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Cabinet approves seven Agri schemes to modernise farming and make it climate resilient,

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet on Monday approved seven schemes for the farm sector with an outlay of Rs 13,966 crore to modernise farming operations and make it climate resilient by leveraging space and digital technology, managing natural resources more sustainably, strengthening agri extension centres and using crop sciences to ensure food & nutritional security. Digital Agri Mission with allocation of Rs 2,817 crore is the key component of the programme which will create a robust Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for the farm sector using Agri stack (farmers registry, village land maps registry and crop acreage registry), AI and Big Data. The move, comprising tech-based crop yield estimation system (YES-TECH), will help in doing away with the age-old random sampling and visual assessments approach, fraught with inaccuracy, which have been in practice with certain



Roat pushes for recognition of desert tribal areas in Raj

MADHYA PRADESH: Rajkumar Roat, on Sunday urged the Union govt to officially designate certain regions as Desert Tribal Areas (DTA). Speaking at a public gathering of tribals in

Sheo tehsil in Barmer district, Roat underscored the necessity of identifying tribal-dominated blocks and gram panchayats within these areas to secure electoral reservations for tribals. Decision Support System' (DSS), providing all farm-related info at a single platform for helping farmers and policymakers. The tech-based data will also ensure quick disbursal of crop loan and insurance claims to farmers. Another scheme, crop science for food and nutritional security, with a total outlay of Rs 3,979

crore is aimed at preparing farmers for climate resilience and provide for food security by 2047. Focus on research and education, plant genetic resource management, genetic improvement for food and fodder crop, pulse and oilseed crop improvement, research on insects, microbes, pollinators etc.

Punjab rice millers meet union food minister with demands

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NEW DELHI: The delegation's main demand was that adequate storage space be arranged in Punjab for the delivery of all rice by March 31, 2025. They emphasized the need for timely action to overcome the challenges faced by rice millers in the state. Association members Bal Krishna Bali and Kamal Garg from Ferozepur were also present on this occasion. Association vice president.

Govt approves mega Rs 26,000 crore deal for 240 aero-engines for Sukhoi-30MKI fighters

NEW DELHI: A mega over Rs 26,000 crore deal to procure 240 aero-engines to power and sustain the Sukhoi-30MKI jets was cleared by the PM-led cabinet committee on security on Monday, at a time when the IAF is grappling with just 30 fighter squadrons when at least 42 are needed to tackle the twin threat from China and Pakistan. The 240 AL-31FP aero-engines will be procured from defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL), which in turn will source some components from Russia. "The aero-engines will have an indigenous content of over 54%, enhanced due to indigenisation of some key components. The engines will be manufactured at the Koraput division of HAL," a defence ministry official said. The delivery of these aero-engines is slated to begin after one year, with the entire order being completed over eight years. The IAF currently has 259 Sukhois, the bulk of them licensed produced by HAL for over \$12 billion from Russia, which con-



Manipur drone attack: 23-year-old woman injured in second attack

NEW DELHI: A 23-year-old woman sustained injuries in a drone-based bomb attack carried out by suspected militants in Manipur's Imphal West district on Monday, according to police reports. This marks the second drone attack in the region within two days. The incident occurred at Senjam Chirang, approximately 3 km from Koutruk, where two people were killed and nine others injured in bomb and gun attacks on

Sunday. Authorities reported that at least two explosives were dropped from a drone on Monday evening, resulting in the woman suffering abdominal injuries. She has been admitted to a hospital, where her condition is reported to be stable. In addition to the drone attack, militants fired indiscriminately on the village from a nearby hilltop, prompting a swift response from security forces. being ordered for around Rs 11,500 crore to replace the ones that crashed over the years.

Odisha: Toll in Ganjam hooch tragedy increases to 5

BERHAMPUR: The death toll in the recent hooch tragedy in Odisha's Ganjam district increased to five as one more person undergoing treatment at a hospital died on Monday evening, police said. The deceased has been identified as Pradeep Behera (30) of Jenapur in Chikiti town. Behera was in ventilator support at MKCG Medical College and Hospital here, Suchitra Dash, superintendent of the medical establishment said. He was also suffering from some other diseases, she said. At least 15 people from Jenapur and Karabalu were admitted to the hospital on August 19 after they consumed spurious country-made liquor from a vendor selling it at Maundapur village. While nine persons were discharged after being cured, five people died.

Arlington spat bring attention to Trump role in Afghanistan fiasco

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WASHINGTON: Several "Gold Star" military families ripped into Kamala Harris on Sunday, holding her administration responsible for the death of their beloved in the botched US withdrawal from Kabul three years ago even as the fierce controversy over Donald Trump's visit to the Arlington cemetery last week brought attention to his role in the American debacle in Afghanistan. Pushing back at the MAGA narrative that the Biden-Harris administration alone was responsible for the fiasco that culminated in the death of 13 US military personnel in a suicide bombing, Gen H.R. McMaster, who served as Trump's National Security Advisor before resigning in 2018, underscored the former President's role in the disaster by negotiating with the Taliban, including inviting them to Camp David, and throwing the Afghan government under the bus. Compounding that mistake the Trump administration released 5000 of the most heinous people and literally handing over the country to Taliban, McMaster said in a TV interview, while other critics said his decision to reduce US troops to 2500 was an invitation to disaster. Those released in the Trump deal included Abdul Ghani Baradar, Afghanistan's current deputy Prime minister, whom Trump frequently refers to only by his first name, while claiming that his threat to bomb "Abdool" by sending him a satellite photo of his house prevented US casualties. Meanwhile, the Trump campaign tapped into the anger of eight of the 13 Gold Star family members to release a video in which they excoriated Harris for not reaching out to them, and said they had invited Trump for the memorial and were honoured he attended the event. "Are you in my shoes? I invited him. My son was murdered under the Biden-Harris administration," Gold Star mom Kelly Hoover told NBC.

"Will create more jobs by May 2025": Assam CM Sarma

GUWAHATI: After fulfilling his promise of providing 1 lakh government jobs, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on Monday that his government will create 50,000 more jobs by May 2025. "In the last three years, we have provided 1 lakh government jobs as I promised to the people of Assam during the 2021 assembly elections. Since independence,



no government in the state has offered 1 lakh government jobs. By May 2025, we will create 50,000 more jobs, bringing the total to 2 lakh. Each of these jobs has been delivered without a

Guwahati, where 23,956 contractual and state pool teachers were awarded permanent appointment letters under the Department of School Education, Government of Assam. This brings the total number of jobs provided during the current government's tenure to 1,24,345, surpassing the initial target of 1 lakh, all allocated through a transparent and merit-based process.

Kolkata case: RG Kar's ex-principal Sandip Ghosh arrested

NEW DELHI: Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital's ex-principal Sandip Ghosh was arrested on Monday in a corruption case. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was investigating possible financial irregularities at the institute, particularly in the procurement of materials for patient care. Earlier, a CBI official when asked about evidence in the case said, "Bahut kuch hai"



(There is a lot). 1x1 polls The CBI also arrested vendor Biplav Singha 52, vendor Suman Hazara 46, and Afsar Ali 44, Additional Security to Sandip Ghosh. After Calcutta high court directed

the CBI to investigate allegations of corruption against Dr Sandip Ghosh, the national investigative officially registered an FIR against Ghosh. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) from the Calcutta high court visited the CBI office at Nizam Palace and provided essential documents pertaining to the case. The CBI filed the FIR upon receiving these documents and submitted a copy.

Bulldozer action: How can house be demolished just because owner is accused? SC asks

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday heard several petitions challenging the use of bulldozers and demolition actions taken by authorities against the homes of individuals accused of crimes. During the proceedings, the bench, comprising Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan, questioned the legality of demolishing a house solely based on the owner being an accused. The court asked, "How can house be demolished just because he is accused? Can't be demolished even if he's convict. Even after telling SC Bar is ... we don't find any change in attitude." The bench emphasised that while they



do not support illegal constructions on roads or other public spaces, any demolition of properties must be carried out in accordance with the law. The court further said that even if a person is a convict, his house can't be demolished without following procedure prescribed by law. "We are not for illegal constructions on road etc. But demolition of properties

have to be in accordance with law," the court said. Solicitor general Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court that no property belonging to a person can be bulldozed merely because he/she is involved in some criminal case or convicted thereof. "It can only be done strictly following the rules and procedure prescribed under the municipal laws," Mehta said. The term

'Bulldozer justice,' as referred to by the public, is a form of instant justice mechanism involving the razing of houses, shops, or any premises belonging to individuals accused of a crime. Two aggrieved house owners from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh approached the Supreme Court against their respective states for demolishing.

MiG-29 fighter jet crashes near Barmer in Rajasthan

NEW DELHI: Indian Air Force's (IAF) MiG-29 fighter jet crashed near Barmer in Rajasthan on Monday. The crash took place during a routine exercise. The IAF said that the pilot was safe and that there had been no loss of life or property. "During a routine night training mission in Barmer sector, an IAF MiG-29 encountered a critical technical snag, forcing the pilot to eject. The pilot is safe and no loss of life or property was reported. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered," the IAF said on X. In June, a Sukhoi fighter plane crashed at a farm in Nipah taluka of Nashik district. The pilot and the co-pilot ejected well in time and fortunately escaped with only minor injuries. The incident took place around 1.20 pm. Police inspector Durgesh Tiwari of the Pimpalgaon Baswant police station said the fighter plane crashed in a tomato field of Dnyaneshwar More in Shirasgaon village.

Rajasthan education minister vows to burn books that glorify Mughal emperor Akbar



NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Monday responded to vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar's criticism of the term 'symptomatic malaise' in a Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) resolution after the incident at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. Criticising the SCBA president for his wording, Dhankhar took issue with Sibal's description of the horrific tragedy that shook the nation and his suggestion that such incidents are frequent.

Sibal had reportedly referred to the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata as symptomatic of a larger societal issue. Taking to social media platform X, Sibal reacted to Dhankhar's criticism by highlighting rape statistics from 2017 to 2022, noting that West Bengal was not among the states with high numbers of such incidents. "Times of India (Report); Rapes (2017 to 2022). Out of 1,551 cases of rape/gangrape followed by murder.

31st Foundation Day and Swearing in Ceremony of Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal today

Prayagraj: Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal is going to celebrate its 31st Foundation Day with much fanfare on Tuesday, September 3, 2024! Regarding the preparation of the program, District President Lalu Mittal said that the organization was established by National President Sandeep Bansal 31 years ago on September 3. Since it was incorporated on 2017, the organization has remained the most trusted and leading organization of traders. On this occasion, there is a long series of programs in Phaphamau, in which traders will be honored for social service and struggle for business interests and the swearing-in ceremony of the new officer of Phaphamau market has been organized on this special occasion. In which the newly appointed officer will be administered the oath of office and secrecy. Ajay Jaiswal is the newly appointed president, General Secretary Shiv Babu Jaiswal, Treasurer Sunil Kesarwani are the heads. Ganga Par President Rajendra Kesarwani invited the businessmen. Regional in-charge Vipin Gupta gave his suggestions on the expansion of the organization. Many traders of Phaphamau market, Metropolitan President Animesh Aggarwal, Women District President Ratna Jaiswal, Metropolitan President Apoorva Chandra, Senior Vice President Raman Gupta, Youth President Mukesh Aggarwal, Mihir Baranwal, Alok Parmar etc. were present in the meeting.

Will take care of all workers' interests and aid in case of necessity: Pankaj Pandey

Prayagraj: IFFCO Employees Sangh organized the first general body meeting of employees after the elections at the main gate of IFFCO plant. In the general body meeting, Employees Sangh President Pankaj Pandey said that after the elections, the public representative is for everyone. He said that he will take care of the interest of all the employees and help in case of need. General Secretary Vijay Kumar



Yadav thanks to all those who directly or indirectly helped in winning the elections. He said that he will always stand for the self-respect of the employees. The program was conducted by Treasurer Gaurav Srivastava. During this, Vice President Dharam Singh Patel, Joint Secretary (Organization) Salik Ram, Joint Secretary (Publicity) Abhay Raj Yadav, Assistant Secretary Ram Chandra Gautam and Abhishek Patel, Executive Members Vinod Kanjia and Manoj Kumar Patel, Nominated Members Santosh Kumar and Rajiv Kumar Singh, Santaj Ali, Ambuj Kumar Shukla, Shiv Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Arvind Kumar Vishwakarma, Shivani Gupta and a large number of IFFCO employees were present.

Airtel, Nokia and MediaTek successfully complete trials

New Delhi: Airtel, MediaTek and Nokia today announced the successful completion of trials that efficiently combine TDD and FDD mid-band spectrum on a time basis utilising the latest generation chipset. The trial aimed at maximising the uplink performance was conducted at Airtel's tech lab and achieved uplink speeds of 300 Mbps, setting a new benchmark in 5G network performance. It underscores Airtel's commitment to providing innovative solutions that meet the ever-growing demands of a connected world.

The trial enhanced UL speeds by aggregating frequency bands of 3.5 Ghz (n78) and 2.1 Ghz (n1), a groundbreaking innovation that significantly improves the uplink performance for demanding use cases by dynamically switching the uplink transmission across two carriers in TDD and FDD spectrum more efficiently. The innovative UL Tx switching promises faster connectivity, enhanced user experience, and improved network efficiency, catering to high-demand use cases such as video conferencing, live streaming and large file uploads. Randeep Sekhon, Chief Technology Officer, Bharti Airtel said, "At Airtel, continuous innovation remains the bedrock of all our product and service offerings. This trial not only stands testament to our philosophy of enhancing our state-of-the-art network infrastructure and delivering an unmatched 5G user experience but will also greatly enhance our network's uplink performance, resulting in faster data speeds and improved connectivity."

Census of animals kicks off, culmination in Dec

Prayagraj: Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Anil Kumar has told through a press release that on the instructions of the Government of India, the 21st animal census will be conducted from 01 September, 2024 to December, 2024. The work is being started, for which survey work will be done by 300 enumerators of the Animal Husbandry Department for animal census in the district, which will be supervised through 50 supervisors (veterinary officers). He said that this is a very important task, hence, all the respected cattle rearers/citizens of the district are requested to make efforts to provide the information required by the enumerator, so that the correct count of animals in the district can be done within time, so that in the future, Animal farmers/citizens can be benefited from the schemes.

Minister Narendra Kashyap congratulated Nitesh Kumar on his golden success in Paris Paralympics

Lucknow: Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Uttar Pradesh Backward Class Welfare and Disability Empowerment, Narendra Kashyap heartily congratulated Nitesh Kumar on winning the gold medal in badminton event in Paris Paralympics 2024. Is. Minister Kashyap said in his message that this extraordinary achievement of Nitesh Kumar has not only increased the respect of the country but has also established him as a source of inspiration. He said that Nitesh Kumar's hard work and dedication will inspire the young generation and this gold medal is a symbol of pride for the country.

7,220 candidates appointed in 81 companies of different categories

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji said that the new Uttar Pradesh of the new India is playing a leading role in implementing the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji on the ground. District Moradabad is also moving on the path of rapid development. Today, projects worth more than Rs 400 crore have been inaugurated and foundation stone laid in Moradabad district. Of these, 156 projects are related to the development of Kundarki assembly constituency alone. The Chief Minister was expressing his views today on the occasion of the mega employment fair and loan distribution program organized at the Aryabhata International School campus in Moradabad district. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 292 projects worth Rs 401 crore for the development of Moradabad district. These projects include inauguration of 167 projects costing Rs 205 crore and foundation stone laying of 125 projects costing Rs 196 crore. Dur-

ing the employment fair, 7,220 candidates were employed in 81 companies of different categories. Through enterprise promotion, an amount of more than Rs 175 crore was provided as loan to the beneficiaries under various loan based schemes. Tablets were provided to 2,500 students in the program.

The Chief Minister released the second edition of the Gazetteer of the Division. He named the gate situated on Pakbada Marg after Late Kunwar Sarvesh Singh. The Chief Minister visited the stalls set up by various companies for interviews and encouraged the youth. While congratulating all the youth at the employment fair, the Chief Minister said that this fair has been organized as part of the campaign to give positive direction to the energetic and promising youth of the state. There is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the memories of former MP Kunwar Sarvesh Singh, who was dedicated to spreading the mission of nationalism and develop-

ment in Moradabad and surrounding areas. The gate of Moradabad Development Authority has been named after Kunwar Sarvesh Singh. The foundation stone for the establish-

the talent of the artisans and craftsmen of Moradabad. Brass products worth about Rs 15 to 20 thousand crores are being exported from Moradabad. Now Moradabad will also not lag

be strengthened. The Chief Minister said that before the year 2017, there used to be riots during festivals in Uttar Pradesh. All festivals and festivals were celebrated in an atmosphere of

terror. Traders were not respected and daughters were also not safe. The interests of Annadata farmers were also not safe. There has been no riot in the last seven and a half years in the new Uttar Pradesh. All festivals and festivals are being celebrated peacefully. Daughters and businessmen are safe. A security insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh has been provided to traders. Today the business of traders is flourishing. Youth in the state are getting jobs and employment, the state is also developing. The Chief Minister said that air service has also started from Mundha Pandey Airport of Moradabad district. This air service is being used by youth, businessmen and citizens of this place. Moradabad is also now connected with air connectivity. A new airport is being built in Jewar within a radius of 100 kilometers of Moradabad district, which will be the largest airport in the country. A film city is being built next to this. A medical device park is also being established there. This park will provide jobs to lakhs of youth. Moradabad will emerge as a new hub of exports. The Chief Minister said that many development works are being done in the state. Ganga Expressway is being constructed. Lucknow-Moradabad-Delhi Highway is connected with excellent four-lane connectivity. Today, be it village development or construction of expressways and highways, all these works are progressing rapidly in the state. Employment has also been created by promotion of local products. 02 crore youth have got jobs and employment in the state itself. In the year 2017, the CD ratio of the state was only 44 percent. Today it has increased to more than 60 percent. The target is to reach it up to 65 percent this year.



ment of a park in his name in Moradabad has been laid today. His statue will also be installed in the park. Kunwar Sarvesh Singh was a fearless and true patriot. He was always ready for the development of Moradabad and Bijnor. He had the passion to work and a sense of dedication. In times of crisis, he stood by the people of Moradabad without caring for his life.

The Chief Minister said that the world recognizes

behind anyone, rather it will become the growth engine of development of Uttar Pradesh in the same way, just as Uttar Pradesh is becoming the growth engine of development of the country. The government should have a vision to give flight to the dreams of the youth. If the government is determined, it can make the impossible possible. There should be a capable government for this. These types of people will have to

Youth should come forward to build developed India: Dr. Pranshu Dwivedi

Prayagraj: Green regarding the successful tenure of 3 years of Yuva Morcha under the aegis of Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha. Workers' gathering and banquet program was organized in Garden Civil Line. On this occasion, the chief guest of the program, State President of Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha and Legislative Council member Dr. Pranshu Dwivedi said that congratulations to the workers of Yuva Morcha for a successful tenure of 3 years. Giving this, he said that during the tenure of three years, the workers of Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha have played an important role in forming Modi government at the Center and Yogi government in the state on the basis of their hard work and

said that the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for India is To fulfill its vision of making India a developed nation, the youth



of the country joined the Bharatiya Janata Party and came forward to make India a developed nation. He said that on the occasion of Independence Day, the Honorable Prime Minister asked the youth of the country to

work towards building a developed and prosperous India. Have called for joining politics and Bharatiya Janata Party is the best plat-

form for the youth. On this occasion, coordinator of the program and president of BJP Metropolitan Yuva Morcha, Rohit Pappu Pandey welcomed the chief guest, State Yuva Morcha President Pranshu

Dwivedi, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, Regional Vice President Kamlesh Kumar Gautam, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, and Regional President Yuva Morcha Shailendra Maurya. Media In-charge Rajesh Kesarwani told that before this Sundarkand lesson was organized and banquet was organized by the director Shyam Prakash Pandey and the vote of thanks was given by Amit Gupta. Prominent people in the program included Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Sachin Mishra, Shubham Bala Pandey, Pawan. Hundreds of workers like Mishra, Siddharth Pandey, Yash Kaushal, Kunjan Pandit Abhishek Singh, Siddharth Pandey, Ambuj Tripathi, Sudhir Singh, Saurabh Singh Ankit Dixit etc. were present.

Girls should go straight for self-reliance: Dr. Shikha Darbari Track suits were distributed, CDO and BSA present

Prayagraj: Former Chief Income Tax Commissioner Dr. Shikha Darbari said the above things during the distribution of track suits to girls in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Kaudihar. He called upon girls to move forward in developing life skills along with education. CDO Gaurav Kumar, BSA Praveen Kumar Tiwari and Director of Jan

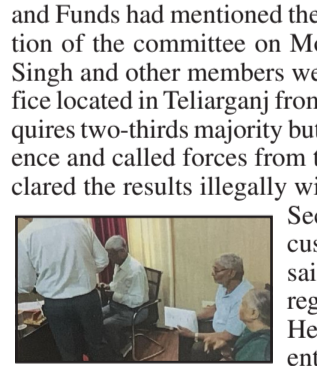


Shikshan Sansthan Amitabh Garg also expressed their views in this program. Warden Shradha Tiwari coordinated the program. While Block Education Officer Kaurihar Kshama Shankar Pandey expressed gratitude to the guests. During the program, District Coordinator Rajiv Tripathi, District Coordinator Training Abhinav Singh Himanshu Singh, ARP Jai Singh Prabha Shankar Sharma and Digambar Mishra, all the school staff and Principal Representative Mahendra Patel etc. were present.

'Registrar Society conducted elections illegally'

Prayagraj: The election of the Managing Committee of Shri Balram Educational and Social Reform Committee, Meja is completely illegal and illegal, information has been sent on the portal to Chief Minister Yogi and the concerned Minister for its cancellation. It is said that the Registrar, Society Chits and Funds had mentioned the information about the election of the committee on Monday. Secretary Mrs. Uma Singh and other members were present at the society office located in Teliarganj from 10 am to 4 pm. Quorum requires two-thirds majority but the Registrar used his influence and called forces from three police stations and declared the results illegally without holding the elections.

Secretary Uma Singh has accused the Registrar of bias and said that the Registrar used irregularities and illegal methods. He has demanded to cancel the entire process and hold transparent elections in the presence of the magistrate. Alleged that the registrar, by misusing his position and using corrupt means, also included such dead bodies in the process, including Suresh Singh, who died in 2005, while someone else was brought in place of Vijay Bahadur Singh. On protesting, he faced arrest. He ran away out of fear but his presence is also shown in a surprising way.



Jitendra Prakash's photo exhibition on Ram Temple, huge hit among audience

Prayagraj: Photograph of the grand inauguration session of Shri Ram Mandir Ayodhya ji by Shri Jitendra Prakash at Jwala Devi Inter College, Gangapuri, Prayagraj, organized under the auspices of Shri Parmeshwar Dayal Village Industries Development and Service Institute. This exhibition contains information related to Shri Ram Temple, Ayodhya. The photographs taken by Jitendra Prakash were displayed through pictures. Chief guest of the exhibition, Virendra Singh, Director Gurukul Montessori Inter College said that after 500 years of tireless struggles, the construction work of Lord Shri Ram

temple was completed. To promote our culture, such events should be organized so that the coming genera-



tions recognize their culture. Special guest Harjinder Singh, social worker said that you people should go to the temple and have darshan. What

was Lord Shri Ram and what is Shri Ram? Special guest Amita Mishra, Principal Gurukul Montessori School

Gurukul Montessori School told about Lord Shri Ram through poetry. Mr. Yugal Kishore Mishra, Principal, Jwala Devi Inter College, who was presiding over the function, said that the school students will get a chance to see and learn a lot in their lives from the pictures of Shri Ram Temple. CA Anil Gupta ji expressed his gratitude to all the guests. Jitendra Prakash, Vikash Singh and Rajeev Mishra honored all the guests by giving them the picture and year of Shri Ram Temple. On this occasion, Vikas Singh, Rajesh Pandey, Shri Ram Dwivedi, Rajat Sharma, Anupriya Sharma and school teachers and students were present.

Inauguration of Police, Army and Paramilitary Forces Training Center in Village Chhaprauli

Varanasi: A door of unprecedented opportunities is going to open for the youth of village Chhaprauli, district Baghat. Inspired by the inspiration of Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Education Shri

Jayant Chaudhary and under the guidance of NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation), the Police, Army and Paramilitary Forces Training Center will be inaugurated in September. This project is being led by retired army officers, under whose experience and lead-

ership this center is ready to give a new direction to the youth. The training program at the Police, Army and Paramilitary Forces Training Center will start in the first week of September 2024 with the verification of documents. The main objective of this training is to prepare the

youth for the physical rally to be held in Saharanpur in December 2024. This training is especially for those youth who have passed the Common Entrance Examination (CEE) of Agniveer. The training will prepare the youth to meet physical fitness standards that include

completing a one-mile run in under 5:30 minutes, 10-15 pull-ups, crossing a 9-foot long trench, and other important physical tests. This center will not only provide physical training but will also focus on the mental and social development of the youth. The training in adap-

tive skills (cognitive skills, behavioral skills, and situational judgment) will empower them mentally, enabling them to succeed not only in the Army but also in other walks of life. This training will prepare them to become not only a better soldier but also a better citizen.

Irreparable loss to business community: Satish Chandra Kesarwani

Prayagraj: Under the aegis of Allahabad Galla Oil-seed Trade Board, on the demise of business leader Arun Kesarwani, traders observed two minutes silence and prayed to God for the peace of the departed soul. In the condolence meeting, Trade Board President Satish Chandra Kesarwani said that Arun Kesarwani was a person of simple nature, Nakaskona, who was always ready for the welfare of traders, was the President of Khalifa Mandi Trade Board and Senior Vice President of Prayag Trade Board. In the condolence meeting, Shiv Kumar Vaishya told that Arun had also fulfilled his responsibility as the President of Kesarwani Nagar Kesarwani Vaishya Sabha. His death has caused an irreparable loss to the Kesarwani society. During the condolence meeting, Raj Kumar Sabhani, Ramesh Chandra Kesarwani. A large number of businessmen including Aggarwal, Shiv Kumar Vaishya, Ravindra Jaiswal, Vijay Kumar Vaishya, Gopal Ji Kesarwani, Suresh Kesarwani, Lal Ji Kesarwani, Pankaj Kesarwani, Raj Kumar Kesarwani paid tribute.

Teej Mahotsav celebrated by Triveni Sangam Seva Samiti

Maheva, Prayagraj: Teej Mahotsav was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Lagan Vihar Guest House Maheva Naini Prayagraj! Many competitions were organized by the committee, including Best Look - Shyamala Devi, Fashion Show - Vartika Srivastava, Dance - Alfisa Khan, Mehndi-Anjali Nishad won. Chief Guest - Priyanka Singh (Ministry of Public Education Skill Development Entrepreneurship) Special Guest - Rekha Prakash Senior Social Worker Chief Judge... Shobha Darbari, Vandana Srivastava, Mohini Srivastava The program was conducted by Triveni Sangam Seva. Dinesh Yadav, founder and secretary of the committee, did it! Juhi Saxena, vice president of the program orga-



nizing committee, graced the stage in a very beautiful manner. Principal of Vidyapeeth Inter College, Maheva, Swaminath Tripathi, Santosh Tiwari, Chandrabhan Singh, Nirbhay Bharti Giri, were present as patrons. Preeti Sonkar, General Secretary of Award and Certificate Distribution Committee, Vice President Juhi Saxena, Women President Pooja Jogi, Minister Mamta Srivastava were present. Media in-charge Deputy Secretary Vijay Rawat, Mohammad Naem, Rahul Kushwaha Refreshment arrangements Committee Treasurer Pradeep Bharatiya ji did the supporting service Mohit Nishad Rohit Nishad Anoop Nishad Sumit Sharma Vishal Bharatiya Umesh Srivastava Abhilash Kesarwani Sandeep Srivastava Gaurav Srivastava Sachin Vishwakarma Rajesh Nishad Guddu Nishad Sanjeev Saxena Ashok Sonkar, Tarjan, Sikoti, Pawan, Nan Bhai, women powers present included Renu Saxena, Neelam Giri, Seema Jaiswal, Sarita Patel, Mukta Srivastava, Shivani Jaiswal, Kalpana Yadav, Aanchal, Parvati Gudiya, Payal, Puspita Tiwari, Vaishali, etc. Special cooperation. Belongs to Lagan Vihar Guest House who dedicated the entire guest house for social work.

Teachers, employees and officers boycotting UPS and NPS which govt promotes

Prayagraj: On Monday, as part of the movement being run by Ateva for old pension, the teachers and officers of Prayagraj are working with black bands on their arms. It happened, teachers and employees of UPS and NPS are strongly boycotting the pension that the government is talking about. Today, on the first day, teachers and non-teaching staff of schools and officers and employees of all the blocks, tehsils of the entire district Prayagraj. Daughter-in-laws are demanding old pension OPS. Officials of Prayagraj district Ateva demanded with one voice that the government has cheated and deceived the employees in the name of reforms in the NPS.



which you kept singing praises of for twenty years. The employees should Onely for OPS 1 District President Jitendra Kumar Jitu leading the entire district Prayagraj, State Organization Minister Ashok Kumar Kanojia, Syed Danish Imran State IT Cell in-charge, Sanjay Patel National IT Cell member, Anjana Singh, Neelam Singh Women Convenors. , Deepa Singh, Madhuri, Suresh Singh, RK Yadav District Minister, Anurag Pandey District Media In-charge, Phoolchand Yadav President PWD, Mrs. Pushpalata Singh, Aarti Singh, Preeti Brij, Anjali, Narendra Kumar Treasurer, Sachin Rawat etc. teacher employees took the pledge. It is said that on the call of the top leadership, National President Vijay Kumar Bhandu ji, protests will continue continuously from September 2 to September 6. The above information was given by District Ateva Media Incharge employee leader Ravi Shankar Mishra.



Guests attending the picture exhibition at Jwala Devi Inter College, looking at the picture exhibition.

Farmers of Bihar given training in operation & maintenance of agricultural equipment in SHUATS

Naini, Prayagraj: Directorate of Extension, Sam Higginbottom University of Agricultural Technology and Science, Prayagraj under Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA) scheme in district-Buxar, Bihar state. A four-day training program for farmers on operation, maintenance and repair of agricultural equipment was started. Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan said that agricultural equipment and machinery are an expensive investment, hence their use and maintenance should be done with special care. Full benefit, reliable and uninterrupted, long term service can be achieved. Chief Guest Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey told the

farmers that founder Dr. Sam Higginbottom, in view of the disparity in the agriculture related plowing and traction

farmers. Through mechanization, farmers can not only reduce costs but can also progress economically by

Coordinator Dr. Manish Kumar Kesarwani provided information about the machinery used in processing



activities of the farmers of the area, established this university for the development of agricultural equipment and to provide information about technical production to the

producing more. Scientist Dr. Yogesh Chandra Srivastava provided technical information and especially discussed stubble management with the farmers. Training

millets crops. Dr. Babban Yadav provided technical information to the farmers about tractor driving and tractor driven agricultural equipment.

National Working Committee of All India Shri Valmiki Youth Union Sept 8: Jagdish Prasad

Prayagraj: The meeting of All India Shri Valmiki Youth Union Executive was held at Maharishi Valmiki Higher Secondary School, which was presided over by National General Secretary Jagdish Prasad. Informed all the members of the Sangh that the meeting of the National Working

Committee will be held in Maharashtra on 8 September 2024 and the re-selection of the Rashi office bearer will also take place. In the said meeting, Shri Vinod Kumar "Pradeep" Hari Krishna Valmiki Kisan Anand Sanjay Rathi Rakesh Tak Delhi Pradesh Many dignitaries of the society including President Shiv Shankar Valmiki, Shiv Shankar Valmiki Sandeep Chauhan, Prem Babu Shiv Shankar Valmiki Nandlal Nirala were present.



Kiran Jaiswal leads protest against PDA's whimsical functioning

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Councilor and Chief Whip of BJP in Municipal Corporation, Kiran Jaiswal, Councilors and regional citizens observed a symbolic collective fast at Kitgaj Police Booth intersection in protest against the closure of work by PDA by digging drain tracks in Triveni Road and Shankar Lal Bhargava Road. This work was started in February by Prayagraj Development Authority from the Kumbh Mela funds, which is being closed by digging at many places, leaving it half incomplete. On receiving the information, the Chief Engineer of Prayagraj Development Authority reached the fasting site and took the memorandum. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani was

present on the spot. Also arrived and after inspecting with the Chief Engineer and Councilors, the Mayor expressed his deep displeasure over the negligence towards the work and said that



laxity in the work of Kumbh Mela will not be tolerated and the work should be completed as soon as possible otherwise Honorable Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Strict action will be taken after meeting the Councilor Kiran Jaiswal said

that due to the negligence of Prayagraj Development Authority, it does not seem possible to build this road before the Kumbh Mela. The distance of Arya Kanya Dot bridge from the police booth

intersection is only 200 meters. Work will start in February. What happened has not been resolved till date, there are deadly potholes in between Shankar Lal Bhargava Road and Triveni Road, work is continuously stopped at the site, Councilor

Kiran Jaiswal, former Metropolitan President Shashi Varshney, Councilor Mukesh Lara, Rudra Sen Jaiswal, Ritesh Mishra, BJP Metropolitan Vice President Vivek. Aggarwal media in-charge Rajesh Kesarwani, Chandra Shekhar Mishra Manoj Mishra, Dilip Kesarwani, Narendra Jaiswal, Raju Joshi, Suman Pandey, Ajay Sharma, Vinay Jaiswal, Subhash Jaiswal, Ravi, Sarvesh Pandey, Chandra Shekhar Vaish, Anju Shukla Kshama Dubey, Himalaya Sonkar, Adi has demanded from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji to immediately start and complete the work and take strict action against those responsible for tarnishing the image of the government by deliberately delaying the Kumbh work.

BJP's membership campaign started

Prayagraj: Metropolitan President gave membership to the Mayor. BJP's membership campaign started from Monday 2nd September. As soon as the party's national president JP Nadda made Prime Minister Narendra Modi a member of the party by a missed call on mobile number 8800002024 (membership mobile number) at 5 pm at the party's central office in Delhi, the workers gathered at the BJP office in Civil Lines

Ganesh Kesarwani in the party office. Addressing the workers, the Metropolitan President said that today BJP is the largest political party in the world and whose loyalty is first to the



nation. It is a matter of pride to be a member of such a party. The workers should fully engage in making the campaign a success. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that BJP is an ideology and the organization has achieved this position after a long

struggle. Membership campaign is the biggest and important campaign of the party and every worker is appealed to make his/her best efforts in making this organization festival successful. On this occasion Ranjit Singh, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Ravi Kesarwani, Sanjay Singh, Rajesh Gond, Rajesh Kesarwani, Vivek Mishra, Deep Dwivedi, Kuldeep Mishra, Natwar Lal Bharti, Acharya Hari Krishna Shukla, Shiva Tripathi, Anand Dubey, Prashant Shukla, Rakesh Workers like Bharti, Durgesh Dwivedi, Vijay Srivastava, Angad Patel, Rajan Shukla, Raju Pathak, Aastik Shukla, Kamlesh Chaubey Shubham Singh etc. were present.

Fifth huge Bhandara and Mata ki Chowki prog mesmerized one & all

Prayagraj: The fifth huge Bhandara and Mata ki Chowki program was successfully completed by Shri Siddhivinayak Seva Samiti in which the respected leader of the reputed businessman of the area and all the people of the area visited Mata ki Chowki and took the Prasad of Bhandara. Chairman of the Committee President Shri Ratnesh Yadav said that this year the Bhandara program was held with great enthusiasm as compared to the last 4 years which was going on from morning till 9 pm. He told that till now about seven thousand people have received the Prasad. Media In-charge Arvind Pandey told that Prayagraj MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, former mayor Abhilasha Gupta Nandi, BJP metropolitan president Rajendra Mishra, SP leader Sandeep Yadav and Navratna Kalyan and others attended the program. The committee always remains ahead in helping the

poor, backward and helpless people and makes an important contribution in providing education to orphan children. In which blood donation, education, food to the hungry etc. are the main objectives of the committee. All the members and officers of the



committee discharge their work successfully. In this order, Ratnesh Yadav, Ashish Yadav, Arvind Pandey, Shubham Aggarwal, Pandit Anup Mishra from the committee. , Pawan Mishra Saksham Gupta, Bhanu Prakash Shahid, Suraj, Nandini, Rambabu Mishra, Shankar, Vineet Goswami, Yash, Rajat, Manish Goyal, Gagan, Rajiv Patel Mohit, Deep, Amit, Rajat Kesarwani Ankit Shashwat, Vivek, etc. members were present.

Mayor inaugurated 3330 The Biryani Street

Prayagraj: 3330 The Biryani Street, opened near Shriram Departmental Store near PD Tandon Marg, Civil Lines, was inaugurated by Prayagraj Mayor Umesh Chandra Ganesh Kesarwani. Restaurant proprietors Pragati Srivastava, Tanveer Hussain and Anil Pandey told that the restaurant has many varieties of veg and non-



veg. Veg Biryani, Chicken Biryani, Kebab Paratha and other food items are available for lunch and dinner. Snacks include Paneer Tikka, Chicken Tikka and other dishes. Pragati Srivastava told that the restaurant has the facility to organize programs like birthday party, kitty party, club meeting at a wide variety of rates. All the dishes made in the restaurant are prepared with homemade spices.

Minister expresses condolence on traders death

Prayagraj: After the demise of his elder brother Shri Arun Kesarwani, who was the Senior Vice President of Prayagraj Trade Board and State Vice President of Uttar Pradesh Industry Trade Delegation for four consecutive times, today Hon'ble Minister Shri Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi Bhaiya visited his house in Nakhaskohana Prayagraj and met the bereaved family members and expressed heartfelt condolences. Gave solace to the family in this time of sorrow. The demise of elder brother Shri Arun Kesarwani is an irrepa-

rable loss for all of us. I pray to God to give place to the departed soul at His feet. A large number of businessmen were present on this occasion, promi-



nent among them were District President of All India Industry Trade Board, Lalu Mittal, Anil Kesarwani, Om Prakash Pankaj Verma, Raman Gupta, Jai Hind Sandeep Kesarwani, Sahil Arora etc.

Editorial

Third parties were unfairly benefiting commercially

The court was also informed that third parties were unfairly benefiting commercially from the sale of merchandise featuring his pictures and voice for ringtones. Most alarming was the online circulation of fake pornographic images and videos of the actor with other actresses. Notably, in its order, the Delhi High Court stated that satirical writing and genuine criticism would be safeguarded and not construed as violations of personality rights. While the word 'Jhakaas' can be used by people, they cannot exploit it commercially in the manner Anil Kapoor does. Similarly, it can be used for satire, criticism or parody, but not for monetary gains. In the Jackie Shroff case as well, the court declined to order the removal of a video titled 'Jackie Shroff is Savage, Jackie Shroff Thug Life', posted on a YouTube channel named 'Thugesh'. The court deemed the video a form of artistic expression and said imposing restrictions would have significant consequences. In the Anil Kapoor case, the court established the protection of personality rights in the realm of AI and deepfakes. However, this hasn't deterred the illegal use of celebrities' personal attributes for financial gains. Regarding the existing laws, advocate Naik says: "I feel the current laws and the jurisprudence that we got from the Delhi High Court in matters of Mr. Bachchan or Mr. Kapoor are good references. I personally feel the time has come for us to protect personality rights. Like the one provided by the Copyright Act." However, the challenge lies in taking tangible action to identify infringers, notify them, and ensure compliance. Jackie Shroff's case marks the first instance of a court restraining an unlicensed Chatbot. "There is a need for updated legislation or legal interpretations to address these emerging issues and provide stronger protections for celebrities' persona in the digital age. Additionally, enforcement mechanisms may need to be strengthened to effectively combat the misuse of AI-generated content," observes Masodi. In the online world, cybercriminals exploit AI for nefarious purposes to make money while jeopardising people's reputations. Celebrities are taking the lead, and the courts are establishing principles and precedents. Being vigilant to preempt damage is crucial. "A few celebrities may choose not to pursue legal action due to various reasons such as the perceived insignificance of unauthorised use, the costs involved in litigation, or a desire to avoid negative publicity," says Shoeb Masodi, Partner, M&P IP PROTECTORS. Personality rights, as the name implies, pertain to the rights associated with the personality of a well-known individual, primarily applicable to celebrities whose names, images or voices are prone to misuse for profit. The concept dictates that only the owner or creator of these attributes has the right to derive monetary benefits from them. Personality rights have gained importance alongside the right to privacy given the kind of fame celebrities enjoy today. In 1995, the Supreme Court recognised a person's right to control the commercial use of one's identity in the R Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu case, commonly known as the Auto Shankar case. In 2015, the Madras High Court intervened to protect actor Rajinikanth's personality rights, halting the release of the movie Main Hoon Rajinikanth. The filmmakers had utilised the actor's name and style without his express permission, with the title itself serving as a clear indication of its connection to Rajinikanth. In yet another case involving actor Amitabh Bachchan, the Delhi High Court in November 2022 restrained the use of the actor's name, image, voice, or any of his characteristics.

Iran-Israel: Conundrum of targeted killings and Netanyahu's quest to escape humiliation

The age of quick wars is over; in an asymmetric war between the state and non-state actors, definitive outcome and speed of victory are hardly assured. Iran and Israel: Conundrum of targeted killings and Netanyahu's quest to escape humiliation. The assassination of Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh has sparked fears of an all-out war in West Asia. In the photo, clerics offer condolences to Haniyeh. (Photo: Reuters)



The killing of Hamas Polit Bureau Head Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran (July 31), apparently by a covert IED hidden two months ago and remotely detonated, does not portend well for peace in the region and Gaza. It also very clearly exposed the holes, moles, and vulnerabilities in the Iranian security outfits and became a blot for the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), which was in charge of the Guest House, where Haniyeh was staying. He was one of the major interlocutors even as the militant wing chief Yahya Sinwar did not agree with Haniyeh's pragmatism approach and yielding to Israeli demands in the course of ceasefire negotiations during the past nine months. Haniyeh was on top of the elimination list of Mossad and other agencies as Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to destroy Hamas in the wake of the October 7 terror attacks, which had an

unprecedented success for Hamas—when not only nearly 1,200 Israelis were killed but 250 of them taken hostage. These became the key going forward, as their release remains a priority due to months-long domestic protests by distraught families and friends. The Israeli response, as expected, has been severe, with carpet bombing across the narrow strip of Gaza killing nearly 40,000, with 100,000 injured Gazans living under inhumane conditions, let alone repeated displacements of millions. This disproportionate response and defiance of global appeals, international law, and UN Security Council Resolutions eroded the sympathy for Israeli leadership, who are facing the genocide charges and warrant of arrest by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC), respectively, let alone increasing recognition of the State of Palestine by several

European and Latin American countries. The Israeli objective of destroying Hamas has met with limited success despite them following the Hanibal doctrine (i.e. the kidnapping must be stopped by all means, even at the price of striking and harming our own forces). But they have taken out several key leaders and persons in strikes, countering the accusation that Israeli Defence Forces and Mossad were no longer invincible—a message conveyed by Hamas on October 7. The fact that Hamas is very much there negotiating a deal, with over 120 hostages still in their captivity and war nowhere near the end, between a state and non-state actors proves its survivability and a fear that the strategy pursued should not lead to strategic defeat and further diplomatic isolation gaps at the Israeli establishment. For now, Israel is not in a relenting mood. Ever since

October 7, the international community has been besieged with the fear that the Israel-Hamas War should not escalate beyond its immediate periphery. Half-baked efforts have been made to rein in the warring parties. Consequently, Hamas could muster moral and material support from Hezbollah (Lebanon, Syria) and Houthis (Yemen and the Red Sea), Kataib Hezbollah, and other Shia militias (Iraq against US bases) even as others kept the escalation under the threshold, presumably with the connivance of their benefactor in Iran. On the other hand, Netanyahu continued to exploit the strategic weakness of his ironclad support from Washington DC. His last week's oration and address to the US Congress and repeated standing ovations could only confirm that Palestinians were expendable. The financial assistance, weapons, and political support were once again assured to Bibi by Biden, Harris, and Trump, even as they urged him to close the ceasefire deal quickly. Some say, hoping for Trump's victory, Netanyahu is free to do as he pleases until November. Although denied by Hezbollah, the Majdal Shams football field attack killed 12 young Druze boys and over 40 injured in occupied Golan Heights, which evoked immediate Israeli missile strikes in southern Lebanon,

killing a senior Hezbollah commander, Fouad Shukur. So, Hezbollah has a reason to escalate and gets a pretext with the killing of Hamas Leader Haniyeh in Tehran in concert with Hamas and Palestinian causes. Hezbollah is no cakewalk for Israel. Houthis are also waiting to expand their political legitimacy even as the Yemen officially recognised leadership has urged them not to drag the country into an undesirable war. Although Houthi attacks on merchant shipping have forced the insolvency of the Eilat Red Sea port of Israel, the counterattack on Hodeida port by Israeli bombers was a hard response and reminder to them to desist from adventurism. But Houthis are not the ones to be deterred after tasting success in their 8-year-old war against Sunni forces led by Saudi Arabia. This shows that in the asymmetric wars between the state and non-state actors, a definitive outcome and speed of victory are hardly assured.

The age of quick wars is over. That's what Biden tried to tell Netanyahu, referring to the Afghan and Iraq fiasco on October 9 and 23, when he dashed down to sympathise with Israelis in the wake of terror attacks. They have been trying for some ceasefire ever since while maintaining support for Israel's right to defend itself.

Who is Capt Subhanshu Shukla, the second Indian to travel to space?

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been named as the 'prime astronaut' for ISRO's first collaborative mission with NASA to the International Space Station (ISS) this year. He will be part of the Axiom-4 mission that aims to conduct scientific research, space outreach activities, and technology demonstration experiments on the ISS. He will only be the second Indian to travel to space 40 years after Rakesh Sharma. Who is Capt Subhanshu Shukla, the second Indian to travel to space? What is the ISRO-NASA mission? IAF Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will be part of Axiom-4 space mission that is slated to take off for the ISS sometime in October this year.

Image Courtesy: X/Indian Air Force. In a significant leap for India's space exploration ambitions, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has selected Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as the 'prime astronaut' for its first collaborative mission with NASA to the International Space Station (ISS) later this year. The high-stakes mission will also include Group Captain Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair, who has been designated as Shukla's backup. Both 'gaganyatris' are members of the Indian Air Force, and are poised to represent India on the space mission scheduled for any time after October this year, marking a historic moment nearly 40 years after Wing Commander Rakesh

Sharma's iconic space journey on a Soviet spacecraft in 1984. This development came following ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) closing a Space Flight Agreement with US-based space infrastructure developer Axiom Space Inc for the much-awaited Axiom-4 mission. **Who is Shubhanshu Shukla?** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, recently promoted from Wing Commander, hails from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, where he was born on October 10, 1985. According to , his journey to becoming an astronaut is deeply influenced by the tales of bravery from the Kargil War in 1999, which happened when he was just 14.

India must focus on inclusive growth to escape 'middle-income trap'

India may be a lower-middle-income economy, but quality development of human resources, proper skilling of youth, and support for research and development can help India ensure a better life for its people. World Development Report 2024: India must focus on inclusive growth to escape 'middle-income trap'. The report released on August 1 suggests that at the current pace, China could take 10 years, Indonesia could take 70 years, and India could take as many as 75 years just to reach a quarter of the per capita income of the United States. ANI. The World Development Report 2024 focuses on the issue of the 'middle-income trap'. Published by the World Bank annually since 1978, the report chooses a specific aspect of economic development each year. This time the report expressed its concerns about the potential challenges faced by India and China, along with 106 other countries, towards becoming high-income developed countries. The report released on August 1 suggests that at the current pace, China could take 10 years, Indonesia could take 70 years, and India could take as many as 75 years just to reach a quarter of the per capita income of the United States. The report suggests 108 middle-income countries pos-

sessing 75 per cent of the world's population, generating 40 per cent of global GDP, and contributing to 60 per cent of global carbon emissions face several challenges, even more severe than their predecessors, in escaping the 'middle-income trap'. Drawing lessons from 50 years, the World Bank concludes that as the countries grow wealthier and reach 10 per cent of the annual US GDP per capita, they hit a trap whereby their growth becomes stunted, restraining the economy from reaching the status of a high-income country. By the end of 2023, 108 such countries were identified, which were labelled as middle income countries with annual GDP per capita between \$1,136 and \$13,845, and now the World Bank warns that these countries risk falling into the 'middle income trap'. However, the report suggests "a sequenced and progressively more sophisticated mix of policies" to help countries avoid the trap. Proposing a '3i' strategy of investments, infusion, and innovation, the report advises countries to use them as per their development levels. The low income countries should first focus on investments, while the lower-middle income countries should focus on investments and the infusion of technology. The upper middle-

income countries should focus on all these three 'i's, and investments and infusion of technology should go hand in hand with innovation, i.e., these countries should not just borrow ideas from developed ones but also should push their boundaries. The World Bank also highlights that rapidly ageing populations, rising protectionism in advanced economies, and the need to speed up the energy transition could be a challenge in the strive of the middle income economies to upgrade themselves to the high-income levels. **Prescription for India** Talking about India, a lower-middle-income economy with a per capita income of \$ 2,390 in 2022, the suggestion to focus on the '2i's of investments and infusion of technology is not enough. Considering India's demographic dividend, it is the time bracket that India can hardly afford to lose. It should focus on innovations, research and development; it has good institutions and an able human capital to begin with. However, it has to be admitted that institutions should be upgraded to meet world standards, and robust human resource development is imminent in India. But Indian youth is aspirational, and public-private-academia trilateral convergence as was prescribed by this year's economic survey.

US dollar banknotes more widely without any charges or penalties

Recently, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Manet suggested that the country might soon permit accepting old, dirty, or slightly torn US dollar banknotes more widely without any charges or penalties to facilitate the spending of them by tourists. His comments come at a time when the government is making efforts to phase out small US dollar denominations such as \$1 and \$5 bills while promoting the use of its own currency riel for day-to-day transactions. Why Cambodia's PM is talking about accepting dirty, torn and

old US banknotes. While the American currency remains important for international trade, calls for Cambodia to move towards using its currency have been increasing over the years, while reducing dependence on dollars. Image for Representation. Reuters. Cambodia's Prime Minister, Hun Manet, recently suggested that the country might soon start accepting old, dirty, or slightly torn US dollar bills more widely, after running a successful pilot project in one of the provinces. Earlier this month, Siem Reap province began accepting worn-

out US dollar banknotes after the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) mandated that all commercial banks accept them without charging any fees. Hinting at a green light for broader adoption, Manet was quoted as saying by local media, "The implementation in Siem Reap is a pilot step for the NBC to evaluate and develop a specific plan before announcing this new policy across the country in the near future." According to "This issue looks small, but it can affect tourism as a whole," Manet was quoted as saying by Cambodian news outlet Khmer

Times. "At the same time, we need to be careful so that Cambodia will not become a place just for exchanging dirty, torn and old US dollar banknotes," he added. So, why is Cambodia considering the use of worn-out US dollars? And what could this mean for the Cambodian currency, the Riel? Let's explore these questions to understand the broader implications. Cambodia's use of the US dollar can be traced back to the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge regime (1975-1979), which left the country's economy in ruins.

UP CM Yogi introduces 'MYUVA Scheme' to empower youth entrepreneurs



Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will launch the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" plan to encourage young entrepreneurship. This ambitious project shows the government's commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs and encouraging innovation and enterprise. Through MYUVA, enterprising youth will obtain support and tools to establish their entrepreneurial endeavors, boosting Uttar Pradesh's economy. CM Yogi has ordered MSME Department staff to speed up the initiative's action plan. The

directive emphasises the government's determination to quickly adopt MYUVA. Officials must submit the action plan quickly to promote entrepreneurship and youth development in Uttar Pradesh. The Yogi administration provides interest-free financing for projects up to Rs 5 lakh to prepare one lakh young entrepreneurs each year. The 2024-25 budget includes Rs 1,000 crore for this endeavor. This unique program empowers educated and skilled youngsters across the state to create self-employment and MSMEs. The initiative promotes entrepre-

neurship to create rural and urban jobs. The plan offers interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh to industry and service ventures. Finance 1,00,000 units annually to directly benefit one million units (10 lakh units) over 10 years. Participants in the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, One District One Product Training and Toolkit Scheme, Scheduled Caste, Tribe, Other Backward Class Training Scheme, and Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission Skill Upgradation (Kaushal Unnayan) will be eligible for assistance. This program also

UEA Offers Indian Students UK Higher Education Scholarships

Delhi: The University of East Anglia (UEA), one of the UK's top 25 universities, has launched a variety of scholarships for Indian students. Graduate and undergraduate applicants for 2024-2025 can apply for these scholarships, which cover tuition, housing, and living expenses. Indian postgraduate students studying Economics, Humanities, Engineering, Chemistry, and Law are eligible for the £4,000 UEA India Award. Following

Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students

UEA's entrance requirements immediately qualifies candidates. Undergraduate Scholarship: UEA India High-achieving Indian undergradu-

ates at UEA can get a £4,000 tuition price discount in their first year. Global Undergraduate Excellence award: This distinguished award offers UEA undergraduate programmes to outstanding overseas students. Valued at £4,000 each year, exceptional applicants may receive £10,000. Gita and Sonny Mehta India Scholarship: UEA's Department of Literature, Drama, and Creative Writing offers this scholarship to bril-

liant Indian writers. Applicants must submit a separate £28,500 application. David Sainsbury Full MSc Scholarship: This scholarship covers the tuition cost (£31,500), maintenance grant, and £4,000 travel fees for Global Plant Health applicants. Scholarships are individual and cannot be combined. The UEA website lists deadlines. Framework is part of Norwich Research Park, Europe's.

Research Internships from UGC Give Students Stipends, Insurance, and Academic Credits

Delhi: Stipends, insurance, and academic credits are awarded to fourth-year undergraduates who complete research internships. Participating enterprises must pay interns a set amount, according to UGC norms provided to higher education institutions. Nodal officers for research internships will negotiate

with corporations for the program at higher education institutions.

Higher education institutions may also seek group internships. The Four Year Undergraduate Programme's fourth year will include the research internship. Every student will have an internship supervisor to help them finish

their work on time. The UGC solicited stakeholder input on this guidelines draft. UGC chairperson M Jagdish Kumar said it implemented a credit framework at the undergraduate level following the National Education Policy 2020. He claimed the internship is mandatory to boost student employability.

Educational institutions will survey local market demand for research internships. Surveys and courses will inform internship projects. Educational institutions must publish internship projects and mentor information. Industry representatives should have been in career counseling, it said.

Over 1,300 beggars got skills

Delhi: The economic survey says the Delhi government started skill development for homeless beggars last year. It claims 1,312 of Delhi's 16,000 homeless and pavement residents were taught between March and September 2023. The government said an interdepartmental committee would train city homeless before the 2023 G20 Summit. The lieutenant governor and chief secretary ordered.

Within two months, Physics Wallah's 'Alakh AI' had 1.5 million users

Delhi: In less than two months, Physics Wallah's indigenously-built AI education package 'Alakh AI' has seen over 1.5 million users. It debuted the suite in late December 2023. Alakh AI offers AI Guru: Personalised Tutor, Sahayak: Smart Companion Powered by AI, and NCERT Pitara. At its flagship event, Vishwas Diwas, Physics Wallah launched innovative educational technolo-



gy projects. With the theme 'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz (A New Era in Education)', the edtech platform featured innovations to make learning more personalized, effective, and engaging.

"'Padhai Ka Naya Andaaz' is more than a theme; it is our commitment to provide a learning experience that transcends traditional boundaries, making education more personalised,

effective, and engaging for every student," Physics Wallah CEO and Founder Alakh Pandey stated. This effort centers on Physics Wallah 2.0, a futuristic strategy that employs technology to improve student achievements. Physics Wallah has launched new technologies and offered up to 80% off most online courses. Its FY23 sales was Rs 798 crore, growing 3.4 times from the previous year.

Congress leader Pradeep Chaudhary welcomed MP Deepender Hooda on his arrival

Kaithal: Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former Chief Minister of Haryana Ch. Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary, a special supporter of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, said that in Haryana Ch. If the Congress government is formed under the leadership of Bhupendra Singh Hooda, monthly pension of Rs 6000 to the elderly, 300 units of electricity free to every family, gas cylinder for women at Rs 500, confirmed recruitment on 2



lakh vacant government posts for the youth, for poor families. By implementing the free plot scheme of 100-100 yards, along with building houses on that plot, the old pension scheme will be implemented for the employees. Pradeep Chaudhary was talking

to Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda last day in the office located near the bus stand in Kaithal after a formal meeting in Kaithal. Congress state executive member Pradeep Choudhary said that before 2014, during the Hooda

regime, Haryana which was number 1 in per capita income, per capita investment, law and order, sports players and providing employment, today Haryana is the worst in unemployment, crime, drugs and corruption.

Has become number 1 in. The government is sending the youth here to war-torn areas like Israel by giving them contract jobs through Skill Employment Corporation. Whereas other countries.

MG Motor India introduces new Hector variants Shine Pro and Select Pro

HISAR : MG Motor India has announced the launch of two new variants of India's first Internet SUV - MG Hector. Named Shine Pro and Select Pro, the new variants pack many new features, intuitive technology, safety, and driving convenience. With a bold-striking exterior and interiors standardised with best-in-segment offerings and unique design elements, MG Hector now starts at an attractive price of INR 13.99* Lakh (ex-showroom). With a host of best-in-class offerings like its dual-pane panoramic sunroof*, MG Hector is a great value proposition for SUV enthusiasts who prefer to lean towards technology and top-notch performance in their vehicles. Both

new variants, Shine Pro and Select Pro, offer a superior in-car infotainment experience with India's largest 14-inch HD portrait infotainment system, complete with Wireless Apple CarPlay & Android Auto and a Wireless Phone Charger. The new variants of the Hector feature LED Projector Headlamps, Floating LED Turn Indicators, LED Blade Connected Tail Lamps, and Chrome Outside Door Handles. With an All-Black theme in premium upholstery and leather-wrapped steering, along with a brushed metal finish (CVT 5-seater), both Shine Pro and Select Pro variants come with a Full Digital Cluster with a 17.78 cm Embedded LCD Screen. On the com-

fort and convenience front, the Shine Pro and Select Pro offer a Push Button Engine Start/Stop with a Smart Key. The new variants also offer the first-in-segment Digital Bluetooth® Key and Key Sharing capability*. "Since its launch in 2019, the MG Hector has made a bold statement with its commanding presence and has redefined the SUV landscape with a multitude of tech features and superior driving comfort. With ADAS Level 2 and Connected features. Each subsequent variant has set new benchmarks in the segment by offering a harmonious blend of comfort, advanced technology, and ergonomic design. Using insights from our market research.

Galore of cricket, entertainment and cine starts as CCL reaches Chandigarh and Mohali

Chandigarh: The Celebrity Cricket League (CCL) will witness its zenith at the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA), Mohali when home team 'Punjab De Sher' serves spectators a blend of Cricket, Fun and Cine stars. Team Punjab De Sher reaches Chandigarh for its last league matches and sweating hard during practice sessions. Team will face Bengal Tigers, Captained by Jisshu Sengupta on the glittering evening on March 8 followed by yet another clash against Mumbai Heroes, captained by Ritesh Deshmukh on March 9 under floodlights. Team captain Sonu Sood is confi-



dent that they will make a comeback in the tournament by winning both the league matches. Meanwhile, a match will be between Bengal Tigers and Bhojpuri Dabangs captained by Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament on the afternoon of March 9. This match will also witness popular Bollywood faces such

as Sohail Khan, Suniel Shetty, Jenelia Deshmukh and many more. Puneet Singh and Navraj Hans, Co-owners, Punjab De Sher, extended his Punjabi liberty by serving an open invitation to cricket and cine fans. According to them, Punjabis are always cheerful and open hearted, hence they expect a massive fan base with their

complimentary passes. Punjab De Sher hopes that fans will turn in numbers to cheer for their favourite team - Punjab De Sher. Fans need to register on Punjab De Sher's website and social media platforms to grab the complimentary passes and in lieu they will have a memorable evening. Along with their practice, the Punjab De Sher team will also be visiting college campuses, popular hangouts and malls of Chandigarh Tricity to perform promotional activities and meet their fans to distribute free VIP passes and gift hampers.

Computerized EWS lottery determines school entrance.

Delhi: The Delhi High Court ruled that schools must follow the Directorate of Education (DoE)'s computerized draw of lots for economically weaker section (EWS) admissions. Justice C Hari Shankar noted that the computerized draw of lots is based on the class strength communicated by the schools, and if a school does not have enough general students, it must apply to the DoE to reduce the number of EWS students. A pupil seeking admission to a private school's pre-primary class after a successful DoE computerized draw of lots petitioned the court. The school denied admission to the petitioner because the actual number of general category admissions was less than what was communicated to the DoE, and it had already admitted 25% of the actual number under the EWS category per legal mandate. "Once a school communicates the number of general category and EWS seats available with it for being filled in an ensuing academic year.

Can 'Kolhan Tiger' Champai Soren provide winning edge to BJP against Hemant Soren?

NEW DELHI: Former Jharkhand chief minister and senior tribal leader Champai Soren has a tough challenge at hand as he becomes BJP's new beacon of hope in Jharkhand. The 'Tiger of Kolhan' who dumped his "bow and arrow" to hold "lotus" in his hands faces the onerous task of swaying tribal votes in favour of the BJP, which made a disastrous showing in the tribal seats in the last assembly and Lok Sabha elections in the state. This despite the fact that it already has two senior tribal leaders - Babulal Marandi and Arjun Munda - who are also former chief ministers, in its ranks. As one of the most trusted aides of JMM patriarch Shibhu Soren, Champai Soren had fought the BJP all these years.

But now he will go all out to push the saffron party's agenda among the tribals in a bid to wean them away from Shibhu Soren's party.

Champai Soren joins BJP Champai has already given a glimpse of this by asserting that he wanted to save tribal identity and existence which is "at stake in Santhal Pargana due to "rampant" infiltration from Bangladesh". This is a narrative which has been set by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is the coincharge of Jharkhand BJP, and has often been accused by the opposition parties of playing the politics of extreme polarisation.

But can Champai deliver for the BJP in Jharkhand?

The Kolhan region, which is the area of influence of Champai Soren, has 14 assembly seats. The BJP drew a blank in this region in the 2019 assembly elections. However, back then in 2019 the saffron party had also suffered due to parting of ways with its long-time ally - the All Jharkhand Students Union of Sudesh Mahto - which resulted

in splitting of votes on several seats. This time around, Sudesh Mahto is back in the NDA fold and with Champai Soren also on its side, the BJP would hope to make some gains in the region.

The big question is: can Champai Soren sway tribal votes in BJP's favour? Political commentators in the state are not very sure about the gains that the BJP may make from Champai's induction in the party. A senior journalist, who preferred anonymity, said it would have been better if the BJP had allowed Champai to contest the assembly elections on his own so that he could have gained tribal sympathy and would have cut into the votes of the JMM.

"With Champai joining the BJP, it will be Hemant Soren-led JMM that will play the victim card by accusing the saffron party of breaking its leaders using money and power," he said.

Swati assault case: Supreme Court grants bail to Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's close aide Bibhav Kumar in the Swati Maliwal assault case. The apex court noted that Kumar had been in custody for 100 days and that a chargesheet was already filed in the case. The court also directed that Bibhav Kumar should not be reinstated as the personal assistant or given any official assignment in the CM office. Bibhav Kumar shall not enter the Delhi CM's house till all witnesses

are examined, the top court said.

"Supreme Court has said that there is a long incarceration which Bibhav Kumar has already suffered. In view of the fact that the trial is about to take place, the chargesheet has already been filed and the investigation is over...Supreme Court has put some conditions saying that if there are some official or vulnerable witnesses, they must be examined within three months and until then he shouldn't enter CM's residence," advocate Vivek Jain, Bibhav

Kumar's counsel, told news agency ANI.

Earlier, Delhi's Tis Hazari Court had extended Bibhav Kumar's judicial custody until September 13. On July 16, The Delhi Police filed a 500-page chargesheet against Bibhav Kumar in connection with the assault case. The charge sheet was submitted to Metropolitan Magistrate Gaurav Goyal.

Swati Maliwal has claimed that Bibhav assaulted her when she visited the Delhi CM's residence on May 13 to meet with him.

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University alone. A govt nominee is usually an educationist, not below the rank of a professor or a govt officer in the directorate of higher education or the state council of higher education. They are expected to be the link between the institutions and the govt.

Electoral roll case: Delhi HC refuses to quash defamation plea against CM Kejriwal

NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Monday refused to quash the proceedings against chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders in a defamation case linked to their remarks about the alleged deletion of the names of 30 lakh electors belonging to some communities from electoral rolls in the national capital. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta dismissed the AAP leaders' plea challenging the defamation proceedings before the trial court.

The high court, which had on February 28, 2020 stayed the proceedings before the trial court, vacated the interim order and asked the



parties to appear before the trial court on October 3. The proceeding was initiated after Delhi BJP leader Rajeev Babbar filed a defamation case, accusing Kejriwal and other AAP functionaries of defaming the BJP by alleging that the

party was responsible for removing 30 lakh names of electors from Delhi electoral rolls, with the people mainly belonging to "Baniya", Muslim and other communities. "All the accused made accusations against BJP in a calculated manner with the

sole intention to portray a negative image of BJP in relation to the voters belonging to certain sections of society viz. Bania, Poorvanchalis, Muslims etc. The reputation of the complainant has been damaged beyond repair," Babbar had said. The high court, while pronouncing its order, said the summoning the trial court's order does not call for any interference. The AAP leaders had sought the quashing of the magisterial court's March 15, 2019 and sessions court's January 28, 2020 orders. Kejriwal and others had claimed that the trial court failed to appreciate that no offence.

FIR against BJP MLA Rane over 'will barge into mosques and kill you' remark

NEW DELHI: Police in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district on Monday filed a case against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane for delivering provocative speeches that included threats to Muslims.

Rane made the speeches during public meetings in the Shrirampur and Topkhana areas, in support of Hindu seer Mahant Ramgiri Maharaj, who recently made derogatory remarks about Islam



and Prophet Muhammad. Rane warned of repercussions if the Maharaj was harmed. In his address, Rane had said, "If anything happens to Maharaj, there will be

repercussions. I'm going to give this threat in the language which you understand. If you have done anything against our Ramgiri Maharaj, we will kill you after barging into your mosques. You must remember this threat," Rane had said. The police took action following the speeches, investigating the comments for their provocative nature and the potential for inciting communal tensions.

West Bengal's anti-rape bill proposes capital punishment for heinous crimes

NEW DELHI: The proposed anti-rape Bill, set to be introduced by the Mamata Banerjee government in the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday, suggests the capital punishment for individuals found guilty of rape if their actions lead to the victim's death or cause her to become vegetative. The draft also mentioned that those convicted of rape and gang rape would be sentenced to life imprisonment for the remainder of their natural lives.

The legislation, named 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024,' seeks to strengthen the protection of women and children by modifying and introducing new provisions related to rape and sexual offences. It proposes

amendments to the recently enacted Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 laws, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 "in their application to the state of West Bengal to enhance punishment and to constitute the framework for...expeditious investigation and trial of the heinous act of violence against women and children."

The draft Bill aims to create a safer environment for women and children in the state, saying, "It is a testament to the State's unwavering commitment to uphold the fundamental rights of its citizens, particularly women and children, and to ensure that heinous acts of rape and sexual offences against children are met with the

full force of the law". The proposed legislation also introduces changes to the investigation and prosecution process, requiring rape case investigations to be completed within 21 days of the initial report, with a possible extension of up to 15 days. It also suggests the establishment of a 'Special Task Force' at the district level, called 'Aparajita Task Force', led by a deputy superintendent of police, to investigate offences under the new provisions. "To expedite investigations and ensure justice for victims, this Bill establishes a dedicated special court and investigation team. These specialised units will be equipped with the necessary resources and expertise to handle cases of rape of women.

BJP to urge NHRC to probe recruitment drive deaths in Jharkhand: Himanta



RANCHI: Claiming that 15 candidates lost lives during physical tests for excise constable post in Jharkhand due to "excessive heat", Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said the BJP would urge the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to probe into the deaths. Sarma also said the state government should immediately suspend the physical tests till September 15. According to the Jharkhand Police, deaths of 12 aspi-

rants have been reported so far, while the state's Health Minister Banna Gupta has put the figure at four.

"The BJP will urge the NHRC to probe into the deaths of the candidates. The Hemant Soren government should provide Rs 50 lakh and a job to each of the kin of the aspirants who lost their lives. If they fail to do so, the BJP will provide jobs to their family members after coming to power (in the state)," Sarma said. Assembly elections in Jharkhand are due

this year. He also announced that the saffron party will provide Rs 1 lakh each to the family members of the victims.

The physical tests for Jharkhand excise constable recruitment began on August 22 at seven centres in six districts, and will continue till September 9.

As of August 30, a total of 127,772 aspirants had appeared for the physical tests, with 78,023 emerging successful, police said.

Govt invites stakeholder inputs to make LGBTQI+ policies inclusive; issues enabling advisories on ration cards and banking

NEW DELHI: The government has invited inputs of stakeholders and the public at large to ensure that policies and initiatives regarding LGBTQI+ community are inclusive. Announcing the outreach on Sunday, the ministry of social justice and empowerment shared some measures, including advisories issued by the department of food and public distribution and the department of financial services, to ensure that queer people in a relationship are able to get a ration card and open a joint bank account without any discrimination. As per the advisory to all states and UTs, partners in a queer relationship are to be treated as part of the same household for the purposes of ration card. According to officials, anyone who does not identify as male, female or transgender will have the option of marking themselves as 'other' and their relationship as 'other' in the form seeking a ration card. Similarly, to ensure banks do no discriminate, department of financial services has issued an advisory that there are no restrictions on people from the queer community on opening a joint bank account and also nominating a person in a queer relationship as a nominee. These measures have followed the constitution of a committee led by the cabinet secretary in April in keeping with the directions of the Supreme Court on Oct 17 last year for defining and elucidating the scope of entitlements of the queer community. The committee first met on May 21 and has since held reviews with the latest meeting held on Aug 22.

Four Naxalites killed in encounter with security forces in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

NEW DELHI: Four Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on Tuesday. The superintendent of police in Gadchiroli, Nilotpal, said that the security teams encountered gunfire from the Naxals during an early morning search operation in the Kolamarka mountains. "A credible intelligence was received on Monday afternoon that some members of Telangana state committee have crossed Pranhita river from Telangana into Gadchiroli with an aim to carry out subversive activities during the Model code of conduct period of upcoming Lok Sabha elections," Gadchiroli SP said. In response, multiple teams including C60 and CRPF QAT were dispatched from Aheri Sub Police headquarters led by Additional SP Ops Yatish Deshmukh for area searches.



"One of the teams comprising of 4 C60 parties while searching today early morning in Kolamarka mountains 5 km SE of SPS Repanpalli were fired indiscriminately by Naxals, which was retaliated strongly by our C60 teams. After the firing stopped and the area was searched, 4 male naxal dead bodies have been recovered," Gadchiroli SP added. The recovered items included weapons and personal belongings.

Among the deceased were high-ranking Naxal leaders DVCM Vargeesh and DVCM Magtu. The operation also targeted platoon members Kursang Raju and Kudimetta Venkatesh, all of whom carried a combined cash reward of 36 Lakhs as declared by the Maharashtra government, SP said. Following the encounter, search and anti-naxal operations are underway in the region.

Paytm acquires five UPI addresses

Delhi: The parent firm of Paytm, One97 Communications, a prominent fintech business, has partnered with four banks to acquire five UPI handles. State Bank of India (SBI), Yes Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank are these four banks. An update to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) website earlier this week indicated that this calculated step guarantees the continuation of UPI transactions for Paytm users. Of these, the well-known and currently in use @paytm is still up and running, so users can carry on with their transactions as usual. In addition, in collaboration with Yes Bank, NPCI has approved the



creation of the closed user group UPI handle @ptyes. The NPCI has also approved two additional handles: @ptsbi (in conjunction with State Bank of India) and @pthdfe (in association with HDFC Bank). These handles won't become active right away, though. Users can utilize the @paytm handle

without any issues, according to a Paytm representative. This event follows the clearance of Paytm's third-party application (TPAP) provider permit by NPCI. SBI, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, and HDFC Bank are collaborating to provide continuous UPI services for Paytm's user base.

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CAPSULES

Rahul Gandhi lying, says Ashok Chavan reacting to 'weeping' claim

MUMBAI: A day after Congress politician Rahul Gandhi's critical remarks, former chief minister Ashok Chavan, now a Rajya Sabha member from BJP, described the comments as baseless and illogical. "Rahul Gandhi did not mention my name. If he is referring to me, then I will describe his remarks as baseless and illogical. Let me make it clear, before joining BJP I did not meet Congress leader Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi. In fact, till the last moment, I was working in the Congress office, working on the seat-sharing formula. What Rahul Gandhi said is a lie. Rahul Gandhi's remarks are factually incorrect. It is just a political stunt in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha election and to embarrass me," Chavan said. Chavan said that before joining BJP, he resigned from the assembly and, a few hours later, quit the primary membership of the party. Addressing a public meeting at Shivaji Park, Rahul Gandhi said a senior leader from Maharashtra, whom he did not want to name, left Congress and wept in front of his mother, Sonia Gandhi.

Fire safety steps missing, JLN Stadium told not to host events

NEW DELHI: Delhi fire department has written to the administrator of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (JLN) to stop using the premises for sporting events and functions due to a lack of fire safety measures. The fire safety certificate of Samrat Hotel in Chanakyapuri has also been cancelled over non-compliance with fire safety regulations. The hotel management, however, said it hasn't received any notice.

Kolhapur-Gaganbawda h'way work to hit trees

Kolhapur: Over 1,250 trees on the Kolhapur-Kale stretch will be felled for the first phase of the ongoing road widening works of the Kolhapur-Gaganbawda national highway (166-B). Many important medicinal and rare trees like terminalia, pinnata, bur-flower, shalmali, jamun, fig, banyan, peepal, baheda will be cut for this activity. The Kolhapur to Gaganbawda route was recently transferred from the Public Works Department (PWD) to the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) for the four-laning of the highway. Large scale passenger traffic from Kolhapur to Konkan-Goa occurs on this route. Shubham Patil, junior engi-



neer of NHA said, "More than 1,250 trees between Shingnapur phata till Kale section of Kolhapur-Gaganbawda NH will be cut in the first phase of road widening works in the district. The forest department has also approved of the same.

The assigned contractor for the works has shortlisted reserved forest land at Bazarbhogaon village where he will be planting saplings. The contract will not complete unless the plantation is done. We will look to it that the trees get planted accordingly."

A villager from Kale, Sachin Patil said, "It is said that five trees will be planted in place of one tree getting cut during the highway works. But in reality, the authorities plant saplings which does not grow. This road stretch offers a canopy of trees that should be preserved." Anil Chougale from Nisarg Mitra, an NGO for the environment said, "The banyan trees on this stretch are nearly a 100 years old. Plantation should be done from the seeds of different tree varieties. The social forestry department should consider this on priority. Mass plantation of various Indian native trees should be carried ahead of the monsoon."

Switched to 'patriot' to save democracy: Uddhav

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Amid criticism from opponents, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Monday defended his opening remarks of "patriot" at the Mumbai rally. "Since we have to save democracy and the country, I switched to 'deshbhakt (patriot) and deshpremi (country-loving) brothers and sisters'. As soon as I said this, the BJP got rattled. Modi-bhakt are claiming that my language has changed. I want to ask these bhakts whether they are patriots or not," he said, while addressing a public rally at Basmat in Hingoli district. Thackeray usually starts his addresses with the phrase: "Hindu brothers and sisters". However, on Tuesday, Thackeray had started his speech with "brothers and sisters of my family". Chief minister Eknath Shinde is among those

who have criticized Thackeray over his opening remarks during the Mumbai rally. Terming it a "black day", Shinde questioned why Thackeray omitted the 'Hindu' reference. Targeting BJP over the electoral bond issue, Thackeray said a "big hammer" has dealt a blow to the party, but it is shameful. "The BJP has become a gang that officially uses govt machinery to extort money. Instead of using the photo of my father (during campaigns), it should use the photos of ED, income-tax and CBI," he said. He also dared BJP to fight elections by removing the "support" of all govt agencies, and then see how people react. "They order inquiries against opponents and claim to be the largest party in

Dissent within Mahayuti over likelihood of ticket for Mandlik

Kolhapur: The likelihood Kolhapur sitting MP Sanjay Mandlik's candidature has caused dissenting voices to emerge within the Mahayuti parties. This time, the local BJP functionaries are opposing Mandlik, who is expected to contest on a Shiv Sena ticket once again. Sangram Kupekar from Gadhinglaj tehsil, who is a member of BJP state executive council, told his supporters to request local BJP leaders to call deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, and urge him not to give the ticket to Mandlik again. Kupekar was with the Shiv Sena (UBT) before joining BJP last year. Speaking to his supporters Kupekar said, "All the local politicians should dial our state leaders. Request them not to let the sitting MP get a ticket once again. Last



time, in 2019, we made a big mistake by supporting him against Dhananjay Mahadik. The sitting MP never visited many of the villages even once after the 2019 polls." Recently, district BJP leaders claimed they have sought one of the two seats — either Kolhapur or Hatkanangle — for BJP in Mahayuti's seat sharing arrangement. They said BJP has never contested from any of these seats before, and if it does contest this time, it would help

expand the party's base. The name of district BJP president Samarjitsinha Ghatge was also doing rounds for some time as a possible Mahayuti candidate against Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, who is likely to contest on a Congress ticket. Dhananjay Mahadik, BJP Rajya Sabha MP, told the media: "All Mahayuti parties should refrain from making such statements. The Mahayuti parties have decided to contest the polls together and everyone must think before issuing any statement. There is no need to panic. There is still some time to go for the Kolhapur polls as the voting will take place in May. There is adequate time to think about seat distribution and candidate selection." Mahadik said that as per his knowledge, both seats.

Unlock the Magic with Croma's Summer Campaign 2024 - Spectacular Offers on Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Room Coolers, and more!

Gurugram: Croma has announced its Summer Campaign, till May 2024. With the onset of summer, the most awaited Summer Sale presents the perfect opportunity for customers to prepare their homes to combat the rising temperatures with the latest gadgets with irresistible deals and ease of payment. Consumers will find 1.5 Ton Split ACs starting at just Rs 1,500 across stores and croma.com. Customers can bring any electronics and take home a new AC. Enjoy the benefits up to INR 45,000 and other benefits on an extensive range of 250+ air conditioners, 300+ refrigerators, room coolers, and fans with attractive exchange and upgrade options, cashback offers, and flexible EMI plans of up to 24

months. The offers include Inverter Split ACs starting from just INR 24,990, providing an affordable way to keep your home cool and comfortable, and also has exchange benefits of up to INR 6,500 on ACs. Room Coolers are available from Rs.4,500 ideal for those looking for cost-effective cooling solutions. For those interested in premium cooling, the LG INV/AC 1.5 Ton 5-star AC, originally priced at INR 91,990, is now available for just INR 53,490, delivering savings up to INR 45,000. Additionally, the Bajaj PMH 18 DLX Room Cooler is now offered starting at INR4,500, making high-quality cooling more accessible, convenient, and affordable. Customers can also take advantage of up to 24 months of Easy EMI on refrigerators, making

it easier than ever to upgrade your kitchen appliances. Croma Own Label offers mega deals on its host of cooling appliances. Get a Croma BLDC Fan complimentary with every Croma Inverter AC for efficient cooling. With a Croma Side-by-Side Refrigerator, get Croma Coffee Maker at no extra cost. Choose a Croma Water Purifier and get a Croma Air Fryer complimentary, for healthier cooking. Buy a Croma Cooler and get a complimentary Croma 750W Mixer Grinder. Additionally, enjoy No Cost EMI for up to 18 months on purchases over INR 5,000. This is a perfect chance to enrich your home with Croma Branded products with advanced technology with ease of payments and complimentary products.

Jaleel to contest from Aurangabad, says Owaisi

Jaleel to contest from Aurangabad, says Owaisi Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Putting an end to speculations of Aurangabad MP Imtiaz Jaleel contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Mumbai, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday announced Jaleel's candidature from Aurangabad again. Owaisi took to X and announced that his party's Bihar president Akhtarul Iman would be the party's candidate from Kishanganj (Bihar) and Imtiaz Jaleel would contest from Aurangabad. Owaisi himself will contest from Hyderabad. During a media interaction in Hyderabad, Owaisi said: "In addition to these three candidates, party's state presidents in Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are working on finalising the number of seats to be contested. We will make an official announcement." When contacted, Jaleel said: "I thank the people of my constituency for letting me represent them in Parliament for five years. I did my best to raise the voice of the common people and fought hard against the wrong govt policies. Now, I will again approach people and if they feel I have done good work, then they would definitely stand with me. My initial two years as MP were lost because of Covid. Hope people will give me an opportunity to continue serving them." Jaleel, after winning the MLA elections in 2014, contested and won the LS elections against Shiv Sena's Chandrakant Khaire with a narrow margin in 2019 elections. He had openly expressed desire to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from Mumbai (North Central). Jaleel had cited communal violence on Thane's Mira Road during the Ram temple consecration, followed by civic body's action of demolishing several encroachments.

HDFC Bank and JLR India Sign MoU for Auto Financing



AMBALA/HISSAR: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, and JLR India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for auto financing. The Bank will now be JLR's preferred vehicle financier. This will bring a host of benefits for consumers such as special financing schemes, exclusive offers/events, and priority services / engagements. By leveraging the combined strengths of both brands, the aim is to provide customers with seamless financing options and a modern luxury car buying experience. The MoU which encompasses offerings for the entire range

of JLR models, was signed by Mr. Rajan Amba – Managing Director JLR India and Mr. Arvind Vohra – Group Head, Retail Assets HDFC Bank. Present on the occasion were other senior executives from HDFC Bank including Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Roy – Business Head, Auto Loans & Inventory Finance HDFC Bank. The services will be available across all JLR exclusive showrooms and dealerships. Speaking on the development, Mr. Arvind Vohra, Group Head – Retail Assets, HDFC Bank said, "We are excited about this partnership with an iconic and aspirational automotive

brand like JLR. The Bank will leverage its robust execution capabilities to offer a seamless customer experience." Mr. Rajan Amba, Managing Director, JLR India said, "Our dealer partners are integral to our business, and we are pleased to be able to develop solutions to help them in ease of doing business." "Together, we aim to further grow the market and offer our portfolio to an increasing set of clients. To that effect, we are excited to partner with HDFC Bank for this financing program, which will further strengthen the partnership with an iconic and aspirational automotive capital.

Aakash Ambala with Tree Plantation Drive – 413 Saplings Planted



Ambala: In a unique and inspiring initiative, Ambala branch of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) organized a tree plantation drive to celebrate the outstanding achievements of its students in NEET 2024, JEE Main, JEE Advanced and various Olympiads. As a part of this drive, 413 saplings were planted by the branch at Police Line Ambala City, which symbolizes the same number of students who have passed these prestigious examinations. The tree plantation drive was actively participated by the students, faculty and

staff of Aakash Ambala along with the honourable Chief Guest DSP Shri Vinay Kumar (Ambala). The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of Aakash Institute and said, "This initiative is a great example of how educational institutes can play a vital role in shaping not only the future of students but also the future of our environment. By planting these saplings, Aakash Institute has shown that the growth of both knowledge and trees is essential for the well-being of the society." Mr. Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educational

Services Limited also expressed his pride in the achievements of the students and the tree plantation drive. He said, "The success of our students is a testament to their hard work and the commitment of our teachers. By planting these 413 saplings, we are not only celebrating their academic success but also manifesting our shared commitment towards a greener future. We are confident that just as these saplings will grow into strong trees, our students will also become strong pillars of the society and contribute to the progress of the nation."

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Cashless health facility for Haryana government employees and their families in Yamunanagar

Yamuna Nagar: The Haryana government has given a gift to its employees, their families and former employees before the elections. Through its order dated August 12, 2024, the government has approved the inclusion of 35 more hospitals in the panel. In this order, two hospitals of Yamunanagar district have been listed, namely Capital Super Specialty Hospital and Vishal Eye Centre. When contacted, MCH (Surgical Oncology) Dr. Kuljinder Sodhi said that this is the first oncological or cancer hospital listed by the Haryana government in Yamunanagar district. Dr. Sodhi said the empanement by the government will benefit people who had to travel to Chandigarh or Delhi for cancer-related problems. He said the highest number of cancer deaths in 2017 were reported from Faridabad district (771), followed by Yamuna Nagar with 501 deaths. Dr. Sodhi said the rising number of cancer cases was due to consumption of alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes and tobacco products and falling air quality index, which is at par with Delhi, as well as toxic levels of water in Yamuna Nagar. He said India was the cancer capital of the world.



Launch of the highly anticipated realme 13 Series 5G, the latest addition to

Hissar: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the launch of the highly anticipated realme 13 Series 5G, the latest addition to its Number Series along with realme Buds T01. The realme 13 Series 5G with its unmatched speed is set to redefine the standards for performance in the industry. realme is redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: "Next-gen Power". This product aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment, setting a new standard for performance. The realme 13 Series 5G will mark a new milestone, being the most powerful offering yet in the history of the



Number series. Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "We are incredibly excited to unveil the realme 13 Series 5G, marking a significant milestone in our journey. With this launch, we are redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: 'Next-gen Power'. This product is not just another addition to our

portfolio; it's a game-changer that aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment and set a new standard for performance.

The realme 13 Series 5G will be the most powerful offering yet in the history of the Number series. We believe that with its advanced features and superior performance, it will

revolutionize the way users perceive mid-range smartphones. We're proud to bring flagship experiences into everyday life, demonstrating our commitment to delivering exceptional value and exceeding user expectations." Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sidharth, Director of Marketing & Communications at MediaTek, said, "The MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Energy is a flagship-grade chipset that utilizes the best-in-class 4nm process node, striking a balance between power and efficiency while incorporating next-generation capabilities." He further highlighted,

Kerala LoP accuses Kerala CM of shielding predators as Congress protests over Hema Committee

NEW DELHI: United Democratic Front chief and Leader of Opposition in Kerala, VD Satheesan, led a protest in front of the Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, accusing Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan of protecting those implicated in the Justice Hema Committee report and the Vadakara Kafir screenshot case. Addressing the protest, Satheesan alleged that the chief minister has provided cover to individuals

involved in serious offenses highlighted in the Hema Committee report. "Hema Committee Report is essentially a series of sexual offenses. Many sections of the report were removed because they contained the names of influential people. The chief minister has provided protection to the predators, leaving even the dignitaries in the film industry under a shadow of suspicion due to the actions," Satheesan

said. The protest follows recent remarks by union minister and BJP national president JP Nadda, who on Sunday criticised the Kerala government for delaying justice to victims of sexual harassment in the Malayalam film industry. Nadda also alleged that leaders of the Communist Party are involved in the matter. Last month, a redacted version of the Justice Hema Committee report, which document

Indian envoy meets Bangladesh's home adviser; discusses security co-op, safety of Indians

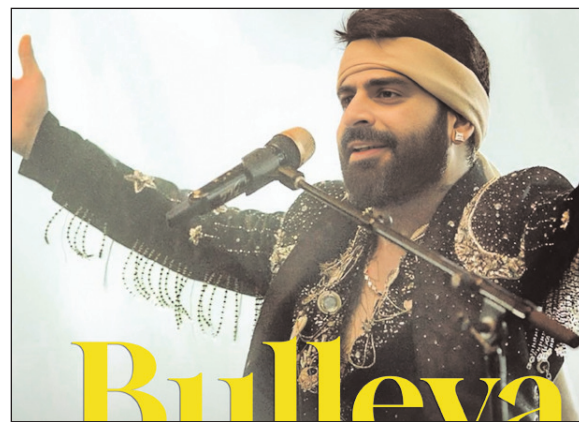
DHAKA: Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma Monday met interim government's Home and Agriculture Adviser Lt Gen (Retd.)

Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and discussed areas of engagement to advance security cooperation, exchanged views on border management, capacity building, and safety of Indian nationals in Bangladesh. During his courtesy meeting with Chowdhury, Verma also announced that Indian visa centres are now issuing a limited number of visas for Bangladeshi nationals, primarily for emergency

medical needs and students pursuing studies abroad. 1x1 polls "HC Pranay Verma called on Bangladesh Home & Agriculture Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury today. Discussed areas of engagement to advance India-Bangladesh security cooperation, exchanged views on border management, capacity building, and safety & security of India nationals & students in Bangladesh," the High Commission of India.

Sony Music in association with My FM presents Sagar Bhatia's SagarwaliQawwali : 12 Songs, 12 Weeks, Endless Music!

Karnal : Get ready to groove into the weekend with a musical treat! Sagar Bhatia, the maestro behind Sagar Wali Qawwali, returns to the spotlight with a soul-stirring series of renditions in association with Sony Music and My FM. Starting 30th August, Sagar embarks on a spell-binding journey, unveiling 12 mesmerising renditions of classic cult songs, one every Friday, with the first drop being his soulful take on Bulleya. Embark on a soulful musical journey with Sagar, as he weaves a tapestry of emotions through his captivating compositions. From the heartfelt depths of 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil' to the ethereal melodies of 'Shukran Allah', 'Muskurane Ki Wajah', and 'Teri Deewani' amongst many more, Sagar's music is a personal ode to love, hope, and self-discovery. Sagar's innovative interpretations breathe new life into beloved classics, blending timeless essence



with modern flair. By thoughtfully reworking select lyrics, he intends to create a unique vibe, appealing to both nostalgic and new audiences. Sagar Bhatia, who will be presenting his rendition of the soulful songs, shared, "Music has always been my solace, my confidence, and my best friend. It's seen me at my highest highs and my lowest lows. And now, I'm ready to share that intimate journey with all of you. These 12 songs are pieces of my heart, fragments of my soul, and whispers of my deepest emotions. I hope

my music speaks to your hearts, soothes your wounds, and lifts your spirits since I've put my blood, sweat, and tears into it. So, come along with me on this musical odyssey, and let's create a symphony of love, hope, and resilience together." Adding to the excitement, MY FM expressed their enthusiasm for the collaboration "At MY FM, we believe in the power of music to connect people, evoke emotions, and inspire change.

Krishi Mela been organised on the basics of Crop Residue Management

Yamunanagar: Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is organizing Krishi Mela 2024 on 16-17 September 2024 at Mela Ground, Balsmand Road, CCSHAU, Hisar. This Kisan Mela will be based on the theme of crop residue management. Dr. Sandeep Rawal, Chief Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Damla, Yamunanagar is also encouraging the farmers of the area to participate enthusiastically in this grand Kisan Mela. Many beneficial activities will be organized for farmers in this Kisan Mela, which include visit to research farms and demonstration of ongoing experiments on Kharif crops, scientific information about cultivation of Rabi crops through demonstrations, sale of improved varieties of seeds on payment basis, testing of soil and water samples at nominal charges, appropriate solutions and suggestions for diagnosis of diseases in plants and crops, various activities and events useful for farmers, farmer-scientist dialogue in buzz sessions and immediate solution of problems, participation of government and private companies in agriculture sector is bringing new opportunities and facilities for farmers. Dr. Sandeep Rawal Chief Coordinator Krishi Vigyan Kendra Damla told that all the farmers Chaudhary. By participating in this important Kisan Mela (Rabi)-2024 organized by Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, you can learn about the innovative and emerging agricultural technologies of CCSHAU and improve your agricultural productivity and income. In this event, you will get an opportunity to meet various agricultural experts and scientists and get solutions to your problems. All farmers should make their agriculture more advanced and profitable by participating in this important event.