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'Tie-up unlikely' as Congress, AAP talks hit deadlock in Haryana

NEW DELHI: NEW DELHI: Talks between Congress and AAP over an alliance in Haryana have hit a deadlock on the number and nature of constituencies to be ceded to Arvind Kejriwal's outfit, with insiders dubbing prospects of a tie-up as unlikely. Sources in AAP, which always looked keener for the unexpected partnership and had remained hopeful of swinging it, sounded pessimistic about the possibility of an alliance and said the party was preparing to fight on 50 seats. Asked by media-persons about the fate of the negotiations, AAP's Raja Sabha MP Raghav Chadha said, "We are still talking and we are hopeful that an alliance will happen for the good of the country and Haryana. All possible efforts are being made in that direction." AAP sources, however, admitted that talks had hit a deadlock because of Congress's reluctance to leave 10 seats and the



BJP calls emergency meeting, but rules out changes in Haryana list

ROHTAK: BJP's core committee called an emergency meeting on Friday in New Delhi as senior BJP politicians, including former ministers, MLAs and other party seniors, continued to fume at not finding a place in the list of candidates for the Haryana assembly polls or feared that they would be dropped. The meeting

party was readying its list for 50 seats and may announce the candidates on Sunday. Congress sources confirmed that it was unwilling to leave more than 3-4 seats for AAP. The key concern in Congress is the cost if

is learned to have been attended by Union minister. Dharmendra Pradhan, Lok Sabha MP Biplab Deb, organisation secretary Phanindranath Sharma, Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini and state BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli. Outcome ruled out the possibility of alteration of the candidate list.

the alliance fails to work in the northern state. Sources said the seats that AAP has sought are such that "transfer of votes" would be difficult. In the process, BJP would be the beneficiary.

Buch received rental income from entity under Sebi probe

NEW DELHI: As the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament takes a decision on summoning Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch as part of a review of the market regulator, Congress on Friday levelled fresh allegations of conflict of interest against her. At a press conference, party spokesperson Pawan Khera alleged that between 2018 and 2024, when she was a member and subsequently chairman of Sebi, Buch received rental income of over Rs 2 crore from an entity that was being probed for multiple violations, including insider trading. He said rental income had accrued from Carol Info Services, a company affiliated to Wockhardt, which was facing charges in 2023. Wockhardt denied the allegations. "It has come to our attention that there are certain allegations pertaining to payment of rent.

'In a democracy anyone can join politics': BJP on wrestlers' move

NEW DELHI: Treading cautiously, BJP on Friday downplayed wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia joining Congress and said that in a democracy anyone can join politics. BJP brass, sources said, was of the view that the case against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was dropped as party's candidate from Kaiserganj LS seat, was sub judice and its merit should not be questioned based on political leanings of the wrestlers even as the two were at forefront of the campaign. BJP netas recalled that PM Modi gave instructions to IOA officials to take all measures to fight the case against IOC decision to disqualify Phogat from medal race at Paris Olympics as they reasserted that sports & politics shouldn't be "mixed" and that anyone willing to join politics was welcome. BJP MP Sambit Patra refused to make any direct comment on the wrestlers joining Congress, saying anybody can join any political party in a dem-



Centre moves SC, accuses Mamata govt of hindering CISF security

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday filed an application in the Supreme Court regarding the deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at the RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata where a doctor was brutally raped and murdered on August 9, accusing the West Bengal government of not cooperating in providing logistical support to the security team. The application highlighted significant challenges faced by the

CISF personnel, including inadequate accommodation, lack of security equipment, and insufficient transportation, which the Centre said was hindering their ability to perform their duties effectively. In its application, the Centre sought a directive for the West Bengal government to fully cooperate with the CISF and comply with a previous Supreme Court order dated August 20. It added that the Bengal government's.

ocratic country. He further said, "Your question that somewhere or the other they indulged in politics,

I would not like to answer. But, yes people, media and intellectuals will ask this question."

ED raids homes of ex-RG Kar principal, his kin and associates

KOLKATA: Enforcement Directorate on Friday conducted searches at 11 places, including the residence and farmhouse of former RG Kar Medical College principal Sandip Ghosh and homes of his relatives and associates, in connection with alleged financial irregularities in the hospital during his tenure. The Central agency also detained Prasun Chatterjee, a data entry operator at Kolkata's National Medical College and Hospital (NMCH) and a close associate of Ghosh. When ED officials reached Ghosh's residence in Beliaghata at 6.40am, the main gate was locked from outside. The officials entered the house after three hours when Ghosh's wife, Sangita, reached there with the keys from their apartment in Chinar Park. While the search was on, Sangita - face covered in mask and oversized shades and pallu covering her head - emerged.

Former employee stole Rs 33 crore, reveals Swiggy's annual report; here's what it says

NEW DELHI: A former junior Swiggy employee has allegedly 'stolen' Rs 33 crore from the company. The Bengaluru-based food delivery platform has revealed this in its annual report for the financial year 2023-24. Swiggy has reportedly employed an "external team" to investigate the issue and has filed a "legal complaint" against the former employee. What Swiggy said about the embezzlement In its report (seen by Moneycontrol), Swiggy writes: "The Group, during the current year, identified embezzlement of funds in one of the subsidiaries by a former junior employee amounting to Rs 326.76 million over the past periods. Based on a review of the facts discovered during the investigation, the Group has recorded an expense for the aforementioned amount during the year ended March 31, 2024." Apart from this, Swiggy didn't mention any other details related to the alleged embezzlement. Swiggy also noted that its losses have declined from Rs 4,179 crore in FY23 to Rs 2,350 crore this year. Consolidated net losses have decreased by 44% year-over-year while its revenue from operations has grown by 36% to Rs 11,247 crore. The company is reportedly aiming for a valuation of around \$15 billion in its upcoming initial public offering (IPO), aiming to raise between \$1 and \$1.2 billion. If successful, this would be one of the largest IPOs in India this year. Last month, both Swiggy and its rival Zomato reportedly increased their platform fees to Rs 6 per order in certain markets, including Bengaluru and Delhi. This marked a 20% increase from the last fee of Rs 5. Both companies introduced platform fees in 2023 with Rs 2 per order. In April, Zomato increased its fee to Rs 5 in key markets, and Swiggy is currently testing a fee of Rs 7 in Bengaluru.

'No locus standi': SC junks RG Kar ex-head's plea on CBI probe

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a petition by Sandip Ghosh, arrested ex-principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, seeking to intervene in proceedings before Calcutta HC which had ordered CBI probe into an alleged scam in biomedical waste disposal in the hospital and whether it had a nexus with the rape-murder of a doctor on Aug 9.



"You (Ghosh) have no locus standi to intervene in the PIL. You were the principal when the alleged offence took place. The HC is not commenting on the merit of your involvement in corruption or the offence. Both are matters for investigation. As an accused, you have no locus standi to intervene in a PIL in which the HC has transferred the investigation to CBI

and is monitoring it," a bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said. For the ex-principal, senior advocate Meenakshi Arora said her client was prejudiced by the HC observation indicating a nexus between the offence on Aug 9 and the alleged medical scam. The CJI said, "That is itself a matter of investigation."

Paris Paralympics: Praveen Kumar strikes gold in T64 high jump



NEW DELHI: At the Paris Paralympics on Friday, Indian competitor Praveen Kumar, who finished second in the Tokyo Games, broke the Asian record to win the gold medal in the men's T64 high jump competition. The 21-year-old Noida native, who was born with a short leg, won the six-jumper competition with a season-best jump of 2.08 meters, as per PTI. Temurbek Giyazov of Uzbekistan placed

third with a personal best leap of 2.03 meters, while Derek Loddident of the USA won the silver medal with a best jump of 2.06 meters. Athletes classified as T64 have one lower leg's movement somewhat restricted, or they may not have any leg movement at all below the knee. However, Praveen falls under T44, which is reserved for athletes who have mild to moderate lower limb movement impairments.

Linda Sun, former aide of New York governors, accused of secretly spying for China

NEW DELHI: Linda Sun, a former aide to New York governors Andrew Cuomo and Kathy Hochul, is charged with acting as a secret agent for China. Prosecutors allege she used her political position to benefit Chinese interests, receiving millions in return. This case highlights growing concerns over China's influence operations within the US. Linda Sun, a former aide to New York governors Andrew Cuomo and Kathy Hochul, has been charged with acting as a secret agent for the Chinese government. The indictment details how Sun, 40, leveraged her political position to secretly advance Chinese interests, blocking Taiwanese officials from meetings with state leaders and steering policy away from sensi-



receiving millions of dollars in return. Driving the news Federal prosecutors have unveiled a stunning indictment against Linda Sun, accusing her of acting as an agent for the Chinese government. The indictment details how Sun, 40, leveraged her political position to secretly advance Chinese interests, blocking Taiwanese officials from meetings with state leaders and steering policy away from sensi-

secretive alliances. In April 2023, Two individuals were taken into custody, accused of assisting in the creation of a covert law enforcement facility in New York City, allegedly operating under the direction of the Chinese government. In a separate development, approximately 36 members of China's national police were charged with utilizing social media platforms to target and intimidate critics residing within the United States. secret chinese police stations The department of justice has ramped up its efforts to root out covert Chinese agents, targeting individuals who help China advance .

Now, AI Delhi-Birmingham flight diverts to Russia

NEW DELHI: An Air India flight had to yet again divert to Russia. Luckily this time, the same aircraft was able to take off from there for its destination and an alternate plane did not need to be sent from India, unlike the last two times in just over a year. The most recent diversion took place on Wednesday when AI 113 operating from Delhi to Birmingham landed in Moscow. The Boeing 787 (VT-ANP) was there for about five hours and then took off for Birmingham. It safely reached its destination with a seven-hour delay. Comments have been sought from AI and are awaited.

An aircraft operating the Delhi-San Francisco route this July and last June had to divert to Russia following snags. On both those occasions alternate aircraft was sent to fly passengers to their destination.

Parents go to thana with girl's rape complaint, beaten by woman cop



CHENNAI: A couple who complained that their 10-year-old daughter had been raped repeatedly by a neighbour were beaten by an Anna Nagar all-women police inspector and made to stay at the station till the early hours of Aug 31. The survivor, a Class VI student of a govt school, stood witness to the ill-treatment of her parents in the presence of the accused, Sathish, a water can supplier in the neighbourhood. He is yet to be arrested though the FIR was registered on Aug 31. The girl's father is a construction worker and her mother a cook. Though the incident came to light on Aug 29 and the case registered on Aug 31, the child is yet to get the mandatory

counselling by a District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) or anyone from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). On Aug 29, the girl's mother returned from work in the evening and found her writhing with pain in the stomach. She took her to a private clinic where a doctor examined said she had been raped. The girl was referred to Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital (KMCH) where doctors said she had been sexually assaulted repeatedly. Informed by KMCH authorities, an Anna Nagar all-women police team visited the hospital. Contrary to rules, inspector Raji asked the mother to bring her Aadhaar card.

Hartalika Teej celebrated amid merriment

PRAYAGRAJ: Applying mehndi on their hands, buying items varying from sarees and bangles to cosmetic items, women of the city celebrated Haritalika Teej festival on Friday with religious fervor and enthusiasm. The festival falls on 'Shukla paksh' of the month of Shravan and is mainly a celebration of greenery. Women dress up in green attires and accessories like bangles and apply 'mehndi' to celebrate the festival.

Women formed small groups in localities and sang traditional songs to celebrate the festival with merry-making. It is also called the 'swing festival', where decorated swings were hanging from trees for women dressed in their best attires.

A heavy rush was witnessed at jewellery and cosmetic shops. A large number of women wanted to buy bangles. Shops and beauty parlours also witnessed a rush, as also shops selling sarees in various markets, including Chowk, Katra and Civil Lines.

A woman getting 'mehndi' applied on hands at Civil Lines market commented on the significance of 'Hartalika Teej', saying "It is believed unmarried women who observe fast on this day and pray to Goddess Parvati are blessed with a husband like Lord Shiva and enjoy a



happily married life. The fast, however, is observed by both unmarried and married women."

Anjana, who is observing fast, said "It is believed that on this day, Goddess Parvati also known as Teejmata celebrated her union with Lord Shiva, swinging in the pleasant season of rains. The festival is dedicated to the daughters of the house. Married women keep fast on the day while unmarried girls seek blessings from the deity for a good husband."

The day symbolises reunion of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Remembering Parvati's happiness, the women celebrated in different ways such as applying mehndi, wearing new clothes, swinging, dressing up traditionally and visiting parent's home.

The fields turn lush green and the festivity is the celebration of prosperity. Some people regard it as a harvest festival. Teej is often recognised as a festival for women to have relief from busy household duties. Women clad in colourful dresses and ornaments, adorn their hands with beautiful mehndi patterns. The preferred colour on this day is green. The gaiety gets enlivened through traditional songs, dances, worship in temples and sumptuous feasts. The festival is also known as Singhara Teej and Shrawani Teej as well, said a priest.

The festival symbolizes reunion of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. On this day, women pray and worship Goddess Parvati for conjugal bliss and happy married life. Married women go to the home of their parents, wear new clothes preferably green and bangles, sing Teej songs while swinging.

Flipkart's sellers conclave empowers entrepreneurs

Varanasi: In a dynamic fusion of innovation and entrepreneurship, the Delhi seller conclave united over 1500 visionary sellers, who, through immersive sessions and expert guidance, explored areas of customer demands and market trends through a diverse range of engaging sessions. The seller's conclave is setting milestones in the e-commerce landscape, sparking meaningful connections among entrepreneurs, driving innovation through expert insights and trendspotting, and re-shaping the online retail landscape by empowering businesses to adapt, grow, and thrive in a rapidly changing digital world. Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, hosted an impactful seller conclave in Delhi as part of its nationwide effort to empower and uplift local entrepreneurs. In Delhi, 1500 unique sellers gathered to engage in insightful sessions to enhance their understanding of market dynamics, customer preferences, and strategic growth opportunities. The seller conclave, hosted ahead of the 11th edition of The Big Billion Days (TBDD), aims to equip sellers with advanced tools, skills, and knowledge, preparing them to excel during the upcoming festive season. The conclave facilitated meaningful connections and fostered a collaborative ecosystem, driving growth, success, and mutual prosperity for sellers and Flipkart alike. The event was graced by several Flipkart leaders, including Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer; Jayendran Venugopal, Chief Product and Technology Officer; Sandeep Karwa, Vice President of Flipkart Ads Platform; Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply Chain, Customer Experience, and ReCommerce; Sakait Chaudhary, Business Head - Marketplace; and Prathyusha Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer of Shopsy, who shared valuable insights on customer demands, buying trends, and strategies for optimizing their online presence ahead of the festive season. Flipkart's unwavering dedication to innovation was on full display as it introduced advanced analytics tools, offering actionable insights and data-driven strategies to enhance sellers' online presence, competitiveness, and customer engagement. Furthermore, Flipkart stressed the critical importance of agility and efficiency, urging sellers to leverage its robust and reliable logistics capabilities to meet the surge in festive season demand, ensuring timely deliveries, exceptional customer satisfaction, and a seamless shopping experience. The conclave equipped sellers with practical insights to enhance their online presence and harness Flipkart's cutting-edge analytics capabilities for strategic business decisions. This event was a crucial part of Flipkart's comprehensive initiative to drive innovation and support sellers' entrepreneurial spirit, enabling them to succeed in their business endeavors.

Teachers are leaders of future of the students: Ankita Khera

St. Peter's Educational English Medium School Meja Road celebrated Teacher's Day with pomp and show in joyous atmosphere

Meja: Teacher's Day was celebrated with great pomp and show in a very joyful atmosphere at St. Peter's Educational English Medium School. The program started by offering flowers and garlands to the statues of Mother Saraswati and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. On this auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day, teachers and teachers were honored by all the students of the school. During this time, their respective classrooms were also beautifully decorated and decorated by the students of the school. Teachers were given a grand welcome and felicitation in all the classes. Teacher's Day program was organized in the auditorium of the school premises in which school Principal Mrs. Ankita Khera described the work of teachers as the most important and said that the identity of the best

teacher is his qualification. He further said that teachers build the future of students and make them the

times more than a mother. He also said that only those students move forward who follow the ideals

The greatest contribution of Dr. Radhakrishnan was well remembered in the program. The efforts of the



best people in the society.

Various types of programs were presented beautifully by the students. In the same sequence, school manager Abhishek said that just as a mother is highly revered, in the same way teachers are revered a hundred

given by the Guru and organize their life by following his orders. Not only this, Mr. Khera, with special focus on the importance of knowledge and the glory of the Guru, gave a special message to the school's Wished the children Happy Teacher's Day.

school teachers and children in making the program a safe success were appreciated by the people present. On this occasion, all the teachers, students of the school, school staff Deepak Kumar, Brijesh Kumar and many other people were prominently present.

Debt Recovery Tribunal, Allahabad allows S.A.

Prayagraj: Debts Recovery Tribunal, Allahabad, Presiding Officer, R. M. Kushawaha while hearing SA Case No.: 450 OF 2023 on September 2 involving M/s Sandeep Kumar Poultry Farm, via Proprietor Sandeep Vs. S. Applicants represented by Arif Iqbal, who presented several arguments on behalf of his client. The order states that the SARFAESI application filed by the S. Applicants is, hereby, allowed and the symbolic possession notice dated 14.11.2018, sale notice dated 01.05.2023, order of the ADM dated 20.08.2022 and the auction sale held on 24.05.2023 together with all the subsequent actions are, hereby, set aside. The respondent Bank/auction purchaser are directed to handover the physical possession of the property in question to the S. Applicants within a period of 15 days' from the date of this

order. The respondent Bank is further directed to return the sale price deposited by the auction purchaser within a period of 15 days' from the date of this order along with 9% simple interest. Interim I.A./Interim order pending, if any, stands disposed off/vacated.

SA has been filed by the S. Applicants challenging the entire SARFAESI actions undertaken by the respondent Bank which includes order of the ADM, Etawah dated 20.07.2022 and auction held on 24.07.2022 for recovery of Rs.1,50,74,434/- plus interest and other charges.

Advocate Arif Iqbal argued that the respondent Bank has issued the symbolic possession notice which has not been served to the S. Applicants, therefore, they could not attach the symbolic possession notice with this SA. It is further submitted that whether the symbolic possession

notice has been published in newspapers or not, is not known to the S. Applicants. It is further submitted that the symbolic possession notice has also not been affixed on the secured assets. It is further submitted by the Ld. Counsel for the S. Applicants that the respondent Bank has neither served the sale notice dated 01.05.2023 to the S. Applicants nor it was published in two newspapers. It is further submitted that in the symbolic possession notice and sale notice, there are 2 properties mentioned. It is further submitted that the respondent Bank has sold the property in question on the basis of one year old valuation report. It is further submitted that on the basis of defective symbolic possession notice, the respondent Bank has obtained the order from the ADM, Etawah for taking physical possession of the property in question on 20.08.2022. Further sub-

mitted that on the basis of the defective order of the ADM, the SDM has taken the physical possession of the property in question and handed over the same to the auction purchaser. The property in question is now in possession of the auction purchaser. It is further submitted by the Ld. Counsel for the S. Applicants that the Auction Purchaser has not deposited the 25% and 75% of the sale price in time. Therefore, there is violation of Rule 9(3) & 9(4) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. It is further that in the order of the ADM dated 20.08.2022, the boundaries are different but plot numbers are correct. Request is made that since the respondent Bank has not followed the proper procedures as contained in the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and Rules made there under while undertaking the SARFAESI actions against the S. Applicants, therefore, S.A. may be allowed.

Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal honored teachers

Teachers lay foundation for bright future of students: Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal

Lucknow: Teachers lay the foundation for the bright future of the students through their knowledge and education, which helps the students in their life. Are able to achieve the goals. Expressing the same idea, State Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Kapil Dev Aggarwal honored the teachers in the teacher felicitation ceremony organized at Techno Group of Institutions, Lucknow on Friday. As the chief guest in the program Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal, while appreciating the contribution of teachers, said that teachers play an important role in building the society. It is through their hard work and dedication that educated and capable citizens are created in the society, who shape the future of the country. The Minister said that teachers who contribute in the field of education are the true guides of the society. Kapil Dev Aggarwal in his address said that in

today's time, there is a great need for innovation in education. Teachers should not only stick to the curriculum but also introduce students to new skills, modern technologies and professional competencies, so that they can face future challenges and achieve their goals. At the end of the program, the

courage their efforts to provide quality education to the new generation.

In the function, Acharyas of various branches of Saraswati Vidya Mandir were specially honored for their service and excellent teaching work. The honored teachers included Ramesh Chandra Verma,

teachers of various departments were also honored. Abhishek Dwivedi from Science Department, Mohan Verma from Fine Arts Department, Ashish Nigam from Computer Science Department, Dhruv Kumar Singh from Education Department, Dr. Arun Sharma from Commerce De-



Minister expressed his gratitude to all the teachers and respected persons and inspired them for their continued cooperation and dedication in the field of education. Such programs underline the importance of teachers in the society and en-

Umesh Chandra Mishra, Vedika Tripathi, Rakesh Chandra Dwivedi, Badri Vishal, Dinesh Kumar Verma and Rajesh Kumar Shukla. On this occasion, Principal of Techno College Dr. Seema Wali, Registrar Vijay Anand Tiwari and leading

partment and Dr. Vinay Kumar from Journalism and Mass Communication Department. Awards were given for contribution in the development of conducive academic environment and their excellent teaching and institute.

Engage young, since they are cornerstone of prosperous India: City chief

Prayagraj: While presiding over the meeting called by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) regarding the membership campaign, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that the membership campaign should be started on a large scale. Already happened. Yuva Morcha has completed every campaign successfully. Morcha workers have accepted challenges even in adverse circumstances. That is why Yuva Morcha is a strong part of BJP. Now the Morcha workers have to devote themselves wholeheartedly to the membership campaign. Provide membership to the youth by telling them about the ideal-



ogy of the organization and the achievements of the central and state governments. Youth are the foundation of developed India. Prayagraj metropolis is the bastion of youth. Engage the youth by going door to door. Create members by organizing camps in areas where the number of youth is high. To become a member, you have to make a missed call on 8800002024. Metropolitan President of Yuva Morcha Pappu Pandey Rohit said that the organization has high expectations from the Morcha workers and this expectation has to be lived up to during the membership campaign. On this occasion, Saurabh Singh, Shyam Prakash Pandey, Manish Singh, Devendra Shukla, Aman Kesarwani, Ankit Goswami, Ayush Pandey, Adarsh Sonkar, Pawan Mishra, Luvkush Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Rakesh Bharti, Prashant Shukla, Achyut Anant Pandey, Aastik Shukla etc. were present.

Rajkumar elected prez, Bharat Lal gen sec Suresh Kesarwani got the responsibility of treasurer again

PRAYAGRAJ: To make year. Deepak Jaiswal was nominated as Information and Broadcasting Minister Manish Kesarwani as Income-Expenditure Inspector and Ashok Kumar Kesarwani as Patron of Ramlila Committee. The responsibility of manager Vijaypal and director was handed over to Shiv Kumar Gupta and Rajendra Kumar Patel. Stage directors Sandeep Jaiswal, Monu Sahu and Virendra Jaiswal were selected. With the aim of successfully completing the Ramlila staging, the responsibility was given to Dr. Rakesh Kesarwani, Ravindra Mishra Shastri and Vijay Chandra Vishwakarma as consultants. Fair managers Bhaskar Singh Patel and Alok Yadav were selected. Ramlila staging will start from 2nd October and Dussehra will conclude on 11th October with attractive tableaux and various programmes. To ensure successful completion of Ramlila fair officials along with the administrative board were also selected.

Teachers' role important in nation building Jaunpur: BEO honoured six teachers of the block who did excellent work at BRC Sikrara.

Sikrara: On Thursday, at the Block Resource Center, Block Education Officer Ajit Singh honoured six teachers of the block who did excellent work in council schools by giving them certificates and Angavastram. In his address, the BEO said that a teacher is the creator of a civilized and peaceful nation. His role in nation building is important. The role of a teacher is not limited to just teaching students. Apart from studies, it is also the teacher's duty to make students aware of their responsibilities related to social life and to make them capable of building society. He honoured five teachers of the block, Amit Singh, Sanyukta Singh, Sushila Devi, Sarvjeet Yadav and Pradeep Kumar Singh, included in the district list, as well as six teachers of the block, Nupur Srivastava, Amar Bahadur Yadav, Sarita Pal, Meera Kannaujia, Priyanka Srivastava, Indu Das, Manju Jaiswar and Umashankar Yadav, by giving them Angavastram and a citation. On this occasion, a large number of teachers including ARP Sushil Kumar Upadhyay, Suresh Kumar Yadav, Anupam Srivastava, Shailendra Kumar Yadav were present.



Prophet row: AIMIM demands arrest of seer

Prayagraj: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Monday at 11.30 am, a program of protest has been organized at the District Magistrate's office regarding the arrest of Mahant Ramgiri for his indecent remarks on Prophet Hazrat Mohammad Sahib, in which the President will be informed through the District Magistrate. Memorandum will be given as a mark of protest and demand for immediate arrest of accused, informed AIMIM Metropolitan President Afsar Mahmood.

101st manifestation festival of Shankaracharya Swaroopanand held

Prayagraj: The 101st manifestation festival of Pujyapad Jyotish and Dwarka Sharda Peethadhishwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Swaroopanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj was celebrated in Shri Mankameshwar Mahadev Temple, in which Rudrabhishek of Lord Mankameshwar was performed from 9 am, followed by Paduka puja of Pujya Maharaj Shri from 11:30



am. The worship program was performed by Mahant Brahmachari Shridharanand Ji Maharaj and was conducted by 11 Acharyas. A huge Bhandara was organized from 12 o'clock in which the prominent presence was Prayagraj City Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, District President Rajendra Mishra, Rais Shukla, Ashok Pathak, Pradeep Mishra, Anshuman, Vijay Mishra, Ram Krishna Tiwari, Rajendra Pandey, Dr. Tarakeshwar Pandey, Gaurav Karwariya, Banwari Lal Sharma, Anoop Tripathi Awadhesh Tripathi Alok Tripathi Anand Tripathi.

Women employees prayed for OPS on Hartalika fast Urging the government to seek wisdom

Prayagraj: On the auspicious occasion of Hartalika Teej fast festival, on the fifth day of the symbolic protest, the teacher women of Ateva Prayagraj, on the call of NMOPS / Ateva National President Shri Vijay Kumar Bandhuji, wore a black band and worked for 96 hours in protest against UPS. Demanding old pension OPS, protested against UPS by tying a black band on the wrist. Female District Convener of Ateva Neelam Singh said that women, who

against the new pension.

District Convener of Ateva Jitendra Kumar Jitu and General Secretary RK Singh Yadav, while thanking all the media brothers of Prayagraj district, congratulated the officers and staff teachers of the departments for making this peaceful movement successful. Provincial leadership of Prayagraj, Mr. Ashok Kanojia. And expressed gratitude to IT cell state in-charge Syed Danish Imran, national executive member Mr. Sanjay Patel and district patron Ateva. The above information was given by district media in-charge employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra. This movement was organized by Surendra Pratap Singh, Rajiv Yadav, Suresh Yadav, Dharmendra Yadav, Manoj A m b e d k a r Ravindra Kumar, Arvind Kumar, Dharmendra Kumar

Singh, Rajesh Kushwaha, Rizwan Ahmed, Vikas Maurya, Sandeep Kushwaha Krishna Vibhuti Singh, Ramesh Kumar Gupta, Anurag Pandey, Dharmendra Yadav, Narendra Kumar, Anjana Singh, Deepa, Preeti Vriji, Aarti Singh, Pushpalata Singh, Deepti Gaur, Dipali Pipla, Ranjana Pandey, Shashi Kanta Saini, Ranjana Srivastava, Phoolchand Yadav from PWD, Rajendra Babu Kesharwani, Vijay Bharat, Ranjit Kaithwas, Shivakant Dwivedi, Rahul Upadhyay, Rajiv Ranjan Patel, Brijesh Kumar, Singh, Ramsuphal Verma, Arjun, Gyan Chand, Mukesh Kumar, Ram Achal Pal, Dharamraj Yadav, Santosh Kumar Gupta, Suryaprakash Srivastava, Sanjeet Kumar Yadav, Vijay Bharat, Lalji Pal, Premshankar Patel, Ashok Kumar etc.



are considered half the population for OPS, demanded I want freedom from NPS/UPS. Leadership of Phulpur. Anjali Atri District Minister Ateva said that it is a big misfortune that all the givers and takers of the new pension and the Unified Pension Committee themselves take the old pension OPS and are spreading the knowledge to lakhs of employees that UPS is good, it is only so good. Honorable people and those who were in the committee, why don't they leave the old one and take the new one, we all need the old pension. On Hartalika Teej, I pray to God to provide wisdom to the Central and State Governments. In the form of Rani Nehru Hospital nurses. President KK Pandey, Jagriti Singh and Prabha tied black bands and registered their protest

Minister Nandi expresses ire over poor ranking of Prayagraj in law & order indices

Police officers could not answer Minister Nandi's questions

* Instructions to stop the salary of DSO and Drug Inspector for being absent in review meet

* Issue of show cause notice to SDM Phulpur and PDA officials

* Strict action should be taken by running campaign against exploitative moneylenders

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi on Friday conducted a detailed review of the development works, law and order and revenue department of Prayagraj in the Circuit House Auditorium. In which Minister Nandi expressed his displeasure over the absence of responsible officers of many departments and directed the District Magistrate to take action against the concerned officers. In the meeting, instructions were given to issue show cause notice in case of absence of SDM Phulpur and absence of any officer of PDA, to take action in case of absence of Chief Engineer Vidyut and to stop the salary of DSO and Drug Inspector. Reviewing the law and order Minister Nandi discussed about the district's ranking in law and order, response time of

PRB, action taken in very serious cases, cases related to SC/ST Act, cases related to Excise Act, NDPS Act, Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, POCSO Act, action taken in serious cases, While reviewing the issues related to arrest of reward declared criminals, cases related to women, forest mafia, land mafia, he called for immediate arrest of wanted criminals to curb the crimes more strictly, timely completion of pending investigations, and timely arrest of reward declared criminals. Instructions have been given to arrest them as soon as possible and take immediate action against heinous crimes.

Expressing his displeasure over the poor law and order situation in Prayagraj, Minister Nandi gave instructions to improve it and take strict action against the criminals. Minister Nandi said that Prayagraj's ranking in compliance with law and order is 69 in the entire state, which is very bad. This need to be rectified and strictest action should be taken against the criminals. Minister Nandi said that the pending discussions in the POCSO Act should be resolved soon. Also, foot patrolling should be increased not only in the

city but in the entire district. Minister Nandi gave instructions to speed up action under Section 14A. Additional Police Commis-

ioner N Kolanchi, District Magistrate Navneet Chahal, CDO Gaurav Kumar, Municipal Commissioner Chandramohan Garg and officials of all other departments were present in the meeting. In the review meeting, Minister Nandi said that priority should be given to entrepreneur friends Minister Nandi directed to conduct a surprise visit to the District Magistrate on the complaint of GST Department officials not reaching the office on time and not sitting in the office. While reviewing the Revenue Department, Minister Nandi said that the rejected files should not be kept pending by making

them controversial without any reason. Take full care that the transfer process is completed within 45 days. Minister Nandi said that in

that the action should be as per the rules, should be correct, should be done on time and must be done due

which District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal informed that the disposal has been expedited by review-



cases of name transfer, only the parties or their relatives can lodge objections, not outsiders. Reviewed in detail the progress of the works of major departments related to the permanent construction works of Maha Kumbh Mela-2025, disposal of complaint letters endorsed by them and other issues. In view of Mahakumbh 2025, instructions were given to complete the works being done within the stipulated time. Minister Nandi has given instructions to complete the works being done for road widening quickly. Along with getting the complaint letters marked by him followed up, he also said

Minister drank tea at PM Awasi Yojana beneficiaries' residence

After the review meeting, Minister Nandi reached Soraon tehsil area with the officials. Here Minister Nandi inspected the cow shelter, where he fed jaggery to the



cows. Minister Nandi met the beneficiary of Chief Minister Housing Scheme, where villagers have complained that group meetings do not take place. On which Minister Nandi instructed the officials to take action. Minister Nandi met the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Magu Gupta, Munna Gupta and Geeta Gupta. Inspected his house and sat there and drank tea.

to excessive pendency of complaints in Prayagraj district and poor ranking of the district on the IGRS portal. Received information about the reasons and actions being taken for quality disposal of complaints and to improve the ranking, on

ing it daily and those who are negligent in disposal of complaints will be punished. Action has also been taken against the officials. He said that in this sequence, last month's salary of 78 officers was also withheld.

ONGC going to invest Rs 1L cr in Prayagraj: Minister

Proposed to establish a refinery facility with BPCL
Changed environment: Instead of migration, today huge firms themselves are stepping forward to invest

Prayagraj: Before 2017, industries were migrating from Prayagraj. Now, under the Yogi government, big companies themselves are coming forward to invest in Prayagraj. Recently JK Cement plant has started in Shankargarh. The plant is being set up by Varun Beverages in Saraswati Hitech City at a cost of Rs 1000 crore. Now Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has proposed to the Industrial Development Department of Uttar Pradesh Government to set up a refinery cum petrochemical complex with a capacity of 12 million metric tons per year in Prayagraj with an investment of about Rs 100,000 crore. Due to which on one hand there will be large scale investment in Prayagraj, on the other hand large scale employment will be created in direct and indirect form. Industrial Development Minister of Uttar Pradesh

Government in the employment fair and loan distribution ceremony organized under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Phulpur on Wednesday. And Prayagraj City South MLA Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi had said in his address that not only the country but the world is eager to invest in Uttar Pradesh. JK Cement, which was migrating from Prayagraj during the previous governments, has recently set up its plant in Bara. This is just the beginning, big companies are coming to Prayagraj. Investment worth lakhs of crores is going to be made in Prayagraj.

The project to set up a refinery plant at Prayagraj will be set up in collaboration with ONGC, BPCL and a foreign partner. Regarding which talks are going on on technical issues between the officials of Industrial Development Department

and ONGC. The Industrial Development Department has given information about capital subsidy, SGST reimbursement, interest subsidy, refund of electricity duty, stamp duty exemption, exemption of transmission duty on purchased electricity, EPF reimbursement as incentives to ONGC. ONCC UP is included in FDI and Fortune-500 companies. Who can get the benefit of FDI and Fortune Global and Fortune Indis-500 policy of Uttar Pradesh. The Industrial Development Department has welcomed ONGC's proposal and assured its full support. ONGC has started discussions with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) to collaborate on this project. In Prayagraj, BPCL has abundant land for refinery in Naini and Bara, where the refinery can be established. Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, Industrial De-

velopment Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh is emerging as the best destination for investment. The new Uttar Pradesh of the new India has become the best example in the country for business-centric and citizen-centric reforms. Due to strong law and order and excellent industrial policy, today investors themselves are coming forward to invest in Uttar Pradesh. In previous governments, where investors were scared of goons and mafia and were fleeing Uttar Pradesh, today industrial units are being set up not only in Noida and NCR but in various districts and areas of the same Uttar Pradesh. ONGC's proposal to set up a refinery plant in Prayagraj is a direct proof of this.

Memo presented once more to make Shringverpur Dham a tehsil Siyaram Saroj submitted a memorandum to the CM

Prayagraj: On Friday, under the banner of the District Development Committee, a delegation led by social worker and advocate Siyaram Saroj submitted a memorandum to the CM, the representative of the DM, ADM City, regarding the declaration of the famous mythological place Shringverpur Dham as a tehsil. Addressing the people after submitting the memorandum, committee chairman Siyaram Saroj said that there are many facilities including schools, colleges and hospitals in the Srigrverpur area. The construction of the block here has brought many con-



veniences to the people. But a lot still remains to be done in this land known for justice, in which the biggest problem of the people here is the absence of tehsil. He said that thousands of people here go to Tehsil Soranao every day for small work, which is about 40 km away. Due to which people's entire day and Rs 500 are wasted. The poor farmer is forced to go to the tehsil by taking loan unwillingly here. If Chief Minister Yogi, who loves justice and removes the pain and suffering of the poor, declares Shringverpur Dham as a tehsil, then the people here will always be indebted to him, because this will not only save their time but will also save their money so that they can buy something for their children. On this occasion, advocate Santosh Mishra, AK Dwivedi, BR Srivastava, Dilip Maurya, Vinod Ojha, Praveen Srivastava and others were prominent.

Peace Committee meet held over Ganesh Chaturthi and Eid-e-Miladunnabi

Prayagraj: Peace Committee meeting was organized in the police station Kareli premises to ensure peaceful conduct of the upcoming festival Ganesh Chaturthi and Eid-e-Miladunnabi. The meeting was presided over by police station incharge Rajesh Kumar Maurya, in which regional councilors, representatives of civil defense, members of the district crime control unit and distinguished citizens of the area were present. Po-

lice station incharge Rajesh Kumar Maurya heard from all the people present their suggestions and problems



and emphasis was laid on maintaining law and order during festivals. He ap-

pealed to the distinguished citizens present to maintain harmony and brotherhood in the society, so that the

various outpost in-charges of Karaili police station were also present, who informed about the regional situation. Local citizens also shared their experiences and suggestions. During this, it was said to pay special attention to security arrangements and traffic system. The members present resolved to celebrate the upcoming festivals in a peaceful and harmonious manner.

Cong's Nishant Rastogi became Mirzapur in-charge

Prayagraj: Even before the Assembly by-election, Congress has made Prayagraj Youth Congress leader State General Secretary Youth Congress Nishant Rastogi in-charge of Mirzapur district. Nishant Rastogi told that there are to be assembly by-elections in UP, in which by-elections are also to be held in Majhwa Assembly which falls in Mirzapur district, in such a situation, getting the charge of Mirzapur district is a big responsibility and challenge for me. I express my gratitude to the top leadership for this big responsibility and assure them that the responsibility given at the time of by-elections will be fulfilled by working day and night with the Youth Congress colleagues and ensuring victory in the Majhwa assembly seat of Mirzapur. I will work to get it done. Leaders of Youth Congress and City Congress congratulated Nishant Rastogi on being made in-charge. Among those who congratulated were mainly City President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, Raghunath Dwivedi, Vinay Pandey, Saurabh Choudhary, Shubham Shukla, Madhavi Rai, Poonam Yadav. There were dozens of people including Harshit Sharan, Ankush Singh, Pranjal Yadav, Himanshu.

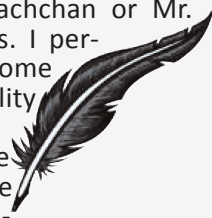
Editorial

Personality rights have gained importance

"A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies, pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names, images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today. In 1995, the Supreme Court recognised a person's right to control the commercial use of one's identity in the R Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu case, commonly known as the Auto Shankar case. In 2015, the Madras High Court intervened to protect actor Rajinikanth's personality rights, halting the release of the movie Main Hoon Rajinikanth. The filmmakers had utilised the actor's name and style without his express permission, with the title itself serving as a clear indication of its connection to Rajinikanth. In yet another case involving actor Amitabh Bachchan, the Delhi High Court in November 2022 restrained the use of the actor's name, image, voice, or any of his characteristics without his consent. It is crucial to note that in intellectual property right cases, it's often impractical to name all infringing parties, leading affected parties to seek blanket injunctions or ban orders, known as 'John Doe' orders. Originating from the UK, John Doe orders are passed by a court against unknown defendants and the world at large. In September 2023, the Delhi High Court ruled in favour of actor Anil Kapoor in a case filed by him to protect his image and personality from misuse by third parties. Kapoor had petitioned the court, stating that several parties were using aspects of his personality.

, including popular terms from his dialogues, like 'Jhakaas', 'Lakhan', 'Mr. India', 'Majnu Bhai', and 'Nayak', without his permission. 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.



Modi government's stance towards fiscal policy

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's presentation of the interim budget on 1 February and the Union budget on 23 July, the main event was the Lok Sabha election that brought the BJP-led NDA back to power but with a reduced majority. The impact of this sole event is evident in the differences between the two budgets, which not only inform us about the shift in the Narendra Modi government's stance towards fiscal policy but also tells us how the ruling party is reading the election results and what it intends to do about them. Here is how the two budgets compare in terms of allocation and what they reveal are the government's priority areas. There are only a few changes in expenditure allocations, and most of them can be linked to the areas that the finance minister emphasised in her budget speech. The biggest change is in the budgeted transfers to the states. For 'special' and other 'need-based assistance' for which budget provision is not made, the Centre earmarked only Rs 4,000 crore in the interim budget; but in the Union budget, this has been raised to Rs 20,000 crore. The other is zero interest loans for capital expenditure for 50 years, which basically makes them a grant. For this, the government has allocat-



ed Rs 1,50,000 crore in the Union budget, up from Rs 1,30,000 crore in the interim budget. These as well as the emphasis on certain states in the finance minister's speech reflect the realities of coalition politics. The Modi government wants more freedom of action in making transfers to the states. Another difference is in the allocation for the price stabilisation fund (PSF) scheme, which will be used for "maintaining buffer stock of pulses, onions and potatoes and making sufficient availability of said commodities in the market so as to cool down the prices as and when required". From no expenditure made in the last two years and no allocation in the interim budget, the government has moved to allocating Rs 10,000 crore to this fund, the biggest so far. Perhaps the government is expecting some of these commodities to see high

inflation and is willing to absorb some losses to bring down the prices. The finance minister's speech emphasised employment and skilling, with new allocations. About Rs 10,000 crore has been allocated for a new Employment Generation Scheme. Sitharaman announced three schemes. The first is a subsidy of up to Rs 15,000 to people entering the workforce in the formal sector, which would be given as a direct benefit transfer in three instalments. The second is to incentivise additional employment in the manufacturing sector, linked to the employment of first-time employees, by providing an incentive directly both to the employee and the employer with respect to their EPFO contribution in the first four years of employment. The third scheme provides reimbursement to employers up to Rs 3,000 per month for two

years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

is Rs 2000 crore for a new internship programme to be implemented by the department of consumer affairs. The government has also allocated Rs 1,000 crore for a new ITI upgradation scheme. The other areas of priority mentioned in the budget speech are productivity and resilience in agriculture, inclusive human resource development and social justice, manufacturing and services, urban development, energy security, infrastructure, innovation, research and development, and next-generation reforms. These have either not translated into any change in allocation (perhaps because the allocation in the interim budget was deemed adequate) or have led to relatively small changes. Under the priority area of energy security, the government has allocated Rs 6,250 crore for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which was launched earlier this year. For urban development, there is an additional allocation of Rs 4,000 crore for housing under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). While the first area that Sitharaman had emphasised in her budget speech was agriculture, the only major change in allocation towards this sector is Rs

4,700 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Yojana, under which remunerative prices are supposed to be provided to farmers. Further, while the government has continued the emphasis on infrastructure expenditure, the only major change in allocation from the interim budget is an additional allocation of Rs 6,000 crore for road works. Overall, most of the allocations in the Union budget are same as those in the interim budget. The only major deviations are in additional allocations for special assistance to states, which will likely be used for states ruled by BJP allies at the Centre, an acknowledgement of the need to do more for employment creation, and in an allocation for price stabilisation. Since the Union budget envisages additional expenditure of Rs 54,744 crore over the expenditure budgeted in the interim budget, most of the additional allocations to the purposes and schemes discussed above did not require a reduction in allocations in other areas. Since the 2024 Lok Sabha election results were contrary to the government's expectations, there was a chance that the government may opt for major changes in allocation. However, the overall thrust of the expenditure strategy remains the same.

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

By cancelling all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued by the West Bengal government after 2010, the Calcutta High Court has struck at the darkest instincts of appeasement of not just the Mamata Banerjee government but of Indian polity in general. Remember, the Left was still in power in 2010 in Bengal, when the legislation was created. Nakedly soliciting Muslim votes by misusing the OBC quota is not unique to West Bengal.

Karnataka and many other states have been brazenly doing it. Taking advantage of the ambiguity in the Constitution in defining 'Backward Classes' and bending the guarantee under Article 15.1 that the State

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

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

State govts' spending on freebies harming India's growth story

The situation is the same in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand. Meanwhile, the central government is not in favour of states taking more loans because it is against the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003. The states in debt due to expenditure on freebie schemes are unable to spend on the necessary responsibilities. Industries in Punjab are incurring high electricity bills because the AAP government is giving free electricity to nearly 60 lakh people. Infrastructure development in the state is getting badly affected too. Punjab, once the state with the highest per capita income in the country, has slipped to the 19th position. Other debt-ridden states are suffering a similar fate. In its 2024 election manifesto, Congress has announced Rs 1 lakh as an unconditional cash transfer to the poor every year as part of its Mahalaxmi Scheme. If the party comes to power, the implementation of such a scheme can be frightening. It's notable that as of 31 March 2023, the total debt on the governments (central and state) in India (including the guarantees given by them) was Rs 231.7 lakh crores, which was 85.1 per cent of GDP at current prices. Out of this, the total debt of the central government is equal to 57.1 per cent of the GDP and the rest is of

the state governments (nearly 28 per cent of GDP). According to the FRBM Act, the target debt-GSDP (gross state domestic product) ratio, in any state, should not exceed 20 per cent. But as per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in many of the states of the country, this ratio is much more than the targeted one. It reached 48.98 per cent in Punjab, 42.37 per cent in Rajasthan, 37.39 per cent in West Bengal, 36.73 per cent in Bihar, 35.30 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 31.53 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 27.80 per cent in Telangana, 27.27 per cent in Tamil Nadu, and 26.47 per cent in Chhattisgarh in 2020-21. If the debt on state government enterprises and the guarantees given by the state governments are also added, then by 2020-21, the debt to GSDP ratio in Rajasthan would be 54.94 per cent and in Punjab, it would be 58.21 per cent. In Andhra Pradesh also it has been estimated. at 53.77 per cent; it is 47.89 per cent in Telangana and 47.13 per cent in Madhya Pradesh. In West Bengal and Bihar, it's 40.35 per cent and 40.51 per cent, and in Tamil Nadu, 39.94 per cent. It is noteworthy that in Punjab, 45.5 per cent of the total tax revenue is being spent on free schemes and in Andhra Pradesh, expenditure on freebies is 30.3 per cent of total tax revenue. It's unfortunate that the

increase in the overall debt due to irresponsible freebies is causing the downgrade of sovereign ratings by international agencies. It has to be understood that whether it is the central or state governments, none has unlimited money to spend. The fiscal space largely depends on the tax-paying capacity of the people of the country. For a long time, our tax-GDP ratio has remained sticky at 17 per cent, out of which the ratio of taxes levied by the central government has remained around 10-11 per cent of the GDP. The total receipt of taxes (net) in the year 2024-25, of central government, has been estimated to be only Rs 26.02 lakh crore. In such a situation, in the total budget of Rs 47.66 lakh crore, after tax receipts of Rs 26.02 lakh crore and non-tax revenue receipts of Rs 4 lakh crore, the remaining fiscal deficit, which is about Rs 16.85 lakh crore, will be filled from borrowing. That is, there is no other way to spend more. Apart from this, it must also be understood that economists are unanimous on the view that more than 75 per cent of the total budget is spent on predetermined items, which include payment of principal and interest on loans raised in the past, salary and pension, defence expenditure, law and order, international relations, maintenance and other necessary expenses.

Things are improved, people appreciate peace, and Pakistani delusions are ended

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 and emotional crisis, the past shapes the future, so I try to get him to finish the memoir he keeps talking about. Honestly, we need to learn more from him. He rejects the 1987 Rajiv Gandhi election manipulation in his favor. He wonders how Ali Shah Geelani and four others from his side were elected if we

fixed it. Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami, another Kashmiri political veteran, should write a fiery memoir from an unlikely philosophy. He has repeatedly won state assembly elections for the CPI(M). Starting with 1967 six-day war protests for Palestine, he was a left activist. An hour with him will reveal the several attempts on his life, including one that killed nine people in a small gathering. In one of his many incarcerations, the jailer called him to tell he was getting parole without asking. Because his wife died giving birth to their first kid. His second

marriage ended after the death of his father-in-law. Always courageous, the comrade, 77, welcomes the improvements, emphasizing law respect. The government must move on, he adds. From "managing" to "engaging". Wondering what courage is? It must be moral, philosophical, and physical. He will denounce the Left-liberal community for blaming then-governor Jagmohan for instigating and promoting Kashmiri Pandits' exodus. "I never said so and never will. The extremists drove them away, he continues, listing notable Pandits dead in

the worst killings and atrocities. Neelkanth Ganjoo, the sessions judge who executed JKLF's Maqbool Bhat, is forgotten. Tarigami dwells in a fortress like the other leaders. He longingly recounts "how and why I was given this bungalow". There were countless attacks on his life and belongings. This is the story of all Kashmiri public figures. It's even more admirable that they persevere, maintain a political process, and are national treasures. Which job in India is hardest? Most difficult, risky, and thankless? Be governor (now lieutenant-governor).

Sarma's campaign reduced enrollment at Meghalaya University, which climbed from 6 to 6,000

Delhi: After Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma attacked USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque, the admission process was hampered. Hoque said that Sarma suggested last week that USTM students may be excluded from Assam government employment. Hoque said the institution worries about meeting this year's enrollment goal. In recent weeks, Sarma has criticized the private institution and its chancellor, which is run by a foundation founded by Assamese Bengali-Muslim Hoque. He accused the institution of "flood jihad" for removing trees and hills for building on the USTM campus, contributing to the Guwahati floods. Sarma also called the university's three-domed main gate a "Mecca-like structure" and a symbol of "jihad". However, he clarified that he wanted a Mecca-like structure, a church, and a namghar.



"Our admissions have plummeted since his statement. We expect at least 1,000 fewer students this year than expected, but admissions are still under way. Assam, the largest northeastern state, produces most of our pupils. Rural Assam students would worry what to do with their degrees if they can't get government jobs. Over 2,200 students enrolled in USTM's 50 programs last year. It aimed to enroll over 3,000 students this year after its NIRF result. We were optimistic of meeting the target given the initial admissions pace. However, enrollment has fallen since last week. chief minister declared Assam would

fill 35,000 jobs by April 2025. Hoque noted Thursday that many USTM students take competitive tests for government positions. We return money to students who pass competitive exams and get government employment. This attracts more students each year to take these exams." The institution does not track government job winners, but it has awarded 400 students for passing competitive tests like UGC-NET and GATE. Hoque said Sarma has been harassing him because of his "cap and beard," but that Baridua village inhabitants in Ri-Bhoi district consider USTM a "mini India". "95 percent of USTM

CBSE says schools should build composite skill laboratories to improve skill education

Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has ordered all associated schools to create a "Composite Skill Lab" with all essential equipment and machinery to implement NEP and NCF-SE guidelines. CBSE stated in an official notification that establishing a "Composite Skill Lab" would help students develop practical skills aligned with industry needs, improve employment prospects in various trades and vocations, allow exploration of diverse career pathways beyond traditional options, and foster entrepreneurial skills. Many



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schools lack the facilities and equipment for hands-on training. The Board's 139th Governing Body meeting mandated

that all affiliated schools establish a "Composite Skill Lab" with all necessary equipment and machinery to imple-

DU, Stephen's At Odds Over Allocation Of Quota Seats

Delhi: Amid the ongoing process of undergraduate admissions, the recently introduced 'single girl child' quota has become a new point of contention between St Stephen's College and Delhi University (DU). According to a university official, the college has refused to accept some

of the allocations made by DU in the first round. However, a source at St Stephen's College claimed that the university had made claims that the university had made additional allocations that exceeded the college's capacity. New launch me invest kiva, amazing ROI mila 99acres

Kiya Sahi Decision Liya Of the 19 allocations made under the 'single girl child' quota this time, the college approved only seven, the university official said. He added that another 10 students did not get a seat at the college under the unreserved category. Due to this, 12 candidates

ISRO's YUVIKA Program 2024: Class 9 kids can now register

"Goals of the YUVIKA Initiative This program's aim is to familiarize students with the principles of space science, technology"

Delhi: With the goal of educating schoolchildren, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is preparing to host the "Young Scientist Programme" (YUVI-



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Goals of the YUVIKA Initiative This program's aim is to familiarize students with the principles of space science, technology, and applications while emphasizing the latest developments in the area. ISRO's project is a component of its plan to

introduce young people to space science at an early age, seeing them as the future backbone of the country.

With a basic understanding of space-related concepts, the YUVIKA program aims to encourage more students to pursue careers in science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The initiative aims to educate school-going students on the newest scientific and technological breakthroughs, with a focus on students in rural areas.

The YUVIKA program has been a great success since its launch, and students from all states and union territories have participated. The program will be run in 2019, 2022, and 2023. It consists of lectures in the classroom, hands-on experiments, robotics challenges, and interactions with ISRO scientists.

RCAP lenders accuse IHL of employing delay strategies

Delhi: Lenders to indebted people in New Delhi IHL are allegedly using delaying tactics, according to Reliance Capital Ltd (RCAP), which is slowing down the implementation of the resolution plan. However, the Hinduja Group company has denied the claims, claiming it was acting in accordance with the law. IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IHL), based in Mauritius, emerged as the victorious bidder for Reliance Capital. "All allegations are completely false,



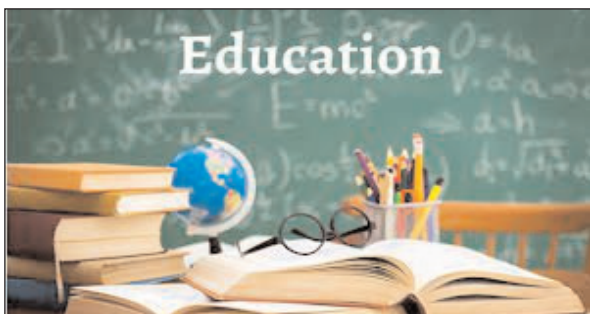
baseless and are an attempt to malign and obstruct the resolution process," sources with the IHL stated.

"Every accusation is false and inaccurate. Given that IHL has already paid Rs 2,750 crore with the CoC, there is simply no justification for the company to postpone the

plan's implementation," the corporate sources stated. Despite claims to the contrary, IHL stated that it is in its best interests to end the implementation as soon as possible and acquire the business in order to quickly halt the daily value erosion and concentrate on expansion.

Bihar launches a school monitoring scheme to boost education

Delhi: The Bihar government has initiated a rigorous monitoring process to ensure all government schools meet criteria. Over 8,000 officials and staff will inspect 10 to 15 schools, concentrating on infrastructure, academic and extracurricular activities, and midday meal programs. The monitoring team will also guarantee schools meet student requirements and provide quality education. The strategy supports the government's attempts to improve Bihar's education system and deliver quality education to all children. Dr. S. Siddharth, Additional Chief Secretary of the Education Department, declared that Bihar would upload monitoring information to e-



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Shikshakosh. The portal will track school success and highlight opportunities for improvement.

District officials are required to review, report, and correct issues. The administration has also threatened departmental

punishment against officials who violate the monitoring strategy. Department insiders said the school monitoring scheme will improve Bihar's education system, which has struggled recently.

Southampton University, UK, would be India's first foreign university under UGC

Delhi:

The Centre approved Southampton University's Gurugram campus Thursday to internationalize India's education system. Southampton, one of the top 100 universities in the QS World University Rankings, received a letter of intent from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) in New Delhi. The UGC expects the first academic session to start in July 2025, and the institution will hire Indian and foreign faculty. Southampton will be the first international institution to open a campus in India under the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023, notified in November. According to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, "top universities in the world will be facilitated to



operate in India". The regulations allow top 500 foreign universities to open campuses in India. The UGC guidelines allow international universities to set their admission and pricing policies, but the Commission will monitor their activities. The UGC has opened an online site for international universities to apply to open campuses in India. After IFSCA clearance, Deakin University and the University of Wollongong launched branch campuses in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) last year. Universities are not UGC-regulated. The public research

University of Southampton said its Delhi-NCR campus will provide education, research, knowledge exchange, and enterprise in the country. We will produce world-class, work-ready graduates with specialty and transferable skills to boost India's fast-growing knowledge sector. Vice-President International and Engagement, University of Southampton, Professor Andrew Atherton, said, "We will conduct research and knowledge exchange with local universities, industries, and government and apply the results to deliver real-world social and economic impact."

Jay Shah becomes ICC chairman unopposed



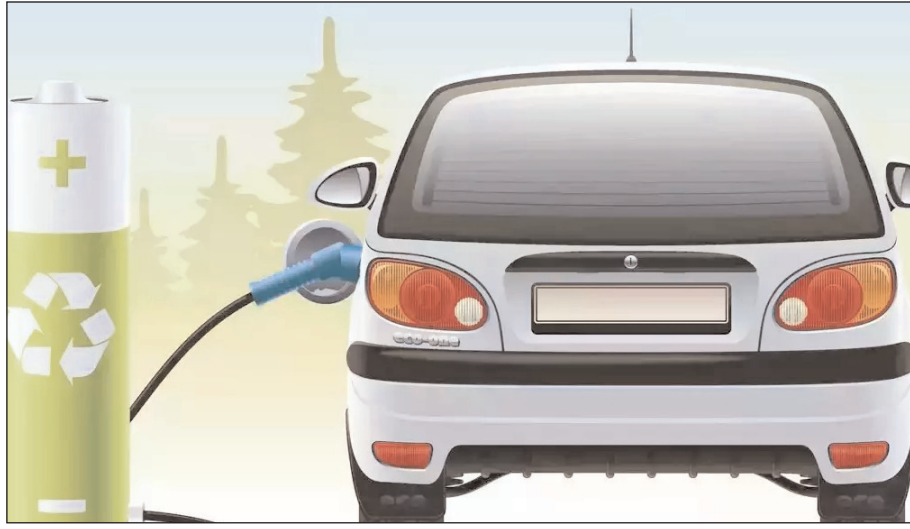
Delhi: Unopposed, BCCI secretary Jay Shah will succeed Greg Barclay as independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Shah, the sole nominee after Barclay declined a third term, will become ICC chairman on December 1, 2024. Shah promised to promote cricket worldwide after his election. He added the inclusion of T20 cricket in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics is crucial for the sport. "I will

collaborate with the ICC and our member nations to globalize cricket. At a key point, we must balance numerous formats, promote breakthrough technology, and present our premier events to new worldwide markets.

He stated that cricket should be more inclusive and popular than before. Shah follows Jagmohan Dalmiya, Sharad Pawar, N Srinivasan, and Shashank Manohar as ICC leaders. Shah, who will finish.

The EV scheme expired last year, Delhi car purchasers have been without the incentive for six months

Delhi: Since the EV scheme expired last year, Delhi car purchasers have been without the incentive for six months. The policy, which gives EV buyers financial advantages, expired on December 31, 2023, and was supposed to be extended in January. Transport minister Kailash Gahlot said bureaucratic hurdles prevented the extension, depriving the public of subsidized benefits for six months. "This should be expedited so that the people can benefit and Delhi can continue to be the No. 1 state in terms of EV penetration," Gahlot added. The state cabinet approved the



executive order for the policy extension, but the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections prevented its implementation, a transport department official said. "We have now sent the extension

proposal again for approval," the person said, expecting approval in a week. The bank managing the EV subsidy website had difficulty, the spokesman said. "The portal hadn't

used the vehicle number as a unique ID number, which may have led to discrepancies," stated. "The bank caused the delay. But now the portal is fixed." Electric two-wheelers receive a Rs. 5,000 subsidy per kWh of

battery capacity (maximum Rs. 30,000) under the EV program. A Rs. 30,000 subsidy is given to three-wheelers regardless of cost or battery capacity. The four-wheeler incentive was just for the first 1,000 EVs registered in Delhi under that plan, thus it no longer applies. After the present policy expired in August, the administration sought to create EV Policy 2.0 in October.

It even consulted stakeholders, but that failed, extending the previous policy again. After CNG from petrol and diesel, EVs are the biggest change in capital automobile use.

Self-declaration for ads: Rules are unclear

Delhi: Concerns about advertising self-declarations will persist. The Supreme Court ordered advertisers to attest that their advertising does not make false claims last month. What this means is understandably feared. The marketing head of an FMCG firm thinks self-declaration follows multiple food and beverage advertising issues. "A lot of brands had to deal with the regulators and it is possible that self-declaration is a result of that." How it will unfold is uncertain. "The government has not publicly policed or penalized erroneous declarations. Uploading is good, however the backend needed to verify submissions should have been implemented first. Who assesses claim merit?" He asks. According to ASCI Secretary General Manisha Kapoor, mis-



leading assertions in advertising are complex. Technical accuracy is important, but so is knowing how an ordinary consumer could view the commercial given its clues and context. ASCI's impartial jury debates and recommends each ad," she says. Advertisers generally assume their advertising is not misleading, she says. They may leave some remarks and depictions to artistic freedom. Creative freedom is their right and what makes advertising attractive, yet it can become deceptive," said.

Centre will lend Rs 75,000 cr interest-free under Viksit Bharat

Delhi: The Union government will lend Rs 75,000 crore interest-free for 50 years to States to implement 'Viksit Bharat' reforms. The government wants to build India by 2047. Finance Minister proposed this in her Lok Sabha Budget address. To achieve 'Viksit Bharat', states require more economic and development-enabling reforms.

Patnaik's Party MP: "No More Support To BJP, Only Opposition"

Delhi: BJD president Naveen Patnaik met with his party's nine Rajya Sabha MPs and urged them to form a "vibrant and strong" opposition in the Upper House. Mr. Patnaik also asked parliamentarians to properly raise state interests during the meeting. After the meeting, Rajya Sabha leader Sasmit Patra told reporters, "The BJD MPs this time will not be confined to speaking on issues only, but are determined to agitate if the BJP-led government at the Centre

ignores Odisha's interest." In addition to demanding special status for Odisha, BJD MPs will discuss issues including inadequate mobile connectivity and low bank branch density, he said. "The Centre has disregarded Odisha's coal royalty request for 10 years. Losing their just share, state residents are suffering," he added. Mr. Patra said Naveen Patnaik has ordered the nine Rajya Sabha MPs to fight for state citizens' rights in Parliament,

forming a powerful opposition. He remarked, "No more support to BJP, only opposition." BJD previously supported the BJP-led administration on issues. For Odisha's interests, we'll do everything." Later, Mr. Patra told PTI, "BJP support is impossible. The BJD president urged us to form a robust resistance if the NDA ignores Odisha's legitimate demands."

The BJD has nine Rajya Sabha MPs but failed to win a Lok Sabha seat for the first time since 1997.

Andhra, Chhattisgarh want new capitals, Kerala a special grant



Delhi: Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh requested help building new state capitals, while Tamil Nadu, Haryana, and Odisha requested project-specific funding. Kerala requested a Rs 24,000 crore special package to address a financial issue. With TDP, a key constituent of NDA govt at Centre, back in power in Andhra, a special package for the state was widely expected, but sources said the state finance minister only sought support for several projects, including a new capital in Amravati and Polavaram dam project. In contrast, Kerala made the demand to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman before the Budget. "Considering the state's contribution in varied spheres in keeping up national pride,

including HDI, SDG, start up and innovation, a special package of at least Rs 24,000 crore may be announced in Union Budget 2024-25 to tide over the current liquidity stress by scheduling it over two years from 2024-25," Kerala finance minister K N Balagopal said in a speech, urging centre to review market borrowing cap. To secure domestic supply, states like Chhattisgarh advocated easing rice and other farm product export restrictions. While seeking district mineral fund spending norm changes, the BJP-ruled state demanded Naya Raipur monies. Capex funding has been requested by several states from the Centre. Haryana FM Jai Prakash Dalal requested special financial assistance from the Centre.

NCP's Amol Mitkari Attacks Mahayuti

Divya Delhi: The BJP and Shiv Sena are fighting for Mahayuti alliance domination, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is being marginalized. Ajit Pawar adviser proposed he form an alliance with Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) president Prakash Ambedkar for the assembly elections, fueling the flames. This proposal has raised concerns about the NCP leaving Mahayuti. NCP spokesperson Amol Mitkari openly criticized Mahayuti and hinted at internal discord. "Some want Ajit Pawar to leave Mahayuti. He is being singled out for the alliance's Lok Sabha performance." According to a viral video, Mitkari said this will revolutionize Maharashtra politics. His comments have raised suspicion about Ajit Pawar leaving the Mahayuti to run in the assembly elections alone.



BJP names in-charges for the upcoming elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, J'khand, and J-K

Delhi: The party's election in-charges and co-incharges for the assembly poll-bound states of Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Jammu & Kashmir were named by BJP President JP Nadda on Monday. According to a party announcement, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will serve as the state's co-incharge and senior BJP leader Bhupender Yadav has been named as the incharge for Maharashtra. The BJP has appointed former Tripura chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb as co-incharge of the state's elections, replacing Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, according to the statement. According to the statement, Jharkhand's election in charge is Union Minister and former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while Assam's chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is the state's co-incharge. It added that G Kishan Reddy, a union minister, has been named the new leader for Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir elections must be held by September, per the Supreme Court's directive to the Election Commission, while assembly elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, and Jharkhand are scheduled for later this year.

Congress would run CM Sukhu's wife in Dehra assembly byelection

Delhi: Congress nominated Himachal Pradesh chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur for Dehra assembly bypoll against BJP's Hoshyar Singh. AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal announced that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had accepted Kamlesh's Dehra bid after she topped two party surveys. Independent Hoshyar Singh won the seat in 2017 and 2022 after BJP won in 2012. He is running for BJP this time. Kamlesh, born April 2, 1970, in Nalsooha village, Dehra subdivision, Kangra district, has been active in politics, especially in Nadaun, represented by Sukhu. Her master's in political science is from Government College Chandigarh. Social service, especially women empowerment, has been her focus. She has been involved in the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee for 20 years, keeping strong party links. The by-election will make Kamlesh and his wife the first husband-wife assembly members in Himachal Pradesh. Former chief minister Virbhadr Singh and son Vikramaditya Singh were together in the legislature. The bypolls were needed after Hoshyar Singh and two other independent MLAs resigned in March and joined BJP.

More than 40 Telangana IAS officers were transferred

Delhi: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana State Government transferred and posted nearly 40 IAS officers in the first major upheaval. June 24, 2024 IAS officer reshuffle. The government has been discussing transferring IAS personnel for some time, but after the Lok Sabha election 2024 announcement, it did

not act. The Chief Minister met with senior officials led by Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari to finalize the transfer list. The Chief Secretary ordered Energy Department principal secretary Syed Ali Murtaza Rizvi to be transferred to the Commercial Taxes and Excise department and replaced by Greater Hyderabad Municipal

Corporation (GHMC) commissioner D. Ronald Rose, who was also appointed chairman and managing director of TG Transco and Genco. Kata, HMDA metropolitan commissioner is now GHMC commissioner. Transport Commissioner Jyoti is now Registration, Stamps, and Housing secretary.

BJP rejects leadership change in Maharashtra

Delhi: Following the party's dismal performance in the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP ruled against changing the leadership of the state of Maharashtra. The choice was made after a meeting of the Maharashtra BJP core committee that included Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda. Reporters were informed by Union Minister Piyush Goyal at the BJP headquarters that "there will be no change in leadership in Maharashtra." State BJP chairman Chandrashekhar Bawankule, along with senior leaders Sudhir Mungantiwar, Chandrakant Patil,

Pankaja Munde, and Vinod Tawde, were present at the meeting. In the most recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured nine seats in Maharashtra, a decrease from its 2019 total of 23 seats. Devendra Fadnavis, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, had made the offer to leave the MahaYuti administration of Shiv Sena, BJP, and NCP in order to concentrate on leading the party to victory in the September-October assembly elections. During the meeting at the BJP headquarters, the party's showing in the Lok Sabha elections was also a topic of discussion.

TMC and Congress to work together against BJP in Parliament

Delhi: After a contentious general election season in West Bengal and sharp comments from both sides, the two key INDIA bloc allies have reached out to each other to jointly formulate issue strategies and bolster the Opposition's united offensive against the government in the upcoming Parliament session, sources said. TMC chief Mamata Banerjee pulled out of the alliance in West Bengal amid repeated barbs by Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Weeks after the latter lost his home seat of



Baharampur to the TMC, former Union minister P Chidambaram met Banerjee to improve relations. According to the sources, the two leaders discussed the enormous number of measures passed in the past decade that needed reconsideration and greater coordination in Parliament. The Congress even requested Banerjee to campaign

for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is running in her first election in Kerala's Wayanad, which her brother Rahul Gandhi deserted this week for Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh. In the last INDIA meeting before elections, Banerjee advised Priyanka Gandhi to face Modi in Varanasi. The TMC also wants the Opposition alliance to downplay the Left.

Congress has 125 MPs in both Houses of Parliament, followed by TMC's 42 and Samajwadi Party's 41. "There is a large section of the Congress leadership that wants a good relationship with the Trinamool," said Derek O'Brien, TMC Rajya Sabha leader. The Lok Sabha defeat of Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury eliminated a key "roadblock" in the TMC-Congress alliance, according to TMC leaders.

In the session starting June 24, the Opposition will attack the government over the NEET and UGC NET issue.

Unrecognized schools are instructed to cease operations

Delhi : 163

unrecognized schools in Gurugram have received letters from the district elementary education department requiring them to close and forbidding further enrollment. The list was created as a result of the schools' failure to meet the standards necessary for recognition until March 31, according to people with knowledge of the situation. According to the agency, unrecognized schools will not be permitted to continue operating. The education administration published a list of 282 schools in the district earlier this month that did not meet the requirements for recognition. Of them, 20 have ceased business, 163 have received notices, and 99 have sought affiliations. They said that those who received notices had been asked to reply. The district elementary education officer, Muni Ram, stated that they had begun the process of bringing



"PS Baghel is in charge of enrollment, making sure that rules are followed and that, in the event that parents are not present, a legal guardian is named"

IIT-Kharagpur has announced graduated fines for fighting and alcohol misuse

Divya Delhi:

IIT Kharagpur has proposed graded fines of Rs 5,000 for the first offense and Rs 10,000 for a repeat offense for students caught consuming alcohol on campus. In both situations, parents will be notified. A disciplinary committee will be tasked with reviewing cases involving students found guilty more than twice. The committee's recommendation will include "appropriate punishment" and a minimum penalty of Rs 50,000.

criminal charges against these institutions. They have requested that police look into and take action against schools that continue to accept new pupils in defiance of governing directives. "We have intervened and notified the police in the suburbs of Manesar, Pataudi, Farrukhnagar, and the city.

27 companies, 3,000 students: DU job mela resonates

Delhi: A two-day placement-cum-internship employment fair ended at Delhi University. The university central placement unit organized the career fair. The expo attracted around 3,000 kids this year. The university's placement department expects many students to be placed this year. The placement exercise included 27 companies, according to DU. The placement cell reported that 1,000 of 3,000 registered students were shortlisted by firms. "The job mela was a hit. Student involvement was high across disciplines and colleges. Around 27 companies offered placement and internships to over 3,000



students. We are certain that our students will receive good gifts and hope this trend continues in future melas and recruitment efforts." She said the institution barred registration this year to simplify placement, unlike usual.

"We will know the exact packages offered during the placement and how many students actually got placed only in the coming days after the entire process

is over," stated. Jasleen Kaur, 21, a BSc mathematics student at the employment fair, stated, "I like that the institution organizes job fairs. That way, students can find work." Subham Kumar, 20, a BSc student, said the employment fair offers students possibilities and should be held more often. Some students wanted more companies and more detailed career options at the job fair.

National Eligibility Test to replace PhD entrance exams at JNU

Delhi: JNU will use the National Eligibility Test (NET) score instead of the National Testing Agency (NTA) entrance test for PhD admission starting this academic year. JNU reported that UGC, as part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has decided to

allow universities/HEIs to use the score of the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC and CSIR for Ph.D admission in place of an entrance test.

According to this decision, JNU will use NET scores for PhD admissions, replacing the NTA

entrance test. "Accordingly, JNU has decided to use NET score in place of the entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to Ph.D Programmes in the University from the academic session 2024-25," said the note.

HC lets Stephen's interview minority applicants

Delhi: Delhi High Court allowed Delhi University's St Stephen's College to interview minority students applying for post-graduate courses and to give 15% of the marks to the interview and 85% to the CUET score. The high court said non-minority students would not be interviewed for PG courses in the college and would be admitted based on their CUET score, which is assessed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for central university admis-



sion. Justice C Hari Shankar said Delhi University (DU) would keep college post-graduate (PG) seat allocations fair. The DU may

high court said these are guidelines and the DU can use any objective criterion. The court noted that universities had no standard for allocating PG seats and concluded "this is not an acceptable situation". PU regulating panel approves NEP 2020 undergraduate program extensions at associated colleges. Colleges will implement NEP for UG courses in 2024-25. Training programs for college faculty to implement new requirements.

evaluate the college's facilities and the number of undergraduate (UG) students in that field of study while allocating PG seats. The

MCD commissioner inspects primary schools' infrastructure

Delhi: MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti visited elementary schools across the city to inspect their facilities, maintenance, and student services, including book and uniform distribution. The commissioner, along with additional and deputy commissioners and education department officials, visited MCD-run schools a day after Delhi High Court expressed its displeasure over the lack of textbooks, uniforms, and stationery. In a routine tour, the com-



missioner visited schools in Old Gandhi Nagar, Kailash Nagar, South Gandhi Nagar, and Subhash Mohalla. The goal was to improve school facilities and atmosphere, "explained an official. He stated that department heads have been ordered to use mainte-

nance monies and allocate school budgets based on urgency. "The department will take necessary steps for the schools that need extensive repair or maintenance work." The commissioner told the court that two lakh students lacked bank accounts and were

being opened on a "war footing". He further blamed the delay in book delivery on the lack of a Standing Committee with authority over Rs 5 crore contracts. With 1,534 schools, MCD allocates maintenance money annually based on classroom count. Schools with one to 10 classrooms receive Rs 1 lakh, those with 10 to 20 Rs 1.5 lakh, and those with 20+ Rs 2 lakh. The official said schools must utilize the monies by March 31 or MCD will take them back.

JEE-Main: 56 applicants score 100 NTA, IIT cut-offs rise

Delhi: On Wednesday night, the National Testing Agency (NTA) reported that 56 applicants, including two women, scored 100 in JEE-Main. The qualifying percentile for JEE (Advanced), the entrance test for 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), reached a five-year high. In the JEE (Main) January session, 23 applicants obtained 100 NTA, whereas 33 in April did. The 56 winners include 40 generals, 10 OBC, and six gen-EWS. No SC or ST applicant scored 100 NTA this year. Officials say NTA score is not the same as mark %. "NTA scores are normalised across multi-session papers and based on the relative performance of all one-session exam takers. For each exam session, marks are translated into a 100-to-0 scale "said a sen-



ior NTA official. The official added that 39 students were blacklisted from JEE-Main for three years for cheating. According to protocol, candidates' ranks are based on the best of two NTA scores. Telangana leads state-wise for the third year with 15 top scorers. Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, with seven individuals each, scoring 100 percentile, were distant second, followed by Delhi with six. About 96% of the 14.1 lakh candidates took the

undergraduate admissions test for engineering and architecture programs in centrally financed technical institutions to qualify for JEE (Advanced). Around 24,000 seats are available at NITs. The exam was given in 13 languages (Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu) at 571 centers in 319 cities, including 22 outside India.

Despite university protests, the ambassador tells Indian students the US is safe to study



Delhi: After nearly half a dozen Indian and Indian-origin students died in the US this year, US ambassador Eric Garcetti stated the US is safe and "cares deeply" for their well-being. After President Joe Biden's decision to cut the time for Indian applicants, Garcetti said the US took on the issue of decreasing visa backlogs and is proud of the three-quarters reduction in American visa wait

times in a year. Indians favor the US for higher education, but a succession of deaths of Indian and Indian-origin students has raised concerns. Indian students in the US reached a record 268,923 in 2022-23, according to the US embassy. "We care deeply about US Indian students' well-being. When in the US, parents should realize their children are ours.

In the US, there are many mental health and distance-learning options for students, parents, and families. The US is safe and has many resources to protect students. We may not learn about occurrences until it's too late if they don't seek out, he said. Students accepted to US universities attended a pre-departure orientation program at the American Center in New Delhi.

Before the T20 World Cup, Uganda named Abhay Sharma as their coach

Delhi: In the lead-up to the Twenty20 World Cup, the Uganda Cricket Association appointed Indian former first-class cricket player Abhay Sharma as the men's national team's new coach. Uganda has secured its spot in the competition for the first time, and starting on June 1, 20 teams from the United States and the West Indies will compete together. In a statement posted on its website, the UCA announced Sharma's hiring on a three-year working contract, citing his "wealth of knowledge and expertise to lead the Cricket Cranes into their next chapter of success."

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

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

Amazon enabled exports from India to surpass \$13 billion by end of 2024

Panipat: Amazon today unveiled the Exports Digest 2024 and announced that it is on track to enable tens of thousands of Indian businesses to surpass \$13 billion in cumulative e-commerce exports from India by end of 2024. Amazon's flagship e-commerce exports program, Amazon Global Selling was launched in 2015. In the last nine years, 1.50 lakh exporters have been part of this program, cumulatively selling over 40 crore 'Made in India' products to customers across the world. The total seller base on the program has grown ~20% in the past year. Amazon Global Selling is seeing remarkable adoption across the



country and has sellers from more than 200+ Indian cities. It enables sellers to build global brands by selling to hundreds of millions of customers on 18+ Amazon global marketplaces in countries such as the US, the UK, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Australia, Singapore, etc. According to Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, "Boosting MSME exports is crucial for our nation's economic growth, and e-commerce is proving to be a powerful catalyst in this regard. The government is committed to fostering an environment where MSMEs can thrive and expand

globally, in alignment with Prime Minister Modi's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat. E-commerce exports, supported by programs like Amazon Global Selling, is instrumental in providing MSMEs with opportunities to showcase their products to a global audience. Entrepreneurs from districts, cities, and small towns across India have great potential to take up e-commerce exports. With the right policies and an enabling ecosystem, we can empower these entrepreneurs and position India as a leading export nation." According to Bhupen Wakankar, Director Global Trade, at Amazon India, "Amazon Global Selling is

empowering Indian exporters to reach customers globally and technology is the driving force that is simplifying e-commerce exports for Indian MSMEs. We're investing significantly in tools and technologies to help sellers optimize their reach, enhance product discovery, and increase sales. The program's success is reflected in the growing number of exporters building thriving businesses on Amazon's global marketplaces. We will continue to support the growth of small businesses and startups by leveraging technology and strong linkages with different stakeholders.

The government played the game of breaking promises with the farmers for 10 years: Rajiv Arya

Kaithal: Youth BKU Haryana State President Rajiv Arya Dhand said that the BJP government has played the game of breaking promises with the farmers for 10 years. The government has done nothing in the interest of farmers except making announcements. Due to which there is a lot of anger among the farmers against the government. He said that the result of the anti-farmer policies of the government is that the exploitation of farmers day by day, not getting proper price for agricultural produce, increasing debt on farmers, increasing charges on farmers, skyrocketing prices of everyday items used in the agricultural sector have broken the back of the farmers. While talking at the BKU office located in the town, Youth BKU State President Rajiv Arya



Dhand said that in the 75 years of independence, no government has talked about the interests of farmers.

They have only played with the sentiments and rights of farmers by showing false dreams to them. Now the farmers will vote for the party that will talk about the interests of farmers. Farmer leader Rajiv Arya Dhand said that it is a matter of great misfortune that instead of solving the problems of the farmers who feed the country by producing food grains, the government is sitting idle.

If the farmers raise their voice and come out on the streets for agitation

and struggle for their rights, they are lathi-charged and shot at and false cases are registered against them and they are put in jail. Despite giving the slogan of MSP, the crops of the farmers are disrespected in every season. He said that farmers are forced to stand in long queues on the roads sometimes for fertilizers, sometimes for the price of crops, sometimes for compensation, sometimes for crop registration on the portal, but the government, which claims to be farmer friendly, is continuously sprinkling salt on the wounds of the farmers instead of applying the balm of help.

SC grants bail to Bhushan Steel's ex-MD in Rs 46,000cr money laundering

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to former promoter of Bhushan Steel Neeraj Singal in a money laundering case stemming from an alleged bank fraud amounting to Rs 46,000 crore. The bench, consisting of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar, took into account that Singal had been in jail for 16 months and the trial was not expected to conclude in the near future. The apex court reprimanded the Enforcement Directorate for not

adhering to proper procedures during Singal's arrest. The bench acknowledged the severity of Singal's crime, noting its impact on the stock market. However, due to the central agency's non-compliance with statutory provisions during the arrest, the court decided to release him. "The appellant will surrender his passport and not leave India without permission of court. In case there is any violation, it will be open to prosecution to seek recall of the order," the bench said. Singal had appealed

against the Delhi High Court's order from January 8, which dismissed his bail plea and petition challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the case. The ED had alleged before the high court that Singal was involved in one of the largest banking frauds, coupled with money laundering, resulting in a loss of more than Rs 46,000 crore of public funds. The court indicated that Singal might be arrested again but refrained from mentioning this in its order.

Bureau of Indian Standards holds workshop on BIS activities, Indian standards and online services



Ludhiana: Bureau of Indian Standards in Chandigarh branch Office conducted a Workshop/ Training Program on "BIS activities, Indian standards and online services" in Bachat Bhawan. Khanna SDM Baljinder Singh and heads of the various departments attended the workshop. Deputy Directors Kushagra Jindal and Harsh Sonkar welcomed all the participants and explained the workshop objectives. Kushagra Jindal emphasized the officers and agencies engaged in procurement of goods & services for purchasing BIS Certified Products and refer Indian Standards in their bid documents. Use of products conforming to Indian

Standards in Government programmes & schemes that will ensure development of quality Infrastructure, reduce overall cost and help in developing quality Eco-System in the State. He further explained BIS activities, roles and functions and apprised the participants about the Quality control orders (QCOs) issued by Gol for mandatory BIS certification. As per these QCOs, no one can manufacture, import, sell, store or exhibit products covered under these Orders without a license from BIS. Harsh Sonkar apprised the participants about provided through BIS website, e-BIS portal from where they can access relevant information.

Air India's Delhi-Vizag flight receives hoax bomb threat

Delhi- An Air India flight going from New Delhi to Visakhapatnam received a bomb threat Tuesday late night, but it was found to be a hoax after a thorough scrutiny on landing in the port city. Visakhapatnam Airport Director S Raja Reddy said the Delhi Police received the bomb threat call and alerted the airline and the Visakhapatnam airport. "It (flight) landed safely and on thoroughly checking the flight, it was found to be a false call," Reddy told news agency PTI, adding that there were 107 passengers on the flight. After deboarding passengers from the aircraft and checking it, that nothing suspicious was found, the director noted. Meanwhile, boarding on the return flight to Delhi has begun and it is scheduled to leave around 12.30 am, Reddy added.

Workshop on new teaching techniques organized



Yamunanagar: A lecture was organized on the topic of innovative teaching methods in the education department at Guru Nanak Girls College. Dr. Rajveer Singh from the education department of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra attended the program as the chief guest. The program was organized under the direction of the college director Dr. Varinder Gandhi and Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur. In this lecture, Dr. Rajveer Singh provided detailed information to the students about new teaching strategies so that teachers can use their creative power, positive thinking and problem solving skills properly for the future. Teachers can improve their educational results. All the members of the education department were present on this occasion.

SC issues notice to Centre, Bihar government on Patna high court setting aside law raising quotas to 65%

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday issued notices to the Centre and the Bihar state government regarding a plea filed by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), challenging a Patna High Court order that nullified the state's amended reservation laws. The amendments had raised the reservation quotas for Dalits, tribals, and backward classes from 50% to 65%. A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, Justice J B Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra considered the arguments presented by senior advocate P Wilson, representing the RJD, who highlighted the urgency of addressing the plea. The bench issued notices and tagged the petition with other pending pleas on similar matters. The Supreme Court had earlier, on July 29, declined to stay the Patna high court's verdict while hearing ten related petitions. However, it had agreed to examine the Bihar government's appeal against the high court's ruling. In its June 20 decision, the Patna high court struck down the amendments, calling them "ultra vires" of the Constitution and in violation of the equality clause. The amendments had been passed unanimously by Bihar's bicameral legislature in November 2022. The high court had ruled in favor of petitions challenging two key laws—the Bihar Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services. (for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes) (Amendment) Act, 2023, and the Bihar (in admission in educational institutions).

Manipur under siege: Rockets fired from Churachandpur hills,

IMPHAL: Suspected militants carried out a fresh bomb attack in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Friday morning, damaging at least two structures, police reported. The attackers launched rockets from high ground in the adjacent hill regions of Churachandpur district, targeting the residential area of Tronglaobi, situated

approximately 45km from Imphal, the state capital. Police estimated that the rockets traveled a distance of over 3km. Despite the attack, no casualties were reported. However, the bombing resulted in damage to a community hall and a vacant room in the area, as confirmed by the police. Furthermore, the suspected militants

opened fire on Bishnupur district, leading to an exchange of gunfire with security forces who responded to the attack. On Thursday night, Kumbi village, located a few kilometers from Tronglaobi, experienced heightened tension after multiple drones were spotted hovering less than 100 metres above the ground.

India's richest woman, Savitri Jindal, to contest from Hisar as an Independent

HISAR: Savitri Jindal, mother of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Kurukshetra Naveen Jindal, is contesting from Hisar, but not as a BJP candidate. The announcement — from the country's richest woman (at \$39.5 billion according to the Forbes website, dated Aug 21) and former minister — was made on Thursday, a day after the list of candidates for 67 assembly constituencies, including Hisar, was released by BJP on Wednesday night. It is not yet clear whether she will contest election.

Government College of Education, Chandigarh Secures Prestigious A+ Grade in Cycle 3 Accreditation by NAAC



Chandigarh: The Government College of Education, Chandigarh, a leading institution in the field of teacher education, has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing an A+ grade in the Cycle 3 Accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) after securing A grade in last two cycles. This achievement places the college among an elite group of institutions dedicated to setting high standards in teacher education. Out of 96 Teacher

Education Institutions (TEIs) accredited across India in 2024, only five institutions have managed to upgrade to an A+ grade, and the Government College of Education, Chandigarh, proudly stands among top two institutions in North India which have secured A+. The NAAC is an autonomous body

established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in India. The accreditation process is a rigorous one that evaluates institutions based on various parameters such as teaching-learning processes, research and innovation, infra-

structure, student support, governance, and institutional values. Achieving an A+ grade is a testament to the institution's excellence in delivering high-quality education and maintaining robust academic and administrative practices. The Principal of the Government College of Education, Dr. Mrs. Sapna Nanda expressed immense pride and gratitude for the recognition. "Securing an A+ grade in Cycle 3 of NAAC accreditation is a matter of great pride for our college.

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