits. He seeks his inspiration from the four elemental forces of nature - Earth, Air, Fire, and Water - each adding its distinct essence to the whisky-making process. Earth's finest barley & grains bring richness of the land's bounty, while the Air of Scottish Highlands breathes complex flavours through the maturation process.

Kartik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pemod Ricard India, said, "Our dedication to innovation and excellence has propelled Blenders Pride to the forefront of the whisky industry. Today, we're thrilled to introduce Blenders Pride Four Elements, set to be a vibrant addition to our portfolio and the evolving whisky landscape. It embodies our vision of crafting a flavour-rich experience that pushes category norms and connects with a dynamic demographic that values authenticity, innovation, and exploration. Our intricate packaging brings to life the elemental forces influencing the whisky's character, that offers a unique and rich consumer experience. From its vibrant colours to the detailed 'Amber Drop' mnemonic, every aspect embodies Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Blenders Pride Four Elements is positioned to appeal to the experimental consumer, offering a journey of discovery and delight."

Talking about this unique creation, Master Blender

Kevin Balmforth added, "With Blenders Pride Four Elements, we offer a unique and differentiated experience to consumers. This premium whisky is meticulously crafted with a blend of four styles of Scotch malts and Indian grain spirits, embodying the elemental forces - Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. From the exquisite barley sourced from Scotland to the verdant fields of India, each component plays a pivotal role in crafting the whisky's character and lending it an intricate flavour profile."

Fire blazes passionately, toasting oak casks and infusing the whisky with depths of flavors & textures that ignite the soul, while the purity of Water, drawn from the dual terrains of Scotland and India, brings forth the symphony of unique flavours. Together, these four elements converge to create vibrancy of flavours in every amber drop and invite to an experience that's a delicate interplay of mellow woody sweetness and fresh, rich fruits.



## Jitendra Prakash's rare Ram Temple's pix exhibition on Monday

Prayagraj: A photography exhibition based on Shri Ram Temple, Ayodhya will be organized by senior cinematographer Jitendra Prakash on Monday at 10 am, at Jwala Devi Inter College Gangapuri, Rasulabad, Prayagraj under the auspices of Parmeshwar Dayal Gram Udyog Vikas and Seva Sansthan. Convener of the organization CA Anil Gupta said that in this exhibition, photographs taken by Jitendra Prakash related to Shri Ram Temple, Ayodhya will be displayed through paintings. This exhibition will be inaugurated by Mrs. Amita Mishra, Principal Gurukul Montessori Phaphamau and Rajeev Mishra. Special guest couple Kishore Mishra, Principal and chairperson Harjinder Singh will be present.



# GHS'S BAGLESS DAY showcases cultural diversity & heritage of India

Prayagraj: India, as we all know is one of the most diverse nations in the whole world. The multitude of languages, food, dances, religions, dresses and music is mind boggling. The bagless day, on 31st August 2024, was an attempt to acquaint our students with the rich treasure trove of the cultural diversity of our great nation.

The commencement of the programme was with a beautiful PPT presentation on cultural diversity by Ms. Yashasvi Agrawal. It was

immediately followed by a collaborative live dance led by Mrs. J. Dwivedi along with enthusiastic participation of classes 6th, 7th, and 8th. Class 6th led with the melodious presentation of Rajasthani folk dance, followed by class 7th doing the Bhangra and Class 8th Gujarati Folk Dance. The whole auditorium resounded with beautiful music and rhythmic dance steps. Students were full of joy and exhilaration during this whole process. It was



indeed an occasion where they could express themselves with joyful abandon. In the class room, the students took part in a quiz related to the above mentioned topic. It was entertaining and a very informative. The questions were painstakingly collated by Mrs. R. Verma, Ms. Zia Khan and Ms. A. Nandy.

The students also took part in a poster making competition. The topic of the poster was "Cultural Diversity of India". It was aston-

ishing to see the creative range of the students. The effort they put into it showcased the preparation in learning about the diversity of our vast nation and putting their art and thoughts in the poster. The posters were appreciated by one and all. The Bagless day was a great success due to the continuous guidance of our dynamic Principal, Rev. Dr. V. Eusebius, who is a constant source of inspiration for all of us and the whole hearted participation of our dear students.

## Central Library organizes talk on spoken English at SHUATS

Prayagraj: The Central Library, SHUATS, successfully organized a talk on "Spoken English: Challenges and Solutions" on 30th Aug at 3:30 p.m. The event saw an enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members, eager to enhance their spoken English skills.

This talk was started with a shweta prayer by Mrs. Shweta Chaurasia, Assistant Librarian. Librarian of Central Library, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences Mr. Christophar Sudhir George highlighted the objectives of the talk, emphasizing the library's commitment to the

continuous development of its patrons. He reiterated that the Central Library is dedicated to offering valu-



able resources and opportunities that contribute to the personal and academic growth of the university community.

The expert speaker, Prof. Dr. Ashish Alexander, shared his personal experiences with spoken English

and provided practical tips to overcome common challenges. He stressed the importance of daily practice and encouraged attendees

to regularly listen to English speakers to improve their language skills. His insights were well-received and appreciated by one and all in attendance. The expert speaker, Prof. Dr. Ashish Alexander was facilitated by Central Library staff Mrs. Meenakshi Robinson.

There was tongue twister activity conducted by Librarian Mr. Christophar Sudhir George for the participants. Participants have enjoyed this activity. This talk was ended with a word of prayer by Central library staff Mr. Kishan. The program was led by Mrs. Rekha Patel, a member of the Central Library staff.

## Grand farewell ceremony organized by IFFCO Officers Assen

Prayagraj: A grand farewell ceremony was organized by IFFCO Officers Association in the honor of retired officers M.P. Sharma, Chief Manager, Electrical and Ashok Kumar, Deputy Manager, Transport, retired from IFFCO Phulpur unit.

In which retired officers were honoured. General Manager Technical Sanjay Vaish wished the retired officers a healthy, happy and long life. The program was conducted by Sanjay

Awasthi. During this, General Manager Production Sanjay Bhandari, HOD Human Resource Shambhu Shekhar, HOD Transport



A.K. Srivastava, IFFCO Officers Association General Secretary Swayam Prakash and all the officials of IFFCO Officers Association were present in the program.

## BJP should expel Kangana Ranaut: Cong

Prayagraj: UPCC member Fuzail Hashmi, former UP Congress Committee spokesperson Kishore Varshney, Harikesh Tripathi have condemned the statement given by BJP MP Kangana Ranaut regarding farmers, calling it a reflection of the anti-farmer mentality of BJP. These leaders called Kangana a drug addict and demanded her expulsion from BJP.

## Kadhi rice offering to Lord Jagannath on Chhathi Mahotsav today

Prayagraj: Prayageshwar Temple located in Kashiraj Nagar on 1st September at 1:00 pm under the aegis of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust. Chhathi Mahotsav of Lord Shri Krishna will be celebrated with pomp in Jagannath Dham. On this occasion Lord Shri Jagannath ji's grand adornment will be seen, Aarti will be offered to him and Kadhi rice will be offered and Prasad will be distributed.

## Lord Shri Krishna curried rice served

Organization of Shri Krishna's birth anniversary concluded with Chhathi festival

Prayagraj: The organization of Shri Krishna Janmotsav started from 26th August on the holy festival of Janmashtami at Shri Radha Krishna Temple in Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Mutthiganj. Kumar Narayan, coordinator of this occasion program, concluded with Chhathi Parva. On the occasion of Chhathi festival, worshipped Lord Shri Krishna as per the rituals, offered curried rice and distributed Prasad to the devotees. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani said that on this occasion, spectacular lighting was done in the entire temple premises and Lord Shri Tableau based on Lord Krishna's Leela was decorated.

## Festival of Chhathi Mahotsav celebrated with great pomp in Maa Kalyaniji

Prayagraj: The festival of Chhathi Mahotsav of Yogiraj Lord Shri Krishna was celebrated with great pomp in the temple of Shaktipeeth Maa Kalyani Devi ji. This occasion was celebrated with the President of the temple, priest Pandit Sushil Pathak, worshipping Lord Shri Krishna as per the rituals of Vedic Sanatan, Arjan Aarti and then offered 56 types of dishes. On this occasion, Bhajan evening in the temple courtyard from 5 pm onwards, was organized and grand decoration of Lord Shri Radha Krishna and Mata Kalyani Devi Ji was done, apart from this, tableaus related to the life of Lord Shri Krishna were decorated in the temple premises, and at 8 pm, Maha Aarti of Lord Shri Krishna was performed and the devotees were Prasad of Bhandara was distributed.

## 360 candidates got job offers in UP employment fair

Held by Govt ITI and Regional Employment Exchange, Lucknow

Prayagraj/Lucknow: A job fair was organized on Saturday under the joint aegis of Government ITI and Regional Employment Exchange, Lucknow. In this fair, 360 candidates with ITI passed and other educational qualifications got job offers. As per the intention of the Chief Minister, employment opportunities are being provided to the youth through employment fairs in government ITIs. Help of all the officers associated with the employment office is being taken for successfully organizing the employment fair. 27 companies participated in the employment fair organized on Saturday at ITI, Lucknow and job offers were given to 360 candidates. Campus Drive will be organized by Hero Motors Limited, Alwar, Rajasthan at Government ITI Aliganj on September 4, 2024. Candidates can get employment opportunities by participating in this campus drive.

## On Chhathi festival, feast of Kadhi Rice Prasad held

Prayagraj: Kadhi Rice Prasad on the occasion of Chhathi festival in conjunction with BJP Backward Class Morcha District Vice President Gauri Shankar Verma, Bhandara was organized in Johnseganj, on this occasion Rajesh Kesarwani, Manoj Mishra, Ajay Agrahari, Gaurav Gupta, and other workers were present.



## Northern Football Academy Champion

Prayagraj: Host Northern Football Academy defeated Immortals FC 1-0 in the final of the senior category of the football competition being played at Vishnu Bhagwan Public School, Jhalwa, Prayagraj. In the first half of the game, Rahul Chandana of Northern Football Academy scored a goal on Harshit's pass and gave victory to his team. Football coach Indranil Ghosh presided over the program and welcomed the guests. Cheeta FC got the third position. All the winners were awarded by chief guest cricket coach Supratik Chatterjee.

The names of the players of the winning team Northern Football Academy are as follows: Harshit Ojha, Adarsh, Mitesh Gupta, Shivam Saroj, Rahul Chandana, Aditya Raj, Vedant Tripathi, Shrestha Maurya, Satyam, Tushar Karwaria, Alok Prajapati, Priyanshu Verma.



## Air Marshal RGK Kapoor PVSM AVSM VM, AOC-IN-C, CAC relinquishes command

FLYING EXPERIENCE OF MORE THAN 5K HRS

Prayagraj: Air Marshal RGK Kapoor relinquished command of Central Air Command on Saturday afternoon rendering 38 years of glorious service to the nation. Air Marshal RGK Kapoor was commissioned in the Fighter stream of Indian Air Force on 07 Jun 1986. The Air Officer is a Cat 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor with a flying experience of more than 5000 hours on a variety of fighter and trainer aircraft in the inventory of IAF. He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and College of Air Warfare. During his illustrious

career, the Air Marshal held many important field and staff appointments at Op-



erational Commands, Joint Training Establishments and Air Headquarters. He

was the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff Operations (Space) and the Assistant

Chief of the Air Staff (Intelligence) at Air Headquarters. The Air Marshal was

India's Defence and Air Attaché at the Embassy of India in Washington DC, USA. Prior to taking over the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, he was the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Strategic Forces Command.

During his career, in recognition of his illustrious service to the nation, the Air Marshal was awarded with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and Vayu Sena Medal (VM), informed Shantanu Pratap Singh, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Defence, Prayagraj.

## Session on early childhood development held at Patanjali Nursery School

Prayagraj: The Patanjali Nursery School organised a session titled "Early Childhood Development" with Dr. Roopa Shankar, a renowned child development expert and parent counsellor on 31st August 2024. She was warmly welcomed by the Director of the school Ms. Rekha Baid Gupta and Head Mistress Ms. Vibha Srivastava. The lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest accompanied by the Director of the school Ms. Rekha Baid Gupta Headmistress Ms. Vibha Srivastava and Principal of Patanjali Rishikul School Mr. Nityanand Singh mark the beginning of the session. Dr. Roopa Shankar shared

her valuable insights with the parents ranging from NEP 2020 to parents



behaviour and expectations with the child, the participation of the fathers in the parenting, Hurried Development syndrome, self fulfilling prophecy.

Dr. Roopa touched

upon each topic with lots of sensitivity sharing anecdotes and experiences,

which make the discussion really interesting and wholesome. This was followed by an informal question and answer session with the parents wherein the parents have an oppor-

tunity to ask queries on their parenting issues and getting invaluable insights from the expert Dr. Roopa Shankar thereupon resolving parenting issues. She unlocked the secrets of conscious parenting. At the end of the session, Dr. Roopa Shankar urged the parents to be grateful and show gratitude for the gift they have got from the God. She blessed everyone present in the hall. The session ended with the Headmistress Ms. Vibha Srivastava proposing the vote of thanks and extending her warm regards to the Honourable Guest DR. Roopa Shankar and to everyone present at the session.

## RSS fulfilled adage of 'Nar Seva Narayan Seva' by assisting police exam candidates

Prayagraj: The volunteers of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh fulfilled the saying of 'Nar Seva Narayan Seva' by helping the candidates appeared for the police recruitment examination from different districts of the state on Saturday. Hundreds of candidates from different districts took shelter in the Civil Lines George Town Jhansi and Naini Sangh offices. At the sangh office free food and accommodation was provided free of cost. The candidates were also given proper information about the location of the examination centres etc. from the office. The candidates wandering for accommodation and food felt a site of relief by Sangh gesture. Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment Examination 2024 has been going on continuously for the last 10 days. In this sequence, the workers of the Vidyarthi Parishad took up the service work at Georgetown. Complete care was taken to ensure that the candidates coming from other

place do not face any problem. The workers made arrangements for their stay and food etc. under the guidance of District Pracharak Shri Shiv Pratap. UP Police recruitment aspirants appreciated the efforts and friendly gesture of Sangh associates. At Dr. Hedgewar Bhawan Sangh office George Town, complete arrangements for the stay and food of the candidates along with the examination center were made by the volunteers. Similarly, at Anand Ashram, Civil Line, candidates from Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur etc. districts stayed where they were provided with facilities of accommodation and food etc. Members of Sangh took full care of the candidates and did not let them face any kind of inconvenience also arrangements for the students in Jhansi office was made where candidates in large number of stayed in Naini office located in Madhav Gyan Kendra where the volunteers provided them all the required facilities.

## Rotary Academia planted 75 Neem trees

Under 'Mini Forest Creation' prog

Prayagraj: Rotary Club of Allahabad Academia planted 75 Neem trees in the Kala Dada graveyard of Karaili area under its 'Mini Forest Creation' program. This initiative is an important step towards environmental protection and creation of sustainable green areas. The program was held at 3 pm under the chairmanship of Rotarian Aftab Ahmed, in which the environment protection team of the club was



also involved. After planting the trees, a promise was taken from the cemetery committee to conserve these trees. Rotarians Shams Tabrez, Tariq Salman, Rajesh Gupta, Syed Ashraf, Arjun Kumar, Project Director Akbar Khan, Rizwani Khan, Dr. Ariz Qadri, Zaheer Ul Haq, and Cemetery Committee Chairman Asrar Niazi were specially present on the occasion. The objective of this program is to plant trees at such places where their conservation can be ensured and they can grow and benefit the environment.

## Bhandare Prasad distributed on Chhathi festival

Prayagraj: Bhandare Prasad was distributed on the Chhathi festival in coordination with Gangesh Sharma. On the Chhathi festival of Lord Shri Krishna, in the ancient Hanuman ji temple located at Hatiya Police Booth intersection, Mutthiganj, the child form of Lord Shri Krishna was decorated and worshipped. Kadhi rice was offered, after which Kadhi rice Prasad Bhandara was organized in which thousands of devotees took Chhathi Prasad of Lord Shri Krishna.

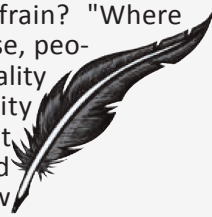


## Editorial

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

The court was also informed that third parties were unfairly benefiting commercially from the sale of merchandise featuring his pictures and voice for ringtones. Most alarming was the online circulation of fake pornographic images and videos of the actor with other actresses. Notably, in its order, the Delhi High Court stated that satirical writing and genuine criticism would be safeguarded and not construed as violations of personality rights. While the word 'Jhakaas' can be used by people, they cannot exploit it commercially in the manner Anil Kapoor does. Similarly, it can be used for satire, criticism or parody, but not for monetary gains. In the Jackie Shroff case as well, the court declined to order the removal of a video titled 'Jackie Shroff is Savage, Jackie Shroff Thug Life', posted on a YouTube channel named 'Thugesh'. The court deemed the video a form of artistic expression and said imposing restrictions would have significant consequences. In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial.

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



## Issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities

On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion of Tibet for India's northern border. Five days later, the dying Sardar (who passed away on December 15) constituted this committee to examine the possibility of Chinese communist troops occupying the areas south of the McMahon Line or elsewhere on the Indo-Tibet border and "to consider the feasibility or advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress".

Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then



Jadhang), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district.

### The Role of Jairamdas Daulatram

One man was central in the setting up of Maj Khathing's expedition to Tawang; it was Jairamdas Daulatram, the governor of Assam. It is sad that his role has been more or less forgotten today. On December 10, 1950, he managed to get the concurrence of the Ministry of External Affairs headed by Nehru; a Joint Secretary concurred with the Committee, "We cannot agree to a unilateral occupation of Tawang by the communists." The ball then started rolling, and preparations for the expedition began. Maj Khathing received detailed instructions from Nari Rustomji, the advisor to the governor, on behalf of Daulatram himself.

Precise tasks were given to

### the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests in you and not in them." He was directed to submit detailed reports about the Tibetan 'influence' in the area and the nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for."

An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces." Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and

74 years later, he was still considered by the Monpas as their liberator. Khathing was also asked to keep daily wireless telegraphic contact with Daulatram after crossing the Se-La pass. It is what Khathing did, and his dispatches and cables still make fascinating reading. Finally, Daulatram asked Khathing to "conduct [the] operation with tact, firmness, and discretion". The logistics of the expedition were not easy; for example, the question of porters and loads was difficult to coordinate. One can imagine having as many as 200 troops and 600 porters to feed.

Another issue was 'political presents' for the local authorities.

On February 9, 1951, the Tsona Dzungpons met Khathing again, and the latter reported to the governor: "As regards the lay officials, like Tsona Dzungpons and Drekhangs, the salt monopolists and grain collectors, I have not allowed them to

exercise any of their powers and influence." Undoubtedly, the merit of having taken over Tawang's administration goes to Daulatram as well as to the most reliable major.

### Nehru's Reaction

On March 18, 1951, the prime minister noted: "I hear constantly about the activities of the North and North-East Border Defense Committee. These activities have resulted in action being taken on the Tibetan border and in Nepal. At no stage have these matters been brought up before me for consultation, although apparently consultations have taken place with the Governor of Assam and other people far away. ... I am greatly concerned about this matter because ... the manner of our going to Tawang and taking possession of it and thus creating some international complications, has not been a happy one. I am yet not quite clear how all this was done without any reference to me." Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. A central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation

of the border villages of Nelang and Jadung, near the Line of Actual Control in Chamoli district.

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

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

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

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

**Thiruvananthapuram.** Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each election cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 per cent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkootam, Vattiyoorkavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manaloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad.

Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, K o v a l a m , N e y y a t t i n k a r a , Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Pradhan says no contentious texts in DU syllabus



**"The promise came a day after DU vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh rejected the plan. ...the vice chancellor rejected the proposal and an academic council meeting will be held today [Friday]," he said"**

Delhi: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan assured that Delhi University (DU)'s undergraduate law curriculum will not incorporate contentious religious texts like the Manusmriti. The promise came a day after DU vice-chancellor

Yogesh Singh rejected the plan. "...the vice chancellor rejected the proposal and an academic council meeting will be held today [Friday]," he said. Pradhan asked Singh about the plan, who told him it was rejected. He stressed that the government will follow the Constitution and does not consider incorporating problematic parts. We all prioritize the future. Pradhan said the government will uphold the Constitution's spirit and letter. Some teachers opposed teaching legal students Manusmriti (Manu's Laws). The academic council would discuss the proposition. Manusmriti sets four varna/social class responsibilities.

Bhimrao Ambedkar, the constitution's drafting committee chairman, labeled Manusmriti anti-social equality.

Singh announced in a video that Manusmriti will not be taught.

## NEET-UG may be online



Delhi: According to sources, the Centre is considering moving NEET-UG, the national eligibility-cum-entrance test for undergraduate medical studies, to a computer-based format like JEE-Mains (for engineering studies), in the coming years. This move appears to have been prompted by reports of irregularities in this year's test, whose validity is now being challenged in the Supreme Court.

"The committee responsible for making relevant changes has been discussing the idea, but

no formal direction has been given. The recent controversies surrounding competitive exams (NEET-UG and others) has fueled the idea that they should be online, said a central government official asking anonymity. However, a second official said "major scaling up will be required" as 2.3 million pupils took the test in 2024. There are 4,000 test centers nationwide, so equipping them with computers and infrastructure will be difficult. No doubt, online tests like JEE mains will be a fantastic concept. The

offline NEET-UG exam requires candidates to answer multiple-choice questions on an OMR sheet. If it becomes a computer-based test, applicants will need to use a computer and mark answers on a soft response sheet. JEE-Mains was administered at 570 centers in 2024 to 1.4 million students.

Taking this test online is the only way forward to plug the loopholes; there is no point in continuing with the offline mode when the whole world is moving towards computer-based exams..

## CAPSULES

### Education ministry will revise NCERT's bagless school guidelines

Delhi: The education ministry reviewed NCERT bagless day guidelines and announced intentions to enhance them. The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, part of NCERT, created guidelines to make school learning more fun, engaging, and stress-free. During the meeting, students were advised to learn about the local environment, test water purity, recognize local flora and wildlife, and their local monuments. PSSCIVE will refine its recommendations after this review "said a senior education ministry official. All Classes 6-8 pupils should participate in a 10-day bagless period per NEP 2020. Students will intern with area skill specialists and participate in non-school activities. This program helps kids understand their school's ecosystem. Bagless days will include arts, quizzes, athletics, and skill-based learning throughout the year. The official said students will visit historical, cultural, and tourist sites, interact with local artists and craftsmen, and visit educational institutions in their village, tehsil, district, or state based on local skills.

### DU lowers degree correction fees after instructors protest

Delhi: The Delhi University lowered marksheet and degree certificate rectification fees after Academic Council concerns, an official release stated. Last month, Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh raised the fee from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 for marksheet and degree correction within six years of graduation and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for longer periods.

## With diamonds, IIT-M pursues quantum technology

Delhi: Lasers passing through diamonds illuminate IIT Madras' dark research lab red and green. The IIT Madras research center develops diamond-based gear for quantum computing and communications. The National Quantum Mission in India prioritizes quantum technology development, and hardware is crucial. Effective, large-scale quantum computers are not yet available in the country, despite efforts. Quantum Centre of Excellence for Diamond and Emergent Materials (QuCenDIEM) researchers develop materials, devices, and instrumentation for quantum technologies,



including quantum computer systems. India was late to the silicon revolution. We missed much of the electronics hardware market. "We must focus on material aspects to ensure we are not left behind in hardware when quantum technol-

ogy emerges," says IIT-M physics assistant professor Vidya Praveen Bhallamudi. The IIT Madras centre focused on diamonds because they are used in electronics and other industries. More crucially, quantum objects, or qubits, lose quantum features like entanglement and phase of their superposition state when they interact with the environment, but when isolated, they may be controlled and used for computation. "Diamonds provide a unique platform for isolating and controlling quantum objects or qubits," he says. Researchers manufacture nitrogen vacancy centres in diamonds to use them.

## Univ officials say money crisis, grant cut

Delhi: DTU authorities announced that their funds for the current academic year have been cut. The Delhi government funds the university. Last year, DTU received Rs 56 crore as grant-in-aid, authorities added. The university management reported a 27% reduction in the grant to Rs 41 crore this year. At a news conference, DTU vice chancellor Prateek Sharma remarked, "We are following government guidelines on price

hike. Annual increases range from 5-10%, depending on the institution's expenses, including salaries." We're in an excellent position and don't require endowment funds yet. We are raising endowment monies from alumni and industries to expand the institution's infrastructure " V C added. Universities use alumni funds to create an endowment fund for research or development. In 2019, IIT-Delhi introduced this approach,

which is common in top Western colleges. New university courses are also available. Is it closing any old programs with low enrollment? The VC stated, "No courses are being closed at the institution." The VC denied the fund shortage was a "constraint". Fundraising is expected from engineering schools across. Their consultancy and startup initiatives promote 'atma nirbharta' (self-reliance). We're taking moves toward it.

## June demat accounts hit 162 million, NSE active clients 44.2 mn



Delhi: Statistics revealed 162 million demat accounts in June, up 4.2 million month-over-month. Current fiscal year average monthly demat account additions are 3.4 million. According to Motilal Oswal Financial Services, CDSL gained market share in demat accounts in June. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) lost 420 bp/620 bp market share in total/incremental demat accounts year-over-year. National Stock Exchange (NSE) clients rose 3.1% to 44.2 million in June. The top five discount brokers had 64.4% of NSE active clients, up from 58.2% in June 2022. Zerodha's client base rose 2.1% to 7.7 million (on-month), while its market share fell 20 bps to 17.3%. Groww's client count rose 5.4% to 10.9 million and its market share rose 55 bps to 24.7%.

## Tamil Nadu private institutions book seats amid NEET uncertainties

Delhi: Despite SC considerations about NEET-UG 2024, including the prospect of a re-test due to a question paper leak during the May exam, some private medical colleges in Tamil Nadu have begun undergraduate admissions. Some have boldly posted admissions posters, while others are doing it covertly. They are now "booking" seats with a Rs 2-3 lakh "advance". The process becomes clear when parents request admission. "Parents are asked to meet authorities on campus and leave mobile phones and electronic gadgets," said student counsellor Manickavel Arumugam, who visited one such college. "They let you inside for the meeting only after you surrender the phone," stated. Candidates must pay Rs 3 lakh to reserve a place after first conversations. After this, they are urged to choose the



university-affiliated college as their first choice during counseling. "If they get the seat, they will receive an annual discount of Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh in the fee and the advance will be adjusted in the first year fee. Students receive scholarship certificates to lower tuition "IT professional Sudharshan Y, whose nephew is awaiting medical admission, stated. "The admission manager said the management has around 600 medical seats at university-affiliated colleges and may receive more this year. "They believed we would get the seat," Sudharshan stated. "We were told we will get the money back if we prove to authorities that we

did not get an allotment despite marking the colleges under the university as our primary choice," he said. Another college requires candidates to pay a Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh advance to submit their paperwork to the admission authorities, who apply on their behalf during counseling. Admissions officers "guaranteed" seats. Since deemed university cut-offs grow in later rounds, they want you to block seats and pay fees in the first round. A senior National Medical Commission official claimed they cannot charge or donate in advance. Illegal allotments are those not approved by these agencies.

## JNU to establish Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain centers



Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru University will build a Hindu Studies Centre, along with Buddhist and Jain Studies Centres. Three new centers will be established under the "School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies," according to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 notice. The JNU Executive Council authorized these centers on May 29. "On 29.05.2024, the Executive Council approved the committee's recommendation to explore and recommend NEP-2020 and Indian Knowledge System and its further implementation in the University, as well as the establishment of three centres in the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies: 1. Centre for Hindu Studies; 2. Centre for Buddhist Studies; and 3. Centre for Jain Studies. Delhi University (DU) opened a Centre for Hindu Studies last year, offering a master's degree and aims to offer undergraduate courses. DU's Buddhist Studies department gained national government approval in March to build a 35-crore Centre for Advanced Studies in Buddhism. The Ministry of Education's National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) envisions "an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India, that is Bharat, sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high-quality education to all, thereby making India a global knowledge superpower."



## Kangana Ranaut calling farmers rapists is shameful, BJP has always insulted farmers: Anurag Danda

**Yamunanagar:** Aam Aadmi Party District Yamuna Nagar workers and officials gathered at Kamani Chowk in Yamunanagar and protested against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut for making statements against farmers under the leadership of the party's state senior vice president Anurag Danda. During this, Aam Aadmi Party workers raised slogans against the BJP government. Aam Aadmi Party workers demanded action against Kangana Ranaut and said that Kangana Ranaut should come to Haryana and apologize to the farmers. Aam Aadmi Party will not tolerate wrong state-



ments against farmers. Anurag Danda said that Kangana Ranaut has been making wrong statements on farmers earlier also. BJP has always insulted farmers. Now again Kangana Ranaut is spewing venom against the farmers. It has been the mentality of BJP that those who abuse farmers are

rewarded with positions in BJP. BJP hates farmers. BJP leaders are constantly calling farmers terrorists and Khalistanis and there is no telling what abuses BJP leaders have hurled at farmers. He said that Kangana Ranaut used to say that elderly women have come on rent to join the farmers' movement. BJP MP

Kangana Ranaut once again said that farmers want to turn India into Bangladesh. She said that farmers have committed rape and said that these are not farmers but agents of America and China. Which is a very shameful statement.

He added that this is not Kangana Ranaut but the mentality of BJP speaking. BJP appointed as many people who abused farmers to big positions and also rewarded Kangana Ranaut for the same and made her an MP.

BJP gives medals to the officers who fired bullets at farmers. BJP hates the farmers of this country. In the history of India, no one

except the British has hated farmers as much as BJP has. District media in-charge Anil Prajapati said that it is a matter of great sadness for the country that the BJP in power harasses the country's food provider and hates him. BJP hates those farmers of the country who work to feed the country. Laxman Vinayak, Lalit Tyagi, Subhash Kamboj, Anil Panjeta, Kapil Sagwan, Shalu Grewal, Rita Bamnia, Sushil Jain, ex-sarpanch Karamchand Parminder Saini Mandebbar, Pawan Sahota, Pawan Sahota, Ramesh Dahiya and hundreds of other workers were present on the occasion.

## 3 day workshop commences in Dyal Singh Public school

**Yamunanagar:** Under the aegis of Indian Resource and Development Association (IRADA) and with the inspiration of National Council of Science and Technology Communication, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, a three-day Jyoti Vigyan (Science Fair) was inaugurated in the premises of Dyal Singh Public School, Jagadhri in the presence of District Project Officer of Samagra Shiksha, Mr. Dharamveer Singh and Principal of the school, Mrs. Parul. Secretary of the organization, Rajpal Panchal said that the purpose of this fair is to develop scientific consciousness among the students and encourage their curiosity.

Dr. Dharamvir Singh said, "Science is an integral part of our life. It is present everywhere around us, we cannot even imagine our life without science. Mrs. Parul, Principal



of the school welcomed the Chief Guest of the programme, Rajpal Panchal, Secretary, IRADA, and key resource persons from various fields including Rakesh Upadhyay from Uttarakhand, Krishna Kumar Rai from Lucknow, Pramod Mishra from Prayagraj, Vikram from Almorah, Sandeep from Saharanpur, Manoj Kumar and Darshan Lal Children set up various Notably, Vikram and Prayag gave information about stars to the children through a mobile planetarium, while Krishna Kumar Rai explained the principles

of science in a simple way through puppetry. The school principal said, "Through science, students can understand their lives better. Along with studies, children are also gaining knowledge about science used in day-to-day activities in this science fair." On the first day of the fair, scientist Pramod Kumar spoke about adulteration, Jitendra Bhatnagar about sleight of hand, Sandeep about electrical equipment, and Manoj Kumar surprised the students by today in the fair science models were specially displayed.

## AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' campaign from Sep 1 in lead-up to Delhi polls

**Delhi:** AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' campaign from Sep 1 in lead-up to Delhi polls. Representative Image: AAP to launch 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' NEW DELHI: The AAP will launch a campaign 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' from September 1 to reach out to people as the party gears up for the Delhi Assembly polls due early next year. Following a meeting of senior party leaders to chalk out the strategy for the polls, AAP Rajya

Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak said the campaign will intensify in the days to come. "There was a detailed discussion on various aspects related to governance, political scenario, and each assembly constituency in Delhi. Manish Sisodia's 'padyatra' has been getting a very positive response," Pathak, who is also the party's national general secretary (organisation), told reporters after the meeting. "Wherever he is going people are coming out and saying

'you have been faced a lot of injustice'. We will continue these padyatras," he added. The party will also be rolling out its campaign 'Aap ka vidhayak, aap ke dwaar' from September 1, wherein the MLAs will hold meetings at the 'mandal' level and booth level where there will be discussions on political scenarios and the work done by the party. "We will also expose the conspiracy being hatched by the BJP against the people of Delhi during this campaign.

## No liquor at restaurants beyond 'permitted time'

**Delhi:** Following complaints that some restaurants and clubs were serving liquor to customers beyond their stipulated time, the excise department has issued a circular warning such entities to desist from such practices. The excise department, in the circular, mentioned that violations of prescribed timings to serve liquor were also found by its enforcement teams during the



inspection of certain premises. There are more than 950 hotels, clubs and restau-

rants in the capital where liquor can be served to the customers. Except for a few bars

## ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company's Assets Under Management cross ` 3 lakh crore

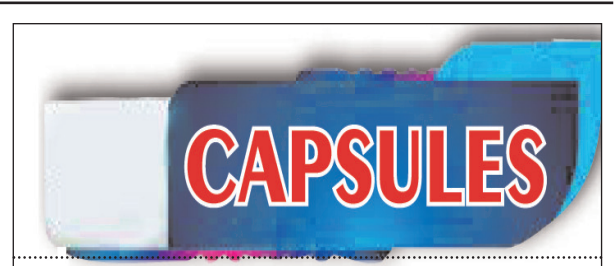
**GURGAON/FARID-ABAD:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd., has achieved a significant milestone of crossing 3 lakh crore in Assets Under Management (AUM). The Company's AUM as of July 31, 2024, stood at ` 3.14 lakh crore. Mr. Anup Bagchi, MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "We are delighted to have crossed the milestone of ` 3 lakh crore in assets under management. This signifies customers preference for our products and their trust in us to enable them to achieve their long-term financial goals. Our approach of simplifying products and processes has been one of the factors driving the growth in our assets under management. Customers depend on us to provide financial security to themselves and their families. We therefore act as trustees and custodians of our customers savings and have put in place a stringent investment

philosophy and risk management framework. This approach has ensured we have not had any Non-Performing Assets since inception of the Company and across market cycles." Mr. Bagchi further added, "We believe, life insurance caters to the primary needs of society of financial security, wealth creation and retirement income, therefore our products and processes are aligned to fulfil these needs. The technology solutions implemented have helped us to simplify life insurance, develop innovative products and offer the right product to the right customer at the right price through the right channel to deliver enhanced customer experience. Our commitment to deliver on the promises.

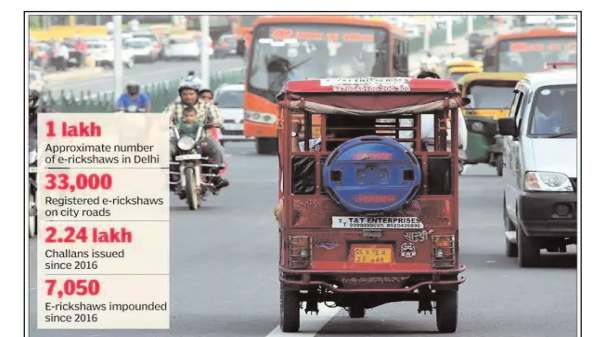
made is reflected in our claim settlement ratio of 99.17% in FY2024, one of the best in the industry, with a turnaround time of just 1.27 days."

## Delhi man stabbed by son, undergoing treatment

**NEW DELHI:** A 54-year-old man was injured after allegedly being stabbed by his son during an argument in the Vishnu Garden Extension area of west Delhi, police said on Tuesday. The injured man, identified as Raj Kumar Rattan, suffers from a kidney ailment and requires regular dialysis, they said. "He is stable and undergoing treatment," a senior officer said. Personnel at Khayala police station received a call about an alleged stabbing incident at 11 pm on Monday. It was found that a quarrel had broken out between Rattan and his son Sachin Rattan (29), he added. Sachin Rattan stabbed his father with a kitchen knife during the argument and fled. Rattan was taken to GGS Hospital and, after first aid, shifted to Safdarjung Hospital. He is stable and undergoing treatment.



## Illegal e-rickshaws in Delhi to be crushed within 7 days of being seized



**Delhi:** To check the growth of illegal e-rickshaws, Delhi govt's transport department has decided to scrap the impounded and unregistered e-rickshaws within seven days if the owners do not apply for registration of their vehicles. Earlier, 90 days were allowed for this process. "Under the rules, the registration window is 90 days. But since these rickshaws are illegal, they could be scrapped after seven days," said a transport official on Friday. "Before handing over the impounded e-rickshaws to a registered vehicle scrapping facility, they will be crushed.

"The transport department has given a fresh push to booking illegally operating e-rickshaws. This month, till Aug 21, the department impounded 1,077 e-rickshaws, meaning over 50 of them seized every day.

The decision was taken after a high-level review meeting chaired by the lieutenant governor as a means to decongesting the city. According to estimates, there are 1.2 lakh registered e-rickshaws in the city. However, the actual number of e-rickshaws on the ground is perhaps twice that figure, necessitating a check on their illegal proliferation. "Because the unregistered e-rickshaws do not have number plates and so cannot be challaned online, they flout all traffic restrictions and often ply on roads where they are not permitted, thereby slowing down traffic and causing congestion," said the official.

## On CCTV, 3 Delhi Traffic Cops Divide Bribe Money, Suspended

**Delhi:** Three traffic policemen in Delhi were caught on a CCTV camera dividing money that one of them took as a bribe. In the video which has gone viral on social media, one of the cops can be seen arguing with a man inside a police check post in Gazipur of Thrill Lauri Circle. After a small conversation,

the policeman gestures to the man who puts a bundle of money on a table behind the cop as he keeps a lookout.

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## Gunnebo Showcases Their High-Security Physical Security Solutions at the Ambala Jewellery Exhibition

**AMBALA:** Gunnebo, a global leader in physical security solutions, successfully participated in the Regional Jewellery Exhibition organized by the India Gold Jewellery Expo (IGJ), held between 24th to 26th AUG at Ambala City, Haryana. The event provided an excellent platform for Gunnebo to showcase its latest range of high security BIS certified safe storage solutions like safes, strong room door, vaults, high security locks, etc. tailored specifically for the jewellery stores. Anirban Mukhuti, Head - Marketing & Product Management - Asia,



commented on the exhibition, stating, "We are delighted to participate in the Ambala Jewellery Exhibition. Haryana is one of the most promising jewellery markets in India and such initiatives help us to engage with and educate the customers about the wide

range of security products under our brands Steelage and Chubb Safes. Our legacy of over 250 years, extensive experience across the globe and expertise in this industry enable us to design our products to meet the rising security needs of our customers.

We will continue with our mission of providing high grade security solutions and participate in other prominent cities of Haryana in a bigger way in the near future." During the three-day exhibition, the Gunnebo team demonstrated their advanced safe storage products, designed to provide maximum security for Jewellery Stores. The demonstration highlighted the benefits of certified safes, including state-of-the-art security features and compliance with industry standards, drawing significant interest from jewellers and exhibition visitors. Key representatives.



## Yogi establishes UP as a 'reliable state' by fulfilling all his promises

**Lucknow**  
**Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath**, on Friday, distributed incentives worth Rs 1,300 crore to 32 investors and LoC to various companies. This event underscores the government's commitment to its policies, the transformed business environment in the state, and its vision for job creation. Notably, over the past seven and a half years, CM Yogi has worked tirelessly to create a favourable investment climate. 27 sectoral policies have been developed and implemented to attract both existing and new industries. Improvements in law and order have alleviated entrepreneurs' and traders' fears. The Nivesh Mitra Portal has streamlined the process for obtaining NOCs and accessing online incentives, reducing the need for physical visits to government offices.

Industries now receive a 24-hour electricity supply, and connectivity through highways, expressways, railways, airports, and waterways has been rapidly developed. By promoting the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, CM Yogi has also encouraged investors within the state. The Single Window System Nivesh Mitra Portal has played a crucial role in transforming Uttar Pradesh into the country's 'Economic Powerhouse.' The portal has successfully processed over 15.40 lakh applications for NOCs/licenses. More than 8,00,000 entrepreneurs have provided 'satisfaction' feedback regarding the Nivesh Mitra Portal. In addition, the portal currently has over 10 lakh registered users. Under this single-window system of the Yogi government, more than 491 licensing serv-

ices across over 42 departments are available. Over the past 6 years, the portal has received more than 15.90 lakh applications for NOCs/licenses from entrepreneurs interested in investing in Uttar Pradesh, with a 97% success rate in processing these applications. Additionally, the government has made significant efforts by appointing Nivesh Mitra to address investors' issues. Today, electricity is being provided without discrimination across all 75 districts of UP. Industries have been granted open access to electricity and are also being encouraged to benefit from renewable energy sources. Through UPSIDA, solar plants and solar parks are being established in industrial areas. District headquarters receive 24-hour electricity, tehsil headquarters get 20 to 22 hours.

### Maharashtra CM Shinde defends 'Ladki-Bahin' scheme

**NEW DELHI:** Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde has criticised the opposition parties for spreading rumours about his government's 'Ladki-Bahin' scheme, which offers Rs 1,500 monthly assistance to eligible women. Attacking opposition, Shinde, addressing in Thane, asked people to be cautious of "step brothers," and said his government's focus is on public welfare, not elections, and pledged to ensure the scheme's longevity, reported PTI.

### Will junk NH projects in Punjab if law & order remains poor: Gadkari

**NEW DELHI:** The NHAI will have "no option but to cancel/ terminate" eight more "severely affected" highway projects in Punjab costing Rs 14,288 crore, if the law and order situation doesn't improve, road transport minister Nitin Gadkari wrote to Punjab CM Bhawant Mann on Friday. The minister's ultimatum comes amid reports of untoward

### Lucknow

**The largest police recruitment exam in the...** [21:25, 31/8/2024] +91 89600 23998: When it's Yogi, there is assurance, say candidates after the biggest Police Recruitment Exam Candidates upbeat as Uttar Pradesh's Police Constable Recruitment Process concludes. Written exam for 60,244 Police Posts concludes successfully, candidates laud CM Yogi and administration. Strong turnout of women candidates in UP Police Recruitment Exam, inspired by CM Yogi's call for empowerment. Lucknow, August 31. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh successfully concluded the written examination for the largest police constable recruitment drive in the state's history. The candidates, relieved and hopeful, were seen with smiles on their faces, filled with optimism about their future. Many expressed their gratitude towards CM Yogi Adityanath, crediting his leadership for the



smooth and transparent execution of the examination process, echoing the sentiment, "If Yogi is there, there is assurance". On Saturday, the examination for 60,244 constable posts across the state was completed without any disruptions, marking a significant achievement for the administration. Outside the examination centers, parents of the candidates gathered, proud of their children's hard work and confident in their prospects. Their assurance stemmed from the diligent efforts of the Yogi govern-

ment, which ensured that the entire examination process was conducted safely and efficiently. CM Yogi had earlier assured the public that this police recruitment examination would set a new standard in transparency and fairness, unlike any other in the state's history. He had committed to a recruitment process free from bias, interference, and corruption, with no room for anarchic or criminal elements to jeopardize the future of the state's youth. Examination was conducted in 2 phases for 5 days. The written examination

for 60,244 police constable posts in Uttar Pradesh was successfully conducted across all districts in two phases per day over five days. Under the visionary leadership and efficient guidance of CM Yogi, meticulous arrangements were made to ensure that candidates faced no inconvenience during the examination process. To maintain security and integrity, 1,97,859 police personnel were deployed at examination centers statewide, and the use of CCTV equipped with artificial intelligence effectively deterred solver gangs and other disruptive elements. In the state capital, Lucknow, the examination process was executed smoothly on a large scale, with examination centers operating in various parts of the city under tight security. Similar scenes of organized and secure examination environments were witnessed across every district, with candidates showing high spirits and enthusiasm. A notable feature of this recruitment.

## Yogi govt to expand contactless e-Transport services across Uttar Pradesh

### Lucknow

The Yogi government is set to expand modern e-transport services across Uttar Pradesh to enhance people's convenience. In line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, these services will be entirely faceless and contactless, streamlining the delivery of various services through an

online platform. This initiative aims to provide a 'one stop solution' for citizens, eliminating the need to visit government offices for transport-related services. Already, the Transport Department of Uttar Pradesh has implemented advanced facilities such as the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS)

and e-challan services. Building on this foundation, the state is now accelerating efforts to introduce Aadhar authentication-based 'Vahan Faceless Services' and 'Sarathi Faceless Services.' The e-Transport Mission, spearheaded by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), is an ambitious initiative aimed at

modernizing the IT infrastructure and service delivery in India's transport sector. This mission is designed to enhance the efficiency, transparency, accountability, and reliability of transport services, with a key focus on reducing the public's reliance on Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) by expanding

## UP receives another Vande Bharat train

### Lucknow

**On Saturday**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Uttar Pradesh a new Vande Bharat Express train. Prime Minister Modi flagged off three new Vande Bharat Express trains, one of which will run between Meerut and Lucknow (Charbagh). Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed his pleasure at the

Prime Minister's gift to Uttar Pradesh. Following the virtual launch event, CM Yogi took to social media to extend his gratitude to the Prime Minister for this new addition for the people of the state. On his social media account, CM Yogi wrote, "Under the able guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the visionary behind 'Make in India.

## 5 projects worth Rs 73.39 crore approved for Uttar Pradesh in NMC's 56th Executive

### New Delhi/Lucknow

The Yogi government's efforts to conserve and clean the Ganga river in Uttar Pradesh have achieved another milestone. The National Mission for Clean Ganga approved 5 projects worth Rs 73 crores in its 56th Executive Committee meeting held in New Delhi. Rajeev Kumar Mital, Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga chaired the meeting. The approved projects are pivotal to the improvement of the river's ecosystem as these ensure minimized level of pollution in the river Ganga, thereby maintaining its cleanliness and ensuring its conservation. After careful consideration, the Executive Committee appraised the necessity of the projects. To begin with,

the committee approved the project "Establishment of Secretariat for Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) at Varanasi" presented and controlled by IIT (BHU) under the supervision of the National Mission for Clean Ganga. This ambitious project intends to deploy global expertise and adopt sustainable practices to rejuvenate and give a facelift to all the small rivers spread across the country. This, it does by creating the right balance between the environment, the economy and society as a whole. Another crucial project on "Faecal Sludge Management for Abatement of Pollution of River Ganga at Dalmau Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh" was

approved as part of the Namami Gange Mission to reduce the pollution of the river Ganga. Under this project, an 8 KLD Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant will be established, along with a 15 KW Solar Power Plant and one Solar Inverter. Based on the DBOT model, the project is approved at an overall cost of Rs 4.40 crores which covers operations and management of the project for a stipulated period of five years. The sewerage project focusing on cleaning the river Ganga has been officially approved for implementation in Gulaothi, located in the Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh. This project aims to prevent pollution in the East Kali River, a tributary of the river Ganga which flows.



## Yogi govt set to launch four specialized electric boats in Ayodhya and Varanasi line with CM Yogi's vision

### Lucknow

The Yogi government, dedicated to enhancing religious tourism in Uttar Pradesh, is set to expand electric-based adventure water activities and boat ride facilities in Ayodhya and Varanasi. In a new step towards this goal, the government is focusing on completing the process of operating 4 specialized electric boats in both cities soon. Under the scheme, one air-conditioned electric boat with a 50-seat capacity and two electric boats with 30-seat capacities each will be operated from Nayaghat on the Sarayu River in Ayodhya. In Varanasi, a 50-seater air-conditioned electric boat will soon be available for tourists at Ravidas Ghat on the Ganga River. These electric boats will be state-of-the-art and equipped with a range of features. The air-conditioned boats will have a steel catamaran hull, while the non-air-conditioned boats will feature an FRP catamaran hull. Docking and charging facilities for these boats will be provided at the respective ghats. The Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (UPSTDC) will manage the operation of these boats through agency determination and work allocation. Initially, the boats will operate under a 10-year lease, adhering strictly to the guidelines set by the Tourism Department, the Inland Vessel Act, and international standards. Additionally, the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India's guidelines will be followed to promote electric-based adventure water activities in Ayodhya and Varanasi.

## Cabinet counters SC, rejects creamy layer in Dalit quota

**NEW DELHI:** Modi reservation in it. Today, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, wide discussions were held on this issue. And the well-thought-through opinion of the cabinet is that NDA govt is committed and dedicated towards the provisions of the Constitution of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

And as per provisions of Babasaheb Ambedkar, there is no provision of creamy layer in SC/ST reservation. Cabinet's decision is that SC/ST reservation should be according to Babasaheb's Constitution," I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in what marked a swift rebuttal of the SC's land-

mark verdict. **Quota case** Significantly, Modi had signalled his govt's intent hours before the cabinet got down to discuss the issue by telling SC/ST MPs belonging to BJP that the apex court's verdict was only recommendatory and that govt was alive to their "genuine" concerns about it.

entire stretch "useless". Gadkari, in his letter, highlighted serious safety concerns for NHAI officers, contractors and their staff as well as issues related to pending land acquisition. He attached photos of assaults in his communication to Mann. Referring to a recent review meeting of NH projects on July 15 that he chaired.

## To prove a point, opposition plans to seek Vice-President's ouster

**NEW DELHI:** The antagonism between opposition parties and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has reached a point where the opposition is considering bringing a resolution for the removal of the vice-president, who also serves as chairman of the upper House, sources said. With the monsoon session ending on Friday, opposition parties are now planning to work



on the modalities for this unprecedented move. Sources said 87 members have signed on the proposal to initiate action against Dhankhar.

The parties have started collating documentary material of instances in the House where Dhankhar has been "partisan in his actions". "He has also

overruled norms and procedures to the advantage of the treasury benches, when the chair should be seen as a neutral umpire who must uphold the dignity of the constitutional post," a senior opposition member told TOI. A source said that about two days ago, leader of the House J P Nadda was informally informed that the opposition may submit a motion.



## Chairman of National Commission For Safai Karamcharis meets MC employee unions; to make recommendations for benefit of safai karamcharis to state government



**Ludhiana:** Chairman of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, M Venkatesan (rank and status of Union Minister of State) conducted a meeting with the Safai Karamcharis and members of different Municipal Corporation (MC) employees union at Circuit house on Friday. The aim of the meeting was to listen to the grievances and prob-

lems being faced by safai karamcharis and make recommendations to improve the condition at ground level. MC Commissioner Sandeep Rishi, Additional Commissioner Paramdeep Singh, Superintending Engineer Ravinder Garg among other officials were also present in the meeting.

Leaders and members of different MC employees unions participated in the meeting and raised concern

over issues being faced by the safai karamcharis at ground level. Chairman of the commission, M Venkatesan said that after hearing the issues/problems of the employee unions, a number of recommendations were made to MC officials on the spot. Further he stated that in some matters, decisions have to be taken by the state government and he will make recommendations to the state government.

## National Lok Adalat will be held in the judicial complex on 14 September - Kirti Vashisht

### Authority and Haryana State Legal Services Authority will organize a National Lok Adalat in the judicial complex in Yamunanagar on Saturday, September 14, 2024.



He told that in Lok Adalat, disputes are resolved in a cordial atmosphere with the consent of both the parties through mutual agreement and compromise

**Yamunanagar:** National Legal Services Authority and Haryana State Legal Services Authority will organize a National Lok Adalat in the judicial complex in Yamunanagar on Saturday, September 14, 2024. The complainant can settle the case in the National Lok Adalat on the basis of mutual reconciliation and agreement either himself or through his advocate. Giving information, Chief Judicial Magistrate

and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Kirti Vashisht said that cases related to bank loans, motor accidents, NI Act, criminal, revenue, matrimonial disputes will be settled in the National Lok Adalat. She said that National Lok Adalat is organized to settle the cases pending in the court through mutual cooperation and cordial means. He told that if any per-

son has a case pending in the court, he can get it resolved through National Lok Adalat. He told that in Lok Adalat, disputes are resolved in a cordial atmosphere with the consent of both the parties through mutual agreement and compromise. This provides benefits like quick and easy justice, no appeal, final settlement, saving of time.

## 80 Booths been opened in Jagadhri by Bjp

**Yamunanagar:** Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar opened election offices at more than 80 booths in Jagadhri assembly and held corner meetings at 16 places in the city Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar informed that BJP has opened election offices at more than 80 booths in Jagadhri Assembly constituency and soon BJP will open election offices at all the remaining booths in Jagadhri Assembly constituency which will give impetus to BJP's election campaign. Along with this, Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar conducted 16 Nukkad Sabhas at many places in Jagadhri city like Madhuban Colony, Mukherjee Park, Srinagar Colony, Shivpuri Society,



Gandhi Dham, Raja Saheb Wali Gali, Manakpur, Ward No. 2, Hooda Sector 17 and Sector 18 etc. and made public contact and appealed for public support for the upcoming Jagadhri Assembly elections. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that by organizing Nukkad Sabhas, he informed

the people of Jagadhri about the welfare schemes of BJP Modi Government and Deputy Government. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that the opposition Congress party does not have any issue. Congress' Bhupendra Singh Hooda attacked Congress. During the government, they had

held a power rally in Yamunanagar district and had promised to provide 24 hours of electricity, but they could not provide it. The BJP government provided 24 hours of electricity and now they are installing 2 kilowatt solar panels on the roofs of houses in Haryana. Initially, solar panels will be installed on the roofs of one lakh families, work has already started. Installing the panel will cost Rs 1 lakh 10 thousand, out of which 60 thousand will be given by the Modi government at the center and 50 thousand by the BJP government of Haryana. The family installing the solar will not have to spend any money and will also get rid of the electricity bill. Agriculture Minister

## Karnataka is the third state to vote against NEET

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

**'RETURN TO CET FOR MEDICAL SEATS'**

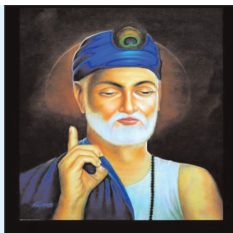
- House adopts resolutions against NEET, delimitation of Lok Sabha & assembly constituencies, and One Nation, One Poll move
- K'taka seeks to return to CET for medical admissions, citing "repeated irregularities" in NEET examinations
- Ex-BJP minister CN Ashwath Narayana says NEET designed to bring uniformity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

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

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

## MA Urdu students at DU may study Kabir couplets

**Delhi:** If DU's Executive Council approves the first-year syllabus adjustments, Delhi University's master's in Urdu students would study Kabir's couplets in 2024-25. In the first semester, students will learn 40 couplets from 'Kabir Bani' as part of Faculty of Education



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

modifications. Please read 'Kabir Bani' by Ali Sardar Jafri and 'Kabir' by Prabhakar Manchve. The paper 'Basic Text: Early Urdu Literature' will include the modifications. February 19's Faculty of Arts meeting proposed the revisions. It will be considered by the Executive Council, the university's top decision-making body. The session may start in August. Urdu department curriculum brochures indicated that the move introduces students to early Deccan and north Indian literary traditions. "At the completion of this course, students will

be able to understand and appreciate the classical poetry and prose. In the context of literary Urdu traditions," noted. First-year students will start with 'Kabir Ke Muntakhab Dohe' from 'Kabir Bani' in Unit 1. Mulla Wajhi taught 'Sub-Ras' in Unit 1 (first half). Meerut authorities demanded that Urdu poetess Shabeena Aadeeb be removed from the All India Mushaira invite list for law and order reasons. She was accused by BJP members of anti-Modi and anti-Yogi remarks. Aadeeb later cited health issues.

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

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



on this." Only 11,192 private schools are registered, according to the education department's 20 July decree. They estimate that twice as many private schools operate in the state. The administration warns that private schools without official permission have one final opportunity to register. Mithilesh Mishra, primary education department director, ordered DEOs to direct private schools to apply via the e-affiliation site by August 10. "If any school does not apply on the portal for approval despite the

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

## Delhi University raises UG promotion passing score to 63%

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



Delhi University students in athletics, extracurriculars, the NCC, the NSS, and other fields may be excluded from the criterion with college clearance. This was done to fix Delhi University's NEP UGCF 2022 implementation issues, according to a university official. Under the old passing and promotion rules, a student could be promoted from the first to the second year of the course if they passed 50% of the first and second semester exams combined. The official said pupils had to pass seven papers and 22 credits to advance. Under the NEP-UGCF 2022, since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can be promoted to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score, according to a committee member. An NEP-UGCF 2022 promotion committee member said that since not all papers carry the same credits, a student can advance to the next year by passing three papers from both semesters and one general elective with a 36 percent score.

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