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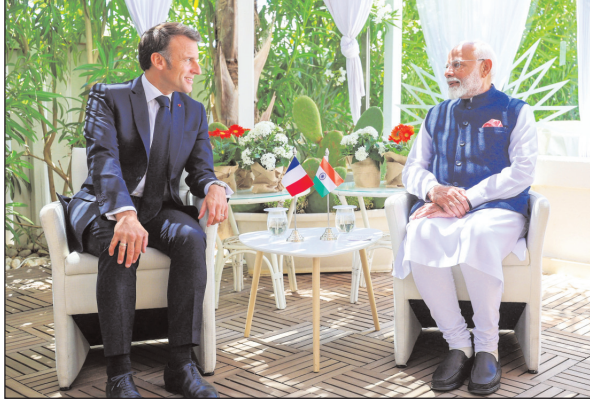
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PM Modi, Macron agree to boost defence ties, push 'Make in India'

NEW DELHI: Calling for efforts to ensure that the benefits of technology reach all sections of society, unleashing the potential of every individual and helping eliminate social inequalities, PM Narendra Modi said at the G7 summit that the global community must turn monopoly in technology into mass usage.

"This should not just be our desire, but our responsibility," he said. For technology to be successful, it has to be underpinned by a human-centric approach, Modi said at the G7 outreach session on AI and energy as he cited India's success in leveraging digital technology for public service delivery. "We must make technology creative, not destructive. Only then will we be able to lay the foundation of an inclusive society," he said and also referred to India's AI Mission premised on "AI for All". The PM also called



for giving priority to the concerns of the Global South, in particular Africa. He recalled that it was a matter of honour for India that African Union was admitted as a permanent member of the G20 under its presidency. PM Narendra Modi's hectic bilateral schedule in Italy also saw him holding bilateral meetings with his UK counterpart Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron. PM Modi had his first bilateral meeting of the day with Macron. The leaders focused on 'Horizon 2047' Roadmap, which they adopted last year to set the course for bilateral

ties, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific where France is a resident power. According to the MEA, they discussed cooperation in defence, nuclear, space, education, climate action, digital public infrastructure, connectivity and cultural initiatives such as the National Museum partnership and enhancing people-to-people ties. They agreed to further intensify strategic defence cooperation with increased focus on Make in India, an initiative France has backed with liberal transfer of technology and with focus on joint development of next generation equipment.

"They also agreed to expand cooperation in the realms of AI, critical and emerging technologies, energy and sports, while working closely in context of the forthcoming AI Summit and United Nations Oceans Conference, both to be hosted in France in 2025," said an Indian govt readout, adding that a strong and trusted Strategic Partnership between India and France is crucial for a stable and prosperous global order. In the meeting with Sunak, as the UK goes to polls next month, the leaders expressed satisfaction with the progress made in the Free Trade Agreement talks between the two countries, while discussing regional and multilateral issues. Sunak congratulated Modi on securing a third term in the world's largest democratic election and also thanked him for sending "high level" representatives.

H D questions US firm getting Rs 3.2 crore subsidy for every job it creates in Gujarat

Bengaluru: Union steel and heavy industries minister H D Kumaraswamy of JD(S) wondered aloud Friday if India needed investments like US-headquartered semiconductor manufacturer Micron Technology setting up a \$2.5 billion unit in Gujarat and potentially receiving Rs 3.2 crore in subsidies for every job it creates. After identifying the company in a televised live address to party workers in Karnataka, he hastened to clarify that he was "not authorised" to do so. "The new manufacturing unit will generate about 5,000 jobs. For this, we are giving them \$2 billion in subsidies... If you calculate, that's 70% of the company's total investment," Kumaraswamy said on his return to Bengaluru after joining the third Narendra Modi govt. "I asked officials how



Reform UK overtakes PM Sunak's Conservatives in opinion poll

LONDON: In a recent YouGov poll conducted for the Times newspaper, Nigel Farage's Reform UK Party surpassed Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party for the first time, just weeks before Britain's upcoming election on July 4. The survey, which involved 2,211

participants and was carried out from June 12-13, revealed that Reform UK garnered 19% support, a 2% increase from their previous standing, while the Conservatives remained unchanged at 18%. The opposition Labour Party maintained its lead

What benefits have we provided to them? I am contemplating these matters, such as how to safeguard the nation's wealth." Thanking PM Modi for entrusting him with the steel and heavy industries portfolios.

India, Italy seek to enhance ties in clean energy, AI and telecom

Italy Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bilateral meeting with his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni saw the two sides discussing defence and security cooperation, including enhancing defence industrial collaboration. They welcomed the forthcoming visit of the Italian aircraft carrier ITS Cavour and training ship ITS Vespucci to India later this year. Modi thanked the Italian govt for recognising the Indian Army's contribution in Italian Campaign during WW-II and informed that India will be upgrading the Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial at Montone in Italy. The leaders noted with satisfaction the regular higher political dialogue and reviewed progress.

33% of seniors without income, 65% financially insecure: Study

NEW DELHI: One in every three elders reported not having any income in the past one year, 32% elderly or their spouses had an annual income of less than Rs 50,000 and only 29% elderly reported having access to social security schemes like old-age pension, contributory pension or provident fund. Nearly, 65% of elders reported that they were financially not secure with their current income and access to savings and investments. These findings are part of a report released by voluntary organisation 'HelpAge India' on the eve of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed on June 15. As many as 5,169 elders and 1,333 caregivers' primary family members were surveyed across 20 Tier I and Tier II cities, in 10 states. The study captured the experiences of elderly from cities like Jaipur, Faridabad, Panipat, Kanpur, Indore, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Solapur, Chennai and Bengaluru. These findings are important in backdrop of significant demographic shift in India with population above 60 to double from 10.5% in 2022 to 20.8% by 2050. The report, 'Ageing in India: Exploring Preparedness & Response to Care Challenges', showed that only 31% elderly reported access to health insurance. Elder abuse continues to be a major concern, with 7% elderly admitting to being a victim of abuse with sons (42%) and daughters-in-law (28%) being primary perpetrators. "A higher percentage of elderly who faced abuse in past year were illiterate, and the abuse increased with decrease in income of elderly, as majority of the respondents (73%) who faced abuse reported an annual income of less than Rs 100,000," the report said.

On government nudge, telcos start trials to display callers' names

NEW Delhi Seeking check pesky calling and cyber frauds, govt has instructed telecom operators to start trials where names of callers are displayed for unknown numbers or those that are not saved in your phone book. The move, while being seen as consumer friendly, is being opposed by



most telcos who oppose an immediate nationwide roll-out. With the department of telecom (DoT) being firm in its demand for beginning initial test-runs on Calling Name Presentation (CNAP), companies are understood to have begun "limited trials" in Mumbai and Haryana, with plans to add more cities over coming weeks, sources said. "Trials are beginning on limited numbers as we try and assess.

Shah summons top officials on Sunday to review Jammu and Kashmir scene

NEW DELHI: Home minister Amit Shah on Friday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir with senior MHA officials in the wake of recent terrorist attacks in Doda, Kathua and Reasi districts in Jammu region and has called for a more broad-based review of the counter-strategies on Sunday with top officials of the J&K govt and the central security estab-



lishment. Sunday's review of the J&K security situation in North Block will be attended by J&K LG Manoj Sinha, national security adviser Ajit Doval and senior officers of J&K administration and

police as well Army, intelligence and paramilitary brass. They are expected to share their respective assessment of the latest spate of terror attacks as well as preparedness for the Amarnath Yatra scheduled from June 29 to August 19. The PM was also given an overview of the situation by both Shah and J&K officials, including the counter-actions that are underway.

Tata Group may take majority stake in this Chinese smartphone company in India

NEW DELHI: The Tata Group is reportedly in advanced discussions to acquire a majority stake in the Indian unit of BBK Group-owned Chinese smartphone maker Vivo, according to sources familiar with the matter who spoke to MoneyControl. While the talks have progressed significantly, with a focus on valuations, a final deal has not yet been reached. MoneyControl's sources indicate that Vivo is seeking a higher valuation than what the Tata Group is currently offering. However, the Tata Group remains interested in the potential acquisition. Vivo has been under scrutiny by Indian authorities for



alleged tax evasion and violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Oppo, another smartphone brand of China's BBK Group, is also said to be in talks with local players to divest its Indian unit. The Indian government is keen on ensuring that any joint venture between a Chinese smartphone company and an Indian partner involves at least a 51% stake held by the domestic firm. Additionally, the government wants the

joint venture to have local leadership and distribution. Micromax-parent takes over Vivo's factory, Chinese manufacturer moves its operations In a related development, Vivo's manufacturing factory in Greater Noida has been taken over by Bhagwati Products, the company behind the Micromax brand. Bhagwati Products has started hiring staff and will soon begin producing smartphones for Vivo through its original design manufacturing

joint venture with Huaqin, which is awaiting government approval, as reported by MoneyControl. Meanwhile, Vivo has relocated its manufacturing operations to a new 170-acre factory in Greater Noida. The Tata Group's interest in acquiring a majority stake in Vivo India aligns with its broader strategy to expand its presence in the electronics manufacturing sector. The conglomerate had previously acquired the Indian operations.

Exhausted over being targeted: Salman to cops

MUMBAI: Actor Salman Khan, who has been allegedly facing persistent threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, while recording his statement before the crime branch expressed his frustration and exhaustion over being targeted for a crime he claims to have already suffered greatly from. and paid fines imposed by various courts. The gang has been targeting Khan since 1998, when he was accused of hunting chinkaras near Jodhpur while shooting for a movie. The city crime branch, probing the case in which two shooters fired at Khan's Bandra residence on behalf of Bishnoi on April 13, recorded the statements of Salman Khan and his brother Arbaz Khan on June 4.

Naidu recalls how his 10-minute meeting with Bill Gates

Chandrababu Naidu recalls how his 10-minute meeting with Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates turned into over half an hour chat. Chandrababu Naidu has taken the oath as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh for the fourth time. Naidu, who first became the CM of the state in 1995, is known to have played a key role in developing Hyderabad into an IT hub, including establishing a Microsoft's office in the city in 1998. In one of his previous public meetings, he recalled his meeting with Bill Gates despite the Microsoft co-founder's busy schedule. During the AP AgTech in 2017, Naidu recalled how he managed to get an appointment. with Bill Gates. "Gates was in New Delhi on some work. I contacted the officials of the United States for an appointment. They told me

that he was very busy, and that if I was keen I could attend a cocktail party in the evening," he said. The meeting was supposed to last 10 minutes but it stretched for 40 minutes, and in that time, the CM convinced Gates to set up an office in Hyderabad. "Not only Microsoft opened its development centre in Hyderabad but Satya Nadella who is from our place became Microsoft CEO," Naidu added. What Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates said Gates then purportedly told him that whenever Microsoft wished to open their centre outside of the US, they would consider Naidu's request. Naidu made a presentation through a laptop then and "was the first Indian politician to do so." "I was told that there is someone who believes in digital technology.

Commissioner inspected Maha Kumbh works, expresses ire over shortcomings

Prayagraj: In view of Maha Kumbh, road widening, drain construction and other works are being done by the Municipal Corporation in the city today. Divisional Commissioner inspected Road widening, drain construction and other works are being done by the Municipal Corporation in the city in view of Maha Kumbh 2025. The works were inspected today by Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwa Pant in the presence of all the concerned

officers. He traveled from Rasulabad Ghat Road to Jwala Devi School Road via Mehndori village to Sangam Vatika Park, from Yash Lok Hospital to Balsan intersection on Kamala Nehru Road, Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, Prayagraj Complex, Gate No. 5 and 6, from Khulabad intersection to Karailabagh Power House. Inspected the drain construction/improvement and road widening works being done at Tak (Noorulla Road) and Banyan Ghat



Road in Meerapur. During the inspection, the interlocking GSB thickness was found to be less at many places and the compaction was also found to be sub-

standard. Progress was slow relative to Pert Chart and quality was found to be lacking. Utility shifting work was not done at many places, on which the Divisional Commissioner expressed his displeasure and directed the Municipal Commissioner to identify the JEs, AEs and contractors who were negligent in the work, fix their responsibilities and take strict action against them. After inspection, he also reviewed point wise all the works being done by the Municipal Corporation in view of Maha Kumbh. In the meeting, he expressed his displeasure over the reduction in payment to the contractors in relation to the progress of many works and gave instructions to immediately make the payment that should be made in relation to the target. Apart from this, the Chief Integrator was also instructed to keep conducting mandatory testing as per the standards in order to ensure quality in all the works.

House sealed by PDA

Prayagraj: PDA Prayagraj sealed the house of lady inspector Sati Singh Chauhan and her convicted husband Mohan Singh, located at Bank Road intersection, by using heavy force on Thursday.

Congmen welcomed Ujwal Raman

Prayagraj: Former UP Congress Committee spokesperson Kishore Varshney, UPCC members Fuzail Hashmi and Harikesh Tripathi have congratulated Congress's Ujwal Raman Singh on his victory from Allahabad parliamentary seat. They said that only Congress, which works for peace, prosperity and progress, can show direction to the country. These leaders expressed hope that soft-spoken Ujwal Raman will follow the footsteps of his father Revati Raman Singh, who was constantly fighting for the development of the district, and will take it forward and will live up to the expectations of the general public. It may be noted that after 40 years the public has expressed confidence in Congress on this seat.



Demand to field Fuzail Hashmi in Phulpur by-poll

Prayagraj: The review meeting of the City Congress Minority Department was held at the Himmatganj Camp office on Friday afternoon under the chairmanship of City President Arshad Ali. Addressing the meeting, in-charge and State Vice President Dr. Mumtaz Siddiqui appreciated the important role of minority colleagues for better performance in the state in the Lok Sabha elections. Praising India Alliance, Dr. Mumtaz proposed to make former General Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee, Fuzail Hashmi, famous as an honest and popular face for the Phulpur Assembly by-election, as the alliance candidate, which was accepted by the party officials present including District President Jamunapar Shahzadul Haq, Advocate. Signed and sent it to the high command. In the meeting, Arshad Ali said that due to the large population in the said assembly, Muslim candidates are the first choice of the voters. It is known that Hashmi has previously contested elections from Phaphamau seat. In the meeting, grief was expressed over the death of Indians in the Kuwait fire accident. A demand was also made to give appropriate compensation to the deceased. On this occasion, Vice President Parvez Siddiqui, Sartaz Mohammad, Ghazali Khan, Mahfooz Ahmed, Talib Ahmed, Mohd. Javed, Shamsul Islam Advocate, Mohd. Hasin, Mukhtar Ahmed, Ghulam Waris, Laiq Ahmed, Mohd. Mobin, Belal Khan, Tabrez Ahmed Advocate, Parvez Khan etc.

Under Operation Nanhe Farishte, two minor girls handed over to Child Helpline

Prayagraj: Shiv Kumar Singh Post Commander, Prayagraj, during station patrolling, found two minor girls crying at FOB No. 2, who were Food was brought to the post and fed, thereafter on enquiry, a girl revealed her name as Ganga Putri Kariya, age about 8 years, resident of hut near Azamgarh station, district Azamgarh. The said girl has told to come here by taking a train from Azamgarh station. The second girl, aged about 04 years, could not tell her name and address. Child Helpline was informed to present the said girls before the Child Welfare Committee. From the child helpline, supervisor Seema Pal and case worker Nitish Kumar came to the post, to whom the girls were handed over for further action.



Mahila Mandal team of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust formed

Prayagraj: President of Shri Jagannath Ji Mahotsav Committee Trust, Durga Prasad Gupta formed the Mahila Mandal team of the trust. Rath Yatra co-coordinator Rajesh Kesarwani said that with the unanimous consent of the senior officials of the organization, Poonam Gupta was nominated as the President of Mahila Mandal, apart from this, Minister Seema Srivastava, Treasurer Manju Gupta, Vice President Meena Devi Rawat, Anita Gupta, Lata Upadhyay, Mamta Mishra, Deputy Ministers Rani Kesarwani, Sakshi Kesarwani, and Malti Kesarwani were nominated and the number was



100. Congratulating all the Mahila Mandal team officials nominated on this occasion, Trust Minister Gagan Das Gupta said that all the Mahila Mandal officials should strengthen the organization by stay-

ing disciplined and make the work of the organization successful. Among those who congratulated were Jai Ram Gupta, Dau Dayal Gupta, Amar Rastogi, Basant Lal Azad Rajesh Kesarwani, Triloki

Kesarwani, Happy Kasera, Vijay Vaishya, Ajay Agrahari, Abhilash Kesarwani, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Sandeep Gupta, Sumit Kesarwani etc. and other officials and workers.

People's mandate against BJP: Cong

Prayagraj: Congress workers and leaders gave a grand welcome to the elected MP from Prayagraj parliamentary constituency Ujjwal Raman Singh in the

your dedication and public blessings. He said that the 2024 Lok Sabha elections will be held in the hands of the public. Its mandate is clear against the previous

cessible to the people and will ensure his contribution in public service as per the party instructions and will continue to serve the public under the guidance of

Anshuman said that while maintaining the trust of the public, the party will continuously take initiatives on issues of public interest in the coming days under the leadership of newly elected MP Honorable Ujjwal Raman Singh. Expressing his gratitude to the workers, he appealed to them to become more active in the field and take initiative on the problems of the people and their related issues and expressed his gratitude for reposing their faith in Congress after decades. Mainly present in the program were Anugrah Narayan Singh, Subhash Pandey, Pradeep Mishra Anshuman, Baba Abhay Awasthi, Taslimuddin, Raghunath Dwivedi, Mohammad Irfan, Rajendra Aggarwal, Praveen Singh Bhole, Vinay Pandey, Rajendra Kesarwani, Ramesh Jaiswal, Ajendra Gaur, Nayan Kushwaha, Leaders and workers like Rakesh Srivastava, Anjum Naz, Praveen Gupta, Arun Pathak, Abhishek Shukla, Kamal Sharma, Shadab Ahmed, Sunny Sonkar etc. were present.



thanksgiving program organized by the Metropolitan Congress Committee at the party office against the public mandate of the BJP. On this occasion, newly elected MP Ujjwal Raman Singh expressed special gratitude towards the party workers and the public and said that I will always be indebted to you for the responsibility and honor given to me by

BJP government which continuously played with the aspirations of the people. The public, being troubled by unemployment, inflation and the pro-capitalist government, has cast its vote against the BJP and respecting the mandate of the public, it will always strive for the all-round development of the area. He said that he will remain ac-

Party President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, mass leader Shri Rahul Gandhi and sister Smt. Priyanka Gandhi. He also expressed special gratitude to the main leader of India Alliance, former Chief Minister Shri Akhilesh Yadav and workers of Samajwadi Party. On this occasion, Congress Metropolitan President Pradeep Mishra

General Manager Ravindra Goyal presented safety awards to 07 railway employees

Prayagraj: For the month of May on 14.06.2024 by General Manager, North Central Railway, Ravindra Goyal, Principal Chief Safety Officer, J.C.S. In the presence of Heads of Departments of Bora and North Central Railway, safety awards were given to 7 railway employees selected from Jhansi, Agra and Prayagraj divisions for their excellent work towards safety. Awarded employees include 1. Sumit Kumar Sharma, Pointsman, Agorikhas/Prayagraj Division 2. Rambaran Bind, Pointsman, Vindhychal/Prayagraj Division 3. Satwinder Singh, Loco Pilot-Mail, Jhansi/Jhansi Division 4. Deepak Kumar Sahu, Assistant Loco Pilot, Jhansi/Jhansi Division 5. Sonu Kumar, Track



Maintainer, Shikohabad, Prayagraj Division 6. Jagdish, Track Maintainer, Jajau/Agra Division 7. Ashok Kumar, Track Maintainer, Jajau/Agra Division. Ashok Kumar was awarded the Safety Award for the Best Railway Worker of May, 2024. While on duty on 10.05.2024 at Gate No. While passing the goods train from 478 A, he saw the hanging part (Iron Chain) in the train. Which was rubbing against the railway track and due to which the sleeper of the railway track was coming loose. The employee showed wisdom and informed his supervisor and Station Master, Jajau and the train was stopped immediately. After the track was repaired, the train was started. Due to their wisdom a major railway accident was averted.

PNM meet held with NCRMU & DRM

Prayagraj: PNM meeting was held with NCRMU under the chairmanship of DRM. The main issues of today's meeting are that the duty of the track maintainer will be fixed by the General Secretary for a total of 8 hours starting from the tools box and ending at the tools box. The duty list of the track maintainer will be at the office of the Divisional Engineer, Railway Path and the Assistant Divisional Engineer. Will be pasted and on the same basis the duty of track maintainer will be done, along with this



it was agreed to provide separate railway accommodation for all Group C and Group D staff working in RCT. In today's meeting, all the canceled cases of appointment on compassionate grounds in the board will be reconsidered but a consensus has been reached. Tickets will be made available to the checking staff in Aligarh, Prayagraj, Manikpur, Kanpur, Tundla along with canteen and other entertainment facilities in a week. In this meeting, prominent people were DS Yadav, Manoj Tripathi, Ashish Kumar, Nagendra Bahadur, AK Singh, Vijendra Singh, Raju Prasad, Vikram Singh, Anoop Yadav, Mahendra Yadav, Satyajit Samar Bahadur, Vikram Yadav, Sardar Singh, Birendra Singh Ajwani, Amit Pal Singh, Dalel Singh, Ramesh Prajapati etc. were present.

LS polls: Vehicle owners apprised about reimbursement via e-payment in their bank account

Prayagraj: The rental payment of all the private light and heavy vehicle owners used in the Lok Sabha General Election will be sent to their bank account through e-payment. All the private vehicles used in the Lok Sabha General Election-2024 - Light and heavy vehicle owners are informed that their fare payment is to be made through e-payment in their bank account. Those whose vehicles were used in the said election should submit a photocopy of their bank account passbook along with their mobile number, a copy of the route chart provided to the driver while going to the polling and log book (for recording the fuel taken in the vehicle and the distance covered). With this, the tax must be deposited in the Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Administration) / (Enforcement) Office (RTO Office) for the release of heavy vehicles and in the office of Nazir Sadar, Collectorate, Prayagraj for the release of light vehicles, in every case by 18.06.2024. Please pay tax, otherwise it will not be possible to pay their fare, for which the entire responsibility will be of the vehicle owners.

MUNPL Committed to CSR and Environmental Conservation Initiatives - MUNPL CEO Shri Kamlesh Soni

Meja: In a significant event held at Meja Urja Nigam on June 14, 2024, CEO Shri Kamlesh Soni spearheaded a state-level press conference that drew attention from media luminaries and representatives of prominent media houses.

Amidst the gathering, CEO Soni delivered a comprehensive address, shedding light on the performance metrics of Meja Urja Nigam Pvt. Ltd. (MUNPL), unveiling forthcoming expansion plans, and elucidating the company's commitments towards environmental conservation and corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives.



Shri Kamlesh Soni's discourse also extended to articulating MUNPL's visionary roadmap for the future. During his speech, CEO Soni underscored the indispensable role of the media in catalyzing the growth and

development trajectory of the nation. He emphasized, "The media serves as an important societal pillar, acting as a mirror reflecting the collective aspirations and challenges of our society." Following the conclu-

sion of the conference, members of the media fraternity engaged in interactive sessions with participants of the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) 2024. This post-conference interaction provided a platform

for fruitful discussions and exchanges between the company and media stakeholders. The event facilitated an enriching exchange of ideas, enabling participants to deliberate on pertinent concerns and strategies aimed at fos-

tering societal progress. The convergence of corporate and media entities on a common platform underscored the collective commitment towards driving positive change and fostering inclusive growth in the community.



Non-smokers equally prone to get affected with lung cancer

Prayagraj/Varanasi: Lung cancer, often synonymous with smoking, is a formidable health concern that can affect even those who have never smoked a day in their lives. While the association between smoking and lung cancer is well-established, there's a surprising reality that non-smokers also face the risk of developing this life-altering disease.

Contrary to common belief, a substantial percentage of lung cancer cases—approximately 20% globally—occur in individuals who have never smoked. These statistics underscore the need to understand the diverse factors leading to lung cancer beyond the traditional association with smoking.

Lung cancer manifests

in various forms, with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and small cell lung cancer (SCLC) being the primary types. Each type has distinct characteristics, influencing treatment approaches and outcomes. According to the CDC, about 50% to 60% of lung cancers found in people who never smoked are adenocarcinomas, which begin in the cells that line the lung's tiny air sacs and produce substances such as mucus. About 10% to 20% are squamous cell carcinomas, which form in the thin, flat cells lining the inside of the lungs.

One prevailing myth is the misconception that non-smokers are immune to lung cancer. This misconception often leads to delayed diagnosis and treat-

ment for non-smokers, as symptoms may be dismissed or attributed to other causes.

Dr. Kamran Ali, Principal Consultant, Thoracic Surgery, at Max Super Speciality Hospital Saket, emphasizes "Non-smokers face significant risks from various factors like secondhand smoke, environmental pollutants, and genetic predispositions. It's crucial to dispel the myth that non-smokers are safe



from lung cancer. Early detection and awareness are key to combating this disease. Genetic predisposition plays a critical role in non-smokers developing lung cancer. Identifying these genetic markers can help in early diagnosis and personalized treatment, improving the chances of successful outcomes."

Research suggests a genetic component in non-smokers' susceptibility to lung cancer. Understanding the genetic factors involved can shed light on the mechanisms leading to lung cancer in individuals with no history of smoking. Certain genetic mutations may predispose non-smokers to lung cancer. Exploring these genetic predispositions can aid in identifying at-risk individuals and

implementing preventive measures.

Dr. Kamran further added "Breaking the stigma is essential. Lung cancer can affect anyone, regardless of their smoking history. Increased awareness and education are vital in improving early detection and treatment outcomes. Educational initiatives and public awareness campaigns are crucial in informing people about the risks non-smokers face. By raising awareness, we can encourage early screenings and better preventive measures."

Educational initiatives and public awareness campaigns play a vital role in dispelling myths and informing the public about this disease. Increased awareness can lead to ear-

lier diagnosis and improved outcomes. Non-smokers can reduce their risk by avoiding exposure to secondhand smoke, maintaining a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet and regular exercise, and being aware of environmental factors that may pose risks.

Low-dose CT scans are effective in detecting abnormalities in the lungs at an early stage. Regular check-ups and open communication with healthcare providers are also essential. Lung cancer in non-smokers is a critical public health issue that requires attention and awareness. Dispelling myths, understanding diverse risk factors, and promoting early detection are essential steps in combating this disease.

Electric crematorium at Phaphamau still waits for electricity connection

Prayagraj: The construction of the first of the six proposed electric crematoriums in Sangam city is still not functional at the Phaphamau Ghat. The facility is now facing a new obstacle as it is unable to get an electricity connection. After the construction was completed, the engineers from Municipal Corporation started pressuring the executing agency to remove one of the two furnaces of the newly-constructed crematorium.

The plan for the construction of the crematorium was made and approved a year ago, after the Prayagraj Municipal Corporation (PMC) leased land from the Northern Railway for the construction of this electric crematorium at Phaphamau

Ghat. In exchange for the lease, the municipal corporation had deposited a fee of Rs. 46,000 to the Northern Railway (NR). The construction of the crematorium started last year after getting permission from the NR. Its foundation stone was laid by Prayagraj Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani.

Even as its construction continued, no one objected to the two furnaces. The municipal corporation administration even sent a notice to the executing agency and imposed a fine for not completing the work on time. Based on two furnaces, an application was made a month ago for a 200-kilowatt electricity connection combined with a deposit of Rs. 55 lakh for the

connection, said a representative of the executing agency. Now for removing one of the furnaces, one will have to apply again to the power department to reduce connection to 100 kilowatts. Though the PMC officials remained tight-lipped on the demand to remove one of the two furnaces, even though the facility was set up according to the approved plan, Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani conceded that the engineers should have taken the right action during the construction phase. He further said that he would speak to the officials to remove the hurdle and get the crematorium functioning as the construction has already been completed.

56 UP schools sans students, 5151 rely on solo teacher: Govt data

Prayagraj: Of the 1,32,842 government-run primary, upper primary and composite schools of the state, 56 have no students while 17,471 institutions have student strength under 50, as per the latest data of the U.P. basic education department. The data also shows that all these schools are grappling with acute shortage of teachers with 5151 schools being managed by single teacher even after 13 years since the Right to Education (RTE) Act-2009 was implemented in July 2011 in the state.

Primary schools cater to students till class 5, upper primary from classes 5 to 8 and composite schools from classes 1 to 8. The data for academic session (2023-24) was shared by officials at a Delhi meeting held in connection with the annual action plan and budget (2024-25) for the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Union ministry of Education, New Delhi.

"The most worrying thing is that the teacher-student ratio in 37.13% of these schools is not in as per RTE norms. Now, instructions have been issued to provide teachers in schools as per the set standard,"

said an official of the state basic education department.

As per the data (copy of which is with HT), 56 schools have no students. What's more, 12.50% of teaching posts are vacant in the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), the institution responsible for quality enhancement and teacher training in government primary and upper primary schools and 40.57% of teaching posts are vacant in the District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs). "Instructions have been given to fill these posts on priority as well," as per the minutes of the Delhi meeting.

As many as 88 of the 99 Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls Schools that were upgraded, have not yet been made operational, as per government data. Academic blocks and hostels are being built for the girl students in these upgraded schools so that after passing class 8, the girl students are able to stay in these hostels and complete their studies till class 12, officials said.

They said instructions have also been given to fill up the 12.05% vacant seats in Kasturba schools.

BJP workers gave grand welcome to newly elected MP Praveen Patel

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party workers, under the leadership of BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, gave a grand welcome to the newly elected BJP MP from Phulpur, Praveen Patel, on his first arrival at the party office, Civil Lines. On this occasion, the newly elected MP Praveen Patel said that in the scorching heat, the workers have given their blood. After sweating, beating the heat and blooming lotus flowers in Phulpur, he said that how by working hard, the workers have made themselves MPs, not me, I will be available to them all the time and will never disappoint the workers. He further said That even though Congress won

a total of 99 seats in the Lok Sabha elections by deceiving the public by doing false propaganda of Rs. 8500, but the people of this

country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's caravan is not going to stop. Before this, former cabinet minister of Uttar Pradesh, Narendra

and respect to the workers and the public. Take immediate action on the complaints of Janardhan so that we can live up to the expect-



country gave their full blessings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and I want to say that no matter how much opposition Why not

Kumar Singh Gaur, while congratulating on the victory, said that all the leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party should pay attention

tations of the public and he further said that the workers are fully prepared to form the government in Uttar Pradesh with an over-

whelming majority of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming assembly elections in 2027.

On this occasion, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra welcomed the newly elected MP by giving him some flowers and said that due to the hard work of the workers, he won the Lok Sabha elections in all three assemblies of Prayagraj metropolis. Apart from this, former MLC Nirmala Paswan, Ramesh Pasi, Rajesh Kesarwani, Raju Pathak, Rajesh Singh, Devendra Mishra, Natwarlal Bharti Pramod Modi, through his address, congratulated newly elected MP Praveen Patel on his victory. Sanjay Srivastava conducted the

program. Thanks was given by Board President Vijay Srivastava. Vijay Srivastava, Shikha Rastogi were among those who congratulated. , Rita Singh, Rohit Pappu Pandey, Anand Jaiswal, Rajesh Gond, Rohit Jaiswal, Nawab Khan, Rajesh Kesarwani, Pawan Mishra, Rakesh Bharti, Manoj Kushwaha, Prashant Shukla, Abha Singh, Saroj Gupta, Ganesh Verma, Anil Bhatt, Bharat Nishad, Kaushiki Singh, Sanjay Kushwaha, Gaurav Gupta, Bhola Singh, Avnish Tiwari, Gyan Babu Kesarwani, Dinanath Kushwaha, etc. were workers of all district Mehnagar divisions and booths of Bharatiya Janata Party.

AU entrance test for PG courses this month, results by July

Prayagraj: The process of applying for admission to 62 postgraduate courses in Allahabad University (AU) and its 11 affiliated colleges concluded on Wednesday. Nearly 57,803 candidates had registered by Wednesday evening and of which, 34,357 finally submitted the applications by paying the fees after completing all formalities. Officials said the AU administration is preparing to conduct the entrance examination in June itself with results likely in the first or second week of July. The counselling is expected in the third week of July. The entrance examination will be conducted in both online and offline mode in both the cases, along with New Delhi, centers will be set up in Prayagraj, Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, and Bareilly. Online examinations will be conducted only in Bhopal, Kolkata, Patna and Thiruvananthapuram, officials said.

Enrolled students can make alterations in application forms online till June 15. The official website will remain open from June 14th to June 15th till 5 pm for a record number of 34000 students, who have applied for postgraduate courses in AU and constituent colleges this year, to make any alterations to their application forms. Last year 31,248 candidates applied. "These amendments could be made in 15 categories, including names of father-mother, date of birth, gender, address, marital status, aadhaar card number, annual income of guardian, domicile state, educational qualification, hostel, police case, ABC ID, e-mail and mobile number," said professor JK Pati, AU's director, admissions. He said amendments in the applicant's name, course, and disability category will not be allowed. The submission of applications for the postgraduate entrance test (PGAT) began on May 16. Earlier, the last date of submitting application was June 5th, later extended to June 12th.

Amidst heat wave, chaos due to water crisis in Dhumanganj localities

Prayagraj: The water crisis is deepening amid the scorching heat in Chak Meerapatti area of the city. Despite repeated complaints, there is water shortage in the area, due to which people are facing a lot of trouble. Due to the ever increasing water crisis, the people of the area are facing severe water shortage. Some people of the area, longing for every drop of water, are continuously appealing to the councilors and concerned officials, but till now the problem has not been solved, due to which there is a lot of anger among the people. Here, crowds have started appearing on the roads for water. Many people run out of water even before their turn comes. In such a situation, people are forced to collect the water collected in the pits on the roads and take it to their homes, the utensils of which are being cleaned. When the summer is at its peak and there is such a shortage of water, then this raises many big question marks on the administration. It is beginning to seem that people have also started expressing concern about this. In this regard, an attempt was made to talk to General Manager Jal Sansthan Kumar Gaurav but he did not receive the call several times. In this regard, social worker Sunil Kumar Verma also complained to Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani Municipal Corporation but the problem has not been resolved yet. Social worker Sunil Kumar Verma has also lodged a complaint on the Chief Minister's helpline today.

Array of activities to mark culmination of workshop at NCZCC

Prayagraj: 30-day summer children's drama workshop organized by North Central Zone Cultural Center Ministry of Culture, Government of India will conclude on Sunday at 5 pm in the Cultural Center premises. Center Director Prof. Suresh Sharma told that on this occasion, the plays Nanhe Nakalchi and Trin-Trin will be staged under the direction of Sundar Lal Chhabra and Aruna Shetty by the children trained in the workshop. Besides, Ganga Dussehra festival will also be organized at Selfie Point of Arail Ghat from 16th to 18th June, in which folk songs, Kathak dance and Bhojपुरi songs based on the sanctity of Ganga will be presented. In the cultural presentation, Dheeraj Pandey will present songs in Awadhi, Shija Rai of Lucknow will present Kathak and Gopal Rai of Ballia will present bhajans in Bhojपुरi and a photo exhibition based on Ganga will also be organized.

Severely disabled children being connected to main stream of education: BSA

Prayagraj: Praveen Kumar Tiwari District Basic Education Officer informed that under integrated education, disabled children who are unable to go to school in the session 2024-25 in Prayagraj district are being connected to the main stream of education. Escort/Stipend is provided for escort allowance at the rate of Rs. 600 per month to children with special needs like Visually Impaired, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, whose disability certificate has been issued by the Medical Board/Competent Medical Officer. A total of 6000 school trips will be made available for 10 months. Also, students with special needs who are enrolled in council schools and have minimum 40 percent disability certi-



cate issued by the medical board/competent medical officer will be given Rs. 200 per month. A total stipend of 2000 will be provided for 10 months at the rate of Rs. 2000. The amount will be sent to the parents' account through DBT to the children identified for SCOT/Stipend Allowance. District Coordinator Integrated Education Vikas Pandey said that the district The target of giving 610 stipend and 310 Scott Allowance to disabled children is fixed, the process of which is being completed through DBT. DBT is taking action to provide Scott Allowance and Stipend to seriously disabled children to connect them with the main stream of education. It is being conducted through, which will be very meaningful for the children.

Voluntary blood donation camp organized on World Blood Donor Day

Prayagraj: A voluntary blood donation camp was organized by Humanity India Trust today on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day in Sarapeetha village of Handia area. In which the youth participated enthusiastically. Irrespective of the scorching sun and extreme heat, amazing enthusiasm was seen among the youth. There is a need to convince and make people of rural areas aware about blood donation. Nevertheless, today 19 blood donors donated blood, which is a big achievement in a rural area. Similarly, if friends of every village come forward to donate blood, death and diseases due to lack of blood can be prevented. Today in the camp Kamal Bhan, Vijay Bhan, Ritesh Kumar, Shubham Kushwaha, Chandra Prakash, Rajesh Kumar Kushwaha, Brijesh Kumar Gupta, Shivraj, Akash Kumar Jaiswal, Abhishek Jaiswal, Rajesh Kumar, Suraj Maurya, Dr. Surya Bhan Kushwaha, Ed. Pradeep Kumar, Vikram Singh Kushwaha, Farhan Khan, Sagar Tripathi, Suraj Kumar and Amit Maurya donated blood. In this camp of Humanity India Trust, the team of its Chari-



table Blood and Component Center Dr. Surya Bhan Kushwaha, Vijay Bhan, Kamal Bhan, Ed. Pradeep Kumar, Deepak Maurya, etc. had major contributions.

Editorial

Bloody stalemate, no signs of breakthrough

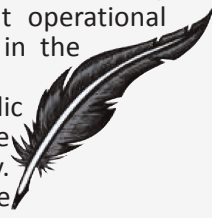
In the book 'The Fathomless Caves', Kate Forsyth, the author, describes war as, "An unpredictable beast. Once unleashed, it runs like a rabid dog, ravaging friends and foes alike. It can drag on for years, a slow attrition of nerve and fortitude, or be over in one brilliant flash, an extravagant configuration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

When President Putin launched 'special military operations' to 'demilitarise and denazify' Ukraine on February 24, 2022, it was universally given that the war would be over in a few days, with Russia inflicting a crushing defeat on Ukraine. Ironically, two years later, the conflict rages on, degenerating into a state of stalemate with little change in the ground situation. Although a classic limited war, its politico-economic impact has been felt far and wide, with serious geo-strategic ramifications. Militarily, it has gone on to redefine the very nature of warfare. The Russian offensive commenced as a typical military campaign, preceded by missiles and airstrikes, followed by a large-scale ground invasion along multiple fronts. The northern thrust was launched from Belarus towards Kyiv, the southern one was from Crimea, and the south-eastern push was from Luhansk-Donetsk towards Kharkiv.

In the wake of heavy losses and stiff Ukrainian resistance on the outskirts of Kyiv, the Russian Northern thrust stalled within a month, towards the end of March. By April, the Russian Army had retreated to consolidate gains around the Luhansk and Donetsk areas. However, the Russians did succeed in capturing Mariupol in May after a prolonged siege. Having stabilised the situation, in August, the Ukrainian forces launched a limited counterattack in the south and a month later in the north-east, succeeding in recapturing Kharkiv and Kherson by November, thus forcing the Russians to withdraw east of the Dnieper River. With winters setting in, the pace of operations had slowed down. The Ukrainians resorted to launching a number of drone strikes against the Russian bases. A period of lull was used by the belligerents to consolidate their positions and gear up for the next phase. By the end of 2022, around 8 million refugees had fled Ukraine. Both sides had suffered heavy casualties; more than half a million Russian and Ukrainian soldiers were killed or wounded, besides over 10,000 civilian fatalities. Towards early 2023, Ukraine launched a major counter-offensive on a wide front. However, it soon went awry. The frontal assaults by the Ukrainian mechanised forces against the Russian multi-layered field fortifications complemented with minefields made no headway, and the offensive soon petered out. On the other hand, the Russian Army achieved a major success in May 2023 with the capture of the strategically important city of Bakhmut after months of fighting, with Prigozhin's Wagner militia making a major contribution. In 2024, Russia is prepared for a grand offensive to gain an upper hand, sensing exhaustion amongst the Ukrainian ranks and Kyiv's depleting manpower, equipment, and resources.

Russia has revived its defence industry and also revamped its warfighting potential with military supplies, particularly ammunition, missiles, and drones from North Korea and Iran. The recent seizure of Avdiivka, an important town 20 kilometres east of Donetsk, will definitely offer a significant operational advantage to the Russians in the region.

Additionally, it is a symbolic victory and a huge morale booster for the Russian Army. The state of stalemate notwithstanding, the scope of conflict has enlarged.



Pollution becomes a major problem in the National Capital Region

Pollution becomes a major problem in the National Capital Region of New Delhi and its surrounding areas as winter sets in. This has become a big problem for the last several years not only in Delhi but for the residents of the surrounding areas. In view of this problem, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has tried to provide relief to the citizens and to provide a source of income to the farmers instead of loss from the stubble generated from the paddy crop other than rice. It is noteworthy that in some areas of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan, administrative action is being taken continuously against farmers due to stubble burning. In which, apart from imposing fine on paddy farmers by the local administration, action is being taken to send them to jail. Due to which farmers are troubled. Seeing this problem of farmers, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh is trying to get rid of the pollution caused by stubble burning. For which the government is working on the technology of producing compressed gas (CNG) from stubble in the state, which will provide income as well as employment to a large number of people of the state. Along with this, pure organic fertilizer (green energy) will also be produced, the con-



sumption of the produce will ensure better health.

In fact, in view of this problem in the state, CM Yogi had already released the Bio Energy Policy 2022 to encourage bio energy. Under this policy a target of large scale investment was set. In which many big investors of the country had signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the state government in the Global Investors Summit, which is now going to come to fruition. The Yogi government had set a target of biogas plant in every tehsil, some of which are ready to start soon. Among the plants which are ready to start is Buland Biogas of Bulandshahr district, which is being established in village Lauhgala tehsil. Buland Biogas had signed a MoU worth Rs 18 crore 75 lakh with the state government, the price of which has now increased to around Rs 21 crore. According

to government representatives, this plant will start its production in December. This plant will produce 3 tonnes of CNG per day, which will reduce the dependence on petrol and diesel in the state. 80 to 100 people will also get employment. In these, both skilled and unskilled people will get employment. While talking to Dainik Bhaskar, owner of Buland Bio Gas, Athar Ahmed said that the plant produces not only stubble but also compressed biogas from degradable waste like straw, cow dung, chaff, sugarcane dung, municipal waste or a mixture of all the gases.

Is made. With the help of this technology, CNG is purified. License for this plant has been obtained from PSU Indian Oil of the Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India. However, the government and the people running the institute believe that the

best thing about this project is that it will produce organic fertilizer in large quantities. The waste generated in the production of compressed gas will be 100 percent organic. This waste will be solid as well as liquid. The liquid organic fertilizer produced by the plant will be given to the farmers free of cost for 3 years. These farmers will be identified by the DM or CDO of the districts. This will benefit those farmers who are not able to buy fertilizer, DAP, urea. The advantage of organic fertilizers and liquid fertilizers is that a thick layer of fertilizers has been spread in the fertile lands. It takes time to reach the roots of trees and plants. At the same time, if organic fertilizer is added to it, it will reach the roots in 2 to 3 hours.

This will not only benefit the farmers but also the common people will be able to get pure organic food. People's health will be benefited by pure eating habits. It is believed that considering the need of the hour, the Yogi government of the state has taken this project forward very rapidly and brought Bio Energy Policy-2022 for it. The government provided all the facilities in this. The first facility is that those who have received a LOI license can apply for it. Apart from this, along with the Central Government, the State Government is also providing

a maximum subsidy ranging from Rs 75 lakh to Rs 20 crore. Not only this, the surcharge on electricity has been exempted for 10 years. Stamp duty has also been exempted for 10 years and land development charges have also been made free for 10 years. Apart from this, a discount of 50 plus 30 i.e. total 80 percent is being given on machinery. Not only this, arrangements are also being made for raw material i.e. degradable waste. For this, long term agreements have been made with sugar mills for sugarcane flour. The Animal Husbandry Department has been asked to make agreements with all the government cowsheds for cow dung. Not only this, if the project is worth Rs 50 crore or more then the government is providing a 5 km road. The Yogi government has deployed entrepreneur friends to help investors. Looking at the spell and desire of the government, it seems that soon the paddy producing farmers in Uttar Pradesh will get relief and till now those who were being harassed by the administration in the name of stubble burning will get relief and this type of plants will be set up in Uttar Pradesh. By starting in the state, his income will increase and he will be happy.

The Third Eye: Intelligence is a prime security weapon

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime, aided by a brilliant National Security Advisor, has boosted the confidence of national Intelligence agencies about doing their job of protecting the security and integrity of India on a proactive, apolitical and professional note. Intelligence Bureau (IB), the 'mother' organisation that fostered in the family of Intelligence entities including SSB, ARC and R&AW, traced its origins in the Central CID established by the British some 135 years ago and the fact that it saw an essential continuity of its functioning after Independence, is an affirmation of its belief that by and large its goal had been to safeguard the country against the doings of its perceived 'adversaries'

at any point of time. IB's charter multiplied a great deal with the emergence of India as a sovereign nation and as the largest democracy that happened also to inherit the destabilising legacy of a religion-based Partition accompanying its freedom. The Bureau derives strength from three basic principles of its working. First is the freedom it exercises in the matter of covering an activity or an entity that - in its 'own judgement' - amounted to a threat to national security. Secondly, the government at the Centre can task the IB which is only appropriate but it never influences its findings - IB may be the only reliable agency to tell the government what is adverse in the public environment disapproving the notions that

Intelligence only reported what the political masters 'liked to hear'. Thirdly, the IB's communications with the government are not only confidential but are marked as 'unofficial' notes meant only for the benefit of the recipients and not available for scrutiny by an outsider. Working of India's Intelligence agencies is in line with the principle that they are not police organisations. The IB is led by IPS officers who join the organisation giving up on the 'glamour' of uniform and accepting 'anonymity' by choice in lieu of the rare satisfaction they had of directly working for the national cause - with full confidence that good work was always given credit for and with a belief that the nation acknowledged.

Manipur has been burning for many months due to the hatred and bitterness

In India, people of more castes and religions live together than in any other country in the world. If we look at history, we will find that people from all over the world came to India and most of them stayed here. But today, Manipur has been burning for many months due to the hatred and bitterness that is prevalent among people of different religions in India. The leaders of the ruling party, especially the Prime Minister, are silent about this violence. Meanwhile, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (Sangh) chief Mohan Bhagwat, expressing concern over the Manipur violence, has taught the country to live with unity and love. But the Sangh chief's statement about living in unity in the country is being interpreted in different ways. The reason for this is that apart from the Manipur violence, Mohan Bhagwat has said many other things which need to be considered at this time. In fact, the Sangh chief gave a big message of unity in the Nagpur parade on the day of Vijaydashami regarding the increasing tension between Hindus and Muslims. The way the Sangh chief said in a questioning tone, how did people living in the same country become so alien? Political people, intellectuals, journal-

ists and political analysts are trying to find out the meaning of everything. Mohan Bhagwat says from this question. No one is able to understand its true meaning? The simple meaning of this question of Bhagwat is that hatred towards the people of one's own country is not a good thing. But the question is arising for whom did Mohan Bhagwat say this? But before this it is important to understand that the Sangh chief also said that there should not be indiscretion and imbalance. There is a need to take our mind seriously and bind the country in the threads of unity. Because I believe that by expressing concern over the violence in Manipur, the Sangh chief has also hinted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi not speaking on Manipur. However, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also said that we have to be cautious in elections and we have to accept everyone as our own and keep everyone's influence cool. This is the call of belonging, whoever listens to it will be benefited. It will not be known what will happen to those who still do not listen. Many analysts have their own views on this statement of the Sangh chief, some are saying that he is threatening the government, some

are saying that he is warning the opposition, some are saying that he is giving advice to Muslims. So some are saying that they are giving advice to Hindus. At the same time, some are saying that Mohan Bhagwat is calling extremist people, no matter which religion they belong to. At the same time, some people are also saying that this statement of Mohan Bhagwat is just politics, which is for vote bank politics under the guise of religion. Its Indian meaning is also that Mohan Bhagwat has been accused of supporting the Janata Party. Is. However, I believe that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has been talking about unity in the country for the last several years. He is the first Sangh chief who went to mosques as well as madrassas and gave a big message of unity and brotherhood to the country. Before this, no Sangh chief had shown the courage to take such an initiative. In such a situation, instead of doing politics on the statement of the Sangh chief, do not come and vote for his statement. We have to vote for who is better. Along with this, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also praised some of the works of the government. It is clear from this that he has not spoken against the government.

Facing political persecution with resilience

After Maharani Jind Kaur, Maryam Nawaz Sharif will rule the Takht-e-Lahore. Jind Kaur, popular as Rani Jindan, took over as queen regent in 1843, ruling on behalf of her five-year-old son Duleep Singh, who ascended the throne after the death of his father Maharaja Ranjit Singh. She remained queen until the end of the First Anglo-Sikh War in 1846. Nearly 180 years later, Pakistan Punjab is finally getting its first female chief minister. No mean achievement in a male-dominated political setup where women are often relegated to the sidelines. And certainly not a small feat in a family where every third per-

son has been or wants to be the chief minister of Punjab province. Maryam's first prominent appearance was in a BBC interview, where she detailed her father's incarceration by General Pervez Musharraf in the October 1999 coup. While Nawaz and other male members of the family were imprisoned, his fearless wife Kulsoom and daughter Maryam rallied for public support. "I can smell the danger, but who is on the wrong side? Ultimately Gen Musharraf is going to be in trouble," Maryam had said. First lesson learnt - dictators die politically, but civilian leaders live through generations. Facing political

persecution with resilience and defiance made Maryam Nawaz a political force long before she began her parliamentary career. The 'How to Become a Successful Politician in Pakistan' guide will have one chapter, really - let thyself be persecuted at the hands of the real rulers of this land. In the case of Maryam, this persecution began years before she fought her first provincial and national election in 2024. If Nawaz was targeted by the Pakistan Army, Maryam was hounded with trumped-up political court cases that only served to enhance her popularity. Let's rewind to July 2018, when hundreds of paramilitary

soldiers apprehended the father and daughter at Lahore airport, taking them into custody just days before the general election that year. The imagery of a defiant daughter, standing next to her father and willingly accepting arrest, is what catapulted Maryam to where she is today. Going to jail before getting a political launch is the best start to the career for any Pakistani politician. In the next four years of Imran Khan's Army-backed hybrid government, Maryam continued to be hounded with arrests, court cases, harassment and even death threats. In 2021, the government threatened.

Kaka Sachdeva distributed laddus in ward 27 on the victory of MP Naveen Jindal

Kaithal: BJP leader and councillor from ward number 27 Kaka Sachdeva, expressing happiness on the victory of BJP candidate Naveen Jindal from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency, said that the people of Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency have put their stamp of approval on the development policies of Modi government and crowned Naveen Jindal with victory. Naveen Jindal's victory is the victory of the people on the basis of the blessings of the people and hard work of the workers. Kaka Sachdeva was talking after distributing laddus among the workers on the victory of MP Naveen Jindal. Councillor Kaka Sachdeva said that in the Lok Sabha elections, BJP candidate from ward number 27 Naveen Jindal got 2242 votes in his



favour and he won a record-breaking victory by 1080 votes from the ward, for which all the residents of 27 wards deserve congratulations. He said that the people of the country have expressed their faith in BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third consecutive time. The majority received by BJP in the country has once again proved that the people have given victory to development and

BJP's policies. People from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency also expressed their faith in the BJP top leadership and Chief Minister Nayab Saini and have put the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat in the BJP's bag. On this occasion, a large number of youth including Goldie, Lucky, Happy, Shubham, Virendra, Lovely, Harsh, Vikas Kumar, Ashu, Kapish, Nanda, Johnny, Chotu, Sunil Sapra were present with him.

'Unwell' CM Kejriwal seeks interim bail or medical tests

NEW DELHI: With the deadline for him to return to Tihar Jail a week away, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Monday moved Supreme Court seeking extension of time to surrender till June 9 on the ground that he needed to undergo a comprehensive medical examination to identify whether his "unusually high blood sugar level, rapid weight loss and bouts of dizziness, coupled with palpitation", were life-threatening. Arrested by Enforcement Directorate on March 21 in a money laundering case relating to the alleged excises policy scam and released on interim bail by the

apex court on May 10 for campaigning, the 54-year-old Kejriwal said a senior physician from Max Hospital clinically examined him on May 25 and suggested whole body PET-CT to rule out malignancies and Holter monitor test, both of which would take 5-7 days. Kejriwal said since elections in Punjab were scheduled for June 1, he would be busy campaigning till May 30, and would not be able to undergo these tests in a day. Assuring that he had and would scrupulously abide by the interim bail conditions, Kejriwal requested SC to extend his interim bail period by a week till June 9 to enable him to

undergo the tests. The CM said he suffered from "an aggressive form of diabetes mellitus, which is very volatile and undergoes a wide range of swings in blood glucose, including episodes of high sugar, that is hyperglycemia, and low sugar, that is hypoglycemia". He claimed that during his incarceration from March 21 till his release on May 10, the "negligent and callous behaviour of jail authorities" were partly responsible for his health-related complications, adding that during the period of custody, he suffered weight loss of around 6-7 kg, which he was not able to regain. even

'Taware's removal was recommended in the past too'

Maharashtra government's DMER set up a committee to probe misconduct by two doctors at Sassoon General Hospital, Ajay Taware and Shrihari Halnor, arrested for manipulating blood sample reports of a teenager in a Porsche car crash.

'Taware's removal was recommended in the past too' Two doctors of the Sassoon General Hospital being taken into police custody after their arrest for alleged manipulation of blood samples and destruction of evidence in the case of a car accident involv-

ing a 17-year-old boy, in Pune. Maharashtra government's Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER) on Monday set up a three-member committee to probe the 'misconduct' by two doctors of Sassoon General Hospital.

Maruti Suzuki strengthens commitment to renewable energy, commences a pilot Biogas plant at Manesar facility

Gurugram : Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) commences a pilot Biogas plant at its Manesar facility in the fiscal year 2024-25, harnessing the untapped potential of in-house food waste and Napier grass as resources at its plant. The initiative is in alignment with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's 'Waste to Energy' program, reflecting our commitment to sustainable practices and innovative waste management solutions. In FY2023-24, the company invested INR 120.8 crores towards commissioning renewable energy initiatives like solar power and biogas. It has further pledged to



increase the investment approximately fourfold to INR 450 crores spread over three years starting FY 2024-25. This will significantly boost MSIL's environmental sustainability initiatives. This initiative underscores Maruti Suzuki's unwavering commit-

ment to sustainable practices, managing waste effectively, carbon footprint reduction and bolstering energy security. Speaking on the company's upcoming green energy initiatives, Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti

Suzuki India Limited said, "Energy is one of the critical inputs in the manufacturing process. As we ramp up our production capacity from around 2 million to 4 million by 2030-31, we are also accelerating our efforts to increase the share of sustainable and renewable energy sources across our operations."

This is in line with Suzuki's Environment Vision 2050 and Govt of India's renewable energy focus. The biogas plant at Manesar is another step towards fostering a cleaner and more sustainable energy landscape at MSIL and the industry at large.

Medvedev warns of World War if US strikes Russian targets in Ukraine

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



in Ukraine. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Medvedev criticized Sikorski, saying, "Apparently, [he] has decided to scare his masters." Medvedev suggested that Washington, unlike Warsaw, has been more cautious and has not

made such threats publicly. He added, "Americans hitting our targets means starting a world war, and a Foreign Minister, even of a country like Poland, should understand that." Medvedev also referenced Polish President Andrzej Duda's recent remarks about Poland's willingness to host US nuclear weapons if offered the opportunity under Nato's sharing mechanism. He warned that in the event of a nuclear confrontation, "Warsaw won't be left out."

Le Travenues Technology Limited Initial Public Offer to open on June 10, 2024

Gurugram : Le Travenues Technology Limited ("ixigo" or the "Company"), shall open its Bid/Offer in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on Monday, June 10, 2024. The total offer size comprises of fresh issue of Equity Shares of value of ₹ 1 each aggregating up to ₹ 1,200.00 million ("Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale aggregating up to 66,677,674 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 1 each by the Selling Shareholders (defined below) ("Offer for Sale"). The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Friday, June 07, 2024. The Bid/Offer will open on Monday, June 10th, 2024 for subscription and will close on Wednesday, June 12th. The Price Band of the Offer is ₹ 88 to ₹ 93 Per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of



161 Equity Shares and in multiples of 161 Equity Shares thereafter. The Offer for Sale comprises an offer for sale of up to 19,437,465 Equity Shares by Saif Partners India Limited, up to 13,024,000 Equity Shares by Peak XV Partners Investments V (formerly known as SCI Investments V), up to 11,950,000 Equity Shares by Alok Bajpai, up to 11,950,000 Equity Shares by Rajnish Kumar, up to 5,486,893 Equity Shares by Micromax Informatics Limited, up to 3,048,375 Equity Shares by Placid Holdings, up to

1,333,513 Equity Shares by Catalyst Trusteeship Limited (erstwhile Milestone Trusteeship Services Private Limited) as the trustee of Madison India Opportunities Trust Fund and up to 447,428 Equity Share. by Madison India Capital HC (collectively, the "Selling Shareholders"). This Equity Shares are being offered through the red herring prospectus of the Company dated June 4, 2024 filed with Registrar of Companies, Delhi and Haryana at New Delhi (the "RHP") and are proposed to be listed.

For Kapadia, before her triumph at Cannes was trouble at FTII

FTII graduate Payal Kapadia won the Grand Prix at Cannes for her film 'All We Imagine as Light'. She faced backlash for protesting against Gajendra Chauhan's appointment at FTII. For Kapadia, before her triumph at Cannes was trouble at FTII. Kapadia had protested in 2015 against Gajendra Chauhan's appointment as FTII chairperson. Nine years are all it took for FTII graduate Payal Kapadia to go from "anti-national" to toast of the nation. The young filmmaker, whose 'All We Imagine as Light' clinched the Grand Prix at Cannes Saturday, was a student at the country's cradle of cinema and TV when she braved chants of "go to Pakistan" for participating in a 139-day protest in 2015 against the appointment of actor Gajendra Chauhan as the insti-

tute's chairperson. She, along with 34 other former students, continue to wage a legal battle over a case filed by the then institute's director, Prashant Pathrabe, alleging their involvement in gheraoing him and vandalising his office that year. But a day after conquering Cannes, there was not a trace of rancour in Payal's words. All she reflected was the afterglow of an unprecedented triumph that she gracefully shared with fellow filmmakers from India. "It's a great feeling to receive this prize because there are so many good films from India alongside ours, and we feel a part of the larger family of filmmakers. We have three films from FTII directors this time. My FTII batchmate Maisam Ali's film 'In Retreat' is the first Indian entry to Cannes' ACID sidebar (Association for the

Diffusion of Independent Cinema)," she told from the French Riviera. Payal's film on 2015 FTII stir had also won Cannes laurel. Also, an FTII student's (Chidananda Naik) film, titled 'Sunflowers Were the First to Know', won the main prize in La Cinf section. It's fantastic for us and FTII." Payal's batchmates and other alumni recall that the 2015 protest was "against the appointment of people who had no achievement in filmmaking" but were allegedly included in FTII's governing council for political reasons. Harishankar Nachimuthu, ex-president of FTII Students' Association and spearhead of the agitation, said Payal always had a vision about where she wanted to go and was willing to fight it out. "She was denied a scholarship and a foreign exchange opportunity for participat-

2 convicted of murder even in absence of victim's body

MUMBAI: Over six years after 28-year-old BBlunt salon executive Kirti Vyas went missing, a sessions court on Monday held two of her colleagues - Siddhesh Tamhankar and Kavita Sidhwani (name changed), in whose company she was last seen - guilty of her murder, making it a rare conviction in the absence of the victim's body. Special judge MG Deshpande said, "The offence against both of you has been proved." The judge will pronounce the quantum of sentence on Tuesday. While the maximum punishment is death, the minimum is life imprisonment. The trial was conducted in-camera at the behest of Sidhwani's lawyer to protect her identity. Vyas went missing on March 16, 2018, after leaving

home for work. Tamhankar and Sidhwani were arrested on May 5 that year. A police inquiry found that the two strangled her in a car and dumped her body at Mahul. A prolonged search for the body did not yield results. The prosecution had said in court that Tamhankar had been afraid of losing his job after being put on notice by Vyas over his poor performance at work, and of his relationship with a married Sidhwani being exposed. Sidhwani (48), who had been granted bail by Supreme Court in 2021, broke down after the verdict. and was taken into custody. Tamhankar (42), who has been in jail since his arrest in 2018, made repeated attempts to calm her down.

Rly tracks cleansed of 60% rubbish

Delhi: Senior officials claimed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has removed 60% of the 28,000 tons of debris around railway lines in the Capital and has set a June 30 deadline to clean the tracks. MCD has charged Northern Railways ₹6 crore for waste removal and processing. Approximately 48,000 slum houses surround Delhi's 105km railway network. Railway passengers and slum inhabitants have long dumped garbage beside the tracks, according to officials. According to MCD authorities, the civic body has located and mapped the nearest dustbins, dhalaos, and erected garbage compactor stations to remove garbage off tracks. Northern Railways asked MCD to inspect legacy debris along train tracks in June 2023 in accordance with monitoring agencies and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). Collection costs were

CR CLEARS TRACKS OF 20L GUNNY BAGS OF WASTE WITH 'MUCK TRAIN'



Trash and debris along tracks is a common sight, especially on Central Railway. Realizing that their quantities are far too high for manual removal, CR has started using JCB machines to clear the tracks. Till date, 20 lakh gunny bags of waste have been removed, reports Manish K. Mehta.

ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF WASTE
 Main Line: 11 lakh cubic metres
 Harbour Line: 16,000 cubic metres
 Total: 34,000 cubic metres

WASTE REMOVED TILL DATE
 Main Line: 34,000 cubic metres
 Harbour Line: 16,000 cubic metres
 Total: 50,000 cubic metres

CRITICAL LOCATIONS
 Eight locations with maximum waste have been identified along CSMT-Kalyan and CSMT-Mainkhurd. Main Line 1 (Park), Tarek, Dandia station (CSMT), Vikhroli, Matunga-Sion (Dharoli-Dhobi Ghats), CSMT-Maxilo-Sandhurst Rd.

Harbour Line (Road Junction near Wazirpur, Circle, GTE Nagar-Sub Junction, Chabutra, Mainkhurd)
 Clearing the tracks of waste will help prevent drains from getting clogged. Also, beautification work is being carried out at some sites. For example, we have made a small garden at CSMT at the Mainkhurd road (Mainkhurd) near the station. Manish K. Mehta

raised to address jurisdictional difficulties. MCD cleared 1,600 metric tonnes of legacy rubbish between Azadpur and Narela in July as a trial operation. In November, MCD announced a drive to clear and dispose of solid waste from these sites, including Hazrat Nizamuddin to Lodhi Colony station, Lodhi Colony to Okhla station, and the Badarpur Border station area. A top MCD official said NHRC is monitoring track clearing efforts. "To protect sanitation personnel, the official described

above said track cleaning must be coordinated with railway officials due to train movement. "The clean-up drive can only be done in railway time slots or under their supervision to ensure personnel safety," the spokesman stated. MCD regulations require bulk trash producers (those who create over 100 kg per day) to treat their waste. Railways and Delhi agencies will split garbage collection, transportation, and processing costs 70:30 to address jurisdictional difficulties.

MCD will stop accepting property tax cheques on July 1

Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will stop accepting property tax cheques on July 1. Due to cheque bounces, the civic body reached this choice. Property taxpayers are encouraged to pay online via UPI, wallets, demand drafts, pay orders, or online payment gateways. Due to legal concerns originating from dishonoured cheques, property tax cheque payments will end on July 1. Our electronic payment solution will assure prompt payment and receipt and simplify operations. Taxpayers can pay property taxes easily and get faster reconciliation "an



official said in a press release. The circular from MCD assessor and collector VS Yadav authorizes all assessment and collection staff to accept property tax payments via UPI, wallets, and other electronic methods. This move attempts to reduce conflicts and speed up digital pay-

ment reconciliation. MCD also urges empty land and building owners to pay their taxes for 2024-25 and receive a 10% refund on lump sum payments submitted before June 30, 2024. UPI processed 14.04 billion transactions worth Rs 20.45 lakh crore in May 2024, a record.

NGT blasts MCD for park events, order violation

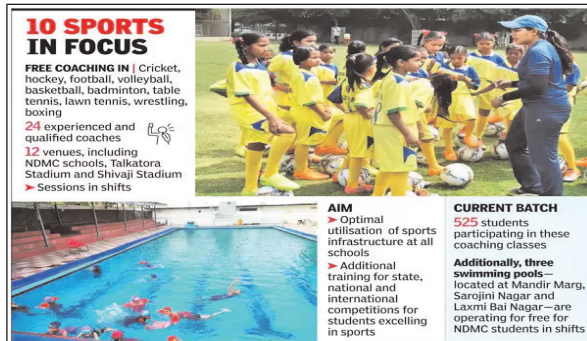
Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has notified the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) horticulture department of the frequent social and religious gatherings at a Dussehra venue in Vikaspuri, west Delhi. The notice asks the department why such events are held often despite a 10-day limit per month.

The RWA claimed that MCD had neglected to enforce the Oct. 18, 2023 directive, damaging the local environment. The applicant alleges in this execution application that respondents are awarding the Dussehra Ground, a park, for commercial social events for more than 10 days a month. Ground was rented for events for 14 days from

May 7 to 20, 2024, according to attached documents "The order questioned MCD's park usage decision. The applicant's attorney used photos to show that the park's organizers excavated holes up to 10 feet deep and harmed the earth. They were not punished "The order also notified MCD's horticulture deputy director.

Game on! NDMC improves summer sports coaching

Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council has increased its summer sports coaching initiative to offer free training in more activities than before. The council employs 24 part-time coaches to teach cricket, hockey, football, volleyball, basketball, badminton, table tennis, lawn tennis, wrestling, and boxing. Ten coaches were hired till June 2023 for seven sports last year. 14 of 24 coaches under NDMC's supervision are already teaching at 12 sports coaching centers, according to vice-chairman Satish Upadhyay. "And 525 students have



enrolled for this training this year and more are expected to join soon," added. The range of sports and coaches has piqued student curiosity. Training courses are ongoing at several locations. Shivaji Stadium trains 40 hockey players, 10 boys and 30 girls. Two 30-student batches of fast and spin bowling training are available at Talkatora Stadium. Sarojini Nagar School trains 74 boys and six girls in football, whereas Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Lodhi Road, trains 40. Talkatora Stadium trains 30 boys and 12 girls in

boxing and other sports. He said, "We have specified procedures for enrolment online and our teachers also helped students in the process when schools were opened. NDMC's volleyball squad reached the Delhi State Junior Volleyball Championship quarterfinals and the hockey team played in the Delhi State Hockey Tournament. Satyam Kumar and Amit Rawat made the Delhi State U-17 Football PEF team. NDMC hopes this effort will motivate and develop kids and identify sports talent.

Flats bring DDA Rs 2,803 crore; aims to repeat it this year

Delhi: The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is preparing to launch the next phase of its Diwali special housing plan, offering 150 HIG and MIG homes in Dwarka and Narela. The authority claims to have generated the most money from its housing projects in 2023-24 and wants to increase it in 2024-25. An official said, "In 2023-24, we sold 7,978 units and earned Rs 2,803 crore, the most ever from housing inventory sales. In three phases of the Diwali Special



Housing Scheme, we provided premium properties including penthouses, super HIG, HIG, and MIG on e-auction at Sector 19B and 14 in Dwarka and other sectors of Loknaya Puram, Rohini, Dwarka, etc." Before this year, DDA's peak income was Rs1500 crore in 2015-16. Some years have

seen the authority's revenue drop and lose money. The DDA is eagerly awaiting the removal of the model code of conduct (MCC) to begin the new program, which will focus on MIG and HIG flats in Narela (Sector A1-A4) and a few in Dwarka. The authority wants to promote flat sales with better marketing and sample flats. An official said, "We tried discounting them earlier. MCC took effect immediately when the scheme was launched. In 2-3 days, we'll promote these properties." The DDA offers Narela flats at 15% reduction for the public and 25% off for government employees. "With 15% discount, the cost of these flats will range from Rs 85-87 lakhs and with 25% discount, their price will range from Rs 75-77 lakhs," said the body.

Pul Prahladpur railway underpass eliminated from water logging areas

Delhi: PWD officials claimed the railway underpass at Pul Prahladpur in south-east Delhi, which was famed for flooding every monsoon until a year ago, had been removed from the waterlogging hotspot list. Over time, the wet underpass became notorious for drownings. Every monsoon, it would be closed to traffic, causing delays. A senior PWD official said waterlogging has afflicted the site for 20-25 years, but it worsened in the last 10-15 years. He blamed the worsening condition on a Delhi Jal Board sewage pumping plant in Khanpur. Drain sewage overflowed onto highways during monsoons, causing waterlogging. "The old pump house was a few meters from the main road, and by the time the water reached it



through the pipes, it would have spiraled out of control," he said. The official said a 7.5-lakh-litre sump and a pipeline were built to empty storm water into a neighboring Municipal Corporation of Delhi drain. To drain the underpass, a permanent pump building with six 100-horsepower motors was built. Future growth is possible, and two additional pumps can be added, the spokesman said. He said the agency has two pumps attached to a two-foot, 600-

mm-diameter conduit to flush water into an open drain. Other problems included plastic and other solid trash clogging pipes in the sewage. The official added these positive displacement pumps have automated screens that filter water waste. "Sumps also fill with silt, but the pumps circulate a certain amount of water through a jetting system so that silt does not accumulate, requiring no manual intervention," he said. These pumps now operate without manual intervention from the department.

At Roshanara Bagh, MCD envisions Delhi's largest nursery

Delhi: Senior project officials said the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has begun the second phase of its plan to develop Roshanara Bagh nursery over 8.5 acres and increase its production capacity. Before the monsoon, the civic body will add fruiting, creeper and climber, and succulent sections. "A senior MCD official said the second phase will focus on an open-air nursery section, with the largest area set aside for fruit-bearing trees, climbers and succulents. The Roshanara Bagh nursery will treble its yearly sapling capacity to 150,000-200,000 under the second phase, the source stated. According to the individual, the first phase included a poly-house-based climate-



controlled nursery, the MCD's first, that produces 30,000-40,000 saplings that cannot be cultivated outdoors. The nursery controls temperature and humidity with its polyhouse structure. The city government established its first high-tech nursery in the Mughal-era park in December 2022. The space was neglected and filled with build-

ing detritus. Polyhouses, shaded nurseries, an open-air nursery, bamboo machan, seating, and a single-story gardening structure have been built on 3.5 acres, according to the MCD official. The nursery contains a boom irrigation system and climate control capabilities to monitor light, humidity, and temperature in a poly-

house. The public might learn gardening skills in later levels. Cutting, layering, grafting, budding, and tissue culture are taught at the center, the source said. A second official said this year's annual greening campaign will focus on a lot of fruiting trees like jamun, guava, mulberry, and mangoes in the new location.

EHS day care at AIIMS begins in July

Delhi: AIIMS will open a daycare for Employees Health Scheme (EHS) users in the National Centre for Ageing. Starting July 31, the facility will be open 8am-8pm everyday. The hospital provides full services for EHS recipients, ensuring they receive prompt and efficient medical care without affecting other patients. Officials said this effort addresses the increased demand for specialized day care services among AIIMS staff and their eligible family members, most of them are seniors. AIIMS director Dr. M Srinivas remarked, "The new facility will provide high-quality, accessible, and patient-centric care for our senior EHS beneficiaries. "Officials said this effort addresses the increased demand for specialized day care services among AIIMS staff and their eligible family members, most of them are seniors.



Power consumption per passenger drops 57% at Delhi airport



Delhi: To become a net zero emission airport by 2030, Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has cut passenger electricity use by 57%. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) says IGIA reduced this amount to 2.21 kWh in 2023 through green measures. GMR Airport Infrastructure Limited said DIAL saved energy by using green building methods, energy-efficient infrastructure, and consumption optimization. "It includes the use of the state-of-the-art and dedicated automation in complex airport systems like heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), baggage handling system, information technology, airside ground light, use of LED lights and very high throughput system to maximize the assets performance and optimize the energy consumption via real time monitoring and controlling," it said, adding that sustainability is a key goal of the IGIA. Continuous green activities promote resource efficiency and environmental benefit.

Ch. Bhupendra Singh Hooda had waived off electricity bills worth Rs 1600 crore: Deependra Hooda

Loharu: MP Deepender Hooda arrived today to campaign in support of Congress candidate Rao Dan Singh from Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency. He addressed election rallies in Loharu, Tosham, Bawani Kheda circles and appealed to make Rao Dan Singh win by a huge margin of votes. Addressing the rally, Deependra Hooda said that former Chief Minister of Haryana Ch. Bhupendra Singh Hooda had waived off electricity bills worth Rs 1600 crore, which benefited the people of Bhiwani-Mahendragarh the most. Hooda government of Congress made Bhiwani Mahendragarh the hub of education and sports. Hooda Saheb Ch. We respect the works of Bansilal very much. Paying humble tribute to Ch. A university and a medical college were built in



Bhiwani in the name of Bansilal ji. During the UPA government of Congress, many institutions and projects like Ayurvedic Medical University in Narnaul, Central University in Mahendragarh came up in this Lok Sabha constituency. Sports University in Bhiwani, Rajiv Gandhi Mahila College, Women's College in Bawani Kheda, Government Technical Institute, Women's Hostel in Loharu, Chowk in Tosham. Established Bansilal Mahila Mahavidyalaya etc. But, in the last 10 years, BJP has destroyed Haryana and made every person of Haryana cry. There is no class left

which has not been insulted, including farmers, labourers, traders, employees, sarpanch, players, Anganwadi, Asha workers. Seeing huge resentment among the public, BJP appointed CM, Dy. DM has been changed but BJP will now change the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, people will change the entire government. He said that Bhiwani-Mahendragarh has been a minefield for the soldiers. These two districts have suffered the most due to the Agneepath scheme of the BJP government. Deependra Hooda assured that when the Congress government.

Swati Maliwal assault case: Court grants 5-day custody to Delhi police to quiz Bibhav

NEW DELHI: Tis Hazari Court on Sunday sent CM Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar to 5-day police custody in the alleged assault on AAP Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal.

The Delhi Police on Saturday had produced Kumar before a magisterial court seeking seven-day custody to question him. Kumar was arrested by the Delhi Police earlier in the day and his anticipatory bail request was later deemed "infructuous" by a Delhi court. In the FIR, Maliwal has accused Bibhav Kumar of hitting with "full force again and again". She



alleged that Bibhav slapped her 7-8 times and kicked her in the chest and abdomen on May 13 when she had gone to meet the chief minister. According to her medico-legal certificate (MLC) issued by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, Maliwal has "bruises over proximal left leg dorsal aspect of approx

size 3x2 cm and right cheek elbow below right eye of approx size 2x2 cm". The report also stated that according to the "history provided by the patient" of being allegedly assaulted by Bibhav Kumar at the chief minister's residence, she was "slapped multiple times", and "hit her head on a sharp object after she was pushed" by the accused.

82-yr-old woman lifts 50kg in her maiden deadlifting contest

COIMBATORE: An 82-year-old woman from Pollachi has proved that age is just a number by participating in her maiden deadlifting (powerlifting) contest. Inspired by her grandsons, Kittammal finished fifth by lifting 50kg in the open category for women, at the

'Strong Man of South India' contest held in Kuniyamuthur last week. She was among 17 women contestants, all of whom were under 30-years of age. Kittammal lives with her husband Venkatraman, a retired health department staff. Her grandson S Rohith,

16, who lives with her, has been practicing powerlifting at their residence for more than six months. Kittammal's other grandson S Rithik, 23, won a gold medal at the national level powerlifting championship held by the Indian Powerlifting Federation.

CAPSULES

Gunmen kidnap Manipur fashion designer, shoot him in leg

IMPHAL: Popular fashion designer of Manipur, Kumarjit Laishram, was shot in the leg by unidentified gunmen in Imphal West district's Khumbong area, police said. The Koireng group of the proscribed UNLF claimed responsibility for the shooting, saying Kumarjit was punished for his involvement in unethical activity of "supplying women to high-profile people" in the state. Kumarjit, 30, a resident of Takyel Khonbal Maning Leikai, also runs a beauty salon and spa close to his house. Sources said he was kidnapped by the assailants on Friday night and was found with a bullet wound in his left calf near the Khumbong community health centre around 8.40am on Saturday. He is undergoing treatment at a hospital here. Police registered a case in the matter and have begun an investigation. With Saturday's shooting, four people, including two women, have so far been shot, all in their leg, in the Valley districts by unknown armed men since the beginning of this month. This poses a challenge to the law and order situation in the state which is already embroiled in a simmering communal conflict.

Maoist with 1.1L bounty killed in Bastar

RAIPUR: Dudhi Hunga, a hardcore Maoist carrying a bounty of Rs 1.1 lakh on his head, was killed in an encounter in the forests near Banjarapara in the tribal belt of Bastar in Sukma district on Saturday, Chhattisgarh Police said. Dudhi Hunga, a resident of Arlampalli in Sukma.

Telugu actor kills self week after partner dies in car crash

HYDERABAD: Popular Telugu TV actor Chandrakanth alias Chandu died by suicide at his apartment in Hyderabad's Manikonda area on Friday night, police said. He died after Pavithra Jayaram, also an actor, with whom he was in a live-in relationship, died in a road accident at Kurnool on May 12. Pavithra and Chandu acted together in "Trinayani serial", which was one of the most watched serials on TV.



Chandu acted in TV serials like "Karthika Deepam" and "Radhamma Pelli", apart from "Trinayani". His wife, from whom he sepa-

rated recently, said he took the extreme step as he was depressed after Pavithra's death. Police said Chandu's family was concerned

about his well-being after he stopped responding to phone calls.

They went to do a welfare check on him at his apartment only to find him dead. Although he did not leave behind a suicide note, police found WhatsApp messages he sent to friends stating he did not wish to live any longer.

He is survived by his wife and two children. Police registered a case of suspicious death in the matter.

Five of family axed to death in Chhattisgarh village

Chhattisgarh's Sarangarh-Bilagarh district, a tragic incident occurred where five family members were hacked to death. The victims were Hemlal Sahu, Jagmoti Sahu, Meera Sahu, Mamta Sahu, and Ayush. Another villager, Manoj Sahu, was found hanging in the same house. Police, with local support and TNN assistance, are investigating the crime scene and collecting evidence. Five of family axed to death in Chhattisgarh village. Five members of a family were hacked to death



in Thargaon village of Chhattisgarh's Sarangarh-Bilagarh district. While all five succumbed to injuries caused by an axe, another villager was found hanging in the same house. Police suspect he may be the assailant and possibly hanged himself after

he committed the crime. The five victims were identified as Hemlal Sahu, 55, his wife Jagmoti Sahu, 50, their daughters Meera Sahu, 30, and Mamta Sahu, 35, and grandson Ayush, 5. The other villager, who was found hanging in the house, was identified as Manoj Sahu,

police added. A police team went to the scene after locals informed them about the incident. The team took bodies of the victims for postmortem.

"Evidence on the crime scene suggests Manoj may have hacked to death the five family members before hanging himself.

We will investigate the case thoroughly and ascertain facts," police said.

A forensic team was at the crime spot to collect all possible evidence and help with the investigation, police said.

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal, forecasts IMD

PUNE: A weather conundrum is gathering steam over Bay of Bengal ahead of monsoon arrival. India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast formation of a low-pressure area over southwest Bay of Bengal around, while some independent forecasters sounded alarm about potential for an intense cyclone in the making that could impact Odisha, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, IMD, told TOI: "Low-pressure area will help monsoon advance over Andaman sea and adjoining Bay of Bengal, but it may not have an impact on onset of monsoon in Kerala.

However, we have not so far ruled out the possibility of the system turning into a cyclone later because May is known for cyclone formation. It is too early to confirm whether or not it will transform into a cyclone. If at all a cyclone forms, its impact on monsoon progress cannot be gauged as of now because it will depend on its path and intensity." GP Sharma, president of Skymet Weather Services, however, said the system did have a significant potential to become a cyclone, but is unlikely to hinder monsoon's progress. "There are ample chances that the Bay of Bengal system could gradually turn

into a cyclone. It is unlikely to disrupt the monsoon progress when it forms, rather only help in its progress," Sharma said. Roxy Mathew Koll, senior climate scientist at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, told TOI: "A low pressure system will definitely develop over the south Bay of Bengal next week. Sea surface temperatures there are quite warm, so the ocean conditions are favourable. Madden-Julian Oscillation is reaching there soon, making the winds also favourable, providing rotational trigger for a cyclone to form. The restricting factor could be early monsoon development."

Grant citizenship to daughter of OCI card-holders: HC

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court has asked the Centre to grant citizenship to a 17-year-old girl, raised in India to parents who held Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cards and US citizenship at the time of her birth. "The petitioner, despite having been born in India to two OCI card holders, educated in India and lived in India with her family, is unable to obtain a passport. These are clearly special circumstances as contemplated under Section 5(4) of the Act," Justice Prathiba M Singh noted while referring to provisions of the Citizenship Act of 1955 and the Passports Act of 1967. Petitioner Rachita Francis Xavier had



moved court challenging rejection of her plea for a passport. She informed the court that both her parents were earlier Indian citizens. However, they acquired US citizenship by 2005 and hence her parents were not Indian citizens on the date she was born. The petitioner submitted that she is not an illegal migrant and qualified as a person of

Indian origin entitling her to citizenship by registration. HC saw merit in the plea and noted that her circumstances would be covered under Explanation 2, as both parents of the petitioner were Indian citizens who had later obtained US citizenship. The court pointed out that even OCI card holders are free to stay in India and can also rear their families,

noting that in Xavier's case the parents were OCI card holders when she was born and she has continuously stayed in India since birth. She has been educated in India and now sought a passport, HC said. It allowed the plea and permitted the girl to apply for registration as a citizen under Section 5 of the Citizenship Act.

Founder of Naturals Ice Cream passes away at 70

MANGALURU: Raghunandan Srinivas Kamath, the man behind Naturals Ice Cream, passed away in Mumbai on Friday. He was 70. Natural Ice Cream wrote on X (formerly Twitter): "Our thoughts on the sad demise of our patron and founder of Naturals Ice Cream, Late (Shri) Raghunandan Kamath. Indeed, a very sad and unfortunate day for us." They shared a poster that read: A smile that will forever melt our hearts. A smile that will never be forgotten. A smile that will keep inspiring us and reminding us that his era will never end. To the Ice Cream Man of India who will forever stay in our hearts".

Farmer leader Guni Prakash held a courtesy meeting with the Central and State Agriculture Minister

Kaithal: State President of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Mann Group) Haryana and member of MSP Committee constituted by the Central Government, Thakur Guni Prakash Faral, had a courtesy meeting with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chauhan and State Agriculture Minister Ramnath Thakur at the Agriculture Ministry in Delhi regarding various issues of farmers. During this, farmer leader Thakur Guni Prakash demanded the Agriculture Ministers to discuss in detail the problems of farmers in the agriculture sector and their demands and resolve them. After returning from Delhi, while talking to journalists at the BKU office located near the bus stand in village Faral, State President Guni Prakash said that he requested Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chauhan to invite S. Bhupendra Singh Mann, former MP Rajya Sabha, BKU National President and Kisan



Coordination Committee Chairman and all the members of Kisan Coordination Committee for a meeting, which the Agriculture Minister gladly accepted, about which the time and place will be decided soon and he will be informed. The meeting will be chaired by BKU National President Bhupendra Singh Mann. All the issues of the farmers will be discussed in the meeting, which mainly includes giving the status of industry to farming, fixing a fair price for the crop, exporting, repealing the Essential Commodities Act black law with immediate effect, etc. He said that in the third consecutive government of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Shivraj Singh Chauhan has been given the responsibility of agriculture and rural development. Which the farmers welcome and thank the Prime Minister. Shivraj Chauhan, the Agriculture Minister, took Madhya Pradesh to number one in the country while being the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. Now it is the good fortune of the farmers of the country that the Prime Minister has handed over the Agriculture Ministry to Shivraj Chauhan, this is because the amount of development that has taken place in the agriculture sector of Madhya Pradesh in the Shivraj government has not been done in any other government.

Premature move on monetary policy front could undermine efforts to check inflation: RBI

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India's job to bring down inflation is not over, and any premature move on the policy front could undermine the success achieved so far on the price situation, according to RBI governor Shaktikanta Das. According to the minutes of the February Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting released by the central bank on Thursday, Das had said at this juncture, monetary policy must remain vigilant and "not assume that our job on the inflation front is over". He stressed that the MPC must remain



committed to successfully navigate the "last mile" of disinflation that can be sticky. Das made the remarks while voting for status quo in the key interest rate earlier this month.

"As markets are front-running central banks in anticipation of policy pivots, any premature move may undermine the success achieved so far," the governor said, as per the minutes.

100% FDI in space sector a game changer: IN-SPACE chairman Pawan

BENGALURU: A day after the union cabinet, in line with the Centre's reforms to open up the space sector, allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route, space regulator and promoter Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre

(IN-SPACE) chairman Pawan Goenka termed it a "game-changing decision that will propel India to new heights in the space sector". Lauding PM Narendra Modi's vision Goenka said the move will boost participation of non-government entities in space research and man-

ufacturing. "By opening doors for massive investment and global collaboration, this move will transform India's space capabilities," he said. Elaborating on the impact, Goenka said that this reform comes at an opportune time when the space sector is witnessing massive growth.

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Byju Raveendran, board to skip 'procedurally invalid' extraordinary general meeting

MUMBAI: A day ahead of the extraordinary general meeting (EGM) which a group of Byju's major investors have called to seek removal of Byju Raveendran from position of CEO as well as a reconstitution of the firm's board, Byju's said that Raveendran and the board members will not attend the EGM which it said is "procedurally invalid." Following the resignation of representatives of Prosus, Peak XV Partners and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative from the board of Byju's in June last year, it has been reduced to a family-run entity, comprising Raveendran, his wife and co-founder Gokulnath and his brother Riju Raveendran. "This EGM is procedurally invalid, contractually in contravention of our AOA (Articles of Association) and SHA (Shareholders Agreement), legally on the wrong side of the Companies Act, 2013," a company spokesperson said in a statement on Thursday. Byju's said that with Raveendran and board members deciding to skip the EGM, it will not have the required quorum and cannot proceed to discuss or vote on the agenda. "As custodians of Byju's, it is the responsibility of the founders to respect the established procedures of law and protect the company's integrity," the company added. The EGM is supposed to take place on Friday morning, according to the EGM notice reviewed by investors claim that they will hold the EGM as per plan but if the resolutions are put to vote, then they will test the law in court, lawyers said.

Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram unveils South Asia's First Gamma Knife Esprit, Revolutionising Brain Tumour Treatment

GURUGRAM : Fortis Memorial Research Institute proudly announces the launch of the South Asia's First Gamma Knife Esprit. This groundbreaking version of the Leksell Gamma Knife® heralds a new era in the non-surgical high precision treatment of brain tumours, greatly enhancing therapeutic options for both malignant, benign brain tumours and other abnormalities of Brain. The Gamma Knife employs computer-guided precision to target brain tumours without actual cutting, making it



an optimal choice for treating both malignant and benign tumours, including multiple brain metastases, meningiomas, acoustic tumours, and pituitary adenomas. Its precision is crucial for tumours in sensitive or hard-to-reach brain areas

with sparing healthy brain tissues and allows patients to return to daily activities almost immediately. Further, radiation therapy for multiple brain metastasis requires almost 30 sessions, in contrast, Gamma Knife radiosurgery consolidates

the entire treatment into a single session with same day discharge, making the treatment swift and efficient. Additionally, Gamma Knife can treat multiple metastasis in a single session irrespective of metastatic lesions involved, a benefit not offered by other technologies.

This method significantly minimizes radiation exposure to healthy tissues, preserving motor, sensory nerve and neurocognitive function enabling rapid recovery and improved healthy quality of life after treatment.

Bank deposits losing sheen? Why more savers are moving to higher-yielding investment

One of the reasons for the decline in CASA ratios could be the increase in bank fixed deposit rates. Bank deposits losing sheen? Indian banks are facing a significant challenge as the preference of urban savers shifts towards higher-yielding investment options like mutual funds and direct stock ownership. This trend is eroding the banks' biggest strength - access to low-cost current and savings account deposits. The rise of technology and the increasing familiarity with Dalal Street (the Indian stock market) among rural savers are



further intensifying the struggle for deposits in the banking industry. This democratization of technology is fundamentally changing the dynamics of financial savings, to the disadvantage of traditional high-street banks.

As of September 2023, the collective CASA ratio (current and savings account deposits) of all commercial banks in India stands at 40.5%, down from 43.1% in March 2023 and 45.2% in March 2022. This is a decline of nearly 5 per-

centage points in 18 months, according to report. One of the reasons for the decline in CASA ratios could be the increase in bank fixed deposit rates. State Bank of India's CASA ratio dropped to 41.18% as of December 31, 2023, a decline of 330 basis points compared to the previous year. P R Rajagopal, executive director of Bank of India, highlighted the shift in savings patterns, particularly in urban areas. Digitization has provided savers with access to alternative savings products like mutual funds, reducing their reliance.

Moov Unveils 'Moov Cool': A Revolutionary Cold Therapy-inspired

GURUGRAM : Moov, India's leading pain relief brand, has launched 'Moov Cool', a revolutionary innovation inspired by cold therapy. Infused with the cooling power of menthol, the new product has been designed to offer relief from mus-



cle and joint pain due to injuries, sprains, strains and muscle soreness associated with an active lifestyle. According to Reckitt Pain India DCG Demand Survey conducted in December 2021, with over 4000 respondents in India, nearly 8% of respondents stated that their pain incidents are sports or exercise related. Moov Cool addresses fitness-related injuries, including muscle soreness, sprains, and strains. Powered by menthol, Moov Cool provides an ice-like cooling

sensation* that helps numb the affected area and starts working in 15 seconds**. Commenting on the launch, Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, Health & Nutrition, Reckitt South Asia said, "As one of India's most trusted pain relief brands, Moov has been helping Indians deal with their pains for decades. With changing lifestyles, sports and fitness related injuries have become more common, and consumers are looking for innovative solutions.

CEAT Specialty Collaborates with Kalki 2898 AD for the Launch of Futuristic Tyres for AI Vehicle

AMBALA / PANIPAT : CEAT Specialty has announced an exciting partnership with the much anticipated film Kalki 2898 AD, starring Prabhas, to develop and launch state-of-the-art tyres for Bujji, the robotic vehicle featured in the movie. This collaboration highlights CEAT's cutting-edge technology and reinforces its commitment to driving the future of mobility. Kalki 2898 AD, directed by Nag Ashwin, is set in a futuristic world where advanced technology and artificial intelligence shape daily life. The film features an impressive cast, including Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, Amitabh Bachchan, and Kamal Haasan. Bujji, the AI-driven car in the film, represents the pinnacle of futuristic design and innovation, requiring tyres as



advanced and visionary as the vehicle itself. Designed by Hollywood's Haisu Wang, who also designed vehicles for Black Panther, Bujji represents a leap into the future of automotive design and technology. The filmmakers wanted a moving car that brought Wang's design to life, and CEAT Specialty rose to the challenge, creating state-of-the-art tyres that complement this groundbreaking vehicle. Amit

Tolani, Chief Executive of CEAT Specialty, shared his thoughts on this transformative project: "Collaborating on Bujji for Kalki 2898 AD was an incredible opportunity for us. It allowed us to push our boundaries and explore new technologies and materials. Dhyutiman Chatterjee and his R&D team brought this vision to life, showcasing their creativity and engineering prowess. This project has set the stage for our future in

tyre innovation. Our team and our tyres are truly Crafted for the Curious, driving us to explore uncharted territories and envision the future." Dhyutiman Chatterjee, Head of R&D at CEAT Specialty, added, "Creating tyres for Bujji was an inspiring and demanding task. It provided us with a unique platform to test new technologies and materials, pushing the boundaries of what is possible in tyre design. CEAT Specialty is already renowned for its engineering prowess in developing best-in-class OTR tyres, and this project challenged us to elevate our standards even further. It has not only pushed us to be better but also given us a valuable perspective on the future of tyre technology."

Attach bank accounts of ex-promoters of DHFL: Sebi

NEW DELHI: Markets regulator Sebi has ordered the attachment of bank accounts as well as shares and mutual fund holdings of Dheeraj Wadhawan and Kapil Wadhawan - former promoters of Dewan Housing Finance - to recover dues totalling over Rs 22 lakh. This came after the brothers failed to pay the fine imposed on them by Sebi in July last year in a case concerning the flouting of disclosure norms. The pending dues of Rs 10.6 lakh each from the Wadhawans comprise the initial penalty amount, interest, and recovery cost, it added. In July 2023, the regulator imposed a Rs 10 lakh penalty each on Wadhawans, who were promoters of DHFL, for flouting disclosure norms. Kapil Wadhawan was the chairman & MD, while Dheeraj Wadhawan was a non-executive director.