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My 'damdar government' poised for 3rd term in a row: PM Modi

HOSHIARPUR: After shuttling between states for over two months to pitch BJP's vision for a 'Viksit Bharat', PM Modi wrapped up his marathon campaign in Punjab's Hoshiarpur Thursday by saying that his "damdar" (strong) government was set to return for a third consecutive term to achieve its objective of making India the nation it deserved to be. "Who knows it better than Punjab, the land of the brave, what it means to be damdar? A damdar govt is one that decimates the enemy. A damdar govt is one that goes right into the enemy's home to strike. A damdar govt is one that makes Bharat atmanirbhar (self-dependent) in every way possible," Modi said. The PM said BJP had drawn up a roadmap for the first 125 days of its prospective third term, reserving 25 of those for the welfare of the country's youth. Accusing AAP of "destroying both agriculture and industry" in



Punjab and Congress of fathering corruption in the country, Modi said he could take all the insults hurled at him by them, but not anyone making a mockery of the country and its people. He said there could be "no greater sin" than constituents of the INDIA bloc using the armed forces as a political weapon, alluding to Congress and its allies repeatedly talking about scrapping the Agnipath recruitment scheme if the alliance came to office. "You abuse Modi as much you want, but Modi will not tolerate this insult to my country's armed forces."

I am silent but you should not make any mistake in understanding Modi... Modi jis din muh kholega, tumhari

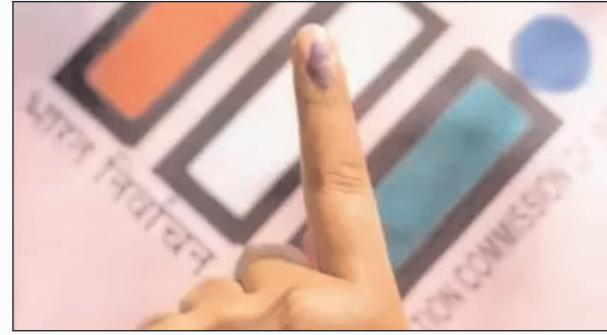
aat pidhi ke paap nikaal ke rakh dega (The day Modi opens his mouth, he will bring out the sins of your seven generations)," the PM said. On AAP, which came to office in Punjab by ousting ally Congress, Modi said, "It took Congress 60 years to do a PhD in corruption but they (AAP) are born corrupt." He added, "In Punjab, they are doing a drama of contesting separately, but in Delhi, they are together." The PM, who campaigned for BJP candidates Anita Som Parkash and Subhash Sharma, said the drug mafia was operating with impunity in Punjab and gang wars were escalating alongside atrocities on women.

PM Modi's high-pitched 2024 Lok Sabha campaign ends

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's whirlwind Lok Sabha election campaign, which included a total of 206 public outreach programmes - some laced with a lot of acrimony and aggression, ended on Thursday with a rally in Punjab's Hoshiarpur. The Prime Minister also gave a total of 80 media interviews, averaging more than one daily since the polls began. The 76-day campaign period saw a rare censure for the BJP by the Election Commission over opposition allegations of divisive speech against the Prime Minister. In fact, both BJP chief JP Nadda and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge were warned and told by the poll body to rein in their star campaigners which included PM Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi among others.

Two months on, curtains come down on campaign for 18th Lok Sabha polls

NEW DELHI: Electioneering for the seventh and final phase of Lok Sabha elections in 57 seats across seven states and one UT ended on Thursday afternoon, bringing the curtain down on a marathon exercise that saw star campaigners like PM Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge ratcheting up air miles as they crisscrossed the country for over two months. On June 1, Punjab's 13 seats, four of Himachal, 13 in UP, nine in Bengal, eight in Bihar, six of Odisha, and three in Jharkhand will vote along with the UT of Chandigarh to complete the last round of the polling cycle involving several heavyweights, including PM Modi as he seeks a third consecutive term from his home turf of Varanasi. Of the 904 candidates in the fray in the last 57 constituencies going to polls, the other big names



'Biggest threat India have taken a risk with...': Clarke warns Rohit

NEW DELHI: India's decision of selecting four spinners in their squad for the T20 World Cup was questioned with skipper Rohit Sharma clarifying that there was a clear strategy behind the move. He emphasized that the decision was not made on a whim but rather as part of a carefully crafted plan. The decision to include four spinners alongside three pacers has elicited varied opinions. Among them, Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal represent the wrist-spin department, while Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel offer left-arm spin options along with their all-round abilities.

Singh Channi in Jalandhar, and Harsimrat Kaur Badal of SAD in Punjab's Bhatinda. Ravi Kishan of BJP in Gorakhpur and his party colleague Ram Kripal Yadav, who is pitted against RJD patriarch. Lalu Prasad's daughter

Remove illegal religious structures from govt land, HC tells Kerala

KOCHI: Kerala high court has ordered state govt to remove all illegal and unauthorised stones, crosses or other structures of religious significance erected on govt land by any religious group within a year. Justice P V Kunhikrishnan passed the order on a plea by Plantation Corporation of Kerala, seeking steps to evict encroachers from its estates. HC directed the chief secretary to instruct all district collectors to conduct an inquiry through revenue officials and others to identify such "religious encroachments" within six months. The public can also bring such matters to the collector's attention.

IAF Rafales to take part in 4-nation drill in US

NEW DELHI: Eight Indian Rafale fighter jets, along with two IL-78 air-to-air refueller and three C-17 Globemaster-III strategic airlift aircraft, are now set to soar high in the top-notch multi-nation 'Red Flag' exercise in Alaska in the United States.

The IAF aircraft undertook a transatlantic flight, with staging halts at Greece and Portugal, to touch down at the Eielson USAF Base in Alaska on Thursday. "Exercise Red Flag is a two-week advanced aerial combat training exercise, aimed at integrating aircrew in a multinational environment," an IAF officer said. The IAF has taken part in the Red Flag exercise, which is considered to be the most realistic air combat exercise with fighter pilots honing their skills with thousands of targets, realistic threat systems and an opposing enemy force, two times in the past. Over 100 aircraft from four nations, along with around 3,100 personnel to fly, operate and maintain them, will take part in this edition of the Red Flag exercise from June 1 to June 14. The IAF has been regularly participating in air combat exercises with other countries. These include multi-nation exercises like the 'Iniochos' in Greece, the 'Orion' in France, 'Blue Flag' in Israel, 'Pitch Black' in Australia, and 'Desert Flag' in the UAE.

SC: Promotion not a right, no criteria stated in Constitution

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court has said that the Constitution is silent on criteria for granting promotion to govt servants and ruled that the legislature and executive are free to decide the norms for promotion keeping in view the nature, functions and requirements of a promotional post. A bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra in a recent judgment said, "In India,

'Health did not hinder... ': ED on Arvind Kejriwal's bail plea

NEW DELHI: The Delhi court on Thursday issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the regular bail plea filed by Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case. Delhi's Rouse Avenue court, presided over by special judge Kaveri Baweja, instructed the ED to submit its



response to the plea by June 1. The Aam Aadmi Party chief sought relief from the court citing health issues. The ED, however, refuted Kejriwal's argu-

ment during the hearing adding that his "health did not hinder him from campaigning". "There are some submissions to be made. Word used is "will surrender". There's

Heatwave kills 8 in Bihar, 2 in Madhya Pradesh as temperature continues to rise

NEW DELHI: Soaring heatwave across the northern plains on Thursday claimed 8 lives in Bihar. According to the IMD data, the mercury reached 44 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state. The disaster management department confirmed the number of deaths. However, cause of death could not be ascertained since many bereaved families have declined post-mortem examina-

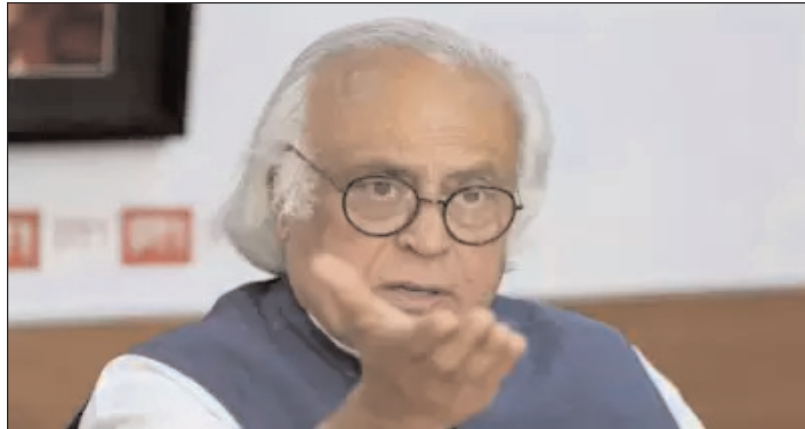


tions. Reports for the remaining deceased individuals are still pending. Deaths due to suspected heatstroke were reported from Arwal, Buxar, Rohtas and Begusarai districts. "Only after receiving

the autopsy reports, the authorities will be in a position to state the reasons behind the deaths. As of now, we can't comment on this. Some post-mortem examination reports are awaited.

Won't decide unilaterally on PM on behalf of opposition bloc: Congress

NEW DELHI: Congress on Thursday claimed that INDIA Alliance would get a decisive mandate on June 4 and said it was logical that the constituent with maximum seats in Lok Sabha would be the natural claimant for its leadership.



for the leadership of the janbandhan," he said in what was interpreted by political circles as Congress's assertion of its claim for PM. Videos earlier, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at a press conference at the AICC headquarters made it clear that a decision on who the PM will be taken after a discussion with all alliance partners

after the results are out just as it was done when UPA-I and II formed govt. When asked about whether he was in the running for PM, Kharge said, "in our party whatever decision is taken by the party we work by that. I have never asked for any post and will not ask just because I am a Dalit." Congress general secretary

(organisation) K C Venugopal has assured that "they will not take any unilateral decision on PM candidate on behalf of INDIA bloc". On whether it would be easy to arrive at a consensus on the PM pick, Ramesh said the slogan of the alliance is "main nahin hum, mera nahi humara (not me, we; not mine, ours)".

From 0 to 40 in 16 years, Sariska scripts tiger conservation history

ALWAR/JAIPUR: Sariska Tiger Reserve has added a number of stripes to its sleeve. After nearly 16 years, the reserve is scripting a remarkable success story. The country's first tiger reintroduction plan was launched there after its big cat population had been annihilated, the number falling to zero. This year, two tigresses at the park have given birth to quadruplets. On Thursday, the forest department said, a four-year-old tigress, "ST-22, was captured on camera with a set of quadruplets." Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) field director Mahendra Sharma said, "This is the first time ST-22 has given birth. marks a historic event, as it is the first time since the tiger reintroduction in 2008 that two tigresses in Sariska Tiger Reserve.

'Already has firm backdoor entry... ': Himanta Biswa

NEW DELHI: Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday raised several questions regarding Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader VK Pandian's role in running Odisha. Sarma questioned whether chief minister Naveen Patnaik physically signs any file or if Pandian uses the CM's digital signature. The Assam CM's reaction came after Patnaik, during an interview with ANI, said that the people of Odisha would decide his successor. Sarma expressed his concerns about Pandian's control over the chief minister, saying that he may already have a 'backdoor entry in running Odisha'. People of Odisha still do not know. - why ministers/bureaucrats have no direct access to the Chief Minister; does the Chief Minister physically sign on any

file or Mr Pandian uses his digital signature," said the Assam CM in his post. "Naveen Babu's successor is immaterial as Mr Pandian already has a firm back door entry in running Odisha. He has pervasive control over the chief minister and Nabin Niwas," Sarma added. Sarma also commented on Patnaik's response regarding his continuation as chief minister for the next five years if BJD wins the upcoming election. He suggested that either Pandian has already selected a "successor" or that Patnaik knows the BJP is likely to win the election. "Ridiculous, they are getting more and more desperate": Patnaik Earlier in the day, Patnaik dismissed the allegations made by BJP leaders that VK Pandian is "controlling the state".

Omission of science, arts, and crafts from curriculum, cause of research lag: Prof Devdutt Sarode

Prayagraj: At Hindustani Academy Prayagraj by the Government Manuscript Library, Culture Department, Prayagraj, "Manuscripts in research work". A seminar on 'Importance' was organised. In the seminar, the main speaker, Prof. Devdutt Sarode, Convener, Research and Development Cell, Central Sanskrit University, Ganganath Jha Campus, Prayagraj, said in his address that manuscripts are the foundation stone of research work. All the texts are available in manuscripts, hence research work on various subjects can be done easily. Prof. Saroj Singh, Associate Professor of Hindi Department of C.M.P. De-



gree College, Prayagraj, said that there is definitely difficulty in research work based on manuscripts, but its result is the best. C.M.P. Degree Dr. Surendra Pal Singh, Head of the Sanskrit Department

of College Prayagraj, said that the manuscripts are original texts. And research based on these will definitely be original. He told that the English word research is derived from Rishicharya.

Librarian of Public Library Prayagraj, Dr. Gopal Mohan Shukla told that manuscripts are the primary source for research work. Prof. Saleha Rashid, former chairperson of the Arabic/Persian Department,

Allahabad University, who is presiding, said that this seminar is very useful for research students and higher education students. He said that all the research students should select at least one manuscript,

edit it and get it published. The guests who came to the program were welcomed with a bouquet and memento by Manuscript Officer Mr. Ghulam Sarwar. In his address, he told that the research work based on manuscripts. Quality is personal. The program was conducted and gratitude was expressed to the guests by Technical Assistant Sanskrit Shri Harishchandra Dubey, Vikas Yadav, Shailendra Yadav, Ajay Kumar Maurya, Roshan Lal, Mohd. Safiq, Abhishek and Academy's administrative officers Gopal Ji Pandey, Santosh Tiwari, Ankesh Srivastava, Ratan Pandey, Ratnesh Dwivedi etc. were present in the program.

Candidate Renu declared successful after court's intervention

Prayagraj: In relation to the declared selection result of Staff Nurse/Sister Grade-2 (Male/Female) Examination-2021, dated August 23, 2022, Office of Public Service Commission, Uttar Pradesh has informed that the petition number-21430/2022 Renu vs. Uttar Pradesh State and In others, in compliance with the order dated: 31-07-2023 passed by the Honorable High Court, the petitioner/candidate Renu roll number-057887 is declared successful against the vacancy in the Scheduled Caste Women Branch in the Medical and Health Services Department, Uttar Pradesh.

Reading habit among youth on the wane

PRAYAGRAJ: Reading habit seems to have declined among youngsters and kids in the city, leaving their parents worried. To many, it is a mere goal-oriented activity rather than an avocation. Homemaker Archana Kumari is concerned about her son, who "keeps watching web series and videos all day long". "There are so many interesting novels available online, but he does not read them. This may damage his creativity and make him less socially active," the 43-year-old from Lukerganj rues.

Retired engineer Kamleshwar Mishra, who is in his seventies now, has always been an avid reader. He is, therefore, not happy with the influence of the internet on children these days. "Kids, including my grandson, do not read insightful books or newspapers and depend heavily on the internet. They also believe WhatsApp forwards, which are usually fake. Their lives revolve around cellphones," the septuagenarian says.

19-year-old Aditi, a NEET aspirant, regrets not reading enough books and blames the shortage of time for it. She says, "Although I love reading novels, I do not have much time for it as I am gearing up for the counselling session."

City libraries are indicative of the decline in reading habits as well. "Only those, who are preparing for competitive exams like banking, railways and UP Public Service Commission, come here. Although we have books on Gandhian thoughts, no one reads them now," librarian says. According to bookshop owners, the demand for novels is comparatively lower than textbooks. Deepak Mishra, who runs a book store in Chowk, says, "Even after giving discounts, people are not willing to buy novels. While kids usually purchase school textbooks, those in higher classes buy guides and question banks."

Applications invited from interested advocates for panel advocate/retainer

Prayagraj: Those advocates who want to provide their services in the tehsil as panel advocate/retainer, should provide their application form to the concerned tehsil or office, District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj by June 08. Secretary/ADJ District Legal The Service Authority has informed through a press release that under the Scheme (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010 prepared by the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, panel advocates/retainers are to be nominated in all Tehsil Legal Services Committees. He told that the advocates who want to provide their services in the tehsil as panel advocate/retainer, should submit their application form to the concerned tehsil or office of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj by 08.06.2024.

Woman robbed of cash, jewellery

Kaushambi: Unidentified bike borne miscreants looted cash Rs. 49,000 and jewellery from a woman in broad daylight under Manjhanpur police station of Kaushambi on Thursday. The miscreants snatched earrings resulting in injuries to the woman. Police reached the spot after receiving information and admitted the woman to the hospital. An FIR had been registered and teams have been formed to trace and arrest the looters, police said. Circle officer Manjhanpur Satyendra Tiwari said a resident of Kaini village, Sarla Srivastava, had withdrawn cash Rs. 49,000 from State Bank branch at Manjhanpur. She reached the crossing of her village in a battery rickshaw. While she was walking towards her home, three miscreants on a bike came from behind and snatched her bag containing the cash. The looters also snatched her earrings. Locals rushed to the spot, but the miscreants had fled by then. Several police teams have been roped in to identify and nab the culprits. Help of CCTV cameras in the vicinity is being taken to identify the looters, Tiwari added.

Election campaign over, EC to monitor gatherings in UP

Mirzapur: Voting is to be held on Mirzapur Lok Sabha seat including Purvanchal on June 1. The noise of the election campaign stopped at 5 pm on Thursday, 48 hours before the voting. Now the candidates of political parties will not be able to campaign. After the election campaign stops, the process of candidates and workers meeting voters will start. The Election Commission will keep an eye on this. In Mirzapur, on June 1, voters will be able to vote from 7 am to 5 pm. The candidates tried to reach out to the voters in the last phase until the election campaign came to an end. With the election campaign coming to an end, election officials have become active. 10 candidates, including two MPs, are trying their luck in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. MP and Apna Dal (S)'s Anupriya Patel and Bhadohi MP and Samajwadi Party candidate Rameshchandra Bind are trying their luck in the elections. The fate of Manish Kumar from Bahujan Samaj Party, Anil Kumar from Eklavya Samaj Party, Daulat Singh Patel from Apna Dal Kamerawadi, Ramdhani from Rashtriya Samaj Paksha, Satyadev from Purvanchal Mahapanchayat, Sameer Singh from All India Forward Bloc and independent candidates Rajesh and Lalji Verma. The voters of Mirzapur will decide their fate on June 1.

NCC cadet Komal of Arya Kanya Degree College hoisted flag on Siachen Glacier

Prayagraj: NCC Mountaineering Camp organized from 3rd May to 30th May, achieving success from Darjeeling to Kanchanganga, NCC cadet Komal of the college climbed 16500 feet Made everyone proud by reaching the height of . Cadet Komal gives full credit for this to her family, college chairperson Pankaj Jaiswal, Principal Prof. Archana Pathak, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Chief Proctor Dr. Ranjana Tripathi, and also Komal gives heartfelt gratitude to NCC officer Dr. Deepshikha

Pandey for boosting her confidence and guided them in doing this work.

Video of hooliganism goes viral

Prayagraj: The hooliganism of the bullies has been seen near the Civil Lines Public Service Commission of Prayagraj. The bullies, who came in a car without a number plate, beat two youths fiercely with sticks, sticks and kicks, the video of which is going viral on social media. Taking immediate action on the complaint, the police have registered a case and arrested one accused.

Vi says 'Let's Netflix'

Varanasi: Leading telecom operator Vi, today announced its partnership with the global streaming service provider - Netflix, further strengthening its entertainment offerings for its customers. With this partnership, Vi users will be able to enjoy world-class entertainment with the best streaming experience on any device of their choice - mobile, television or tablet. Vi has currently introduced Netflix offering for its prepaid customers and will soon be launching Netflix bundled postpaid plans too.

Home to an incredible variety of local and global stories like Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar, Amar Singh Chamkila, The Great Indian Kapil Show, Laapataa Ladies, Animal, Fighter, Dunki, Squid Game, Bridgerton, Mamla Legal Hai to name a few, Netflix in India recently announced its power-packed 2024 lineup, offering a wide range of films and series for the audience.

Vi has introduced two new Unlimited prepaid packs offering unlimited calls & data bundled with Netflix Basic subscription that will allow users to watch Netflix on mobile as well as TV. Today, Vi is the only telecom operator to offer a Netflix Basic proposition at an attractive price point of less than Rs. 1000 bundled with a prepaid plan. Apart from the above-mentioned benefits, Vi users recharging with the 84 days validity product, will also get flagship Hero proposition benefits such as Data Delight, Night Binge and Weekend Data Roll-over. Vi will soon launch its postpaid offerings with Netflix.

Ex-BJP MLA & others booked over rioting and assault charges in UP

Ballia: A former BJP MLA, his son, and five others were charged with rioting and assault in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday, according to police. Santosh Kumar Singh, a native of Karanchapra village, said that they attacked him outside a petrol pump on May 29 after an altercation. Surendra Singh, his son Vidhya Bhushan Singh, and five others were booked after Santosh Singh filed a complaint, according to police. Dharamveer Singh, SHO of the Dokati police station, stated that based on the allegation, police issued a FIR on Wednesday night and booked the accused under Indian Penal Code sections 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 147 (rioting), 323 (voluntarily inflicting pain), and 506 (criminal intimidation).

Distributed jaggery and biscuits near rly station

PRAYAGRAJ: In the scorching heat, the Muslim brothers distributed jaggery and biscuits along with cold water at the railway station gate number 3. Prayagraj. Today, in the scorching heat, the Muslim brothers distributed cold water, jaggery and biscuits to the passengers and passers-by who came from outside at the railway station gate number 3. Prayagraj had worked. For the benefit of the society, Sagar Water Abid Ali Mohammad Sameem Bablu Naushad and senior Congress leader, social activist Irshad Ullah said that every section of the



the passengers. Not all the work is left to the government. Some work is ours too, we all have to do it. Irshad Ullah, social worker, wants to give the same message to the people of Prayagraj.

society should provide water to the travelers, Ragiros and laborers in this scorching heat in their area in which the temperature is hovering around 48-49. There is a big problem of water, in such a situation, many people came forward to do good work by setting up ponds outside their homes. An attempt was made to reduce the heat of

Unchecked overloading threatens safety of Shastri Bridge despite repairs

Varanasi: The Shastri Bridge, a symbol of strength since the 1970s, has faced numerous challenges over the years. The Shastri Bridge is located in Mirzapur, a city in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It spans the Ganga River, providing a crucial transportation link in the region. From enduring floods to frequent repairs to facilitate smooth transportation, it has stood as a testament to resilience. However, its greatest challenge yet looms ahead: the risk of overloading. However, the government gives the green light to a new six-lane bridge, allowing the old structure creeks to retain their significance in the face of the current bustling traffic.

Unchecked overloading of trucks and other vehicles has led to major issues with the Shastri Bridge. Recently, cracks appeared in a portion of the bridge, highlighting the grave conse-

quences of continuous overloading. Despite undergoing several repairs, the bridge, constructed in 1976, is now nearly 50 years old and has faced numerous challenges over the years. In 2021, repairs totaling Rs 4.62 crore were conducted, including the replacement of bearings and beam grouting. Additionally, carbon fiber wrapping and cable grouting were completed on 28 spans of the bridge. Despite efforts to ensure its safety, a malfunction occurred within four months, leading to the closure of the bridge in November 2022.

Mr. R.S. Upadhyay, the Project Manager of the Bridge Corporation, shared previously that the bridge passed load testing standards in 2021. However, despite these assurances, cracks appeared in the structure, prompting concerns about its safety. Subsequent repairs costing an additional 77.48 crore were undertaken, and the bridge

reopened in November 2023 after five months of work. Despite these efforts, concerns persist regarding the bridge's long-term maintenance and safety. Overloaded vehicles continue to traverse the bridge without proper inspection, posing a serious risk to its integrity and the safety of commuters.

In response to the ongoing issues, the government recently approved the construction of a six-lane bridge and a bypass to address the growing traffic demands. However, the unchecked overloading of vehicles remains a significant challenge that must be addressed to ensure the safety and longevity of critical infrastructure like the Shastri Bridge.

Prakash Tiwari a resident shared "As local commuters, we've witnessed firsthand the perilous state of the Shastri Bridge. Overloading has turned this vital crossing into a ticking

time bomb. Urgent measures are imperative to curb this danger before tragedy strikes. Our safety and the integrity of our infrastructure demand immediate action"

While there is an alternative route available, considering the current condition of the Shastri Bridge, commuters and heavy vehicles should consider safer alternatives such as NH2 (currently named NH19), leading towards the Varanasi toll. This alternative route provides a reliable option for travelers seeking to avoid the overloaded Shastri Bridge, ensuring the safety of themselves and their loved ones. However, the Shastri Bridge remains unchecked, allowing trucks and heavy vehicles to pass through it. Even now, overloaded vehicles continue to move on the bridge without any proper inspection, posing a serious risk to the safety of the bridge and its users.

Two siblings drowned in Ganga, one died

Kanpur: Bathing in the Ganga in the scorching heat is taking a heavy toll on the youth and in a week, nine youths died due to drowning in the Ganga. On Thursday also a young man died due to drowning in the Ganga. In this way, 10 youths have drowned in the Ganga in a week. The youth who drowned today had gone to take a bath in the Ganga with his brother. When both of them started drowning in greater depth,

the local people saved both of them and took them out, but one was declared dead by the doctors. ACP Bilhaur Ajay Kumar Trivedi said on Thursday that two real siblings, Prashant and Mukul Tiwari residents of Maswanpur in Rawatpur police station area had gone to take bath in the Ganga at Khereshwar Ghat in Shivrajpur police station area.

In the afternoon, when both of them were taking bath, Prashant went deeper

and started drowning. On this Mukul moved forward to save him and he also started drowning. Seeing both of them drowning, the people present on the ghat raised an alarm and the local people who knew how to swim jumped into the Ganges. Both of them were somehow rescued and Prashant's condition was serious and he was taken to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Information about the accident has

been given to the family members and further legal action is being taken.

10 youth died in a week: It is noteworthy that to escape the scorching heat, especially the youth go out of the house without informing to take bath in the Ganga. Youths are losing their lives due to not knowing how to swim and going too deep due to the strong flow of Ganga. In one week, 10 youth have died due to drowning in the Ganga.

Another accused in Vikram Mavi murder case arrested in Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad: Loni Border Police and STF team on Thursday arrested another accused in the Vikram Mavi murder case. There was a reward of Rs 50,000 on his arrest. DCP Rural Vivek Chandra Yadav said that on May 12, Vikram Mavi, resident of Tila Shahbazpur police station, Loni border, was murdered. Vikram Mavi's son Sagar Mavi had lodged a police report. He had said that Charan Singh

Bhati, Pawan Bhati, Vimala, Kavita, Chanchal, Kuldeep, Pooja, Rahul Bhati, Sonu Baghel, Rohit Bhati, Gaurav, Tinku, Vimal, Prashant alias Mutt, Nishant, Rahul Rambabu, Gagan after blocking the way, armed with sticks, pistols and pistols, attacked and killed him. Rahul alias Rambabu, who was wanted in this murder case, has been arrested.

Preparations in full swing for counting of votes at Mundera Mandi

Prayagraj: As many as 420 staff members have been deputed for the task of vote counting for the Phulpur and Allahabad parliamentary seats of Prayagraj on June 4. The task will take place at 140 tables. The counting of votes for the two parliamentary constituencies of Bhadohi but part of Prayagraj district, i.e., Handia and Pratappur will also take place in the Mundera Mandi alongside Phulpur and Allahabad seats by 84 staff members entrusted with the task, said district

officials. Thus, total of 504 staff members will carry out the counting task.

The district election officials have started preparations for the counting of votes. As part of the preparation, the training for the counting personnel was held at Bishop Johnson School and College from 10am to 1pm on Thursday.

Apart from these, the counting of votes for the Handia and Pratappur assembly constituencies of the Bhadohi Lok Sabha constituency will also be held simultaneously here

itself. The district election officials will set up 28 tables for counting of votes for both these assembly constituencies. There will be 84 staff members manning these tables.

Separate tables will also be set up for votes cast on ballot paper including those by people with disabilities (PwD), senior citizens above the age of 80 years and officers on essential election duty etc. There will be four employees to count 500 ballot papers. All the ballot papers will be received on June 1.

Arrangements are also being made to protect the counting personnel from the heat at the counting venue located in Mundera Mandi. Given the continuous scorching heat and high temperatures being recorded, arrangements for adequate coolers, fans, and potable water are being made at the counting venue. Chief development officer (CDO) Gaurav Kumar said that preparations are being made at the counting site to protect all staff members from the heat.

Moreover, the strong

room constructed at the Mundera Mandi is also being monitored 24 hours a day. A generator has been installed in the strongroom to avoid disruption in functioning of the CCTV owing to power failures. This was done after Lalitesh Pati Tripathi, a Trinamool Congress (TMC) candidate from Bhadohi, complained on the social media platform about the cameras of the strong room being switched off due to a power supply cut three days back. After the complaint of the TMC candidate, local leaders of

the Samajwadi Party met chief revenue officer (CRO) Pankaj Kumar and demanded installation of an inverter in the strong room. CDO Gaurav Kumar said that in case of power supply failure in the strong room, inverters have also been installed for power backup.

Now EVMs can be seen on the display boards put up for 24 hours a day. The CDO inspected the strong room on Wednesday evening and saw the display board. The CDO also oversaw the preparations at the counting site.

Vaibhav shines, grabbing five wickets in Railgaon Trophy Under-16 Cricket

Prayagraj: Kayastha Pathshala Trust Club defeated St. Joseph's College by 79 runs and got full marks in the Railgaon Trophy Under-16 Cricket Competition. In this victory, Sachin Mishra (57), Hardik Narayan Tiwari (51 not out) and Samarth Pandey (51) and medium fast bowler Vaibhav Prayag (5-0-15-5) performed remarkably. Played on Thursday at Railgaon ground in Subedarganj. After losing the toss in the last match, Kayastha Pathshala Trust Club scored 213 runs for 4 wickets in 35 overs (Sachin Mishra 57, Hardik Narayan Tiwari 51 not out, Samarth Pandey 51, Amogh Prasad, Vedant, Yogendra Narayan Rai, Aryan Banerjee one wicket each). In reply, St. Joseph's College team was all out for 134 runs in 27.4 overs (Aryan Banerjee 50, Kavya Dubey 46 not out, Vaibhav Prayag 5/15, Aditya Pathak 2/20, Raj Rawat 2/33). Shishir Mehrotra and Mohammad Arif were the umpires and Khurshid Ahmed was the scorer in the match. Ford School will face Farhat Ali Club on Friday.



One dead, 24 injured in truck-bus collision

Prayagraj: A pilgrim died, and 24 others were injured in a head on collision between a DCM truck and a tourist bus on the National Highway overbridge near Tilakpur Upardaha village under Handia police station on Thursday morning. The injured were rushed to a local community health centre (CHC), from where they were referred to the SRN hospital, police said. According to the police version, 55 persons from Rajasthan's Nagora district had arrived on a pilgrimage to religious places in U.P.

After visiting Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokuldhama, Varanasi in a tourist bus, the pilgrims were on their way back to Rajasthan when the mishap occurred at the overbridge near Tilakpur Upardaha village. Here, the pilgrim bus collided with a DCM truck coming from the opposite direction. Locals rescued many of the passengers who were trapped inside the bus, police said. Cops from Handia police station also arrived and rushed the injured to the nearest CHC where one of them was declared brought dead, while the other injured were referred to SRN hospital. Additional commissioner of police (ACP) Handia, Pankaj Lavania said the kin of the deceased and the injured had been intimidated.

Cops on alert as cyber criminals evolve newer ways to dupe people

Prayagraj: Cyber fraudsters have changed their modus operandi after bank customers became aware of usual methods of fraud used by them and even stopped sharing OTP. The cyber commen are now luring people to download and install APK files. The people are being lured through job offers from home, investments, online games etc to download APK files which are remotely used for transferring cash.

APK files are Android Package Kit. It's a file format used by Android to install and distribute apps across its ecosystem. Cyber cops said that in most recent cyber frauds, commen lured bank customers of hefty profits through share trading and jobs from home offers. The commen are duping people of several lakhs while providing some profits initially.

In 15 cases of cyber frauds recently registered at cyber police station, fraudsters have duped cash worth over Rs. 5 crores through offers of investment in share trading and jobs from home etc. Cyber cell officials have urged people during recent awareness drive to stop downloading APK files as they had earlier stopped sharing OTPs.

"Cyber commen are now duping people in four stages. At first, they send offers of income from home through messages sent through WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, telegram. They add interested people in their WhatsApp or telegram groups. In the second stage, they give the task of giving likes on social media or rating the applications. To influence people, they give Rs. 1000 to Rs. 4000 and win their confidence. In the third stage, they provide information to their targets about investment and add them to different trading websites. To add them to websites, commen send links of APK files and lure their targets to download it. While offering heavy returns, the commen take investments from people. In the fourth stage, they hold the investment. People may check the balance online but could not cash it as the APK file gets expired," said Rajiv Kumar Tiwari, in-charge, cyber police station.

Muslim Rashtriya Manch holds Sharbat Taskeem

Prayagraj: Sharbat Taskeem was organized on the behalf of Muslim Rashtriya Manch today in Prayagraj, where the mercury is crossing 45 to 46 degrees. Sharbat Taskeem was organized at Batasa Mandi Chowk so that the common passers-by can get some relief. On the other hand,



under the leadership of Muslim Rashtriya Manch's Eastern Uttar Pradesh co-convenor Farid Sabri, also appealed that we all should plant one tree every week, which can provide relief to the earth's environment and provide relief from heat. District coordinator Rahila Khatoon, Kashi province co-coordinator Wakim Ahmed Mohd. Mamun Sakil Salmani etc. were present.

Congmen visited and worshiped Baba Vishwanath

Prayagraj: Many Congressmen of the district visited Kashi Vishwanath Dham on Thursday and paid obeisance in the court and took blessings. State Congress Committee General Secretary Mukund Tiwari, former State Congress spokesperson Kishore Varshney, Harikesh Tripathi, Sudhakar Tiwari, Gaurav Pandey etc. wished for the formation of a new government of State President Ajay Rai and India Alliance for the progress and prosperity of the country. Later, everyone also visited Kashi city Kotwal Baba Kaal Bhairav and worshipped him. It is known that many leaders of the district and city Congress are camping in Varanasi and are busy in the election campaign.

Morning walkers pick a healthy trend

PRAYAGRAJ: Meanwhile, after a brisk start to their day, city's morning walkers have found a healthy way to keep themselves hydrated in the summer heat. Once through with their daily ritual of exercise and walk in the greens of the Company Bagh, Khusrubagh, Bharadwaj park and other parks, several groups of morning walkers can be seen sipping nutritious juices sold by vendors on the roadside. The range is wide - from juices of neem, sugarcane, orange, mango, khas, roohafza, tang, rasna, bitter gourd, amla murabba, jamun to coconut water.

Those willing to walk some extra miles get green, lemon and black tea, which are available at street tea stalls of Civil Lines. There has been a sudden spurt in the number of street tea shops, which besides selling masala tea, have made new additions on their menu -- green, lemon and black tea. The trend has picked up well and that too in a short span of 4-5 months. "Sipping a hot cup of green tea after a brisk walk is definitely the best way to start the day," said Siddhant Gupta. Lemon/green tea keeps you energised the whole day," he added.

"There are at least 18 to 20 groups who come every morning for tea. Of these, at least 30 people demand green tea every day," said a tea vendor. "Between 7am and 9am I sell at least 40 juice glasses. Four months ago, I didn't even have 10 customers coming to buy juice," said Ramesh Shukla, a morning walker. "I'm happy that local 'chaiwalas' and juice stalls have put a foot forward to help make the city a healthy place in their own way," said Swapnil.

771 passengers charged at Prayagraj Junction in ticket checking campaign

Prayagraj: Railway administration is determined to provide excellent facilities to all its passengers. Prayagraj Division keeps running ticket checking campaigns at stations and trains to curb ticketless and irregular travel along with providing good food, pure drinking water, clean toilets to all the passengers. Under the direction of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Prayagraj Division, Himanshu Shukla, Divisional Ticket Inspector/Red, Diwakar Shukla met



the team of Commerce Department, Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police at Prayagraj Junction. He also conducted intensive investiga-

tion of Prayagraj Junction and 12 trains passing through here. In this campaign, Rs 5,39,020 was recovered by charging a total of 771 passengers. Of these,

333 passengers were charged Rs 3,09,700/- for traveling without ticket, 434 passengers were charged Rs 2,28,920/- for traveling irregularly and Rs 400/- were recovered from 04 passengers for spitting in the station premises. Railway administration requests all its passengers not to litter the train and railway premises, throw garbage in the dustbin only and travel with valid tickets. Railways respect all its passengers and wish them a pleasant journey.

Vlogging an in-thing among youngsters

PRAYAGRAJ: Quite a few youngsters in the city are trying their hand at video blogs or vlogs as a career option these days. Generation of online content, which is popular on the internet, is helping them earn well. Vloggers mostly create content, which revolves around travelling, food, digital gaming, lifestyle and beauty, among others. Although there is no set revenue model for monetizing vlogs, experts claim that it can vary in the range of Rs 5,000 to several lakhs, depending on the popularity of the content.

"Approximately 2 million 'views' on a video can fetch revenue worth Rs 5,000 to Rs 1 lakh per month

only through Google AdSense. Many a time, local ads can generate more revenue than Google AdSense," social media expert Jai Vardhan says.

City-based YouTube channel owner and fashion blogger Alisha Singh explains, "There are three ways in which a YouTuber earns money - the first is through Google AdSense where money is paid based on the number of 'views' on a video. The second is through affiliate marketing. Here, if people buy products by clicking on the link in the description box of the video, the owner gets 10% of the product's amount. The last one is through paid promotions and spon-

sorship where the company pays to promote its product in a video." Creative designer Amit Kumar, who runs a couple of YouTube channels, points out, "Many vloggers, who generate out-of-the-league and informative content, are able to earn well. If they work hard and sincerely, they can easily generate income from videos. YouTube also provides them a wider platform to showcase their creativity."

18-year-old Harshit Vats, another social media content generator, says, "I like sharing my thoughts and ideas on different social media platforms for reaching out to a wider audience. When I started

blogging, only my friends knew about it, but gradually, my work was liked by many. Now, I get messages from unknown people appreciating my work." However, parents still prefer to see their children work hard for getting white-collar jobs. Boring Road resident Madhumita Singh says, "Children easily get attracted to anything that's flashy and easier to achieve. It is the duty of parents to inform them about the pros and cons of social media usage." Another parent Naveen Tripathi, who lives in Lukerganj, says, "Vlogging can be taken up as an extra-curricular activity. Devoting one's entire time to it is not acceptable."

Broken heart syndrome cases on the rise

PRAYAGRAJ: Experts in the city have stated that in the present time apart from other diseases related to heart, the number of patients suffering from broken heart syndromes has increased. They say this has become common these days as people could not bear the pain of losing their loved ones, break-ups, betrayals etc and undergo a traumatic experience. They cited the case of Mahesh Tiwari who lost his wife a

year ago and found it difficult to bear the trauma and eventually suffered from severe pain in heart-finally he went to a cardiologist and was diagnosed as a case of broken heart syndrome.

Kayal Rai a competitive examinee had a break up with her boy friend and started having chest pain. When she consulted the doctor she was told about the broken heart syndrome. But support of her family and friends helped her to

come out of this syndrome but all are not as lucky as Kayal. An eminent cardiologist of the city says out of 100 cases they receive of patients suffering from pain in the heart, five are of the broken heart syndromes. The broken heart syndromes occur due to the severe emotional pain. The experts say the symptoms are typically the same as that of heart attack. But the good news is that the condition is reversible and

treatable.

They also say that the problem arises due to some emotional setback, so the role of people around the patient is more important. They should always be supportive. The care and love received by the patient suffering from emotional setback is important along with medicines and treatment. In most of the cases the heart is restored to its normal condition in a few weeks of care, he added.

Court refused to grant an interim order in Peter Baldev's appeal

COURT REJECTS APPLICATION FOR STAY ORDER

Prayagraj: Peter Baldev, who was imprisoned on alleged gangster charges, was dismissed from the post of Bishop by the Church of North India, New Delhi. Peter Baldev filed a civil suit in the civil court against the said dismissal order and requested for a stay on his dismissal order, on which the civil judge issued an order to maintain the status quo for all the parties. After this, the

Church of North India, New Delhi reinstated former Bishop Morris Dan to the post of Bishop. Then in this fight, Morris Dan filed a petition in the High Court as a representative of the Church of North India, New Delhi and on which the High Court ruled in favor of the Church of North India, against which Peter Baldev filed an SLP in the Supreme Court. On which the Supreme Court issued guide-

lines to the Civil Judge and directed him to take a decision on the legality of the civil suit and the interim order. Following the instructions of the Supreme Court, the Civil Judge declared the civil suit filed by Peter Baldev as against the rules and dismissed the said civil suit. Peter Baldev filed an appeal with the District Judge against the Civil Judge's order to dismiss the suit, while hearing which,

the Additional District Gangster Act issued a stay order on application given by Peter Baldev with the request that we get the status quo from the lower court. The order was received, in such a situation, it is absolutely necessary in the interest of justice to give the status quo order till the determination of the appeal, while hearing which, the Honorable Court rejected the representation of Peter Baldev

demanding status quo and said that when the civil suit is not in existence then no interim order of any kind can be given against it. With this order, Peter Baldev's claim was irrevocably terminated. Bishop Dan, on the other hand, has instructed his followers to wait for the next move following the aforementioned order; "you will soon witness extremely positive results," he emphasised.

Applications were invited from candidates for para-legal volunteering

Prayagraj: Persons eligible to provide their services as paralegal volunteers at the headquarters level and Tehsil Legal Services Committee of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj should provide their application form to the office of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj by 08th June. Secretary/ADJ District Legal Services Authority has informed through press release that under the scheme prepared

by the National Services Authority, New Delhi, the paralegals themselves at the headquarters level and Tehsil Legal Services Committee of the District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj. Servants have to be selected. He told that the persons with mentioned eligibility/qualifications are teachers, government spokespersons, graduate and post-graduate students of law education, social science, social

service etc., NGO workers/members, Mahila Maitri Sangam, Women's Neighborhood Groups, Panchayat State volunteers, Municipal Institutions. Social workers, members of cooperative societies, trade unions, who want to provide their services as paralegal volunteers, should make their application available to the office of District Legal Services Authority, Prayagraj by 08.06.2024.

Editorial

Telangana Martyrs' Memorial: World's largest stainless steel structure

Hyderabad now has the world's largest seamless stainless-steel memorial—the Telangana Martyrs Memorial, or Amara Jyoti. Dominating the landscape for miles and close to the State Secretariat, the elliptical-shaped structure has a giant, yellow flame in carbon steel atop it. The memorial has been built as a tribute to those brave people who gave up their lives over the past five decades, or so, for the statehood of Telangana. This international distinction didn't come easy. Amara Jyoti has been four years in the making. Prior to this, the conceptualisation and ironing out of the logistics took two years; hence, it necessitated altogether six years. The construction began in 2019, and it was inaugurated in June, 2023. It also took a huge amount of manpower. Over 5,000 construction labourers (approx), around 100 engineers, and 500 technicians contributed to making this memorial plan a reality. About 4,500 stainless-steel plates, weighing over a hundred tonnes, were used for the structure, along with other materials. Finally, it cost nearly Rs 180 crore. However, it was an investment eminently worth the cost and effort for the state government and the workforce, considering that it holds so much symbolic value. The steady stream of visitors that are pouring in is also appreciating this monument. The crowds are getting bigger considering it is located in the central part of the city and beside the famous Hussain Sagar Lake. The memorial is spread over a total area of 3.29 acres of land. There is a large, well-landscaped garden, and the memorial structure with its highly polished, reflective exterior stands within this green space. The built-up area of the memorial, including the garden, is about 2.88 lakh sq feet (26,800 sq metres). The artist-sculptor who developed the concept, designed the memorial, and also supervised the project from start to finish, K Venkata Ramana Reddy, explains that he already had exposure to many famous monuments, including memorials around the world in 80 countries, but, for the purpose of this project, visited many countries to study the kind of war memorials they had. "I submitted five designs, of which the one you see was approved by the Telangana state government," he reveals. The stainless-steel material (316 L) was procured from Sweden. The 4,500 sheets were assembled into approximately 450 large plates in Dubai and shipped to Hyderabad in containers. Here, onsite, these stainless-steel plates were assembled, i.e., welded together with flawless precision and laser technology, to create a smooth, seamless exterior with a mirror-like finish. Of course, the interior walls and slabs used concrete. Globetrotters may find the Amara Jyoti somewhat reminiscent of the famous Chicago Bean or Cloud Gate and the Bubble at Karamay in China. However, Ramana Reddy is quick to rebut the comparisons, though he does appreciate the Chicago Bean. As he points out, "The Chicago Bean or Cloud Gate is a public art project and not a memorial. Moreover, it is smaller in length, breadth, and width." The Bubble is widely considered a copy of the Chicago Bean design. Making Amara Jyoti was a very tough task and required painstaking attention to detail, explains Ramana Reddy, reeling off more statistics. The base of the lamp, or diya, has an elliptical shape with a major axis length of 54 metres and a minor axis length of 37 metres. From the terrace, the diya rises to a height of 26 metres and is 45 metres from ground level.

How two villages along India-China border is Sardar Patel's dream fulfilled

Though historically intimately linked, two separate events took place recently, nearly 1,000 miles away from each other. The central sector of the Indo-Tibet boundary in Uttarakhand, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan directed Army formations to work for the rehabilitation of the border villages of Nelang and Jadung, near the Line of Actual Control in Chamoli district. During the 1962 Indo-China war, both villages were abandoned, and their residents were relocated to safer nearby areas.

Far away in the east, at the Tawang War Memorial in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army, along with the Tawang administration and the local Monpa population, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the arrival of Maj Bob Khathing in the area. In 1951, the Manipuri Naga officer took over the administration of the border town of Tawang, south of the McMahon Line; a communiqué of the Defense PRO in Guwahati thus explained, "After the valiant Major undertook a treacherous march from the plains of Assam to Tawang, negotiating Sela and Bomdila passes during peak winters, leading a contingent of 200 Assam Rifles troops and 600 porters for a difficult maiden mission, thus materialised the formal



establishment of Indian civil administration at Tawang." The above two events are linked as the takeover of both places' administration is the result of a decision of the Himmasinghji Border Defence Committee created by the Army Headquarters on November 12, 1950. **Let us remember the facts** On October 7, 1950, the communist troops advanced in eastern Tibet, and after smashing the ill-trained and ill-equipped Tibetan army, Chamdo, the capital of Kham Province, fell to the invaders. On November 7, Sardar Patel, the deputy prime minister, despite his poor health, sent a long letter to the prime minister about the implications of the Chinese invasion of Tibet for India's northern border. Five days later, the dying Sardar (who passed away on December 15) constituted

this committee to examine the possibility of Chinese communist troops occupying the areas south of the McMahon Line or elsewhere on the Indo-Tibet border and "to consider the feasibility or advancing outposts of the Assam Rifles in order to forestall such ingress". esides Maj Gen Himmatsinghji, deputy minister of defense (chairman), it included Lt Gen Kulwant Singh, K Zakaria, head of the Ministry of External Affairs' historical division, SN Haksar, joint secretary also from MEA, Group Captain MS Chaturvedi from the Indian Air Force, and Waryam Singh, deputy director of the Intelligence Bureau. After discussing at great length the advisability of pushing forward a post to Tawang, it was decided to go ahead. It was also decided to send troops

to Nelang (then written Nilang) and Jadung (then Jadhung), two tiny villages south of the Tsangchok-la, the pass marking the watershed in the area, in the Chamoli district.

The Role of Jairamdas Daulatram

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

Eight Tasks

Precise tasks were given to the young and bold officer.

The first task was to occupy Tawang. Khathing was asked to explain to the local population and Tibetan officials that he was "doing no more than is being done by the administration in other parts of Indian territory;" in 1914, Tibet had agreed to the McMahon Line, north of

Tawang being the boundary. The major was ordered to "treat any Tibetan or other officials you may meet with courtesy, but nevertheless let them understand that jurisdiction in the area vests in you and not in them." He was directed to submit detailed reports about the Tibetan 'influence' in the area and the nature of taxes collected. He was further told to abolish all existing taxes and substitute them with lighter taxes to be paid to the Political Officer, representing the Indian government: "There will be no forced labour and everything needed will be duly paid for." An important task was to communicate to the local people that "none of their religious practices. The sixth point was that in case Khathing met with armed opposition, he was to cable Shillong (the governor's office) immediately, "indicating the strength and position of opposing forces." Fortunately, due to Khathing's intelligence and diplomatic skills, this would not be necessary, and

74 years later, he was still considered by the Monpas as their liberator. Khathing was also asked to keep daily wireless telegraphic contact with Daulatram after crossing the Se-La pass. It is what Khathing did, and his dispatches and cables still make fascinating reading.

Why Somalia asked Turkey to defend its territorial waters

Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Reuters File In Somalia, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has made a strategic play. The Somali government has approved a maritime security pact with Turkey. Ankara has been authorized to build up, train, and equip the Somali navy. Not just that—they will also defend Somalia's territorial waters. Turkish warships could be patrolling Somalia's coast, and they could be active in the Indian Ocean for the duration of ten years. There are many reasons why Somalia selected Turkey. Somalia has been dealing with a terror insurgency for almost two decades. Recently, there has been a rise in piracy along the Somali coast.

Also, there is chaos in the Red Sea with the Yemen-based Houthis disrupting global trade. All these are important reasons, but Somalia's primary target is different. Ethiopia is Somalia's neighbour and nemesis. The maritime deal is aimed at countering Ethiopia and stopping it from executing its port plan. Ethiopia is landlocked. But the Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, wants it. He believes that a port is essential for Ethiopia's growth. So on January 1 of this year, Ethiopia struck a deal with Somaliland to allow it to use its coast to build a navy. lem, though: Somaliland is not officially an independent nation. It is considered a breakaway part of Somalia. In the entire international community, no country

has recognised Somaliland. It tried to separate from Somalia in 1991. Since then, it has been de-facto independent. Of course, Somalia was outraged by their port deal, because it won't end there. Reports say that Ethiopia could officially recognise Somaliland's independence, and Mogadishu will never allow this. It wants Ethiopia to rescind the offer, and that's where Turkey comes in. The new maritime deal could help Somalia. The deal could "convince" Ethiopia to back down. After all, would Abiy Ahmed dare to take on the Turkish navy? As Turkey is a NATO member, an attack on one member is an attack on all of NATO. So Ethiopian aggression is almost out of the question.

UPI in UAE: The changing face of cross-border payments

The recent development concerning the UPI affects international banking and finance systems at their most fundamental level.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his recent visit to the UAE announced the extension of the service of the UPI payment system in UAE which is a significant development not only between India and the UAE, but in the West Asian region as a whole. India's relations with the West Asian region could not realise the true potential immediately after independence, owing mainly to the countries of the region being bound by their obligatory Muslim solidarity with Pakistan. This, however, has changed dramatically over the past two decades, especially after the 9/11 incident and the global war on terror. India's West Asia policy is rooted in four important pillars that include the people, energy security, trade and security. It was in 2005 that the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh formulated the 'Look West' policy and then in 2014, PM Modi announced the need for 'Link West' along with the 'Look East' Policy. Within the region, it is UAE which has slowly emerged as India's key partner and a trusted ally. UAE, by its location and its stature in the region, forms a key pillar of India's West Asia policy. UAE is an



integral part of all-important regional forums including the GCC, Arab League etc. It is also part of the I2U2 or the West Asia Quad comprising India, Israel, the US and the UAE. India's bilateral relations with the UAE rest on three important pillars including trade and investments, energy and the Indian community in UAE. The landmark agreement CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership) signed on February 18, 2022, laid the foundation for an exponential increase in trade and economic partnership and is an example of a special relationship between the two nations. The recent development concerning the UPI affects international banking and finance systems at their most fundamental level. This involves two elements: cross-border financial transactions and associated payments, as well as the cross-border establishment of premises. There are many international agreements signed to

make the international banking system more effective. The International Banking law was also developed to stop large amounts of bank fraud. Banking law involves a wide number of private agreements among the private parties. In recent years, there has been an explosion in both types of activity and, with it, the need for international agreements as to how the business of international banking and finance should be conducted. These agreements which are signed among the sovereign countries are enforced using domestic legislation. There are three purposes. First, they may serve to facilitate the conduct of cross-border business. In this category, one finds agreements on technical standards, standardised contracts (master agreements), codes of conduct, harmonised accounting and disclosure standards, arrangements for cross-border payment, netting and custodial services.

Russia-Ukraine war enters third year: Bloody stalemate, no signs of breakthrough

In the book 'The Fathomless Caves', Kate Forsyth, the author, describes war as, "An unpredictable beast. Once unleashed, it runs like a rabid dog, ravaging friends and foes alike. It can drag on for years, a slow attrition of nerve and fortitude, or be over in one brilliant flash, an extravagant configuration of flame and blood and sweat." The Russian-Ukraine War fits well into the above description. When President Putin launched 'special military operations' to 'demilitarise and denazify' Ukraine on



February 24, 2022, it was universally given that the war would be over in a few days, with Russia inflicting a crushing defeat on Ukraine. Ironically, two years

later, the conflict rages on, degenerating into a state of stalemate with little change in the ground situation. Although a classic limited war, its politico-economic impact

has been felt far and wide, with serious geo-strategic ramifications. Militarily, it has gone on to redefine the very nature of warfare. The Russian offensive commenced as a typical military campaign, preceded by missiles and airstrikes, followed by a large-scale ground invasion along multiple fronts. The northern thrust was launched from Belarus towards Kyiv, the southern one was from Crimea, and the south-eastern push was from Luhansk-Donetsk towards Kharkiv.

Jefferies stops coverage on Paytm until regulatory issues ease



Jefferies Financial Group Inc. has become the first major foreign brokerage to drop coverage on Paytm-operator One 97 Communications Ltd. until the news flow around the struggling Indian fintech major "settles down". The investment bank has moved the stock to "not rated", weeks after lowering it to underperform after the Reserve Bank of India last month ordered Paytm Payments Bank to halt its key opera-

tions, citing non-compliance. Paytm has seen its shares lose more than half of their value since the banking regulator's surprise clampdown amid concerns over the continuity of its business model. "Without a banking license, Paytm's business model will now become similar to pure payment service providers," analysts Jayant Kharote and Prakhar Sharma wrote in a Feb. 18 note. "Paytm's focus will now move to ensuring customer retention, and we believe it will dip"

into its 85 billion rupees (\$1 billion) cash reserves for spends on retaining users, the analysts said. The RBI last week granted Paytm an extension of deadline to wind down much of its business. The company has been given until March 15 to stop accepting new deposits, from Feb. 29 earlier. Meanwhile, the company has tied up with Axis Bank to replace affiliate Paytm Payments Bank to continue its merchant payments settlement operations, allowing it a shot to stay in business.

Quess Corp to split into three listed firms

BENGALURU: Fairfax Financial Holdings-controlled Quess Corp said it will be demerged into three separate listed entities. Quess Corp will focus on workforce management, Digitide Solutions houses BPM solutions, insurtech and HRO business, and Bluspring Enterprises has facility management and industrial services. The demerger enhances strategic focus to accelerate profitable growth, optimal capital allocation strategy for each entity to invest behind its strategic priorities and the ability for each entity to create a compelling investor proposition. Once the process is complete, all



shareholders will receive one additional share for each of the new companies, for every share held in Quess Corp. This process of demerger is expected to take anywhere between 12-15 months. "A one-size-fits-all strategy does not fit all. The decentralized structure at Quess has enabled a pathway for the three demerged entities. So, we saw it neces-

sary to attend to each company with a sharper focus and provide a productive investment thesis to our investors so they're able to make their choices and not get an average of everything. There is no IPO necessary for listing the entities because we'll move the capital which is existing in the main company to the new firms," said Ajit Isaac, chairman of Quess Corp.

Pure Storage is moving firmware, NFS work to India

Pure Storage is revolutionizing enterprise storage by replacing hard drives with more robust and efficient flash drives. Their firmware, developed in India, simplifies operations and adds efficiency. With the introduction of flash modules, Pure Storage aims to make storage man-

agement vastly simpler for customers with varied requirements. Pure Storage founder John 'Coz' Colgrove with his company's engineers in the India office. John 'Coz' Colgrove raises his smartphone and drops it onto the table we are sitting at. Confident that nothing

will happen to it. And nothing does. "You would never do that if it had a hard drive in it," he says. Coz is the founder of Pure Storage, a company that's building ever-powerful flash drives that go into enterprise storage systems. Flash drives are fast replacing hard drives.

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Big consumer divide: Mass market lags, premium end soars

MUMBAI: It's the great consumption divide in India: discretionary spending remains subdued in the mass markets, but the premium end seems to be faring well, an analysis of the commentary made by companies in their December quarter earnings calls showed. Bata India, for instance, said the mass market segment continues to be a "drag" on its overall growth even as its portfolio of premium brands have seen robust demand. Tanishq has seen a slowdown in the sub 50,000 and 1,00,000 categories (in terms of transactions by new customers). And, in the quick service restaurant space, pricey gourmet pizzas seem to be the flavour of the season. "Lower-income households (under 3-5 lakh annually) have been hit the most. High inflation has reduced the ability to spend on discretionary items," said Rishav Jain, MD at consulting firm Alvarez & Marsal. 'Consumer sentiment still subdued' However, discretionary spending of the top three-five crore households (earning over Rs 10-15 lakh annually) is less impacted. Categories such as international travel, premium alcohol, premium beauty and personal care, premium home improvement have performed relatively better. In macroeconomic terms, we call it the K-curve," Jain added. Brands with a good part of their consumers extending to lesser affluent households and deepening their presence to smaller cities have witnessed low or negative same-store sales growth in the past few quarters, analysts said. Companies are struggling to get consumers to transact more, with even the festive season having failed to fuel mass discretionary consumption.

Wrong section, delay in blood sample: The lapses in Pune Porsche crash investigation

NEW DELHI: As the investigation into the Pune Porsche car crash intensifies, several lapses in the police investigation have come to light. This includes allegations of the teen accused of driving the luxury car under the influence of alcohol getting preferential treatment, being served pizza at the police station, and more. Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday said the authorities are determined to ensure a thorough investigation and a 'watertight' case against the accused.

Who is Vishal Agarwal? All you need to know about father of teen involved in Pune Porsche crash case 'Sent driver with son': Father of Pune crash accused on why he should get bail. Meanwhile, two officials from the Yerawada police station have been suspended for neglecting their duties. The case has also now been transferred to the crime branch. So what were the lapses in the initial investigation of Pune police? 1. Late reporting: Two officials from the Yerawada police sta-

tion were suspended on Friday for neglecting their duties related as they failed to inform the wireless control room about the accident on May 19. Inspector Rahul Jagdale and assistant police inspector Vishwanath Todkari were suspended for "late reporting" and "dereliction of duty". 2. Delay in collection of blood sample: Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday admitted that there was a delay in blood sample collection of the teen accused in this case. He confirmed that though

the juvenile was sent to Sassoon General Hospital around 9am on May 19, his blood samples were collected at 11pm. The delay in collection of blood sample means the alcohol level would come down in the blood. The commissioner, however, maintained that "blood report is not the pillar of our case." The report was yet to be received. 3. Wrong section in initial FIR: In Friday's press conference, the police commissioner said that in initial FIR, section 304 A (death by negligence).

India wants focus on health workers and remittances

NEW DELHI: As trade ministers head to Abu Dhabi for a crucial meeting of WTO next week amid a lack of consensus in key areas, India is seeking to get the over 160 member nations to acknowledge that high cost of remittances are a drain, especially on poor countries, and push for a reduction in charges. It also wants a thrust on telemedicine and building a pool of healthcare professionals to deal with pandemics and natural disasters. On critical areas - agriculture, reform of the dispute settlement system and



fisheries agreement - it's a divided house. While gov't is seeking a solution to public stockholding of grains, in other words a free hand in procurement of paddy and wheat, a wide gulf with the US and the Cairns

Group (comprising the likes of Australia, Brazil and Canada) on one side and European Union on the other over a reduction in import duties and subsidies, has resulted in a lack of progress. India is insisting on a finalisa-

tion of the over 10-year old plan to rework the cap on how much countries can spend on procurement at the Abu Dhabi ministerial, while the others are once again seeking to defer the decision by two years. On dispute settlement, the US is holding up a decision, while in fisheries, India and the others are unhappy with expanding the agenda, arguing that the interest of the poor fishermen will be hurt after the developed world and China have reaped the benefits and caused massive damage.

Byju's investors to meet on Friday for board ouster vote

MUMBAI: Come Friday, shareholders of Byju's parent company Think & Learn are expected to gather for a special meeting called by a group of investors to oust the edtech startup's board led by founder Byju Raveendran. To oust the three-member board comprising Raveendran, his wife Gokulnath and his brother Riju Ravindran, majority (50% plus one share) of votes cast should be in favour of the resolution. Raveendran and his family, the largest shareholders with a 26% stake in Byju's, will vote against the proposal. Rules require that two members should be present at the extraordinary meeting (EGM) to form the quorum of the meet. In Byju's case, its articles of association stipulate the presence of its promoter-director at the EGM and if



the person doesn't turn up at the meeting, the EGM can be adjourned by a week. At the adjourned EGM, even if the promoter-director is not there, the shareholders present at the meeting can form the quorum. The group of investors, who have called the EGM and who together own over 25% stake in Byju's, won't be participating in the meeting as they do not have voting rights. This is because they had signed a shareholder agreement that does not give them voting rights.

A source close to Byju's said that three of the dissenting investors were on the board of the company till last year though they didn't have any rights to board seats. Other shareholders own over 45% in Byju's, which was once India's most valued startup. All the investors individually have a single digit holding in the company, the source said, adding that while investors don't need voting rights to call the EGM, "voting on specific matters is delinked".

Revolutionizing Home Services Landscape in India, Connecting with Reliable Professionals & Nurturing Entrepreneurship Spirit

In the bustling cities of India, where the pace of life never slows down, finding reliable and skilled professionals for home services in India can be a daunting challenge. This is where HomeTriangle, a leading on-demand home services company, is making a significant difference. Founded in 2015 by Ramesh Chincholi and Dharendra Pratap, HomeTriangle emerged from a simple yet profound need to streamline the process of finding dependable, trusted professionals for all household service requirements. hometriangle-management The genesis of HomeTriangle is as compelling as its mis-



sion. The founders, new arrivals to Bangalore at that time, experienced firsthand the challenges of building homes without a robust network of contacts. This struggle extended to routine home maintenance and repair services tasks, where finding local experts often became a tiresome endeavor. Recognizing this gap, Chincholi and Pratap conceptualized

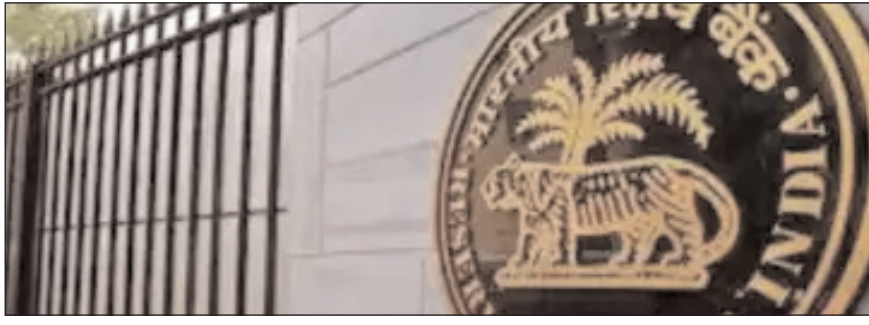
a platform that would seamlessly connect homeowners with a curated network of service professionals, giving rise to HomeTriangle. What sets HomeTriangle apart is not just its comprehensive range of services, but its deeply ingrained ethos of partnership and fairness. Unlike traditional setups where vendors are seen merely as laborers,

HomeTriangle treats every service provider as a partner. This paradigm shift empowers these partners to set their prices and retain their earnings, fostering entrepreneurship and allowing them to build personal brands while delivering exceptional service. Under the leadership of CEO Saritha Shivarudraiah, HomeTriangle has seen exponential growth. Presently, it operates in twenty cities across India, offering nearly two hundred services. This expansion underscores the company's dedication to catering to the diverse needs of homeowners and creating opportunities for skilled professionals. hometriangle-stats

Paytm stocks hit upper circuit, surge by nearly 5% as RBI relaxes deadline

NEW DELHI: Shares of One97 Communications, the owner of Paytm, hit upper circuit on Monday as they surged by 5% in morning trade. The stock rose to Rs 358.55 and Rs 358.35 apiece on the BSE and NSE, respectively. Paytm's recent deal with Axis bank for merchant payment settlements and RBI's extension of deadline to March 15 to wind up operations of Paytm Payments Bank were the reason behind the rally. Recently, One97 Communications shifted its nodal account to Axis Bank from Paytm Payments Bank. To ensure the continuity of Paytm's services, such as Paytm QR, soundbox, and card machine. RBI had instructed customers and merchants of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) to shift their accounts to other banks by March 15, thereby allowing PPBL to close most of its operations.

Unclaimed deposits with banks rise 26% to Rs 78,213



NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India's Annual Report, released on Thursday, revealed that unclaimed deposits in banks have surged by 26% year-on-year, reaching Rs 78,213 crore by the end of March 2024 from Rs 62,225 crore reported a year ago. Banks, including cooperative banks, are required to transfer unclaimed deposits of account holders that have remained dormant for 10 years or more to the RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund. The central bank, earlier this year, issued extensive instructions in an effort to assist account holders and streamline the exist-

ing guidelines on inoperative accounts. These guidelines cover various aspects of classifying accounts and deposits as inoperative or unclaimed, as well as measures to be implemented by banks. The RBI advised banks to conduct periodic reviews of such accounts, implement measures to prevent fraud, establish grievance redress mechanisms for swift complaint resolution, and take steps to trace customers of inoperative accounts or unclaimed deposits, including their nominees or legal heirs, for account reactivation, claim settlement, or closure. These instructions were expected to

complement the current initiatives taken by banks and the Reserve Bank to decrease the amount of unclaimed deposits within the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/claimants. The updated instructions, which came into effect on April 1, 2024, are applicable to all commercial banks (including Regional Rural Banks) and all cooperative banks. To make it easier for depositors to search for unclaimed deposits across multiple banks in one centralized location, the Reserve Bank developed a web portal called UDGAM - Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access Information.

Oyo posts first profitable year in FY24

MUMBAI: Oyo Hotels & Homes has recorded its first profitable year in FY24, posting net profits of nearly Rs 100 crore, founder Ritesh Agarwal said on Thursday. "This (January-March quarter) was our eighth consecutive quarter of a positive EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) and we also have a cash balance of about Rs 1,000 crore," Agarwal said in a post on social media platform X, adding that the numbers are provisional. EBITDA is a metric of operational profitability.

Oyo is among a batch of late-stage startups which have been working towards reduc-

ing cash burn, building in operational efficiencies and achieving profitability. A global tech downturn and reset in startup valuations nudged companies to set their financials in order and chase prudent growth. Investors have been maintaining a cautious stance and only cutting cheques for companies which have been at least able to demonstrate a path to profitability. SoftBank-backed Oyo recently withdrew its draft initial public offering (IPO) papers with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the second time and is negotiating with investors for a fundraise

at lower valuation. The fresh funding could be at a 70% drop from its peak valuation of \$10 billion, had reported last week. Company insiders claim that the Gurgaon-based startup plans to refile IPO papers after refinancing its \$450 million loan.

Agarwal said that various emerging travel trends bodes well for the hospitality sector. "I see growth ahead not just in India with emerging travel trends such as premiumisation, spiritual travel, business travel and conferences, destination weddings but also in our other key markets of Nordics, South East Asia, US and UK," Agarwal said.

At 61.3%, Maha LS polling shade better than in 2019

PUNE: Maharashtra registered 61.3% voter turnout in the five phases of the ongoing general, almost on a par with the last LS poll turnout, amid urban voter apathy. State chief electoral officer S Chockalingam said the

state's average in this election was better by 0.6% as compared to 2019 polls. "If we look at phase five, we are 1.4% better as compared to the last LS polls. This, however, does not include postal ballots, which will be

added on the counting day," he said. "We will take more steps to make voting easier and increase voting percentage in the coming assembly elections," Chockalingam said. Additional chief electoral officer.

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RI voter travels from US to India only to find name missing from voting list

Kalyan: Avdhoot Datar, a resident of Kalyan, who is working in the US, had come to the country especially to vote in the elections, but was disappointed after not finding his name in voting list. According to Datar, even though he lives in America, he used to come to India every time during elections. He said that seeing the development happening in India and seeing India's name being taken with respect abroad, he had come to participate in the elections this time too. Datar alleged that he visited at least six places, but his name did not figure in any of the list. He said when he inquired with election officials, he was told that his name was deleted. Datar said, "When I visited the Area Returning Officer office situated at Mumbai University Sub Centre, I found many voters' names were deleted from the voters' lists. He was sad that he came all the way from America to vote for the development of the country, but he was unable to exercise his rights. In Kalyan and Bhiwandi Lok Sabha constituencies thousands of voters complained that their names were missing from voters lists."

We must vote to make Indian democracy stronger,' says Milind Deora

MUMBAI: Shiv Sena leader Milind Deora cast his vote at a polling booth in Mumbai on Monday. After casting his vote, Shiv Sena leader Milind Deora expressed, "This is the first time in 45 years that our family is not contesting the elections from the South Mumbai seat."

Corporates debate setbacks in creating gender inclusive workspaces

BENGALURU: Corporates acknowledge that there is a need for streamlining the system to increase female workforce participation in the organized sector. Poor pay parity is one of the key aspects contributing to high attrition, stakeholders agreed. Karthik SK, head of talent acquisition, human resources at Biocon Biologics, mentioned that women construction workers were tasked with heavy lifting while men did plastering, stone laying, and were paid Rs 200 more. After a dialogue with the contractor, he ensured the rectification of this discrepancy to provide equal pay for all. During an in-depth study, Karthik discovered that the lack of clean and



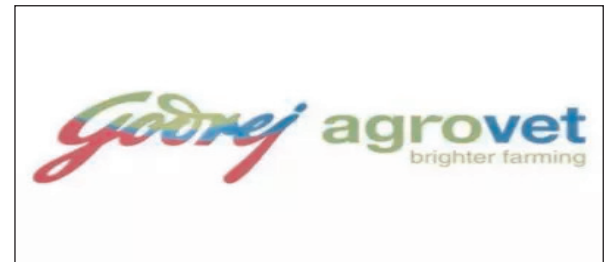
dedicated washrooms contributed to women leaving the workspace within six months of joining. "When young girls join, I observe their families waiting outside until evening for them. They are unsure if their daughter is in the right job or a safe space. That assur-

ance must be provided," he said. Over the years, with reforms at the ground level, he noted that attrition was reduced from 11 percent to six percent. Sayantan Nandy, chief of staff at Delhivery, mentioned the need to sensitize people in the warehouse

about their language. "The warehouse is a loud space, and the language used may not be appropriate. We sensitized them. Whenever we encountered resistance, we inquired why it was difficult." Nandy added that with the integration of technology in the workspace, where battery-operated pallet trucks and telescopic conveyor belts were introduced, the physical hazards of the job were mitigated. This made it easier for women to join. "Initially, we did not have separate female washroom facilities or female security guards. But that changed. A larger diversity presence was seen with more female employees, even in admin and HR," he said.

Godrej Agrovet arm Creamline Dairy forays into premium milk

HYDERABAD: Dairy Products Ltd, an arm of agribusiness player Godrej Agrovet Ltd, on Thursday announced its foray into the premium milk category with the rollout of Godrej My Farm Milk in the Hyderabad market. The company said the milk is sourced directly from the 1,400 cows at its own farm at Nashik using a completely automated process from milking to pasteurization and packaging. The milk is processed and packaged at its unit in



Hyderabad. The farm has a 9,000 litres per day capacity and the company is currently selling around 400 litres of the premium milk exclusively in the Hyderabad market through the quick commerce route, Godrej CEO Bhupendra Suri said. The company also launched its milk

report that highlighted that 55% of consumers associate unhygienic milk with unbranded milk options and that 90% of consumers are willing to pay more or a premium for high-quality and safe milk, reiterating the growing demand for pure and safe dairy products among consumers.

US GDP growth was slower last quarter on soft consumer spending

US GDP growth was slower last quarter on soft consumer spending. The US economy grew at a slower pace in the first quarter than initially reported, primarily reflecting softer consumer spending on goods. Gross domestic product rose 1.3% annualized in the first three months of the year, below the previous estimate of 1.6%, Bureau of Economic Analysis figures published Thursday. The economy's main growth engine — personal spending — advanced 2.0%, versus the previous estimate of 2.5%. The numbers underscore a loss of momentum to start 2024 after continual upside surprises in 2023. High interest rates, waning pandemic-era savings and slower income growth are some of the key factors weighing on American households and busi-



nesses. Consumer spending was marked down as outlays for goods — particularly autos — were much softer. Federal government spending slowed, while imports picked up compared to the first estimate. Net exports subtracted from growth for the first time in two years. The downward revision to consumer spending was partially offset by stronger business and residential investment. A key measure of underlying domestic demand known as final sales to private domestic purchasers rose 2.8%, versus the initially reported 3.1% increase. Economists have point-

ed to the strength in this metric as reason to believe that demand is still strong, even if the headline GDP figure looks weak by comparison. "Monthly data beyond March generally point to a continued, albeit gently cooling, economic expansion. We anticipate continued GDP gains this year and a healthy advance in 2024 overall," Nationwide Financial Markets Economist Oren Klachkin said in a note. "Some warning signs regarding the economic outlook are visible beneath the surface, but nothing that makes us pessimistic about the road ahead."

Birla Estates sets a new benchmark in Uber luxury real estate with the launch of Silas at Birla Niyaara clocking over INR 2500 Cr Sales

Birla Estates Pvt. Ltd. a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Century Textiles and Industries Limited and the real estate venture of the Aditya Birla Group, announces record sales of its signature tower Silas at Birla Niyaara clocking an extraordinary INR 2500 Cr at launch. This has propelled Birla Niyaara's cumulative sales thus far to over INR 5400 Cr. Silas at Birla Niyaara features 148 4BHK-5BHK palatial residences, continuing the legacy of luxury set by the first tower. Birla Niyaara epitomizes convenience as it seamlessly connects Mumbai's premier commercial hubs, Fort and Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC). Its strategic location, in close proximity to the imminent Worli-Sewri connector and the new

trans-harbor link, guarantees swift and effortless access to these distinguished Central Business Districts (CBDs). The project also stands as a testament to Birla Estates' commitment to sustainability and boasts of 3 exclusive clubhouses for every age and interest, Hive - The Social Club, Playpen - The Children Clubhouse and BeFit - The Sports Club. Commenting on this development, Mr. K. T. Jithendran, MD & CEO at Birla Estates said, "Silas at Birla Niyaara will set new standards for luxury living in Mumbai. With its exquisite design and premium amenities, it promises residents an unparalleled lifestyle experience. Additionally, being India's first LEED Pre-Certified Platinum

Residential Project underscores our commitment to sustainability in real estate development." He further added, "Today's luxury homebuyers seek privacy, exclusivity, and unique experiences. At Birla Estates, our commitment extends beyond luxury to embrace a vision of residences that not only epitomize opulence but also champion a greener, more sustainable tomorrow." Birla Niyaara is a canvas where luxury meets purpose, creating a living experience that is both refined and meaningful.

Silas' design ensures that every residence captures the beauty of the surroundings, offering a majestic view that enhances the overall living experience.

Pharma exports grew 10% to \$28 billion in FY24, poised to hit \$31 billion

HYDERABAD: India's pharmaceutical exports clocked a nearly 10% growth in FY24 to hit \$27.8 billion, propelled by the double digit growth in the US and UK generics market, and is poised to reach \$31 billion in the current fiscal year, a top official of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) said on Thursday. India's pharma industry, which is currently pegged at around \$65 billion, is poised to grow to around \$130 billion by 2030, Pharmexcil director general Ravi Uday Bhaskar said at the inaugural of the 10th edition of PharmaLytics here. Pointing out that 50% of the Indian pharma sectors exports go to highly regulated mar-

kets, Bhaskar said exports to US grew over 15.6% to over \$8.7 billion in FY24 due to shortages in drug manufacturing capacities and the increasing demand for drugs pertaining to lifestyle diseases such as hypertension, depression, diabetes in the US. He said exports to the UK saw a 21.6% growth partly due to the increased cost of drugs, which were earlier sourced from Europe, post-Brexit. Apart from this, Africa showed a positive turnaround during FY24, from a degrowth of 5% to a growth of 8% as NGOs, who had diverted their funds towards Covid-19 vaccines and medicines, restarting procurement of drugs, he said.

Delhi court summons AAP leaders Atishi in defamation case on 'MLAs poaching'

NEW DELHI: Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court on Tuesday summoned AAP leader Atishi to appear before it on June 29 in relation to a defamation case filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor.

The court's order mandates that Atishi must appear before it to address the allegations made in the defamation case, claiming that she had made false allegations of BJP trying to poach AAP MLAs. In a press conference on April 2, Atishi said, "I was told to either join the BJP to save and extend my political career or I would be arrested by the ED within a month." She had also claimed that she and three other senior AAP functionaries could be arrested soon, and



claimed that she was advised to join the BJP or risk being arrested by the ED in a month. Responding to the court summons Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said this is "complete dictatorship."

"I had said earlier that they will arrest Atishi next. They are planning to do so now. Complete dictatorship. In completely flimsy, frivolous and false cases, they are arresting ALL leaders of AAP one by one. Every single opposition leader will be

arrested if Modi ji comes back to power. AAP is not imp. Saving our dear country from dictatorship is imp." Kejriwal wrote on X.

In response to the case filed against her by BJP Spokesperson Kapoor, Delhi minister Atishi said, "I want to ask the BJP how they formed the government in Goa, Manipur, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh. How do the MLAs reach the BJP from different parties? The BJP has to answer this.

Bangladesh MP case: 4 kg of flesh found in septic tank of complex

KOLKATA: After nearly six days of search for murdered Bangladesh MP Anwarul Azim Anar's body parts, investigators on Tuesday found 4 kg of flesh in the septic tank of the New Town housing complex where he was killed on May 13. Suspecting the flesh to be that of the MP, cops have sent it for forensic test.

"If the flesh found on Tuesday turns out to be that of a human, it would be that of Azim, whose body was skinned and chopped, after he was smothered to death. For the flesh to land in the septic tank, it

had to be flushed down the commode," said a source. Investigators had returned to the complex after efforts to locate body parts in the Bagjola canal failed to yield any result.

According to sources, it was Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) detective branch chief Mohammad Harun-or-Rashid who had asked CID officers to check the septic tank after interrogating Bangladeshi butcher Jihad Howladar, arrested by CID, for over four hours. The main plotters had brought Jihad to Kolkata to ensure Azim's body

could be disposed of in such a way that it would be difficult to find any trace.

Rashid has also asked investigators to search a water body near the complex and a canal with a wooden bridge. Sources said Bangladesh Police is considering conducting DNA tests of blood found in the flat to match the results with that of the Bangladesh MP's kin. Trying to recover the knives and cleavers and establish from where they were procured, Dhaka Metropolitan Police on Tuesday visited a shopping mall in New Town.

Main accused in Patna student's murder held, hunt on for accomplices

PATNA: The prime accused in the murder of Patna's B N College student Harsh Raj was arrested on Tuesday. The accused has been identified as Chandan Kumar, a final year student of Patna College, police said. Chandan confessed to his crime during inter-

rogation, said City SP (East) Bharat Soni. "He had hatched the plan to kill Raj over an old enmity between two students' groups," he said. The 22-year-old final year student was beaten to death by 10 to 15 masked youths in the parking lot of Patna Law

College on Monday. Police have identified the other miscreants, which includes some Patna University students. Raids are being conducted in Patna and other districts to nab the rest. Their criminal history is also being checked, said the SP.

ED claims chats between Kejriwal and accused linked to hawala operators

NEW DELHI: The ED told a Delhi court on Tuesday that it has in its possession direct chats between chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and Vinod Chauhan, the man allegedly handling proceeds of crimes connected with hawala operators. Chauhan is an accused in the money laundering case linked to Delhi's excise policy that has been scrapped.

Referring to the chats, the special counsel appearing for ED, Zoheb Hossain, claimed that Chauhan was close to Kejriwal. Chauhan had been arrested by ED from Goa in connection with the case on May 4 for allegedly transferring a cash bribe from South Group to the election cam-



paign of AAP during the Goa assembly elections in 2022. He was sent to jail by a Delhi court. Court to decide on taking note of supplementary chargesheet on June 4. The ED had told the court that Vinod Chauhan was involved in transferring proceeds of

crime worth Rs 25.5 crore. The agency had added that Rs 1.06 crore was seized after Chauhan's office was searched. ED also submitted before the court of special judge Kaveri Baweja that Kejriwal was the "kingpin" and "key conspirator" in the case.

"CM Kejriwal was part of the larger conspiracy to generate proceeds of crime. He ensured that there was no meaningful discussion," the ED counsel told the court. ED made the submissions on consideration of its supplementary chargesheet filed against Kejriwal and AAP in a money laundering case. The court reserved its order on whether to take cognisance of the supplementary chargesheet for June 4. The agency also told the court that part of Kejriwal's stay at a seven-star hotel in Goa was paid for using proceeds of the alleged crime and the payment was facilitated by Charanpreet Singh, another accused in the case.

Medvedev has issued a stark warning that any US attack

NEW DELHI: Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has issued a stark warning that any US attack on Ukraine targets in Russia would inevitably trigger a global conflict. Medvedev, who currently serves as Deputy Chair of Russia's Security Council, made this statement following comments by Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski. Sikorski claimed that Washington would strike Russian targets if Moscow resorted to using nuclear weapons

in Ukraine.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Medvedev criticized Sikorski, saying, "Apparently, [he] has decided to scare his masters." Medvedev suggested that Washington, unlike Warsaw, has been more cautious and has not made such threats publicly. He added, "Americans hitting our targets means starting a world war, and a Foreign Minister, even of a country like Poland, should understand that." Medvedev also referenced Polish President Andrzej

Duda's recent remarks about Poland's willingness to host US nuclear weapons if offered the opportunity under Nato's sharing mechanism. He warned that in the event of a nuclear confrontation, "Warsaw won't be left out, and will surely get its share of radioactive ash," questioning if this is the outcome the Polish leadership truly desires. Sikorski, in an interview with the Guardian, expressed skepticism about the likelihood of a Russian nuclear strike in Ukraine.

BJP leader Ravi Kishan calls Shashi Tharoor 'angrez aadmi'

NEW DELHI: BJP leader Ravi Kishan on Tuesday called Congress leader Shashi Tharoor "angrez aadmi" for suggesting that the BJP would struggle to exceed 300 seats in the Lok Sabha elections.

Responding to Tharoor's allegations, BJP MP from Gorakhpur said, "Shashi Tharoor is 'angrez aadmi'. We go to Manali and Shimla on vacations; they come to India during elections. They neither know the country nor its villages. They don't know this sweat."

Videos Kishan said that Tharoor only comes to India during elections and does not understand the country or its villages. He also emphasised the significance of the Bhojpuri language, attributing his popu-



larity to it. "I have always spoken Bhojpuri. My speeches have been in Bhojpuri.

This is our mother tongue, our identity. Bhojpuri made me a superstar. We fought for Bhojpuri, and a bill was brought in for the inclusion of the language in the 8th schedule (of the Constitution). The youth will not leave their identity," Kishan said. Ravi Kishan is seeking a second term from Gorakhpur. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls,

Kishan defeated Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Rambhual Nishad by a margin of 301,664 votes.

Uttar Pradesh is voting in all seven phases of the Lok Sabha polls, with the final phase scheduled for June 1. The Congress is contesting the polls in alliance with the Samajwadi Party, having a seat-sharing arrangement in which Congress is contesting 17 seats and the Samajwadi Party 63 seats in the state.

(With agency inputs)

Indian peacekeeper Major Radhika to receive prestigious 2023 UN military gender advocate of the year award

NEW DELHI: Major Radhika Sen, an Indian woman peacekeeper, is set to receive a prestigious military gender advocate award from the United Nations. UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres has praised her as a "true leader and role model." Major Sen served with the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). She will be honoured with the '2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award' on May 30, coinciding with the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. Sen's tenure in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) spanned from March 2023 to April 2024. She was the Commander of M O N U S C O ' s

Engagement Platoon for the Indian Rapid Deployment Battalion (INDRDB), according to a UN press release. Upon learning of her award, Major Sen expressed her gratitude and reflected on her peacekeeping mission. "This award is special to me as it gives recognition to the hard work put in by all the peacekeepers working in the challenging environment of DRC and giving their best to bring a positive change in the society," she said. "Gender-sensitive peacekeeping is everybody's business - not just us, women. Peace begins with all of us in our beautiful diversity!" Born in Himachal Pradesh in 1993, Major Sen joined the Indian Army eight years ago. Before her military career, she graduated as a biotech engineer and was studying for

her Master's degree at IIT Bombay. She was deployed to MONUSCO in March 2023 as the Engagement Platoon Commander with the Indian Rapid Deployment Battalion. She completed her tenure in April 2024. Major Sen becomes the second Indian peacekeeper to receive this prestigious award. Major Suman Gawani was the first, honoured in 2019 for her service with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). Congratulating Major Sen, Guterres said she exemplifies true leadership and serves as an inspiration. "Her service was a true credit to the United Nations as a whole," he noted. He further explained that during an escalating conflict in North Kivu, Major Sen's troops.

SIT arrests 2 for leaking Prajwal sex videos

BENGALURU/SHIVA MOGGA: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Hassan sleaze videos allegedly involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, Tuesday arrested two men - Naveen Gowda and Chetan - in their 30s and both from Sakaleshpur in Hassan. They were accused of leaking the sleaze videos.

The arrests were made in the morning when the two had come to the high court, with an intention to file anticipatory bail petitions. Earlier, they had made a futile attempt to secure anticipatory bail from Hassan court. According to a senior police officer, Naveen Gowda had a few months back posted on his Facebook page 'Countdown begins for release of tapes

(videos),' indicating that they were to release the sleaze videos. "We strongly suspect that Naveen Gowda distributed the sleaze videos through social media and WhatsApp. Chetan is the one who distributed the pen drives containing these videos," he said. Both will be produced before a court in Hassan on Wednesday, seeking custody of SIT. Bhavani's anticipatory bail adjourned. A special court for elected representatives in city adjourned to Wednesday the anticipatory bail petition of Bhavani Revanna, to Wednesday. Saying police may arrest her in a kidnap case, wherein her husband Revanna is already arrested. The court said it can continue the hearing after SIT files its objection.

RBI moves 100 tonnes gold from UK to its vaults in India

NEW DELHI: Reserve Bank of India has moved a little over 100 tonnes of gold from the UK to its vaults in the country, marking the first time at least since early 1991, when precious metal at this scale has been added to the stock held locally.

A similar quantity of gold may be headed into the country again in the coming months with official sources telling TOI that the transfer to locations within the country was for logistical reasons as also for diversified storage.

According to the latest data, at the end of March, RBI had 822.1 tonnes of gold, of which 413.8 tonnes was overseas. It is among central banks that bought gold in recent years, with 27.5 tonnes added during the last financial year. Screenshot 2024-05-31 03:59:04 For a large number of central banks, Bank of England has traditionally been the storehouse and India is no different with some of the yellow



metal stocks lying in London from pre-Independence days. "RBI started purchasing gold a few years ago and decided to undertake a review of where it wants to store it, something that is done from time to time. Since stock was building up overseas, it was decided to get some of the gold to India," an official said. For most Indians, gold has been an emotional issue, especially after the Chandra Shekhar govt pledged the precious metal to tackle the balance of payments crisis in 1991. While RBI bought 200 tonnes of gold from the International

Monetary Fund around 15 years ago, over the last few years, a steady build up in stocks has taken place through purchases by the Indian central bank. "It shows the strength of the economy and the confidence, which is in sharp contrast to the situation in 1991," said a source. But getting 100 tonnes of gold, which is almost a fourth of the stock in the country at the end of March, was a massive logistical exercise, requiring months of planning and precise execution. It involved close coordination between the finance ministry.

Surge in Female Representation in Chemicals and Manufacturing Sectors, reveals a study by The Udaiti Foundation and Qess Corp

GURUGRAM : The Udaiti Foundation (TUF) and Qess Corp, a pioneer in the staffing solutions sector, released an insightful report titled, "From Rhetoric to Action - Creating Gender Inclusive Workplaces", at a roundtable convening. The stakeholder dialogue involved industry leaders from different sectors, researchers, and experts from the social sector deliberating on challenges in hiring and retention of women especially in blue and grey-collar jobs, to develop actionable solutions to achieve gender inclusivity in the workplace across domains. The study is an outcome of a year-long collaboration between Qess Corp and The Udaiti Foundation. It highlights a significant surge in female representation in the chemicals and manufacturing sectors over the past four years. It also talks about Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI), having the highest percentage of women representa-



tion at 26%, followed by Consumer Services at 24%. Further, the report sheds light on the female participation among Qess associates (blue and grey-collar workers who work for Qess clients) being low at about 17%, due to an array of factors [at the demand and supply sides] – such as job roles catering specifically to men, women's inability to take up job roles requiring long hours of travel, long work hours stretching beyond 6 PM, etc. However, Qess has not been deterred by any of these challenges and has been consistently working with its clients, to onboard more women and ensure that the female representation among associates reaches at least 25% in the next couple of years. Remarketing on the collaboration Pooja Sharma

Goyal, CEO of The Udaiti Foundation said, "The roles and representation of women in the workforce management industry have evolved significantly, reflecting broader societal shifts towards gender parity. Our collaborative journey with Qess Corp began a year ago, aiming to increase female workforce participation which is a critical success factor to realize the \$10 trillion economy ambition of India. Through data backed evidence generation and stakeholder engagement, we aim to achieve a significant increase in women's representation over the next 5 years. We urge industry leaders to join us in the mission to reach 50% Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) in the coming decade."

Vi signs a strategic partnership with Netflix

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Leading telecom operator Vi, today announced its partnership with the global streaming service provider - Netflix, further strengthening its entertainment offerings for its customers. With this partnership, Vi users will be able to enjoy world-class entertainment with the best streaming experience on any device of their choice – mobile, television or tablet. Vi has currently introduced Netflix offering for its prepaid customers and will soon be launching Netflix bundled postpaid plans too. Home to an incredible variety of local and global stories like Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar, Amar Singh Chamkila, The Great Indian Kapil Show, Laapataa Ladies, Animal, Fighter, Dunki, Squid Game, Bridgerton, Mamla Legal Hai to name a few, Netflix in India recently announced its power-packed 2024 lineup, offering a wide range of films and series for the audience. Vi has introduced two new Unlimited prepaid packs offering unlimited calls & data bundled with Netflix Basic subscription that will allow users to watch Netflix on mobile as well as TV. Today, Vi is the only telecom operator to offer a Netflix Basic proposition at an attractive price point of less than Rs. 1000 bundled with a prepaid plan.



Dr. Anjali Sheokand appealed to everyone to follow summer routine

Kaithal: Ayush Wing Kaithal Dr. Anjali Shyokand, while making the general public aware about protection from heat, said that we should follow the summer routine to avoid heat wave and heat-related diseases like vomiting, diarrhea, pain in the legs, fever etc. in the summer season. She said that under the guidance of District Ayurvedic Officer Dr. Pratibha Bhatika, in the camps organized at various places including the hospital, people are being made aware about protection from heat as well as yoga. While talking, Dr. Anjali Shyokand



said that nature is very kind to us, that is why nature has given us many remedies to protect us from heat like watermelon, muskmelon, belpatra, gum katira, mango, sugarcane, shikanji, thandai, sherbet, cucumber, kakdi etc. Nature has

shown mercy on us and many such food items are available in summer. Dr. Shyokand told that Sattu is a gift of nature which protects us from heat waves in summer and strengthens the body. Apart from this, raw onion, tomato etc. should be consumed in abundance. If there is nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, then as a home remedy, taking one spoon of mint juice and onion juice every 2 hours is very beneficial. He said that to protect from heat, if cold bandage is kept on the forehead and stomach, then it also protects from heat. If there is nau-

sea, then making powder of cumin seeds and eating it also gives a lot of benefit to the stomach. Dr. Shyokand said that one should go out wearing full clothes and the clothes should also be cotton. To avoid extreme heat, the use of sandalwood is very good, so you can apply sandalwood tilak on the forehead and also in the ears. If sandalwood oil is applied by putting it in cotton, then it gives a lot of benefit. Always go out after covering the head. Before going out, go out only after consuming plenty of liquids.

Pristyn Care Partners with Ortho Sport to Establish Center of Excellence for Sports Injuries

GURUGRAM : Pristyn Care, a leading healthcare provider, has partnered with Ortho Sport to establish a state-of-the-art Center of Excellence for Sports Injuries. This collaboration aims to deliver top-tier sports injury treatments and rehabilitation programs, featuring cutting-edge technology and expert care. The new center, spanning 4,000 square feet, is designed to provide the latest in sports therapies. It will offer a comprehensive Athlete Rehabilitation Program, addressing the specific needs of athletes recovering from injuries. The



facility is equipped with the latest advancements in sports medicine to ensure optimal recovery and performance enhancement. The center will utilize advanced surgical tools such as the ACL REPAIR with internal brace, ACL RECONSTRUCTION QuadPro™ Harvester, internal brace and FiberTag® TightRope® Implants, AUTOCART Cartilage transplant, ensuring the highest standards of care and precision. "This collaboration represents a

significant step forward in providing exceptional care for athletes in India," stated Harsimbar Singh, Co-founder of Pristyn Care. "By combining Ortho Sport's deep expertise in sports medicine with Pristyn Care's commitment to patient-centric care and technological innovation, we aim to establish this center as a premier destination for sports injury management. The integration of advanced surgical tools and rehabilitation tech-

niques will significantly enhance the outcomes for our patients." Dr. Manu Bora of Ortho Sport stated, "This collaboration marks a major advancement in specialised sports medicine. We are dedicated to providing each patient with individualised, results-oriented care plans, ensuring their swift and safe return to athletic activities and daily routines. Our commitment extends beyond our treatment facility, offering comprehensive, life-long rehabilitation services to three underprivileged national athletes every month.

Remedium Lifecare Ltd. Board Approves 3:1 Bonus Issue of shares, Reports Robust Earnings for FY24

CHANDIGARH: Remedium Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 539561), a company engaged in trading API intermediates (KSMs and CRMs) and various other raw materials essential to API trading, has announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended 31

March 2024. Further, the board has approved and recommended a Bonus Issue of 3 Equity Shares for every 1 Equity Share held as on the Record date decided for this purpose, subject to approval from members and appropriate authorities. The record date for the bonus issue is 06 July 2024 (if approved by shareholders in AGM). For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company recorded revenues of Rs. 4042 Crores, a growth of 692% YoY. The EBITDA jumped 312% YoY, from Rs. 8 Crores to Rs. 33 Crores (FY24). The PAT grew 614%, from Rs. 7 Crores (FY23) to Rs. 50 Crores (FY24). PAT jumped 560% YoY, from Rs. 5 Cr (FY23), to Rs. 33 Crores (FY24). The EPS was reported at Rs. 90.92 per share. Remedium Lifecare

Ltd., a company engaged in trading API intermediates (KSMs and CRMs) and various other raw materials essential to API trading, has bolstered its performance and presence within the pharmaceutical and healthcare domains by trading amino isophthalic acid, tellurium oxide, grignard reagent, iodine, selenium metal powder, trimethyl sulfoxonium iodide (TMSI). As a leading contract trader and brand owner of advanced intermediates and APIs, Remedium has shifted its paradigm into the trading of intermediates and APIs. Reflecting the ethos of its Chairman, who believes in "working hard in silence and letting success make the noise," Remedium is dedicated to upholding uncompromising quality standards.

Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd. Submits proposal along with a management backed reorganization plan to acquire 100% of the equity of EBIX INC., USA

Chandigarh: Eraaya Lifespaces Limited (BSE : ERAAYA) is pleased to announce that a consortium of members led by Eraaya has submitted a term sheet to the Independent Directors of Ebix, Inc. to acquire 100% of the equity of Ebix which, if accepted by the Company, would be effectuated under a Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization to be negotiated between the parties and other major stakeholders. The Plan would be subject to Bankruptcy Court approval in accordance with the provisions of the United States of America Bankruptcy

Code. The Terms submitted by the consortium, led by Eraaya, has the support of the EBIX senior management led by the Ebix CEO, and they intend to work collaboratively with the Debtors' representatives to take Ebix out of Chapter 11 through the sponsored Plan. The consortium will submit a 5% cash deposit to the Debtors upon the execution of a binding stalking horse agreement. The proposal provides for the acquisition of 100% equity and assets in the worldwide subsidiaries of Ebix while excluding all liabilities in the

North American Company, other than those liabilities which may be expressly assumed by the consortium to be identified in the stalking horse agreement. EBIX INC. is a leading international supplier of On-Demand software and E-commerce services to the insurance, financial and healthcare industries, EBIX INC., (NASDAQ: EBIX) provides end-to-end solutions ranging from infrastructure exchanges, carrier systems, agency systems and risk compliance solutions to custom software development for all entities involved in the

insurance industry. The "Phygital" strategy at EBIX combines 320,000 physical distribution outlets in many Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") countries. EbixCash's Forex operations have emerged as a leader in India's airport Foreign Exchange conducting over \$4.8 billion in gross transaction value per year. EbixCash's inward remittance business in India conducts approx. \$5 billion gross annual remittance business. EbixCash, through its travel portfolio of Via and Mercury, has processed an estimated \$2.5 billion in gross.

Stock market crash today

Stock market crash today: The Indian stock market indices, BSE Sensex and Nifty50, experienced a significant downturn on Thursday, with the S&P BSE Sensex and the broader Nifty both falling by nearly 1% ahead of the final phase of polling. The Sensex hit an intraday low of 73,668.73, sliding by almost 800 points, while the Nifty touched 22,459.15, correcting by 250 points. This marks the fourth straight day of declines for the benchmark indices. BSE Sensex ended the day at 73,885.60, down 617 points or 0.83%. Nifty50 closed the trading session at 22,488.65, down 216 points or 0.95%. Firstly, heavyweights such as Reliance Industries (RIL), Infosys, and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) experienced corrections, significantly impacting the index movement.