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How Vinesh Phogat's weight fluctuated before and after bouts in two days



Technical acumen to secure a decisive win just when it was needed

NEW DELHI: The entire nation was devastated after Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the women's freestyle 50kg wrestling event at the Paris Olympics for being slightly over the weight limit during her weigh-in on Wednesday morning. Vinesh made history as the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the gold medal match on Tuesday night, and she was already assured of at least a silver medal before her weigh-in on Wednesday morning. TOP PICKS FOR YOU articleShow 112347014 What drastic steps were taken to cut Vinesh Phogat's weight at Paris Olympics - Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala explains But fate had other plans as her hopes were dashed when she was found to be 100 grams over the weight limit during the weigh-in, leading to her disqualification from the Paris Games. This disqualification prevented her from competing in the final

She made quick work of Livach, employing her technical acumen to secure a decisive win just when it was needed most. Facing Cuban opponent Lopez in the semi-final, Phogat exhibited strategic brilliance. She waited for the right

match and stripped her of a chance to win a historic medal. Vinesh was reported to weigh 49.9 kg on Tuesday morning before her bouts, but after consuming even a small meal, her weight quickly rose back to around 53 kg. She needed to

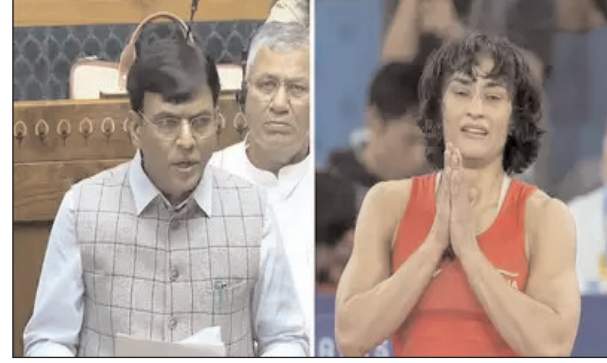
moment to exploit her opponent's mistake, using a single-leg hold to gain the upper hand. The semi-final was a testament to her tactical prowess and her ability to stay calm under pressure, earning a crucial win to advance to the finals.

reach this weight to have the strength required for her three bouts. Following the semifinal last night, her weight was recorded at 52.7kg. In a desperate attempt to shed the excess weight, she endured a sleepless night,

abstaining from even a single drop of water or a bite of food. The hours were spent relentlessly running and utilizing the sauna facilities. Through sheer determination, she managed to reach 50.1kg, but time was not on her side, and she fell short of cutting the final 100 grams. The strict weight requirements offered no flexibility, and the clock had run out, leaving her unable to make the necessary adjustments to meet the weight limit. The weigh-in process is crucial in wrestling and is strictly regulated under the International Wrestling Rules of United World Wrestling. Weigh-In Timing: Wrestlers must weigh in each morning for their relevant weight category. The initial weigh-in and medical control sessions last 30 minutes, while the second day's weigh-in for those in repechage and finals lasts 15 minutes.

Vinesh Phogat disqualification: Sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya makes statement in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI: Union sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday said India Olympic Association (IOA) has lodged a strong protest against disqualification of wrestler Vinesh Phogat and informed Lok Sabha that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has personally spoken to IOA chief in Paris to explore full range of options to help the wrestler. Making a statement in the Lower House, the sports minister confirmed that Phogat was disqualified as her weight exceeded the permissible limit by 100 grams. Mandaviya said the government has helped Phogat by providing her the best support group, personal staff as per her need and all possible training facilities. In a shocking turn of events, Phogat was disqualified from the Olympics after she



'Today's setback hurts, come back stronger': PM to Vinesh after Olympics disqualification

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed support for Indian wrestling champion Vinesh Phogat following her disqualification from the 50 Kg Women's wrestling final for being overweight. "Vinesh, you are a champion among champions! You are India's pride and an inspiration for each and every Indian. Today's setback hurts. I wish words could express the sense of despair that I am experiencing." PM Modi said in a tweet. "At the

same time, I know that you epitomise resilience. It has always been your nature to take challenges head on. Come back stronger! We are all rooting for you", he added. PM Modi reached out to Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha to gather firsthand information about Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the 50 kg women's wrestling event at the ongoing Olympics. The Prime Minister sought PT Usha's insights on the available options for India in light of this setback.

was found overweight by some grams ahead of her women's 50kg final. The news of Phogat's disqualification trig-

gered protests inside Parliament with some leaders demanding a thorough probe into the matter that left India heartbroken.

YouTube to set up academy in Andhra Pradesh, says Chandrababu Naidu

VIJAYAWADA: Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday announced that YouTube will set up an academy in Amaravati. Taking to X after an online meeting with Neil Mohan, YouTube global CEO, Sanjay Gupta, president of Asia Pacific (APAC) region at Google, Leslie Miller, global vice-president of YouTube, on Tuesday, Naidu said YouTube will set up an academy in the capital city. Naidu wrote that they have discussed setting up a YouTube academy, in collaboration with local partners to foster artificial intelligence (AI), content development, skill development and certification programmes. Naidu: AP set to become digital epicentre He further said that they have explored avenues for providing technical support for the Media City initiative in Amaravati.

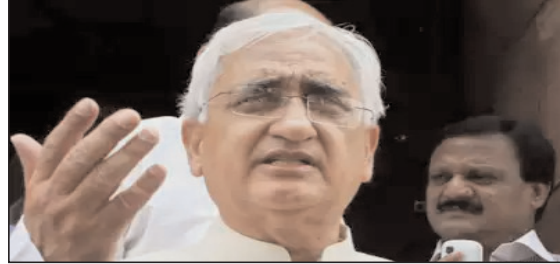
Sheikh Hasina to stay in Delhi 'for a little while', says her son Sajeeb



NEW DELHI: Two days after former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina fled the country and sought asylum in India, her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy on Wednesday confirmed that Hasina is going to stay in the national capital for "a while" putting an end to the reports of her leaving for London. "These are all rumours. She has not made a decision on that yet. She is going to stay in Delhi for a little while. My sister is with her. So she is not alone," Joy said in an interview to Deutsche Welle. On being asked if he had any plans to join politics, Joy said, "There is no such plan right now. This is the third time a coup d'état was staged against our family." He said that all of Sheikh Hasina's family members, except for her, had already been living abroad and had established their own lives there. He also said that there is no likelihood of Sheikh Rehana or any other family member entering politics. Joy on Monday had said that his mother would not be returning to politics. "So disappointed that after all her hard work, for a minority to rise up against her," he told BBC. Hasina fled the country after violent protests against preferential quota in government jobs left over 300 dead. The interim government is likely to take oath on Thursday at 8pm with Nobel laureate Mohammed Yunus.

BJP tears into Congress over Khurshid's 'Bangladesh-like protest' remarks

NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party on Wednesday tore into Congress party and former Union minister Salman Khurshid after he suggested that a violent anti-government protest similar to those in Bangladesh could potentially occur in India, despite the appearance of normalcy on the surface. Launching a scathing attack against the leader, BJP MP Sambit Patra said, "He said it during a book release.



From Congress' side, he warned that protests and arson could break out in India; what happened in Bangladesh could happen in India. So many other leaders, including Shashi Tharoor, were present

there and they in a way supported that statement." "Rahul Gandhi, whenever he went abroad, used to meet many people secretly and speak against India; now we are getting to know what his intention was," he added. Reacting to Khurshid's remarks, BJP MP Giriraj Singh accused the opposition of playing the role of 'tukde-tukde' gang. "It is an evil fortune of the country that the Opposition is playing the role of a 'tukde-tukde' gang for votes. We supported Palestine when the issue came, but it was made an issue. Manish Tewari spoke but he did not speak to Hindus in Bangladesh,"

Elections to 12 vacant Rajya Sabha seats on September 3: Election Commission

NEW DELHI: Elections to 12 vacant Rajya Sabha seats across nine states will be held on September 3, the Election Commission said on Wednesday. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is August 26-27. Ten of the seats fell vacant after the sitting members, including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Sarbananda Sonowal and Jyotiraditya Scindia, were elected to the



Lok Sabha. Two seats were left vacant after the members resigned. Out of the 12 seats, 2 each are from Assam, Bihar, and Maharashtra; and 1 each from Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tripura, Telangana and Odisha.

2 Assam Rifles battalions moved out of Manipur ignoring tribals' protests

GUWAHATI: Amid protests by Manipur's Kukis against the withdrawal of two "non-partisan" Assam Rifles (AR) battalions from two sensitive security buffer zones in the strife-torn state, Army has recommended replacing the incoming CRPF battalions under the command and control of AR's sector headquarters. Kuki MLAs have been part of the protests to retain the AR troops. The community fears the move to withdraw a "non-partisan force like Assam Rifles" could lead to a resurgence of violence. Army has directed



relocation of the two AR battalions from Manipur to Nagaland, where they will relieve two other battalions. These relieved battalions will be redeployed in J&K. Assam Rifles, despite being a paramilitary force, has a dual control structure, with the Army overseeing operational control and home ministry handling administrative supervision. Currently, the two Assam Rifles battalions are deployed in Manipur's Kangvai along the Churachandpur-Bishnupur border, and Kangchup on the Kangpokpi-Imphal (East) inter-district borders. The incoming CRPF battalions, comprising over 2,000 personnel, are being transferred from J&K and Telangana and are expected to

assume their new positions this month, a security source said. The AR battalions are expected to hand over their areas of responsibility within one week of the CRPF battalions' arrival, the source added. "It has been recommended that the command and control of the two CRPF battalions, relieving the AR battalions, is vested with the respective AR sector headquarters of IG (E) and IG (S), to ensure cohesion in operations in these sensitive areas," the source said. Besides, the two CRPF battalions will undergo three months of on-the-job training.

Beer, not vaccines, in UP hospital fridge; probe ordered

MEERUT: Authorities have launched an investigation after beer cans, soda bottles, and water bottles were found chilled in a fridge meant for preserving vaccines at a community health centre (CHC) in Dharpa, Bulandshahr. Chief Medical Officer Vinay Kumar Singh said. "A video showing beer cans, soda, and water bottles lounging in a deep freezer meant to preserve vaccines for infants and children at the hospital has come to our notice. A probe led by the additional CMO has been initiated. Whoever is responsible will face the music."

Unacademy CEO 'roasted online' for wearing Rs 30,000 T-shirt at 'no appraisal' townhall

Unacademy CEO Gaurav Munjal sparked controversy last week when he announced there would be no employee appraisals this year while wearing a \$400 (~Rs 33,00) Burberry T-shirt. The announcement came during a virtual town hall meeting, footage of which was later shared on Reddit. Munjal cited the company's failure to meet growth targets as the reason for halting appraisals. "I think 2023 was an average year for us. But 2024, if not great, was above average. But we did not hit our growth goals," he stated during the meeting. The CEO acknowledged the difficult decision, saying, "It's been tough, and that's why I have one bad news that we won't be able to do any appraisals this year." He added, "I know I said that we will do appraisals two, three weeks ago, but when we started the process, we realised that we made a mistake." Unacademy CEO Gaurav Munjal wearing a \$400 Burberry T-shirt attributed the company's underperformance to market challenges, headwinds, and declining revenue from offline centres. Despite these setbacks, he emphasised that the company was not at risk of failure, stating, "The good part is that the burn is extremely low now, and we have a huge runway. And I kept saying that we don't have a survival risk." The CEO urged employees to consider the broader context, noting that Unacademy was still operational while competitors.

Dhananjay became vice president of BJP Backward Morcha for 3rd time, businessmen congratulated

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party Backward Morcha President Anand Jaiswal on Wednesday expanded the Backward Class Morcha at the party office at Civil Lines in the presence of Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra. Ghanshyam Maurya and Ramesh Patel alias Raju were made General Secretaries, Dhananjay Singh, Piyush Jaiswal, Aniket Jaiswal, Sachin Nishad, Gagan Nishad, Nateshwar Singh were made Vice Presidents. Whereas Sunil Nishad, Anil Maurya, Krishna Verma, Nagendra Pal, Pankaj Patel, Milan Chaurasia were made district ministers. Dilip ji (Dipu) is the treasurer, Babban Prajapati is the office minister, Vikas Singh is the media incharge, Barkha Jaiswal is the social media incharge, Ajay Sharma is the research head, Kuldeep Singh, Pramod Singh, Rohit Jaiswal, Gyandeep Singh, Mrs. Preeti Patel, Seema Pal, Kamlesh Pal, Ram Lakhan Vishwakarma, Naveen, Motilal Chaurasia, Bharat Prajapati, Deepak Yadav, Rajendra, Shalabh, Shivam Sahu, Sachin Singh, Rakesh Gaur, Santosh Verma, Aryan Singh, Sachin Jaiswal were nominated as executive members. Kashi Province President Ashwani Patel and in-charge Manoj Kushwaha congratulated all the officials. City West Traders Federation President Akhilesh Singh, Rajesh Gupta, Atul Kesarwani, Suresh Gupta, Narendra Kheda, Dharmendra Dwivedi, Ramlochan, Sonu Sahu, Manjeet Kushwaha etc. congratulated the Federation General Secretary Dhanjay Singh and wished for a bright future.



Rajesh became Chairman of Sulem Sarai Dadhikando Fair Committee Sulem Sarai Historical Dadhikando fair on Sept 1

Prayagraj: "The general meeting of Sulem Sarayam Prachin Dadhikado Mela Committee was called by Thakur at the temple. The meeting was presided over by Dinesh Kesarwani and conducted by Atul Kesarwani. In the meeting, the election of fair officials was discussed for the successful completion of the upcoming Sulem Sarayam Dadhikado Mela safely. Rajesh Gupta was made the president, Vashti Jain was made the general secretary and Sachin Kesarwani was made the treasurer. A major problem was discussed in the meeting regarding opening of the locks in the temple. The people present talked to the responsible officials of the cantonment so that the historicity of the Sulaiman Sarai Dadhikando fair remains intact. It will be organized with great pomp and show. Former fair president Dharam Chand Jaiswal was mainly present in the meeting.

Essay & speech competitions to be organized on freedom fighters

Prayagraj/Lucknow: State Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay held a meeting of Kakori Train Action and Har Ghar Tricolor Program at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow. He directed that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, all preparations should be ensured in a timely and systematic manner. Upadhyay said that this initiative is being taken with the aim that the coming generations should also be aware of the sacrifices and contributions of their freedom fighters. Essay and speech competitions on freedom fighters will be organized for students in the programs organized by the Higher Education Department. Apart from this, films based on freedom fighters should be shown to the students and general knowledge competition should also be organized. The winning students of the competitions will be awarded and will be taken on tour to the martyr memorial sites. Minister of State for Higher Education Rajni Tiwari said that the programs of Kakori Train Action and Har Ghar Tiranga should be celebrated with full enthusiasm and patriotism. On this occasion, Principal Secretary many officials of the university including Agarwal, Special Secretary Girijesh Tyagi, Shipu Giri were present.

Lions Club Alld Sangam's health camp witnessed massive footfalls

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Lion Shalu Pahwa, President of Lions Club Allahabad Sangam, in collaboration with Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, a comprehensive eye check-up, dental check-up, health check-up, BP and sugar free camp was organized in the premises of Purusharth Vidya Mandir (Hari Mandir) located in Meerapur. In this camp, the examination was done by Dr. Jaya Tandon, eye examination was done by the



doctor of Sharp Side Hospital and health examination was done by Dr. Shamoon Ahmed, in which about 450 people took advantage of this camp. On checking the sugar of the people, it was found that many people had sugar. The problem is very serious and doctors told them about its treatment. On this occasion, saplings were also distributed by Mandal Environment Chairperson Lion Ira Sethi to make people aware about the environment. Councilor Sahil Arora along with his wife Sandeep, Anupam, Rishi, Sushil, Sharad, Dharmendra, Amit, Sanjay, Madan, Mahesh, Manish etc. were present in the camp.

Under the campaign 'One Tree in the Name of Mother', tree plantation program was completed and volunteer students took out a rally



Kunda: On Wednesday, the volunteer students of National Service Scheme (First and Second Unit) of Kripalu Women's College, Kunda Pratapgarh, as per the instructions of the government and (Professor Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhaiyya University), "a tree in the name of mother" in the middle of the lush green

garden of the college campus. Tree plantation program was organized under the campaign. On the said occasion, special guest Udgam Goyal ji, who came from Bhakti Dham Mangarh, started the program by planting a Neem sapling. After that, college principal Dr. Ashok Kumar Nagar and program officers

Dr. Rekha Singh, Dr. Rekha Shukla, Dr. Nibha Rani and volunteer girl students planted saplings. Principal of the college, Dr. Ashok Kumar Nagar explained to the students about the care of plants and the importance of trees. The girl students participated in this campaign with full enthusiasm and took a pledge to

take care of the plants. After that, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Ashok Kumar Nagar, a rally was taken out from Subhash Nagar block of Kunda tehsil to Shivpuram, Bhagwan Tiraha, Rani Maheshwari Nagar. Volunteer students traveled with banners and posters carrying slogans in Shakti and shouting slo-

gans. There was a wave of tree plantation in every village and street.

The barren land should call out, beautify yourself by planting trees. One tree is equal to a hundred sons, the work of tree plantation is great. Trees are life givers for us, we all have to take responsibility for their protection and nourish-

ment, only then we can achieve greenery again, volunteer students explained to the people. With this determination, efforts were made to make the campaign successful. Respected members of the management, principal, program officers, student volunteers and journalists were present on the occasion.

Retirement felicitation ceremony of senior employee leader OP Singh held

One who makes renunciation, penance and sacrifice is leader: Eng ND Dwivedi

Person active in society does not retire at any age: Eng B.K. Pandey

Prayagraj: In the auditorium of the Regional Office Diploma Engineer Association Public Works Department on August, in the felicitation ceremony of senior employee leader OP Singh of Prayagraj who retired from PWD on July 31, ND Dwivedi, Provincial President Diploma Engineer Association, in his address said that the sacrifice, Only the one who performs penance and sacrifice is the true leader of the employees. OP Singh has dedicated his entire life for the welfare of the employees and the society. I wish him good health and bright future and long life. His guidance is always available to the employees. While presiding over the felicitation ceremony, Assis-

tant Engineer Engineer B.K. Pandey said in his address that a person who plays an active role in the society does not retire at any age.



National labor leader, who was efficiently conducting the program, the organizer of the program, Mr. Shyamsurat Pandey and the State Vice President of the Joint Council, Mr. Arun Kumar Pandey honored OP Singh by giving him garland, flowers, bou-

quet and corset, religious book, memento. As the chief guest, OP Singh Expressing his gratitude to everyone, while narrating his 38 years

of departmental responsibilities and devoting his life for the welfare of employees and social upliftment for 34 years, he gave credit to his wife and children present and said that without their support, whatever we could have done. That was not possible. Vote of

thanks was given by District President of State Employees Joint Council, Shri Ragvirag Tripathi. Those who addressed the program included employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra, Engineer Shivshankar Singh, Engineer BK Rajput, Shri Ravi Shankar Dwivedi, State General Secretary NHF, Vidyakant Bajpai, Krishnanand Tiwari, Dinesh Singh, National President of Human Rights Organization Tomar, Naqvi, Shriprakash Singh, Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava, Satish Puri, Rajneesh Srivastava, Amit Jaiswal, officials of many departments including Vikas Bhawan, Collectorate, Education Department, Industry Department came and honored him.

Nautaki Budhi Kaki: To quench her hunger, old aunt licked false leaves 'Budhi Kaki' shocked human sensibilities

Prayagraj: Under direction of Indian playwright Atul Yaduvanshi, the unprecedented presentation of the drama 'Budhi Kaki'. Munshi Premchand, the master of social concerns and realistic writing, stirred the sensibilities of the Indian continent. She has done a shocking job. The characters of his stories are ordinary and common people. Munshi ji has very efficiently included whose problems and concerns in his stories and novels. Under the Celebrating Nautaki Mahotsav dedicated to Nautaki, an excellent form of Indian theatre, Swarga Rangamandal staged a sensational presentation of Munshi Premchandra's magnum opus Budhi Kaki at the North Central Region Cultural Centre, Auditorium, today on 7th August 2024. Presentation of Nautaki Budhi Kaki. Every eye present in the auditorium became moist due to the momentum given to the mesmerizing story of the drama by the rhythm, tempo and musical notes as per the spirit of the drama. The new dimensions that Atul Yaduvanshi has added to the revival and flourishing of a lively, interesting and highly communicative genre like Nautanki will be known as a source of inspiration in the times to come.



Mannati Alam procession taken out from Roshanbagh

Prayagraj: On the first day of the Islamic month of Safar, a procession of Mannati Alam Hazrat Abbas was taken out from Roshanbagh Imambargah Qamar Zaidi in Bakhsbi Bazaar with Aqeedat and Ahteraam. Manzrul Hindi Ne Sozhkwani to Zakire Ahlebait Raza Abbas. While addressing the



Majlis, Zaidi made a sad tribute to the seventy-two martyrs of Karbala. Nauhakhwan Faiz Jafri of Anjuman Abbasia Rani Mandi, Dr. Abrar, Zafar Qasim, Sadiq Hussain, Hussain Mehndi 'Monu', Gauhar etc. took out a procession reciting Purdard Nauha. Nauhakwan Faiz of Anjuman Shabbiriya Rani Mandi took out a procession in the Nizam (conduction) of Najeeb Allahabadi. Mohammad, Imran Sabzwani, Sami Naqvi, Ali, Qasim Hashim, Haider etc., while reciting Nauha in Imambargah, presented the purse of her son Hussain-

e-Mazloom and other seventy-one martyrs to Janabe Fatma Zahra. A crowd of people gathered for the visit of Mannati Alam. Through its traditional routes, it again reached the Azakhana of Qamar TV and concluded. The procession included Qamar Zaidi, Zeeshan, Rizwan, Aalim Rizvi, Waqar Hussain, Syed M o h a m m a d Askari, Mahe Alam, Shajih Abbas, Zamin Hasan, Salman Mustafa, Samin Abbas, Arshad Naqvi, Zafar Abbas, Zeeshan Khan, Asif Abbas 'Aman' etc. were present. The annual majlis was held at the residence of Mahmood Abbas in Karaili, which was addressed by poet and Zakir-e-Ahlebaite Anees Jayasi. Naukhawano of Anjuman Naqvia Daryaabad read Purdard Nauha. Maulana Jawadul Haider Rizvi, Maulana Aamirur Rizvi, Waqar Hussain, Waqar Rizvi, Javed Rizvi, Nasir Abbas, Maqsood Abbas, Mahmood Abbas, Zafar Hasan, Maqsood Rizvi, Zulqarnain Abdi, Rizwan Akhtar, Haider Abbas, etc. were included.

Bengali Social and Cultural Asscn paid floral tributes to Rabindranath Tagore

Prayagraj: Members of Bengali Social and Cultural Association paid floral tributes to first Indian Nobel Laureate Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore on his 83rd Death Anniversary on 7th August 2024 at his statue at Golpark crossing, Tagore Town, Prayagraj.

Rabindra - Sangeet 'Tumi keboli Chhobi' was sung by Vice President Shri Swapan Samaddar who started garlanding followed by Shri Anjan Chatterjee, Shanker Chatterjee, Debraj Chatterjee, Dhruvo Das Gupta, Subroto Sen, Arindam Ghosh, Arun Choudhury, Srikrishna Samaddar, Dev Saha, Bhaskar.

In the evening BSCA under the auspices of Jagat Taran Education Society organised a cultural

programme titled "Swadesh Chetana -- Rabindranath" under the Direction of Shri Swapan Samaddar. The book 'Swadesh Chetana Rabindranath Tagore' is written by famous singer



Shrabani Sen and Shri Durbodol Chatterjee of Kolkata who presented this book to Arindam Ghosh on 150th Birth Anniversary of Kobiguru and today's Dance and Songs have been taken from this book

based on Indian freedom struggle where Kobiguru asked Indians to fight against the British rule. This was written inbetween 1905 to 1923.

Participants of this

programme are: Comparer-Smt Reeta Samaddar, Aristes Male--Swapan Samaddar, Gopal Brahma, jyotirmoy Chatterjee, Parijat Choudhury, Sanjay Mitra. Female-Jaya Pandey, Saswatee Bagchi,

Purnoshree Chakraborty, Pranami Bose, Supriti Chatterjee, Jaya Banerjee, Nivedita Dasgupta, Sushmita Gupta, Aruna Chatterjee, Swapna Chakraborty, Gayetri Ghosh, Archana Karmakar, Ipshita Ghosh. Dance--Sribasha Pandey, Bhargavi Bagchi, Himani Bose, Pratyusha Karmakar, Aradhya Johri.

Dance Direction--Saswatee Bagchi, Dishani Bose. Recitation Reeta Samaddar. Hira Bose, Deepak Bose. Instruments Key Board Jayanta Bose, Octopad-Arun Bhatnagar, Tabla Vipul Pandey. Sound--Umesh Kushawa. Programme was conducted by Smt Arnabi Banerjee and at last Secretary Mr Shanker Chatterjee proposed vote of thanks.

Saraswati Saree Depot Ltd IPO to open on Aug 12

Varanasi: Saraswati Saree Depot Limited, shall open its Bid/Offer in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on August 12, 2024. The total offer size of Equity Shares (face value ₹ 10 each) comprises of fresh issue of up to 6,499,800 Equity Share and Offer for Sale of up to 3,501,000 Equity Shares. The Price band of the Offer is fixed at ₹ 152 to ₹ 160 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 90 Equity Shares and in multiples of 90 Equity Shares thereafter. The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from Fresh Issue towards funding

Working capital requirements of the Company estimated ₹ 81 Crore to be deployed in FY 2025; and balance amount towards General corporate purposes.

The Offer for Sale of up to 3,501,000 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 10 each comprise of up to 700,200 Equity Shares by Tejas Dulhani; up to 700,200 Equity Shares by Amar Dulhani; up to 700,200 Equity Shares by Shevakram Dulhani; up to 700,200 Equity Shares by Sujandas Dulhani; up to 350,100 Equity Shares by Tushar Dulhani and up to 350,100 Equity Shares by Nikhil Dulhani.

District level Kharif seminar/fair organized by Agriculture Dept

Prayagraj: District level Kharif seminar/fair was organized by the Agriculture Department in the District Panchayat Auditorium under the chairmanship of District Magistrate/Chief Development Officer Gaurav Kumar, in which the Chief MLA Bara, Dr. Vachaspati were present as guests. After lighting the lamp to formally inaugurate the Kharif Seminar 2024, Deputy Agriculture Director S.P. Srivastava welcomed and felicitated all the guests present on the stage by presenting sandalwood saplings. While giving detailed information about various schemes run in the Agriculture Department, the Deputy Agriculture Director appealed to the farmers to sow pulse crops or grains in the absence of proper irrigation system. He told that to encourage organic farming among the farmers and to provide mar-

ket to them, organic market has been opened in Mundera Mandi complex. District Agriculture Officer

farmer brothers should not depend only on the government but should make their own efforts and keep get-



KK Singh explained in detail about the availability and distribution of agricultural inputs.

District Magistrate in-charge Gaurav Kumar told that for the farmers, the seminar is a festival to create awareness and to become aware and all the

ing information about the schemes and avail their benefits and also only agricultural. Not only do the work but also do the work of animal husbandry, fishery, gardening, bee-keeping etc. and also get the benefits of the schemes run by the concerned depart-

ments, he further said that soon a brief summary of all the schemes of the agriculture and allied departments will be released. The banner will be sent to all the blocks and tehsils of the district.

MLA Bara Dr. Vachaspati, while addressing the present farmers, said that it is the intention of the government that the farmers should do better farming, earn more income and be happy, for this the farmers should become aware by participating in such seminars. Earlier, in the technical session about organic farming, natural farming and vegetable farming, agricultural scientist Dr. Yogesh Srivastava, who came from Shuaths Institute, Naini, gave detailed information about Jeevamrit, Ghanjeevamrit etc. Scientist Dr. Shailendra Singh, who came from Schutts Institute, Naini, advised to spray a

solution of chilli and garlic paste to prevent fruit-boring insects of vegetables like tomato and brinjal. Dr. M.P. Singh, agricultural scientist of KVK Chhata, while emphasizing on agricultural diversification, motivated the farmers to do multi-dimensional farming. The seminar was concluded by distributing food minikits and soil health cards to the selected farmers. On this occasion, District Agriculture Officer K.K. Singh, DDM NABARD and other key officers, employees and a large number of farmers from different blocks of the district were present. At the end, Deputy Agriculture Director presented a memento to the guests and District Agriculture Officer KK Singh concluded the seminar by expressing gratitude to all the farmers and distinguished guests. The seminar was conducted by Preeti Tripathi.

Fine imposed on those who spit and spread filth in Prayagraj Division

Fine of Rs 9,600 imposed on 94 people who spit and spread filth

Prayagraj The level of cleanliness is being continuously improved in Prayagraj Division. Committed to cleanliness, Prayagraj Division is continuously striving to provide excellent services and clean environment to the railway passengers. Regular cleaning and monitoring of cleanliness is done at railway offices and station premises in Prayagraj Division and all complaints or suggestions are also resolved in a time bound manner. Passengers are being made aware to keep the station clean. To make the stations clean and plastic free, bottle crushing machines have also been installed at Prayagraj Junction and Kanpur Central Station under Corporate Social Responsibility. A special campaign of cleanliness is being run at the catering stalls of all the stations in Prayagraj division. All the catering stalls of the division have been instructed to keep the catering stall and its surroundings clean. Every Monday of the week, cleanliness is checked by the station officials and commercial inspector/supervisor and if adequate cleanliness is not found, action is taken against the licensee of the food stall. Spreading/spitting garbage in trains, platforms, railway premises is strictly prohibited under Railway Act 1989 and Indian Railway Rules-2012 for which a fine up to

Rs 500/- can be imposed. On August 06, 2024, a campaign was launched against those spitting and littering in Prayagraj division. In this campaign, passengers were made aware about cleanliness and a fine of Rs 9,600/- was imposed on 94 people who spit and spread filth. In Prayagraj division, cleaning is done in a mechanized manner at all the major 12 crowded stations including



the divisional office, Prayagraj Junction, Kanpur Central, Aligarh Junction, Tundla Junction, Etawah, Mirzapur, Fatehpur, Phaphund, Prayagraj Chhivki, Subedarganj, Manikpur and Vindhyachal. Separate dustbins for wet and dry waste have been installed at these stations. Prayagraj Board collected Rs 2,88,015/- by imposing fine on 2599 people for spitting and littering in the financial year 2024-25.

TODAY EVENT

Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan Executive meeting will be held on Thursday at 4:30 pm at KP Community Hall

7-day celebratory Nautanki Mahotsav: On the third day of the festival, folk stories will be performed. The amazing theatrical presentation Bahurupiya based on 'Bahurupiya' will be presented under the direction of Atul Yaduvanshi in the auditorium of North Central Region Cultural Center on Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Mother of Dheeraj Kr Kesarwani, BJP leader, passes away

Prayagraj: BJP members expressed their condolences on the demise of Savita Devi, mother of Dheeraj Kumar Kesarwani, metropolitan coordinator of BJP Small Industries Cell. Expressing their condolences, BJP members prayed for the peace of her soul. Among them are Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, Vijay Vaishya, business leader Satish Chandra Kesarwani, Janhit Sangharsh Samiti President Pramil Kesarwani, Janhit Karini Samiti President Sushil Jain, social worker Abhilash Kranti, Manoj Mishra, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Neeraj Kesarwani, Padmakar Srivastava, Prateek Malviya, Sushil Jain, Kishan Chandra Jaiswal, Rajesh Pandey Madhur Mathur, Sunil Kesarwani Pappu Kutra, and workers of Laghu Cell expressed condolences.

Distance education is full of diversity: Prof Satya Kam

Prayagraj: The importance of distance education has increased a lot today. Distance education is full of diversity. Many types of facilities are available here for eunuchs, jail prisoners, villagers, employed people and rural women. Along with this, the Open University has decided to provide a one-time rebate of 15 pc in the admission fee to the students taking digital course material from this session 2024-25. The above information was given by Professor Satyakam, Vice Chancellor of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, on Wednesday at the Regional Gave a workshop for the coordinators of the study centers organized in Lucknow on nomination, dialogue, contact and communication. Professor Satyakam said that the university has started admission through Samarth por-

tal for the first time and this time we have set an admission target of one lakh in the first year. For which workshops are being organized in all the regional centers of the state to increase enrollment. Professor Satyakam said that the aim of the university is to increase the quality of education. He said that self-study course material is the best course material in distance education system. The superiority of self-study material compared to text books and guides is proven. Candidates have been achieving success in UPSC and Public Service Commission examinations by studying the study material of Open University. Last year, a student of MA Sociology achieved success in the Indian Administrative Service. She said that the university does not want to compromise in any way with the

quality of education, that is why the teachers are being made to quickly prepare self-study course material.

He said that he is in favor of making women from backward areas aware in the field of education. For this,



he called upon the coordinators to motivate the women of backward areas for education. In rural areas, women are often deprived of education after marriage. Motivate such women to enroll in Open University. The university will provide them all possible help. Professor JP Yadav, in-charge

of admission in the workshop, gave information about admission through the Samarth portal being done by the university in accordance with the National Education Policy 2020. Dr. GK Dwivedi pro-

Gonda, Barabanki, Balrampur and Hardoi etc. affiliated to Lucknow Regional Center. Kumar Yadav, Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Bhavana Srivastava, Professor Rakesh Jain, Dr. Pushpendra Singh, Dr. Vijayarani Verma and Roshni Tripathi etc. presented many suggestions and their problems were resolved by the representatives from the university. The visitors who came to the workshop were welcomed and promoted by Regional Coordinator Dr. Niranjali Sinha. The workshop was conducted by Suman Verma and the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Alka Verma.

In the beginning, the workshop was inaugurated by paying floral tributes and lighting the lamp on the picture of Maa Saraswati and Rajarshi Purushottam Das Tandon by the chief guest Prof. Satyakam, ad-

mission in-charge Prof. J.P. Yadav, former controller of examinations Dr. K. Dwivedi and regional coordinator Dr. Niranjali Singh did it. On this occasion, Chief Guest Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam distributed tablets and smartphones to 70 learners enrolled from the Lucknow Regional Center of the Open University under the innovative scheme of the Uttar Pradesh State Government. During this, he came face to face with the students and got to know their thoughts about future plans. Seeing the increasing number of students of Yoga subject, he announced to develop Lucknow Regional Center as a Yoga Hub. On this occasion, Public Relations Officer Dr. Prabhbat Chandra Mishra, Accountant Avnish Chandra and Indu Bhushan Pandey etc. were present.

Yogi Govt providing employment training to backward students

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Yogi Government is showing the way to the future by providing employment training to backward class students in the state. In this sequence, the government has started the online application process for the unemployed youth of backward classes under the 'O' Level and Triple C Computer Training Scheme in the financial year 2024-25. The objective of this scheme is to provide better employment opportunities to educated unemployed economically weaker backward classes by providing them technical education. As per the eligibility criteria of the scheme, the candidate should have passed Intermediate and the annual income of his/her parents/guardians should not exceed Rs 1 lakh. Training will be provided by institutions recognized by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NEELIT). State

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Narendra Kashyap said that interested candidates can visit the website of Backward Class Welfare Department, Uttar Pradesh <https://backwardwelfareup.gov.in> and on the computer training portal <https://obcomputertraining-upsdc.gov.in> till 12 August 2024. It is mandatory to upload educational and other required documents along with the application and the hard copy has to be submitted to the office of the concerned District Backward Class Welfare Officer.

Earlier the last date of application was fixed for 5th August 2024, which has been extended to 12th August 2024 in view of the interests of the students. After the selection of the trainees, their

training will start from 27 August 2024. Director Backward Classes Welfare Dr. Vandana Verma said that the revised timetable is available on the website of the Backward Classes Welfare Department and computer training portal. With this initiative of the government, the youth and girls of backward classes of the state will get an opportunity to become proficient in technical education and become self-reliant. It is noteworthy that the Yogi government runs many schemes keeping in mind the interests of the backward classes of the state. In this, along with financial assistance, they are also given training to prepare for competitive examinations. Also, there are many training schemes and programs available for backward class students, which help them in skill development and provide employment opportunities.

Talotsav celebrated in Allahabad University

Prayagraj: The Department of Music and Performing Arts celebrated Talotsav on the occasion of Taal Day in the conference hall of the Dean's Office of Allahabad University. The program was inaugurated by the Head of the Department; Prof. It was done with the sound of conch by Dr. Renu Johri. The lamp was lit by all the teachers. After that, Saraswati Vandana was presented by the students under the direction of Dr. Vishal Jain in which Vibhuti Awasthi, Vandana Tiwari, Devansh Mishra, Vivek Kumar, Aman Kumar sang. Shubham was on harmonium and Uday Narayan Pandey was on tabla. After this, Head of the Department Prof. Throwing detailed light on the concept of Taal Day, Dr. Renu Johri said that 'Rhythm is present in every music of the world but rhythm is the specialty of Indian music.

Hence, as an expression of reverence towards rhythm, the life element of Indian music, celebrating Taal Day started from Hariyali Teej in 2022 and is being celebrated every year. The world of rhythms in Indian music is very vast. The first valid classification of taals is found in Natya Shastra in ancient times. Acharya Bharat has described Panch Marg taal. Fragmentation of the parts used in Marg taals paved the way for the origin of indigenous taals. The number of indigenous taals increased in the middle period. Different variations are found in different texts like 120, 108, 101 etc. On this basis, modern rhythms originated and developed.

After this, under the direction of Prof. Renu Johri, Taal Mala was played by the researchers and students of Tabla in which



Pronnati Tiwari, Divya Gupta, Kamini Mishra, Shubham Patwa, Uday Narayan Pandey, Pratyush Kumar Gupta, Somi Mishra were present and Dr. Girdhar was on harmonium. Gopal Mishra accompanied. The second presentation was given by Shivshankar Mishra in which he sang in Raga Mala and Raga Handshvani. After this, all the teachers expressed their views on the topic of rhythm. Prof. Prem Kumar

Mallik ji, while sharing the historical background of Dhrupad tradition, discussed the rhythms of Pakhawaj and Tabla. Dr. Surendra Kumar told that the programs of classical and folk songs could be known from the instruments played in the programs being organized in his village. used to go. Explaining the importance of rhythm, Dr. Vishal Jain said that a deaf person can be heard but not a deaf person at all. He discussed

vibrations in Aalap. Dr. Jyoti Mishra told that children get knowledge of rhythm right from the womb. Blood flows in the arteries of children in a rhythmic manner and Shiva i.e. the one who is beneficial is powerful. Dr. Shilpi Nahar linked taal to tantra instruments and discussed taals in the context of Razakhani and Masitkhani gats. After that, Tabla was played by Dr. Girdhar Gopal Mishra and Somi Mishra was accompanying him on the lehra. The last dance performance was given by Ruby Sharma in which she danced on the song Sawan Ke Jhoole Pade which was composed in Chanchar taal. During the program Prof. Pandit Prem Kumar Mallik, Dr. Vishal Jain, Dr. Dharampal, Dr. Jyoti Mishra, Dr. Surendra Kumar, Dr. Shilpi Nahar, Dr. Bandana Tripathi, and researchers/students were present. Vote of thanks Prof. Dr. Renu Johri did it.

"Theft was going on at school, high profile drama when detected"

Prayagraj: "After the management committee removed former principal Parul Solomon from the post of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College on Mission Road, it now seems as if anti-church forces are using her for their own purposes. After knowing the truth about the ap-

pointment of former Principal Parul Solomon and the financial irregularities going on in the school, when the teachers belonging to the Christian community started condemning her, she once again created a high profile drama and made allegations like intimidation against the present man-

agement committee, whereas the truth is something else. It is well known that Parul Solomon was appointed to the post of acting principal by his own father, misusing his position, in protest against which, the members of the then management committee resigned, taking advantage of

which, former principal Parul Solomon and his father Peter Baldev started running the school without any management committee, as a result the teachers were neither given their financial rights nor was any officer present to listen to their plight, yet if any teacher talked about taking

action against the father and daughter, he would have to lose his job," claims a press communiqué.

"During the tenure of Peter Baldev, about 53 teachers, employees and priests were fired from their jobs without any reason. When Bishop Morris Edgar Dan took charge of the

Diocese of Lucknow, he also came to know about the rigging and embezzlement going on in the school, after which his committee dismissed Parul Solomon. Despite the dismissal, Parul Solomon did not personally file any petition because she knew that if she filed a petition

before the Court or the High Court, the Court might first pose queries over her appointment, which was wrong and done illegally by his own father. Thinking this, she remained seated on her chair and started waiting for the management committee members to come and ask her

to step down and Parul Solomon would file an FIR against them and blackmail to remain seated on the post, but perhaps she had forgotten this. It was said that the teachers and parents have also opened a front against her, who are fed up with the dictatorial attitude of the father and daughter.

Editorial

That was hardly the only astute remark

Every day, the pages of Ganashakti, the official mouthpiece of the Marxist Communist Party of India, are on display at a kiosk at the alley's entrance, next to a statue of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. Every day, Biswas and other Leftists gather here, behind the 8B bus terminal, across from the Jadavpur University campus, to discuss politics over raasta cha (roadside tea). There has been a depressing atmosphere here ever since the Left's poor showing in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In Bengal, the Left parties received 0 seats in 2019, 2021, and 2024. What is there in their mouthpiece these days to read? Biswas disclosed to ThePrint. "This time, I had anticipated that Bengal would give the CPI (M) at least three seats. And without a doubt, Bhattacharyya, our Srijan, would be among the winners. Sayan Banerjee, Dipsita Dhar, and Srijan, our fine girls and lads, could not turn the CPI(M) around, not even Rahul Gandhi could turn the Congress around. The disenchantment of supporters such as Biswas is understood by Srijan Bhattacharyya, 31, the state secretary of the Students' Federation of India and the CPI(M) candidate for the Jadavpur Lok Sabha constituency. Bhattacharyya became the darling of many young voters from Jadavpur University with his clever one-liners and upbeat campaign message centered on "people's issues," and sizable crowds flocked to his rallies in the predominantly middle-class area. However, on results day on June 4, he received 258,712 votes, placing him third behind Saayoni Ghosh of the Trinamool Congress (717,899 votes) and Anirban Ganguly of the BJP (459,698 votes). Some of us from the CPI(M) received a tonne of support from the public and on social media. However, Bhattacharyya informed ThePrint over the phone that it was a bubble. We must now venture outside of our echo chambers. The large number of people that attended our Brigade Parade event on January 7th did not result in any seating. At the historic Brigade Parade Ground on January 7, the CPI(M), a party that is frequently criticized in West Bengal for not being able to shake off the legacy of the Jyoti Basu, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Anil Biswas, and Biman Bose era, held a symbolic rally to give the baton to the next generation. Bose followed Biswas as the state secretary in charge of party affairs, and Basu and Bhattacharjee led Left Front governments in the state for a total of 34 years. Md. Salim, the state secretary at the moment and another seasoned leader, hinted to a generational change inside the party at the much-maligned rally. "In order to assist the seeds become plants, we are sowing them. To aid in their growth, we'll pretend to be gardeners, supply fertilizer, and properly irrigate the field," he declared to the applauding audience. At the rally, everyone noticed how many new faces there were. Journalist Swati Das noted that the CPI(M) had brought in youthful leaders who had established themselves in student politics to replace its "weather-beaten and battle-scarred veterans." " she noted, appeared to be being shed by this, she noted.

That was hardly the only astute remark. Many Left sympathizers were hopeful that the CPI(M) wouldn't lose this time around because of the focus on roti, kapda, and makaan that Bhattacharyya and the other newcomers . to the polls placed throughout the campaign. In keeping with their pledges made at Brigade Ground, the CPI(M) displayed a youthful vigor. In addition to Srijan Bhattacharyya, there were numerous other candidates., including Debraj Barman, 36, from Jalpaiguri; Nirab Khan, 43, from Bardhaman Purba; Saira Shah Halim, 46, from Kolkata Dakshin; Dipsita Dhar, 30, from Sreerampur constituency; Sayan Banerjee, 30, from Tamluk; and more. On June 4th, they all lost, including the senior group.

During a thought-provoking talk, Supreme Court Justice Abhay Oka posed several persuasive queries about Article 32 of the Constitution, which protects the ability to petition the Supreme Court directly to have one's fundamental rights upheld. With an astounding 83,418 cases pending in the highest court, Justice Oka wondered if writ petitions filed under Article 32 need to be filtered. He made reference to the potential use of "rational tests" to choose which circumstances covered by this clause should be considered. Though it is important to thoroughly understand the relevance of this provision before moving further, this is an intriguing concept that is worth investigating. It is helpful to remember Dr. BR Ambedkar's



remarks from the December 9, 1948, Constituent Assembly Debate in order to understand the significance of Article 32: "I could not refer to any other article except this one if I were asked to name any particular

article in this Constitution as the most important—an article without which this Constitution would be a nullity." It is the essence of the Constitution, its essential core. It is obvious that Article 32 was highly valued by the

Constitution's framers, and with good cause. A right to petition the Supreme Court to uphold the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution is "guaranteed" by this provision. Any proclamation of rights would have been meaningless and empty without a meaningful legal recourse for enforcement. As a result, the Supreme Court of India has more jurisdiction under Article 32 than courts in comparable locations. It gives the court the authority to grant writs as well as any other directives or orders required to successfully uphold basic rights. Suddenly, those writs that had previously been at the mercy of a legislator were an essential part of the framework for upholding fundamental rights. Over the

course of the next twenty years, the Supreme Court has emphasized the importance of safeguarding and upholding fundamental rights to prevent them from being degraded to the status of "playthings of a special majority" in a number of following constitutional issues. The 1970s then brought about a paradigm shift when the Supreme Court introduced the new process of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petitions under Article 32. This paradigm change disregarded the idea that the only people who could file a lawsuit in court were those who were directly and personally impacted by executive acts. As a result, this measure gave the poor and disenfranchised access to our nation's top court.

Commandism and centralization of authority

There has been discussion over the last ten years regarding the Bharatiya Janata Party's increasing commandism and centralization of authority. For many, it was the Congressification of the BJP. Chief ministers were replaced and replaced essentially at random. And so were party office holders and ministers. Deliberations and consultations came to be associated with being bold and decisive. The astute BJP leaders quickly learned the secret to both surviving and prospering: lowered heads, downcast eyes, folded hands, bent spines, and sealed lips that opened only to give praise to Amit Shah, the home minister, and Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. Within the ruling party, there have been signs of upheaval following the outcome of the Lok Sabha election on June 4. Consider the train ride that former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, took from New Delhi to Bhopal following his appointment as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Union cabinet. Chouhan made a bold speech, accompanied by large, jubilant gatherings of BJP workers, people embracing him at train stops, and the roadshow in Bhopal. He was marginalized by Modi and Shah following his spectacular win for the BJP in the 2023 MP assembly election. Alarms sprang up in Delhi

when he said he would remain in Bhopal and keep the doors of "Mama ka Ghar" open for everyone. Madhya Pradesh and Bhopal have to be kept off the radar. Chouhan was persuaded to run for the Lok Sabha seat from Vidisha by the BJP high leadership. His triumph with more than eight lakh votes cemented his popularity, particularly after the public was shocked by PM Modi's drastically narrowed victory margin in Varanasi. Shivraj Chouhan, who was wrongfully denied the position of Chief Minister, could not have been prevented from joining the Union Cabinet. A statesman deserving of a seat on the Cabinet Committee on

Security was one who oversaw a nation for roughly 17 years. He was given ministries for rural development and agriculture by the PM. However, that was also a cherry on top for the former CM. It recognized the way he had revolutionized agriculture in MP. Chouhan's rail trip garnered national notice against this context. It demonstrated his level of fame. As chief minister of Gujarat, Modi used to do this to communicate with party members all around the nation. No other party leader would have dared to demonstrate their popular appeal after Modi-Shah got to the Centre. People with such appeal were chopped down to size, including BS Yediyurappa,

Vasundhara Raje, Raman Singh, Devendra Fadnavis, and Chouhan. Chouhan's train's whistle of change was audible against this background. It took the BJP members back to a time when a leader could impress party bosses with their popularity and win their respect and gratitude. The statement made by Kartikeya, the son of Chouhan, that all of Delhi "bows down" before his father may be an example of a son's conceit. It does, however, contain some reality, in that every person in the corridors of power is closely monitoring every action taken by Chouhan. Permit me to mention another example that shows signs of reform in the BJP.

Unexpected Loss in Ayodhya

The 2024 general elections have concluded, and the results have generated considerable discussion. The INDIA coalition's performance exceeded expectations, impacting the BJP's anticipated dominance. While the BJP had projected a significantly higher seat count, the actual results fell short of their projections. The Uttar Pradesh outcomes, particularly the loss in the Faizabad (Ayodhya) constituency, were unexpected for the party. The significance of the Ram Mandir, a long-held aspiration for many BJP supporters, contributed to expectations of a comfortable victory in Faizabad. However, the BJP candidate, 70-year-old incumbent BJP MP Lallu Singh was unseated by Samajwadi Party's (SP) Awadhesh Prasad, who won by a margin of 54,567 votes. While this margin might not be considered substantial in the context of national parliamentary elections, the loss itself carries symbolic weight for the BJP. Therefore, it's essential to analyse the factors that contributed to this unexpected outcome in the city of Lord Ram. The Faizabad (Ayodhya) Lok

Sabha constituency comprises five Vidhan Sabha constituencies: Dariyabad, Rudauli, Milkipur, Bikapur, and Ayodhya. The BJP held four of these except Milkipur, where the Scheduled Castes and Muslim demographic plays a pivotal role in determining electoral outcomes. In the 2024 general elections, the BJP secured victories in Rudauli, Bikapur, and Ayodhya but faltered in Dariyabad and Milkipur. The SP candidate, Awadhesh Prasad, an incumbent Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), managed to secure a lead from his home constituency of Milkipur as well as Dariyabad. The BJP's leads in the remaining three constituencies were insufficient to counter these losses. Both candidates are seasoned politicians with substantial experience and accomplishments in their respective careers. BJP's candidate, Lallu Singh, held the parliamentary seat for two consecutive terms and had previously served as an MLA on five occasions. On the other hand, SP's candidate, 78-year-old Awadhesh Prasad, was an incumbent MLA.

Double-Edged Sword



Everyone benefits from the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Though unhappy by its drop from 303 seats in 2019 to 240 this time, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is relieved to have won three consecutive terms for the first time in over 60 years. The Congress-led Opposition's 2024 numbers may be lower than the BJP's, but it seems to have found a weakness in Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After three general elections in a succession of two-digit votes, the Congress under Rahul Gandhi had its third-worst Lok Sabha performance, but its supporters are celebrating keeping the BJP below 272. Same with their supporters: Hindu BJP voters are thrilled that their party is back in power, but Muslim voters believe they have returned their 'veto power' in Indian politics. The Congress-led Opposition may be celebrating, but the BJP should be relieved. After all, it realized the party is in trouble without losing power in Raisina Hill. The party has five years to clean up. A vote where everyone has something to be thrilled about makes it easier to misread the outcome, which is the BJP's problem. First, the BJP should view the Lok Sabha results with cautious optimism, as three consecutive terms are exceptional. The Modi government has defeated anti-incumbency and the post-pandemic tendency of Covid-19

being a graveyard for ruling dispensations globally. Most incumbents have failed to recover from the enormous coronavirus outbreak. Taking the wrong medication is more dangerous for the BJP than not taking any corrective actions. Unfortunately, politicians' egoistic tendency to blame voters rather than party leadership for recent political defeats makes the latter more likely. One can understand how Uttar Pradesh voters, especially Ayodhya, were villainized after the poll. Dubious political commentators have already given their verdict, exposing Hindutva's declining returns in Indian politics! Such feellgood, part-dubious analysis should not be accepted by the BJP. The party may also view the results as localized and one-time. Localized because while losing approximately 50% of seats in Uttar Pradesh, the party swept Madhya Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh, unlike Madhya Pradesh, has a viable opposition with a strong M-Y vote-bank for anyone who can defeat the BJP. The Opposition troubled the BJP wherever it had a party infrastructure, albeit a basic one, and vote-banks, whether in Uttar Pradesh or Maharashtra. Naturally, the Opposition distributed tickets smartly, notably in Uttar Pradesh, where Akhilesh Yadav generously offered SP tickets to Dalits and OBCs and less than 10 seats.

Why Balochistan is erupting once more

Pakistan President Asif Zardari is visiting Gwadar at a time when the fifth insurgency since 1947 in Balochistan is now in its third decade. During his 2009 presidential tenure, Zardari attempted to buy off the Baloch with a package of political and economic concessions known as "Aaghaz-e-Huqooq-e-Balochistan." Zardari is attempting to connect with the Baloch once more, but as usual, he is doing it with hollow words and false promises, after his disastrous attempt to appease their sentiments failed. He has advocated for political discourse throughout his stay in an effort

to bring prosperity, growth, and peace to the unrest-plagued region. He has also advocated for strengthening the capabilities of law enforcement organizations. Anyone who studies Balochistan will see the inconsistency in his message: the biggest threat to peace in the province is the lawlessness of the so-called "law enforcement" and security agencies, which are responsible for networks of extortion, kidnapping, smuggling, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Furthermore, the Punjab-dominated Pakistani administration prefers to have talks with those who would

follow their lead and continue to be obedient to the Punjabi establishment rather than with actual Baloch representatives. Because of this, Balochistan has burned continuously since Pakistan invaded it under duress in 1948. Ever since, Pakistan has maintained its tight grip on Balochistan, albeit with the use of extreme force and censorship that would make the Chinese blush. Nobody anticipated that the most recent and longest episode of Baloch rage against Pakistan's neo-colonial exploitative and extractive authority would last more than a few years, beginning

around 2001. However, the 2006 assassination of the esteemed Bugti leader, Nawab Akbar Bugti, significantly bolstered the Baloch movement. The movement has since rolled onward despite ebbing and flowing. The Baloch liberation movement has picked up speed and changed course throughout the previous three years, particularly since the Afghan Taliban loosened the "shackles of slavery" held by Pakistanis and Americans alike. Of course, it would appear that the Baloch movement has lost momentum if one were to look via Pakistan's mainstream media.

YES BANK Celebrates Manu Bhaker's Double Bronze Victory at the Paris Olympics 2024



AMBALA/PANIPAT: YES BANK extends its heartfelt congratulations to Manu Bhaker, the young shooting sensation from Haryana, for her outstanding achievement in winning two bronze medals in the 10m air pistol category at the Paris Olympics 2024. Manu's exceptional talent and dedication have not only made India proud but also inspired the entire Indian contingent in Paris and millions of aspiring athletes across the nation. As the official banking partner and principal sponsor for Team India, YES BANK launched yesteamindia.com, a platform where fans can send their best wishes directly to Olympians.

This initiative aims to support and motivate athletes to achieve their best by connecting them with their supporters. Furthering its commitment to the sports, YES BANK's "Milkar Jitayenge" campaign, in collaboration with the Indian Olympic Association, highlights the vital role of communities in nurturing Olympic talent. Manu Bhaker's success is a testament to the strong support from her family, coaches, and mentors, demonstrating the power of collective effort. In addition to supporting athletes, YES BANK has introduced the YES Glory savings account, which provides exclusive bene-

fits like a Taj voucher, orthopedic consultations, zero cross-currency mark-up, medical insurance, a YES Glory Gold Debit Card, and international lounge access. This initiative ensures athletes have financial support and benefits tailored to their unique needs. Moreover, YES BANK empowers communities in Haryana through tailored banking products designed to meet the financial aspirations of the affluent population. Products like YES Grandeur, YES Elite Credit Cards, and YES First offer exclusive services that cater to their specific needs.

54% surveyed parents often feel that they don't have instant answers for kids' questions, Amazon Alexa study

GURUGRAM/HISAR: Children are inherently curious and parents are always trying to find accurate answers that satiate their curiosity. This was apparent in a recent study commissioned by Amazon Alexa and conducted by Kantar among 750+ parents across six cities in June 2024. The survey reveals that about 54% of surveyed parents often feel that they don't have instant answers for kids' questions. It further indicates that 52% respondents instantly search and answer accurately if they don't know the answer. What's interesting to note is that 44% surveyed parents admitted to making up answers on the spot. Only 3% surveyed parents ignore the question or change the topic to stop the kid from asking questions "How to make a car?", "How big is the universe?", "How does an aeroplane fly?", and "How do fish breathe under water?", etc. are some of the curious questions asked by kids. About 60% of surveyed



parents indicated that they often find themselves stumped when kids ask seemingly easy questions such as, "What season comes between winter and summer?", "Why do parents have to work?", and "Why do we wash vegetables?", among others. Some parents even tend to deflect answers to their partner, with 37% of the survey pool admitting to asking their kids to go to the other parent with their questions. Deepender Rana, Executive Managing Director - South Asia, Insights Division, Kantar said "Kids these days are more curious than ever and parents always try their best to satiate their curiosity. While watch-

ing TV drives curiosity amongst kids and often leads to them asking more questions about the things they see and hear -majority of surveyed parents prefer screen-free learning for their kids. And this is where voice-first search, whether done by parents or by kids in their presence, proves to be a great screen-free solution to find answers and learn about the world." With numerous voice-first engaging experiences for kids on Alexa smart speakers like Echo Pop and Echo Dot, parents can engage their children with curiosity-driven content, with trust and safety at the forefront.

CAPSULES

The UP House passes a life sentence for illegal conversions

Delhi: The legislature passed a Bill revising the 2021 law to make unlawful conversion in UP non-bailable and increase the maximum sentence to life from the current 10-year term. The 2024 Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill allows "associated with the victim" to protest about illegal conversion. Only the victim can disclose forced conversion under current legislation. Another major change is that sessions courts or above must hear illegal conversion cases.

Parliamentary affairs minister Suresh Khanna introduced the Bill for CM Yogi Adityanath with two sub-clauses. The first imposes a Rs 10 lakh punishment and 14 years in prison for "foreign" or "illegal" agency involvement. If convicted of unlawful religious conversion "by luring/provoking a person, essentially a minor girl or women from the SC/ST community", the offender might serve 20 to life in prison. The offender may also be sentenced to reimburse the victim for living and medical expenses. Khanna claimed that change to a Bill to "bring justice to victims subjected to unlawful religious conversions" was "nothing controversial".

Somesh Gupta gifted fans to the school in memory of his father

Chandigarh: Somesh Gupta, President of Srijan An Institute of Creativity, today gifted fans to the school in memory of his late father Dr. DS Gupta. He gifted these fans to Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, Principal of Maharishi Dayanand Public, MDAV Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh, in memory of his father. Dr. Sharma expressed his gratitude to Somesh Gupta. It is worth mentioning that Dr. DS Gupta has served as Principal in the college and as HOD in the Hindi department in DAV College



Chandigarh. He has also been the Vice Chairman of Chandigarh Sahitya Academy. He has been associated with many organizations as well as journalism and literature.

Top court permits SC/ST quota subcategories

Delhi: The Supreme Court ruled that state governments can create subclassifications within the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) for preferential reservations, a ruling that will affect reservation policies for marginalised communities.

Since subclassification was allowed by the Supreme Court, governments can identify and provide targeted assistance to the most disadvantaged



subgroups of the SC/ST categories based on empirical facts and rational criteria. The seven-judge Constitution bench overruled the highest court's 2004 EV Chinnaiiah decision, which had found that subclassification within SC/STs was prohibited since it viewed these groups

as homogenous classes. Historical and empirical evidence shows SCs are socially varied. Thus, the state can further categorize SCs under Articles 15(4) and 16(4) if (a) there is a logical principle for differentiation and (b) the rational principle has a relationship with the subclassification aim, the ruling stated. The state must identify the creamy layer from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to exclude them from affirmative action.

Mahakumbh will be grand, divine, green, clean and safe: CM Yogi

Prayagraj Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a meeting with senior officials and public representatives on Saturday to discuss the preparations for Mahakumbh-25 in Prayagraj. During the meeting, CM Yogi provided essential guidelines to ensure the event is divine, grand, green, clean, and safe. In addition to this, the CM also reviewed ongoing development works with public representatives. He emphasized the importance of accelerating these projects and maintaining regular inspections. Following the meetings, CM Yogi paid tribute to martyr Chandrashekhar Azad by garlanding his statue on the

Circuit House premises. He then planted a Bael sapling as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign initiated by PM Modi under the 'Ped Lagao Ped Bachao Abhiyan 2024'. CM Yogi later visited the Lete Hanuman Temple at the Sangam, where he offered prayers and sought blessings. Concluding his visit, he went to the residence of Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, where he blessed the newly married son and daughter-in-law of the Minister and presented them with a gift from the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. Complete all tasks on time with quality by October. During the meeting, Kumbh

Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand made a presentation to CM Yogi. After that, various departments presented their progress reports on the preparations. The CM gave instructions to ensure that Mahakumbh is grand, divine, clean, safe, and green. He directed that all personnel on duty at Mahakumbh should be provided with nameplates and unique codes and that their training should be completed on time. Emphasizing cleanliness, he stated that single-use plastic should be completely banned in the Kumbh area to maintain a green Mahakumbh. He also instructed that all work should be com-

MOS Utility Ltd. Board Approves Foray into Solar Business

Chandigarh: MOS Utility Limited (NSE: MOS), a leading fintech company, offering different types of Fintech and Utility Payment Solutions services to businesses and individuals, has announced that its board has approved alteration of the object clause of the Memorandum of Association of the Company. Company has added certain new business activities in the main objects of the company stating, "To manufacture, assemble, purchase, import, export, and otherwise deal in India or abroad in all types of solar PV modules, cells, batteries, energy storage devices, conversion and generation devices, appliances, gadgets, equipment, and products, including power packs, power supplies, generators, solar panels,

chargers, and sub-assemblies, components, parts, and accessories thereof and to engage in all connected business related to solar." Recently, the company announced that its subsidiary, MOS Logconnect Private Limited has received the Master Franchise License from India Post. Through the India Post franchise module, we will be expanding our service offerings to encompass a comprehensive range of postal services across India. This partnership also enables us to leverage India Post's extensive network and resources, ensuring seamless and efficient service delivery. Our team is committed to providing exceptional customer service, and we are confident that this venture will drive growth and success for our company. MOS

Utility Limited is one of the leading fintech companies, offering different types of Fintech and Utility Payment Solutions services to businesses and individuals. With a customer-centric approach, MOS Utility Limited is committed to delivering seamless and secure fintech solutions that enhance accessibility and drive financial inclusion. MOS has rich and varied experience with reputed Giant corporations in India, MOS is a conglomerate of various businesses web & App based banking /travel/utility services etc. MOS has set up a well-knit Agent network over more than 25 states which is a vast network that would result in a massive impact in reaching last-mile consumers. Today's Announcement will provide access to

Postal services in the remotest area, reducing the need for travel to a Post office Branch. It also offers a range of key services, including Speed Post (Domestic and International), Registered AD, Stamps, E-money Orders and Postal Life Insurance (PLI). Chirag Shah, Co-Founder & Executive Director of MOS Utility Limited and Director of MOS Logconnect Private Limited, expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, stating, "This strategic alliance with India Post is a testament to our robust operational capabilities, commitment to excellence, and dedication to delivering exceptional services. By offering essential postal services, we anticipate a substantial increase in our customer base, further solidifying our position in the industry."

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said. Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a year earlier.

Delhi government to investigate petrol dealers' PUC fee rise request



Delhi: The transport department may raise pollution under control certificate (PUC) fees in the national capital. Transport minister Kailash Gahlot listened to Petrol Dealers' Association delegates' requests and ideas, officials said. Gahlot: "The Petrol Dealers Association wants Delhi PUC certificate prices raised. Delhi last raised fees in 2011. Delhi government would thoroughly consider their demands, I guarantee them." Sources said transport officials have proposed a three-to-four-fold fee increase to Gahlot. We would strike a balance to avoid overburdening them. Though dealer maintenance expenses have increased, rates have not been raised in years "explained an official. A senior Delhi government official

claimed pollution test rates were last raised in 2011 and fines for vehicles without PUC certificates have skyrocketed. For pollution testing of petrol and CNG two-wheelers and three-wheelers, Rs 60 is paid, Rs 80 for diesel four-wheelers. A separate 18% GST applies. The city issued 50 lakh pollution test certificates last year. Without a valid PUC, vehicle owners can be imprisoned for six months or fined Rs 10,000 under the Motor Vehicle Act. Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 require all

motor vehicles, including BS-I/II/III/IV and CNG/LPG vehicles, to have a valid PUC certificate after one year from registration. For four-wheeler BS-IV-compliant vehicles, the validity is one year and for others, three months.

"We have also got requests from people running the pollution test centres, who said it had become difficult to meet expenses as they had to pay a heavy rent," he said. Delhi PUC certification is real-time and connected with the vehicle registration database.

Reversing decision, Mayawati reinstates nephew Akash Anand as political heir

Delhi: Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati named Akash Anand as her successor, reversing her decision. BSP reader Sarvar Malik said Akash Anand will be national coordinator. BSP supremo Mayawati withdrew nephew Akash Anand as her political heir and from party office until he was "mature". Akash Anand became BSP National Coordinator. The party announced 13 star candidates for the Uttarakhanda Assembly by-elections.

Delhi: After his election as the Lok Sabha member for South Delhi, Bharatiya Janata Party leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri resigned as opposition leader and Delhi assembly member. The development leaves the LoP job open, prompting a contest among BJP MLAs in the Delhi assembly, Delhi assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel

Delhi: The transport department has issued a public notice prohibiting overage car parking in all public places, including those outside dwellings. To avoid car owner confusion, the agency defined public space. It noted, "Keep such a vehicle in a private parking space owned by the individual, not in a shared parking space, even if it is part of a residential complex." The statement added that a residential complex's owner-assigned parking space is private property. A senior department official said the notification was sent to prevent overage vehicles from leaving in shared or public locations, which can cause congestion and irritation to other people. He added the department encourages owners of such vehicles to discard or find private parking to comply with requirements. The Delhi government deregistered 5.5 million overage and petrol automobiles over 10 and 15 years old.



It added owners of such vehicles can get a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to take the vehicle out of Delhi within a year of its expiration date, but no NOC will be provided beyond that. The department stated owners can also use the Voluntary car Scrapping Application at any local registered car scrapping plant. The notice stated that the enforcement wing of the transport department, New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and Traffic Police

may impound vehicles parked in public spaces even if a NOC has been issued but the vehicle has not been moved out of Delhi within one month. Guidelines for Handling End-of-Life Vehicles 2024 allow prosecution of offenders. Delhi's Supreme Court prohibited diesel and petrol vehicles over 10 and 15 years old in 2018. It said that violating automobiles would be impounded. A 2014 National Green Tribunal order bans public parking of vehicles over 15 years old.

UAPA tribunal notifies LTTE of show cause

Delhi: An Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) panel has issued a show cause notice to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to adjudicate its five-year ban. According to the Union ministry of home affairs' June 14 show cause notice, justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora's Delhi high court tribunal has given LTTE 30 days to respond to "why the organisation should not be declared as unlawful".

LTTE has 30 days to object or respond to the show cause notice. The MHA extended the ban on LTTE and stated that the organisation is "clandestinely" accumulating funds and spreading propaganda and that its residual leaders are seeking to revive it. The central government believes the LTTE is still threatening national security.

111 of 383 capital villages have PNG pipes: LG Saxena

Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena's office said that 111 of the Capital's 383 localities have PNG connections. Officials claimed Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has installed 77,513 PNG meters, constructed 672 km of pipelines in these 111 villages, and received 129,000 gas connection applications. They said the PNG network will reach 311 Delhi villages by the end of the year and 72 by March 2025. Delhi LG proposed PNG connection

in Delhi's villages in June 2023 to improve the neglected areas. He met multiple times with IGL and other authorities, and PNG pipelines were laid in six months.

LG opened Qutabgarh's first PNG connection in December 2023. LG's official said this was IGL's first venture in rural Delhi, which was previously limited to urban residential complexes.

Officials claimed Saxena ordered MCD, PWD, DDA, and NDMC to prioritize

PNG pipeline clearances and other formalities within 30 days at a review meeting.

"The LG emphasised that this initiative will also prevent the villagers from the hassle of getting LPG cylinders refilled/replaced and this will result in huge savings in terms of money and energy for the local villagers," stated. The LG had stated that Delhi will be the first metropolis with piped gas in every home.

LG authorizes new Bijwasan rly station police station

Delhi: After realigning the Delhi Cantt police station borders, LG VK Saxena sanctioned the formation of a new police station near Bijwasan railway station. Officials say the Delhi Cantt railway station police station oversees 13 railway stations. "After the creation of the new police station at Bijwasan railway station, Palam, Shahabad Mohammadpur and

Bijwasan, having a total length of about 9 kilometres, will come under its jurisdiction," stated a source. The new police station will cater to nearly 1.5 lakh population living in the area," he said. Thane railway station officials allegedly beat a passenger over Rs 10 urinal usage charges. Railways Minister sees Bandel Junction reconstruction plan including pit.

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EPFO updating claims program to speed up settlement

Delhi: The Ministry of Labour announced that EPFO is revamping its application software with the UAN-based single accounting system for each member and automation of process flow with minimum human intervention to speed up claim settlement. CDAC is advising on the new software. She advocated for social security expansion and innovative living and business activities. The group also reviewed Litigation Management and Audit operational improvements. Sumita Dawra praised EPFO's recent claim settlement automation and claim rejection reductions. These include auto settlement of advances up to one lakh for illness, education, marriage, and housing, which speeds up claim processing. Auto-resolved 25 lakh advance claims Over 50% of illness claims have been paid automatically. The Labour Ministry reports that many claims are now handled within three days. The chequebook/passbook of bank account upload for KYC Aadhaar-linked accounts of members has been eliminated, eliminating scrutiny in roughly 13 lakh claims in one month. EPFO has also simplified the comments for returning incomplete cases and rejecting ineligible cases for members' understanding. According to EPFO data, auto transfers tripled from two lakh in April 24 to six lakh in May 2024.

As MP, BJP's Bidhuri resigned as LoP in Delhi House

Delhi: After his resignation and notified him. "I resigned as opposition leader and Delhi assembly member to speaker Ram Niwas Goel... Bidhuri thanked the assembly speaker and my fellow legislators for their support during my term. He won the 2020 Badarpur assembly constituency MLA election. The Delhi assembly

would have seven BJP MLAs and 61 AAP MLAs after Bidhuri's resignation. AAP MLA Raaj Kumar Anand was dismissed under anti-defection legislation weeks after joining Bahujan Samaj Party, decreasing the party's numbers from 62 to 61. Since the next Delhi assembly elections are in less than seven months.

IMD forecasts monsoon precipitation in some north Indian states

Delhi: The southwest monsoon is accelerating across the nation. The Meteorological Department predicts southwest monsoon advance over the North Arabian Sea, Gujarat state, remaining parts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gangetic plains of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, and some parts of East Uttar Pradesh in 3-4 days. By July 3, the monsoon will hit northwestern India, encompassing Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana. The IMD predicted above-normal rainfall in much of the country except the Western Himalayas and West Rajasthan. Over the next five days, the Weather Department predicts light to moderate rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and strong winds over Gangetic coastal parts of West Bengal, Bihar,



Light to moderate rainfall is expected in coastal Andhra Pradesh

Jharkhand, Odisha, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Andaman and Nicobar Islands are anticipated to receive heavy rains from June 24 to 26. From June 24 to 26, Uttarakhanda and eastern Uttar Pradesh will have scattered heavy rain. Kerala, coastal areas, southern

interior Karnataka, Konkan-Goa, and Madhya Maharashtra will have heavy rainfall in four to five days, according to the Meteorological Department. Light to moderate rainfall is expected in coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Karaikal over the next five days. Up to 5 days of heavy rain is expected in West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, and Meghalaya. West Bengal, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh may get heavy rain on June 25 and 26.

The government will purchase 156 light combat helicopters from HAL for 50k-cr

Delhi: The defence ministry has let Bengaluru-based Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) bid for 156 Prachand light combat helicopters (LCH) to strengthen the Indian Army and Air Force, officials said. According to anonymous authorities, the estimated cost of the new helicopters, 90 for the army and 66 for the IAF, is 50,000 crore. This will increase India's self-reliance. Two months earlier, the min-



istry let HAL bid for 97 light combat aircraft (LCA Mk-1A) to help the IAF overcome a fighter squadrons shortage. The new fighter planes will cost 67,000 crore approximately. HAL has produced 15 limited

series Prachand helicopters for the IAF (10) and army (5), and soon series production will commence. Officials stated HAL will fulfill the 156 helicopter order in five to six years after signing the contract. The

series production LCH will have more than 55% indigenous content, up from 45%. The LCH can demolish enemy air defenses, target slow-moving and remotely piloted aircraft, destroy high-altitude bunkers, conduct counter-insurgency operations in jungle and urban areas, and support ground forces. The government's affirmative indigenisation lists limit the import of weapons, equipment, and ammunition.

Delhi has practically exhausted groundwater

Delhi: While Delhi is facing a water crisis and civic authorities endeavor to boost groundwater availability, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) reported that yearly recharge and groundwater for extraction had declined. The analysis anticipated Delhi's net annual groundwater recharge in 2023 at 0.38 billion cubic meters (bcm), 0.34 of which was accessible for extraction. Alarmingly, most groundwater has been removed. It means 99.1% of groundwater is

extracted. The 2022 groundwater recharge was 0.41 bcm, with 0.37 bcm available for extraction and 0.36 bcm pulled out. The analysis showed Delhi's groundwater extraction rising from 98.16% in 2022 to 99.13% in 2023 despite a drop in recharging. While some places have made headway in maintaining safe groundwater levels, Delhi still struggles to properly manage its groundwater resources. With 15% of Delhi's assessment units categorized as "safe" for

groundwater levels in 2023, up from 12% in 2022, the CGWB report was pleased. In stark contrast, important groundwater regions increased from 21% of the city in 2022 to 35% in 2023. CGWB assesses groundwater in 34 Delhi tehsils, each an assessment unit. Out of 34 evaluation units, 13 (38%) were 'over-exploited', 12 (35%) were 'critical', four (12%) were semi-critical, and five (15%) were safe'. Improvements since 2022 include an increase in safe zone tehsils from

four to five, a decrease in semi-critical from eight to four, and a reduction in over-exploited areas from 15 to 13. Critical regions expanded from seven tehsils in 2022 to 12 in 2023. To address the groundwater alarm, CGWB recommends mandating rainwater harvesting in water-depleted areas, increasing the use of treated water, and raising awareness through mass awareness campaigns for the public and farmers, water sector training, and school student.

HMD India announces Renowned Actress Sanya Malhotra as Brand Ambassador for its Smartphones Portfolio, starting with HMD Crest

GURUGRAM: Get ready for a fusion of style and technology as Human Mobile Devices (HMD) partners with versatile Bollywood actress Sanya Malhotra, who will be seen as the leading face of the Brand for its upcoming smartphone line-up, starting with HMD Crest. The acclaimed performer, known for her dynamic roles, passion for dance and fashion-forward persona, will front HMD's upcoming 360-degree campaign, embodying the brand's inherent personality around fashion, style, and freedom of expression. Sanya's partnership with Human



Mobile Devices marks a pivotal moment in the company's mission to provide innovative and expressive mobile experiences to the style-conscious audience across India. Commenting on the collaboration, Ravi Kunwar, VP of HMD

India and APAC, stated, "We are delighted to welcome Sanya Malhotra to the Human Mobile Devices family. Sanya is a truly unique talent, her ability to repeatedly deliver strong performances on-screen, yet a rare

ability to express herself on various social platforms with a variety of engaging content aligns perfectly with our ways of consumer engagement. Her appeal to a diverse, style-conscious young audience mirrors our commitment to deliver mobile experiences that are not just technologically advanced but also a true expression of personal style. Equally excited with her new association, Sanya Malhotra said, "I'm thrilled to partner with Human Mobile Devices, a brand whose smartphones are at the intersection of technology and self-expression.

HMD Crest range of smartphones aren't just about staying connected; they're about making a statement and expressing your unique style. As someone who values both fashion and freedom of expression, I'm excited to be part of HMD's journey in revolutionizing the smartphone experience for style-conscious consumers across India." This announcement is a key component of Human Mobile Device's strategy to engage with its target audience and generate excitement about its range of stylish and innovative smartphones.

Municipal corporations with over 50% revenue growth to receive grants up to Rs 100 crore

Lucknow The Yogi government is actively working towards the comprehensive development of cities in Uttar Pradesh and increasing revenue collection for urban local bodies. As part of these efforts, the Urban Development Department has launched the CM-VNY, expanding various schemes and missions under the 'Mission to Movement' initiative. Under this scheme, municipal corporations

that achieve at least a 25% increase in tax/non-tax revenue will receive grants ranging from Rs 2.5 crore to Rs 50 crore. Municipal councils and district headquarters with a population over one lakh that see at least a 15% increase in revenue will be eligible for grants ranging from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 20 crore. For municipal councils and district headquarters with a population under one lakh, as well as Nagar Panchayats that

achieve at least a 10% revenue increase, grants will range from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 5 crore. In special circumstances, a maximum fund of Rs 100 crore per municipal corporation can be allocated to achieve a revenue increase of over 50% and implement innovative projects, revenue-generating initiatives, and projects of national or international significance. This provision is detailed in the Standard Operating Procedure.

Yogi government to establish 'Sequential Batch Reactor Technology' based sewage

Greater Noida July 25 The Yogi government, committed to advancing Uttar Pradesh's progress and development, has launched two major initiatives in Greater Noida. The first involves establishing a 'Sequential Batch Reactor Technology' sewerage treatment plant in Sector-1, Greater Noida, with a capacity of 45 MLD and

an investment of Rs 79.57 crore. The process for selecting agencies and allocating work for this project, which includes establishment, operation, and testing, is already underway. Additionally, efforts are underway to expedite the Ganga Jal Project, by completing electrical, mechanical, and civil works across three zonal reservoirs

with a capacity of 85 cusecs. This initiative, estimated to cost Rs 11.44 crore, is being managed by the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, with a focus on ensuring both quality and timely completion. Under CM Yogi's vision for the integrated development of Greater Noida, a sewerage treatment.

CM Yogi oversees extensive flood relief efforts

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is actively monitoring the flood-affected areas, leading to intensive relief operations in 26 cities hit by the disaster. Relief assistance has been provided to 9,23,134 individuals so far. In response to the damage of 2,138 houses, free housing has been offered to 1,759 beneficiaries, with the process ongoing for 379 more. The comprehensive efforts are aimed at addressing the immediate needs of those impacted by the floods. Over 9 lakh people received relief assistance. Relief Commissioner GS Naveen mentioned that

26 districts in the state are currently affected by floods. These include Lakhimpur Kheri, Balrampur, Kushinagar, Shahjahanpur, Barabanki, Sitapur, Gonda, Siddharthnagar, Ballia, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Azamgarh, Hardoi, Ayodhya, Bahraich, Badaun, Farrukhabad, Basti, Deoria, Mau, Moradabad, Rampur, Maharajanj, Unnao, Pilibhit, and Shravasti. In these flood-affected districts, 77 tehsils, 1,809 villages, 40 wards, and 141 erosion-prone villages are impacted, with a total population of over 16 lakh.

Pristyn Care Makes History with World's First ACL reconstruction surgery Using Apple Vision Pro

GURUGRAM: Pristyn Care has made history again by performing the world's first ACL surgery using the revolutionary Apple Vision Pro, led by the renowned ACL expert Dr. Manu Bora. This groundbreaking procedure, which included ACL and PCL reconstruction and a meniscus repair on a 33-year-old male patient, highlights Pristyn Care's ongoing commitment to healthcare innovation. This historic achievement follows their earlier milestone in May, when Pristyn Care performed the first-ever Apple Vision Pro-assisted bariatric surgery. The use of Apple Vision Pro, a cutting-edge augmented reality (AR) device, showcases Pristyn Care's dedication to enhancing surgical precision and patient care. "Integrating Apple Vision Pro into orthopedic surgery marks a significant leap forward in our mission to innovate in healthcare," said Harsimbar Singh, Co-founder of Pristyn Care. "We are



proud to spearhead such crucial advancements, setting new standards and delivering top-notch care to our patients. Our unwavering focus on leveraging cutting-edge technology and fostering innovation ensures that we provide the best possible outcomes and experiences for those we serve." The Apple Vision Pro provided a detailed 3D view, allowing Dr. Bora and his team to see complex anatomical structures clearly. This technology helped them perform the surgery with great accuracy, reducing risks and improving outcomes for the patient. This surgery marks a significant advance in orthopedic care and demonstrates the potential of AR technology to improve surgical precision, shorten surgery times, and speed up patient recovery. "By using Apple Vision.

Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited's Initial Public Offer to open on July 30, 2024

GURUGRAM: Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited ("AKUMS" or "The Company"), shall open the Bid / Offer Period in relation to its initial public offer of the Equity Shares ("Offer") on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. The Offer comprises a fresh issue of such number of Equity Shares (face value ₹ 2 each) by the Company aggregating up to ₹ 6,800 million (the "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale of up to 17,330,435 Equity Shares ("Offered Shares") by certain existing shareholders of the Company (the "Selling Shareholders"). The Offered Shares comprises up to 1,512,000 Equity Shares by Sanjeev Jain, up to 1,512,000 Equity Shares by Sandeep Jain, (collectively, the "Promoter Selling Shareholders") and up



to 14,306,435 Equity Shares by Ruby QC Investment Holdings Pte. Ltd. (The "Ruby QC" or "Investor Selling Shareholder") (such offer for sale of the Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders, the "Offer for Sale"). Ruby QC is backed by Quadria Capital, a prominent healthcare focused private equity fund in Asia. This Offer includes a reservation of up to such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 150.00 million (₹ 15.00 crore) for subscription by eligible employees. (the

"Employee Reservation Portion") The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period opens and closes on Monday, July 29, 2024. The Bid/Offer Period will open on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 for subscription and close on Thursday, August 1, 2024. ("Bid Details") The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 646 to ₹ 679 per Equity Share (the "Price Band"). Bids can be made for a minimum of 22 Equity Shares and in multiples of 22 Equity Shares thereafter. (the "Minimum Bid Lot").

NSSRC to help Kushinagar grow a wide variety of spices

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

Poetry recitation competition organized on the occasion of 88th birth anniversary of Dr. Dharmswaroop Gupt

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of 88th birth anniversary of litterateur, journalist and educationist late Dr. Dharmswaroop Gupt, Srijan Institution organized a poetry recitation competition in Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh. The program was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Sarita Mehta, Founder President of Vidyadham USA, Somesh Gupt, President of Srijan and Principal Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma. This competition was divided into two parts, junior and senior respectively. In the junior category, students recited poems like Pyaas, Aandhi, Bezubaan, Dayare, Antardrishti, Bhatkan, Mera Desh, Aye Mere Watan, Main Hindustani, Bharat Ki Santan, Pyaas, Zindagi, Halat Mein Sudhar, Mehfil etc. Students of the senior category presented poems like Dishaheen, Aandhi, Zindagi Ek Lehar, Aye Mere Dost, Sawan Ki Kya Baat Kahun Main, Muskaan etc. In the junior category, Hamaira, Nikki, Lakshmi got first, second and third place respectively. While Raj and Ankush were awarded consolation prizes. In the senior category, Kalpana got first place, Piyush got second and Rupanshi got third place. While Nancy and Kajal were awarded with consolation prizes. Dr. Sarita Mehta while addressing the students said that Dr. Dharmswaroop Gupt was a teacher of high caliber. His creations are becoming the voice of the people today. His works are guiding people. Dr. Vinod Sharma said that Dr. Dharmswaroop Gupt was full of simple life and high thinking. He gave a new direction to the field of education as well as literature and journalism. He is the source of inspiration for everyone. Somesh Gupta expressed his gratitude to all the teachers and children present.



AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) to apply for Universal Banking license

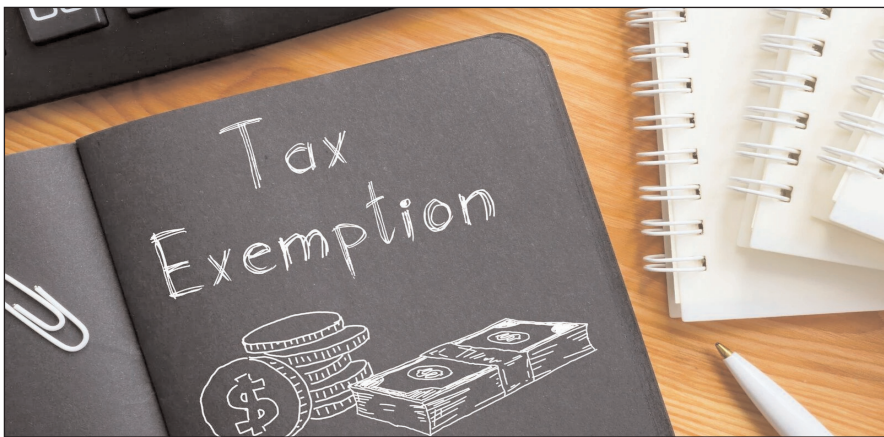
CHANDIGARH: The Board of Directors of AU Small Finance Bank Limited at its meeting held today, approved the financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2024. Commenting on the performance, Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, MD & CEO, AU Small Finance Bank said, "India's economy continued to show robust growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal year. This was driven by strong private consumption and government spending, particularly in infrastructure. Overall, the Indian economy displayed

resilience and outperformed many of its peers. **Executive Summary** Q1'FY25 saw continued elevated competition among banks for deposit mobilization, while liquidity remained in deficit for most part of the quarter and inflation was rangebound. Domestic growth and inflation dynamics are expected to keep the interest rates elevated for longer. Quarter 1 has seasonally been a weak quarter which got further impacted due to some break in continuity due to general elections

and a strong heat wave in some parts of the country. Despite these challenges, Bank in this quarter delivered a consistent performance across business parameters with a steady start to the financial year. Bank has also made noticeable progress on various parameters highlighted in the AU@2027 strategy. **Performance at a glance:** Profitability The Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) grew 54% YoY to 1,921 Crore compared to 1,246 Crore during Q1'FY24

Other Income growth for Q1'FY25 grew by 73% YoY to ₹ 546 Crore, driven by fee income, third-party product distribution and credit cards. The Bank's pre-provisioning operating profit (PPOP) for Q1'FY25 grew 81% YoY to ₹ 988 Crore compared to 546 Crore in Q1'FY24. The net profit at ₹ 503 Crore in Q1'FY25 grew 30% YoY compared to ₹ 387 Crore in Q1'FY24. Net Interest Margin (NIM) for Q1'FY25 stood at 6.0%. Cost to Income declined by 509 bps YoY to 59.9% in Q1'FY25.

As hundreds of Chinese items lose tax exclusions, the US-China trade battle escalates



Delhi: Recently, the US has banned, restricted, or imposed high taxes on hundreds of Chinese imports to stimulate domestic production and reduce dependence on Chinese commodities. The USTR has already added tariffs to half of 429 items. The USTR excluded further duties from the "Section 301" probe of China's technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation measures in previous announcements. The current 429 product-specific exclusions (352 reinstated and 77 COVID-related) expire on May 31, 2024. The US trade agency declared a 14-day transition period for all current exclusions until June 14, 2024, and to "extend certain exclusions through May 31, 2025" in a new notice. "To allow for a transition period, the US Trade Representative is extending all currently expiring exclusions through June 14, 2024," it stated. Chinese motors and medical equipment are excluded until May 2025. The USTR ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sourcing out of China, or provide additional time where, despite efforts to source products from alternative sources, availability of the product outside of China remains limited". Last March, the USTR reinstated some "Section 301" tariff exceptions for Chinese goods. Former President Donald Trump began a trade war with China and imposed tariffs on nearly \$300 billion in Chinese goods, invoking Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Trump granted product tariff exclusions for select businesses

UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

Delhi: UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards. "RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Hero FinCorp for violating regulatory standards

Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Hero FinCorp Limited Rs 3,10,000 for violating the fair practices policy for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). An RBI assessment has uncovered that Hero FinCorp failed



to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024: Rural Development Dept leads with 13.54 crore saplings planted

Lucknow

As Uttar Pradesh set a record by planting over 36.51 crore saplings in a single day as part of its Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024, the Rural Development Department made the largest contribution to this effort, planting 13.54 crore saplings. Sonbhadra topped among the districts with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings planted. The Sheesham tree was the most planted species, with more than 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand saplings planted across Uttar Pradesh. Out of more than 36.51 crore saplings planted, the highest number were Sheesham trees, with 4 crore 33 lakh 38 thousand 723 saplings. Additionally, 4 crore 33 lakh 7 thousand 858 teak saplings, 2 crore 19 lakh 10 thousand 650 Jamun saplings, 1 crore 67 lakh 73 thousand 913 Arjun saplings, and 95 lakh 32 thousand 275 Amla saplings were planted. The Sonbhadra district saw the highest number of saplings planted, with 1 crore 53 lakh saplings. Other districts also contributed significantly: 97 lakh saplings were planted in Jhansi, 95 lakh in Lakhimpur Kheri, 94 lakh in Jalaun, and more than 93 lakh saplings in Mirzapur, all within a single day. The Rural Development Department led the way, planting 13 crore 54 lakh saplings, the highest among all departments. The Forest, Wildlife Department made a significant contribution by planting 12.64 crore saplings, enhancing the greenery of Uttar Pradesh.

Mahakumbh will be grand, divine, green, clean and safe: CM Yogi

Prayagraj Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a meeting with senior officials and public representatives on Saturday to discuss the preparations for Mahakumbh-25 in Prayagraj. During the meeting, CM Yogi provided essential guidelines to ensure the event is divine, grand, green, clean, and safe. In addition to this, the CM also reviewed ongoing development works with public representatives. He emphasized the importance of accelerating these projects

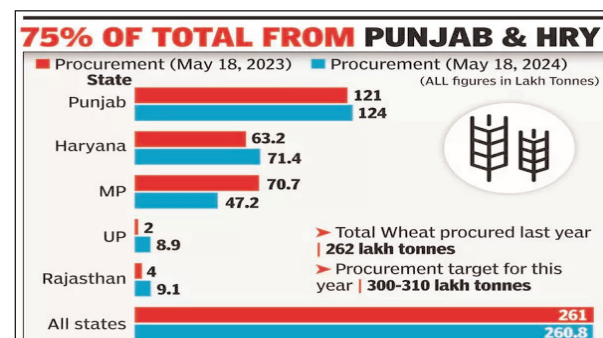
and maintaining regular inspections. Following the meetings, CM Yogi paid tribute to martyr Chandrashekhar Azad by garlanding his statue on the Circuit House premises. He then planted a Bael sapling as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign initiated by PM Modi under the 'Ped Lagao Ped Bachao Abhiyan 2024'. CM Yogi later visited the Lete Hanuman Temple at the Sangam, where he offered prayers and sought blessings. Concluding his visit, he went to the residence of

Cabinet Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, where he blessed the newly married son and daughter-in-law of the Minister and presented them with a gift from the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. Complete all tasks on time with quality by October. During the meeting, Kumbh Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand made a presentation to CM Yogi. After that, various departments presented their progress reports on the preparations. The CM gave instructions to ensure that

Mahakumbh is grand, divine, clean, safe, and green. He directed that all personnel on duty at Mahakumbh should be provided with nameplates and unique codes and that their training should be completed on time. Emphasizing cleanliness, he stated that single-use plastic should be completely banned in the Kumbh area to maintain a green Mahakumbh. He also instructed that all work should be completed on time and with quality, warning that negligence will not be tolerated.

Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

Delhi: This Rabi selling season, the Food Ministry announced that the Central government had purchased 262.48 lakh metric tonnes of wheat in various states, beating previous year's 262.02 lakh. The Rabi marketing season 2024-25 MSP outflow was Rs. 59,715 crores, benefiting 22.31 lakh farmers. Five states dominated procurement. Punjab procured 124.26 lakh metric tons (LMT), followed by Haryana with 71.49 LMT and Madhya Pradesh with 47.78 LMT. Rajasthan and



Uttar Pradesh followed with 9.66 and 9.07 LMT. According to the Ministry, 728.42 LMT paddy equivalent to 489.15 LMT of rice has been acquired directly from 98.26 lakh farmers during the Kharif marketing scheme 2023-24, with a total

MSP outflow of Rs. 1,60,472 crores. The Food Ministry said the Central Pool's wheat and rice stock had topped 600 LMT, allowing the country to meet its food grain needs under PMGKAY, other welfare initiatives, and market interventions.

Asian Paints launches its first 'Beautiful Homes' store in Rajouri

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NEW DELHI: India's largest paint and décor company, Asian Paints launches its first premium 'Beautiful Homes', a multi-category décor showroom in Rajouri Garden, Delhi. Located in Block B, the new Asian Paints Beautiful Homes store



is set to offer a unique and immersive shopping experience with technological trends that will enhance customer service and experiences at the store. The state-of-the-art store was inaugurated by Amit Syngle, Managing Director & CEO, Asian Paints today. The store displays products across multiple categories for residential as well as commercial spaces. Spread across 5000 sq. ft. across two floors, the Beautiful

Homes store in Rajouri Garden is an one-stop-shop that offers comprehensive solutions to consumers displaying a diverse range of products across all home categories - Furniture, Bath, Lights, Fabrics, Rugs, Modular Kitchens and Wardrobes, Bedding, Safe Painting Services and much more. Visitors can also explore the exquisite decorative lighting collection from White Teak, and the wide range of Weatherseal's UPVC windows and doors system.

Education is a powerful tool to guide the development of society: Ramchander Jadoula

Kaithal: Former Director Hafed and famous social worker Ramchander Jadoula said that through education every citizen can and is contributing to the welfare and progress of the society. Education provides a kind of direction in the life of every person which changes the way of thinking and understanding, so it is very important to explain the importance of education in every field and increase awareness about it. Talking in an interview at his establishment in New Anaaj Mandi Dhand, former Director Ramchander Jadoula said that education is not only a source of knowledge, but it gives a person a sense of self-dedication, excellence, and responsibility towards the society.



An educated person can initiate a positive change in his society. That is why education is considered an important tool for the development of society. He said that there is a need to draw the attention of the society towards education. Many people consider education to be limited only to studies and examinations, whereas it should actually be comprehensive. An aware society makes its people aware of how important edu-

cation is for their overall personality and social upliftment. Former Director Hafed Ramchander Jadoula said that it is necessary to increase awareness in every field for education. Active participation is required at all levels to understand the importance of education and implement it in the society. He said that it has to be ensured that every person is explained that education is not only a means of study, but a powerful tool to guide the development of a society. Society should work actively to improve the quality of education, so that the level of education can improve overall. It is also important to use digital platforms to increase awareness towards education.

Yogi govt scripts history with more than 36.51 crore saplings planted in a single day in UP

Lucknow Uttar Pradesh created history on Saturday with a total of 36,51,45,477 (over 36.50 crore) saplings planted across the state till 6 pm, surpassing the government's target by the 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Mahabhiyan 2024,' Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated everyone on his official social media account 'X'. He wrote, "Today, in the 'New Uttar Pradesh' of 'New India,' the public welfare resolution of planting more than 36.50 crore saplings in a single day has been fulfilled. This record, expressing gratitude towards nature and Mother Earth, demonstrates the immense public engagement with the call. of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji #Ek_Ped_Maa_Ke_Naam. Heartfelt congratulations. Patil participated by

planting saplings in Sitapur, while all state government ministers also contributed by planting saplings in various districts. Following the unexpected success of the 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Mahabhiyan 2024,' Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated everyone on his official social media account 'X'. He wrote, "Today, in the 'New Uttar Pradesh' of 'New India,' the public welfare resolution of planting more than 36.50 crore saplings in a single day has been fulfilled. This record, expressing gratitude towards nature and Mother Earth, demonstrates the immense public engagement with the call. of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji #Ek_Ped_Maa_Ke_Naam. Heartfelt congratulations. Patil participated by