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'World looking at yoga as powerful agent of global good,' says PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the International Yoga Day celebration from Srinagar today, asking people to make it a part their daily routine. The event was initially scheduled to be held on the lawns of the Sher-i-Kashmir International



Conference Centre on the banks of the Dal Lake but had to be shifted indoors due to incessant rain. **What did the Prime Minister say?** Addressing a gathering, PM Modi said that the world sees yoga as a powerful agent for global good as it helps people live in the present without carrying the baggage of the past. "When we are at peace within, we can also make a positive impact on the world... Yoga is making new ways of positive change in the society," he added. **What is the significance of Modi's two-day visit?**

Assembly elections are due in J&K this year and PM Modi's trip assumes significance in this backdrop. It has not had an Assembly since 2018. In June of that year, Governor's Rule was imposed after the BJP ended its alliance with the Mehbooba Multi-Party Democratic Party (PDP) and brought down the ruling coalition. The US Embassy and the Israeli Embassy shared a video each to mark the day. The Israeli Embassy video, featured envoy Naor Gilon and some of its staff, as they shared their thoughts on yoga

which often makes them give up on meditation. Thousands of yoga enthusiasts from across the world rolled out their yoga mats as they joined day-long sessions of the ancient Indian practice to commemorate the 10th International Day of Yoga on Friday. The Consulate General of India in New York along with the Times Square Alliance hosted special yoga sessions at Times Square. Recognising its universal appeal, in December 2014, the UN proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga. The draft UN General Assembly resolution establishing the International Day of Yoga was proposed by India and endorsed by a record 175 member states. The prime minister said many people consider yoga as a spiritual journey aimed at finding God

No buses...had to walk for 40km even as temp hit 52°C: Hyderabad Haj pilgrims recall heat

HYDERABAD: With limited buses to ferry them, many Haj pilgrims said that they had to walk for over 40km, even as temperatures touched 52 degree Celsius. Speaking over phone from Saudi Arabia, Hyderabad resident Md Fareed told TOI that many pilgrims had developed blisters on their feet, were running high temperature, suffered sunstroke, and fainted mid-way owing to the scorching heat. "The lack of buses only compounded the problem. We walked for over 7.5 km to reach Arafat from Mina," said Fareed, adding, "I got blisters on my feet and my wife fainted as we walked for over 40km during the pilgrimage." The Musheerabad resident is among the 300 who have completed their Haj and are waiting to



Renukaswamy murder: Pavithra instigated, Darshan, aides executed

BENGALURU: Sandalwood actor Darshan's girlfriend Pavithra Gowda instigated and conspired the murder of Chitradurga resident Renukaswamy S, the prosecution told a magistrate court in its remand application on Thursday. The actor used his aides and sup-

porters to execute the crime, dispose of the body, and get others to surrender to own up the crime, the court was told. While seeking police custody of Darshan, Dhanraj alias Raju, Vinay V, and Pradosh citing eight reasons, the prosecution claimed that Pavithra's role. Hundreds of pilgrims from the city had to wait for hours to get a bus. Many even fainted during the wait," said one of the 41 khadims, who travelled from Hyderabad to assist Hajis.

Pune woman loses Rs 11 lakh after downloading app

Pune A 26-year old Pune woman has become the latest victim of the parcel scam. As per an online report, the woman incurred a financial loss of Rs 11 lakh in "drugs-in-parcel" scam. **How did the scam take place** The victim, a manager at a private global bank, received a call from someone posing as an executive from a courier company. The caller informed the woman that a parcel containing illegal drugs addressed to her was being sent from Mumbai to Iran. The scammer informed her that the parcel consists of some debit cards, expired passports and toys filled with 500 grams of drugs. The scammer then convinced the woman to connect with a "police officer".

Startling revelations: Arrested aspirant says NEET papers sold for Rs 32 lakh



PATNA: The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) paper leak case is unfolding with new revelations emerging every day. Anurag Yadav, a student arrested in Patna, confessed that his uncle, Sikandar Yadavendu, a junior engineer at the Danapur Municipal Council, assured him of success in the examination. The night before the exam, Anurag was made to memorize the questions and answers, which perfectly matched the actual exam questions the next day. Further investigations revealed that the candidates involved in the alleged leak were accommodated at the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) guesthouse in Patna. Anurag's name appears in the entry register with "Minister Ji" written in brackets next to his name, raising suspicions of political involvement. According to the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) sources, four of the arrested accused have confessed that question papers were arranged for some candidates a day before the exam. The candidates paid around Rs 30-Rs32 lakh for the leaked question papers.

Man lynched by mob for alleged desecration of Quran in Pakistan, police station set ablaze

NEW DELHI: A man accused of desecrating the Holy Quran was killed by an angry mob in Madyan tehsil of Swat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in northwest Pakistan, leading to eight injuries and the destruction of the local police station, police reported. The man, Mohammad Ismail from Sialkot district, was allegedly caught burning



pages of the Holy Quran. He was taken into custody by the police, but an irate crowd demanded his release, resorting to violence when their demands were not met. The situation escalated further as the mob set the police station on fire. Some individuals managed to enter the station, shot the suspect, dragged his body to Madyan Adda, and hanged it, PTI

reported. "Eight people were injured in the unrest triggered by the incident. Heavy police deployment has been made in Madyan and efforts are being made to bring the situation under control," District police officer (DPO) Swat, Zahidullah said. Zahidullah, said that the suspect had been taken to the Madyan police station for protection, reported.

Mamata writes to PM Modi seeks implementation of 3 criminal laws be deferred

NEW DELHI: West Bengal CM and TMC Supremo on Friday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing her concerns regarding the implementation of three newly enacted criminal laws and sought a delay in the implementation of the laws namely: The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNA) 2023, The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023, and The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023. Banerjee pointed out that these critical bills were passed unilaterally by the outgoing government on December 20th last



year, without any proper debate. She highlighted the fact that nearly 100 members of the Lok Sabha were suspended, and a total of 146 MPs from both Houses were expelled from the Parliament. She described the passage of the bills as an authoritarian act that took place during a dark hour for democracy and called for a review of the matter. "I urge your esteemed office now to consider at least a deferment of the implementation date. Reasons are two-fold: ethical, and practical. Ethically, I believe that it would be in the fitness of things to place these significant legislative changes before the newly elected Parliament for fresh deliberation and scrutiny," the West Bengal CM wrote in her letter. The laws - the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya

Sakshya Act - got the Parliament's approval on December 21, 2023 during the winter session. President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent on December 25. The TMC supremo said that she had previously written two letters to the Union home minister, emphasising the need for extreme caution and due diligence before making any changes to the existing structure of the country's penal-criminal jurisprudence. She had also suggested that the newly elected members of the Lok Sabha should deliberate upon these crucial legislations and reach a consensus.

Naidu fulfils 2021 vow, returns to Andhra assembly as chief minister

NEW DELHI: After a two-and-a-half-year hiatus, Andhra Pradesh chief minister Chandrababu Naidu returned to the assembly on Friday. His absence was due to an incident in which he felt insulted by comments made against his family members. In November 2021, Naidu had emotionally declared that he would only re-enter the assembly after being sworn in as chief minister. With the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its allies securing a resounding victory in the recent elections, Naidu entered the House as the chief minister. Upon entering the assembly, Naidu bowed and touched the ground at the entrance.

'Ideology responsible for Air India terror attack still alive'

NEW DELHI: Indian-origin Canadian MP Chandra Arya on Thursday spoke in the Canadian Parliament about the tragic bombing of Air India Flight 182, also known as the Kanishka flight, which took the lives of 329 individuals. Addressing the Parliament, Arya pointed out that the ideology behind the terrorist attack continues to exist among a small number of people in Canada. India to hold memorial service for Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 as Canada 'honours' Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. He urged everyone to attend memorial services on June 23, marking the 39th anniversary of the 1985 Kanishka flight bombing carried out by Khalistani separatists. Arya's comments

he landed at Kempegowda International Airport on May 30. The 33-year-old MP, arriving from Munich, was swiftly taken to the CID office for interrogation. Prajwal, who is the grandson of JD(S) patriarch and former PM HD Deve Gowda and was the NDA's candidate from the Hassan Lok Sabha seat, is facing charges of multiple instances of sexually abusing women.



Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (AACM) special court. Revanna, who is former JD(S) MP from Hassan Lok Sabha constituency and accused of sexually assaulting three women, was arrested minutes after

Obscene video case: SIT brings Prajwal to his house for inspection

NEW DELHI: A Special Investigation Team (SIT) took suspended JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna to his house in connection with rape and sexual harassment cases against him. The action by the SIT comes days after a Bengaluru court sent Revanna to 14-day judicial custody (starting from June 18) in a sexual assault and rape case. The order was pronounced by the 42nd Additional

come after Canada's parliament marked the first death anniversary of designated Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar by holding a moment of silence in the House of Commons. During his address, Arya stated, "Mr Speaker, June 23rd is the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism. 39 years back, on this day, Air India Flight 182 was blown up mid-day by a bomb planted by Canadian Khalistani extremists. It killed all 329 passengers and crew members and is the largest mass killing in Canadian history." The MP voiced his concern regarding the recent glorification of the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by Khalistani supporters.

Meja Urja Nigam commences 10-day long Yoga Workshop

Meja. On the International Yoga Day, a 10-day Yoga workshop commenced at Meja Urja Nigam under the aegis of Sports Council at Utsav Bhawan.

The workshop was inaugurated by MUNPL CEO Shri Kamlesh Soni.

The workshop includes various yoga activities and postures aimed at enhancing both physical and mental well-being of the employees. During the



opening session, Shri Kamlesh Soni emphasized the importance of prioritizing mental and physical health in today's fast-paced world, stating that it is essential for nation building.

During the occasion, senior management, AMS President, NEAM Representatives, Sports Council members, employees, and their families were also present.

Lord Jagannathji will be given symbolic bath on rest journey

Prayagraj: Lord Jagannath ji rest journey by Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust Prayagraj, Kashi Raj, Rath Yatra will be taken out from Jagannath Dham located at Prayageshwarnath temple today on 22nd June at 5:00 pm. Trust's Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said that before the Vishram Yatra, a bath festival of Lord Jagannath ji will be organized in which Lord Jagannath ji will be symbolically bathed in the name of Devi. Subhadra and brother Balbhadra will be given a symbolic bath with 108 pots of Ganga water, after which worship will be performed as per the complete rituals, after which the Vishram Yatra will be inaugurated by Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani.

Join the Green Movement: Plantation drive in Prayagraj

Prayagraj: As per the latest Government initiative to plant 73 lakhs trees and plants, by 24 different departments, The District Mahila Vyapar Mandal, Prayagraj Pacers, and Rotary Allahabad Midtown are coming together to organize a massive plantation drive during the months of July and August.

Why This Matters: This year, our city witnessed soaring temperatures, reaching up to 48 and 50 degrees Celsius. The drastic rise in temperature highlights the urgent need for us to take action to restore and preserve our environment. Thousands of trees have been cut down in recent years, and it is our moral duty to replant and replenish our green cover to ensure a sustainable ecosystem for future generations.

How You Can Help: We call upon every citizen of Prayagraj to participate in this drive. If each person plants at least two trees, or even five, we can make a significant impact on our environment. **Event Details:** When: July and August. Where: Various locations across Prayagraj (specific sites to be announced). What to Bring: Saplings (if you can), gardening tools, water, and a spirit of community.

How to Participate:

1. Fill the Google form
2. Spread the word to friends, family, and neighbours
3. Show up on the designated dates and locations with your saplings and gardening tools.

Benefits of Participation:

1. Contribute to lowering city temperatures
2. Improve air quality
3. Enhance community green spaces
4. Ensure a healthier environment for future generations
5. Let's come together as a community and make a lasting difference.
6. Every tree planted is a step towards a greener, healthier Prayagraj. For more details,

Contact: District Mahila Vyapar Mandal, Prayagraj Pacers, Rotary Allahabad Midtown. Together we can create a greener future!

10th IDY observed at HQ Central Air Command, Prayagraj AOC-in-C interacted with all Air Force

Prayagraj: The 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY) with the theme 'Yoga for Self and Society' was celebrated at Headquarters Central Air Command on Friday. Air



Marshal RGK Kapoor PVSM AVSM VM, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command and all personnel of HQ CAC with their families participated in the event. The event commenced with Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) which included an introductory talk on importance of health benefits of practicing Yoga and how it benefits everyone, followed by a refreshing 45 minutes Yoga session. The AOC-in-C interacted with all Air Force personnel & their families and encouraged them to spread awareness about Yoga amongst their family members as the benefits derived from practicing yoga has a positive impact on the individual's overall personality, besides providing them a healthy life style.

Emcure Pharmaceuticals gets SEBI nod for IPO

Varanasi: Emcure Pharmaceuticals gets market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") nod for IPO launch. The company had filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") in December 2023. The IPO comprises a fresh issuance of equity shares worth Rs 800 crore and an Offer of Sale (OFS) of 1.36 crore equity shares by promoters and existing shareholders, according to the fresh draft red herring prospectus filed last week. Proceeds of the fresh issue will be used towards payment of debt and for general corporate purposes.

Emcure Pharmaceuticals is one of the leading Indian pharmaceutical companies engaged in developing, manufacturing and globally marketing a broad range of pharmaceutical products across several major therapeutic areas. The company is research and development ("R&D") driven company with a differentiated product portfolio that includes orals, injectables and biotherapeutics, which has enabled them to reach a range of target markets across over 70 countries, with a strong presence in India, Europe and Canada.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Company, Jefferies India, Axis Capital, and JP Morgan India are the book-running lead managers to the issue. The equity shares are proposed to be listed on BSE and NSE.

Incorporate yoga in daily routine: Sanjay Kudesia

Prayagraj: 10th International Yoga Day was celebrated at R.Krishnan Stadium, IFFCO Ghyanagar Phulpur. This year's theme is Yoga for self and society. The program started with Surya Namaskar by all the people under the guidance of yoga instructor Shailendra Kumar. Yoga instructor trained people in various Yogasanas and Pranayam and told about its benefit like Anulom-Vilom



Pranayam, Bhastrika Pranayam, Kapalbhathi Pranayam, Bhramari Pranayam, Chandrabhedana Pranayam, Rudra Mudra, Vrikshasana, Mandukasana, Shashankasana, Suptavajrasana, Utkatasana, Paschimottanasana, Mayurasana, Singhasana etc. Senior Executive Director (Unit Head) Sanjay Kudesia said that everyone should make yoga a part of their daily life as it has long term benefits. During this, GM respectively Sanjay Vaish, M.D. Mishra, A.P. Rajendran, JGMs respectively Arun Kumar, Arvendra Kumar, HOD Human Resources Shambhu Shekhar, IFFCO Officers Association General Secretary Swayam Prakash, D.K. Shukla and a large number of women and children participated in the program.

RTMM joins yoga day celebrations

Prayagraj: "10th International Yoga Day" organized at Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Mahavidyalay (RTMM), (Constituent Allahabad University), Prayagraj on 21 June 2024 from 7.00 am to 8.00 am. Dr. Namita Yadav, Associate Professor of the college, while explaining the importance of Yoga, There are about 20 types of asanas, some done while standing and some done while sitting - Sukhasana, Vrikshasana, Tadasana, Padahasthasana, Trikonasana, Dandasana, Titli Asana, Vajrasana, Ustrasana, Shashasana, Uttanmandukasana, Vakrasana, Makarasana, Shalabhasana. And Bhramari Shitali made them practice pranayam like Kapalbhathi, Anulom Vilom etc. and also administered the Yoga oath. Principal Prof. Ranjana Tripathi encouraged the enthusiasm of the students. Ranjana Tripathi said that most of the people around the world



take the help of yoga to keep the body fit and the mind calm. She explained the eight parts of yoga - Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama, Pratyahara, Dharana. He also told about meditation and samadhi and said that today the meaning of yoga is limited only to asanas and pranayama. On this occasion, Principal Prof. Ranjana Tripathi, Dr. Neelima Singh, Dr. Namita Yadav, Dr. Shamenaz Bano, teachers, non-teaching staff like Shri Ram Lakhan and Pooja Aggarwal and other students participated.

Yoga camp organized in District Court premises

Prayagraj: High Court of Allahabad and Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority on 21.06.2024. As per the order and instructions of District Judge, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Prayagraj Santosh Rai, a yoga camp was organized in the District Court premises at 7:00 am on the occasion of International Yoga Day, in which



all the judicial officers and employees of the entire District Court were present. On the occasion of Yoga Day, Dr. Pooja Keswani, Dr. Suman Mishra, Akash Pandey, Rachna Dwivedi, Vivek Gupta yoga instructor made all the judicial officers and employees practice yoga. The Yoga Guru introduced everyone to different types of Yoga and made them practice Yoga and provided health benefits. On this occasion, all the judicial officers and employees were present. This information was provided by Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority.

Yoga gives self-confidence and self-satisfaction: Dr. Naz Fatma

Prayagraj: On International Yoga Day, yoga practice was conducted under the banner of Fatma Welfare Society in Khusro Bagh. Along with making people learn various types of yoga asanas, they were taught how to stay healthy through various yoga asanas.

Information was also shared. On behalf of the organization, on International Yoga Day, in Khusrobagh, doctor, nurse and paramedical students did yoga with trained yoga guru Dr. Naz Fatma in different types of postures to keep themselves healthy. Dr. Naz Fatma, who has won many honors in the country and abroad by teaching yoga asanas to Miss China in 2010 and making her do yoga from a young age, said that the attraction towards yoga has also increased among Muslims. This is the reason why a large number of people are wearing hijab. Along with Muslim women and girls, Muslim youth have also become aware of yoga who want to keep themselves healthy. Enumerating the benefits of yoga, Dr. Naz Fatma said that yoga improves the flexibility of muscles. Body posture and Corrects alignment. Improves digestive system. Strengthens the internal organs.



Yoga is also beneficial for asthma patients. Yoga is also beneficial for diabetic patients. Yoga is also a panacea for heart related diseases, while yoga also brings glow and radiance to the skin. Yoga also proves to be a boon for sportspersons. Yoga not only improves the flexibility of the body but also increases concentration. She comes. In the program, along with Naz Multispeciality Hospital, students of Max Children Hospital, Naz Blood Bank, Naz Eye Hospital and Naz Paramedical also participated and distributed pamphlets related to yoga to the visitors. While Naz Multispeciality Hospital distributed cold water, sherbet and Stalls of sprouted gram were set up and distributed among the people practicing yoga. On this occasion, Dr. Naz Fatma, Dr. Jamshed Ali, Managing Director Amit Yadav, Hospital Manager Arslan Khan, I Hospital and Paramedical Institute Manager Syed Mohammad Askari, Fuzail Khan. Farzan Gaddi, Shifa Reyaz, Saba, Azaan Ali, Sara Siddiqui, Soni Nishad, Chandni, Salona, Shivani Singh, Ayesha, Anjana, Rupa Pal etc. were included.

District Udyog Bandhu Committee meeting held

Prayagraj: District Udyog Bandhu Committee meeting was organized in Sangam Auditorium on Friday under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal. In the meeting, the District Magistrate has instructed the officers of all concerned departments to resolve the problems of entrepreneurs on top priority. The District Magistrate said that promoting industries is one of the top priority points of the government, any kind of carelessness or indifference in this is not acceptable. In the meeting, electricity department, regional manager UPSIDA, Prime Minister Employment Generation Scheme, Chief Minister Youth Self-Employment Scheme, One District One Product Margin Money Scheme, Nivesh Mitra Portal and other related subjects were reviewed point by point. In the meeting, the District Magistrate has given instructions to compulsorily dispose of the applications related to Chief

Minister Youth Employment Scheme, Prime Minister Employment Generation Program and One District One Product Scheme pending in the banks within the stipulated time limit and also the applications which are not up to the standard. If

found to be in accordance, instructions have been given to ensure timely completion of loan distribution. He has instructed LDM to increase progress and keep taking feedback continuously.

Panoramic view of Yog organized at Open University

Winners of essay and speech competition awarded

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Yoga at Triveni Community Center located in Yamuna campus on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2024 at Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj A panoramic program was organised. Chief guest Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani, Mayor Prayagraj performed yoga with the university family on this occasion and propounded the importance of yoga. On this occasion, he honored the winners of the essay and speech competition by giving them certificates. The Mayor said that yoga increases our vitality. By doing yoga one gets relief from physical diseases and the mind remains calm. He said that Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University has always played a leading role in providing yoga education. While presiding, Vice Chancellor Pro-

essor Satyakam said that the Open University has always given priority to yoga programs and in the coming times too, To make the yoga accessible to the masses, online preparations will be made with the help of yoga teachers of the uni-



versity. He said that yoga keeps a person mentally strong. Every person must include yoga in his daily routine. The Vice Chancellor said that our concept will be that whatever program is organized in the university, it should start with Yoga. It should be our mission to

make Yoga reach every person.

On this occasion, yoga teachers of the university, Amit Kumar Singh, Niket Singh and Anurag Shukla proved the significance of World Yoga Day through collective demonstration of

Jyoti Gupta, and third Vishal Bharti and the winners of the speech competition on the priority of yoga in the present context were declared. First Vaishnavi Singh, second Tushar Kumar Singh and third Varuna were honored by giving certificates to the chief guest, Mayor Mr. Ganesh Kesarwani and Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam. The ceremony was conducted by World Yoga Day 2024 coordinator Dr. Devesh Ranjan Tripathi and vote of thanks by Registrar Colonel Vinay Kumar. Did it. On this occasion, the teachers of the university honored the Vice Chancellor's wife, Mrs. Seema, by presenting her with Angavastram. University directors, officers, teachers, employees, students and people of the area were present in the ceremony.

yoga protocol and pranayam and various yoga asanas. On this occasion, on the instructions of the Uttar Pradesh Government, first among the winners of the essay competition on the usefulness of Yoga in human life in the university, Digvijay Singh, second

International Yoga Day celebrated in the spiritual aura of Kriyayoga Ashram



Prayagraj : The practice of Kriyayoga brings intuitive vision, through which Swami Shree Yogi Satyam revealed today the true thought behind "International Day of Yoga". "Day" refers to knowledge and "Yoga" refers to the absence of time and distance. Swamiji explained that in perceiving "The Day of Yoga", differences between nations are removed and as a result, the rays of Non-violence, Omniscience and Omnipotence are spread everywhere. The aim of all humanity is to remain blissfully in the state of

Yoga. It has been discovered that it takes 10,00,000 years of diseaseless life to attain the state of Yoga.

Yogavatar Lahiri Mahasaya has shown that 50 minutes of Kriyayoga Practice evolves the mind equivalent to 100 years of normal living. In this way, with Kriyayoga practice, it takes 28 years to attain the state of Yoga. Kriyayoga Scientist and Master, Swami Shree Yogi Satyam, demonstrated with examples how by deeply connecting with Kriyayoga, one can perceive oneself as a

Child of God. Then, all suffering of life is removed.

Swami Shree Yogi Satyam shared the above message on the occasion of "International Day of Yoga 2024" with everyone present. Situated on the banks of The Holy Ganga, the "Yoga Utsava" event of the daily newspaper, Amar Ujala, was also held at Kriyayoga Ashram and Research Institute. All persons from India and all over the world having great interest and love for world-wide participated in this event.

Yoga Day observed in CORE

Prayagraj: Organization of 10th International c under the theme "Yoga for Self and Society" as per the instructions of the Ministry of Railways in the dignified presence of General Manager/Central Railway Electrification Organisation, Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, on 21/06/2024 at 07:30 am. International Yoga Day was celebrated from 07.30 to 08.30. The General Manager inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and gave a message to

the officers and employees present on the importance and usefulness of Yoga. Yoga instructor Ms. Naina Singh of Art of Living Institute, Prayagraj made



the officers and employees of Central Railway Electrification Organization Prayagraj practice yoga. On this occasion, Shri Yatendra Kumar-Chief Administrative Officer of Central Railway Electrification Organization, Shri R. N. Singh-Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer/Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Shri A. Of. S. Shawal-Chief Chief Engineer and Shri Sanjay Singh Negi-Chief Electrical Engineer along with other officers of the Corps and a large number of employees were present. The program was conducted and the vote of thanks was done by Shri Kaushal Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief Personnel Officer.

SHUATS celebrates Int'l Yoga Day

Prayagraj: In celebration of International Yoga Day 2024, the NSS SHUATS organised yoga session in the campus. The yoga session began at 06:15 am with able guidance of Yoga trainers Dr. Santosh Kumar Yadav and Mr. Ramesh Kumar. Mr. Satyam Kumar Kesari, Assistant NSS Coordinator welcomed the attendees, explaining that Yoga isn't just for physical health but it has social relevance also and it is a system of life. On Yoga Day, Pranayama, Anulom Vilom, Vakrasana, Mandukasana, Vrikshasana, Ekagrassana, Tirthakasana etc. were performed.

Dr. Dipak Kumar Bose, Coordinator National Service Scheme (NSS) told that every member of the society should practice yoga for healthy body and mind. He also told that all success are useless without a good health and extended thanks to all the participants.

A total of 136 NSS volunteers, staff members, students and neighbours were participated in the programme. NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rampal Singh, Dr. Prashant Ankur Jain, Dr. Satyendra Nath, Dr. Hira Bose, Dr. Anisha Verma, Dr. Jyotsana Jaiswal, Dr. Abhinav Dayal, Mr. Bipin Kumar Singh and staff members Dr. Amit Larkin, Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Dr. R.N. Shukla, Dr. N.K. Gupta, Mr. Pradeep Masih, Mr. Navendu Upadhyaya and others were the part of the celebrations.



Yoga has significant contribution to Indian culture: Abhilasha Nandi

Prayagraj: Former Mayor of Prayagraj, Abhilasha Gupta Nandi ji, on the occasion of International Yoga Day, practiced yoga with all the Matrishakti and Mandal officials at Swaroop Rani Park under BJP Chowk Mandal. Yoga is the basis of a healthy life. Yoga is an invaluable heritage of



Indian culture. On this occasion, she shared the importance of yoga and also gave a strong resolve to include it in our daily routine. During this, Mandal President Sumit Vaish, Vishwas Kumar Srivastava, Anoop Aggarwal, Harsh Kesari, Anoop Mishra, Vivek Sahu, Rishabh Srivastava, Masu Abbas, Lata Upadhyay, Swati Gupta and all the area party workers etc. were present.

Yoga demonstration, testing, and health fair organized on 10th Yoga Day

Prayagraj: Srijan Jan Seva Samiti organized a grand health related testing camp, yoga practice and yoga demonstration and health fair on the 10th International Yoga Day in collaboration with Sahayog Diagnostic Center T.S. Held at L, Next to Railway Crossing, New Bazaar Mirzapur Road Naini Prayagraj. In this health fair, more than 1400 people got various health related tests done. Yoga Guru Shri Sanjay Maurya and Baishali Verma trained the people on the benefits of Yoga and especially those who were doing Yoga for the first time. The Health Fair was inaugurated by Mayor Shri Ganesh

Kesarwani by lighting the lamp and he said that on behalf of Srijan Jan Seva



Samiti, Dr. B.B. Agarwal and Dr. Sabita Agarwal have been serving the society properly on Yoga Day for ten consecutive years.

Yoga programs are also being conducted. You are also doing health checkup of

various people. Today yoga is celebrated all over the world. It does not belong to any caste or religion and it is only for the benefit of

human health. Dr. BB Aggarwal, the organizer of the program, gave detailed information about organizing the program continuously for ten years and said that by doing yoga, a person is getting saved from various diseases. The purpose of organizing health camps on this occasion is to make people aware of their health. On this occasion, hemoglobin, liver related tests, thyroid, BMI, uric acid, HbA1c, blood sugar, lipid profile, blood pressure/weight measurement, PFT (lung Capacity), BMD (Bone Density), X-Ray, ECG (Cardiogram), Vitamin B12, were examined free of cost.

Congmen protest at ADM office against irregularities in UG exam

Prayagraj: District Congress leaders including Suresh Yadav, Mukundan Tiwari, Kishore Varshney, Sanjay Tiwari, Vivekananda Pathak, Haseeb Ahmed demonstrated at the district headquarters against irregularities in the UG NEET examination. Under the leadership of Metropolitan President Prayagraj Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, a memorandum addressed to Her Excellency Madam President was given to the District Magistrate Prayagraj in protest against the paper leak in NEET_UG examination 2024. City President Pradeep Mishra Anshuman said that during

the tenure of the present BJP government of India. The future of the youth and competitive students is being played with by leaking



the papers of various examinations due to which there is a lot of anger among the youth of the country. In such a situation, if justice is done to the competitive students by conducting an

impartial investigation of the neet_ug exam paper leak, otherwise In this situation, the Congress party will be forced to launch a

massive movement to save the future of the students. In submitting the memorandum, senior Congress leaders Raghunath Dwivedi, Bhole Singh Parihar, Rama Kant Pandey, Diwakar

Bharatiya, Vinay Pandey, Pradeep Dwivedi, Ishfaq Ahmed, Ram Manorath Saroj, Mehboob Alam, Ghanshyam Patel, Ajendra Gaur, Madhavi Rai, Vishal Sonkar, Shyamji Shukla, Satyendra Bahadur Singh, Geeta Bharti, Mehboob Raine, Kuldeep Gihar, Sunny Sonkar, Tanmay Chatterjee, Ram Abhilash Vishwakarma, Nafees Qureshi, R.K. Gautam, Amit Dwivedi, Ram Lakhnan Yadav, Ramesh Yadav, Anupam Srivastava, Abhay Shiva Pasi, Anil Gupta, Ghanshyam Patel, Dinesh Kumar Singh, Altamash, Munna Yadav and many Congress officials and workers were present.

India gained int'l recognition via Yoga: Keshav Maurya

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the tenth International Yoga Day, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Maurya practiced yoga in the courtyard of Bharat Scout and Guide College located in Munfordganj and said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi In India, Yoga has gained international recognition and cultural unity is being promoted through Yoga and Yoga is very beneficial for physical and mental health and keeps the mind calm and the body free from diseases. On this occasion, MP Praveen Patel, MLA Guru Prasad Maurya, MLC Surendra Chaudhary, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Regional Vice President Awadhesh Chandra Gupta, District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani did yoga. District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that apart from this, BJP Prayagraj Metropolitan organized the Tenth International in all the Mandals under the leadership of Mandal Presidents. Yoga Day was organized in which all the Bharatiya Janata Party workers and officials practiced yoga at designated courtyard places in their divisions.



On this occasion, Councilor Kiran Jaiswal, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Devesh Singh, Ramesh Pasi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Councilor Sunita Chopra, Vivek Aggarwal, Vijay Vaish, Board President Raghavendra Mishra, Gaurav Gupta, Anil Bhatt, Bharat Nishad, Avnish Tiwari, Bhola Singh, Kaushiki Singh Dinanath Kushwaha, Sanjay Kushwaha, Gyan Babu Kesarwani, Ajay Agrahari, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Dinesh Vishwakarma, etc. workers of Mahanagar Mandal practiced yoga.

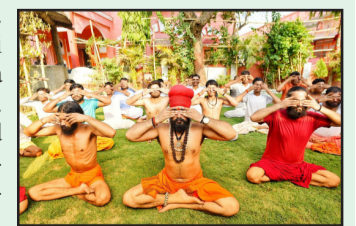
BJP will spread ideas of Dr. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee to people

Prayagraj: 61st martyrdom day of Bharatiya Jan Sangh founder and intense nationalist thinker Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 23rd June, BJP Mahanagar will celebrate the 61st martyrdom day of Dr. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee on June 23 at the booth level. BJP, sapling plantation will be inaugurated. Under the leadership of President Rajendra Mishra, it is going to be celebrated at the booth level of Prayagraj metropolis. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that at all the 1216 booths of Prayagraj metropolis, tribute will be

paid to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee by offering flowers on his picture and his life character will be celebrated. Seminar will be organized for darshan and work will be done to spread his nationalist ideas to the common people. Apart from this, a tree planting campaign will be started which will run till 6th July, the birth anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. To make the program successful, the Indian public The party has determined in-charges and speakers at the divisional and booth levels.

Path to world welfare is one and only 'Yoga': Balbir Giri Maharaj

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the tenth World International Day, Mahant Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj of Baghambari Math and Bade Hanuman Temple practiced yoga with his disciples. He did yoga for about an hour in the monastery at 6 in the morning. He said that the path to world welfare can be achieved only through 'Yoga'. Yoga is a gift given by Indian Manisha for the welfare of world humanity. Yoga Day was celebrated across the world on Friday. Mahant Balbir Giri Ji Maharaj also did yoga in Baghambari Math. He said that sages and saints do yoga regularly. Along with religious education, people should also be taught Yoga. Yoga is a very old tradition. He said that religion and yoga are parts of each other. A healthy mind resides in a healthy body. Regular yoga cures many diseases. He also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promoted the thinking of welfare across the world by spreading Yoga Day in a good manner, which is beneficial. Yoga proved to be very effective amid the Corona epidemic.



Editorial

Climate hypocrisy: West's moral high ground and its failure to deliver

In 2019, during the UN Climate Action Summit in New York, leaders from industrialised nations delivered impassioned speeches about the urgency of addressing climate change. Yet, behind closed doors, they continued to approve new fossil fuel projects and delay meaningful climate finance commitments. This dichotomy highlights a fundamental hypocrisy in global climate politics: The West often preaches sustainability but falls short in practice, prioritising economic interests over environmental imperatives. As the countdown to the COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan this November continues, the Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany concluded in a stalemate last week. Nations disagreed on the size and scope of loss and damage financing, representing a significant setback in global climate negotiations. The Bonn talks did not achieve meaningful progress on climate financing, underscoring a persistent issue: industrialised nations, which bear the greatest responsibility for the current climate crisis, resisted calls from Global South countries to compensate those who suffer the most but have contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions. Over a decade ago, developed nations pledged to mobilise \$100 billion annually by 2020 to support climate action in developing countries. This commitment, formalised under the Copenhagen Accord in 2009 and reiterated in the Paris Agreement, has not been met. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reported that climate finance reached only \$79.6 billion in 2019. It was only in 2022 that developed countries provided and mobilised \$115.9 billion in climate finance for developing countries. By the end of COP29, all parties must agree on a "new collective quantified goal" (NCQG) to guide the provision of climate finance, intended to replace the \$100 billion target after 2025. Progress on negotiating the NCQG has been slow. Disagreements persist on almost every aspect of the new target, including the amount of money to be provided, the sources of these funds, the recipients, and the specific forms of financial assistance. Current climate finance is grossly inadequate for the scale of action required. The \$100 billion target for climate finance is laughably insufficient. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2021 estimates that the costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries could reach \$140-300 billion per year by 2030, escalating to \$280-500 billion per year by 2050. Furthermore, the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 report highlights that global climate finance flows reached a record \$632 billion in 2019/2020. Despite this record, the funding falls significantly short of the \$4.13 trillion annual investment required by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement targets, as estimated by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its Net Zero by 2050 report. Now even these estimates are seen as low. As highlighted by the Independent High-Level

Expert Group on Climate Finance in their November 2022 report, emerging markets and developing countries (excluding China) are staring at a financial chasm. These nations must mobilise approximately \$1 trillion annually by 2025, amounting to 4.1 per cent of their GDP—double the 2.2 per cent spent in 2019. Fast forward to 2030, and the figure balloons to a staggering \$2.4 trillion per year, or 6.5 per cent of GDP.



Putin's visit to N Korea and Kim's dream to dominate space

Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to North Korea (18-19 June 2024) has attracted global attention. Today, both of these states are keen to cooperate to overcome the sanctions put on them by the US. This is Putin's only second-ever visit to Pyongyang, with the first taking place way back in 2000. Obviously, a lot has changed during the last two decades or so. North Korea's other good friend, China, has welcomed this visit. Russia has always been important to North Korea. However, during the last few years, not much has happened towards any noteworthy engagement.



During the 2018-19 period, the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was found engaging China proactively, and between the period of March 2018 and January 2019, he visited China four times. Also, around the same peri-

od, he met US President Donald Trump. Actually, Trump became the first sitting US president to visit North Korea in 2019. Unfortunately, no efforts to engage North Korea have proved successful so far, and

the only major countries that have cordial relations with North Korea remain its neighbours, namely Russia and China. The recent increased bonhomie between Russia and North Korea could be said to have started with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visiting Russia in September 2023. Today, both of these states need each other much more than in the past. Moscow has some dependence on Pyongyang for supplies of arms and ammunition for fighting the war in Ukraine. While North Korea has a dependence on food and energy assistance.

'Space force' as new zone of warfare

Space is emerging as the forerunner in the era of technology-driven warfare. A country like India, with significant geopolitical heft and the potential to emerge as a power of relevance, would sooner or later face a threat from space—a threat that cannot be defended by conventional means. It is therefore important to analyse if India needs to build a space force that is capable of fighting, not so distant, space wars. The Gulf War I is technically considered to be the first space war where the US relied on space satellite intelligence for aerial and ground operations inside Kuwait and Iraq. The satellite navigation systems played a significant role in the navigation of the US Air Force fighter jets. Currently, space prowess is clearly ruling the Russian-Ukraine and Hamas battlescapes. Taiwan is incrementally coming under the space lens of competing powers. The space satellites started playing their crucial role even before the start of the war. India raised the Defence Space Agency in 2019 as a scaled-down version of the space command. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) also raised DSP to pro-



vide technical and Research and Development (R&D) support. In the last five years, outer space has emerged as a source of concern, primarily the threat from long-range ballistic and hypersonic missiles. Many Direct Ascent Anti-Satellites (ASAT) experimental missile strikes have been tested, including by India (mission Shakti). Counter-missions are being developed for both offensive and defensive forms of space warfare. Even though the Outer Space Treaty debars nations from weaponising space, the writing on the wall makes it clear that a threat from space is lurking. All the major powers, such as the US, Russia, China, India, France, the European Union, and Japan, are building space military organisations. The US Space Force organises, trains, and

equips personnel in order to protect US and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint forces. The US Space Force, headquartered at the Pentagon, employs 8,600 military personnel and 77 spacecraft. The Russian space forces are mandated to inform the higher political leaders and military commanders of missile attacks as soon as possible, ballistic missile defence, and the creation, deployment, maintenance, and control of in-orbit space vehicles, like the Persona reconnaissance satellite. These forces operate the GLONASS global positioning system. The Russian Space Forces include the third Missile-Space Defence Army and a Division for Warning of Missile Attacks. The Chinese People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force (PLA-SSF)

existed from 2015 to 2024 with the army's ability to fight "informatised conflicts". In April of this year, the Strategic Support Force was dissolved and split into three independent arms: the PLA Aerospace Force, the PLA Cyberspace Force, and the PLA Information Support Force. Like China, Russia views space as a warfighting domain, and they base their warfighting doctrine around the idea that achieving space supremacy is a precondition for winning a conflict. Russia has fielded a suite of non-kinetic options to create reversible effects on satellite systems in space, including ground-based systems to counter GPS navigation signals, tactical communications, satellite communications, and radars. On the non-kinetic side of this threat continuum, China has operational ground-based jamming systems that are capable of disrupting satellite communications, GPS navigation signals, synthetic aperture radars, missile warning systems, and other satellite systems. Jamming can prevent users from using satellite communication networks, degrade or prevent transmissions of

vital missile warning data from space-based sensors to war fighters, and disrupt uplinks and downlinks needed to command and control spacecraft. While analysing the space wars, it is important to study the space-based wars of the past, when the intensity was nominal but gains were asymmetrical. During the two Gulf Wars, the Coalition bombers and fighters dropped more than 5,000 GPS-guided Joint Direct Attack Munitions during the day and night, in all weather, with shattering effectiveness. Satellites also made it possible to direct Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) attacks such as Predator and Global Hawk. US imaging satellites gave commanders an unprecedented view of targets and battlespace. At least seven different types of military satellite systems were used during the Gulf War I. GPS receivers were affixed to tanks, trucks, and aircraft across the theatre. Tank commanders wanted to know the moisture content of the soil in some areas. Tomahawk precision attacks have multiple space based use cases, such as intelligence preparation, target location, command.

Women in Indian Politics: A story that has changed little over the years

India's progress vis-à-vis women's representation in leadership positions has remained rather slow and rarely linear, often pushing them to the margins of politics. Image: UN Women/Ruhani Kaur. India recently concluded its 2024 general elections, which took place in seven phases—from April 19 to June 1—to elect all 543 members of the Lok Sabha (lower house). While the results have taken many by surprise, what has been even more astonishing is the fact that for a country that has rigorously been trying to establish a more progressive front on women's rights and gender equality over the past few years, the new Indian parlia-

ment has failed to showcase a notable uptick in the representation of women after the latest elections. Making just 13.63 per cent of the elected strength, the 18th Lok Sabha will comprise only 74 women compared to 469 men. This share is not only abysmally skewed but also lower than the 14.4 per cent share of female representation during the 2019 election, where 78 women were elected as MPs. The irony here is that just last year, India—during its G20 presidency—brought about a paradigm shift in gender-based policymaking by challenging the status quo and with the innovative idea of women-led development in order to ensure women's inclu-

sion and representation at all levels of decision-making. Even at the domestic level, India—after many deliberations—finally passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill in 2023, which seeks to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women. While it is true that the bill has not yet come into effect, the journey from 13.63 per cent to 33 per cent (for the next elections) still seems rather long, especially given that, despite being the central agents of the 2024 elections and forming an important core of party manifestos as well as campaign speeches, only a handful of them were able to achieve the final victory.

India emerges as Voice of Global South in China-fearing World

India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Image: Narendra Modi/X

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th G7 summit on June 14, 2024, in the city of Fasano in Apulia, Italy. The region of Apulia, throughout its history, has been inhabited by Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, and Spanish. The region has also served as a bridge between the West and the East, thanks to its geography. Apulia's rich history as a cultural crossroads underscores the significance of this year's G7 summit, which brings together diverse global leaders. In this summit, along with the G7 countries, the other invitees were India, the African Union, Brazil, the UAE, Argentina, and others, making the location and the purpose of the summit significant. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Two years ago, India was invited to the 48th G7 summit in 2022, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The primary narrative at that time was to punish India for keeping the ties intact with Moscow. The Western 'experts', who are habituated to see things in binary, refused to believe that India can have ties



with the G7 without harming relations with Russia. As per the Financial Times, the reason behind the invitation to India at the summit was "to woo New Delhi away from its longstanding alliance with Russia". Two years down the line, India's relations are not majorly harmed, neither with Russia nor with the G7 countries! Freshly re-elected, PM Modi's attendance at the G7 summit signals a robust continuation of his administration's foreign policy initiatives, particularly his advocacy for the Global South. In 2023, New Delhi organised the two Voice of Global South Summits, first in January and next in November, to understand the concerns of the developing countries. The words and advocacy of Modi in Apulia should be taken as a continuation of this. Modi exploited the opportunities provided to put forward these concerns. "India has considered it its responsibility to place the priorities and concerns of the countries of the Global South on the world stage," he

said. At the same time, while putting forward his vision of a developed India in 2047, he emphasised that "no section of society should be left behind in the country's development journey," followed by applying this "in the context of international relations. The countries of the Global South are bearing the brunt of global uncertainties and tensions". Then, Modi put forward the concern of ending monopolies in technology, one of the points of action at the end of the second Voice of the Global South Summit. On the sidelines of the G7 meeting, PM Modi also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. However, Modi skipped the Ukraine Peace Summit, organised just after the G7 meeting, by sending a secretary-level delegation. The Indian delegation visited the summit but didn't sign the Joint Communiqué. This reflects a nuanced stance on the conflict, aligning with the broader Global South's cautious approach. India's significant presence at the G7 summit.

Tourists 'come in jeeps, drink alcohol, litter', so Goa's Calangute panchayat resolves to tax them



Goa Days after proposing that tourists would require hotel reservation before entering the jurisdiction of their village, the Calangute panchayat in North Goa has passed a resolution to impose a "tax" on these visitors. In a resolution that was adopted at a meeting on June 7, the panchayat of Calangute, a tourist hotspot, cited similar taxes being imposed in Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar and resolved to write to the district collector, the police chief and the government to set-up check posts — with assistance from police personnel and panchayat staff — for verification of all tourists' vehicles at five entry roads to the village to "avoid and stop public nuisance". According to the panchayat, the decision has been taken after several complaints about tourists creat-

ing ruckus and "indulging in illegal activities which bring disrepute to the village". "Tourists come in groups in jeeps and buses, stroll around the beach area and drink alcohol and cook in their vehicles, before littering in the open in the village. They do not make any hotel reservations. Now, we have proposed to set up checkpoints for verification and to charge a road passenger tax or an entry fee to deter such behaviour," Joseph Sequeira, sarpanch of Calangute village who

proposed the resolution, said. The modalities of the tax will be discussed later if it is approved, he said, adding: "If it can be done in Mahabaleshwar, it can also be done here". According to the panchayat, the resolution was adopted at a June 7 meeting held to discuss issues related to "public nuisance, garbage throwing, parking, cooking and eating in the open area on the roadside leading to different hotels and restaurants by tourists visiting the Calangute beach.

EC receives 8 pleas seeking verification of EVMs, VVPAT units

NEW DELHI:

The Election Commission (EC) said it had received eight applications for verification of the burnt memory of electronic voting machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units from candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a first since the Supreme Court order in April allowing the verification on the request of the runners-up in any election. In a statement, the EC said three applications had been received from BJP candidates in Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), Vellore (Tamil Nadu) and Z a h i r a b a d (Telangana); three from Congress candidates in Kanker (Chhattisgarh), Faridabad (Haryana) and Karnal (Haryana); and one each from the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) candidate in Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu) and the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) candidate from Vizianagaram



(Andhra Pradesh). In all, the applications came from 92 polling stations in eight Parliamentary constituencies. The Supreme Court had in April given the second and third place candidates the option to seek verification of the burnt memories of 5% of EVMs per Assembly segment or constituency. The EC then drafted the SOP, which says candidates who wish to apply for verification must do so within seven days of the results and deposit ₹40,000 per EVM. An EC source said the right of filing election petitions, which is available to all candidates and voters, with-

in 45 days of the results and the right of the runners-up to seek verification had to be balanced. In case of an election petition, the EVMs are kept in storage so they can be examined. If there is no election petition filed in 45 days, the applications for verification can proceed. The technical SOP, of what will be shown to the applicants and how the verification will be carried out, was being drafted, the source said. As per the administrative SOP issued by the EC on June 1, the process of verification would only start after the 45-day period allowed for all candidates.

CAPSULES

Entertainer's Cricket League launched

Chandigarh

The Entertainer's Cricket League, the first of its kind content creator based cricketing league launched in the presence of team captains Abhishek Malhan, Sonu Sharma, Elvish Yadav, Harsh Beniwal, Munawar Faruqui, Anurag Dwivedi and league founders, Anil Kumar and Himanshu Chandnani. The Punjab team will be led by Harsh Beniwal while Elvish Yadav had taken the command of Haryana. This franchise-based league featuring six teams will be played in August and September. The creators will each lead one of the six franchises with each team further picking in the form of the draft from a vast pool of 250 popular content creators out of which 96 creators will make the final cut. "We are excited to be a part of this huge amalgamation between cricket and culture and are backing our initial aim of building an inclusive community for all kinds of content creators."

Man with dyed hair, beard held at airport for impersonating 60-plus passenger

NEW DELHI: A 24-year-old man, disguised as a 67-year-old, was arrested by the CISF at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport while attempting to board an Air Canada flight to Canada on Tuesday evening.

Sonia-Nehru effect: PM museum won't accept private papers with secrecy terms

NEW DELHI: West Bengal governor CVWith Congress leader Sonia Gandhi reclaiming boxes of papers from Jawaharlal Nehru's private collection in 2008 (donated by the Gandhi family), and also barring access to several sets of these papers, the Prime Ministers Museum & Library (PMML) has now decided that it will not permit future donors of private papers of eminent personalities to impose indefinite conditions on the declassification of such material. Going forward, the PMML will permit a five-year embargo before accepting any new set of papers from



donors from the date of receipt, which at the most can go up to 10 years in some cases, The Indian Express has learnt. The PMML has also decided to go ahead and open up, on

its own, sets of private collections lying in its custody for several decades, pertaining to first Lok Sabha Speaker G D Mavalankar, Nehru's niece Nayantara Sahgal, and as many as 2.80

lakh pages pertaining to Nehru that were not claimed by

Sonia Gandhi in 2008, a source said. The Nehru papers are being digitised presently and the entire set will be available to researchers online in two months, in a searchable format, the source said. In the past, donors (like the Gandhi family did with Nehru's private papers) could impose an indefinite embargo on disclosing private papers, which meant that the PMML, despite having custodianship, could not make these public to researchers without the donor's permission.

MATHURA

Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday, spoke about the benefits of yoga, and said at a time when issues like depression, blood pressure, and diabetes are rising, it is better to practice yoga than to depend on medicines. The Defence minister along with Army Chief General Manoj Pande performed Yoga in Mathura, on the occasion of the 10th International Day of Yoga. Singh said it is a matter of pride today that the cultural her-



itage of yoga has been accepted by the world. Addressing the event, Rajnath Singh said, "I would like to extend my wishes on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2024. It is being celebrated throughout the world with great fervor. It is a matter of pride that the world has adopted this cul-

tural heritage. The reason for its popularity is that it has become a symbol of a healthy lifestyle." "Despite the progress in technology and infrastructure people are living a stressful life. People have become more isolated. Earlier there used to be joint families but now there are nuclear families. With the growing importance of social media, it has put more pressure on the minds of youths. Anxiety and depression have become very common.

'110 heatwave deaths, over 40,000 heatstroke cases across country', says health ministry

There have been 110 confirmed heatstroke deaths in the country since March — six of which were recorded last — as per data collected by the Union health ministry. Moreover, there have been 40,272 cases of heatstroke this summer. The highest number of such deaths was reported from Uttar Pradesh (36), followed by Bihar (17), and Rajasthan (16). The highest number of heatstroke cases, however, were reported by Madhya Pradesh. The state reported 10,636 heatstroke cases but only five confirmed deaths, the data informally shared by sources said. Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Wednesday held



a review meeting on the heatwave situation in the country, following which guidelines for heatwave were reiterated by Director General of Health Services Dr Atul Goel to the states. "Most regions of our country are experiencing above normal day as well as nighttime temperatures continuously. Such conditions increase (the)

chances of development of severe heat-related illnesses, including heat exhaustion and heatstroke. That such cases of severe HRI are identified in time, triaged, and provided immediate attention with rapid, active cooling and subsequent supportive care as time is vital," reads a letter sent by Goel to states and hospitals.

Toll rises to 38 in Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy, CM forms panel for inquiry

Kallakurichi hooch tragedy, Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy, Kallakurichi hooch deaths, Tamil Nadu hooch deaths, Tamil Nadu hooch, Tamil Nadu news, Indian Express Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin pays his last respects. ANI

The death toll in the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi district rose on Thursday to 38, with 24 others in critical care. Over 100 people are still in hospitals across several districts. Most of the victims consumed the spurious liquor at Karunapuram in Kallakurichi on Tuesday night. By Wednesday, they were admitted at the Kallakurichi Government Medical College and Hospital, and hospitals in



Salem, Villupuram, and the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in Puducherry. Several of the victims succumbed on Wednesday night. The tragedy prompted the DMK-led state government to order the immediate suspension of Kallakurichi Superintendent of Police and the transfer of the District Collector. Three people have been arrested in connection with the tragedy.

Officials said that according to a preliminary probe, the presence of methanol was found in the samples of arrack seized during the probe. Chief Minister M K Stalin constituted a commission headed by former High Court judge Justice B Gokuldas to conduct a thorough inquiry. He also announced that ₹10 lakh ex gratia would be given to the families of each of the deceased, and ₹50,000 to those undergoing treatment.

Ignoring China's ire, PM Modi meets US team that called on Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday met a bipartisan group of US lawmakers that visited Dharamshala this week and called on the Dalai Lama. The lawmakers, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Michael McCaul and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, were also hosted by foreign minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday night after their return from Dharamshala. Jaishankar acknowledged the "strong and continued" support from the lawmakers for the India-US strategic partnership. The delegation's visit to Dharamshala drew China's ire, with Beijing urging the Americans to fully recognise the "anti-China separatist nature of the Dalai group", honour commitments the US has

made to China on issues related to Tibet, and stop sending a wrong signal to the world. Their meetings with Indian leaders will likely raise China's hackles too. The delegation members congratulated Modi on his election for a historic third consecutive term. "They expressed deep appreciation for the scale, fairness and transparency of the recently concluded world's largest democratic electoral exercise in India," govt said in a statement. The delegation described India-US relations as the most consequential one and expressed their strong support for further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Global Partnership in all areas, including trade, new.

Air India Mumbai to San Francisco flight delayed, passengers sit inside cabin for six hours



UMBAI: Passengers of an Air India flight from Mumbai to San Francisco had to sit inside the passenger cabin for about six hours with poor conditioning as the Friday afternoon flight was inordinately delayed.

Flight AI-179 was supposed to depart at 2.25 pm and passengers, which included many senior citizens, had boarded by 3.30 pm, said sources. Passengers took to social media to complain about poor air conditioning and no update on the flight status.

An X (formerly Twitter) user Devang Desai posted: "Passengers are stuck inside flight after reported engine problems. Few passengers decided not to fly."

(Air India) Not departing, not giving correct information." "A couple of senior

citizens fainted in the heat. Some were allowed to deplane," said sources. The other passengers were finally disembarked at 9 pm. Air India in a statement said: "AI-179 from Mumbai to San Francisco, scheduled to depart at 1600 hrs today, was delayed due to a technical issue arising just before departure. Giving top priority to safety issues, the aircraft was held back for engineering checks. Meanwhile, a few guests decided to discontinue the journey and the flight got further delayed as their baggage had to be offloaded from the

aircraft. The flight pushed back at 1917 but had to ramp return due to one guest feeling unwell. While the ailing guest was being deboarded with his baggage, the night landing restrictions at SFO had set in along with the crew flight duty limitations. Guests have been offered hotel accommodation, complimentary rescheduling and full refunds and served refreshments at the airport. The flight has now been rescheduled at 1030 hrs tomorrow. Inconvenience caused to guests is sincerely regretted."

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches its First ULIP with Fund Value-based distributor payouts – ICICI Pru Platinum

FARIDABAD/GURGAON: May 24, 2024: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched ICICI Pru Platinum, the Company's first unit-linked product which aligns distributor payouts to their customers' fund value – the distributor commissions are linked to their customers' Assets under Management. This unique product incentivises distributors to encourage their customers to stay invested for the entire policy tenure. Notably, it offers customers a cost and tax-efficient route to build wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru Platinum provides unlimited free switches between asset classes, without any cost or tax implications. Customers can choose from an array of 21 funds under this product, comprising 13 equity and four each in the debt and balanced categories, besides offering an option of four portfolio strategies. Announcing the launch, Mr. Amit Palta, Chief

Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "ICICI Pru Platinum, our Company's first unit-linked product designed to make distributor payouts aligned to their customers' fund value, promoting the long-term interests of both. We endeavour to continuously innovate and introduce products and processes which are simple. This is in line with our philosophy of ensuring right product to the right customer at the right price and through the right channel. We have introduced pioneering products on the annuity and pension savings platform. These include an annuity product which offers a 100% refund of all premiums paid from the date of purchase. We also offer a traditional product which allows customers to make partial withdrawals to meet liquidity requirements. Notably, we are the only life insurer in the country to payout commissions to the same

day. Besides, achieving the milestone of issuing ~45% of our savings policies on the same day in FY2024." He further added "Life insurance is all about claims and as a customer friendly brand we aim to settle all claims speedily. This is reflected in our industry leading claim settlement ratio of 99.2% for FY2024 with an average turnaround time of just 1.3 days." ICICI Pru Platinum provides a choice between two life cover variants. The Growth Plus variant entitles the nominee to receive either the sum assured or the fund value, whichever is higher. Whereas the Protect Plus variant offers the nominee both the sum assured and the fund value. About ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company (www.iciciprulife.com) ICICI Prudential Life is promoted by ICICI Bank Limited and Prudential Corporation Holdings Limited. The Company began operations in fiscal 2001 and has consistently been amongst

Non-recovery of cash not prima facie proof no graft took place: HC on Sisodia

NEW DELHI: Non-recovery of ill-gotten money can't be prima facie proof that no corruption has taken place because a person now uses new technologies to commit offences without leaving behind any trace, Delhi high court has observed, while denying bail to AAP's Manish Sisodia in the city excise policy case. In its order pronounced Tuesday and uploaded Wednesday, HC said "recovery of cash from a person may not necessarily be a mandatory requirement in a money laundering case where allegations are part of a conspiracy comprising multiple accused." It added the liquor policy case involves commission of "serious offence" of corruption in public office and laundering, which "strikes at the heart of economic and social systems, undermining the rule of law and eroding public trust in institutions." HC rejects plea of no money being recovered from Sisodia. Delhi High Court rejected the argument that no money was recovered from the former deputy chief minister while pointing out to statements of some hawala dealers and other witnesses recorded in course of the probe. "This court is of the view that the prosecution has made out a prima facie case of commission of money laundering under Section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Manish Sisodia at this stage," high court observed. HC said the form "of corruption which has the tendency of stealing legitimate resources of the poor ordinary people and giving it to the rich can be one of the worst." It noted that the new excise policy has "eradicated" the common and small-time businesses, and gave the entire playing field in the liquor business to those who had "money, power and had created a cartel" on the basis of financial gains to those formulating a policy, which adds to the seriousness of the offence".

NSE Listed Companies' Market Capitalization Surpass USD 5 Trillion

SHIMLA: The market capitalization of Indian listed companies on NSE surpassed USD 5 Trillion (Rs 416.57 trillion) on May 23, 2024. On the same day, the Nifty 50 Index touched an all-time high of 22,993.60. The Nifty 500 index also touched an all-time high of 21,505.25 today indicating that growth in equity market is not restricted to only the large, capitalized stocks. The journey of market capitalization of Indian listed companies from to

USD 2 trillion (July 2017) to USD 3 trillion (May 2021) took about 46 months, USD 3 trillion to USD 4 trillion (December 2023) took about 30 months and the latest USD 5 trillion addition took only about 6 months. The top 5 companies by market capitalization are Reliance Industries Limited, TATA Consultancy Services Limited, HDFC Bank Limited, ICICI Bank Limited and Bharti Airtel Limited. In the last 10 years, Nifty 50 index

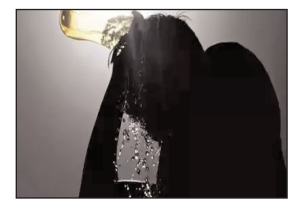
has delivered 13.4% returns (Total price index CAGR). During the same period, domestic mutual fund assets under management (Equity and Debt) increased by 506% from Rs 9.45 trillion end of April 2014 to Rs 57.26 trillion end of April 2024. The Foreign Portfolio investors (FPIs) assets under management (Equity and Debt) increased by 345% from Rs 16.1 trillion end of April 2014 to Rs 71.6 trillion at the end of April 2024.

Growth in market capitalization is not restricted to the top companies but is observed across stocks. The constituents of Nifty 100 index now account for 61% of market capital as compared to 74.9% of total market capital as of April 2014. The resource mobilization by corporates including the Small and Medium Enterprise in the primary market has been encouraging and has provided an effective alternative mechanism in addition

to the traditional methods of fund raising. Liquidity in secondary market has also improved significantly in Capital Market Segment. The equity segment's daily average turnover has increased by over 4.5 times from Rs 17,818 crores in FY15 to Rs 81,721 crores in FY24. The achievement of this milestone is a testament of the vision outlined for the Amrit Kaal which includes a technology-driven and knowledge-based economy.

Urbanization led to overall 60% enhancement in warming in Indian cities: IIT study

BHUBANESWAR: Urbanization alone has led to an overall 60 percent enhancement in warming in Indian cities, with eastern tier-II cities leading the way. It was revealed through a study conducted by the researchers from IIT Bhubaneswar. This research provides a science based quantitative ranking of urbanization for Indian cities. The study titled 'Urbanization and regional climate change-linked warm-



ing of Indian Cities' published in the journal 'Nature Cities' provides insight by carefully separating regional climate change and urbanization in multiple cities. Sethi_Vinoj_NatCities 2024 (1) (1) (1) The researchers investigated the contributions of local-scale urbanization and

regional climate change to the warming in 141 major Indian cities over the past two decades. They took 18 years of high-resolution land surface temperature data from NASA's Aqua satellite for the period between 2003 and 2020. They also compared urban and rural warming trends. The study found that Tier II cities in eastern India showed stronger urbanization-driven warming compared to larger metro cities like New Delhi.

Congress says EC withholding voter data; poll panel says application 'misleading'

NEW DELHI: The Congress criticised the Election Commission (EC) on Thursday for withholding voter data from the public and accused the poll panel of failing to fulfill its constitutional obligations as well as exhibiting a biased inclination.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi accused the EC of attempting to act as the "election department" of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by not addressing complaints of model code violations by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah. Instead, the EC has been issuing generalized directions to political parties, which Singhvi referred to as "false equivalences."

Singhvi's remarks followed the poll panel's submission of an affidavit to the Supreme Court, in which the commission stated that the "indiscriminate disclosure" of polling station-wise voter-turnout data and its publication on the EC website would lead to chaos in the ongoing Lok Sabha election machinery. Singhvi argued that the EC's actions regarding complaints against top BJP leaders and its refusal to disclose voter data are not befitting of a high-level constitutional institution. "This is against the constitutional responsibilities of the institution. This is the Election Commission, not the election agent of any party. When a constitutional institution does not follow the

Constitution and shows inclination towards power, then it should be understood that this is the end of democracy," Singhvi said. "We are not asking the EC about EVMs (electronic voting machines) but about disclosure of data. Through this stand in its ridiculous affidavit, the EC is falling into the BJP's trap to orchestrate decimation and destruction of electoral democracy," he added. Singhvi alleged that the reply filed by the EC in the apex court is just an 'escape mechanism'." This reply of the Election Commission is just an escape mechanism. Whereas anyone can get this data by paying money to the Election Commission," Singhvi alleged.

Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow' Conducts First Ever Design Thinking Workshop to Develop Problem-Solving Skills in School Students

KARNAL: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has introduced the first ever design thinking & training workshop in select schools across the country. This unique initiative, part of Samsung's 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme, focuses on enhancing essential skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, probing, and creativity among students through the Human-Centered Design Thinking framework. The national education and innovation competition aims to foster a culture of innovation amongst the next generation. Tailored specifically for India, the one-day workshop has been conceptualised to encourage students to appreciate the idea of design thinking and nudge them to

identify and solve real-world problems. As part of the academic curriculum, Human-Centered Design Thinking is a powerful practice for solving problems. Using processes and tools from the design world, the Human-Centered Design framework impresses upon empathy, definition, ideation, prototyping and testing of a solution to improve the lives of users. "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is part of our vision to empower the next generation and create an ecosystem of innovation in the country. We believe that they are the flag-bearers of innovation and require nurturing from a young age. The design thinking workshops have been introduced as a pilot in 10 schools this year to motivate young students

to execute projects, which involve problem-solving, collaboration, and creative thinking. Through these offline sessions, school students will get a unique opportunity to question world issues and propose tech-based solutions", said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia. This is how a one-day Design Thinking Workshop looks like: -Introduction to Basic Concepts of Design Thinking -Five Steps of Design Thinking Process 1. Empathy: Students engage in role-play and interviews, empathizing with various user types affected by real-world problems, exploring their experiences and perspectives.

Cyclone 'Remal' to impact West Bengal, adjoining Bangladesh, IMD

NEW DELHI: A low-pressure area over the southwest & adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal moved north-eastwards and is likely to concentrate into a depression over central parts of the Bay of Bengal by the morning of May 24 and is expected to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the east-central Bay of Bengal by May 25, according to India Meteorological Department. And subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm. In a statement, the IMD said, "Low Pressure Area over southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-eastwards and lay as a well-marked low pressure area over west

central & adjoining south Bay of Bengal at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 23rd May, 2024. It is very likely to continue to move north-eastwards and concentrate into a Depression over central parts of Bay of Bengal by morning of 24th May, 2024." "Thereafter, it is very likely to continue to move north-eastwards, intensify further into a cyclonic storm over eastcentral Bay of Bengal by 25th May morning. Subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm," it added. If the cyclone is formed, it will be named 'Remal', and it will be the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon season. According to the IMD.

NEET 'paper leak': Unease in Sangh, ABVP

NEW DELHI: The cancellation of the UGC-NET examination and police probes in Bihar and Gujarat into the alleged leak of the NEET-UG question paper have led to unease in the BJP and RSS affiliates including the student wing ABVP which said Thursday that "jab praja ke taraf se sawaal hai, to sarkar ke taraf se jawab hona chahiye (when people ask questions, the government must answer)." Stating there was a "question mark" on the "credibility" of the National Testing Agency (NTA) that conducts these examinations, ABVP national general secretary Yagywalkya Shukla, referring to the NEET fiasco, told The Indian Express: "There is a perception of mismanagement by NTA. How is it that question papers are reaching 15-20 minutes late in certain centres? How is it that 7-8 students from the same centre get 100% marks? How did 67 students



get 720 marks? There is a question mark on NTA's credibility. Aur jab praja ke taraf se sawaal hai, to sarkar ke taraf se jawab hona chahiye." "Could it be that when the national leadership had its attention elsewhere (in the Lok Sabha elections), something wrong happened? The role of NTA is under the cloud of suspicion. ABVP demands that the entire episode should be investigated by the CBI. The role of NTA should be probed. The process of grace marks should be reviewed. Our delegation has already met Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over this." According to Shukla, the ABVP had started

an agitation on June 5. "We raised questions over the grace marks issue on June 6. And on June 8, we declared a nationwide agitation. The government must work towards ensuring transparency in examinations so that trust of students in the system is retained. Millions of dreams, of both students and parents, are associated with these exams," he said. The ABVP has also passed a resolution regarding this in its Rashtriya Karyakari Parishad (national executive). It has also demanded the setting up of a separate Central agency to just investigate irregularities in exams in the country.

Supreme Court declines to stay NEET counselling; Congress begins protest

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Thursday launched another attack on PM Modi over the alleged irregularities in NEET and cancellation of UGC-NET. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "psychologically collapsed" post-elections and will struggle to run a government like this. "We will punish the culprits, and therefore, we have formed a high level committee to probe the matter," said Pradhan today at a press conference. Meanwhile, today morning, while hearing fresh petitions seeking cancellation of NEET UG 2024, the Supreme Court refused to put a stay in the counselling

process. To further intensify their protest against the BJP-led NDA government in the alleged NEET irregularities, the Congress is today hosting a nationwide protest demanding justice for the NEET UG, UGC NET candidates. Dharmendra Pradhan takes 'moral responsibility' for NEET 'errors', sets up high-level panel In a first admission of irregularity in the conduct of the NEET undergraduate exam this year, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Thursday acknowledged there have been "some errors limited to specific regions", referring to Bihar's investigation into allegations of paper leak, and announced the

setting up of a high-level committee to fix responsibility within the NTA and review its structure and functioning. One of the people suspected of being behind an alleged question paper leak of NEET UG 2024 has told the Bihar police that four aspirants had gathered at a location chosen by him a night before the exam and "memorised answers" of questions from the paper. The Congress party in J&K has started a protest in the area, as a part of the nationwide protest being carried out by Congress today. The J&K wing of Gandhi-led political party is demanding cancellation of NEET UG 2024.

As Patnaik begins a new innings as Opposition leader, in his Assembly team?

Former Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik is all set to begin his new innings — this time on the Opposition benches. On , BJD's legislature party elected him as the Leader of the Opposition after his party lost the state assembly polls to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

or Patnaik, a five-time CM who hasn't lost a single election since his Lok Sabha debut in 1997, this marks a significant change — this is the first time since the BJD's assembly debut in 2000 that the former CM will occupy the Opposition bench. Along with him,

the BJD also elected senior MLA Prasanna Acharya as the deputy leader of the legislature party. Former speaker Pramila Mallik will be the chief whip of the party while former minister Pratap Keshari Deb has been picked as its deputy chief whip.

CAPSULES

As Sukhu's wife hits campaign trail, Himachal Congress divisions come bubbling up

Kangra

Even before Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur could reach Dehra in Kangra district on Thursday to launch her campaign for the July 10 Assembly bypoll, problems had flared up for her in this high-stakes battlefield. State Congress treasurer Dr Rajesh Sharma, whose name Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president Pratibha Singh had recommended for the ticket, vented his anger at Sukhu at a public meeting in Dehra on Wednesday, accusing him of mental harassment. "If anything happens to me, my wife or children, then CM Sukhu will be responsible," Sharma said. Soon afterwards, the Congress leader suffered what was described as a panic attack and was admitted to a hospital in Kangra. A day before, on Tuesday, Thakur's candidature was announced even though Sukhu said more than once that he was not keen on the ticket for his wife. Although Thakur has been an active member of the HPCC for around two decades, she will be making her electoral debut on July 19. In an attempt to end the conflict, she said at her first election rally on Thursday, "Dr Sharma is like a brother. We will soon settle our differences mutually," Thakur told reporters that there would be no lack of development in Dehra and added that "every issue in the constituency will be resolved with the help of the the CM". She said Dehra was her maternal home and no daughter would want her maternal home to remain underdeveloped.

EC sets the ball rolling for J-K polls, electoral roll to be published by Aug

Jammu and Kashmir The poll panel has also started the process for holding 47 by-polls that are due across the country, they said. (Express file photo) The Election Commission (EC) this week kicked off preparations for holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra, by announcing the revision of the electoral rolls by August 20. Sources said the EC wrote to the Chief



Electoral Officers of the poll-bound states and Union Territory on Thursday, giving the schedule of the special summary revision (SSR) of the electoral roll. In a statement on Friday, the EC said the pre-special summary revision exercises, including rationalising the loca-

tions of polling stations to make them more convenient, would start on June 25. The electoral rolls would be updated with the cut-off date of July 1 in the poll-bound states and UT — Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and J-K, the EC said. The draft rolls would be pub-

lished on July 25, after which electors have the chance to file claims and objections till August 9. The publication of the final electoral roll will be done by August 20, as per the schedule. While J-K has not had an Assembly in place since it was dissolved in 2018, the term of the Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand assemblies is ending on November 11, November 26, and January 5, 2025, meaning the elections have to be completed before that.

Bengal CM set to inaugurate Jagannath temple in coastal town

Medinipur

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is all set to inaugurate a Jagannath temple in the coastal town of Digha in Purba Medinipur district in the first week of July. Sources in the state administration said she could inaugurate the temple on the first day of the Ratha Yatra festival, which begins on July 7."The temple is now ready for inauguration. We are waiting for the CM's green signal. After we receive that, we will officially announce the inaugu-



ration date," said a state government official. The Jagannath Dham, built as a replica of the Jagannath temple in Puri in neighbouring Odisha, is located in the seaside resort town adjacent to New Digha



railway station. Spread across 22 acres, the temple, a pet project of the CM, was built for Rs 143 crore, according to the state urban development department. The Jagannath Dham has been built by the West Bengal

Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (WBHIDCO), with the Kolkata-based Design Studio handling the design and architecture. Banerjee laid the foundation stone of the temple, which is located eight km from Chandaneswar temple in Odisha's Balasore district, in 2019. Back then, she claimed that she expected the temple to generate a foot-fall equal to the temple in Puri and said tourists would enjoy the same facilities on Digha's beaches as in Puri.

Kerala JD(S) gives in to LDF pressure, set to form new outfit

Kerala The Janata Dal (Secular)'s Kerala unit, which is an ally of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the state, has decided to float a new outfit, saying that it cannot be part of a party that allies with the BJP. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit president and MLA Mathew T Thomas told the media Wednesday: "The party in Kerala does not want to be known as a fraction of a party that is an ally of BJP. After considering legal aspects, we will take a decision in such a manner to allow all elected members of the party, including those in local bodies, to continue in their posts. A new party will be registered and the state unit of the JD (S) will get merged into that new party," he said. The JD(S) has two MLAs in Kerala —



Thomas and K Krishnakutty. The latter is the power minister in the CPM-led LDF government. The JD(S) joined the BJP-led NDA in September 2023. Since then, the CPM has been putting pressure on the state JD(S) unit to either cut ties with the JD(S) leadership or exit the LDF in the state. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit had then even announced that it had decided to snap ties with the parent party and that it would explore the option of forming a new party to remain with the LDF. But there was no movement on that

front so far. The issue has now assumed urgency after the JD(S) joined the Narendra Modi-led NDA government 3.0 earlier this month, with senior JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy inducted as the Union minister of steel and heavy industries. The CPM started facing heat from other allies of the LDF. Last week, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), which has one MLA in Kerala, has raised questions over the JD(S) continuing to be a part of the LDF Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Buzz over his 'exit' from NCP, Bhujbal keeps Mahayuti, MVA on tenterhooks

Maharashtra civil supplies minister and senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Chhagan Bhujbal is known in state political circles as a firebrand who often speaks his mind. Bhujbal seems to be again keeping his party and the Mahayuti coalition guessing, this time over the Maratha quota issue as well as the Rajya Sabha nomination for party chief Ajit Pawar's wife Suntera. The speculation about Bhujbal's exit from his party amid reports of rising tension among the Mahayuti partners — including the BJP, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit-led NCP — after the NDA's poor show in the recent Lok Sabha polls appears to be adding to the ruling camp's troubles in the



run-up to the state Assembly polls slated for October this year. Meanwhile, fuelling the buzz, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray referred to reports about Bhujbal's possible exit during his address at his party's foundation day event Wednesday. Even as Bhujbal, seen as one of the tallest OBC leaders of the state, has denied any such moves, his statements on being denied the Rajya Sabha berth by

the NCP and his opposition to the inclusion of Marathas in the OBC category have left the Mahayuti leaders red-faced. "I am not upset. While working in a political party you have to make collective decisions. Everything does not happen as per one's wish... There were many aspirants (for a Rajya Sabha berth) but only one can get the nomination. I am not an Independent that I will go by my wish. As a party worker, a party

leader, one has to abide by the party's decision. Sometimes the party faces some compulsions," Bhujbal had said while dispelling rumours that he was upset over Sunetra's nomination. Earlier this week, at a meeting of its supporters, the Bhujbal-headed Mahatma Phule Samata Parishad — an umbrella organisation of the OBC organisations — decided to press for a caste survey — a move which is likely to deepen the fissures between the Mahayuti partners. In the past, Ajit Pawar too has demanded a caste survey on the lines of the one conducted in Bihar by CM and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar. Besides, Bhujbal's position has been at odds with the BJP-led NDA's stand on several issues.

'We didn't play him well': Afghanistan coach Jonathan

NEW DELHI: Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott pointed out the failure to execute plans against India's pace bowler Jasprit Bumrah for their loss in the T20 World Cup Super Eight clash on Thursday. Trott also expressed his disappointment over his team's shot selection in their defeat. "Obviously, Bumrah is going to be a key bowler for any side. For India, he's crucial and we needed to play him better. His figures suggest we didn't play him very well. We'd obviously spoken about it and how we were going to play him. So, we weren't able to execute that and, yeah, that's very disappointing," Trott was quoted as saying by Reuters after the match. "Obviously disappointed with a few of the shots or the decision-making," Trott added. Trott supported skipper Rashid Khan's decision to use his overs early and emphasized the need for other bowlers to step up.

CDRI and MEA organized a workshop



GURUGRAM : CDRI and the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India organized the 'Strengthening Capacity of Power Sector Practitioners in the Indo-Pacific Region: Technical Workshop under the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group' in New Delhi from June 4-7 2024. The four day workshop's objective was to strengthen the power sector's disaster preparedness and management policies to prevent new and reduce disaster risks across the Indo-Pacific. Key discussions included climate risk data and guidelines, power asset vulnerability assessment, resilience planning and investment, infrastructure resilience case studies, and site visits to showcase disaster resilient power infrastructure. Amit Prothi, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, said, "CDRI is proud to partner with the Government of India to support the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group. This workshop will leverage regional expertise to enable better understanding of how to develop disaster resilient power infrastructure across the Indo-Pacific." Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, shared, "There are long-term costs of physical and climate-related disaster events on the power sector. The power generation plants we build today will operate for decades, so they need to be designed and operated taking into consideration the potential impact of climate change and other physical hazards."

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

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 station

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 blood sample collection of the teen accused in this case. He confirmed that though the juvenile was sent to Sassoon General Hospital.

Trademark dispute over tiffin box reaches Delhi HC: Cello CEO summoned

New Delhi: Shree Vallabh Metals in October 2023 had secured an injunction from Delhi HC against use of MAX FRESH trademark by Cello Plastic Industrial Works. A dispute over a trademark related to tiffin boxes has reached the Delhi High Court. Two

leading manufacturers of tiffin boxes and other utensils, Shree Vallabh Metals and Cello Plastic Industrial Works, have locked horns over the 'MAX FRESH' trademark. Hearing the plea of Shree Vallabh Metals, recently, the Delhi HC has summoned the COO of

Cello Household Private Limited to be present before the court on the next date of hearing. "It is directed that Mukesh Kothari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cello Household Private Limited, shall be present next date of hearing.

Tyre exports from India up 12% in H2 of FY24

CHANDIGARH: Tyre exports from India made a sharp recovery in the second half of FY2023-24 and went up by 12% in value terms against the year-ago period, reveals the data recently released by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. In the first half of the year, tyre exports were severely impacted by falling demand in view of slowdown in advanced economies, geopolitical uncertainties and inflationary pressures. The total tyre exports from India during FY2023-24 stood at Rs 23073 crore matching previous year's figure. "The resurgence witnessed in tyre exports in the second half of the year despite a tough external environment

With a turnover of approx. Rs. 90,000 crore and exports of over Rs. 23,000 crore, Indian Tyre Industry is one of the few manufacturing sectors having a high export to turnover ratio. Currently Indian tyres are being exported to over 170 countries in the world

is a testament to the resilience of the Indian Tyre Industry to ride through challenging times and carve a niche for itself. It also points to the compelling value proposition offered by Indian tyre manufacturers on quality which is being appreciated globally", said

Mr Arnab Banerjee, Chairman, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA). With a turnover of approx. Rs. 90,000 crore and exports of over Rs. 23,000 crore, Indian Tyre Industry is one of the few manufacturing sectors having a high export to turnover ratio.

Currently Indian tyres are being exported to over 170 countries in the world. Innovations such as eco-friendly and fuel efficient tyres have particularly resonated with global consumers. Tyre exports have nearly doubled in the last 4 years (FY20-FY24) despite a slew of domestic and external challenges. From Rs 12844 crore in FY20, tyre exports reached Rs 23073 crore in FY24. Indian manufactured tyres are being well accepted across advanced markets such as the US and EU countries. The US continues to be the largest market for Indian tyres accounting for 18% of total tyre exports from India in FY24. Top 5 export markets for Indian manufactured tyres in FY24 included US, Germany, Brazil,

TCS launches AI platform to accelerate GenAI adoption

Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) announced TCS AI WisdomNext to help its clients swiftly adopt new technologies like generative AI (GenAI) at cheap prices. Tech businesses are becoming GenAI-friendly, and this platform follows. The Mumbai-based software exporter was the first Indian IT company to unite AI and cloud operations into AI.Cloud. Instead of having separate teams for each client, the company would



supply AI and cloud solutions under one banner. WisdomNext would bundle different GenAI products and offer clients customized industry blueprints based on the company's experience in various industries. "TCS AI WisdomNext gives enterprises a choice to select the right

large language models at an optimal cost," Ganesan said 100 customers in banking, financial services, retail, consumer goods, travel, manufacturing, life sciences, and healthcare used WisdomNext. Krishna Mohan Reddy, vice-president and deputy head of TCS's AI.Cloud branch, said the platform worked on sales, marketing, code development, and real-time supply chain improvements. TCS CTO Harrick Vin claimed.

Serving the needy is always fruitful: Dr. Vinod Mittal

Kaithal: In view of the heat wave due to increasing heat, a stall was set up and Prasad was distributed at Surya Trading Company located on Kurukshetra Road as a thanksgiving for the victory of Naveen Jindal from Kurukshetra Lok



Sabha constituency. The company's director Praveen Gupta said that the temperature has increased a lot and the heat has made everyone's life miserable, due to which he set up a stall of cold sweet milk (kewra, mango, saffron) and potato chaat. Dr. Vinod Mittal, Praveen Gupta, Chairman Gaurav Mittal Advocate, Shubham Gupta, who were present on the occasion, said that along with this, the victory of Naveen Jindal from Kurukshetra in the recent Lok

Sabha elections is the victory of the entire constituency. Naveen Jindal is another form of social service. The public cannot forget the development work he did while being an MP earlier. Now by electing Naveen Jindal again, people have taken the right decision and soon people will start seeing positive changes in the form of development in the area. He said that every person should keep doing virtuous deeds in his life. Serving the needy is like serving God.

Wadhvani Foundation, AICTE, and other Top Institutes Collaborate to Boost Research Commercialization in India

GURUGRAM : The Wadhvani Foundation, in a significant move, has signed MoUs with AICTE, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Hyderabad, IISc Bangalore, and C-CAMP to establish Wadhvani Innovation Network Centers of Excellence (WIN-COEs) to accelerate the commercialization of academic innovations. This partnership aims to transform academic and laboratory research by Indian faculty, students, and researchers into real-world applications that can be sold, used, or implemented in various industries, thus creating long-term economic value, and benefiting society. Currently,

less than 1% of higher education institutes in India are engaged in research. Their participation in India's Gross Expenditure in Research and Experimental Development (GERD) is just 9%. Consequently, Indian universities lag in market-driven innovation output. The WIN-COEs aim to accelerate home-grown research and discoveries to create an ecosystem that provides inclusive and equitable solutions from emerging technologies, like advanced AI, Synthetic Biology and Bioengineering, Health Tech, Semiconductors, Quantum Computing, and SpaceTech, etc.,

while also fostering collaboration between industry, universities, research institutions, and the government. Aligned with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation's (ANRF) vision of science-driven growth, the initiative will propel innovations that address pressing socio-economic issues. These solutions will be selected by a national jury of experts; the WIN-COEs will provide funding and a variety of in-kind support to make them commercially viable. Dr. Ajay Kela, President & CEO of the Wadhvani Foundation, underscored the transformative potential of innovation and research.

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started his ngo in all over india now these days ishukalra has become one of the mainlead starz in Bollywood in this starz bollywood awards attended by Sara alikhani, Ishu Kalra, Anupam kher, Anupam mittal, shekhar chaudhary, aman verma anchor and many other.