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70+ citizens with private cover can also avail PMJAY: Centre

NEW DELHI:

Union Cabinet's decito extend Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all senior citizens aged 70 and above comes before govt completes the first 100 days in office in its third term. "The scheme will be rolled out soon. All eligible senior citizens would be issued a new distinct card under AB-PMJAY. The senior citizens of the age 70 years and above belonging to families already covered under AB-PMJAY will get an additional top-up cover up to Rs 5 lakh per year for themselves (which they do not have to share with the other members of the family who are below the age of 70).

All other senior citizens minister

of the age 70 years and above will get a cover up to Rs 5 lakh per year on a family basis," I&B Ashwini Vaishnaw said. He added that eligible senior citizens already

Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and

Central Armed Police



Rahul remark shows his prejudice against quotas, claims BJP

NEW DELHI: Taking Gandhi's assassination. strong exception to Rahul Gandhi's remarks on Sikhs in India, several BJP functionaries belonging to the community said Rahul was trying to poison Sikhs tionaries, rioters put and defame India as tyres around the necks they recalled the masfollowing Indira

availing benefits of other public health insurance schemes such Central as

IIT-Guwahati academic affairs dean quits amid stir over student suicide' **GUWAHATI:** IIT-Guwahati

students temporarily halted on Wednesday their agitation over a 21-year-old 3rdyear BTech student's death after the dean of academic affairs resigned.The institute's director, Devendra Jalihal, assured students that their demands for the resignation of several more faculty members, including the hostel affairs board vicechairperson and the associate deans of student and academic affairs, would soon be addressed. However, IIT-Guwahati authorities said they were yet to decide whether to accept the resignation letter of dean of academic affairs KV Krishna.

The authorities have restricted media access to the instisacre of Sikhs in Delhi bans and burnt them tute. Protests had erupted on Monday following the alleged suicide of the Paswan Force (CAPF) may community student, Bimlesh

Kumar from Ballia, UP. "There is clear negligence on the part of IIT-Guwahati. How could they be so ruthless towards a student who aged 70 years and submitted a medical reason above who are under for poor attendance and fail him in his third year, not for poor academics but for having low attendance.

Congress names 40 more candidates, Surjewala son gets Kaithal ticket

CHANDIGARH:

Congress waited until midnight Wednesday to declare a list of 40 candidates for the Haryana polls, seemingly to minimise the chances of those who missed the bus filing nominations on their own before the Thursday deadline. The party, too, has only hours to decide who to give the remaining 9 seats to.

Congress issued its first list of 31 candidates last week, followed by another name hours later.Then came another list of nine nominees. These were mostly the so-called easy seats where the threat of rebellion was minimal, and also where strong claimants were fewer. All 28 sitting MLAs made the cut.With this delay, the party is hoping that it will be able to minimise rebellion from disappointed party members.The faces nominated by Congress include RS MP Randeep Surjewala's son Aditya Surjewala from Kaithal, Hisar MP Jai Prakash's son Vikas Saharan from Kalayat, Ambala MP



BJP slams Rahul Gandhi after Pannun backs his remarks on Sikhs

NEW DELHI:

Secessionist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun lauded Rahul Gandhi's allegation about Sikhs in India not being allowed to wear turban and kada and visiting gurdwaras as a vindication of the demand for a separate state of Khalistan, drawing a scathing attack on Rahul from BJP which also flayed him for meeting US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who has been supporting Pakistan's agenda on Jammu and

Varun Chaudhary's wife Pooja Chaudhary from Mulana (reserved) and former Haryana CM Bansi Lal's son-in-law

Kashmir Stating that Rahul made the controversial remark to an audience which had many Khalistan supporters, Pannun said, "While addressing the gathering Washington DC where many pro-Khalistan

Sikhs were in the audience, Rahul Gandhi justified Sikhs For Justice's Khalistan referendum campaign when he said 'fight in India is whether a Sikh will be allowed to wear turban and kada.

Sombir Singh Sheoran has been fielded from Badhra.Pardeep Narwal, who is new to Haryana's politics.

Centre seeks review of SC's

Ajit Doval calls for joint Brics action against terror, meets Wang Yi

Participating in the Brics NSAs' meeting in St Petersburg, NSA Ajit Doval spoke about modern security challenges, including in the digital domain, and terrorism, calling for joint efforts within the Brics framework to address these issues.

Doval, who had a brief interaction with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on the margins, also called for reform of multilateralism saying existing structures are no longer capable of handling modern threats and sensitive issues of common concerns. Govt sources confirmed Doval will have a formal bilateral meeting with Wang on Thursday. He is expected to address the LAC situation in eastern Ladakh and seek early completion of the disengagement process, and restoration of peace and tranquillity along the border areas, the relationship can become normal.The Brics NSAs also reviewed pressing security challenges facing the globe.

Impasse on as Bengal junior doctors junk second govt invite for talks, set fresh terms

KOLKATA: Junior doctors rallying for justice to their raped and murdered colleague at Kolkata's RG Kar hospital rebuffed on Wednesday a second emailed invitation for talks with the Bengal govt and set fresh terms, including a "live telecast" of the meeting. The doctors' continued strike in defiance of even Supreme Court's 5pm Tuesday deadline to return to work led senior govt officials to suspect what they termed "political instigation". The day had started with a semblance of hope as the junior doctors camping at Swasthya Bhavan, the health department's headquarters, since Tuesday evening sent feelers to the govt after a general body

meeting. Prior to this, the West

Bengal Junior Doctors' Front

(WBJDF) wrote an email to CM

Mamata Banerjee at 3.49am,

agreeing to a meeting but setting

additional conditions. One of the new terms specified in the mail was to allow a 30-member delegation to participate in the talks. The doctors wanted West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to be present at the meeting. The govt replied to WBJDF's email at 3.23pm, inviting it to a meeting at 6pm with a delegation of 12-15 people. While reminding the protesting doctors that as law-abiding citizens they ought to follow SC's return-towork directive, the state govt said "any condition (for talks) impedes open discussion".At 5.23pm, another mail from the association landed in govt's inbox, mentioning the conditions mentioned previously remained unchanged. The protesting doctors have a fivepoint charter of demands.The want the health secretary, director of medical education, director of health services and Kolkata Police commissioner to resign, besides a departmental inquiry and disciplinary action against hospital's exprincipal Sandip Ghosh.

Communal violence erupts in Karnataka's Nagamangala during Ganesha idol immersion

MANDYA:

Nagamangala, a town situated 45 kilometers from Karnataka's Mandya district witnessed heightened tensions following a clash between two groups during a Ganesh procession around 8 pm on Wednesday. The incident occurred

when devotees from Badarikoppalu were carrying two Ganesh idols for immersion. As the procession

reached a place of

MUMBAI: The UK

govt will give 500

million pounds to

Tata Steel to con-

struct a greener

electric furnace at

the Port Talbot site

in Wales, with the

Indian company

paying 750 million

pounds. While the

previous UK govt

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acquired the UK

plant as part of its

acquisition of the

Corus Group in

April 2007 for 6.2

the



Tata Steel to get £500 million from

UK for plant in Wales

worship, miscreants engaged in chanting threw stones, leading to a heated altercation between the two groups. Police had to use mild force to disperse the crowd.

Following the inci-

dent, the groups stone-pelting,

praises deities, further escalating the tension in town.Sources reported that a few individuals sustained injuries during the

at odds with each other.Youths from tension.

the police faced diffi-

culties in controlling

the crowds who were

Badarikoppalu later Court enabling states to collect royalty on halted the procession extracted minerals and near the police station, demanding the to levy tax on mineralarrest of the miscrebearing land, Centre has sought a review, ants responsible for pointing out several throwing stones at them.Senior officers "errors apparent in the from both the police judgment".Interestingl and revenue departy, the Centre has roped ments rushed to the in Madhya Pradesh as scene to pacify the a co-petitioner to seek crowd and defuse the review of the July 25 judgment in an open

North Korea fires ballistic missile into eastern waters, South

North Korea fires ballistic missile into eastern waters, South Korea says North Korea (Reuters: File Photo) North Korea launched an unidentified missile off its east coast on

military reported. This follows a



court hearing and hearing of the review argued that the issue raised by it "pertains to the fundamental rights of the citizens of the country and raises larger issue of public interest and grave injustice would ensue if the application for oral

petition allowed".

When senior advocate Dwivedi. Rakesh appearing for some mineral-rich states, sought early listing of pending cases relating to dues .

2 Army officers thrashed, their female friend gang-raped in MP



INDORE: A night drive by two young Army officers and female friends ended in horror when they were attacked by a group of men who gang-raped one of the women at gunpoint near the historic Jam Gate, 50km from Indore, in the wee hours of Wednesday. Additional SP Rupesh Dwivedi said Wednesday night that

six suspects had been identified, two of whom have been detained from the jungles. Both Army officers were injured in the mob attack.

One of them managed to dial his senior officers but by the time police arrived from Mhow, 30km away, the woman had already been gangraped.

The two Armymen are undergoing the Young Officers course at Infantry School, Mhow, SP Rural Hitika Vasal said.According to the complaint filed by one of the lieutenants, the four of them had driven to Ahilya Gate near Jam Gate on Mhow-Mandleshwar road on Tuesday night.

billion pounds and had agreed to give since then, the unit 500 million pounds has hardly made to Tata Steel, no any money for the deal was signed company. Tata with the company. Steel has already The development closed one blast comes as Tata furnace at the Port Steel seeks to cut Talbot site in July losses at its UK and will shut down the second one Tata Steel had

this month, making

redundant. While

the deal with the

UK govt secures

workers

2,500

long-term future of steel making in Wales, govt was unable to secure the 2,500 jobs that Tata Steel will cut over coming months, reported the Guardian.

Under the new deal, those who will lose their jobs will receive an improved redundancy package.

furnace (EAF) which will melt scrap steel or iron to produce steel is greener but far less labour intensive, with about 500 jobs being created during its construction. The electric arc furnace will be operational within three years, that is by late

The electric arc

Korea says

On Thursday, South Korea's military reported North launched an unidentified missile off its east coast. This event follows a similar incident in May when North Korea fired an unidentified ballistic missile into the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan. According to the Japanese coast guard, the projectile from May fell into the sea.

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Outer Ring Road necessary in Prayagraj: Ujjwal

* Tree plantation should be done on both sides of Rewa Road and Mirzapur Road * MP Ujjwal's meets with Union Transport **Minister Nitin Gadkari**

Prayagraj: MP Ujjwal Raman Singh met Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi and raised two demands. First, outer ring road in Prayagraj and concrete bridge on river Ganga in Meja. Second, plantation on both sides of Rewa Road and Mirzapur Road, informed MP representative Vinay Kushwaha, who told



reporters that MP thanked Nitin Gadkari ji for the work going on the inner ring road and said that this proposal was given in the 2020 master plan by former MP Kunwar Revati Raman Singh, this scheme lagged behind by five years due to which today Prayagraj is struggling with traffic jam, hence if the proposal of Outer Ring Road is made and announced now, it will take 10 years for it to be built, then the situation will be like today.

The representative said that the Union Transport Minister assured MP Ujjwal to consider the outer ring road and said that outer ring roads will be built at a distance of 40-45 km from the city. On the demand of tree plantation, the minister said that I am for the construction of every national highway. Also, orders for tree plantation on both sides have been issued by including it in the action plan. If the action plan has been changed and tree plantation has not been done, then you should complain in writing, I will take action on it.

Regreen-Excel EPC India Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: Regreen-Excel EPC India Limited has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). Regreen-Excel EPC have grown to become the youngest manufacturer and supplier of Ethanol plants (Distillery, Sugar & Cogeneration, Bio Fuels, Zero Liquid Discharge Systems, and Renewable Energy) amongst the leading players in India as of March 31, 2024 (Source: F&S Report). The company's initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of up to Rs. 3,500 million and an offer for sale aggregating up to 11,450,380 equity shares by the promoter selling shareholders. An offer for sale of up to 11,450,380 equity shares, comprising up to 3,944,020 equity shares by Sanjay Shrinivasrao Desai, up to 1,501,272 equity shares aggregating by Tushar Vedu Patil, up to 1,501,272 equity shares by Alimuddin Aminuddin Sayyed, up to 1,501,272 equity shares by Kiran Sudhakar Gavali, up to 1,501,272 equity shares by Rokesh Luis Mascarenhas and up to 1,501,272 equity shares by Sagar Satish Raut (together the "promoter selling shareholders").

Vi ensuring safer customer transactions

Varanasi: Leading telecom operatorVi today announced a significant achievement by attaining the Payment Card Industry-Data Security Standard version 4.0 (PCI DSS 4.0) certification for its retail stores& payment channels. This positions Vi as the first telecom operator in India to secure this prestigious certification, further highlighting its commitment to safeguard customer payment information through adherence to the highest global security standards. PCI DSS 4.0, established by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), represents the most rigorous and up-to-date security protocols designed to protect organisations handling credit and debit card transactions from data breaches and fraud.

Ventive Hospitality Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: Ventive Hospitality Limited (Formerly known as ICC Realty (India) Private Limited), a hospitality asset owner with a primary focus on luxury offerings across business and leisure segments, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The Company's initial public offering comprises of a fresh issue of Equity Shares of face value of ?1 each aggregating up to ?2000 Crores. The total offer size comprises of up to Equity Shares of face value of ?1 each aggregating up to ?2000 Crores. Ventive Hospitality Limited, formerly known as ICC Realty (India) Private Limited was founded as the hospitality division of Panchshil Realty, a real estate conglomerate based in Pune which has a presence across the commercial, retail, luxury residential and data center segments. In 2017, pursuant to the acquisition of a 50% stake in the company, BRE Asia (formerly known as Xander Investment Holding XVI Limited), an affiliate of Blackstone, became 50% shareholder in the company.

Ventive Hospitality Limited is a hospitality asset owner with a primary focus on luxury offerings across business and leisure segments. All of the hospitality assets are operated by or franchised from global operators, including Marriott, Hilton, Minor and Atmosphere. The luxury hospitality assets comprise JW Marriott, Pune, The Ritz-Carlton, Pune, Conrad, Maldives, Anantara, Maldives and Raaya by Atmosphere, Maldives. The portfolio comprises 11 operational hospitality assets in India and Maldives, totalling 2,036 keys across the luxury, upper upscale and upscale segments as at March 31, 2024, compared to the 83 keys in 2007 when it commenced operations.

National Nutrition Month nationwide celebration and mass movement: Guru Prasad Maurya

Prayagraj: Malnutrition is a problem all over the world, where under-nutrition affects a person's weight and height according to age, while over-nutrition leads to the possibility of obesity, overweight and diet-related non-communicable diseases, that is why our diet should be balanced. The above things were said by Phaphamau MLA Guru Prasad Maurya during the "7th National Nutrition Month" organized by the Central Communication Bureau of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India in collaboration with the Department of Child Development Services and Nutrition and Health today at Bioved Agriculture and Technology Research Institute, Moharb, Shringverpur. Said during the public awareness program organized in the

said that Poshan Maah has become a nationwide celebration and is taking the form of a mass movement. He said that the government is committed to tackling the problem of malnutrition among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The month-long campaign aims to further accelerate efforts to combat malnutrition and promote overall health across the country. The program started with the chief guest cutting the ribbon and lighting the lamp and garlanding the statue of Goddess Saraswati. During the program, trees were planted by the chief guest under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign. All the Anganwadi, Chief Sevak, CDPO, Medical Officer and others present in the program formed a human chain and

auditorium of Prayagraj. He created awareness about are being made to nourish nutrition. During this, the Chief Guest performed the baby shower ceremony of 5 pregnant women and Annaprashan ceremony of



Addressing the program, Medical Officer incharge Kaudihar Dr. Anurag Tiwari said that National Nutrition Month is developing as a nationwide campaign. Through this campaign, continuous efforts

Yadav discussed the topics of National Nutrition Month like anemia, growth monitoring, complementary feeding of children from 7 months along with mother's milk, nutrition as well as education, a tree in the name

children, adolescent girls,

pregnant women and lactat-

ing mothers across the

country. Child Develop-

of mother, technology for better administration etc. but elaborately inserted. Dr. V.K. Dwivedi, Director of Bioved Agriculture and ment Project Officer Technology Research Institute, while appreciating the awareness program, said that the coarse grains produced on the country's soil are in demand all over the world. Addressing the women, he said that special attention should be paid to the nutrition and education of daughters. The program and quiz was conducted by the Bureau's program incharge Ram Murat Vishwakarma. During the program, speech, essay, rangoli, poster painting and quiz competitions were organized and a total of 20 winning participants were honored by the MLA by presenting them certificates and prizes. Informative information along with entertainment was given by

department's registered Harvind Yadav Folk Song Party and magician Yogendra. During the program, a health camp was set up under the supervision of Medical Officer Dr. Sushma Yadav and an ICDS stall was set up under the supervision of CDPO. Bureau's Regional Publicity Assistant Balmukund Singh, ICDS's Amit Kumar Sharma, Arun Kumar Jaiswal, Chief Servant Shobha Devi, Pooja, Gayatri Shukla, Meenakshi, Kusum and Rocket Learning Organization representative Shubhangi Shukla, Umesh Chandra Dwivedi Block Scout Master, Institute participated in the program. Principal of Anganwadi Dr. Himanshu Dwivedi, Dr. Vipin Sahu, Dr. Shravan Kumar, Dr. Ankit Shukla, Dr. S.S. Yadav, journalist Shivashankar Pandey and a large number of Anganwadi were present.

Coffin taken out iu candlelight on martyrdom of Imam Hasan Askari

Prayagraj: Imambara Mirza on the occasion of the martyrdom of Imam Hasan Askari Ibn Ali Naqi on the seventh of Rabiul Awal. The Majlis of Naqi Beg Chakayyanim Chup Tazia Ashre, which was established by Sagir Hussain Saggi Saheb late, was organized in conjunction with the present organizer Bashir Hussain, in which Raza Ismail Safvi, Kazim Abbas, Shahenshah Sonvi delivered the sermon on different days and Maulana Syed Razi Haider Rizvi Sahib Qibla described the martyrdom of Imam Hasan Askari in a touching manner. After extinguishing the lights of the Majlis Imambara, the huge coffin decorated with roses and jasmine flowers was taken out to Ziyarat in the light of candles and the smoke of fragrant frankincense. Naukhawans of Anjuman Haidaria Rani Mandi read Purdard Nauha. Bashir ing today with silent Tazia Hussain, Asad Hussain and Amari procession: The Babbu, Hasan Rizvi, Bablu, mourning program that Haider, Musi etc. were



present. Whereas in Bakshi Bazaar Hata, late Khurshid Hussain was present on behalf of Mirza Azadar Hussain and Zaman Naqvi in the annual Majlis. Abbas and his companions discussed the matter. Maulana Ali Abbas Sahib Qibla narrated the martyrdom. Anjuman Guncha e Qasimya The sailors of Bakshi Bazaar read Purdard

Mourning period endlasted for two months and

eight days for the tragic martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain, the Prophet of Islam and other family members, will be held on Thursday, the eighth of Mahe Rabiul Awal, at Imambara Mirza Naqi located at Ranimandi Chakayaniem. The Chup Tazia procession will start from Beg at 9 am and will end with the Amari procession from Daryabad Haveli at 1 pm. According to Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar Syed spokesperson Mohammad Askari, the procession coming out of

Rani Mandi will be taken out by Anjuman Haidaria Rani Mandi under the leadership of Bashir Hussain which will reach Karbala at Chakia via Rani Mandi Bacha Ji Dharamshala Dr. Chadha Road Kotwali Nakhas Khuldabad Kohna Himmatganj. The second big Amri procession will start from the mansion under the supervision of Toorab Haider and will patrol the streets of Daryabad and reach Imambara Arab Ali Khan. The procession will include Anjuman Shabbiriya Ranimandi Anjuman Mazlumia Ranimandi Anjuman Guncha-e-Qasimya Bakshi Bazaar, Anjuman Abbasia Ranimandi, Anjuman Qadeem Hussainiya Dariyabad and Anjuman Hashimaya Dariyaabad will participate. All the mourning Anjumans will participate in the procession with their respective flags. The coffin alam Zuljanah Tazia and the amari placed on camels will also accompany the procession.

DRM's Office got first prize by City Official Language Implementation Committee

Prayagraj: The City Official Language Implementation Committee, Prayagraj gave the first prize to the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Prayagraj. Official Language with the aim of establishing better coordination for the implementation of the official language policy of the Union Government and the promotion and use of the official language Hindi in the central government offices, undertakings, banks and autonomous bodies located in the cities of the country and taking collective decisions in this regard. Town Official Language Implementation Committees (NARAKAS) are constituted by the Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, under the chairmanship of the senior most officer of the central organization in a particular city. In Prayagraj city also, a committee is constituted by the name of Town Official Language Implementation Committee (Office-1) whose year is The meeting is held twice. This committee has been constituted in the office of the Chief Income Tax Commissioner in Prayagraj. At present there are total 48 member offices of this committee. Along with this, the offices making excellent use and dissemination of Hindi are rewarded once a year on the basis of annual report and are also given a certificate and certificate. It is a matter of great joy that this year the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Prayagraj has been awarded the first prize of Chal Vyjayanti for the progress made in the use of the official language during the year 2023-24. The said award was received by Mona Mohanty, Chief Income Tax Commissioner, Allahabad on behalf of Divisional Railway Manager Office, Prayagraj, Naveen Prakash, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra.) and Additional Chief Official Language Officer.

Top five laser projectors that live up to the hype

From Formovie C3 to BenQ V7050i, these advanced devices offer power-packed value, top-notch performance and versatility

Prayagraj: While laser projectors are fast replacing high-end TVs as the new leaders in home entertainment, choosing the right device is becoming increasingly important. A featureloaded projector can elevate your entertainment by many notches and enhance the experience of gaming as well as watching sports, shows and movies. Whether you are hosting a movie night in your backyard or indoors, these projectors are a perfect fit for your lifestyle and evolving entertainment needs.

Formovie C3: Apart from its portability and easy installation capabilities, the Formovie C3 is integrated with cutting-edge technical innovations that enhance your content viewing experience. The Formovie C3 features an Advanced Laser Phosphor Display (ALPD) that delivers crystal-clear visuals. With 400 nits of brightness, 4K resolution and an adjustable image size ranging from 80 to 120 inches, its non-luminous screen also supports eye care by offering blue light protection. Powered by a 4-core MT9669 proces-

sor with 3GB RAM and

provides superior sound quality, featuring a 30W fullfrequency speaker with Dolby and DTS support. Its stylish and elegant design includes an ultra-thin, borderless full screen and a fabric art patch on a pure white matte body. The device comes with a free 4K Fire TV Stick, all for an inclusive price of Rs 2,65,000. It is available at Formovie.

Optoma UHZ50: The UHZ50 features DuraCore Laser technology, offering long-lasting performance in true 4K UHD resolution with high brightness at 3,000 lumens and a 2,700,000:1 contrast ratio. It comes with upgraded features, including Optoma Marketplace, File Manager, Creative Cast and connectivity with voice assistants, providing versatile functionality. The enhanced gaming mode ensures a superb gaming experience with a 240Hz refresh rate and an extremely low 4ms input lag. This projector can display true 3D content from various sources, such as 3D Blu-ray players, 3D broadcasts, and the latest

generation game consoles.

speaker delivers exceptional sound quality and simplifies setup without the need for costly external speakers. Priced at Rs

32GB ROM, the projector The powerful built-in meters wide. The Premiere is the world's first HDR10+ certified projector, ensuring realistic and vibrant viewing. No matter where you sit, the wide screen offers



3,99,000, it is available at various online gadget

Samsung The Premiere LSP9T: The Premiere offers ultra-bright, high-resolution visuals powered by cuttingedge triple laser technology, just like being in a theatre. It offers precise colour accuracy and incredible contrast on a screen up to 3.30

immersive viewing, while the crystal-clear 4K resolution delivers incredibly crisp images and optimized colour expression. With 2,800 lumens of brightness,

you get all the light you

need to enjoy your content.

The Filmmaker Mode al-

lows you to watch movies

as the director intended.

The projector also features

states that only true colours evoke the feelings of sorrow, joy, romance and thrills of a blockbuster movie. That's why they have integrated the V7050i with CinematicColor technology, which delivers accurate colours to perfectly preserve the director's vision. The projector offers a visual impact with a 100inch display in true 4K from just 8.7 inches away from the wall, with 2,500 lumens of brightness, making it ideal for both dark and moderately lit rooms. Equipped with separate tweeters and woofers on each side, the V7050i's inte-

grated treVolo-tuned 5Wx2

virtual surround stereo

speakers use acoustic and

psychoacoustic sciences

to balance sound quality. It

supports external audio and

amazing cinema-quality

sound, thanks to its built-

in 40-watt, 4.2-channel

sound system, enhancing

the immersive visual expe-

rience. This ultra-short

throw projector, priced

around Rs 5 lakh, is avail-

able on select online stores

and Samsung-exclusive

its promotion of the V7050i,

BenQ V7050i: BenQ, in

shops

offers dual HDMI 2.0b, audio return on HDMI-2 and an SPDIF port. However, Dolby Atmos and eARC are not supported. Priced at Rs 4,49,999, it is available in select online stores includ-

ing https://avstore.in/ CHIQ A5U UST Projector: Another ideal choice for home theatre is the CHiO A5U UST laser projector, offering 4K resolution and 2,500 lumens of brightness. Capable of projecting images up to 150 inches, the projector has a long lifespan of 25,000 hours and features eye protection with low machine noise. Along with its ability to deliver true-to-life colours, the built-in speakers and two external 20W speakers ensure an immersive cinematic audio experience. Boasting 2,000 ANSI lumens of brightness and HDR10 support, it also provides easy access to popular streaming apps with its smart TV functionality. The diffuse reflection light technology safeguards eyes from harmful direct light exposure, while the eye protection body-sensing sensors prevent accidental exposure to bright light. Priced at Rs 2,99,999, it is available on amazon. in.

Himachal mosque row: AIMIM to gherao UP Cong office

Prayagraj: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen AIMIM in Himachal Pradesh, on the call of State President Shaukat Ali against the statement given by the Congress MLA for removal of the mosque, siege of Lucknow Mall Avenue Congress Headquarters, soon a large number of Majlis workers of the state will do the work of demolishing the shop of love portrayed by Rahul Gandhi, said Afsar Mahmood Metropolitan President Prayagraj.

Seminar organized on World Suicide Prevention Day

and seminar was successorganized Aishwaryam Literary, Cultural and Social Society on Suicide Prevention Day. The objective of this program was to spread awareness about suicide prevention and to make the society aware about the measures to deal with this seri-

Prayagraj: A seminar on various suicide prevention measures and inspired people to tackle this problem. The event was attended by senior High Court advocates, social workers, and academicians who had in-depth discussions on suicide prevention. Did. Advocate M.K. This program organized with the support of Rajpal



ous problem. The chief guest of this program was Honorable Dr. Justice Gautam Chaudhary, who discussed in detail on various aspects of suicide prevention. of. Honorable Justice Chandra Kumar Rai, Justice Ashutosh Srivastava and Honorable Justice Saurabh Srivastava were also present with him as special guests. The program was presided over by senior advocate Shri V.P. Srivastava, who expressed deep concern over the rising trend of suicide and called upon the society to come together to address it. Other prominent speakers included Senior Advocate Shri Radhakant Ojha, Shri Anil Bhushan, Additional Advocate General Shri M.C. Chaturvedi, Pradeep Kumar and Syed Farman Ahmed Naqvi. Everyone shared their views

and other members played an important role in raising awareness about suicide prevention and promoting positive thinking and the stage was moderated by Vinod Kumar Singh Parmar and the speech of 9 year old girl Ishita Rajpal was appreciated by all including the Honorable Justices. Appreciated. Honorable Justice Gautam Choudhary emphasized the importance of such programs and advised to organize them regularly so that the society can get the right guidance and direction. At the end of the program, Nitin Rajpal, President of the organization,

congratulated organisers. Called it a big success and said that such | the convocation speech, events will continue to be | organized in the future so that the society can get rid of the serious problem like

Recognition file will come to HQ by Sept 30: UP Board Sec

Prayagraj: The high school and intermediate recognition files of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Council Prayagraj (UP Board) will come to all the regional offices of the board from DIOS by September 16 as per the new standard, whereas all these recognition files will be sent to all the five regional offices - Prayagraj, Bareilly, Meerut, For recognition from Varanasi and Gorakhpur, the board will reach Prayagraj headquarters by September 30 and after that there will be a meeting of the recognition committee. Additional Secretary of Prayagraj regional office of UP Board, Mrs. Vibha Mishra said that till now the regional offices of Prayagraj, Kanpur, Lucknow, Chitrakoot And a total of 90 files have come from Jhansi division for recognition with the new standard for high school and intermediate. He told that the file for recognition is to come from the DIOS office of the district by September 16. After examining the recognition files and removing their shortcomings, all the files will be sent to the board headquarters by September 30 for new recognition. UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh said that the files for new recognition of high school and intermediate will be sent to the board after meeting the new standards. The regional offices will come to the board headquarters by September 30 and after that there will be a meeting of the recognition committee of high school and intermediate.

Demand to extend date of filling high school, inter forms: Dr. Hariprakash Yadav

Prayagraj: State Patron of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Teachers Association United, Dr. Hari Prakash Yadav has demanded from UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh to fill the forms for 10th and 12th board examination today. He said that many districts in the state are flood affected due to which a large number of students and parents are affected due to which they are not able to fill the board examination forms. State Patron of Ekjut, Dr. Hari Prakash Yadav said that diseases have increased due to changing weather and a large number of students are affected. He has demanded from UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh that the date for filling the board's forms should be extended by one more week so that the missed candidates can appear in the examination by filling the high school | ders i.e. male and female. and intermediate forms of the board.

19th convocation of Rajarshi Tandon Open University held under chairmanship of Guv 31940 students awarded degrees and 26 meritorious awarded medals Special contribution of mothers in imparting values to children

* Real identity of university lies in its high level research and quality teaching

* To build a new India, universities will have to create and expand new knowledge: Anandiben Patel

Prayagraj: "It is the need of hour to take education out of the four walls and educating women is essential to make the country a developed nation", said Governor and Chancellor Open University Smt. Anandiben Patel while presiding over the 19th convocation of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University on Wednesday. Chancellor added that PM Narendra Modi's resolve to make India a developed nation by 2047 can be fulfilled only when women are educated". On the occasion, Governor Mrs. Patel advised to link education with employment and skills and asked all the students to join the industry through internship. She also made reference to such schemes prepared by the Government of India. She emphasised that study centre for prisons should be developed and people from the transgender community should be brought into the mainstream of education.

Governor directed Open University to make efforts to increase the number of students and said of reviewing the work of Open University after a month. She also stressed that the education at beginning level through Anganbadi must be connected with child psychology through which Anganbadi workers can impart a quality education and motivation in a child from the very begin-

The Chief Guest at the Prof. convocation, Kameshwar Nath Singh, Vice Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar, Bodh Gaya, while delivering said that our education system should be in accordance with Indian cultural values and Indian vision only then we will be able to give shape to an inclusive India. He asked the medal winners and students who received degrees to give a practical form to life by incorporating morality and human values in their lives.

Prof. Singh said that upgradation and development of research must be in accordance with local, national and international needs. He appreciated the efforts of Open university established in the name of Rajershi Tandon for maintaining its own identity on the national and international educational horizon with its achievements for the last 26 years.

Special guest of the function, Dr. Yogendra Kumar Upadhyay, Higher Education Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh said that education is the foundation pillar of any conscious society. It is the foundation upon which a progressive democratic society stands.Dr. Upadhyay said that this Open University is determined to help the students in their allround development along with character building and making them skilled. He said that the development of information and technology has affected every sphere of life.

On this occasion, special guest Rajni Tiwari, Minister of State for Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh said that we strongly need the power of youth to build a strong nation and for this purpose our youth have to come forward to take initiative. Congratulating all the students, she said that they should set a

worthy goal for themselves and use technical knowledge and dedicated hard work to achieve it.

Open University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Satyakam while presenting the Yadav, enrolled at Azamgarh study centre by Anandiben Patel, in the 19th Convocation. Arti passed the examination of B.Sc. in the First Division.

Medal was given to Arti Regional Centre, Prayagraj, was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Computer and Information Sciences, Janaki Prasad, a Student of M.A. (Education) enrolled at Re-



progress report in the welcome speech said that the university is rapidly moving towards the development of its infrastructure along with its academic achievements. The University is always ready for the multi-faceted development and to connect the neglected sections of the society with the mainstream. He said that the women's study center of the Open university is making rural women self-reliant by setting up awareness camps in the villages, and the university is also fulfilling its responsibilities.

In the Convocation degree were awarded to 31940 students who had passed December 2023 and June 2024 examination. These degrees are now uploaded to Digi-locker. The Convocation ceremony was celebrated in Traditional Indian Dress.

The Chancellor Gold of M.C.A. enrolled at the

and PG students of the various academic Schools.

While, University Gold Medals were given to the 07 toppers of all Schools of the university in the postgraduation category including Yash Yadav, a student of M.A. (Economics) enrolled at Regional Centre; Agra of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Humanities, Taufiq Khan, a student of M.A. (Social Work) enrolled at Regional Centre, Prayagraj of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from School of Social Sciences, Priya Sharma, a student of M.Com. enrolled at the Regional Centre Gorakhpur was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Management. Anit Singh Malik, a Student

gional Centre, Agra of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Education, Pawan Kumar, a student of M.Sc. (Bio-Chemistry) enrolled at Regional Centre, Agra of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Sciences and Vineeta Singh, a student of M.A. (Home Science) enrolled at Regional Centre; Azamgarh of the university got the university gold medal from the School of Health Sci-

Similarly, in the Graduate Category Gold Medals were awarded to the 07 toppers of the different schools of the university. Javed Akhtar, a student of B.A., enrolled at Regional Centre, Azamgarh of the University was given the University Gold Medal from the School of Humanities, Sabreen Khatoon, a student of B.A.

enrolled at Regional Centre, Azamgarh of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Social Sciences, Shakshi Maurya, a student of B.Com. enrolled at Regional Centre, Azamgarh of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Management, Kavita Devi, a student of B.C.A enrolled at Regional Centre, Azamgarh of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Computer and Information Sciences, Jyoti Kushwaha, a student of B.Ed. enrolled at Regional Centre, Ayodhya of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Education, Arti Yadav, a Student of B.Sc. enrolled at Regional Centre, Azamgarh of the University was awarded the University Gold Medal from the School of Sciences and Tanya Tyagi, a Student of B.Sc. (Human Nutrition) at Regional Centre, Meerut of the university got Gold Medal from the School of Health Sciences.

Similarly in the Primary and Junior Schools of adopted villages, speech, drawing and storytelling competition had been organised and winners were awarded on the occasion by Chancellor Smt. Anandiben Patel. Also on behalf of the Open university, Anganbadi Centres were provided with kits by the Chancellor.

During the Convocation Ceremony Smt. Anandiben Patel inaugurated the newly found Bank Building and launched a Mobile App (Eklavya) of the Open University. The convocation ceremony was conducted by Prof. PK Pandey.

Demand to include third gender in syllabus of UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh assured to think seriously The problem will be solved via awareness: Kaushalyanand Giri

Prayagraj: In the Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Council (UP Board), the largest examination conducting body in the country and the world, the demand for providing education to children about the third gender has started rising. Senior member of UP Kinnar Welfare Board and State President of Kinnar A k h a r a Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalya Nand Giri (Tina Maa) today met UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh and demanded that the sub-

ject of third gender be included in the curriculum in the UP Board. He has submitted a memorandum in this regard to the Secretary of the Board at UP Board Headquarters Prayagraj. Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalyanand Giri has demanded in the memorandum that lakhs of students of the state do not have any knowledge about the third gender. In such a situation, third gender should be included in the curriculum of high school and intermediate so that the third gender can get proper respect in

society. Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalyanand Giri (Tina Maa) said that in the society there is talk of two gen-But no one wants to talk

about the third gender due to which the third gender i.e. the transgenders feel neglected. He said that lakhs and crores of students of the state and the country have no information about the third gender whereas

transgenders have been included in the third gender and a separate gender has been recognized for them. In such a situation, you are respectfully requested to include the third gender in the curriculum of UP Board



they We are also members of some family in the society, that family could be ours or yours. In such a situation, it has now become necessary that the people of the society know and understand the third gen-

Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalya Nand Giri (Tina Maa), senior member of UP Kinnar Welfare Board, said that the Supreme Court had given the right of third gender in NALSA Judgment - 2014. In such a situation, in government jobs and other recruitments,

so that lakhs of students and parents of the state can get detailed information about the third gender. He said that the population of third gender in UP is approximately Is more than 15 lakhs. Whereas this number is close to 50 lakh in the country. In many homes there is a third gender but the family hides it from the society. Whereas the actions of the third gender are described in detail in other including Mahabharata Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kaushalyanand

der should be included in the syllabus of UP Board from class 9th to class 12th so that we can get a respectable place in the society. UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh, while taking the memorandum, assured that it will be considered. He said that there is a need for awareness on this matter. Whatever possible help will be provided. UP Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh said that NCF is making a curriculum on humanities and I will talk about including the third gender in it.

SHUAIS student gets 10th position in ICAR JRF national ranking

Prayagraj: SHUATS student Nidhi Pandey has brought pride to SHUATS as well as the Uttar Pradesh by securing 10th position in the national ranking in the JRF examination conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. Head of GPB Department Dr. Vaidurya Pratap Shahi said that ICAR had conducted the JRF examination at the all India level for PhD admission in which SHUATS student Nidhi Pandey secured 10th position while Aasi Vaishnavi secured 21st position and Kiran M. secured 71 position at the national level.

Dr. Shahi shared that SHUATS students have also made their mark in the UP Joint Agriculture and Technology Entrance Examination in which Madhavendra Kumar Pathak secured first position in the state. Similarly, Yagvendra Saubhari secured second position, Tipu Patel secured third position, Srijal Sahu secured fifth position, Nitesh Kumar Singh secured sixth position, Harivendra secured ninth position at State level. All the students have been selected for PhD in Seed Science and Technology. SHUATS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rajendra B. Lal congratulated all the successful students and wished them a bright future. The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the contribution of the faculty members of the University.

Mahaparva Membership Campaign: Abhilasha Nandi holds camp at Loknath

Prayagraj: Outgoing Mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi ji, under the Bharatiya Janata Party's organization's Mahaparva Membership Campaign 2024, around 310 members were given membership by organizing a camp at Loknath intersection under BJP Prayagraj Mahanagar BJP Chowk Mandal by downloading the Narendra Modi app and filling offline form. After that, every person at that place was inspired to join BJP. Gave information about the schemes run by the Honorable Prime Minister and asked the businessmen of all the areas to reach the party on the number 8800002024 and put stickers. During this, Mandal President Sumit Vaishya, Mandal Pravasi Shiva Tripathi, Membership in-charge Dheeraj Giri | Kesarwani, Councilor Neeraj Tandon, Maharaj said that third gen- | former Councilor Rajesh Kushwaha,

Mamta Mishra, Yogesh Chaurasia, Mashu Abbas, nominated councilor Anup Mishra, Prafulla Mittal, Anoop Agarwal, Bachpan Gupta, Rajesh Kesarwani, Ashish



Kesarwani, Arvind Gupta, Vivek Verma, Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, Rani Kesarwani, Ajay Srivastava etc. were present.

<u>Editorial</u>

AI is central to the future of climate finance, can attract investors

The report recommends a \$3 trillion annual increase in multilateral development banks' (MDBs) spending by 2030—including \$1.8 trillion toward climate action. However, MDBs offer concessional loans and add to the global debt, which hit a record \$307 trillion in 2023, a whopping 336 per cent of the GDP. Private sector engagement is crucial, yet its capacity to finance green projects is limited. Between 2016 and 2021, only \$120.8 billion was mobilised from the private sector, further highlighting the gap. In this context, artificial intelligence (AI) emerges as a transformative tool for climate finance, offering solutions for better decisionmaking, resource optimisation, and enhanced financial mechanisms to support sustainable initiatives. It can analyse vast datasets to assess climate risks accurately, aiding insurers and financial institutions in pricing risk and making resilient investments. Thus, AI can drive climate finance by exponentially improving risk assessment and management. Al algorithms can also help optimise investment portfolios by prioritising green investment opportunities over highrisk, carbon-intensive assets, balancing financial returns with environmental impact. Through its analysis of data trends, AI can uncover highpotential, underfunded areas for investment. Financial institutions worldwide need to be more efficient, and AI can help by streamlining operations and reducing costs. This will ultimately speed up the approval of climate finance proposals. One of the most critical areas of climate finance is risk pricing. Al can develop accurate pricing models for climate risks to reflect financial products' actual costs. Green bonds and sustainable finance require a greater push to increase funds flow. Al can raise investor confidence by automating compliance and report-

and ensuring that funds are used for their intended purposes. Considering the need to design and promote innovative financial instruments to direct retail investments into climate finance through capital markets.

, AI can be most beneficial in promoting structures like infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs). Straddling the capital markets and institutional finance regulatory universe, InvITs are designed to unlock investors' investment appetite through the instrumentality of capital markets in the form of debt and equity. Al can optimise pricing for units of structures like InvIT, facilitating a smooth transition between debt and equity or public and private finance. It can also provide comprehensive real-time information on the performance (including financial) of projects held by these structures for robust forecasting and transparency. This can help tap into the vast global retail investor market. With a creative and attractive tax structure and robust risk matrix, InvIT-type structures can create circularity between public and private finance, as well as debt and equity, which is one way to bridge the green resource gap in the foreseeable future. Impact measurement and reporting are other areas in which AI can contribute significantly. It can enhance the measurement of climate finance initiatives' impact, attracting more investors through transparency and accountability. It can ensure funds are used effectively by monitoring and verifying the impact of investments. Similarly, compliance with fraud detection and climate finance regulations can also be improved with AI. Leveraging Al for climate action also poses several challenges. Reliable AI models depend on accurate, comprehensive, and high-quality data, necessitating stakeholder collaboration. It is also vital to be aware of the ethical and bias concerns by ensuring that the AI algorithms used are transparent.

The defence services allocation includes the budget for the three services

Out of the total Rs 6.22 lakh crore, Rs 4.55 lakh crore has been allotted to the defence services, Rs 1.41 lakh crore for defence pensions (including defence civilians), and Rs 25,563 for MoD (Civil). sthe Defence Research and Development Organisation, and Defence Public Sector Undertakings. MoD (Civil) expenditure covers its secretariat expenses and those of organisations such as the Coast Guard, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Defence Accounts Department (DAD), and the Defence Estate Organisation. Out of the defence services budget, Rs 1.7 lakh crore (27.66 per cent) is earmarked for capital expenditure, while Rs 2.8 crore is allocated for revenue expenditure, including Rs 1.63 crore for pay and allowances and Rs 92,088 for stores (covering repair, maintenance and operational cost of the equipment in inventory). The capital expenditure of Rs 1.7 lakh crore for military modernisation did register a 5.8 per cent hike over last year's budgetary estimates and 9.4 per cent over revised estimates. The latter increase was due to Russia's inability to supply contracted weapons and equipment. The real increase is barely adequate to account for inflation and the rising dollar rate. A heartening feature of the current budget is the 30 per cent increase in the allocation for the Border Roads Organisation. The gap between projections made by the Armed Forces and allocation has been 17-23 per cent. In a nutshell, the



defence budget is disappointing and barely adequate to maintain the curcapability.

Unfortunately, this has been the norm since 2010 and is a cause of grave concern. Even with a modest GDP growth of about 7 per cent, India is projected to be a \$21 trillion economy by 2047. The BJPled government has itself defined the national goal of Viksit Bharat 2047, implying a status of a great power or at least the third pole in the international arena along with the US and China. Achieving this goal requires a transformed military to safeguard national interests and maintain absolute strategic autonomy. Time is running short. China, with an economy five times larger than ours, set a goal in 2015 to transform its military by 2035 and make it the best in the world by 2049. Nine years into this transformation, its declared defence budget in 2023, as per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) was \$296 billion, three and a half times larger

than ours, assessed at \$83.6 billion. Pakistan's actual defence budget is approximately \$10 billion.

India has to be prepared for a 2.5 front war—against China, Pakistan and Pakistan's proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir. And we are setting out to do so with a defence budget of \$ 83.6 billion! The situation is bizarre. With a niggardly defence budget, the politicians, carried away by their own rhetoric, dream of capturing the territories usurped by Pakistan and China. The military hierarchy instead of firmly advising the government about the shortcomings in preparedness says that it is prepared to fight and win the 2.5 front war. Neo-nationalism has further compounded the problem. An emotional and gullible public believes that India can defeat both China and Pakistan.If India followed the time-tested national security planning procedure of conducting an ethical strategic review, and a governmentowned and monitored

national defence policy to

would be clear that an allocation of 3 per cent of the GDP is essential. All these prerequisites lie within the political domain, and successive governments have wished the problem away. The military has compounded the issue by failing to implement in-house reforms to optimise, restructure, reorganise and modernise with the limited budget available. High-technology wars of the

21st century cannot be fought with a military of the 20th Century.Two decades back, the eminent economist and former Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, said, "The government can allocate about three percent of the GDP for defence needs provided the economy grows at an annual eight percent." Today our economy is growing at approximately 7 per cent. Surely, the government can provide 2.5 per cent of the GDP if not 3 per cent. With all other requirements remaining constant, an increase of 0.5 per cent of GDP will double the capital defence budget.

India is forecasted to achieve a \$4 trillion economy by the end of this year, and \$8 trillion by 2035. And this is the decade in which our military must transform itself to reduce the capability differential vis a vis the People's Liberation Army. It is time for the government to think like a great power and begin the transformation of its Armed Forces. And for this, an allocation of 2.5-3 per cent of GDP is inescapable.

transform the military, it China, our principal adversary, has been at the gates since April 2020, and its collusive partner, Pakistan, has stepped up terrorism through the back door. However, in the defence budget 2024-2025, "butter has got the better of the guns". With a budgetary allocation of Rs 6,21,940 crore, there is an increase of Rs 28,402 crore over the allocation of Rs 5,93,538 in 2023-2024, but a marginal decrease of Rs 1,949 crore compared to the revised budget estimates of Rs 6,23,889 crore. This year's allocation, which is 1.9 per cent of India's GDP and 12.9 per cent of annual national expenditure, is the lowest since 1960 as percentage of GDP. It is pertinent to mention that, despite economic constraints, past governments allocated the universal norm of 3 per cent or more of the GDP for defence from 1963 to 2010. However, in the last decade, our defence budget has been hovering around 2 per cent of the GDP.Since 2014, the defence budget has been barely adequate to sustain the military capability with incremental modernisation to maintain the dissuasive deterrent against China and offensive deterrent against Pakistan. However, it is grossly inadequate for transforming the Armed Forces to pose a challenge to China and to give a clear edge in the offensive deterrent

> Pakistan. Consequently, we have been unable to compel China to restore the status

against.

Who will the Jats of the West support in the assembly elections?

ment has benefited SP before the the biggest hurdle in the dream 2022 elections. SP's seats also increased due to the farmers' movement, but still SP did not All political parties in UP have give any significant share to the Jats. This time, by giving tickets to Jats in the Lok Sabha, SP considered its responsibility towards the Jats fulfilled.

The Muzaffarnagar candidate won, but behind this too, the Jats' love for SP candidate Harendra Malik was less and their resentment with Sanjeev Baliyan was more.

In the name of Jat leader in SP, there is an elderly Ghaziabad resident and another Jat leader from Haryana who do not have any special existence or influence among the Jats of West UP.

The Jats have not yet forgotten the SP government's conspiracy to break the Jat-Muslim unity through this. The Jat community also blames the SP for getting the attract the Jats.

The Jats of Muzaffarnagar riots Jat reservation cancelled in the believe that the farmers' move- Supreme Court. The SP has been of making West UP a separate

> their eyes set on the 2027 elections. Its semi-final is being considered to be the by-elections of 10 assembly seats. BJP is worried about losing 29 seats in the Lok Sabha elections in UP, while the All India Alliance wants to maintain its lead in the by-elections as well. The 2027 election is also a do or die election for Akhilesh. If at least 80 seats are not won from West UP, the path to Lucknow will not be easy. West UP is called Jat land and there are not many Yadav voters here. In such a situation, it will be a big challenge for SP to woo the Jats.

> Right now the Jats are voting for RLD, BJP and SP, BSP after seeing the Jat candidate. But no special strategy of SP is visible to

Budget shows Modi govt's priority areas have changed after election

programme to be implemented by in an allocation for price stabilisathe department of consumer affairs. The government has also allocated Rs 1,000 crore for a new ITI upgradation scheme. The other areas of priority mentioned in the budget speech are productivity and resilience in agriculture, inclusive human resource development and social justice, manufacturing and services, urban development, energy security, infrastructure, innovation, research and development, and next-generation reforms. These have either not translated into any change in allocation (perhaps because the allocation in the interim budget was deemed adequate) or have led to relatively small changes. Under the priority area of energy security, the government has allocated Rs 6,250 crore for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which was launched earlier this year. For urban development, there is an additional allocation of Rs 4,000 crore for housing under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). While the first area that Sitharaman had emphasised in her budget speech was agriculture, the only major change in allocation towards this sector is Rs 4,700 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Yojana, under which remunerative prices are supposed to be provided to farmers. Further, while the government has continued the emphasis on infrastructure expenditure, the only major change in allocation from the interim budget is an additional allocation of Rs 6,000 crore for road works. Overall, most of the allocations in the Union budget are same as those in the interim budget. The only major deviations are in additional allocations for special assistance to states, which will likely be used for states ruled by BJP allies at the Centre, an acknowledgement of the need to do

Rs 2000 crore for a new internship more for employment creation, and tion. Since the Union budget envisages additional expenditure of Rs 54,744 crore over the expenditure budgeted in the interim budget, most of the additional allocations to the purposes and schemes discussed above did not require a reduction in allocations in other areas. Since the 2024 Lok Sabha election results were contrary to the government's expectations, there was a chance that the government may opt for major changes in allocation. However, the overall thrust of the expenditure strategy remains the same. Even the allocation for capital expenditure is the same. Beyond the allocation, the approach to using instruments of fiscal policy for addressing development problems also remains largely the same. On employment, for instance, the focus is on subsidies and direct benefit transfers, which have been the government's preferred instruments for most policy problems. The design of these schemes needs to be tested though. For instance, the direct benefit transfer to the first-time workers comes with the condition that if the worker is fired in the first year, the employer will have to reimburse the subsidy to the government. Since the benefit goes to the employee while the consequence of firing is on the employer, on the margins, this places an additional burden on the employer rather than reducing the cost of hiring. On the receipts side, the only major change is in the nontax revenue. On account of a much larger dividend from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) than was budgeted in the interim budget, the budgeted receipt on non-tax revenues is about Rs 1.46 lakh crore higher than in the interim budget. While there are some major changes in the direct tax regime – the most important being the changes in the rate.

The video was taken off all streaming services, and everyone involved received legal notices

The backlash was enormous. form. The roast essentially terms of his infamy, and framed by what appeals to The video was taken off all streaming services, and everyone involved received legal notices. This, of course, counterproductive; everyone who wanted to watch the episode could easily access the pirated version. If the disproportionate reaction was magically erased from public memory, what would remain is this: the jokes were in extremely poor

what's mandated by the at their peak — Sheen in

replicates a schoolyard bullying scene. There's the bully, the one being bullied, and, of course, those who are complicit — the voyeuristic and the bystanders. As audience members and consumers of entertainment, we take on this role wholeheartedly and without guilt.

Charlie Sheen's 2011 roast was Comedy Central's most watched, drawing in 6.5 million viewers. A 2015 roast of That's not necessarily on the Justin Bieber was watched by comedians and writers; it's 4.4 million people. Both were Bieber, who has always been equal parts adored and hated.The personal lives of celebrities are always public fodder and always will be. The rise of influencers testifies to the extent to which you can commercialise and commodify your life. The avalanche of hate is neutralised by the money that flows in. Roasts can be viewed from the same lens. However, comedic trends have always ranged from self-deprecating to self-hating to just hating everyone. And trends are

the public, which, in this case, is unkindness. Not to sound preachy or moralistic, but there is something concerning about the staggering popularity of roasts and the craze that surrounds them. There's no nuance, not much thought that goes into the jokes. It's a low-quality, easy-money endeavour. And perhaps that's why they continue to be made. Social contexts have changed. As a whole, society is more politically correct, more mindful of language.

AkzoNobel India launches its first uber-luxury interior emulsion 'Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna'

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

KARNAL: Four decades since introducing luxury in Indian decorative paints industry with its flagship Dulux Velvet Touch range of interior emulsions, Akzo Nobel India Ltd. is now redefining the epitome of luxury with Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna – its first uber-luxury interior emulsion in India. Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna takes Dulux Velvet Touch's unparalleled legacy of innovation and superior quality to the next level. Introduced for the first time in Indian interior emulsions, advanced PU reinforced acrylic makes paint significantly more durable dust-resistant, ensuring that walls stay impeccably pristine and timelessly elegant. This innovation also delivers on consumers superior colour performance expectation from luxury

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Velvet Touch Eterna envelopes living spaces with rich and intense colours that stay fresher for longer. Unpleasant odour during paint application too is a thing of the past as the added tea tree oil results in a refreshing aroma. Rohit Executive Director – Decorative Paints, AkzoNobel India said, "As one of the Most Trusted Brands of India, Dulux is yet again pushing the boundaries of innovation and superior quality of its flagship brand Dulux Velvet Touch.

Leveraging our global expertise, we have combined the best of timeless aesthetics with technology-driven performance to ensure that each brushstroke mir-

rors the eternal elegance and refinement that the most discerning Dulux paint consumers aspire to achieve." Knowing that timeless spaces deserve an equally timeless touch, Dulux's colour experts have curated the exclusive 'Eternals' collection for Dulux Velvet Touch Eterna with 10 themes such as Eternal Love, Eternal Fire and Eternal Cosmos. Whether used on their own or paired with complimenting palettes, (deep tones for impact, mid tones for a softer look, pale tones for a gentle lift to the walls or selected whites that bring tranquillity), the Eterna collection helps consumers to effortlessly transform their home.

REWA's General House Meeting held

Chandigarh: Welfare Education Association (REWA), dedicated to education in rural areas, held its General House Meeting at the Community Center in Sector 50. This meeting was chaired by REWA's President V.B. Kapil. Future strategies were discussed detail. He presented various issues to the school representatives. He praised the schools and said that the quality education being provided at low fees is commendable. He instructed all the schools to follow the rules of Right to Education. They should not show any negligence in the develop-



ment of children. Kapil said that the schools associated with REWA have been doing selfless work for the last several

It is because of their hard work that many students are studying and occupying high positions today. He said that along with educafilling their duties towards the society very well. He called upon them to continue doing such work and service.

He said that all these schools have been running since the time there was a Panchayat in the village.

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

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

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

Kiya Sahi Decision Liya Of the 19 allocations made under the 'single girl child'

quota this time, the college approved only seven, the university official said.He added that another 10 students did not get a seat at the college under the unreserved category.

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Jawaharlal Nehru University's female enrollment is declining

Delhi: In 2017-18, women made up over 51% of all students enrolled at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU); by 2021–2022, that number had dropped to 44%, according to a report released by the JNU Teachers' Association. Nonetheless, the report states that between 2013-14 and 2017-18, the proportion of female students at the university rose from 47% to 51%.JNTU also noted a number of other problems in the study, such as unresolved faculty promotions, irregular academic schedules, hold-ups in the admissions process, and improper meetings of the statutory authorities. The decline in research students is another issue mentioned in the paper. They have now been outnumbered by, with their absolute number falling from 5,432 in 2016-17 to less than 4,600 in 2021-22.

Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 at the Paralympics in 2024.

Delhi: Rubina Francis, a 25-year-old para shooter, won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event, giving India its sixth medal in the 2024 Paralympics. Her final round score was 211.1. Rubina's qualifying round finish in Tokyo three years prior was the same: sixth. Rubina did, however, go on to secure a podium finish at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, in contrast to Tokyo, where she also finished in seventh place in the final round.

DAM CAPITAL ADVISORS FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

GURUGRAM: DAM Capital Advisors Limited has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). DAM Capital is the fastest growing investment bank in India by revenue CAGR from Fiscals 2022 to 2024 with the highest profit margin in Fiscal 2024, among its peers. It also was one of the leading investment banks in India with a market share of 12.1% based on the number of IPOs and QIPs in Fiscal 2024. DAM Capital



DAM CAPITAL ADVISORS LIMITED

financial solutions in areas private equity ("PE"), and of (i) investment banking comprising equity capital and (ii) institutional equimarkets ("ECM"), mergers ties comprising broking and

provides a wide range of and acquisitions ("M&A"), structured finance advisory;

research. The company's initial public offering comprises an offer for sale of up to 32.06 million shares by the investor selling shareholders -Multiples Alternate Asset Management, RBL Bank, Easyaccess Financial Services and Narotam Sekhsaria.

Promoter Dharmesh Anil Mehta, is also selling a small part of his stake. Nuvama

Wealth Management Limited is the Running Manager to the IPO.

RCAP lenders accuse IIHL of employing delay strategies

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



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

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

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

CITROËN LAUNCHES THE BASALT: INDIA'S FIRST MAINSTREAM SUV COUPÉ -SUV ATTITUDE AND COUPÉ ELEGANCE

New Delhi: Citroën proudly announces the launch of the Basalt, India's first mainstream SUV Coupé that masterfully merges the rugged allure of an SUV with the sleek elegance and spacious refinement of a coupé. The Citroën Basalt delivers an unparalleled driving experience, distinguished by its bold, commanding stance, class-leading spaciousness and aerodynamic silhouette. Upholding Citroën's commitment to innovation and comfort—a hallmark of its 100-year legacy—the Basalt ushers in a new era of automotive excellence, emphasizing advanced features and driving pleasure. The deliveries of the Basalt will start from week September, 2024 through the 85 La



tal showrooms in the country.n Announcing the launch of the new Citroën Basalt, Shailesh Hazela, CEO Managing Stellantis Director, India said, "The official launch of the Citroën Basalt is a proud moment for us, as it represents our commitment to delivering vehicles that combine innovation with accessibility. The Basalt's distinctive SUV Coupé design, coupled with advanced technology and unparalleled comresponse to the evolving preferences of

Indian consumers. The

strong initial bookings indicate the market's readiness for such a product, and we expect this momentum to grow as more customers experience the Basalt. With the Basalt, we aim to redefine SUV ownership experience." Shishir Mishra, Brand

Director Citroën India, "The Citroën Basalt is more than just a vehicle; it's a bold leap into the future of automotive design. This SUV Coupé is meticulously fort, is a direct crafted to blend spaciousness with practicality, embodying

Jawa unleashes the Striking 42 FJ A Bold Neo Classic powered by New 350 Alpha2 engine

GURUGRAM: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, the pioneers of the 'Neo-Classic' segment in India, proudly launch the all-new 350 Jawa 42 FJ, the latest member of the Jawa 42 Life series. Building on the success of the 42 and 42 Bobber, the 350 Jawa 42 FJ marks an exciting new chapter for the "42 Life" theme, celebrating a commitment to superior design and an unparalleled riding experience. The name of this motorcycle is inspired by František Janecek, the visionary founder of Jawa, which aims to deliver a bold, modern riding experience for today's motorcycling enthusiasts. With this addition to the line-up, makes blending strides,

design, power, pres-



ence, and cuttingedge technology, to set the new benchmark for the segment in 2024. "The 2024 Jawa 42 embodies our design-led approach to motorcycle engineering," says Anupam Thareja, Cofounder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. "We've taken our time with this bike, pushing the boundaries of the 'price-performance' matrix and achieved a great blend of edgy

performance,

geous form, and precision engineering. As pioneers of Neo-Classics in India, the 42 FJ is a testament to our challenger spirit disruptive approach. With the expansion of the '42 Life' series, Jawa has extended the ideal balance of design, price, and performance across motorcycle formats, to appeal to a wide swathe of discerning riders. This is more than just a motorcycle.

Jay Shah becomes ICC chairman unopposed



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

for the sport."I will

collaborate with the

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

He stated that cricket should be more inclusive and popular than before. Shah follows Jagmohan Dalmiya, Pawar.

N Srinivasan, and Shashank Manohar as ICC leaders. Shah, who will finish his second term as BCCI secretary in October 2025, must take a ICC and our member three-year break.

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Ergospace Establishes New State-ofthe-Art Manufacturing Plant at Jhajjar

Jhajjar: Ergospace, a leader in ergonomic office furniture, is thrilled to announce the opening of its newest manufacturing facility in Jhajjar, Haryana. The plant is within located Model Reliance's Economic Township City), Greenfield Smart city spread over 8,000 acres in Jhajjar dis-

trict. This strategic location will bolster Ergospace's production capabilities and meet the growing demand for innovative workplace solutions, while also benefiting from the advanced infrastructure and industrial ecosystem provided by MET City.

The new facility will span across 1 lakh square feet area and will be equipped with cutting-edge manufacturing technologies to enhance its manufacturing efficiency and build the capability to deliver the highest standards of quality products operational by mid-



across the country. Ergospace is Committed to ecofriendly practices and will continue its focus developing ecofriendly environment by creating green boundary and install rainwater harvesting system which is capable to handle the normal rain within its premises and will develop and maintain a green belt and intend to plant over 500 trees within close vicinity to promote greener sustainable environ-

The manufacturing unit will be fully

2026, and will create over 250 job opportunities for the villagers and income group families around Jhajjar city and nearby villages.

50% employment will be reserved for residents around 20 kms area. Currently Ergospace has the manufacturing capacity of over 40000 workstations and 1 lac chairs per annum,

the facility will strengthen its capability to enhance supply chain within India and expand its customer in neighboring countries.

Doctors urge caution during monsoon: Protect your child's health with flu vaccination

Gurgaon: The monsoon season brings relief from the scorching summer heat but also creates favourable conditions for seasonal influenza to thrive. This season sees an increase in flu infections, as the humidity and temperature fluctuations promote the transmission of flu viruses. The erratic nature of this year's monsoon can amplify the spread of flu infec-Crowding in and other homes indoor spaces due to heavy rainfall and floods can also lead to the rapid spread of



infection and can even large-scale flu outbreaks. Dr Sanjay Wazir, Medical Director (Neonatology and Paediatrics) at Motherhood Hospital, Gurgaon discusses the importance of proactive healthcare measures during Monsoons,

"Vaccination is one of the key health measures to protect children from flu and its complications. Especially during this monsoon season, we have observed an increase of nearly 25% in flu cases among children.

Parents of children aged under 5 years should ensure they receive annual 4in1 flu vaccination. I strongly advise parents to contheir doctor regarding the annual

vaccination to ensure their children are protected".

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JSW MG Motor India Launches Windsor, India's 1st Intelligent **CUV**

CHANDIGARH: JSW MG Motor India, today launched India's first Intelligent CUV-the MG Windsor, at the price of a manual compact SUV. The Windsor, combining the comfort of a sedan and the expanse of an SUV, will be offered with innovative aerodynamic design,

spacious and opulent interiors, reassuring safety, smart connectivity, driving comfort, and many hitech features. It is built on 'Pure EV Platform' offering a luxurious business-



class experience. With BaaS - a unique ownership program, MG Windsor is offered at INR 9.99 Lakhs + 3.5 Rs. /km for battery*. Speaking at the launch, Parth Jindal, Director, JSW MG Motor India, said, "The MG Windsor is the realization of the vision and promise behind JSW MG India and marks a significant milestone in this journey. The Windsor is the first car that has come out of the JV and the team has worked very hard in developing and bringing it to the Indian market. This vehicle embodies our commitment to delivering to our Indian customers the best of innovation the world has to offer. As a crossover utility vehicle, the Windsor merges the comfort of a sedan with the expanse of an SUV, making it an ideal car for the Indian household. With its advanced features, innovative design, and disruptive pricing, the Windsor sets a new benchmark. I look forward to seeing the MG Windsor on our Indian roads,.

All government schools offer mental health counseling

ernment will provide mental health counseling in all schools. minister Education Atishi has ordered the ally healthy. DoE to create a plan. Over 20,000 children year's pilot. Educational and voca-

Delhi: The Delhi gov-selors and school psyhelped. chologists Group sessions also helped them handle stress and be emotion-

We want to improve school student received counseling in health services under this effort.

Children must be phystional guidance coun- ically and intellectually healthy to develop holistically. "I'm glad this project is meeting these needs and creating a happy society," stated Atishi.

School psychologists told the education minister that prompt counseling pupils could help return to school.

REWA delegation meets Administrator's Advisor

CHANDIGARH: The delegation of Rural Education Welfare Association i.e. REWA, the only registered institution of education in rural areas of Chandigarh, under the chairmanship of President V.B. Kapil, had meeting with Administrator's Advisor IAS Rajiv Verma. Kapil informed that the District Education Officer has issued a letter to the State Municipal Corporation and Housing Board, saying that the village schools are illegal and running on unauthorize land, which is absolutely wrong. He said that most of the schools are legal and running on authorized land . Kapil explained in detail that twothree times the recommendations to grant recognition



to some schools was sent by Chandigarh were under the District Education Officer Panchayati Raj, due to which to the higher officers. Now it no place in the village was is unfair to call them illegal. Giving information about the schools in rural areas, he said that most of the schools are operational for the last 20 years or more. At the time when these schools were opened, the villages of

ear-marked for any building construction and no department approved the building plan for the construction of a school in the rural area.

He said that now after the villages come under the Municipal Corporation, they

should be counted in the same category as they were during the Panchayati Raj. If any school is opened under the Municipal Corporation, then it can take action against it. Many schools in Chandigarh have basic facili-

The schools in which any deficiency is found can be completed by giving time. Presient Kapil expressed hope that the administration will take appropriate steps to give justice to the village schools.

the advisor of the administration listened to the representatives of Rewa very carefully. He also took a copy of the presentation. He assured that appropriate steps will be taken by focusing on the positive aspects.

Mercury EV Tech Ltd. **Board to Consider Fund** Raise on September 13

CHANDIGARH:

Mercury EV Tech Ltd. (BSE: 531357), a leading player engaged in the business of EVs, has announced that its board will meet on September 13, 2024 to consider raising of funds by way of Issue of Convertible Equity Warrants and/or Equity Shares on Preferential Basis subject to such approvals as may be including required approval of the members and other statutory / regulatory approvals, as applicaLtd. (BSE: 531357) is a leading EV company with presence in the entire EV Eco system. It has a state of the art 20-acre EV technology manufacturing and facility.

The company has a under the brand With "Thunderbolt". company's latest inclusion to its thunderbolt brand is it's 4-wheeler 'Thunderbolt Musak'. The company's mission is to continue towards a responsible and green nents.

ble. Mercury EV Tech transportation journey with innovative and advanced India electric mobility solutions. It aspires to provide all-inclusive service and charging stations across the nation to push the market towards a clean wide range of products energy alternative. its highly-The advanced research and development center, the company aims to launch newer, innovative, affordable and energy-efficient electric vehicles and its compo-

Vi raises security standards with PCI DSS 4.0 certification, ensuring safer customer transactions

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Leading telecom operator Vi today announced a significant achievement by attaining the Payment Industry-Data Card Security Standard version 4.0 (PCI DSS 4.0) certification for its retail stores & payment channels. This positions Vi as the first telecom operator in India to secure this prestigious certification, further highlighting its commitment to safeguard customer payment information through adherence to the highest global security standards. PCI DSS 4.0, established by Payment Card Security Industry Standards Council (PCI SSC), represents the most rigorous and up-to-date security protocols designed to protect organisations handling credit and debit card transactions from data



breaches and fraud. The PCI DSS 4.0 certification is already mandated by RBI Guidelines for banking and financial institutions in India. Vi's achievement of being the first telecom player to be granted this certification marks a significant turning point for the telecom sector. This certification will not only boost customer confidence but also play a crucial role in building trust and maintaining customer loyalty. Commenting on this development, Jagbir Singh, CTO, Vi, said, "At

Vi, the security of our customers' data is not just a priority, it is our commitment. Achieving PCI DSS 4.0 demonstrates our commitment to having the best security measures in place.

We are immensely happy to be the first telecom operator in India to be granted this certification, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to setting industry benchmarks and investing in cutting-edge security technologies." Vi worked with Vista InfoSec, a renowned security consulting firm, to achieve certification. Narendra Sahoo, Founder & Director of VISTA InfoSec, said, "Working with Vi on their PCI DSS 4.0 certification was a remarkable experience. Their commitment to achieving this industryfirst milestone.

LEAD Group's TECHBOOK set to disrupt student learning in India

GURUGRAM / FARID-ABAD: India's largest School Edtech company, LEAD Group, today announced the launch of TECHBOOK, an intelligent book designed to transform traditional textbook-driven learn-

The TECHBOOK brings three cutting-edge technologies and NCF aligned curriculum to address key learning challenges among school students today. LEAD Group COfounder and CEO Sumeet Mehta said, "For centuries, the textbook, a primary tool of education in classrooms remained unchanged, while AI and AR/VR have moved the world to personalised, multimodal and gamified experiences across industries. We have

brought something

from the future, for the

future of our nation.



revolutionary outcome of years of research in technology, pedagogy and curriculum, and erful will forever change how students learn. By 2028, we expect India's top 5000 schools to upgrade to TECH-BOOKS, making personalised and interactive learning the norm in classrooms across the country." The TECHBOOK addresses the limitations of tradi-Reality tional textbooks by enabling introducing a personalised and interactive learning experience. In

enables

classrooms with vary-

ing learning levels, the

TECHBOOK

personalised instruction for each student.

integrates three powfeatures: Augmented Reality: Traditional 2D textbooks limit students' ability to grasp complex concepts that are inherently 3D in nature. The TECH-**BOOK** brings subjects such as Science and Mathematics to life with ARI (Augmented Instructor),

students to interact with topics in 3D. Personalised Reading Fluency: For language learning, TECHBOOK's IRA Assistant) acts.

Evexia Lifecare Ltd. Board to Consider Fund Raise on September 16

CHANDIGARH: Evexia considered Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 524444), engaged in the trading of chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods, the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 to consider raising of funds by way of Issue of Convertible Equity Warrants and/or Equity Shares on Preferential Basis subject to such approvals as may be required including approval of the members and other statutory / regulatory approvals, as applicable.

Recently, the company announced that its members approved the issue of the foreign currency convertible bonds in the Annual General Meeting held on July 9, 2022. The board has

approved conversion of 25 bonds into equity shares as per the terms and conditions of the issue of FCCB. Recently, the Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 17, 2024 had also considered and approved conversion of 75 bonds into equity shares as per the terms and conditions of the issue of FCCB. Earlier, Evexia Lifecare Announced that it had incorporated Subsidiary Company namely "EVEXIA LIFE-CARE AFRICA LIMITED (CIN: 14497377)"which is registered with the

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales has issued a Certificate Incorporation for the same. Evexia Lifecare Formed the New Subsidiary to Set Up Pathology Labs.

Registrar of Companies

for England and Wales.



Medical checkup and treatment camp organized at Maharishi **Dayanand Public School**

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

CHANDIGARH Cultural N.A. Society, IDA Mohali, HSJ Dental Panjab College University and NGO Sarvaprem organized a medical checkup and treatment camp for students of Maharishi Dayanand Public Daria, School, Chandigarh conducted



Smt. Skindra Devi Multimedia Hall and mobile dental van of Dr. Harbans Singh Judge Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital South Panjab University, Campus, Chandigarh . Team of 15 doctors along with Cultural Society specially Payal, Anita Midda, Romika Badhera, Dr. Poonam Sood, Dr. Kavita Sharma, Dr. Pratibha Chauhan, and Sarva Prem Group President Prem Oiha, Aradhana Ojha etc. contributed to this wonderful work. President of NA Cultural Society Nikhar Anand Midda thanked all the dignitaries who participated in this camp and said that we thank God that he has entrusted us with this task. This is our small effort towards society. In this camp, Area Councilor Bimala Dubey, former deputy mayor Anil

Dubey, Shanu Dubey, BJP leader JP Rana also registered their special presence. Councilor Bimla Dubey said that setting up such camps in rural areas is a commendable act. He praised Maharishi Dayanand Public School and said that this school is always ready for the development of the children of rural areas. He appreciated N.A. Cultural Society, IDA Mohali, HSJ Dental College and NGO Sarv Prem for the public welfare works. Principal of the school Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma thanked all the people involved in this noble work in organizing the dental checkup and treatment camp. Saplings were also distributed to all the organizations that had joined hands with the NA Cultural

Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan inaugurates the iconic statue of NSE Bull and launches a Coffee **Table Book at NSE Headquarters**

Governor Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan inaugurated the iconic statue of NSE Bull and launched a commemorative Coffee Table Book titled "The Journey of Empowering 1.4 billion at Dreams," Headquarters today with Shri along Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE.The statue of NSE Bull represents strength, power, and resilience—qualities that are key to economic India's growth. The bull's strong legs, prominent hump, and formidable presence symbolize the nation's robust financial ecosystem. Surrounded by figures representing the People of India from diverse backgrounds such as a school-going boy, a village woman, and professionals—the sculpture underscores the inclusivity and unity of India's investment landscape. This iconic creation reflects the col-

GURUGRAM: Hon'ble



lective efforts of the nation, working together towards a common economic progress. Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE said: "We are proud to inaugurate the statue of NSE Bull and launch our Coffee Table Book today at the hands of Hon'ble Governor Maharashtra, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan. The NSE Bull shows the symbiotic and virtuous relationship of Samaj and Bazaar. The bull is a symbol of Capital Markets while the common people showcase Samaj, at Headquarters which is bazaar. 30 years ago in

1994, the stock market

in India i.e., bazaar, was not accessible to the Samaj. With the advent of first-of-its-kind, automated, screen-based trading at NSE, the market reached all corners of the country and today, NSE has over 10 Crore unique investors registered with the exchange. The Coffee Table Book chronicles the story of this institution that is an inspiration for all of us. Looking 30 years back, with a lot of nostalgia, I am proud to say that despite a few hiccups, NSE has more than fulfilled its vision of creating a vibrant and growth-oriented stock market ecosystem.

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No personal coaches, media embargo under NRAI's Olympic shooting guidelines.

Delhi-To prepare its players for the quadrennial spectacle, the National Rifle Association of India has imposed severe conditions on Paris Olympic shooters, including a "media blackout" and no personal coaches at the national camp. In its "national team protocol", the federation informs shooters that parents cannot "stay" or "visit" their wards at camps and that Pierre Beauchamp, the High Performance Director (HPD), must make an exception. According to the NRAI's "NRAI Olympic Team Undertaking and SOP for Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Pistol/Rifle Teams" letter to Olympic-bound shooters, the goal is to "ensure the clarity of the training and readiness plan for Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the shooters and the National Team Coaches and Sport Science support." "It is essential to have effective organization, discipline, planned and dedicated training programmes for the best performance of shooters participating as National Team India at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," the note states. The letter states that only NRAI-approved personal coaches and sport science consultants with signed SOPs can assist the "National Training team for the concerned shooter(s) in assisting and/or discussing with the National Training Team under the leadership of the HPD and the chief coach (rifle and pistol)." Personal coaches without NRAI approval are prohibited. "The NRAI National Team program of the Olympic Games does not allow personal trainers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, or psychologists." Under 'Media Blackout", the NRAI says shooters. must avoid the media.

Tata Salt Immuno: Supporting Balanced **Nutrition this National Nutrition Week**

MEWAT/ SIRSA : In today's world, where well-being and immunity have become key priorities, Tata Salt Immuno offers a thoughtful blend of iodine and zinc, two vital micronutrients that contribute to overall well-being and immune support. Zinc is an essential micronutrient, recognized for its role in supporting the immune system. The inclusion of zinc in daily diets has gained increasing importance as part of a balanced nutritional approach. However, finding convenient ways for its intake can sometimes be challenging. Tata Salt Immuno simplifies this by blending salt with both zinc and iodine, allowing consumers to integrate these essential nutrients into their regular diets with ease. This



dual-nutrient formulation provides a way to support a part of their intake without requiring significant

changes to daily food habits, making it an accessible option for households.

As we mark National Nutrition Week, Tata Salt Immuno aligns with the event's emphasis on balanced nutrition and informed dietary choices.

The product serves as a reminder that small, mindful choices—can contribute meaningfully for a part of essential nutrient intake.

Tata Salt Immuno is part of Tata Salt's broader commitment to continuous innovation in the edible salt category.

The brand has long been synonymous with trust, quality, and wellbeing, and it continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of Indian consumers.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team wins 2-2 (4-2 SO) versus Belgium

As part of their ongoing European tour, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey defeated Team Belgium with resounding shootout victory after regulation ended in a stalemate. India's best goal scorer, Kanika Siwach, led the team with an outstanding brace. In the first quarter, the Indian Women's Hockey Team quickly found their rhythm and made an impres-

sion. Kanika Siwach but the Indian defense rang the boards to give India the lead following an early penalty corner. In the same quarter, Kanika soon after scored her second goal of the game to make it 2-0. India kept up their momen-Belgium during a goal- the limit their team and match the third quarter, Belgium had opportunities, including a piv- in Breda.

was able to contain Belgium and keep the lead.

Minutes before the half, Belgium finally broke free in the last quarter, scoring twice in rapid succession to square the score at 2tum and held off 2. India prevailed in subsequent less second quarter to shootout to win the take a dominating SO). The next game for lead into halftime. In the Indian Junior Women's Team is scheduled for

otal penalty corner, , against Germany.

Para-Athletics Worlds: India wins most medals ever



India continued their

medal run at the 2024 Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan, with Simran Sharma winning gold in the Women's 200 meters T12. Preethi Pal won her second Championship medal, a bronze in the Women's 100m T35. Preethi previously won 200-meter bronze in the same category. Navdeep India's earned a bronze medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 with a sea-

son-best 42.82 meters. India won 17 medals, including six gold, five silver, and six bronze, surpassing the 2023 total. Indian para-athletes' performance in Kobe is a credit to their hard work, resilience, and strong support system from coaches, support staff, and the Athletics Federation of India. Their achievement inspires prospective athletes and boosts India's paraathletics profile. Deepthi Jeevanji established a world record

of 55.06 seconds in the Women's 400m T20, winning the gold medal with amazing hard effort and motivation.Breaking the world record and earning gold at the World Championships is a dream.

I appreciate my coaches, family, and Indian contingent. After breaking the world Deepthi record, Jeevanji commented, "This is just the beginning, and I am excited for the future, especially.

Flipkart's sellers conclave in Delhi empowers over 1500 entrepreneurs to thrive in the ecommerce ecosystem

dynamic fusion of innovation and entrepreneurship, Delhi seller conclave united over 1500 sellers. visionary who, through immersive sessions and guidance, expert explored areas of customer demands and market trends through a diverse range of engaging sessions. The seller's conclave is setting milestones in the ecommerce landsparking scape, meaningful connections among entrepreneurs, driving innovation through expert insights and trendspotting, and reshaping the online retail landscape by empowering businesses to adapt, grow, and thrive in a rapidly changing digital world

seller conclave in Delhi as part of its nationwide effort to empower and uplift local entrepreneurs. In Delhi, 1500 unique sellers gathered to engage in insightful sessions to enhance their understanding of market dynamics, customer preferences, and strategic growth opportunities. The seller conclave, hosted ahead of the 11th edition of The Big Billion Days (TBBD), aims to equip

sellers with advanced

tools, skills, and

knowledge, preparing

them to excel during

the upcoming festive

merce marketplace,

hosted an impactful

season. The conclave facilitated meaningful connections and fostered a collaborative ecosystem, driving growth, success, and mutual prosperity for sellers and

Flipkart alike. The event was graced by several Flipkart leaders, including Kumar, Rajneesh Corporate Chief **Affairs** Officer; Jeyandran Venugopal, Chief Product Technology Officer; Sandeep Karwa, Vice President of Flipkart Platform; Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply Chain,

Customer.

HC overturns JNV's admittance denial

Delhi: The Delhi High Court has ordered the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) to admit students from districts other than their own. Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the order to not admit a pupil to JNV, Mungeshpur, and said the child can be admitted in Class 6 of the 2024-25 academic year and remain there. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. A youngster who attended Navyug School at Peshwa Road in the national capital until Class 5 petitioned the high court for admission to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, in Class 6. The school denied admission to the girl because she was educated in New Delhi, not Mungeshpur, North West. While the matter is pending with a division bench, the student in the previous petition was allowed to continue studying at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, as an interim measure. The high court overturned the petitioner's exclusion from Jawahar Navodaya.

Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur. "The petitioner is entitled to Class 6 admission to the JNVM (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur) in 2024-25 and continues education there.





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Can Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal run government from jail before Supreme Court's important verdict

The Supreme Court has highlighted a key question that has shadowed Delhi's government for five months: Is there any injunction preventing chief minister Arvind Kejriwal from working from jail? This comes at a crucial moment as another panel of the highest court has finished hearing his bail motion for the excise policy issue and will soon rule.The question disappears if bail is granted. Since he is under trial, constitutional scholars think he should be permitted to discharge his constitutional duties.

They argue that the Supreme Court must think "out of the box" and that the chief

minister should convene meetings and sign papers. They note that the petitioner must request court approval. Many crucial decisions requiring council of ministers or ministerial approval have piled up. A two-judge bench of the Supreme Court

expressed that Kejriwal's incarceration was delaying a file on eligible convicts' sentence remissions. Article 142 of Constitution the empowers Supreme Court to pass any order necessary to do complete justice in any case.

BJP sells onion at Rs 25/kg, rapes Delhi government ahead of votes

Delhi

To capitalize on soaring onion costs ahead of Delhi assembly elections, the state BJP sold the kitchen staple at Rs 25 a kg instead of Rs 80, and criticized the city government for its "total failure" to stabilize pricing. Delhi BJP president Vijay Goel urged the immediate dismissal of Food and Civil Supplies Minister Harun Yusuf for his "complete failure to regulate the wholesale vegetable markets and take action against hoarders" for "inaction" in controlling vegetable prices. town Delhi.

"It is appalling the way Delhi government first mismanaged the onion crisis and is now expressing its helplessness to control prices," remarked. "This is typical of this government which has been expressing helplessness on every front -be it price rise, hike in power tariffs, collapse of water supply, lack of development in unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters and growing crime against women." He spoke after selling onions at Rs 25 a kilogram at Town Hall in down-

LG approved 3k posts to improve city prison management

On , lieutenant gover-Saxena VK approved the creation of 3,247 prison department posts in Delhi, which may improve jail management. Saxena ordered officials to fill these positions in six months. LG authorized the jail cadre restructure and ordered speedy staff promotions, officials added. Superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent, head warder, head matron, warder, section officer, accounting officer, assistants, and drivers are among the new jail, technical, and ministerial cadre jobs in group A, B, and C. The new staff will work at Tihar, Mandoli, and Rohini jails. Officials say the iobs were created according to procedure. The jail department recommended creating roles based on staff shortages and future needs and had administrative



MCD will contract out all Karol Bagh municipal park

Delhi: Senior civic officials stated that the

reforms department ramifications,

maintenance

Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will pilot outsourcing municipal park management to commercial concessionaires to improve their upkeep. The pilot is expected in Karol Bagh, which contains 762 parks. A senior MCD official said the horticulture department has produced a project study for outsourcing Karol Bagh maintenance, including upkeep, pruning, rubbish collection, and vegetation. The sanitation department manages waste through commercial concessionaires in all zones.

approve it. After deter- finance mining the financial agreed.

department

A 30-day repair work would disrupt Delhi's Mayapuri flyover traffic

Delhi PWD began normal Mayapuri flyover repairs for 30 days. The work would impact traffic in Raja Garden, Naraina, and southwest Delhi. Delhi Traffic Police advised that the first phase of the road restriction Naraina to Raja Garden will close half of it. The remaining half of the west Delhi flyover will operate, it Officials said the repair will be done in phases,

like the Chirag Dilli fly-

over, where just one

ramp was stopped for

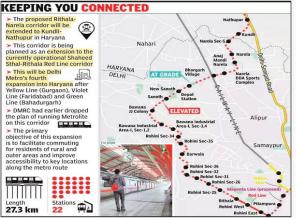
renovation while traffic



The traffic advice stated that Dhaula Kuan Naraina commuters heading to Raja Garden will be diverted. To avoid the facility and continued on the other. travel through the

Mayapuri Chowk red light, they should take the service road from the flyover's start. The guideline advises against roadside parking because it disrupts

Rithala-Narela Delhi Metro will now reach Haryana.



Delhi : Transport minister Kailash Gahlot stated that Delhi Metro's Rithala-Narela section will reach Kundli-Nathupur in Haryana. To begin government approved the extension in principle and will present the proposal to the central government. "The total length of this Delhi Metro corridor will be 23.7km, of which 2.7km will be in Haryana," Gahlot. He claimed the

corridor would connect rural Delhi-Harvana border 22.9km to 23.7km.

towns to the major metropolis, where buses are the only public transport. He said these residents could now reach central Delhi in an hour and a half. "This tendering, the Delhi extension will not has only benefit the people of the two villages of Kundli and Nathupur but also all the residents of other nearby villages," added Gahlot. Sato The Rs 6230.9 crore extended project is planned to be completed in four years. The Delhi corridor has extended from

NCTE's new rule for teacher education institutions

NEW DELHI: The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has issued a public notice requiring all recognised Teacher **Education Institutions** (TEIs) to submit their Performance Appraisal Reports (PARs) for the academic sessions 2021-22 and 2022-23.

This directive follows the decision made during the Council's 61st meeting on August 5, 2024, emphasising the need for vear-wise submission to maintain accountability adherence to NCTE Act, 1993.

The deadline for submitting these reports is set for November 10, 2024, by 11:59

According to the notice published on September 9, 2024, on the NCTE website, all TEIs must complete submission process through the designated NCTE portal at ncte.gov.in.

Pranab's daughter walks back criticism of Rahul's leadership

NEW DELHI: Thrilled at Congress's performance in Lok Sabha elections, Sharmistha Mukherjee, daughter of former President and Congress stalwart Pranab Mukherjee, said the outcome of the 2024 contest has restored the party to a strong position and vindicated the leadership of Rahul Gandhi. This marks a significant reassessment after her earlier critical remarks in the run-up to the polls, when she suggested that Congress needed to look beyond the Gandhi family. Sharmistha told TOI that Congress may have

"I will consider this the emergence of Rahul Gandhi as the leader," she said. Lest hei appreciation of Congress is taken as a sign of her renewed political ambitions, she added, "As a Congress supporter, I am extremely happy, but I have no intention of coming back to politics."

lost the elections for the third time and is still

in the opposition, but it got a big tally of

These words from Sharmistha would delight Congress which was discomfited by her strong criticism ahead of Lok Sabha elections. Releasing her father's biography in Feb, she lit into Rahul and his leadership for two successive abysmal electoral failures, and slammed Congress. Her remarks triggered retaliation from Congress functionaries.

Centre appoints six new **ASGs for Supreme Court**

NEW DELHI: The appointments committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal for the appointment of six senior advocates as Additional Solicitor General (ASG) in the supreme court of India.

Senior Advocates S. Dwarakanath, Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, Satya Darshi Sanjay, Brijender Chahar, Raghavendra P. Shankar, and Rajkumar Bhaskar Thakare (Raja Thakare) have been appointed as Additional Solicitor General (ASG) for the apex court. According to the notification, these appointments have been made for a period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the office. These senior advocates with a distinguished career are involved in various high-profile cases in the supreme court. Their expertise spans a range of legal areas, including constitutional law, commercial law, and corporate law. These appointments are made by the union government to strengthen the legal team representing the government'. s interests in the supreme court.

Delhi Airport Air India international check-in counters will close 75 minutes before departure instead of 60 **\Vatika Times**

Delhi

Air will close international check-in counters at IGIA 75 minutes before flight departure instead of 60 minutes. The adjustment allows travelers more time to cross security immigration, which may be crowded during peak departure times. Congestion affects all airlines, but Al has more flights, so it remains to be seen if other significant competitors follow suit.The Delhi international check-in counter will close 75 minutes before departure. This change from the

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time "Many fre-

quent travelers disliked the change, but they all believed it would enhance Al's on-time performance. Their flights are often late. Most of my westbound flights in the year delayed by 2-3 hours. Arriving late means missing connections.

Delhi High Court Allows Seven Students to Attend St. **Stephen's College Amid Admission Dispute**

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday permitted seven students, who approached the court seeking admission in St. Stephen's College on the basis of the seats allocated by the Delhi University, to attend classes in the college. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, however, directed the varsity not to make any further allocation of seats. The division bench

issued notice and sought response of the university and seven students on an appeal by the college challenging a single-judge's order which has granted admission to these candi-

MIC Electronics Ltd. bags Railway Order from Salem Division of the Southern

CHANDIGARH: MIC Electronics Limited (BSE: 532850, NSE: MICEL), a global leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of LED video displays, has announced that it has

received a Letter

Acceptance from the Salem

Division of the Southern

of Telecom based passenger amenities at SGE, SA and provision of FIOSNET at ELS, Erode. Recently, the company received a Letter of Acceptance from the Ratlam Division of the Western Railway Zone for Supply, installation, testing and com-

Railway Zone for the provision missioning of Telecom material in connection with Providing 12 m wide foot overbridge to connect PF under Amirit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) at 14 stations. Recently, the company

reported stellar earnings for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 (Q1FY25). For the quar-

ter ended 30 June 2024, the company reported its Revenue from Operations at Rs. 1071.46 Lakhs, a growth of 53% YoY. The EBITDA jumped 32% YoY, from Rs. 212.26 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 281.24 Lakhs (Q1FY25). The PAT rose 59% YoY, from Rs. 123.60 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to.