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Minimum wages for unorganised sector to rise as variable DA up

NEW DELHI: The Centre has unveiled an increase in minimum wage rates for workers in the unorganised sector by revising the variable dearness allowance (VDA).

The minimum wage rates are categorised based on skill levels - unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled - and by geographical area: A, B, and C (categorised by cost of living).

After revision, minimum wage rates in area 'A' for workers in construction, sweeping, cleaning, loading and unloading for unskilled work will be Rs 783 a day (Rs 20,358 per month), according to the statement. "This adjustment is aimed at helping workers cope with the rising cost of living," said an official statement.

Workers engaged in building construction, loading and unloading, watch and ward, sweeping, cleaning, housekeeping, mining, and agriculture within central sphere estab-



'On PM's order, BJP killing ...': AAP's Sisodia attacks Delhi LG's order

NEW DELHI: Former Delhi deputy CM and AAP leader Manish Sisodia launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP on Thursday, accusing them of "killing democracy" in the Delhi Municipal Corporation. Sisodia's remarks came in response to an order from Delhi LG VK Saxena, directing the immediate completion of the election for the final member of the MCD Standing Committee by 10 pm. "Tonight, on the orders

of PM Narendra Modi, the BJP is killing democracy in the Delhi Municipal Corporation," said Sisodia. He alleged that the BJP had prior knowledge of the LG's directive and had strategically kept its councillors in the MCD House while AAP and Congress members were absent. Sisodia also criticised the sudden nature of the directive, stating that Mayor Shelly Oberoi had already adjourned the House until October 5 due to chaos during the election process.

ishments, among others will benefit from the revised wage rates. The new wage rates take

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effect from Oct 1. The last revision was done in Apr 2024. For employees in the watch and ward (with arms), the revised minimum wages would be Rs 1,035 per day for area A, Rs 954 for B and Rs 868.

Dell's return to office push faces backlash from employees: "God help them..."

NEW DELHI: Dell has announced that its global sales team must return to the office five days a week starting September 30. The company claims this move will enhance productivity and collaboration. However, many employees are unhappy with the decision, expressing their concerns on social media about potential negative impacts on morale and productivity. Dell's return to office push faces backlash from employees: "God help them..."

Dell's recent announcement mandating a return to the office has sparked a wave of discontent among its employees. Starting September 30, the global sales team at Dell will be required to work from office five days a week.

"The Sales floor is a unique environment that combines high energy with a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. To harness this energy and grow skills, we believe our sales teams



Centre forms Ashvini, JV of nuclear and thermal power plants

MUMBAI: In a major step towards boosting nuclear power generation in the country, the govt has given the go ahead for the formation of a new firm - Ashvini - a joint venture between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). According to

need to be together in the office," the company said in an email to its employees. The email reads "This sales force has a culture of winning and a reputation of outpacing the competition. We are the best in the business! That doesn't come without dedicat-

NPCIL, its share in the new organization will be 51% while NTPC will have 49%. With this, Ashvini is now authorized to build, own, and operate nuclear power plants in India. NPCIL says that this will pave the way for pooling resources in terms of finances and expertise for the rapid expansion of nuclear power.

ed focus, perseverance and grit. To uphold this legacy, we must continuously work at it. To grow faster than the market and take share, we must always be sharpening our edge." "The Sales floor is a unique environment that combines.

Undertrial in Pulwama terror attack case shifted to Jammu GMCH

JAMMU: Bilal Ahmed Kuchay - a 27-year-old undertrial prisoner involved in the Pulwama terror attack in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed on Feb 14, 2019 - was shifted from Kishtwar District Jail to Jammu GMCH's ICU early Tuesday after he developed health complications. The 27-year-old suffers from Guillain-Barré syndrome, a condition wherein the body's immune system attacks the nerves, causing weakness, numbness or paralysis. NIA had arrested Bilal, a sawmill owner, in July 2020 for his links with the Pulwama attack and booked him under relevant sections of the law, including UAPA. A native of Hajjibaal-Lalhar, Kakapora, in Pulwama district, Bilal was the seventh accused arrested.

ICICI Prudential Life tops Claim Settlement Ratio at 99.35% in Q1-FY2025

GURGAON/FARIDABAD: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has declared a claim settlement ratio of 99.35% for Q1-FY2025, the highest amongst all life insurance companies in the country. Notably, the average claim settlement turnaround time was just 1.2 days. Also, during this period the total value of death claims settled by the Company was at Rs. 381.24 crore.

Mr. Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, Customer Service, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said, "Life insurance is a product which ensures the financial security of the family in case of loss of the earning member. Therefore, we process every claim with utmost sensitivity and quickly. For Q1-FY2025 we had an individual death claim settlement ratio of 99.35% and the average time taken to settlement a non-investigative death claim was just 1.2 days. We believe our claim settlement ratio is the best in the industry. For this same period, we settled claims totalling Rs. 381.24 crore. We have a history of consistently having an industry leading claim settlement ratio. For instance, in Q1-FY2024 it was 97.94%, for Q2-FY2024 it stood at 98.14%, in Q3-FY2024 it was 98.52% and for FY2024 it was 99.17%. Our 'Claim For Sure' service initiative promises to settle all eligible death claims in one day after submission of all required documents. Specifically, under this initiative we settled claims amounting to Rs. 68.74 crore in Q1-FY2025.

Technology solutions implemented have enabled us to significantly reduce claim processing time besides offering convenient touch-points such as WhatsApp, Mobile app, Website to lodge and track claims.

Concerted attempts were being made by AAP govt in the capital to "mislead" courts

NEW DELHI: The office of lieutenant governor V K Saxena has written to the Union home ministry alleging that concerted attempts were being made by AAP govt in the capital to "mislead" courts by filing "motivated and premeditated petitions" with the apparent aim of "influencing" the justice delivery system. In a five-page communication, Saxena's principal secretary Ashish Kundra alleged that "patently



false affidavits" were being filed by the elected dispensation to secure an endorsement for such motivated petitions. "GNCTD vs LG in various matters in different courts has become the prevalent

norm, rather than an exception," he said, referring to specific cases. "The attempts obviously are, apart from misleading the courts, (intended) to create a false media narrative which maligns the constitu-

tional office of LG in public domain." In transferred subjects, LG has no role to play: Letter to Centre Kundra referred to several cases that are currently before Supreme Court and Delhi high court, arguing that it not only "overburdened" the judiciary but also caused expenditure of crores of rupees on "scurrilous" litigation and wastage of time of public officials.

"Pervasive problem of violence against women in India" will not be solved

LONDON A new academic study has found that the "pervasive problem of violence against women in India" will not be solved by men protecting women, as such patriarchal sexist beliefs can also be harmful. The first large-scale analysis of associations between sexism and tolerance of violence against women in India, written by academics in the UK, New Zealand and US, has found that patronising beliefs about women



that are framed in protective terms can make them more vulnerable to violence as they create a power dynamic in which women are subordinate to their male partners. "Prescriptions that women should be protected from out-

siders can simultaneously legitimise men's dominance within relationships, thus reinforcing the very inequalities that make women more vulnerable to violence," the paper said. The research paper, titled "Ambivalent Sexism and Tolerance of Violence Against Women in India", has been published by Psychological Science, a top empirical journal in psychology and the flagship journal of the US-based Association.

Biden gives 'salesman' Zelenskyy more weapons as Trump fumes about US getting suckered

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden on Thursday announced an \$8 billion "surge" in "security assistance" to Ukraine, including supply of a glide bomb that will enhance Kyiv's strike capability against Russia. Moscow has warned that use of missiles that can strike deep into Russia could trigger nuclear retaliation. The White House announcement of the military aid, which came ahead of Zelenskyy's meeting with Biden and Kamala Harris in Washington, drew a furious response from the MAGA leadership and its rank and file, which is accusing the Ukrainian leader of bilking American taxpayers and leading the US into a world



war. MAGA supremo Donald Trump denounced Zelenskyy as the "greatest salesman in history" saying at a rally that "every time he comes into the country, he walks away with \$60 billion," while arguing the US is stuck in the Ukraine-Russia war and will not be able to get out unless he becomes president. "Biden and Kamala -got us into this war in Ukraine, and now they can't get us out. I think that we're stuck in that war

unless I'm president. I'll get it done. I'll get it negotiated, I'll get out. We gotta get out. Biden says, 'We will not leave until we win.' What happens if they win?' Trump, who is seen as a Russian stooge by Washington's establishment traditionalists, said at a rally. "Zelenskyy's only strategy for victory is to embroil us in World War III. And VP Harris is all for it," Trump's surrogate Robert Kennedy Jr tweeted, as MAGA principals raged at

the Ukrainian leader being flown to Pennsylvania on a US military plane to visit a munitions factory, and subsequently making remarks critical of Trump's running mate JD Vance, which MAGA surrogates claimed is tantamount to election interference. While many MAGA associates are transparently pro-Russia, Kamala Harris too is openly playing for the votes of 800,000 Polish-Americans in Pennsylvania, a battleground state. Poland is Ukraine's neighbor and fears Russia. Domestic politics aside, apprehension that the world could stumble into a nuclear war is coursing through geopolitical circles after Russia's President Vladimir Putin announced.

Iltija seeks emotional connect with voters

BIJBEHARA: Her roadshows are like few on view. Standing atop a SUV, a dupatta draping her head, debutant Iltija Mufti sports a wide smile with folded hands, the deft sway of her head quietly seeking support over a noisy gathering. But in no time, she could be seen grabbing a party flag from a supporter and leading the sloganeering, her slender frame jerking to her lusty chants of "joonu joonu, PDP joonu", her two fists raised, a squeaky voice bearing the novelty of an upstart. She could be the mild-mannered grandfather Mufti Mohd Sayeed or aggressive mother Mehbooba Mufti. To those witnessing this unfold in real time realise it is a tough battle to become an MLA.

'Conversation with PM Modi went over an hour': Chess Olympiad gold medallist R Praggnanandhaa

NEW DELHI: Indian chess grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa expressed his elation following the team's gold medal win at the 45th Chess Olympiad. Reflecting on the achievement, he stated, "Our goal in the Olympiad was to win the gold. This is a historic achievement. We are all very happy with the way we have played. For both men and women, winning the gold is a special experience." Praggnanandhaa highlighted the significance of the victory, emphasizing the hard work and dedication that led to this milestone for Indian chess. The achievement marks a pivotal moment, showcasing the rising talent and competitive spirit within the country's chess community. One of the memorable

highlights of the experience was the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Meeting PM Modi was a very good experience, and we had a conversation for over an hour. PM Modi was very gracious in giving us his time and he was answering all our questions and sharing his experiences," Praggnanandhaa shared while speaking to ANI. The interaction with the Prime Minister not only uplifted the players' spirits but also reinforced the importance of their achievement on a national level. The gold medal victory is not just a personal triumph for the players but a proud moment for the entire nation.

I was Tulsi Sur Kabira,,,,, Poetry seminar organized

Prayagraj/Bareilly: Under the aegis of the Writers' Association, a poetry seminar was organized at Banke Bihari Hotel under the Hindi Fortnight, which was presided over by senior poet-lyricist Kamal Saxena. The poetry seminar started with the worship of Maa Vani by Dr. Nisha Sharma. Kamal Saxena while reading his song dedicated to Hindi said, "I was Darvesh Kabira. I was Tulsi Sur Kabira. I drank garal at every step, after all I there was also a Mira." Poet Rajesh Gaur said, "Hunger takes its share." Meena Aggarwal said, "Put my heart in your heart yourself." President of the organization, Deepti Pandey said while reading her ghazal, "Look at which every person is worried. It seems like a storm is



coming. Wherever you look there is a dilemma-like situation. Man seems to be unaware of the new results. Vice President of the organization, Alpina Narayan read her ghazal in this way, 'I am going to light the lamp of love. I am going to steal you from you.'" Kiran Prajapati Dilwari, while reading her poem, said, "If I don't speak then my pen will say 'Sushila Dhasmana Muskaan while reading her ghazal said, 'Look, the streets have become deserted. Look, people have become monsters. Dr. Nisha Sharma, 'Moon and stars wherever they want light. I only want you at that place. Kamal Kant Tiwari, while reading the composition of patriotism, said, 'The conch is blown in the temple and the azaan is in the mosque. I have my own prayer.' Mona Pradhan said, 'A dot on the head of Mother India. It is the pride of Hindi,' Kiran Kainthwal, Secretary of the organization, read a couplet like this, 'You who lives in the house of my heart, I feel like I should talk a little.'

Kamal Saxena, Rajesh Gaur, SK Kapoor, Avinash Aggarwal, Binu Sinha, Kamalkant Tiwari, Kiran Prajapati Dilwari, Alpina Narayan, Dr. Nisha Sharma, Deepti Pandey, Kiran Kainthwal, Meena Aggarwal, Meera Mohan, Mona Pradhan, Sushila Dhasmana participated in the poetry seminar. Poets like Muskaan, Seema Saxena etc. graced the program by reading their works. In the end, Dr. Nisha Sharma and Oz poet Kamalkant Tiwari were honored for their contribution in literature by covering them with shawls and giving mementos. Patron of the organization, Mrs. Nirmala Singh could not come to the seminar due to ill health. He sent his message for the success of the program which was read out by President Deepti Pandey. The poet seminar was beautifully and successfully conducted by the President of the organization Deepti Pandey Nutan. In the end, the president of the organization, Deepti Pandey Nutan expressed her gratitude to all the poets and poetesses and invited everyone for food.

NSDC and SHRM Collaborate to Empower India's Workforce for Skilled Future

Varanasi: In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the National Skill Development Corporation has collaborated with SHRM India, the India arm of the world's largest HR organization to co-create pathways and build actionable frameworks for future-ready skilling and employability in a fast-changing world. The pioneering initiative named HR Leadership Council Connect was launched, marking a significant step forward in addressing India's evolving skill development needs.

This initiative brought together industry leaders and senior HR professionals to discuss strategies for reskilling and upskilling corporate and industrial workforce, in response to a fast-changing employment landscape triggered in part by technological advancements and the changing nature of work itself, post the pandemic.



Swiggy Limited files UDRHP-I with SEBI

Varanasi: Swiggy Limited, the new-age, consumer-first technology company which offers users an easy-to-use convenience platform, accessible through a unified app - to browse, select, order and pay for food ("Food Delivery"), grocery and household items ("Instamart"), and have their orders delivered to their doorstep through its on-demand delivery partner network, filed its UDRHP-I with SEBI for its IPO. The public offer comprises of a fresh issue of Fresh Issue of up to Rs. 3,750 Crore and Offer for Sale of up to 185,286,265 equity shares of face value of Rs. 1 per equity share.

In accordance with the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement, the Company and Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, may consider an issuance of specified securities, including by way of a private placement or such other route as may be permitted under applicable law, for a cash consideration of up to Rs. 750 Crore, at its discretion, prior to filing of the Red Herring Prospectus with the RoC, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, if any ("Pre-IPO Placement"). If the Pre-IPO Placement is undertaken, the Fresh Issue size will be reduced to the extent of such Pre-IPO Placement, subject to the Offer complying with Rule 19(2) (b) of the SCRR.

Poets mesmerized audience with their creations in Kavi Sammelan at NCZCC

Prayagraj: Today there is no weak woman and her fame is no less than anyone else. These daughters decorate two houses, wealth goes to the elder of the daughters. Shivam Hathgami read these lines while talking about the importance of daughters. The occasion was the Kavi Sammelan organized by the North Central Region Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India under Hindi Fortnight. In this, poets from different districts of Prayagraj made the audience laugh and tickle with their brilliant lines and also presented the reality of the society. The program started with Mother's Vandana Swar Taal Chhand Laya Prakharatam So Gyan Do O Maa Hrihary Mein Prem Ka Amazing Vihaan Do. After this, to create the

symbol of liberation on Bharati's spear, do not forget any breath that was sacrificed, the history of pacifists is dear but do not forget the history of revolutionaries, these lines of Veer Rasa were read by the famous Mishra. Kumar Vikas read that your face may not fall, you don't feel like telling the truth. When she hears a sound, she knows who she is, my mother recognizes me without glasses. This composition of Shringaar by Shivam Hathgami left the audience emotional. Poet Preeti Pandey called daughters the mirror of the society and read that who says that daughter is a prong, daughter is the flower of the courtyard of the house, blessings are showered on those in the world who accept the daughter. In the same se-

quence, Abhijeet Mishra told that there is no solution to the world's problems but the world's doors have been locked. Lakhani ji was crying bitterly while watch-

Dhananjay Shashwat tickled the audience a lot by reciting a humorous poem. He read it slowly, it has become dawn with all his might, he is turning away



ing that the world's doors have been locked and the shade of sweetness is Hindi, golden. Hindi is sunshine, Hindi is in line with the dignity of our nation, Hindi is the natural reflection of our feelings.

Students from various colleges participated in the essay competition organized under Hindi Pakhwada, in which the winning students were also rewarded. From Jagat Taran Girls Intermediate College, Prayagraj, first prize went to Anshika Gupta, second prize went to Anjali Shukla and third prize went to Kajal Pal. Kritika Sonkar from St. Anthony Girls Intermediate College got first prize, Abha Maurya and Annaya got second prize and Nimisha Yadav got third prize. From Jwala Devi Vidya Mandir Intermediate College, Anirudh Vajpayee got the first prize, Nitin Mishra got the second prize and Ashish Kumar got the third prize. From Rani Revati Devi Saraswati Vidya Niketan Intermediate College, Adarsh Giri got the first position, Richa Singh got

the second position and Anuj Kumar Pal got the third position, while 15 girl students got the consolation prize. Addressing the program, Director-in-charge of the center Ashis Giri said that we are proud of Indian art. There is no discussion anywhere in the world to the extent that culture and literature are discussed. Hindi is our heritage. Instead of a 15-day Hindi fortnight every year, it should be a reflection of our language and culture every day. He encouraged all the girl students by giving them certificates and awards. The Kavi Sammelan was presided over by Vikhyaat Mishra and the stage was conducted by Sharad Mishra. A large number of people were present on this occasion.

Wave of mourning among BJP members on demise of ex-MLA Neelam Karwaria

Prayagraj: There is a wave of mourning among BJP people on the demise of former BJP MLA Neelam Karwaria Mrs. Neelam Karwaria She was suffering from liver cirrhosis and was being treated in a private hospital in Hyderabad. When her health became serious, the doctor put her on a ventilator on Thursday, but still there was no improvement in her health and she died late in the night. District Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani told that Mrs. Neelam Karwaria is the daughter of former MLA Late Shiv Naresh Mishra and wife of former MLA Udaybhan Karwaria and since her husband former MLA Udaybhan Karwaria was in jail in the Jawahar massacre case, she contested for the first time on BJP ticket in 2017. Elected as MLA from Meja assembly and she fully invested her MLA fund in the development of Meja area and in 2022 she had to face

defeat against SP candidate. Her age was around 55 years. Her date of birth was 2 July 1969 and her marriage

were brought to his personal residence Kalyani Devi Kothi at 7:00 pm via Lakhanpur office of

MLAs and former MLAs, senior leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party and other political parties and business-



was before. She was married to MLA Udaybhan Karwaria on 6 March 1992. She breathed her last, leaving behind her two daughters Samridhi and Sakshi Karwaria and a son Saksham Karwaria.

Her mortal remains were brought by air ambulance from Hyderabad to Babatpur Airport in Varanasi and from there by ambulance. His last rites

Vidhansabha Meja, his work place. His last rites will be performed at Rasulabad Ghat on September 28 at 10:00 am. Media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani informed about his last journey. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, many Cabinet and State Ministers, Mayor, District Panchayat President, MPs and former MPs,

men and social workers will be present on his death. Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, Brajesh Pathak, several ministers and MLAs and thousands of workers including Mayor Ganesh and BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra expressed their condolences through social media and will pay tribute to him by attending his funeral.

Bhagat Singh was the flame of freedom revolution Tribute paid to the great revolutionary Bhagat Singh

Prayagraj: Amar Krantikari Tribute Group paid tribute to the great revolutionary Bhagat Singh in the courtyard of Narayan Vatika by remembering him on the occasion of his 117th birth anniversary. On this occasion, Tribute Group President Rajesh Kesarwani and BJP leader Kumar Narayan Said that revolutionary Bhagat Singh, who left his indelible mark in the country's freedom movement, was born on 28 September 1907. Bhagat Singh, the immortal son of Mother India, was the flame of the freedom revolution. With his sacrifice, he helped in taking the Indian freedom movement to new heights. Played an important role. His thoughts and sacrifice should always be remembered. He intensified the

freedom revolution with his vigorous thoughts. His speeches and thoughts warmed the blood of Indians and strengthened the voice raised for the demand for independence. The entire life of Bhagat Singh is an inspiration for the youth, program



coordinator Shatrughan Jaiswal. On this occasion, Kumar Narayan, Pramod Modi, Ajay Agrahari, Girjesh Mishra, Kamlesh Kesarwani, Sushil Jain, Arjun Kushwaha, Harish Mishra, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Neeraj Kesarwani, Abhilash Kesarwani, Padmakar Srivastava Rajesh Sharma Madhur Mathur Shrestha Chaurasia etc. paid tribute.

UP Int'l Trade Show: Minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal inspired youth to become self-reliant

Lucknow: On the third day of Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show organized at India Expo Center and Mart, Greater Noida. State Minister of Vocational Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) Kapil Dev Aggarwal inspected various activities of the Skill Development Mission and live skill demonstrations. During this, while appreciating the training and opportunities being provided to the youth of the state, he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, this international trade show will be organized to provide information to the youth of the state about the schemes run by the government as well as to help them shape their future. He said that through Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, youth are getting the opportunity to gain proficiency in modern technologies, through which they can get better employment opportunities. During the show, he met the youth and



inspired them to improve their skills by joining the schemes of the state government and move ahead in the field of employment. In the skill development pavilion of the trade show, the skilled youth of the state gave live demonstration of various specific skills. Which included technical and traditional handicrafts as well as modern technologies. These demonstrations provided detailed information to the visitors about the emerging skills and training programs of Uttar Pradesh. After this, Kapil Dev Aggarwal also visited other pavilions in the trade show and got detailed information by visiting various stalls there. He interacted with producers and entrepreneurs to learn about their experiences and appreciate them. The Minister said that such programs are not only giving opportunities to the youth and entrepreneurs of the state to move forward, but are also providing a platform to Uttar Pradesh to emerge as an important center of international trade. On this occasion, Principal Secretary Alok Kumar, Additional Mission Director Priya Singh and other dignitaries were also present.

Bhagwat: The world is genuinely one

Dayashankar Tiwari 'Maun's book 'Maa Bharati Ke Sarathi' launched

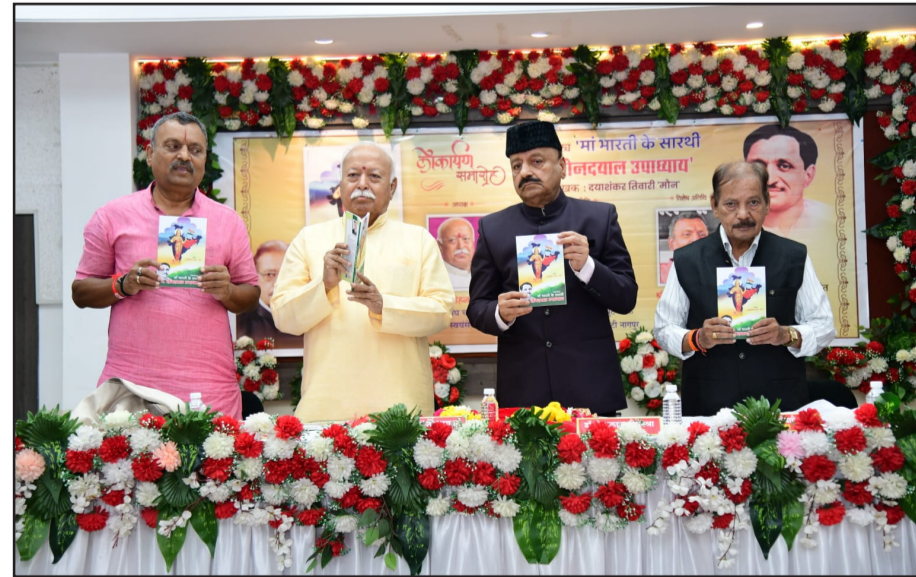
Lucknow/Nagpur: No life exists without strife. This is experience, yet there is some coordination buried in the fight. We intend to unite the planet by force. According to Mohan Bhagwat, Sarsangchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the world is actually one. He stated that all of the trials were conducted during the previous two thousand years. All of the trials have produced some mechanism, but none have succeeded in bringing happiness and tranquility into people's lives. Material growth is approaching its height, yet the measures taken to achieve it are leading humanity to ruin. This is something that all minds throughout the world believe. So what is the solution? The answer rests in our tradition, since we have accepted all of these things while not rejecting anyone.

We accepted everyone, as is customary. Our ideas are based on our personal experiences. The truth is beyond description. A knowledgeable individual is one who says nothing when asked what truth means. For example, he stated that we will use force to unite the world. The planet truly is one. It is

solely the wish of one for me to become different. There is diversity. It is not a viable option to forcefully unite the globe by removing difference. Understanding that we are one comes

During this, citizens were guided by releasing a book at the hands of Sarsangchalak Bhagwat. On this occasion, former Mayor Dayashankar Tiwari, Chancellor Dr. Vedprakash

Tiwari presented many examples on simplicity of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and underlined the connection of a personality like Lata Mangeshkar in the life struggle of 'silence'. Profes-



from living in and embracing this. Diversity extends a little farther. Beyond a certain point, there is just unity rather than diversity, since oneness is everlasting. That is the truth.

The launch program of famous writer and poet Dayashankar Tiwari 'Maun's great drama book 'Maa Bharati Ke Sarathi Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay' was organized in the Vidarbha Hindi Sahitya Sammelan.

Mishra, Sahaj Mahila Chaube, Manish Trivedi, Nitin Bansod, Avinash Bagde, Alka Tiwari, Atul Trivedi, Abhilash Tiwari, Girish Vyas, Priyanka Thakur, Poonam Mishra etc. were present.

During the program, the author of the book Dayashankar Tiwari 'Maun' guided the citizens present about the book. As a special guest, former mayor of Nagpur, Dayashankar

sor of Dutta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, Chancellor Vedprakash Mishra, while guiding the citizens present, threw light on the simple life of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. The program was conducted by renowned satirist Anil Malokar. Presenting the introduction, famous poet Atul Trivedi shared the family and social aspects of 'Maun'. Abhishek Tiwari expressed his gratitude.

Two-day International Conclave, Krishi Mantrana concluded at SHUATS

Prayagraj: The two-day International Conclave, Krishi Mantrana - 2024, was organized by the Department of Agricultural Economics, SHUATS, Kumar Tiwari, Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Pro.



Prayagraj: The valedictory ceremony featured Professor Arun Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, as the Chief Guest. Distinguished guests included Dr. Mukul Chaturvedi, Vice President of the Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Commission, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Dr. Ashwani

Dr. Ir. Jonathan Lal, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Pro. Vishwaroop Mehra, Director of Research, Dr. S.D. Makarty, Director of Extension, Dr. Praveen Charan, Pro. Dr. Ashish S. Noel, Head of Department, Faculty Dean of FMSS, Director of Staff Welfare, Senior Scientist Dr. Madan Sen Singh, and Dr. Shailendra Kumar Singh was also present.

Minister Nandi expressed condolences on demise of ex-MLA

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi expressed condolences and sorrow on the demise of Neelam Karwariya, former MLA of Meja assembly constituency but for the entire Prayagraj. It is a prayer to God to give place to the departed soul at His feet and to give strength to the bereaved family members and supporters to bear this immense loss.

Sur-O-Sangeet Dance Academy nominated in "National Excellence Award 2024"

Prayagraj: Sur O Sangeet Dance Academy Prayagraj has been nominated as the "Best Dance Academy" in the National Excellence Awards 2024. Sur



o Sangeet Academy has been providing proper guidance to artists of different age groups to participate in state, national level and professional artists in national level dance competitions. Founder and Chief Instructor of the Academy, Anjana Banerjee, on 28th September in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh on Interna-

NUJ organized tree plantation and tribute meet today On birth anniversary of Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh

Prayagraj: General Secretary of National Union of Generalists Prayagraj District Unit Rajiv Kumar Singh and Organization Minister. Akhilesh Shukla issued a joint press release saying that today, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sher-e-Hindustan Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh, NUJ Prayagraj, tree plantation and a tribute meeting has been organized in the memory of the great patriot Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh. In the program, famous doctors of the city and doctors of Asia were present. Dr. Sushil Kumar Sinha will be the Chairman of P Trust, a large educational trust. Along with this, journalists, social workers

and officials of some departments from across the district will also participate. The said officials said that the Kayakam organized near Ayyappa Temple near Nehru Pak will start from 3 pm. And an appeal will be made to take inspiration from the patriotism of immortal martyr Bhagat Singh and the Government of India will also be demanded to give Bharat Ratna to all the revolutionary patriots including Bhagat Singh. So that proper respect can be given to the patriots who were martyred in our freedom movement. Every Indian should be able to have complete information about the martyrs' sacrifices and sacrifices for the country.

Curtains draw over official language Hindi Fortnight at RTMM

Prayagraj: The closing ceremony of the official language Hindi Fortnight, which ran from 13 to 27 September 2024, at Rajarshi Tandon Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Prayagraj, was concluded on Friday. The program started with lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. The chief guest of the function was Dr. Dhananjay Chopra (Course Coordinator, Center of Media Studies, Allahabad University Prayagraj). In his lecture, Dr. Chopra explained how changing times affect all dimensions of life. Language, culture and media are also among the tools which are always dynamic. In his lecture, he said that language is not dependent on any subject, language is a part of our life, every language has ethnic, religious, regional and political resonance.

Dr. Chopra said in his lecture that in today's digital era, where it is the time of chat, GPT, artificial intelligence and digital story, where virtual contents are

increasing and real content is decreasing, in such a time, saving our language, saving our dreams, The time has come to save, save our loved ones, save words, save the flow of language and save creativity. For this, it is necessary for the students to understand new words, understand the feelings of the people, understand their languages because language is the rhythm of sounds and is the proof of our being alive. We all are media because we all have such materials related to communication technology through which we can say our things and reach people very easily, but for this everyone, students will have to be expert in new words. They have to save their creativity, for this they have to learn to write stories, develop speaking style, develop the tone of their speech and use such words which go into the minds of people. For this, students have to learn to connect with people. We have to learn to read happiness and sorrow, we have to learn to read



power, we have to learn to read politics and we have to learn to read today's cinema world because the one who reads, the one who creates, the one who survives, the one who survives, the one who sells.

In his lecture, Dr. Chopra, while explaining the increasing influence of Hindi, said that Hindi is being taught in 200 universi-

ties of the world, 90 lakh websites are in Hindi and Hindi is the fastest growing language at the rate of 90 pc. Dr. Chopra said that language students need to learn such words which stick in people's minds. We should also try to have a good command over the language while talking to different communities. In today's time, if we want to

save our creativity and change the voice of the weak into the voice of the strong, then we will have to work on the flow of our language, the expression of our language. Dr. Chopra shares some experiences of his personal life. In this Hindi Fortnight, which will run from 13 to 27 September 2024, various competitions will be held - slogan

competition, essay competition, recitation competition of poems of Hindi poets, story competition, letter writing competition, self-composed poetry recitation competition, Hindi General knowledge competition and speech competition on language and literature were organized in which students of SS Khanna Girls Degree College, Arya Kanya Degree College, Jagat Taran Girls Degree College, KP Training College, Allahabad Degree College, Ishwar Sharan Degree College and Allahabad University participated. Took part. In this program, certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions. The program was coordinated and conducted by Professor Neelima Singh. The welcome and vote of thanks in the program was done by Principal Professor Ranjana Tripathi. Dr. Renu Anand, Dr. Renu Anand, Dr. Shamnaaz, Dr. Anamika Tiwari, Dr. Ashwani Rai and Dr. Anil Kumar were present in the program.

It has become difficult for poor people to get treatment: Ashfaq

Prayagraj: A farmers seminar was held in Gram Sabha Bhopatpur under the chairmanship of Indian National Congress member Ashfaq Ahmed. Expressing his views on the problems of farmers and laborers in the meeting Ahmed said that today under the rule of BJP, people are worried and distressed due to inflation, unemployment and other basic needs. Life saving medicines have become so expensive that common people cannot buy them. It has become very expensive and difficult for poor people to get their treatment. Fertilizers, medicines and electricity have become so expensive for the farmers that it has become very difficult and difficult for them to do

farming. The prices of DAP are skyrocketing, DAP is not available at any centre,



farmers' crops are at stake, in such a situation, farmers are wandering from door to door without DAP. BJP government is silent. Our Prime Minister and Chief Minis-

ter are busy organizing inaugurations and getting their names and photos

the BJP government is anti-farmer and anti-people. People are suffering from inflation and unemployment. If you and I do not think in time, the situation in the country will become very dire. We demand from the government that DAP and electricity should be made available on time so that the farmers can sow on time, otherwise the farmers will be forced to protest, for which the entire responsibility will be on the government. Aman Mishra, Bhim, Mohammad Ayub, Mohammad Jamil, Rahul Tiwari, Mohammad Sailani, Govind Singh Chandel, Mohammad Shahid, Anwar, Vipin Mishra, Maqbool Alam, Dilip Dubey, Gulab Pasi etc. were prominently present in the program.

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ACA expressed condolences on demise of Neelam Karwariya

Prayagraj: Allahabad Cricket Association's condolence meeting on the death of former MLA Neelam Karwariya, wife of former MLA Udaybhan Karwariya, organizer of the All India Vashishtha Muni Karwariya Cricket Competition, was held under the chairmanship of Director RP Bhatnagar, in which a two-minute silence was observed and prayers were offered to God for the peace of her soul. Prayer took place. Dr. Sunil Verma, Dr. Suresh Dwivedi, SD Kautilya, Yasar Hasan, Dr. Julie Ojha, Raghav Dwivedi, Satyavrat Sahay, Anurag Srivastava, Utpal Das, Salim Ahmed, LB Kala, Someshwar Pandey, Shishir Mehrotra, Khurshid Ahmed attended the condolence meeting. Raine, Vivek Singh, Ajay Kushwaha, Ankit Pandey, Pritesh Sonkar etc. expressed grief.



Municipal Corporation employee opposed construction of govt drain

Prayagraj: Alleged Revenue Inspector Amit Banerjee Municipal Corporation Prayagraj refused to dig a government drain in front of his house. Stopped the drain being built in New Bairahna Ward No. 13 Bengali Tola. Amit Banerjee, the alleged revenue inspector of Municipal Corporation Prayagraj, and his wife, assistant teacher Sudha, obstructed the government work, saying that we do not need a drain. Whereas on the demand of the locality, Mayor Ganesh Kesharwani had given permission to build the drain. Locality resident Ashish Sinha said that there was a situation of severe water logging in the locality. The whole neighborhood was worried. The work started on the initiative of councilor Akash Sonkar. It is surprising that BK Satbhai has misused his position by a government servant. Councilor Akash Sonkar requested not to obstruct government work. However, the work is currently on hold.



Why Gen Z Can't Get Enough of Ozempic: Ayurvedic Experts Share Their Views

Instead of drugs with side effects, Poly Scientific Ayurveda offers lifestyle modifications and natural therapies, he adds

Prayagraj: Ozempic has recently taken social media by storm, gaining attention for its ability to induce rapid weight loss along with growing concerns about its potential side effects. Originally designed and prescribed as a treatment for Type-2 Diabetes, the drug has now become a popularized "quick fix" for weight management. Its sudden rise to fame has made it a controversial subject, as its high cost and the risks associated with its use raise questions about its safety and long-term effects. While some celebrities have openly endorsed Ozempic, touting its effectiveness, others have voiced strong opposition, citing the dangers and ethical concerns tied to its off-label use.

The surge in its popularity has led people, even in India, to seek it through the grey market or opt for available alternatives within the same category. Health experts caution that the indiscriminate use of many of these drugs, including Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro and Zepbound, could result in unexpected side effects. In India, two other

drugs are being used for weight loss: liraglutide, an injectable that has been available for several years, and an oral form of semaglutide known as Rybelsus.

"Not only Ozempic but most weight loss drugs that lead to drastic weight reduction come with their own share of risks.



Therefore, taking these medications, whether in injectable or oral form, should never be done without proper medical supervision. Traditional medicine teaches that every individual has a unique body type and metabolism, and taking any medication without assessing a person's constitution can be ineffective or even harmful," says Dr Ravishankar Polisetty, the pioneer of Poly Scientific Ayurveda (PSA).

He suggests that blending traditional Ayurvedic knowledge with modern medicine can help reduce the use of drugs and develop personalised treatment plans for individuals aiming for weight loss. "Take, for example, two celebrities following different approaches to weight loss. One succeeds with intermittent fasting, while the other loses weight by eating small meals every 1.5 to 2 hours. This demonstrates that their metabolic types are different. So, how do we determine someone's metabolic type? This is where

Poly Scientific Ayurveda can be effective," explains Dr Polisetty.

He says that by creating animal models of the three Ayurvedic doshas-Vata, Pitta, and Kapha-PSA researchers studied how these doshas affect metabolic function. "For instance, Vata types have hyper-excitable tissues that burn ATP (the energy molecule derived from glucose) faster, leading to quicker energy depletion. These individu-

als require a steady supply of glucose and benefit from eating every 1.5 to 2 hours, rather than practicing intermittent fasting," elucidates Dr Polisetty.

On the other hand, Pitta types are characterized by hyperactive mitochondria, which means they burn glucose quickly, while Kapha types are both hypo-excitable and hypometabolic. "That means Kapha individuals, due to their slow metabolism, are more likely to benefit from drugs like Ozempic and practices like intermittent fasting," says the expert. He adds that recognised PSA practitioners can assess an individual's metabolic fingerprint through the VPK 42 fingerprint method. "This helps them tailor a personalised regimen that includes diet, exercise, pranayama, and yoga, based on one's metabolic type and body constitution. This approach offers sustainable, long-term results, making it more than just a complementary solution, but a mainstream approach to achieving health and wellness," concludes Dr Polisetty.

AIMIM State President Shaukat Ali to hold meet on Sunday

Prayagraj. On Sunday at 11:00, an important meeting of the representatives of 12 districts of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen is going to be held in Prayagraj Allahabad near Royal Cafe Sahson intersection, which includes Kaushambi, Allahabad, Pratapgarh, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Jaunpur. The presence of all the District Presidents, General Secretary, Youth President, General Secretary, Metropolitan President, Legislative Assembly Presidents and officials of Purvanchal and State of the respective districts of Ghazipur, Chandauli, Banaras, Sonbhadra, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh is mandatory. The chief guest of the program will be AIMIM State President Shaukat Ali. The information was given by Metropolitan President Afsar Mahmood.

Congressmen condoled demise of Neelam

Prayagraj: The prominent Congress leaders including Kishore Varshney, Fuzail Hashmi, Harikesh Tripathi, Om Prakash Tripathi, Dr. Satya Pandey, Parvez Siddiqui have paid grief and deep sorrow over the sad demise of former MLA Neelam Karwaria who died yesterday in Hyderabad during treatment of liver transplant. They said the untimely death of Karwaria is a great loss of society as well Congress.

Editorial

France offers a welcome breather for India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with chief guest French President Emmanuel Macron during the 75th Republic Day parade, at the Kartavya Path, PTI Between them, US President Joe Biden and rival Republican Party's Nikki Haley seem bent on pushing India closer to France for a balanced relationship in the western world that has all the ingredients of strategic stability, both in the bilateral and multilateral contexts. That is if one were to leave out India's Russia relations, which many believed were rocky but became sort of rock steady all over again owing to the Ukraine War, where the long American arm was seen all over the place.

Yes, Nikki Haley, 51, is not even Biden's likely rival in the US presidential polls in November. She did not mean to question, challenge or rebuke India, either. Instead, by claiming that India was moving closer to Russia than the US, implying that the Biden presidency did not inspire confidence not only in New Delhi, but also in Tokyo and Seoul, Canberra and Wellington, Haley was only targeting the incumbent back home. But her choice of India, and not any of America's NATO allies, for example and her choice of words, gave the impression that she was trying to convince a certain section of Republican voters that she was all American, and not Indian. It has to be front-runner and former president Donald Trump. Haley is trailing the Republican primaries and polled lower than their kind of NOTA in Nevada, but that does not make sure that Trump's name will be on the ballot. Indications are that at some point, either the Republican Party bosses or American courts could make it embarrassing for Trump's name to be on the ballot. Haley seems hoping for that day and is persisting in the primaries precisely for this reason. Maybe, like a typical Indian-origin woman that she is, Haley is hoping for 'sympathy votes' or 'survivor's votes', first in the primaries and later in the presidential poll. Of course, there is a long way to go this time than any time in the past.

Disappointment for India

Biden kept India waiting and eventually turned down the invitation to be the chief guest at the annual Republic Day celebrations. Information about India's invitation having spread after a time (generally it is kept secret until accepted – which again used to be a formality), Biden's avoidably-delayed rejection was a disappointment for India. It is not known how the Indian-American supporters of Biden and the Democratic Party feel about it. Not-so-official news sources claimed that Biden's decision owed to the election year commitments on campaigns and other essentials. In his place, another Democratic president, Barack Obama, took a short break from his so-called pressing engagements back home to be present in Mumbai first and Delhi next, where he was the chief guest at the 2015 Republic Day. Of course, in true American form and style, it was not a visit confined to honouring contemporary India's tryst with destiny. Obama did hard-selling business in an election year and took back orders for Boeing, which he said would ensure 20,000 Americans did not lose their jobs. Biden was constrained by domestic perceptions, both inside the Democratic Party and outside. Maybe, Team Modi too thought that having Biden would be a high-profile commencement to the ruling BJP-NDA's campaign for the Lok Sabha polls in the summer. To an extent, it compares with the 'Namaste Trump' show that India put out for the US President of the time, in February 2020 amid the farmers' rally in New Delhi. The Ahmedabad rally in particular was only a mirror-image of the Trump show for the Indian prime minister, 'Howdy Modi' in Houston months earlier in Houston, Texas.

This is as far as India's American relations go. Of course, there are the larger.



Maharashtra Polls: Congress, Pawar Bargain Hard with Uddhav

Intense negotiations are underway ahead of the crucial assembly elections in Maharashtra. Former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray was recently in Delhi to meet Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Sharad Pawar for discussions. The opposition alliance, MVA/INDIA, which includes the Congress, the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Bal Thackeray, or 'UBT'), and the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar), aims to build on the momentum from the general elections and challenge the Mahayuti/National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, consisting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde), and the NCP (Ajit Pawar), by capitalising on perceived anti-incumbency. During the general elections in 2024, the Shiv Sena (UBT) contested 21 seats, the Congress 17, and the NCP (SP) 10. The Shiv Sena (UBT) had the lowest strike rate, winning only nine of the 21 seats (43%), while Congress and NCP (SP) had strike rates of 76% and 80%, winning 13 and eight seats, respectively. This disparity has led to concerns within the Congress and NCP (SP) that the Shiv Sena (UBT) was allocated more seats than warranted, and that this should not serve as the

basis for seat-sharing in the assembly elections. The Shiv Sena (UBT) wants to contest the maximum number of seats again in the assembly polls. The Congress also aims to contest the most seats, arguing that both the Sena and the NCP have weakened due to splits and no longer enjoy the same level of support. In the 2019 elections, the Congress contested 147 seats, NCP (pre-split) 121 seats as part of the Shiv Sena 126 seats in alliance with the BJP. The Chief Ministerial candidate is another contentious issue. Uddhav Thackeray has stated that it is up to the MVA

leadership to decide whether he should be the alliance's CM candidate. While the Shiv Sena (UBT) is advocating for a CM candidate, the Congress and the NCP (SP) prefer to go to the polls without a designated name and decide the top post based on the number of MLAs each party secures. These are the various seat-sharing formulas under consideration: This formula proposes that all three parties—Sena (UBT), NCP (SP), and Congress—contest approximately 90-95 seats each, leaving the remainder for smaller parties. This approach is supported by their similar vote shares (16%-17% in the 2019 assembly polls.

Anchored in Shivaji's spirit, India's naval operations get a desi touch in international waters



By carrying out back-to-back rescue operations in the past month, the Indian Navy has emerged as the bright spot in the otherwise unstable waters of the Red Sea. The Israel-Hamas war has not only thrown the Middle East into a flux but its effects are now also spilling over to South Asia and the wider expanse of the Indian Ocean Region.

The worsening security concerns in the Red Sea due to constant attacks from the Yemen-based Houthis on cargo ships have further been exacerbated with Somali pirates also targeting the ships passing through this region. As the security situation in the Red Sea and also in the Arabian Sea has deteriorated, the Indian Navy has now emerged as the net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region. Indian Navy has always been exemplary in its duty and in particular, has always been proactive in benign causes like Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations. However, with the spill-over effects of the war in the Middle East threatening the security of the Indian Ocean Region, India is asserting its position as the resident power and as the primary stakeholder in the security architecture of the region. India's rescue operations and in particular the role of the Indian Navy not only correspond to the existing global order. The current security concerns may have pronounced the role of the Indian Navy. But there is also a strong civilisational undertone to India's

naval operations. This undertone could be considered from decolonisation and indigenisation perspectives. The decolonisation narrative has been a major issue in the Indian political discourse for a long time. However, in the past few months, there has been a tangible and accelerated effort towards decolonisation and indigenisation across different spheres. Some important steps in this direction include the use of the name Bharat instead of India. This was the highlight when India hosted the G20 Summit in September 2023 as the placard in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi displayed the name Bharat. Besides, three criminal justice laws, the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, the Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act, recently passed by the Indian parliament also seek to replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act. The recent consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is projected as one of the most prominent steps towards

decolonisation. Also, the scope of the decolonisation narrative has now expanded. For decades, only the 200-year British rule in India was earmarked as the colonial period in the collective memory of the Indian people. Now the 200-year period is being replaced by a period of about 1,000 years which includes the Islamic invasions in India. This indigenisation process which is becoming visible in the political, legal and cultural domains is gradually gaining emphasis in the security domain as well. Just as the decolonisation debate had been restricted to British rule, the same principle was evident in Indian strategic thought as well for a long time. As one of the relics of British rule, the continental mindset had remained a norm in Indian strategic thought for a long time.

The continental mindset crept into India's security outlook as a legacy of the British who were engaged in the Great Game with Russia. It led to the British focusing more on the territorial aspect of security to stop

Russia's advances against India. This included courting countries and regions in the Northwest and the Northeast such as Afghanistan, the Central Asian Khanates (as they were then known), Tibet and China. This thinking consolidated even after independence as India faced perpetual security concerns from Pakistan and China. As a result the fact that India was one of the major maritime nations in the world since time immemorial was greatly sidelined. However, in the past about one decade, the maritime domain has been regaining its importance in India's strategic circles. The emergence of the geostrategic concept of the Indo-Pacific Region and China's belligerence in India's neighbourhood and extended neighbourhood have caused India to increase its focus on strengthening the naval arm of its military. The growing focus on the Indian Navy has essentially been accompanied by decoupling the Indian Navy from its British legacy and taking it back to its indigenous roots. To achieve this, the government has evoked Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj who is considered as the Father of the Indian Navy. Shivaji, who inherited a landlocked region, recognised the importance of sea access and navy. His strategic vision proclaimed: 'He who owns the Navy owns the Sea'. Shivaji foresaw that the Navy was essential not only to defend his kingdom but also to protect sea trade. At the peak of his rule, Shivaji successfully

built sea forts to defend the coastlines extending through Konkan. Starting from scratch with around 18-20 ships Shivaji built a fleet of more than 500 ships. To decolonise and indigenise its naval strategic thought, India is now identifying itself with Shivaji and letting go off the British legacy. In September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the Indian Navy's new ensign that is inspired by Shivaji and dropped St George's Cross from the colonial era. On 4 December, 2023, on the occasion of Navy Day, the Indian Navy held an operational demonstration (Op Demo) at Tarkali Beach on the West Coast against the backdrop of Sindhudurg Fort built by Shivaji. Further recently the government has proposed listing of Maratha Military Landscapes of India for the UNESCO World Heritage List for the year 2024-25. This list includes 12 forts, 11 of which are in Maharashtra and one is in Tamil Nadu. It is pertinent to note that out of these 12 forts, four forts – Sindhudurg, Vijaydurg, Suvarnadurg and Khanderi – are sea forts in Maharashtra along the Konkan coast. These four forts were developed by Shivaji as the naval bases of his state. The Navy had played an important role in consolidating the Maratha rule, which reached its peak during the reign of Shivaji. While drawing inspiration from a historical figure like Shivaji in the operational domain, it is equally important to continue strengthening and upgrading.

Milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent

After extensive negotiations, India and Iran have finally sealed a historic 10-year bilateral agreement for the operation of the strategically located Chabahar Port on the Gulf country's eastern coast. While India initially engaged in short-term agreements with Iran starting in 2016, the newly inked deal marks a significant milestone. With its presence in Chabahar, India aims to circumvent reliance on Pakistan's ports in Karachi and Gwadar, facilitating smoother access to landlocked Afghanistan and other Central Asian nations via Iran.

This deal has a lot of economic significance for India. Despite the nation's preoccupation with the ongoing Lok Sabha election, the Narendra Modi government's decisive action, including the special permission reportedly obtained from the Election Commission of India (ECI) to dispatch a central minister to Iran, underscores the paramount importance of this deal for

the nation's strategic interests and economic future. In geopolitical dynamics, this deal is a major achievement for India and a testament to Modi's personal diplomacy. It marks our first step into managing overseas ports and serves as a strategic move against the emerging China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Its timing, amid the chaos in West Asia disrupting important trade routes, makes it even more significant. Furthermore, beyond these tangible benefits, India's diplomatic success shines through the forging of successful ties with conflicted powers. Its diplomatic success is evident in its ability to foster friendly relations with Israel while extending support to Palestine. Simultaneously, New Delhi adeptly navigates deepening ties with the United States and successfully negotiates with Iran, showcasing its diplomatic prowess. Meanwhile, our longstanding partnerships with countries.

Why Gen Asim Munir is key to ensuring Nawaz Sharif's comeback

It is now almost certain that elections will be held for the Pakistan National Assembly (NA) as well as the country's four Provincial Assemblies on 8 February. The Election Commission confirmed the election date after the Supreme Court cleared objections raised by the Lahore High Court against the appointment of civil servants as returning officers for the polls. The Supreme Court has also brushed aside specific grievances with the delimitation exercise. It held that as the election date has been announced these objections cannot be entertained. After the delimitation exercise the strength of the NA is 336. Of these 266 are to be general seats, 60 seats will be reserved for women and 10 for non-Muslims. The women and non-Muslim seats will be allotted to the parties on the basis of their performance in the general seats. The allocation of general seats on a provincial basis is thus: Punjab—141, Sindh—61, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa—45, Baluchistan—16 and the Federal Capital area—3. This election, as those in the past, will be won or lost on the basis of the performance of the parties in the general seats. Also, as in the past, Punjab has more seats than the combined number of the other three provinces and the Federal Capital Area; thus, the party which controls Punjab controls Pakistan. This is a permanent feature of Pakistan's political life. Army chief General Asim Munir will seek to make sure that former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) does not succeed in the elections. The events of 9 May when the PTI workers and supporters attacked army installations and the monuments of martyrs have ensured that the gulf between Khan and Munir cannot be bridged. Khan has been in prison since May

because he has been charged in a number of cases and the courts have not given him bail. Munir has also purged a large number of senior officers who were believed to have sympathies for Khan. The army is, therefore, firmly under his control. There have been desertions of leaders from the PTI. As of now, it appears that the army's desire to finish off the PTI electorally will prevail. With that, the PML(N) of the Sharifs should succeed in the Punjab. Its chances have increased with the return of its leader Nawaz Sharif two months ago from London where he has been since 2019.

However, Nawaz Sharif, thrice prime minister in the past is a shadow of the political leader he was. He looks infirm and without vigour. Instead of rousing his supporters and others by giving out a firm programme which will seek to resolve Pakistan's myriad problems, beginning with its grave economic situation, he is obsessed with the past injustices he and his daughter Maryam Nawaz have had to face. He is railing against his past adversaries, including the army, which manoeuvred the 2018 national elections in favour of Imran Khan. Nawaz Sharif is relying on Munir to create conditions which will tilt the electoral field in PML(N)'s favour in the polls. It was he who had insisted that Munir should succeed the former army chief General Qamar Bajwa in November 2022 even though there were technical difficulties in his elevation to head the army. Obviously, Nawaz Sharif feels that Munir nurses great grievances against Khan going back to the period when Khan, as prime minister, had pressured Bajwa to oust him from the DG ISI's post. and place Faez Hameed in his place. And, now after the 9 May events there is no way that Munir will countenance the PTI in power. That

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



Delhi: Recently, the US has banned, restricted, or imposed high taxes on hundreds of Chinese imports to stimulate domestic production and reduce dependence on Chinese commodities. The USTR has already added tariffs to half of 429 items. The USTR excluded further duties from the "Section 301" probe of China's technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation measures in previous announcements. The current 429 product-specific exclusions (352 reinstated and 77 COVID-related) expire

on May 31, 2024. The US trade agency declared a 14-day transition period for all current exclusions until June 14, 2024, and to "extend certain exclusions through May 31, 2025" in a new notice. "To allow for a transition period, the US Trade Representative is extending all currently expiring exclusions through June 14, 2024," it stated. Chinese motors and medical equipment are excluded until May 2025. The USTR ruled that "extending these exclusions will support efforts to shift sourc-

ing out of China, or provide additional time where, despite efforts to source products from alternative sources, availability of the product outside of China remains limited". Last March, the USTR reinstated some "Section 301" tariff exceptions for Chinese goods. Former President Donald Trump began a trade war with China and imposed tariffs on nearly \$300 billion in Chinese goods, invoking Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Trump granted product tariff exclusions for select businesses

AESL Bhiwani students create history in NEET 2024, Disha Agarwal scores 710 out of 720 and AIR 368



Bhiwani : Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparation services, is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of its 11 students in Bhiwani who have scored 650 and above marks in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. Along with this, they have achieved impressive All India Rank. Among the students who scored impressive marks, Disha Agarwal scored 710 marks and AIR 368, Arjun scored 690 marks, Amrendra Singh scored 681 marks, Shubhi scored 680 marks and Kartik Kapoor scored 677 marks. At the same

time, a total of 11 students from Bhiwani scored 650 and above. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has recently declared the results of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The students' achievement is a big contribution of their families, teachers, and Aakash Educational Services Limited. The united support of their peers, family, and supporters has brought them to this important milestone. The students have made their parents and the entire staff of Aakash Institute proud by achieving impressive scores. Aakash Educational Services

Limited (AESL) Regional Director Parmeshwar Jha said, "Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding achievement. We are proud of the achievement of our students. Their impressive scores are shining examples of the potential of our students and the effectiveness of our teaching methods. At Aakash, we are committed to providing our students with the best resources and training to help them achieve their dreams. The success of these students will undoubtedly inspire many more students to strive for excellence."



Comments by Mr. Abheek Barua, Chief Economist – HDFC Bank on RBI Monetary Policy Committee

Ambala/Hisar: As expected, the RBI kept its policy rate and stance unchanged. Although, the MPC decision saw two dissents instead of the one seen in the previous policy. The one positive out of the policy was the upward revision in the GDP growth forecast to 7.2% from 7% earlier for FY25. On the other hand, inflation forecasts were kept unchanged. The RBI remains in a wait and watch mode to assess domestic developments like the monsoon performance, food inflation, and the new fiscal strategy before moving on rates. We continue to see the possibility of a rate cut in Q4 2024. Despite the governors' emphasis that monetary policy decisions are driven primarily by domestic considerations, we think that any rate cut action could end up being aligned with the timing of the Fed's rate cut cycle to limit financial market volatility. On the regulatory front, the increase in bulk deposit limit to INR 3 crore from INR 2 crore, signals the RBI's intention to encourage banks to garner greater retail deposits to fund credit growth.

AESL Ambala students create history in NEET 2024, 18 students score 650 and above

Ambala: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparation services, is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of 18 of its students in Ambala who have scored 650 and above out of 720 marks in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The students who scored impressive marks include Ritvik Sharma with 710 marks and AIR 464, Muskan Malhotra with 710 marks and AIR 618, Himansh Chawla with 710 AIR 658, Alina Garg with 694 marks, Harshpreet Kaur



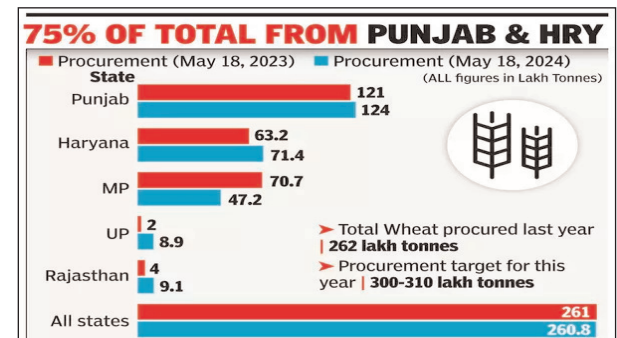
with 690 marks, Kusha Lamba with 687 marks, Aksha and Kanika with 685 marks. A total of 18 students from Ambala scored 650 and above. The National Testing Agency (NTA) has recently declared the results of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2024. The achievement of the stu-

dents is a big contribution of their families, teachers, and Aakash Educational Services Limited. The united support of their peers, family and supporters has brought them to this important milestone. The students have made their parents and the entire staff of Aakash Institute proud by achieving impressive scores.

Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) said, "Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding achievement. "We are proud of the achievement of our students. Their impressive scores are shining examples of the potential of our students and the effectiveness of our teaching methods. At Aakash, we are committed to providing the best resources and training to help our students achieve their dreams. The success of these students will undoubtedly inspire many more students to strive for excellence."

Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

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



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

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

Intoxicated with power, the BJP government is playing with the future of the youth: Ramchandra

Kaithal: Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee Executive Member Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that the Haryana government is playing with the future of the youth. The recent High Court decision regarding various recruitments shows that thousands of youth of Haryana will be affected by unemployment. The Haryana government is talking about appealing to the Supreme Court only for its political gains. Talking at his establishment in the town, Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that the BJP-led government disappointed the youth in its 10-year tenure and stalled the recruitment of youth due to its

wrong policies. In the second term of the BJP government, the JJP in the alliance was also involved in playing with the future of the youth. Various vacant posts could not be filled and to garner applause, the tune of 75 percent reservation to the youth of Haryana in the private sector was also sung and that too was cancelled. Congress leader Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that similarly not a single recruitment process was completed during the BJP rule and students spent thousands of rupees in filling forms, taking coaching and giving its papers. When the youth were recruited after many efforts, then the High Court

of Punjab and Haryana gave a shock by declaring the rules and policies of the Haryana government as wrong. Congress State Executive Member Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand said that not a single recruitment process was completed in the 10 years of BJP rule and the youth is disappointed with the wrong policies of the government. There can be no greater sorrow for the youth than getting a job once and then losing it. He said that to take electoral advantage, the Haryana government talked about going to the Supreme Court regarding the decision of the High Court, but the government's promises.

Hardwyn India Ltd. Reports Robust Earnings for Q4FY24, Revenue Jumps 23% YoY

CHANDIGARH: Hardwyn India Ltd. (BSE: 541276, NSE: HARDWYN), a leader in architectural hardware and glass fittings, has announced robust earnings for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. For the quarter ended 31 March 2024, the company reported Revenue from operations at Rs. 36.94 Cr, a growth of 23.63% YoY. The EBITDA jumped 5.48% YoY, from Rs. 5.66 Cr (Q4FY23) to Rs. 5.97 Cr (Q4FY24). PAT fell 11.80% YoY, from Rs. 3.73 Cr (Q4FY23), to Rs. 3.29 Cr (Q4FY24). For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company saw a robust 8.34% growth in its revenue from operations, growing from Rs. 125.07 Cr (FY23) to Rs. 135.5 Cr (FY24). EBITDA grew 15.31% YoY, from Rs. 13.91 Cr (FY23), to

Rs. 16.04 Cr (FY24). PAT grew 7.97% YoY, from Rs. 9.03 Cr (FY23), to Rs. 9.75 Cr (FY24). Earlier, the company had announced that it's newly formed Subsidiary 'Slim-X' has unveiled a range of innovative products. The new brand, with cutting-edge technology, now plans to generate revenue of Rs 100 crore in the next two years, leveraging the growth potential of innovative products—ultra-slim, high-performance aluminum profiles— for industries. Hardwyn India Ltd. is a leading brand among the architectural hardware manufacturers in India. For over half a century, Hardwyn India Ltd. has been redefining perfection in the realm of architectural hardware. The company offers comprehensive solutions for resi-

dential and commercial structures as an unwavering manufacturer of architectural hardware and glass fittings. Through rigorous testing and relentless research and development practices, Hardwyn has earned a stellar reputation for benchmark quality through a customer-centric philosophy and relentless pursuit of world-class quality. To create a robust global supply chain and establish a trusted distribution network, Hardwyn has continually strived to expand its global footprint. The company has built a large network of dealers and distributors to provide unwavering customer support. Beyond business success, Hardwyn holds a deep commitment to environmental sustainability.

DD Kisan launches 50-language AI anchors Krish and Bhoomi



Delhi: Doordarshan Kisan will be the first government TV channel to introduce AI anchors, ushering in the 'Artificial Intelligence' age in agriculture. Krish and Bhoomi, the AI anchors, are advanced computer algorithms that behave and perform like humans. Once unthinkable, they can deliver news 24/7, 365 days a year without tiring or taking breaks. Farmers in all states will see AI anchors, from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and Gujarat to Arunachal. These anchors will provide national and global agriculture research, farm market trends,

weather updates, and government scheme updates. The anchors' fluency in 50 domestic and international languages is remarkable. Only DD Kisan broadcasts nationwide. It serves farmers exclusively and was founded by the Indian government. DD Kisan Channel has met these standards for nine years. The DD Kisan channel promotes innovative farmers. To support the country's agricultural and rural populations, it promotes comprehensive education. The DD Kisan channel focuses on sustainable farming, animal husbandry, and plantation.

NCR housing rates up 49% in 5 years, unsold inventory down 50%

Delhi: Anarock, real estate consultants, report a 49% increase in average home prices in the NCR over the past five years. This sharp increase is due to rising building costs and robust sales, according to the research. "The five-yearly jump in average residential prices between H1 2019 and H1 2024 from Rs 4,565 per sq ft to Rs 6,800 per sq ft is a clear indicator of the market's strength," stated Anuj Puri, Anarock Group CEO. The survey also indicated that NCR residential property demand remained high despite the pandemic. After attracting consumers with offers and incentives, developers



raised average prices as demand grew. Sales have increased, reducing unsold inventories by 52% from 182,000 units in H1 2019 to 86,900 units in H1 2024. The inventory overhang dropped from 44 months in H1

2019 to 16 months in H1 2024. "Developers have launched around 172,000 units in NCR between H1 2019 and H1 2024, and 272,000 units were sold during this period," the study said. "The market's growth is supported by

lower unsold inventory and higher absorption. This rise shows the region's real estate potential and post-pandemic economic rebound and GDP growth." "Despite the higher costs, sales continue to surge, driven

by a combination of improved infrastructure, robust economic growth, and a desire for modern living spaces". The survey noted that the NCR housing market revived before the pandemic after price stagnation from late 2016 to 2019. Covid-19 increased sales of larger homes. In prime real estate, the study shows strong demand and growth. The interest is broad, drawing first and second-generation buyers seeking a more luxurious lifestyle. "Latent demand has increased since the pandemic, spurring new project launches. He noted that around 3,000 pre-launch units sold out in days.

Killer caliber: Meet BSF's first woman sniper



INDORE: The sniper stealthily crawls into position, smoothly works the bolt and slides a round into the chamber. Target in crosshairs. And a glass ceiling pierced at 3,200kmph... It's only when the sniper gets up and takes off the camouflage ghillie suit that you realise it's a 'she'. Meet BSF's first woman sniper, sub-inspector, Suman Kumari, also the first woman to get 'instructor grade' in the gruelling eight-week BSF sniper course at Central School of Weapons and

Tactics (CSWT), Indore. Suman joined BSF in 2021 and was commanding a platoon in Punjab when she realized, with fury, the threat of sniper attacks from across the border. Determined to pay back in kind, Suman volunteered for the sniper course and wrote to her superiors. Encouraged by her steely resolve, they readily gave the go-ahead. "She was the lone woman among 56 men and she put up an amazing performance in every activity. We are hoping that more

female recruits will take up this course," CSWT IG Bhaskar Singh Rawat told TOI on Saturday. "Trainees who perform exceptionally well get Alpha and Bravo grading, but a separate screening test is done for 'instructor grade' that Suman has achieved. She is the first woman sniper in BSF and will be an inspiration for other women to come forward. This course is one of the toughest after the commando training," Rawat said.

Electronic papers acceptable as court evidence

Delhi: Text, voice, and video messages contain what? Post July 1, "digital documents" are admissible as primary evidence, not simply emojis, PPTs, PDFs, group conversations, forwards, or tete-a-tete. The last one is a rewrite of the 1872 Indian Evidence Act and an acknowledgment of digital information's importance today. The 2023 Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam defines and interprets evidence. It states that "an electronic or digital record" can be "admissible" in a case under certain conditions, taking into account technical



improvements and the widespread use of digital communication. Senior counsel Amit Manchanda said protections must be addressed first to prevent misuse given the uncharted field of artificial intelligence and new software to manipulate words, photos, and digital content on a recipient's device. Advocate Mohit

Bhardwaj called Section 57 BSA's "singularly significant" inclusion because it makes digital data, including messages, primary evidence "without much ado," until disputed. For disputed digital records, the new rule mandates a certificate proving authenticity from a specific computer or device. Thus, under Section 61

The Andhra government expects an 11k crore deficit this year



Delhi: Andhra Pradesh's request for Centre financial assistance, including debt restructuring, is expected to cover a projected Rs 11,000 crore deficit this year and leave a meager surplus for development next year. According to sources familiar with the discussions with the Centre, the Chandrababu Naidu government has prepared a blueprint to revisit almost two dozen direct benefit transfer schemes started by the Jaganmohan Reddy administration and start a series of steps to boost revenue, start capital works, and help the needy. Naidu met with finance, defence, and health ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Rajnath Singh, and JP Nadda. "The treasury needs

income growth and capital funding.

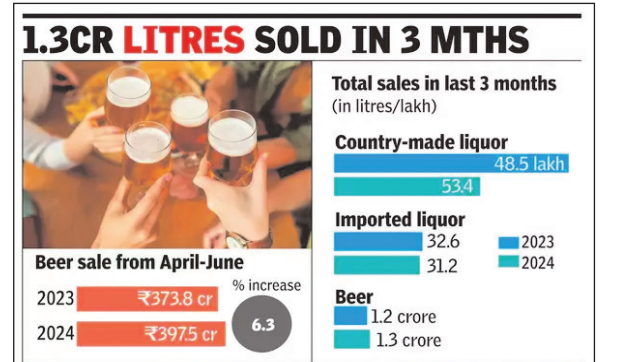
The previous government discontinued vital payments, causing a huge loan burden. We'll need five to six months to fix it and resume the cycle "A source said Andhra will pursue central initiatives and TDP focus areas. Through a series of initiatives, the Naidu administration hopes to raise Rs 37,000 crore by the fifth year of its term for state development. The TDP plans to develop industrial hubs in Visakhapatnam, near Odisha, and Karnataka, with the proposed port in Dugarajapatnam as a key aspect. Central aid for the port was promised a decade ago when Andhra and Telangana split, but nothing has happened.

BJP gathering in Bengaluru causes political dispute over liquor

Delhi: A BJP public rally to celebrate former minister K Sudhakar's election as Chikballapur MP was criticized as footage showed booze being given. Nelamangala hosted the event. Sudhakar, Opposition Leader R Ashoka, and JD(S) leaders attended. Sideline videos showed cops giving out booze packages and bottles to people in a long line. Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar criticized BJP in Nelamangala, liquor was distributed publicly. BJP National President JP Nadda must explain for registering a case. How could the MP distribute alcohol?" Said Shivakumar. "More than local leaders, it is important for the BJP's national leaders to tell citizens how their party is upholding culture by distributing liquor at public meetings," he said.



Ghaziabad Residents Drink Nearly Rs 400 Crore in Beer During Heatwave



Delhi: The excise agency reports that Ghaziabad residents have consumed approximately Rs 400 crore in beer due to the past three months' scorching. Officials credit high heat and consistent prices for this record sales result. People in Ghaziabad and the National Capital Region sought ways to cool themselves due to extreme heat. In addition to lemonade, lassi, and buttermilk, many Ghaziabad inhabitants chose alcoholic beverages, especially beer, which generated large excise money. Ghaziabad beer drinkers spent Rs 397.16 crore during April to June 2024, up 106% from the previous year. Even more, beer can sales rose 116%. Over 13.3 million cans were sold this year, up from 11.5 million last year. Beer helps many cope with soaring temperatures. Due to this tendency, the excise department saw significant income growth throughout these three months. District excise inspector Rakesh Kumar said the severe heat and stable beer pricing drove record sales. said, "The data clearly shows that the intense heat and no price hike were the primary reasons for the exceptional revenue of Rs 397 crore." Beer sales during the heatwave generated significant excise department money, showing how extreme weather can affect consumer behaviour and local economies.

Shankaracharya Backs Rahul Gandhi After "Hindus Are Violent" Row

Delhi: Swami Avimukteshwarananda, the 46th Shankaracharya of Jyotir Math, defended Rahul Gandhi days after his Lok Sabha speech. Rahul Gandhi accused BJP leaders of communally dividing people during the debate on the President's address Motion of Thanks.

Narendra Modi denounced the speech, saying Rahul Gandhi called the "entire Hindu community violent." Parliament heatedly debated this claim, and the Speaker removed some disputed statements from the records. Hindu revered Shankaracharya provided a different view. Our attention was on Rahul Gandhi's entire address.

No farm relief": Opposition leader criticizes Maharashtra's Rs 11 crore

Delhi: With the government reeling under an enormous debt of Rs 7.9 lakh crore and the state's struggling farmers taking their own lives, Mahayuti government's Rs 11 crore gift for India's T-20 champion squad has drawn criticism from Congress's Vijay Wadettiwar, the head of Maharashtra's opposition. "In just

four months, at least 1,068 farmers committed suicide, but they get no assistance." The Maharashtra government gave wealthy cricket players an unjustified gift in order to further its own agenda, according to Wadettiwar. "We should support players but within our means and must give due weightage considering

the broader picture," Wadettiwar said. The opposition MVA coalition's unity and preparedness for this year's assembly elections in October and November was reiterated by the Bramhapuri MLA. "Shiv Sena (UBT), the National Congress Party (led by Sharad Pawar), and the other three opposition.

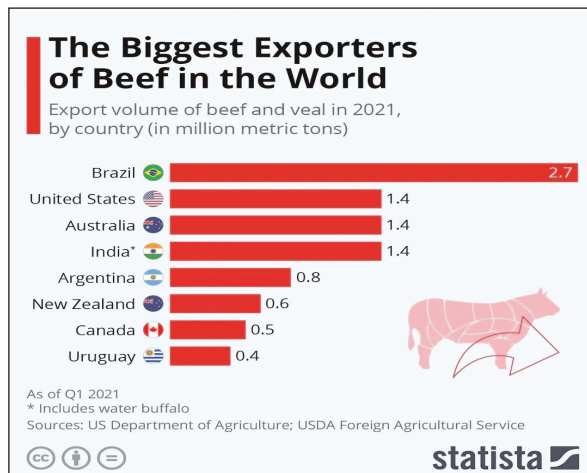
Rising Drunk Driving, \$12k Fine in 6 Months

Delhi: Delhi Traffic Police reported that more than 12,000 people were penalized for DUI from January 1 to June 30, up 27% from last year. Rajouri Garden had the most drunk driving violations in the past six months, 770. Samaypur Badli had 514 instances, Rohini 441. Traffic police released data on Saturday showing that police penalized 12,468 intoxicated drivers through June 30 compared to 9,837 last year. Punjabi Bagh (387), Mehrauli (367), Mayur Vihar (364), Narela (364), Kalkaji (344), Karol Bagh (342) and Sadar Bazar (342) also had high drunk

driving rates in the first half of the year. The traffic police also examined the top 10 traffic circles with the most drunk driving challans. This research identifies areas with the highest traffic offenses, enabling focused enforcement to improve road safety and traffic law compliance, an officer stated. "Drunk driving endangers the driver, passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers. It impairs judgment, lowers reaction times, and increases accident risk leading to injuries or deaths. The officer cautioned that careless behavior can have dire consequences.

Muslim groups want India to stop exporting beef

Delhi: Minority organization Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC) held a seminar to condemn cow vigilante attacks and seek a ban on beef export from India and illicit slaughter to end cattle suffering. They also sought to clarify that "beef"—associated with cows—was being misused to characterize buffalo meat export, thus the government should clarify. At a full Mavalankar Hall in Constitution Club, Muslim and dalit representatives approved the memorandum to Union home minister Rajnath Singh. There were also threats that demonstrators would go to the streets and Ramlila Grounds if the administration did



not meet these demands. "We are concerned about Muslim minority atrocities, suppression, and discrimination under the guise of cow protection, beef eating, terrorism, national security, etc. The IMC said vigilante cow defender groups had grown since

a Dadri man was beaten to death for consuming meat last September. "After a long silence, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, finally joined the fray, condemning attacks by Hindu cow protection squads and vowing to investigate those engaged in vio-

lence," the report added. "There have been several instances of religious violence against Muslims in the recent past, frequently in the form of violent attacks on Muslims by Hindu mobs that form a pattern of sporadic sectarian violence between Hindu and Muslim communities," it said. IMC demands "India should abolish cow and calves slaughter. The Supreme Court of India upheld state-enacted anti-cow slaughter regulations in a landmark ruling. 24 of 29 Indian states ban cow slaughter and sale. Cow slaughter is legal in Kerala, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim."

How first battle between Modi govt 3.0, INDIA bloc hits a flashpoint over NEET

New Delhi: With the Lok Sabha election results signalling a resurgent Opposition INDIA bloc, the raging row over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examination and the now-cancelled UGC-NET examination have become the first major issue of conflict between the new BJP-led NDA government and the Opposition alliance. This is set to make stormy the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha beginning June 24. The Congress-led Opposition has made its intent clear soon after the poll results — that it will not let the government rest, vowing that it would be a “fierce challenger” on issues of national importance. At a press conference in Delhi two days ago, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi repeatedly attacked the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over their



alleged failures to stop paper leaks. Rahul made it clear that the Modi government 3.0 will face “intense scrutiny” of the Opposition on various public issues. “They (government) can indulge in eye-wash. But they will face such pressure from the Opposition that they are going to think twice about whatever they are doing. We will make sure that we put so much pressure on them that this issue (leaks of exam papers) is resolved,” Rahul said. He added that the Opposition would raise this issue in the upcoming session of Parliament. **Was paper leaks a**

poll issue? During the recent Lok Sabha polls, which saw the INDIA bloc win 234 seats, the issue of paper leaks featured frequently in the election speeches of prominent Opposition faces — including Rahul, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, among other INDIA leaders — as a way to reach out to the youth. The Congress, in its manifesto, had promised fast-track courts to adjudicate cases related to question paper leaks.

Guntur: A row broke out over the demolition of an office of YSRCP in Guntur district on Saturday with party chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy accusing Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of functioning “like a dictator”. “Chandrababu took vendetta politics to the next level. Like a dictator, he got YSRCP’s central office demolished with excavators and bulldozers, which was almost complete,” he said in a post on X. Former CM Jagan also accused the state government of carrying out the demolition against the high court orders.

What had the high court said about demolition activity? According to a statement by YSRCP, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday had ordered the demolition to be halted. The order was also conveyed to the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) commissioner by a party lawyer, but the authority is said to

Like a dictator’: Jagan Mohan Reddy hits out at Andhra CM



have still gone ahead and demolished the structure at 5.30 am on Saturday. “The demolition proceeded even though the YSRCP had approached the High Court the previous day (Friday), challenging the preliminary actions of the CRDA (Capital Region Development Authority),” the statement read. According to YSRCP, CRDA’s action amounts to contempt of court. “Law and justice completely vanished”: Jagan on NDA govt in Andhra

The former chief minister lashed out at the newly-formed NDA government in the state and added that the demolition indicates how Naidu’s reign in the next five

years would be. “Law and justice have completely disappeared in the state,” he said in his post. The NDA government in the state comprises of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in alliance with Pawan Kalyan’s Jana Sena Party and the BJP. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the TDP won 16 seats while its allies won three (BJP) and two (JSP) respectively. In the state Assembly polls which were held simultaneously, the TDP won 136 Assembly seats, while the JSP and BJP emerged victorious in 21 and eight seats respectively. The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP was restricted to 11 seats, down from the 151 it won in 2019.

CAPSULES

Aundh-Baner residents grapple with inadequate garbage disposal problem and its consequences

Ill-equipped waste disposal systems, leading to garbage getting piled at various points, is a cause of worry for residents of Aundh, an area which is otherwise considered as one of Pune’s most developed and progressive zones. Residents are concerned about the problems that could be caused by frequent dumping of trash at various spots in the Aundh-Baner areas, such as those between Jupiter Hospital and Nagras Road. “I know there are these agencies that dump garbage anywhere in Aundh; there are specific spots. There is no control at all,” noted Subhabrata Sanyal, 51, a resident of Kumar Padmalay. He said the waste menace could also draw in more stray dogs, posing a threat to people going for morning and evening walks.

“When you walk onto the streets, you can see food littered all over, that attracts stray dogs. In case we go near the garbage by mistake, these animals could even attack us,” observed Deepa Adiga, 47, a resident of Sylvan Heights. Residents blamed lack of a proper collection system by the municipality for the mounting garbage piles. “Sometimes the municipal truck may be arriving at a particular time and the waste is generated later, particularly by restaurants where the waste is generated very late at night, post 11 pm or midnight, after the restaurant is closed,” said Anil Gokarn, founder of ProEarth Co., a company that deals with effective waste management.

Meet Dot, a new AI chatbot that could become your ‘friend, companion and confidant’

AI chatbots like Gemini, ChatGPT, and Copilot may be helping you with work and everyday tasks, but Dot AI is designed as a digital companion that mimics human speech and empathy. Developed by New Computer, a startup founded by ex-Apple designer Jason Yuan and engineer Sam Whitmore, the app is currently available for free on the Apple App Store. While it may appear to be just another AI chatbot at first glance, what makes Dot unique is



its ability to remember your conversations to offer a more personalized experience. As of now, there are no specific details on the underlying technology, but some reports suggest that Dot AI uses natural language pro-

cessing in combination with machine learning to understand user inputs and generate responses. Unlike ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot, which focus on providing factually correct information, Dot AI focuses on

emotional support and intelligence. Dot AI App Store For unlimited conversations, you have to buy a monthly subscription. According to the Apple App Store listing, Dot AI is described as a “friend, companion, and confidant.” On opening the app, users are taken through an onboarding process with questions like “What do you do for work?”, “Favorite TV show?”, and “How do you spend a typical Sunday?” Based on these answers, the chatbot asks more

about the user.

Subscribe for new launches, reviews and all that’s making headlines in the tech world. The App Store description also indicates that Dot AI has an infinite long-term memory and can assist with career advice and date spot recommendations. While a free plan offers limited conversations, users can bypass this limit by purchasing the paid plan for \$11.99 per month, which includes access to Chronicles, a feature that curates a history of the user.

Tamil Nadu govt to rehabilitate reformed bootleggers

Tamil Nadu:

Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy told the legislative assembly on Friday that bootleggers who are remorseful and wish to turn over a new leaf will be rehabilitated after they serve a prison term. Such persons who repent for their wrongdoings should be rehabilitated to prevent them from returning to bootlegging, he said. The minister’s statement comes amid the hooch tragedy that has claimed the lives of 48



persons and has affected the health of more than 100 people, who are currently undergoing treatment at various hospitals. “Persons punished for the offence of distilling and selling illicit arrack will be rehabilitated if they show a change of heart, after serving a term,” Muthusamy said. They will be provided a sub-

sidy of Rs 50,000 each and encouraged to start a trade on their own. The government has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the rehabilitation fund, he said replying to the demand for grants for his department. Further, an integrated scheme will be formulated to equip them with the required skills through various departments, he added. A campaign to create awareness among the people, particularly the youth, on the dangers of consuming illicit arrack.

No request yet from Nikhil Gupta for consular access: MEA

New Delhi: Indian authorities haven’t received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited to the US from the Czech Republic following allegations of his involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate Khalistani extremist Pannun. Gupta, who was arrested in the Czech Republic in June last year, was extradited to the US on June 14. “He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Gupta but his family has got in touch with us,” External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “We are in touch with the family mem-



bers and are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request,” he said during his weekly media briefing while replying to a question. Gupta, 53, pleaded not guilty when he was produced in a court in New York on June 17. While Gupta was in custody of Czech authorities, Indian officials were given consular access to him on a few occasions. Last November, US federal prosecutors charged Gupta with working with an Indian government

employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun in New York. Pannun, wanted in India on terror charges, holds dual of the US and Canada. The issue of consular access to Gupta would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular of 1963, people familiar with the matter said. Article 36 of the Convention states that a detained person will have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country. “Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking action on behalf of a national who is in prison, custody or detention if he expressly opposes such action,” the article states.

‘Youngsters should not expect miracles overnight’

New Delhi: Nine more precious gems have been added to the crown of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, a famous social organization that has hoisted the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Nine stalwarts who have raised the flag of success in various fields were honored with the ‘Navratna Award-2024’ by Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh in a grand ceremony held in Rohini. The joint message of all these to the young generation was that they should not expect any miracle overnight. Success is achieved only with continuity of efforts, concentration and continuous hard work. Rajesh Chetan, President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh, said that in the program that went on for eight hours, a large number of guests present kept listening to the struggle of these great personalities and their glorious stories of reaching the top. He said that the struggle story of these ‘Navratnas’ had so many



stages that it is not possible to put it into words in a single session. Rajesh Chetan said that due to their talent, continuous struggle, determination to win and the untiring DNA, all these ‘Navratnas’ are today flying the flag of Bhiwani in the country and the world. Among the icons to be honored Rajesh Gupta (CMD, Bharat Rasayan Finance Limited), Satya S Gupta (Director Galaxy India), Brij Lal Saraf (Director Pyarelal Jagannath Saraf), Naresh Mittal (CMD, Signature Global Comtrade Pvt. Ltd.), Suresh Gupta (CMD, Golden Group of

Companies), Rajkumar Garg (Director, Movish Realtech Pvt. Ltd.), Bajrang Lal Agarwal (MD, Stonex India Pvt. Ltd.), Dr. Prem Garg, (Chairman, Shrilalmahal Group National President, Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF) and Dr. Ashish Gupta (Director, Unique Hospital Cancer Center) was present. Before this, the program was started by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of Maa Saraswati. The program was conducted by international poet and President of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh Rajesh Chetan, Sunita Jain, Pramod Sharma.

Seasoned diplomat and India’s envoy to Turkiye Virander Paul dies

New Delhi: A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi this evening, one of his colleagues said. “Deeply grieved at the passing away of Virander Paul, our Ambassador in Turkiye,” Jaishankar said on X. “A great loss to the Indian Foreign Service. Have worked closely with him in his many postings. Always admired his commitment and service and value his many contributions,” he said. Paul held a medical degree from AIIMS. The external affairs minister also conveyed his “deepest condolences” to Paul’s family. Paul is survived by his wife Racheline and two daughters. “We are deeply sad-

dened at the untimely demise of Ambassador Virander Paul, India’s envoy to Turkiye. A dedicated officer, he will always be remembered for his exceptional human qualities and impactful professional contribution,” external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. “Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Team @MEAIndia stands with them in this difficult hour,” he said on X. Before arriving in Ankara as ambassador of India to Turkiye in the second half of 2022, he was India’s High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia. Prior to that, he served as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with multilateral engagement in India’s neighbourhood.

To prevent mosquito infestation, administration should create awareness through fogging: Ramchandra

Kaithal: Former director of Hafed and prominent social worker Ramchandra Jadoula said that while demanding from the district administration and health department, he said that along with making the villagers aware about the prevention of diseases spread by mosquitoes, fogging should be done in every street, locality, ward, public places, squares, so that the villagers can get relief from the diseases spread by mosquitoes. Talking in an interview at the new grain market Dhand, Ramchandra Jadoula said that according to the health department, the dengue mosquito bites during the day and it breeds in stagnant and clean water. High fever, body, head and joint pain and pain behind the eyes, red spots or rashes on the skin, bleeding from the nose-gums or with vomiting and black stool are the symptoms of dengue. If there is high fever along with these symptoms,

then immediately go to the hospital and get yourself treated. If there is fever, immediately go to the doctor and get yourself treated. Former Director Ramchandra Jadoula said that awareness is the only protection from the diseases spread by mosquitoes during rainy and summer season and for this the villagers should take precautions to prevent diseases like dengue and malaria. Villagers should regularly clean the coolers etc. in their houses. He said that the villagers should be alert and aware and keep their surroundings clean and avoid the mosquito menace.

Along with keeping our surroundings clean, we should not let water accumulate in coolers and junk items to avoid the mosquito menace. Do not keep broken utensils, tyres, pots etc. on the roof of the house so that rainwater does not accumulate in them. Wear full-sleeved clothes.

GRM Overseas bags Rs. 600 million Basmati rice order from Yemen based Al-Naqeeb Group

CHANDIGARH: GRM Overseas, one of the leading Indian basmati rice exporters and India's leading food FMCG, has bagged a new order worth Rs.600 million from Bin Awadh Alnaqeeb Group from Yemen. As per the agreement, GRM Overseas will ship Indian Basmati Rice to Bin Awadh Alnaqeeb Group, is the largest importer of Basmati Rice from India. The Rs. 600 million order is the biggest order the company has received from the Yemen-based importer distributor till date. Commenting on the new order, Atul Garg, Chairman & MD, GRM Overseas said, "The continuous flow of orders with growing value from Bin Awadh Alnaqeeb General Trading Corp underlines the trust we command in the overseas market. The Middle East is a key market for us and the order from Yemen will further strengthen our revenue from this region." Earlier, the com-



pany announced that its board approved the proposal of raising funds by way of preferential issue of convertible share warrants to the person belonging to the promoter/promoter group/Non-promoter group category subject to such regulatory/statutory approvals as may be required and the approval of shareholders of the company. The company will issue the warrants at Rs. 146 per warrant, aggregating up to a total of Rs. 136.50 Crores.

From humble inception in 1974 to redefining itself in the form of GRM, the Company has travelled a long way since then.

Initially set up as a rice processing and trading house, it is growing to become a consumer staples organisation. During the initial years, GRM exported rice to the Middle East, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Gradually expanding its reach, GRM has developed a market for its rice in 42 countries, thereby achieving the title of being among the top 5 Rice Exporters in India. GRM has three rice processing units with an overall annual production capacity of 4,40,800 MT based out of Panipat (Haryana), Naultha (Haryana) and Gandhidham (Gujarat).



Odisha to launch women's spl scheme on PM Modi's 75th birthday

Delhi: The Odisha government announced that it would inaugurate the Subhadra Yojana, a key promise in the BJP's election campaign, on Sept. 17, when every woman will receive a Rs 50,000 voucher that may be paid over two years. The first state cabinet meeting approved the scheme, which Modi may attend. Does the opposition's request for a SC-appointed inquiry into NEET-UG 2024 irregularities make sense? The government had promised to complete the Centre-funded project within 100 days of taking power. It is determining how much money will be credited, how often, and how much. "Drafting of the modalities is being finalised," Mr. Majhi stated. According to the BJP manifesto, the initiative would benefit all Odisha women, regardless of income or residence. According to the 2011 Census, Odisha has 2,07,62,082, requiring Rs 80,000 crore for the project. It may apply to all women, those 18 and older, or one lady per home. We are working on the details. We will also decide if women living outside the state are considered. A senior government official said whether working women and their income criteria will be considered. The government has stressed that vouchers can be used to improve women's socio-economic position, including education, healthcare, and entrepreneurship, but the final guidelines will specify permitted spending, the official said.

Rename namesake disease hitting Ranikhet's fame: HC

DEHRADUN:

Uttarakhand high court has directed the state to propose a new name for a disease that has Ranikhet, a picturesque tourist spot, in its name. After a PIL highlighted that the hill station's reputation suffers due to its association with an avian disease known as 'Ranikhet disease', the administration has now been told to file an affidavit suggesting an alternative name by June 27. During the hearing, Chief Justice Ritu Bahri and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal discussed the negative impact of the



disease's name on Ranikhet's tourism. Ranikhet renowned for healthy air, Himalayan views. The petitioner, Satish Joshi, of Ranikhet, said "the picturesque town's allure is overshadowed by this association". Ranikhet, about 50km from

Almora, is renowned for its healthy climate, pleasant breeze, stunning Himalayan views, and pollution-free greenery with deodar and oak trees. The area's attractions, including Kumaon Regimental Centre, museum, & golf course, offer memorable experiences for

visitors.

Ranikhet disease, also known as Newcastle disease, affects the birds and poultry, leading to severe respiratory issues, nervous system problems, and high mortality rates. This affliction has significant economic implications for poultry farmers and can affect the large local bird populations. The petitioner contended other celebrated hill stations like Mussoorie and Nainital are exalted. Ranikhet, therefore, should not be overshadowed.

Dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing

Delhi: A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have been dumped. "While the horticultural

department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance. Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transport rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan for approval after the model code of con-

duct is lifted. MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully. Once a corner is filled, we gently scatter and layer ash." Source.

Poll promises unfulfilled, iron factory linked to Dalai Lama

KODERMA: On the outskirts of Jharkhand's Koderma town, a defunct iron factory stands abandoned and corroded, greeting visitors at the entrance of Hirodih, a dusty and sleepy settlement of four villages next to a forgotten legacy. Thousands of residents of Hirodih swing between hope

and despair every election, as their demand to revive the plant, once owned by Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel Prize winner, the Dalai Lama, getting them promises and assurances from candidates seeking votes every time, only to be forgotten after the polls. After the Buddhist monk crossed into India from Tibet in the 1950s, he set up this plant, spread over 350 acres of land bought from the villagers for Rs 4 crore in 1960, and named it Gayday Iron & Steel Company. The only venture owned by the Tibetan spiritual leader, the factory was a major avenue for employment in the region. But, more than four decades since its closure, hopes of its revival have only diminished due to half-baked attempts, failed promises and adminis-

trative apathy, turning Koderma into a migration-prone region. Jung Bahadur Singh, who is now in his late 70s, was among the first employees of this factory. He continued to be on the rolls even when the factory's ownership kept changing hands, but the jobs continued to shrink owing to a lack of proper patronage to run the factory. The septuagenarian lives in Gamarwad village, one of the four villages where people voluntarily gave up their lands for the factory, hoping it would usher in prosperity. for generations to come. Talking to his shanty, Singh recalled the hum of machines churning out world-class spun iron pipes. "Hirodih became the plant site on the advice of then PM Jawaharlal Nehru. The land acquisition began.

One Point One Solutions Ltd. Secures A New Client-Win With India's Largest Integrated Power Company Within The Energy And Utility Industry

CHANDIGARH: One Point One Solutions Limited, a leading provider in technology-enabled business process management (BPM) services, announces a significant client win within the Energy and Utility industry. This partnership is with one of India's largest and most renowned integrated power companies. The esteemed company, a key component of India's largest conglomerate, operates as an Indian electric utility and electricity generation entity based in Mumbai, India. The company has been a pioneer in technology adoption, with many firsts to its credit, supporting the country's energy independence. With a distinction of being among the top private players in each sector

of the value chain including solar rooftop and value-added services, the brand is credited with steering the energy sector on technology, process and platform. The brand has now over a century of expertise in technology leadership, project execution excellence, world-class safety processes, customer care and driving green initiatives committed to 'lighting up lives' for generations to come. The leading E & U brand, in response to the increasing demand for its cutting-edge products and services, has partnered up with One Point One Solutions to provide comprehensive Back Office services for revenue recovery and assurance. These services encompass data collection, inbound and outbound servic-

es, onboarding new customers, and other process support. The partnership aims to optimize support operations while concentrating on providing outstanding customer service. By combining their strengths, both organizations are poised to enhance operational efficiency and customer satisfaction in the utility sector. One Point One Solutions is excited to contribute to this mission and looks forward to achieving new milestones in business process management and customer service excellence. One Point One Solutions is a full-stack player in BPO, KPO, IT Services, Technology, & Transformation. and Analytics. The company was incorporated in the year 2006.

Shafali's record and Mandana's century gave India the win over SA

BARAMULLA:

Independent candidate from Baramulla Lok Sabha seat Abdul Rashid Sheikh, who is lodged in Tihar for alleged terror-funding activities, has significantly reduced his liabilities and increased assets in the last five years, his poll affidavit shows. Better known as 'Engineer Rashid', the former MLA's assets are now valued at Rs 1.5 crore compared to Rs 80 lakh in 2019. It includes a 41,072 sq ft non-agriculture land in his home town Langate and a house in Srinagar worth Rs 90 lakh. Rashid has declared Rs 11.3 lakh home loan and Rs 3.1 lakh Kissan Credit Card loan as liabilities. The former MLA has only Rs 1,424 in his sole bank account, his financial disclosures show. In the affidavit, he cited pension as his source. of income and his spouse works as a "housemaid".

Shivraj launches rapid bank interest subvention claim settlement portal

Delhi: Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan established a web platform to speed up bank interest subvention claims under Agriculture Infrastructure. Chouhan launched the web portal developed by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) and NABARD to automate and speed up the settlement of bank interest. subvention claims under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), that the new credit claims automation will resolve claims in a day, compared to months for manual settlement. "The move will also ensure transparenc.