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## Economic Survey highlights strengths, outcomes of reforms, says PM Modi

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the Economic Survey 2023-24 in the Parliament on the first day of the Budget session. The Economic Survey says that the Indian economy is resilient and has seen strong recovery post the pandemic. The survey has conservatively estimated that India's real GDP will grow at an approximate 6.6-7% in FY25. On July 23, 2024, FM Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2024 in the Parliament. This will be the first Budget of the newly elected NDA government led by PM Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday made a big appeal to the opposition to rise above party politics and serve for the nation. Addressing the press ahead of the Budget



### Rupee one of the least volatile

In FY24, the US Dollar gained against virtually every major peer. The Rupee also came under depreciation pressure. However, INR was one of the least volatile major currencies. Further, it exhibited the lowest volatility in FY24 compared to the previous years. Economic Survey 2024 Live: Pre-budget Survey highlights urgent need for agricultural reforms he pre-budget Economic Survey on Monday underscored the pressing need for comprehensive reforms in India's agricultural sector, citing structural issues that could impede the country's overall economic growth trajectory. The Survey, tabled in Parliament by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, identifies several key challenges facing the agriculture sector, including the need to sustain growth while managing food price inflation, improving price discovery mechanisms, and addressing land fragmentation.

session, PM Modi appealed to opposition parties doing 'negative politics' to 'get rid of past bitterness and come together' "I would like to request all the MPs of the country that from January till now we have fought as much as we had to, but now that period is over, the public has given its verdict. I would like to ask all the parties to rise above party lines and dedicate themselves to the country and use this dignified platform of Parliament for the next 4.5 years. In the election year of January 2029, you can play any game, but till then we should participate for the empowerment of the farmers, youth and the country", he added. Given the less than expected mandate for the NDA in Lok Sabha polls 2024, the Union Budget 2024 is likely to strike a balance between reforms and populism.

## 'Bureaucracy can now come in knickers': Opposition hits out as Centre

**NEW DELHI:** The Centre's decision to lift decades-old ban on the government employees joining the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its activities has become the latest point of spar with the opposition led by the Congress strongly criticising the move. BJP's Amit Malviya shared a copy of the government order and wrote: "The unconstitutional order issued 58 years ago, in 1966, imposing a ban on Govt employees taking part in the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been withdrawn by the Modi Govt. The original order shouldn't have been passed in the first place." As per the order, the ban was removed on July 9. The ban was imposed in November 1966 during the rule of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Soon after Malviya's tweet, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh launched a scathing attack on the government saying the ban was in place even during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure as Prime Minister.



### MP women 'partially buried alive': NCW seeks report from police

**NEW DELHI:** The National Commission for Women (NCW) on Monday initiated a suo-moto cognizance of a media report incident, which occurred in Madhya Pradesh's Hinauta, Rewa district, where two women were nearly buried alive by a truck that dumped gravel on them, as a result of a land dispute. The Chairperson of NCW Rekha Sharma, sent a letter to the Director General of Police (DGP) of Madhya Pradesh, requesting a comprehensive report on the matter. NCW said in a post on X: "The National Commission for Women has taken suo moto cognizance. After the assassination of Gandhiji in February 1948, Sardar Patel banned the RSS. After this, the ban was lifted on the assurance of good conduct. Even after this, RSS never hoisted the tricolor in Nagpur. In 1966, a ban was imposed on government employees par-

ticipating in RSS activities - and it was the right decision. This is the official order issued in 1966 to impose the ban," he wrote in Hindi on X. "After June 4, 2024, the relationship between the self-proclaimed non-biological Prime Minister and the RSS has soured.

### Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma's response to CrowdStrike CEO's apology letter: ...And sadly

A global IT outage crippled essential services worldwide on July 19, when a faulty update from cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike brought millions of Windows PCs and servers to a standstill. The disruption sent shockwaves through sectors including healthcare, finance, and aviation, causing widespread chaos. CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz admitted the severity of the incident, clarifying that it was caused by a software glitch rather than a malicious cyberattack. In an apology to customers and partners, Kurtz expressed deep regret for the disruption. Vijay Shekhar Sharma's response Now, Paytm founder, Vijay Shekhar Sharma has shared his response to CrowdStrike's CEO's apology letter.

## Maitree Express services between Kolkata-Dhaka suspended



Amid the ongoing violent protests in Bangladesh, the services of Maitree Express, connecting Kolkata with Dhaka, will continue to remain suspended till Tuesday, Eastern Railway said, citing operational reasons. Services of the train have been halted since Saturday, officials said. Moreover, the bi-weekly Kolkata-Khulna-Kolkata Bandhan Express was also cancelled on Sunday, PTI reported. The protests in Bangladesh started after the Sheikh Hasina government took controversial quota decision of facilitating 30 per cent reservation in government jobs to descendants of 1971 war heroes, who fought for independence against the Pakistani regime. The protests turned deadly on July 16, a day after students at Dhaka University began clashing with police. Violence continued to escalate as police fired tear gas and rubber bullets and hurled smoke grenades to scatter stone-throwing protesters. Later, Bangladesh Supreme Court scaled down the controversial quota decision. The Supreme Court was due to decide next month on the legality of the recently reintroduced scheme, but brought forward its verdict as the civil strife intensified. Ruling on an appeal, the Supreme Court ordered that the veterans' quota be cut to 5%, with 93% of jobs to be allocated on merit. The remaining 2% will be set aside for members of ethnic minorities and transgender and disabled people.

## Government ad gives clue to Pune man about his father missing for 3 years

**Pune** A Pune man finds his missing father's photo on a government ad on social media, triggering a search operation by the police. The family suspects the photo was taken during a religious pilgrimage. The state government denies involvement in the unauthorized ad. Government ad gives clue to Pune man about his father missing for 3 years



Representative Image Bharat Tambe of A Pune man whose father went missing three years ago finally found some information about him but at the most unexpected place -- on a government advertisement on social media. Shikrapur approached the Pune police after finding his 68-year-old father Dnyaneshwar Tambe's photo on a poster of the Maharashtra government's Mukhyamantra Teerth

Darshan Yojana which was recently uploaded by Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena party on social media. Bharat Tambe said the police and the state government must look into the details of this advertisement that appeared on Instagram and the circumstances under which his father Tambe's photo was taken so that latter can be traced and reunited with his family.

## 'Mind over matter' approach can bring Olympic glory for Indian wrestlers in Paris

**NEW DELHI:** Messy is an understatement to describe the state of Indian wrestling in the run-up to the Olympics. Fair to suffice that the sport was grappling and witnessed bouts off the mat than on it. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) struggled to get out of the controversy that revolved around its former president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. A new set of office-bearers got elected but that body also was suspended for blatant disregard of procedures, before finally falling in line and getting reinstated. Amid that wreck, which saw sitting protests by big names like Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik turn into



furor, planning for the Olympics took a backseat. The eventual result was only six wrestlers making it to the Paris Games -- five women and just one for the men's competition. Credit to Vinesh that she could stay in the zone despite being one of the central and most vocal figures in the wrestling protests. She is among the five women wrestlers in the Indian contingent, but will compete in the 50kg. The WFI decided that the 53kg quota

Indian wrestler who qualified for the Paris Games is Aman Sehrawat (57kg). "Aman, Vinesh and Aman, only if she is fit." Those were the picks of former India wrestler Sujeet Maan, who has been part of the Indian coaching set up and also trained Bajrang in the recent past, including at the Tokyo Olympics. ANTIM PANGHAL (women's freestyle 53kg) Antim hasn't competed since her bronze medal finish at the 2023 World Championships. But it earned her the No. 4 seeding for the Paris Olympics, which puts her in the top half and allows a relatively clear look at the medal rounds.

## SC dismisses plea to allow arrested political leaders to campaign virtually

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday junked a plea seeking its direction for allowing arrested political leaders to campaign during elections virtually. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan refused to interfere with the Delhi High Court order which had dismissed the petition. "This petition has been filed with mala fide intent. It is concentrated on one politician (Arvind Kejriwal) who is every day before this



court with a battery of the best lawyers. "We do not deem it necessary to entertain this petition purportedly filed in public interest. Dismissed," the bench said. The top court was hearing a plea filed by Amarjeet Gupta, a law

student, seeking permission for arrested political leaders to campaign through the virtual mode. While dismissing the plea, the high court had observed that this would lead to dreaded criminals, even fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim, to register themselves with political parties and canvass. Terming the petition as "highly adventurous" and against the fundamental principles of law.

## Valmiki scam: Case filed against ED officials for pressuring govt officer

**NEW DELHI:** A case was registered on Monday against two Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials for pressuring a state government officer to "frame" Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah and the finance department, in the Rs 187 crore scam. involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation. The case was registered at Wilson Garden Police station, by Kallesh B, Additional Director of the Social Welfare Department. The accused officials, identified as Murali Kannan and an officer surnamed Mittal, face charges related to "joint criminal liability with a common intention.

## 'Unfriendly rhetoric noted': Russia on Kamala as Biden drops out

**Kremlin** The Kremlin on Monday commented on Kamala Harris, the leading candidate to replace Joe Biden in the upcoming US presidential election, noting her "unfriendly rhetoric" towards Russia. This remark comes in response to President Joe Biden's announcement that he would not be running in the November 5 election. The Kremlin stated that this issue is not a priority for Russia. When asked about Kamala Harris, the frontrunner to replace Joe Biden in the US presidential election, the Kremlin on Monday said it had noted Harris's "unfriendly rhetoric" against Russia. "There have been some statements which were full of unfriendly rhetoric towards our country," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. Reacting to US President Joe Biden dropping out

of the November 5 presidential race, the Kremlin said the issue is not Russia's priority. However, Russia said it was not "too surprised" by Biden's decision, adding further the US rival said the recent experience in dealing with Washington has "taught us not to be surprised by anything". Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the SHOT news outlet that presidential polls were still four months away and that a "lot can change". "The elections are still four months away, and that is a long period of time in which a lot can change," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "We need to be patient and carefully monitor what happens. The priority for us is the tion," Peskov said, using the euphemism for the Ukraine war that Russian President Vladimir Putin prefers to call.

## SC's stay on Kanwar Marg issue welcomed: Varshney

Prayagraj: Former UP Congress Committee spokesperson Kishore Varshney has welcomed the Supreme Court's stay on the government's decision to name shops on Kanwar Marg in UP and Uttarakhnad. He said that the government's order was impractical and about polarization. Due to which brotherhood would naturally be destroyed. He also said that Hindus and Muslims have been respecting each other's religious sentiments which is the beauty of India. The order of the Supreme Court is to strengthen the unity of the nation.

## Union budget hailed

"There is little chance that taxes will alter in this year's Union budget. The government has stepped in to assist MSMEs. There are plans for further subsidies to help micro, small, and medium-sized businesses flourish, which will be extremely beneficial to the small and medium-sized sector. The public has high expectations for the budget," said CA Anil Gupta while replying to media queries on Monday.



## Testo lab inaugurated, now blood test easy

Prayagraj: Phulpur Tehsil LT Testo Coir Lab was inaugurated today by Phulpur Municipality President Amarnath Yadav by cutting the ribbon. This lab has all



the facilities, considering the rural areas, testing of all blood related diseases, this lab equipped with modern technology was inaugurated in which the testing of sugar, malaria, dengue and all other diseases will be available to the regional people through this. In this way, the director of this lab, Akhand Pratap Singh Yadav, welcomed the chief guest Amarnath Yadav by garlanding him. Agri Junction agriculture center in-charge Dharmendra Singh welcomed Bharatiya Janata Party's divisional in-charge Alok Gupta present there. Ravi Kumar Maurya was welcomed there. Vinay Pandey, Kripa Shankar Yadav, Ram Mani Yadav, Virendra Yadav, Kamta, Dharmendra Kumar, Santosh Kumar etc. were present.

## Rudrabhishek prog held

PRAYAGRAJ: On the first Monday of Shravan month, Rudrabhishek program was organized under the



direction of Acharya Om Prakash Shastri ji in the ancient Shiva temple located at Devraj Upadhyaya Gram Sabha Devan Hari in which Prasad was distributed after the program.

## Advocates did not allow Tehsil Day to continue

PRAYAGRAJ: The lawyers did not allow the important program of Complete Solution Day scheduled for Monday regarding the burning issues prevailing in the tehsil to be carried out. Recently it was locked. The lawyers spread a carpet in front of the hall and sat on the floor. On the other hand, even the SDM could not be removed from his chamber. Finally by afternoon SDM Tapan Mishra sat in the chamber again accepting their demands in front of the agitating lawyers. Where the complainant was completely beaten. Many people deprived of Tehsil Day entered his office. Many needy people could not be reached, even senior journalist Mahmood Bhai had to face setbacks. But could not convey his views to the SDM.



## 438 youth got employment in job event at Govt ITI

Lucknow: Principal Raj Kumar Yadav said that Employment Day was organized in Government ITI, Aliganj on Monday, in which eight leading companies participated. Training, Counseling and Placement Officer M.A. Khan said that a total of 936 candidates participated in this employment day. Of these, 438 candidates were selected, who were given job offers with a salary of Rs 13,060 to Rs 22,000 per month and other facilities. He said that for the candidates who could not be selected this time, an employment fair will be organized again on July 31, 2024.

# Tribute paid to revolutionaries Chandrashekhar Azad and Bal Gangadhar

Prayagraj: Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, the chief guest of the prog, in the seminar organized by Amar Krantikari Tribute Group at Munshi Ram Prasad's Bagiya Narayan Vatika in Mutthiganj on the eve of the 118th birth anniversary of Amar Krantikari Chandrashekhar Azad ji and 168th birth anniversary of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, the chief guest of the program, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, praised Azad ji and paying tribute to Tilak ji, he said that the lives of Mother India's Lal Chandrashekhar Azad and Bal Gangadhar Tilak were dedicated to the building of independent India. They never accepted the slavery of the British government. They kept fighting and struggling

with the British government.

Never remained a slave at heart but remained free, this was the reason why Azad ji had said that we were free, are free and will remain free and Bal Gangadhar Tilak had said that Swaraj is our birthright and said that we too have to follow the ideas of our revolutionaries and we We will have to be free from the mentality of slavery and so that in the future, when India will be 100 years old, India will stand as a developed nation and the dream of Azad ji will be seen as a complete government.

On this occasion, while giving a biographical picture of revolutionaries Chandrashekhar Azad and Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Kumar



Narayan, former councillor Vijay Vaishya, councillors Kiran Jaiswal, Sunita Chopra, Ritesh Mishra, Neeraj Gupta, said that the

revolutionaries who sacrificed their service for the freedom of the country should be honored. The coming generation will have

to be told that independence was not achieved easily but lakhs of revolutionaries have sacrificed their lives. Rajesh

Kesarwani, President of the Tribute Group of the group, presided over the program. Abhilash Kesarwani was the coordinator of the program and Shatrughan Jaiswal conducted the programme. All the people present paid tribute by offering flowers at the feet of immortal revolutionaries Chandrashekhar Azad and Bal Gangadhar Tilak and planted trees in their name. Those who paid tribute included Ajay Agrahari, Kamlesh Kesarwani, Neeraj Kesarwani, Pratik Malviya, Dinesh Vishwakarma, Prabhakar Mishra, Shivmohan Gupta, Padmakar Srivastava, Bharat Kesarwani, Manish Kesarwani, Adarsh, etc. Tribute group workers paid tribute.

## Communal politics coming to cease: Irshad Ullah

Curtains draw over 'Mohabbat ki Shop, no Hindu Muslim' drive

Prayagraj: Congress leader Irshad Ullah's statement: We welcome the court's decision on the Kanwar nameplate dispute. By giving a historic decision of the Supreme Court, it has been proved that the country will be run by the Constitution and not by dictatorship. The government is doing communal politics. Communal politics is about to end.

Sunday was the third day of the campaign of Mohabbat ki Shop no Hindu Muslim. Today, the 3 day campaign ended in Malviya Nagar with Pandit Santosh Nand Ji Maharaj with the poster of Mohabbat Ki Shop. On this

occasion, Santosh Nand Ji and Irshad Ullah said that the Uttar Pradesh govern-



ment All shopkeepers studying on the way to Kavadiya have been ordered to put up boards with their names on their shops. It is wrong to give such an order. Ganga-Jamuna is

against Sanskrit. Government should pay attention to inflation, unemployment and poverty. Food, clothing and housing are becoming expensive. Attention should be given to Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians. Irshad Ullah criticized and said that this Hindu gourd, this Muslim gourd, this Hindu tomato, this Muslim tomato, this Hindu apple, this Muslim apple should not be used. On this occasion, Santosh Nand Maharaj, Irshad Ullah, Abdul Kalam Azad, Sarika Yadav, Neelam Yadav, Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Sushil Dwivedi, Mohamad Nafees Altamas etc. were present.

## CA Anil Gupta plants 42 medicinal trees

Prayagraj: Under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' program run by the Government of India and Uttar Pradesh, CA



Anil Gupta, who has seen 42 monsoons of his life, has so far fulfilled his resolve to plant 42 medicinal trees. CA Anil Gupta told that he has been continuously trying for years to make the general public healthy by planting medicinal trees and in the same sequence, this year too he has taken a step forward in his efforts by planting medicinal trees. CA Anil Gupta inspired people to continuously strive to make others healthy by planting medicinal trees. On this occasion, Shiv Ram Gupta and Anoop Mishra Rajan also planted one each.

## Minister Suresh Kr Khanna reached Nandi's house, congratulated his son on his marriage

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Government Finance and Parliamentary Affairs Department Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna today visited Uttar Pradesh Government's Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi's Bahadurganj residence during his stay in Prayagraj. Went and met. Best wishes for the marriage of Minister Nandi's son. During this, Minister Nandi and former Mayor of Prayagraj



Abhilasha Gupta Nandi welcomed and congratulated the Finance Minister. During the meeting, there was a detailed discussion on the development work of Prayagraj, Maha Kumbh along with other topics.

## Philip Morris Int'l's India affiliate wins Bhamashah Award, highest SGST payer

Prayagraj: Philip Morris International's (PMI) India affiliate IPM India, has been conferred with the Bhamashah Award for the highest State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) payer, 2023-24 in Hapur district, Uttar Pradesh. The award was presented by Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Chief Development Officer (CDO), Hapur, on the occasion of Vyapari Kalyan Diwas.

Celebrating the occasion, Navaneel Kar, Managing Director, IPM India said, "We are honoured to have been bestowed with this prestigious award as it emphasises our commitment to conducting business ethically, aligned with our company's culture &

values. At IPM India, we strongly believe that paying taxes is our fundamental responsibility, beyond



legal obligations and is crucial to the progress of the society and the nation as a whole."

Amith Jain, Director Finance & Planning, IPM India said, "We are elated to have received the highest SGST payer of the year award. This is a testament

to our strong financial health, responsible financial management & adherence to tax compliance."

Commenting on the win, Divya Vanshika, Operations Head, IPM India said, "This recognition is a true reflection of our strong foundation of responsible corporate citizenship and business growing from strength to strength."

The Bhamashah Award is a unique initiative instituted to encourage businesses to file taxes and fulfil compliance obligations. The State Goods and Services tax collections hit a

record high in 2023-2024 at an approximate Rs.289 crores in Hapur district. IPM India has been bestowed the award on the back of its significant contribution towards this revenue.

SGST, an integral component of the GST structure, is a tax levied by the state government on the sale of goods and services within its jurisdiction. The implementation of SGST has brought forth multiple benefits both for the states and businesses like enhanced revenue stream, ease of doing business and simplified tax structure, making it easier for businesses to understand and comply.

## Demand raised for Fuzail Hashmi's candidature in Phulpur by-poll

Prayagraj: Prominent Congressmen of the district and city have sent a proposal to the party high command to make senior Congress leader and State Working Commit-

tee member Fuzail Hashmi the candidate for the Phulpur Assembly by-election. In this regard, a meeting of party members was held in Civil Lines under the chairmanship of PCC member Harikesh Tripathi. It was said in the meeting that Hashmi is a popular face of the party with an honest and clean image and has long experience in the organization. Being a Muslim dominated area, voters want qualified and dedicated representatives. Therefore, seeing Hashmi's struggles, he should be declared the candidate of India Alliance. Gopal Krishna Dwivedi Advocate, Rajeshwar Yadav, Kishore Varshney, Omprakash Tripathi, Rajesh Rakesh, Arshad Ali, Kaif Warsi, Ram Manorath Saroj, Parvez Siddiqui, Santosh Singh, Khushnaveed Farooqui, Mohd. Javed, RS Bhartiya, Sartaj Mohammad, Neeraj Patel etc. are included.



## Traders congratulated ex-MP Rita Bahuguna Joshiji on her b'day

Prayagraj: President of Allahabad Galla Oilseed Trade Board and business leader Satish Chandra Kesarwani congratulated the Trade Board. Along with all the businessmen, they congratulated former MP Professor Rita



Bahuguna Joshi on her 75th birthday and wished her a healthy life and long life. Among those who congratulated her were business leaders Santosh Panama, Basant Lal Azad, Ramesh Chandra Kesarwani, Rajesh Kumar Kesarwani, Anand Vaishya Sudarshan, Rajkumar Sabhani, Suresh Kesarwani Pappu, Rajesh Kesarwani, etc. hundreds of businessmen congratulated him on his birthday.

## On first Monday of Sawan, rush of devotees in Bhole Giri temple

Prayagraj: Jalabhishek to Baba Bholenath ji in Bhole Giri temple Katghar Prayagraj on the first Monday of Sawan. There was a long queue of devotees. On this oc-



casion, the devotees prayed for their well-being by performing Jalabhishek and Dugdha Abhishek. On this occasion, the priest of the temple, Pandit Mahesh Chandra Tripathi performed the morning aarti of Baba Mahadev and opened the doors of the temple for the devotees. On this occasion, Advocate Satish Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Baijnath Kesarwani, Mayank Tripathi, Satyam Tripathi, etc. were hundreds of devotees.

## Morari Babu releases documentary film on Guru Purnima

Varanasi: Renowned spiritual leader Morari Babu released a captivating documentary film along with two compelling new books on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima on July 21, 2024. These launches, rich in spiritual insights and personal experiences, promise to captivate audiences and provide deep inspiration.

Babu expressed his extreme happiness at the launch of the film and the books and pointed to the auspicious 'yog'. The date of their launch on 21st July of 2024 coincides with 21st July of 2023, when pilgrims reached Kedarnath to commence this remarkable 12 Jyotirlinga Ram

Katha Yatra.

Documentary Film: Morari Babu's 12 Jyotirlinga Ram Katha Yatra by train: The one-hour documentary film on spiritual leader Morari Babu's 12 Jyotirlinga Ram Katha Yatra, beautifully encapsulates the remarkable pilgrimage undertaken by him and his 1008 followers in July-August 2023. The film, which has been in the making for months, was shot by a dedicated team that travelled on one of the two trains. It vividly captures all the major highlights of the journey, including the views of devotees and Morari Babu himself.

## Central Rly Electrification Org Regional Official Language Implementation Committee meet organized

Prayagraj: A meeting of the Regional Official Language Implementation Committee was organized on July 22 under the chairmanship of General Manager Ashok Kumar Verma at Central Railway Electrification Organization, Prayagraj. The General Manager, in his presidential address, said that the projects including the headquarters should ensure 100 percent compliance of Section 3 (3). Because no office is exempted from this, it has to be followed 100% in all circumstances. General Manager said that noting in files and original correspondence should be done 100% in Hindi. He said that projects should be encouraged to do most of the work in Hindi. For this, it should be ensured that various Hindi activities like seminars, workshops, Hindi competitions etc. are organized from time to time in the projects including the headquarters so that the offic-

ers and employees there can be encouraged and the set goals of Hindi can be achieved.

General Manager congratulated Sanjay Singh



Negi, Chief Electrical Engineer (MP) on being awarded the "Railway Minister Official Language Silver Medal" for the excellent and commendable work done by the Railway Board in the field of official language implementation. Before this, Chief Official Language Officer S. S. Welcoming all the present officers including the Chairman (General Manager) and

Chief Project Directors, Negi said that although the official language is being used extensively in our organization. It has been observed that most of the

work here is done in Hindi, yet there is always scope for improvement. Therefore, there is a need to increase the maximum use of Hindi in computers, e-mails and websites. Besides, there is a need to increase comment writing and correspondence basically in Hindi. In the meeting, Head of Department of Headquarters Yatendra Kumar, Chief Administrative Of-

ficer, R.N. Singh, Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Upendra Kumar, Chief Electrical Engineer (Works) and Chief Project Director of

Projects and Deputy Chief Official Language Officer and officers of Core Headquarters were present. Liaison officers (official language) of all departments also participated. The meeting was conducted and the vote of thanks was given by Deputy Chief Official Language Officer Kalyan Singh. Prayagraj: A meeting of the Regional Official Language Implementation

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## Curtains draw over Youth Sunday at St. Peter's Church

Prayagraj: On Sunday, Youth Sunday was celebrated by the Diocese of Lucknow at St. Peter's Church in Muirabad in which the youth conducted church worship one by one where Bible verses 1 Corinthians 16:13 were recited. Meditate on "Young men, I have written to you because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one." Worship led by Shaina Harris and Varsha MU. Ansh Dixon encouraged the youth by giving a beautiful sermon. On this occasion, melodious songs were sung and a drama was staged to convey the message of freedom from the challenges going on in the lives of the youth today, which was based on the theme of freedom from the bad habits of drugs. At the end of the program, the church Presbyterian in-charge Pastor Praveen Massey gave many other special information to the youth. He explained that redemption can be viewed in many different ways, whether it is physical healing or finding relief from the trials and tribulations of life. The redemption we seek ultimately comes from God and His divine love for us. Whether quoted or experienced firsthand, redemption shows us that with faith and hope in God's infinite love, anything is possible. Aanchal, Aastha Singh, Shaurya Moses,

Sam Bob Moses etc. were present on this occasion.

The election of Pastor Committee conducted: The annual election of Pastor Committee was conducted in St. Peter's Church on Sunday. In which Ronaldo Harris, Guddu Lettius, Dr. Poonam D'Souza, Dr. Amit Chhattri, Sharmila Sharma, Caroline



Solomon, Shonit Chhattri were selected. To conduct the election process safely, Pastor Ajay Masih, Pastor Rajesh Kidder, Belton, Luka Lal etc. were invited from Jamuna Church. After the completion of the election process, church pastor Praveen Massey and media in-charge Sunil Kumar congratulated all the newly elected members and expressed their expectation of full cooperation in the work of the church.

## Prisoner escapes from jail, chaos among top officials from Prayagraj to Lucknow

Prayagraj: Gang rape prisoner escaped from Naini Central Jail. The prisoner escaped from the jail on Saturday. Now the matter has come to light. Prisoner Kali Charan had come to Naini Jail 5 months ago. He is serving his sentence in Circle No. 2 of Naini Central Jail. The resident of Mahoba police station is an absconding prisoner. Prisoner Kalicharan's duty was engaged in farming in the garden outside. The news of the prisoner's escape created panic in the jail administration. The jail administration first tried to find the prisoner. After that, when the police could not find Kalicharan. Then the jail superintendent one head warden and 3 wardens have been suspended. Information about the escape of the prisoner has been given to the top officer in Lucknow. Police is searching for Kali Charan.

## 'Entire teacher community is grateful to Bahugunaji'

Prayagraj: Today, on the 75th birthday of former MP Prayagraj Dr Professor Rita Bahuguna Joshi, the birthday of former MP was celebrated by organizing a

occasion of Dr. Rita Bahuguna Joshi's 75th birthday. In his address on the occasion of birthday, Honorable Suresh Kumar Tripathi, State President of



grand program at DGS Guest House, Meja. On this occasion, Professor KV Pandey, Dr Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Suresh Kumar Tripathi (outgoing member Legislative Council) Former candidate Neeraj Tripathi, Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari "Baba" Dr. Bhagwat Pandey, teacher leaders Anuj Kumar Pandey, Raju Shukla, Ashish Mishra and a large number of dignitaries from Prayagraj and Meja area were present on the

Uttar Pradesh Secondary Teachers Association, said that Rita didi is the daughter of late Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna. Bahuguna ji did many things for the teachers and employees. The entire teacher community is grateful to Bahuguna ji. I reply. Being the state president of the State Secondary Teachers Association. I congratulate him on his 75th birthday. The program was conducted by Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari alias Baba Tiwari.

## SC's whip on Hitlerite orders of Yogi Govt: AIMIM

Prayagraj: The objectionable Tughlaqi decree issued by the Yogi government regarding the Kanvan Yatra in which all shopkeepers were ordered to write their names in front of their shops, today the Supreme Court, while giving notice to UP, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, put a stay on this order. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin AIMIM Metropolitan President Afsar Mehmood has said that this order has given a big slap to the Yogi gov-

ernment. Today's order of the Honorable Supreme Court has been welcomed by the party workers and the Honorable Court has said that it has been demanded that appropriate punitive action should be taken by conducting a high level inquiry into the intentions of the administration and even the government behind this. He has said that such an order is a social crime which was intended to disturb the peaceful environment of harmony.

## Counselling for admission in UG prog begins at SHUATS, seats in B.Sc. Nursing full

Prayagraj: Counseling for admission in undergraduate courses started on Monday in Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Science (SHUATS), Prayagraj.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajendra B. Lal wished a bright future for all the students and said that in SHUATS students will experience a high level academic environment of quality education, technology, research as well as morality and discipline. Students should take education seriously, study diligently, he will definitely get success.

At the counters of all the departments, experts gave important information to the students about career, placement etc. and advice in choosing their career. The Department of Forensic Science assisted in

transparent counseling with modern technology. The Proctorial Board, Director Student Welfare, Security Committee, Warden Committee, Anti Ragging Cell assisted the parents of



the students for smooth participation in the counseling of their children.

According to Chairman Entrance Test and Admission Dr. C. John Wesley, a large number of students participated in the counseling on the first day. All the

seats of B.Sc. Nursing were filled. On this occasion, Registrar Prof. Ranu Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Bishwarup Mehra, Pro Vice Chancellor (PMD) Prof. Sarvjit Herbert,

Director Public Relations Dr. Ramakant Dubey, Director Research Dr SD McCarty, Director Extension Dr. Praveen Charan, Director Administration Sanjay Philip Das, Director Development Prof. Ritu P. Dubey etc. were present.

## Advocates won on the burning issues of the tehsil

PRAYAGRAJ: On Monday the advocates who were trying hard to get the cycle stand that had been running for ages in the Tehsil premises, got a big success. When the entire resolution day was closed, all the advocates along with the advocate association sat on strike in front of the hall. Although there were dozens of issues, but despite the cycle stand being taken to the vacant land next to the tehsil and the officers not being present all the employees would remain on their seats for the entire time. Let us tell you that the tehsil gets revenue from the auction of bicycle stands. But every day there used to be trouble with the stand people, lawyers, officials and journalists. Secondly, the officers used to get down on the road and go to their rooms on foot.

However the new union president and his team got success on many major issues of the tehsil. This is a big achievement. The biggest problem is the scribes working here unauthorizedly, in whose hands confidential and valuable records remain. It was common for litigants' files to go miss-

ing. However the SDM has promised to start work as per the demands of the union from tomorrow itself. On the occasion, President SP Tiwari, UK Awasthi Vice President, Devesh Yadav Minister, Rahul Tiwari, Satyam Mishra, Akhilesh Yadav,



Prakash Yadav, Roshan Lal, Shankar Singh, Arvind Kumar, Mustakim Ahmed, Raju Verma, Bholanath Yadav, Kamlesh Yadav, Rajendra Yadav, Ramraj Yadav, Abhishek Awasthi, Shivam Pandey, Mahesh Gautam, Abhay Raj Yadav etc. Hundreds of advocates were present.

## District Mahila Vyapar Mandal's resolution to plant 1k trees on sacred land

Prayagraj: This step of the District Mahila Vyapar Mandal is definitely inspiring. Involving local residents in planting trees and giving them a chance to plant trees of their choice is a very good idea. This will increase responsibility and awareness among people towards their environment. District President Avantika Tandon said that it is very important to plant trees and keep the environment balanced to reduce the impact of this year's heat. Therefore, plant as many trees as possible. General Secretary of District Mahila, Pallavi Arora, in a unique way through the app Google Farm, effectively inspired the people of Prayag to choose their favorite tree from the available 10 trees and write with the number that they Which trees do you want to plant and how

many?

Senior Vice President Hina Khan told that in this way they collected a data and the Mahila Vyapar



Mandal which had set a target of 1000 trees got the registration of 1800 trees. In this important step, along with the District Mahila Vyapar Mandal, five other organizations also participated. She walked along keeping pace with him. Prayagraj Pacers under the chairmanship of Dr. Ritu Jain, Rotary Allahabad Mid Town

under the chairmanship of Mrs. Radha Saxena, Prayag Vyapar Mandal under the chairmanship of Rana Chawla and Prayag Chemist

and Druggist Association, Khatri Sabha Mahila Mandal under the chairmanship of Mrs. Reena Kapoor. Municipal Corporation. Additional Municipal Commissioner Shri Arvind Kumar Bind has appreciated these steps of Mahila Vyapar Mandal. He gave permission to plant new trees in place of dry old trees on Dr. Lohia Marg and

praised this initiative. He said that the people of Prayag are aware and themselves come forward and perform their duties. It is great that DFO (Divisional Forest Officer) Prayagraj and his assistant Dr Ashutosh Shukla are so dedicated to planting trees across the city. Such efforts improve air quality and also inspire the local community.

Aarti Agarwal, Dr. Gagandeep Kaur, Shaista Agarwal, Swati Srivastava, Councilor Pawan, Imran Bhai, Sonika Agarwal, Rama Agarwal, Rajesh Arora, Ashish Agarwal, Manu Saxena, Vineet Dhawan, Amrita Agarwal, Rishu Mishra joined together and completed this sacred task. My best wishes and thanks to all the people involved in this initiative as they are making an important contribution in saving our environment.

## Prateek Pandey became Prez - Anshuman Singh Sr VP in UP Lekhpal Asscn polls

Prayagraj: The biennial election of Prayagraj Lekhpal Association under the banner of Uttar Pradesh Lekhpal Association under Sadar Tehsil of Prayagraj concluded. 7 people were elected office bearers in this election. On this occasion, the elected officials took oath and took oath to carry out the work of the organization with devotion and honesty. Officials of all the organizations were present on this occasion. Among the officials elected in the organization, Prateek Pandey was elected as President, Anshuman Singh as Senior Vice President, Devansh Mukherjee as



Junior Vice President, Ritukesh Srivastava as Minister, Harish Kumar Verma as Deputy Minister, Shailendra Singh as Treasurer, Akanksha Pandey was elected as Income Expenditure Inspector. Uttar Pradesh Lekhpal Association elections held in Tehsil Sadar Auditorium, under the supervision of District President Rajkumar Sagar, District Minister Avnish Pandey conducted the elections peacefully in a transparent manner. Uttar Pradesh Lekhpal Sangh wished for the bright future of the newly elected officials and congratulated everyone. The newly elected officials were given a warm welcome and the supporters celebrated.

## Alike every year, memorable b'day event held

Prayagraj: Like every year, this year also Dr. R. D. Sonkar organized the program at his residence Pushpanjali Nagar, Bhavpur Prayagraj. Mayor Ganesh Chandra Kesarwani started the program by cutting the ribbon and the specialist doctor of Medanta Hospital and the special doctor of Sharp Eye Sight Center Prayagraj introduced the program to the people of the city. Medicines were distributed to the needy people after free consultation and testing. In the program, officials of Shri Ram Baraat were Chairman - Mr. Kaushal Singh, Director - Mr. SP

Srivastava, Members - Mr. Vijay Singh, City General Secretary Mr. Ravi Kesarwani, Advocate Kavinder Singh. And people like Ravindra Vaishya, JP Srivastava etc. were very helpful in the work process. The specialist doctor of Medanta Hospital Lucknow and the specialist doctor of Sharp Eye Center were encouraged by the Honorable Mayor by giving them letters of

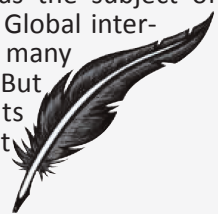


always try for the good health of all of you. honor on behalf of Shri Ram Barat Committee. And Mayor Shri Ganesh Kesarwani ji celebrated Dr. R. D. Sonkar ji's birthday by cutting the cake and prayed to God for long life and prosperity. Doctor R. D. Sonkar welcomed all the colleagues, doctors and honorable mayor and said that we will

## Editorial

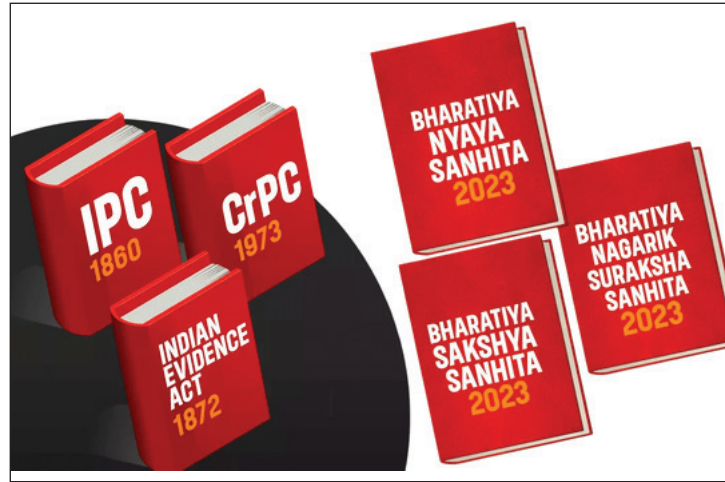
### Blue Screen Blues: Microsoft Triggered Cyber Meltdown and the Case for Atma Nirbharta

The champions of Atmanirbhar Bharat, isolationists among conservatives and the malcontents of globalisation are having a “told you so moment.” The Microsoft outage has given all of them a chance to have a right royal moan about the perils of blind belief in the overarching credo of the liberal world order: that international post-World War II system characterised, at least in one context, by the encouragement of global trade, economic interdependence, and multilateral agreements. And it's not hard to see why. Look at the mayhem caused by a single rogue file called c-00000291\*.sys. This teeny-weeny alphanumeric code in a single content update virtually fried the dendrites of the Microsoft Operating System that literally turned blue – the pallor of death. Questions abound: did the firm tasked by Microsoft to ward off viruses and malware itself violate zealously adhered to software testing and development guidelines? Software updates are stringently tested at many levels before they are rolled out globally. The fact that this one slipped past shows that the checks and balances aren't as foolproof as they ought to be. The descent into defective code-induced dysfunction triggered global mayhem. The cost to businesses and economies could run into billions of dollars. This disruption was because of negligence, what if the next cyber pandemic is because of malevolence? no country except autarkies like China, Russia and North Korea, and the less technologically leveraged in the Global South, were spared. But because India is a paid-up member of the globalised, rules-based world order, it was strongly buffeted. Indeed, in a less connected world, a freak outage such as this would have had less impact. But that a single misplaced bit of computer code could bring nations to their knees reveals just how uncritically accepting we continue to be of “globalisation” as a project for the advancement of the human race. One would have imagined that we would have been less credulous by now, three years after a single sneeze triggered a global pandemic that stilled the globe and our lives. But clearly, some lessons are hard to learn. While no one needs to take the sledgehammer to globalisation, it is becoming obvious that there is a need to minimise risks. Perhaps, as a first step, by improving vigilance and incorporating redundancies throughout the global supply chain. This imperative of building self-reliance, however, will only gain ground when any prospective autopsy of the costs of globalisation is freed from politics. As of today, any inquiry into the status quo is dismissed by the Left as a “right-wing” lurch towards protectionism, spawned by a crude inward-looking parochialism. In India, examples abound. A certain section of the political class and commentariat mocked Prime Minister Modi for being blinded by exclusivism for deciding against joining an influential trading bloc like the RCEP. The decision, as it turned out, was the right one. Thailand joined the RCEP but in the last 18 months, its GDP growth has slumped to 2.7 per cent. This is largely due to trade imbalances after the RCEP's lead member, China, dumped goods, wantonly taking advantage of favourable tariff rates that its economic heft allowed it to impose across the RCEP. Of course, the stigmatisation of Atma Nirbharta is not only confined to trade-related policies but also foreign policy. Modi's “keep all options open” policy-driven engagement with Russia was the subject of scorn just a few weeks ago. Global interconnectedness has brought many benefits to many people. But the prohibitive costs of its many misses have brought ruin upon millions too.



## New criminal laws are betting on DNA fingerprinting. India must prepare to offset risks

India's new criminal laws emphasise the use of technology and modern forensic methods to speed up justice and take the conviction rate up to “90 per cent”. DNA fingerprinting, used extensively in the developed world, is one such technique. Other than producing scientific evidence against known suspects, DNA databases of previous convicts also assist investigators with unsolved crimes. However, is it the proverbial silver bullet as touted by many in the law enforcement community? DNA fingerprinting involves creating a profile of an individual's genetic make-up. This throws up various legal, quality control, privacy, and human rights issues. It is therefore crucial to examine the adequacy of the systems put in place to achieve the goals of these 21st-century legislations. A comprehensive, robust, and independent regulatory and oversight mechanism, established by a statute, is imperative. Developed in 1984 by British geneticist Sir Alec John Jeffreys, DNA fingerprinting entails analysing a person's DNA profile from human cells like hair, saliva, or blood and creating a profile used for identification in forensic investigations. It was first successfully applied in the twin rape and murder cases of two girls in the UK. The late Prof Lalji Singh at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad pioneered the use and application of forensic DNA technology in the Indian legal system in 1988. The Bharatiya



Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, which replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), retains the provision for mandatory DNA profiling of rape case suspects, introduced in the CrPC in 2006. In addition, Section 176(3) of the BNSS mandates the collection of forensic evidence collection from crime scenes in offences punishable by seven years or more. Another new law, the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022—which replaced the colonial-era Identification of Prisoners Act 1920—allows the extraction and analysis of biological samples from convicts, preventive detainees, as well as those arrested for charges punishable by 7 years or more, or any offence against a woman or a child. Notably, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has been entrusted with the responsibility of collecting measurement records from states and maintaining a national database. According to Section 2(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022 the term ‘measure-

ment’ includes biological samples and their analysis, which also implies preparing DNA profiles. In fact, when the government withdrew The DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2019 in July 2023, it stated that most of its provisions had already been incorporated into the 2022 Act. However, without adequate safeguards, there is a risk that individuals may be arrested simply to include them in the database. Neither the BNSS nor the Identification Act define the term ‘DNA profile’. GeneWatch UK, in its comments on India's DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019, noted that DNA profiling can be restricted to only non-coding DNA, a commonly used international standard. This prevents using DNA sections that code for personal characteristics, including medical conditions. Forensic geneticists, in the past, have been criticised for attempting to create mugshots—essentially predicting physical appearance—using genetic information. Given the broad

categories of individuals whose biological samples can be collected by the state, such a restriction would help eliminate many possible misuses. The reliability of DNA fingerprinting has often been challenged, particularly concerning quality control during the handling of biological materials at different stages. Contamination of samples is a common problem. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), the most widely used technique for amplify small DNA quantities, also amplifies contaminants. There have been several high-profile cases of sample contamination. For instance, the defence in the OJ Simpson case argued extensively about the contamination of collected biological material. He was finally acquitted by the jury. Similarly, in the Pune Porsche hit-and-run case, the alleged culprit's blood sample was swapped with his mother's. Such examples highlight the need for strict quality control mechanisms and robust protocols for forensic labs (central, state, or private), investigators, medical practitioners, and data bank managers. The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2019 proposed the creation of a DNA Regulatory Board. This board was meant to advise the central and state governments on DNA labs and data banks and to grant accreditation to labs. However, the bill was withdrawn in July 2023. While some functions of the DNA Regulatory Board have been assigned to the NCRB, it can-

not be designated as an independent regulator. Developed nations typically separate regulatory bodies from practitioners. The absence of an independent, full-time regulatory body in India does not bode well for standardising procedures across the board. Law enforcement agencies worldwide use DNA profile indices from crime scenes to help identify suspects in unsolved crimes. In India, it is unclear which agency will maintain the Scene of Crime DNA Profile Index, and who will conduct matching with the Convict or Arrestee Indices. A PIL is pending in the Supreme Court for using DNA fingerprinting to solve missing person and unidentified dead body cases. Sharing data with foreign law enforcement bodies by the NCRB is another ticklish issue. Profiles of investigators, medical practitioners, and forensic scientists should be prepared and maintained separately to distinguish their DNA from that of suspects in cases of multiple profiles resulting from collected samples. After the withdrawal of the DNA Technology Bill, no oversight body has been proposed to oversee the NCRB as a repository of national or state government databases. Oversight bodies are crucial for the governance of DNA databases, ensuring they contribute effectively to the criminal justice system, meet ethical and regulatory requirements, thus maintaining public trust and accountability. As data will be stored digitally, ensuring data security and privacy is also essential.

### Maharashtra BJP workers are confused, not demotivated—party must counter ‘outsiders’

Why did the Hindutva movement, based on Hindutva thought, become successful in India? What led to its significant impact across sectors such as the socio-cultural, political, education-health, rural development, and environment, among others? In reality, the period when the Hindutva ideology began to take shape and grow systematically as well as the decades preceding it were highly challenging for the philosophy. The movement has also witnessed a time when people uttering words such as Hindu, Hindutva, Rashtra, and Nationality were considered irrelevant, insignificant and politically-ideologically untouchable. Despite lacking political backing; government resources; funding from domestic or international, legal or illegal monetary sources; or other such support, how did this movement manage to flourish rather than fade away over the 75 years since the country's independence? What was the source of its

strength? The answer to this question is very simple. The source of strength of the Hindutva movement is nothing but the activist who puts both his sattva (goodness) and swatva (selfhood) at stake. He is the soul of this movement. It is the inner strength of the activist that has led Hindutva to become the central point in various socio-economic spheres within India. Today, the remarkable influence of Hindutva ideology in the country's politics and state system is a product of this inner strength. Although politics is one of the many aspects of the Hindutva movement, we have all witnessed in the past ten years the potential for societal and national transformation through the effective application of political power. The activist is the prominent reason for Hindutva's success in politics, which becomes evident when we analyse the history of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or the erstwhile Jana Sangh.

### If Biden is Unfit to Run Again, How is He Fit to Stay on as President?

It is ironic that despite its scorn for North Korea and the tradition of secrecy that shrouds the health of its top leaders, the US appears to be going down a similar path with its political leaders. While the partisan US media has been questioning the lack of a proper bulletin on the condition of Republican presidential contender Donald Trump after the failed assassination attempt, there is less than optimal information on the health parameters of incumbent President Joe Biden. As there is a visible change in Trump's demeanour after an assassin's bullet clipped his right ear, an update on his mental state after that near-miss is certainly warranted. He seems mellowed, subdued, quieter, even reflective. Although the media seems less concerned about his overall well-being than a more popular political personage, the impact of that event cannot be discounted. The nation—the US—needs to know to what extent he has been affected by this ordeal. But even more imperative are medical updates on the man who still has control over the nuclear balloon but cannot remember the name of his own Secretary of Defence or a Supreme Court justice's full name. Whether Biden remains in the race or steps aside in favour of someone younger and composed, he will still be in charge of the US at least till January 2025 and (supposedly) taking decisions that can have wide-ranging consequences. So his health is a crucial matter. Yet, the media and commentariat in the US is focusing voter attention only on the fact that he is doing well after being diagnosed with Covid-19 yet again. Despite having taken multiple booster shots of the vaccine in the past four years. The only question being mildly raised is whether he has the stamina to keep up with the pace of the Presidential elections. They are glossing over the more important issue of Biden's fitness to

handle the day-to-day challenges of his high office. Stumbling and shuffling while walking, a very visible stiffness in his arms and legs, wooden smiles and all-too-frequent moments of blank incomprehension on his face do not portend well for a man who is one of the world's most powerful leaders. That the White House is behaving as if “aall izz well” is even more alarming in that context. One commentator observed that not since the Nixon era has the White House been so busy hiding information about a President. It is as if the Biden clan and White House officials willed the US—the mainstream media at least—to ignore evidence of his decrepitude. His decline did not happen overnight, yet it may not have come into focus at all had he not flubbed the debate with Trump on primetime TV so spectacularly, forcing the media to take note. Media posited every stumble of Trump while in office as evidence of debility, but Biden's procession of fumbles and tumbles had always been downplayed. The decline in Biden's physical—and by implication, possibly mental—fitness has been obvious for years, so the secretive attitude of his close confidantes is confounding. While it may not be ‘elder abuse’ as some have alleged, the danger of a President not being at the top of his game is manifest. There is no problem with your average Grandpa being creaky and forgetful, but if that old man also happens to be POTUS, it becomes a matter of international consternation. There are precedents of US presidents not being open about their health. No one knew then, for instance, that John F Kennedy was taking a strong cocktail of steroids to deal with health issues though he exuded an image of robustness. And Franklin Roosevelt took great care—with the cooperation of the media—to keep his wheelchair mostly out of sight of the public and conducted.

### Why is BJP doubling down on Hindutva? Modi-Shah have a different reading of 2024 result

Over a hundred thousand new jobs—1,09,589, to be precise—were created every day in 2023-24, the Reserve Bank of India said in its latest report on employment. Citing this report about the creation of 4.7 crore new jobs in the last fiscal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that eight crore new jobs were created in India in the last three to four years, and it silenced those “spreading fake narratives”. The Opposition was quick to pick holes. By telling one lie after another on jobs, you are rubbing salt in the wounds of the

youth, said Congress party's communications chief Jairam Ramesh. He questioned how the RBI arrived at this figure when it didn't disclose the sector-wise break-up as it did in the past. My colleague TCA Sharad Raghavan reported that over 37 per cent of women counted as ‘workers’ in the RBI report were doing ‘unpaid work’. Unpaid helpers in household enterprises constituted 18.3 per cent of the workforce in 2022-23, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey. For instance, if a person is selling pakoras at a stall,

with his wife frying them and the daughter or son serving them, they are all counted as employed in the unpaid helpers' category. As per PLFS 2022-23, 20.9 per cent of the workforce in India are regular wage/salary employees. Others include unpaid helper, casual labour and own account worker and employer. Opposition's criticism aside, the Economic Survey 2023-24, tabled by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, sought to revalidate what PM Modi suggested in Mumbai—that India has wit-

nessed “a notable transformation in its employment landscape”. Its detailed accounts of the Modi-led government's achievements in creating jobs had a catch though. “Estimates show that about 51.25 per cent of the youth is deemed employable.

In other words, about one in two are not yet readily employable, straight out of college. However, it must be noted that the percentage has improved from around 34 per cent to 51.3 per cent in the last decade,” said the Economic Survey.

## Is Jay Shah ready to chair the ICC?



**Delhi:** Sri Lanka, 220 delegates from 108 ICC member countries will attend the four-day International Cricket Council (ICC) annual conference. However, like all cricket these days, the spotlight will be on the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and its influential administrator Jay Shah, who may run for chairman. 'Capitalising on the Olympic Opportunity' and 'Cricket's victorious return at LA28' are among the gathering's topics. Before cricket moves forward in the US, the T20 World Cup's poor performance will be reviewed. A \$20 million overrun, inadequate pitches, and high ticket prices plagued the USA part of the 2024 T20 World Cup co-hosted by West Indies. ICC director Pankaj Khimji has requested a detailed budget audit from the board. Two senior ICC executives, including head of events Chris Tetley, have resigned.

The issue will likely be discussed under 'Any other business', where most major conversations occur. The ICC will consider India's 2025 ODI Champions Trophy trip to Pakistan and Pakistan Cricket Board's planned itinerary (Feb 19-March 9). Indian matches in Lahore will be meaningless until the government allows its team to travel to Pakistan. According to a BCCI official, this is unlikely.

Even if PCB seeks clarity in the ICC boardroom, progress may be slow. The BCCI wants a hybrid event with UAE or Sri Lanka as co-hosts. But that process may be delayed too. On Jay

Shah's interest in the ICC Chair, the BCCI secretary wants to go, not because it's a bigger office but because the constitution requires a cooling-off period after two three-year terms. His BCCI term ends in late 2025, while ICC elections are in November. Shah may want to act now, but he hasn't been forthcoming. Another theory is that Barclay might use the amended ICC constitution, which now allows two three-year terms for the chairman instead of three two-year terms. Shah can take over in 2025 if the ICC elections are delayed. ICC board members 'refuted' this idea for now.

## The Indian Racing Festival welcomes Kolkata Royal Tigers owner Ganguly

**Delhi:** The Kolkata Royal Tigers Racingteam will be owned by former India cricket captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly ahead of the 2024 season, boosting the Indian Racing Festival's third season. Racing Promotions Pvt. Ltd. launched the Indian Racing Festival to attract India's growing motorsport fanbase. The event features the Indian Racing League (IRL) and Formula 4 Indian Championship (F4IC), promising an exciting season of high-speed racing. Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Kochi, and Ahmedabad will compete from August to November this year. Kolkata debuts this year. Sourav Ganguly, nicknamed as the 'Prince of Calcutta' and 'Dada,' is an Indian cricket icon. As Kolkata Royal Tigers owner, he brings excitement and reputation to motor racing in West Bengal and eastern India. Ganguly is expected to increase cricket's appeal and make the Kolkata Royal Tigers a force in the Indian Racing Festival. "We are happy



to announce Sourav Ganguly as Kolkata franchise owner. His creative leadership and dedication to perfection, forged by decades of cricketing success, give the Indian Racing Festival unmatched energy. "RPPL Chairman and Managing Director Akhilesh Reddy said Ganguly's legacy will ignite passion and propel future motorsport lovers in India to greatness. He stated that Ganguly's engagement is expected to raise awareness of the Indian Racing Festival (IRF) and secure its place as India's top motorsport event.

"I am thrilled to join the Kolkata team in the Indian Racing Festival. I've always loved motorsports, and this chance lets me help Kolkata's motorsport expand and

promote excellence and sportsmanship "Ganguly. "Together with the Kolkata Royal Tigers, we aim to build a strong legacy in the Indian Racing Festival and inspire a new generation of motorsport enthusiasts, making the Kolkata Royal Tigers a formidable force in the festival," he said.

The former Indian cricket captain, who played 113 Tests and 311 ODIs, is noted for developing fresh talent and winning games. His ownership of ATK Mohun Bagan and involvement in the Indian Racing Festival demonstrate his dedication to sports in India. He encouraged spectators to attend the races in big numbers and support the drivers, assuring an exciting experience.

## CAPSULES

### The Delhi government provides funding of Rs 100 crore to 12 DU colleges

**Delhi:** The Delhi government has resolved to put teacher and student welfare first, even in light of financial mismanagement issues that have revealed at 12 Delhi University campuses recently. The government has granted Rs 100 crore to these colleges under its funding. According to Minister Atishi, "Many issues of financial mismanagement have come to the fore in these colleges in the last few years, but the Kejriwal gov has decided that the teachers and students at those colleges should not suffer due to the mistakes of the management and administration." She stated: "Keeping in mind the welfare of teachers, their medical benefits and pension benefits which were struck due to financial mismanagement, Delhi gov is releasing a fund of Rs 100 crore in the second quarter for these 12 colleges." The minister went on, saying, "Kerry's government concentrated on higher education in addition to schools, opening three new universities and expanding existing ones. Delhi's higher education system is significantly influenced by the 12 Delhi University colleges that receive full government funding." The minister has authorized the release of the second quarter installment, according to the government. Additionally, the Kejriwal government has budgeted roughly Rs 400 crore for these financed universities in 2024-2025, according to a release. "Ever since the Kejriwal gov came to power in Delhi, the budget given to these colleges has been increased more than three times, which shows the government's commitment towards education," it stated.

## Hardik Pandya's Fitness, Workload Management Cost Him T20I Captaincy

**Delhi:** The BCCI named Suryakumar Yadav India's T20I captain for the three upcoming matches against Sri Lanka, bypassing Hardik Pandya. The apex board chose SKY over Pandya, who worked as Rohit Sharma's deputy at the T20 World Cup and led India in Rohit's absence. The five-match T20I series against Australia last year, directly after the ODI World Cup 2023, was captained by Suryakumar. Indian won the series 4-1, and many players reportedly wanted SKY to captain India when Rohit retired from T20I. ESPNcricinfo reported that Hardik Pandya was snubbed for replacing Rohit due to fit-



ness difficulties and workload management. This comes after new coach Gautam Gambhir suggested that a good player play all three formats. "Professional cricketers, your span is small. You desire

to play as much as possible for your country. "Play all three formats when you're in good form," Gambhir told Star Sports. Sportsmen suffer injuries. If you play all three formats, you get injured, heal,

but you should.

I don't believe in identifying players and saying, "We'll keep him for Test matches and manage his injury and workload", he said. Given Pandya's injury issues, it was a direct message. After overcoming back troubles, Hardik missed the entire ODI World Cup 2023 due to an ankle injury. BCCI may be right to favor Suryakumar Yadav over Hardik Pandya due to his injury record. While only six matches remain until the Champions Trophy 2025, Hardik Pandya has sought the BCCI for a sabbatical during the ODI portion of the Sri

## From Mumbai trouble child to India T20 leader

**Delhi:** Shams Mulani's rise to national prominence has been arduous. The left-arm spinner has taken 180 wickets in 38 first-class matches, 82 in 55 List A games, and 52 in 45 T20s in Ranji Trophy. The 27-year-old awaits his big break. Suryakumar Yadav, his club team Parsee Gymkhana, and IPL franchise Mumbai Indians' changing rooms inspire him to keep going. Mulani saw Surya's struggle to break into the Indian squad before receiving his cap at 30. Everyone saw Surya's extraordi-



which inspires me. As Mumbai players attempt to break into the national team, his late India debut inspires us. We look up to Surya, who has given many Mumbai players like Tushar Deshpande (29).

nary batting talent in juniors. He scored 73 on his Ranji debut at 18 in 2010 and 754 in nine games the following season. He worked for approximately 12 years before making his India debut in March 2021. His presence has been obvious. The No.1 T20 hitter helped India win the World Cup,

Mulani, who was the highest Ranji wicket-taker in 2021-22, second in 2022-23, and had another remarkable 35 last season, feels the hardship and grind are crucial. After a late start, Surya has risen quickly in the past three years and was selected T20I captain this week.

## Delhi Skills University "revokes" EWS, SC/ST fee concession; no clearance in place

**Delhi:** On July 9, a second-year Scheduled Caste student at Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) requested a fee waiver from the academics department. The student, enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration (Facilities and Hygiene Management) study at the main campus in Dwarka, was advised to pay the same course fee as 2022-23 students without a waiver. "SC students paid Rs 45,140. We must pay Rs 56,700 (the 2022-23 batch's standard fee)," the youngster said. This BBA course costs this year. Students, reeling from a significant cost spike across most programs, claimed DSEU has abolished the 10% fee concession for EWS students and 20% for



SC and ST students, which the institution disputed. Students' group Aawaz protested by posting posters on 22 campuses asking: "Why does DSEU revoke aid for SC, ST and EWS students... (sic)." According to DSEU Vice-Chancellor Prof Ashok Kumar Nagawat, "SC/ST and EWS students do not currently receive fee concessions. The finance committee will decide on concessions, but until then, no action can be made because of audit objections."

The V-C declined to comment on how concessions from last year were approved. "Waivers will be discussed in the meeting," Nagawat said. Professor Gagan Dhawan, Registrar, said, "On February 14, the Board of Management discussed not charging students the recovery charge (of previously waived sums). The fee waiver previously lacked official approval, so the government is ensuring that the concession is offered after proper approval.

## Non-teaching faculty can now be HoD in government hospitals

**Delhi:** In a major change from the usual, the health ministry now allows non-teaching professors to become department heads at government hospitals and medical colleges. "Non-teaching specialists and GDMO (General Duty Medical Officer) cadre officials working in the concerned department are also eligible to become HoD (Head of Department)," the rule adds. It applies to three Delhi-based central government hospitals and medical colleges: Lady Hardinge Medical College and Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. In the event of a non-teaching/GDMO HoD, academic activities must be supervised by



POSTS AT MEDICAL COLLEGES			POSTS AT PHCS (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH)	
CADRE	EXISTING VACANCIES	NEW POSTS		
Professor	00	51	Civil Assistant Surgeon	576
Associate Professor	00	130	Staff Nurse	716
Assistant Professor	282	187	Lab Tech	201
Staff Nurses	430	1,040	Pharmacists	190
Lab Technicians	100	00	MPHEO	176
Gr-II Pharmacists	62	00	CHO	176
Paramedical Staff	00	782	Other	886
Other Staff (DTP)	1,080	00-		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,918</b>

POSTS AT DISTRICT HOSPITALS (APVVP)	
► Civil Assistant Surgeon (Specialist)   794	► Grade-II Pharmacists   218
► Civil Assistant Surgeon (General)   86	► Lab Technicians   199
► Dental Surgeon   16	► Junior Assistants   123
► Staff Nurses   555	► Other staff   523
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,520</b>

the senior most teaching faculty. Most medical schools and hospitals follow the National Medical Commission (NMC) guideline that a potential department

head must have at least 10 years of teaching experience as a professor or associate professor, including five years as a department professor.

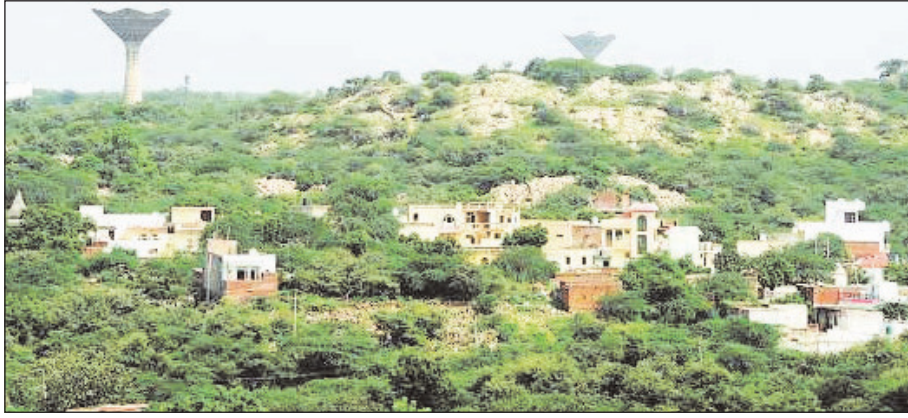
## Delhi Cyber Crime DCP recommends schooling on cyber safety



**Delhi:** A top police officer said cyber crime awareness should be taught in schools since virtual frauds and thefts don't shock the public as much as street and house muggings and robberies. Cybercrime has increased in the past 1.5 years and may continue to rise. "Crime against cyber property will see a rise and a time may come when each district will have more cyber police stations than traditional crime police stations," stated. Also Read: Delhi High Court orders city chief secretary to expedite Rs 387 crore hybrid hearings sanction. Thieves are shifting online as more individuals do business online and store money on phones and PCs. However, the average person seems unaware of cyber fraud's potential. Tiwari said awareness is needed, not legislation change. Cybercrime awareness is low. "In a crowded train, you check your purse because pick pockets could steal it, but not in cyberspace," Tiwari remarked. AAP protests BJP office over 1,100 trees destroyed in Delhi's southern ridge. Tiwari added that most people don't know they may lock their Aadhaar cards. "Even I was not aware about it but when a case came in our unit, I got to know that one can lock it," remarked. Tiwari said a cheater might get an Aadhaar account and commit fraud. "Locking your Aadhaar card prevents misuse.

## Illegal Farmhouses Threaten Aravalli Hills Ecosystem: Sohna, Gurgaon

Delhi: Illegal farmhouses are destroying trees in the Aravalli Hills, particularly near Sohna's Gair Mumkin Pahar. Section 4 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA) makes the Aravalli Hills uncuttable and needs government authorization to chop trees. A rise in illegal farmhouses threatens the national treasure of Aravalli trees and the delicate ecological balance of the surrounding area. Illegal farmhouses have long colonized the Aravalli Hills, but the situation has grown. Stakeholders and environmentalists are concerned about landowners blatantly felling trees.



Unchecked deforestation is destroying Raisina Hills' beauty, a worrying trend. Villagers say that illegal farmhouse owners take down trees, add stones, and install iron gates. These activities involve clearing forested areas to build approach roads to their farmhouses. Gates restrict

locals' access and the government's action. Recent forest department operations have destroyed several illegal farmhouses, but a worrying analysis found that more than 500 new farmhouses were built in 2022. Even the Forest Department doesn't grasp the latest farm-

house development boom. The causes of this unlawful activity surge are unclear, making regulatory work difficult. The lack of a unified plan to combat this problem makes illegal farmhouses thrive. A concerted effort by local communities, government institutions, and environmental groups

is essential. Waking up is important to solve this problem and address its causes. There is an urgent need to address the proliferation of illegal farmhouses in the Aravalli Hills, particularly in Gair Mumkin Pahar. These constructions' unrestrained development and environmental violations will threaten the Aravalli ecosystem. Local communities' rights and well-being will be violated. Governments, environmentalists, and local stakeholders must work together to solve this problem. They should enforce laws and adopt sustainable methods to protect the Aravalli Hills' natural heritage.

## Publicize child begging helpline

Delhi: In a PIL against child begging, a bench led by acting chief justice Manmohan was informed by the Delhi government that anyone can report an event on the hotline, and a mechanism has been built to counsel and transmit the situation. After hearing the authorities, the court closed the PIL and ordered Delhi to provide an affidavit of compliance after eight weeks. The writ petition was dismissed, including Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, ordered respondents to promote the child hotline number 1098. Standing coun-



sel Santosh Kumar Tripathi represented the Delhi government, which assured the court that a framework is in place to respond to child beggars.

He also said out-of-school youngsters are being identified and admitted to schools. Residents can now record sightings

and help relocate animals for safer routes. Road accidents must be prevented, says the chief minister.

Discover how scoliosis affects child development. Discover the value of early diagnosis and treatment. How to help scoliosis-afflicted kids live better.

## Government will sell wheat

Delhi: In order to sell FCI's wheat stock, the food ministry has set a minimum sale price of Rs 2,325/quintal for private bulk buyers like millers, below the market price of Rs 2,400/quintal. The minimum rice price for bulk buyers is Rs 2,800/quintal. Prices do not include FCI depot transportation. The ministry stated in an official notification that FCI will discuss



with the ministry to determine the quantity of grain inventories to be offloaded after considering PDS stock,

buffer norms, and 20 lakh tons. FCI has 289 lakh tonnes of wheat. Government may lift rice export prohibition and resume wheat sales. Minimum sale prices for FCI wheat and rice holdings.

A group of ministers will decide on export ban removal. Pre-registering farmers for urad procurement by government cooperatives.

## Used truck prices rise as logistics companies slash costs

USED TRUCK PRICES ON THE UPSWING			
GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (TONNE)	Jun-24	Jun-23	YOY Change
1.5 to 2	₹3,29,727	₹2,39,490	38%
2 to 3.5	₹5,82,400	₹4,76,462	22%
3.5 to 7.5	₹6,39,000	₹5,29,000	21%
7.5 to 16	₹8,10,000	₹7,55,833	7%
16 to 19	₹9,63,000	₹8,83,500	9%
25 to 28.5	₹13,60,000	₹12,88,000	6%
31 to 36	₹15,77,000	₹11,00,000	43%
37 to 43.5	₹16,00,000	₹13,50,750	18%

All vehicles are five years old. Source: Shriram Mobility Bulletin July 2024

Delhi: Used truck prices rose double-digits year-over-year for light commercial vehicles. A 38% increase in used vehicle costs for 1.5- to 2-tonne vehicles. The 2 to 3.5 tonne category rose 22% and the 3.5 to 7.5 section 21%. The only other segment with bigger price hikes was 31 to 36 tonnes, but truck marketers said this was a distortion because few higher GVW trucks are repossessed. The smaller tonnage unorganized fleet for inter and intra city logistics has been switching from new to old rucks in the recent year. Price hikes and logistics market stress due to inconsistent freight rate increases are to blame. Ashutosh Pandey, CEO, Mahindra First Choice Wheels, said smaller unorganized

fleet owners must cut costs and utilize 40% cheaper trucks. Marketers say the move toward used trucks has been obvious for about two years. Shriram Finance spokesman: "Over the past two years, prices for all types of used commercial vehicles, BS IV or BS VI, have increased 25-30%." "The subdued sales during 2019-22 have resulted in a shortage of supply in the used truck market." The used truck industry is booming, and prices are projected to stay high as new vehicle prices rise. The current batch of new trucks (one or two years old) will be available pre-owned after a few years. "This could potentially drive sustained growth in the used vehicle segment," he said.

## India rice stocks three times target, alleviating supply concerns

Delhi: Two government sources in India, the world's second-largest rice producer, reported that rice stocks were nearly three times their target at the start of August. The surplus will boost market hopes of fresh Delhi lifting a recent export prohibition, along with the fresh season crop expected in October. Last month, the world's top rice exporter abruptly halted non-Basmati white rice exports, sending prices to multi-year highs. On August 1, state warehouses had 37.6 million metric tons of Indian rice, including unmilled husk varieties, sources told Reuters. Rice suits us "unidentified source said. Our supplies are sufficient as we near the end of the 2022-23 rice marketing year. Next crop is around the corner. "Sources reported



24.6 million metric tons of rice and 13 million metric tons of unmilled rice on Aug. 1.

Local government regulations require state-run warehouses to have 13.5 million metric tons of rice, including Strategic Reserves of 2 million for the quarter starting July 1. Rice is planted in June and July in India, and harvesting begins in October. The Food Corporation of India (FCI), India's primary grain importer, would increase state granary rice inventories with new season purchas-

es. FCI purchased 84.6 million metric tons of rice paddy from domestic farmers in 2022-23, yielding 57 million tons. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Indian farmers harvested a record 135.5 million metric tons of rice in 2022-23. According to the weather service, eastern Indian rice-growing states may receive excess rainfall in August. A good crop will require FCI to acquire lots of rice from farmers, strengthening government granary inventories.

## Cruel to crush the snouts of dogs such as pugs

Delhi: PETA India announced that it would be conducting an appeal in advance of World Plastic Surgery Day to remind people that, although humans may have a choice in the form of their nose, pet dog breeds like pugs and other flat-faced dogs do not. According to PETA, those who are kind hearted should never purchase them since they are purposefully and cruelly bred to have a nose so compressed it makes it impossible for them to even breathe. According to PETA, a number of cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kolkata, will host the awareness campaign at the same time. Marine Lines in Mumbai will have a massive billboard up. Pugs and other breathing-impaired breeds (BIB)—such as shih tzus, boxers, Boston terriers, French and English bulldogs, Pekingese, and Cavalier King Charles spaniels—suffer from brachycephalic syndrome.



## Government bans pro-Khalistan SFJ for 5 years, citing anti-India actions

Delhi: The Centre has declared pro-Khalistan outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) a 'unlawful association' for another five years, citing its continued anti-India and subversive activities and support for violent extremism in Punjab and elsewhere to create a sovereign Khalistan. On July 10, 2019, UAPA banned SFJ as a 'unlawful association' for its aggressive 'Referendum 2020' campaign for a Khalistan state on social media and in countries with large Sikh diasporas. In notification, MHA warned that SFJ, without immediate curbs on its unlawful activities, may escalate its attempts to carve out a Khalistan nation from Indian territory by destabilizing the lawful government; continue advocating secession of Punjab from the Union of India and formation of Khalistan; propagate anti-national and separatist sentiments prejudicial to territorial integrity and security; and escalate secessionist movements.



## Delhi raised pollution certificate prices

Delhi: The Delhi administration has immediately changed two-, three-, and four-wheeler pollution-checking rates. Rates for petrol, CNG, and LPG two-wheelers and three-wheelers have been revised to ₹80. New pricing for fuel, CNG, and LPG four-wheelers are now 110. Diesel owners will pay 140 extra. The national capital's PUC rates were updated after 13 years. In response to increased pollution checking costs, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot told PTI that PUC charges were revised. Gahlot stated, "We revised the charges to meet the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association's long-standing demands and escalating pollution inspection costs. We are committed to safeguarding Delhi's air quality and ensuring all vehicles fulfill pollution limits." Two- and three-wheeler pollution-checking fees for petrol, CNG, or LPG have increased from 60 to 80. However, the price of four-wheelers has risen by 30 from 80 to 110. The maximum PUC certificate increment for diesel automobiles is 100 to 140. Vehicle requirements limit PUC certificate validity. Car and two-wheeler owners must renew their PUC certificate every six months after a year for a new vehicle.



## Central armed police chiefs promise a 10% quota for ex-Agnives

Delhi: Heads of various central armed police forces (CAPFs) reiterated their commitment to implement a 10% quota for ex-Engineers in all constable-level posts, saying the forces will benefit from trained and disciplined manpower.

After the Union cabinet approved the Agnipath scheme in June 2022, the home ministry announced a 10% CAPF job quota for ex-Agniveers with four years of service. X tweeted recordings of the director-generals of CRPF, BSF, CISF, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), and Railway

Protection Force (RPF) stating that ex-Agniveers will receive 10% CAPF quotas. The DGs in these videos mention the recruitment rules amendments for each CAPF that relaxed ex-Agniveers. These include exemption from the physical efficiency exam and age relaxation of five years for the first cohort of ex-Agniveers and three years for succeeding batches.

"All CRPF ex-Agniveer recruitment arrangements are complete. Due to their Army discipline, Agnives will be valuable.

Delhi: Congress sources claimed a two-member fact-finding committee sent by the party's central leadership to investigate its capital loss met with all candidates and top officials in recent days. Every candidate and Delhi official said AAP's elected officials and staffers didn't molest them. Anonymity claims AAP's support for Congress did not convert on any of the three seats. Top party official, requesting "The fact-finding committee will soon hand over the report to the central leadership for its consideration," he said. Congress and

## Congress candidates blame Delhi Lok Sabha loss on AAP



AAP, the two parties of opposition's INDIA alliance, shared seats in the capital and contested the Lok Sabha election to avoid splitting anti-BJP support. AAP won four seats and Congress three after winning two straight assembly polls by a big mandate and the recent MCD polls. BJP won 54.3%, AAP 24.1%, and Congress 19.1%. AAP

national convener and Delhi CM They worried that if their supporters voted for Congress today, they wouldn't vote for AAP in Delhi assembly elections in Jan-Feb next year "said a senior party official. Several days before the nomination process, we announced our candidacy. In places where its candidates ran, AAP has sent

activists from all constituencies. Senior AAP leaders refused to send personnel to our districts, another Congress man claimed. Senior Congress officials told the committee that many party workers were unhappy with the AAP collaboration. "Some party members also disliked the nomination of two outsiders. Meanwhile, AAP and Congress have stated that their cooperation is restricted to Lo Sabha elections and that they will compete in the Delhi assembly elections separately.

## Adani Group investment in energy transition to exceed \$100 billion over decade

**Delhi:** "In the future, green electron availability will drive economic growth. Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, gave the keynote talk at CRISIL Ratings Annual Infrastructure Summit 2024. He believes the green electron industry has no limit. The Adani Group will invest more than \$100 billion in the energy transition arena over the next decade and grow its integrated renewable energy value chain, which already manufactures every significant component for green energy generation. Adani Group's green hydrogen integrated manufacturing ecosystem goal is on track.

The integrated manufacturing branch of ANIL has commissioned India's first 2 GW monocrystalline ingot and wafer plant for 182 mm and 210 mm wafer thickness-



es. The Group's 4 GW solar module manufacturing capacity will handle the production. In the beginning, polysilica-to-module capacity will reach 10 GW. Adani Group wants to grow wind turbine generator capacity to 5 GW by 2027 from 1.5 GW. In its low-cost integrated green hydrogen project, ANIL is establishing hydrogen electrolyzer production facilities. End-to-end supply chain control will reduce the Group's import dependence and improve module pro-

duction and price control. At the Crisil Summit, Adani said, "We are confident that we will produce the world's least expensive green electron that will become the feedstock for several sectors that must meet the sustainability mandate." "To achieve this, we are building the world's largest single-site renewable energy park in Khavda, Kutch, Gujarat. He stated that this location will generate 30 GW of power, bringing our renewable energy capability to 50 GW by 2030.

## Patanjali demanded a deposit of Rs. 50 lakh for violating an HC decision

**Delhi:** After Mangalam Organics Ltd. filed a complaint alleging trademark infringement, the High Court issued an interim order in August 2023 prohibiting Patanjali Ayurved Ltd. from selling its products that include camphor. On July 8, a single bench of Justice R I Chagla observed that Patanjali acknowledged violating the previous ruling awarding an injunction against the sale of the contested camphor products in an affidavit filed in June. In August 2023, the High Court issued an interim order restraining Patanjali Ayurved Ltd from selling its camphor prod-



ucts in response to charges made by Mangalam Organics Ltd. On July 8, a single bench of Justice R I Chagla observed that Patanjali acknowledged violating the previous ruling awarding an injunction against the sale of the contested camphor products in an affidavit filed in June. Suing Patanjali Ayurved, Mangalam

Organics claimed that their camphor products were being copied. Suing Patanjali Ayurved, Mangalam Organics claimed that their camphor products were being copied. Later, it filed an application, alleging that Patanjali's ongoing sale of the camphor products constituted a violation of the interim injunction.

## TCS employed 5,452 in Q1, reversing headcount decline

**Delhi:** Tata Consultancy Services (NS:TCS) employed 5,452 people in the first quarter of FY25, reversing three-quarters of the workforce reduction. The company's headcount fell for the first time in 19 years in FY24. The company has 6,06,998 workers. In Q1 FY25,

attrition dropped to 12.1%, the business claimed. After reporting a 9% year-on-year growth in net profit to Rs 12,040 crore in Q1 FY25, Chief Human Resources Officer Milind Lakkad said he was "delighted to announce the successful completion of our annual increment

process." "Our sustained focus on staff engagement and development led to industry-leading retention and good business performance, with the net headcount addition being very satisfying," Lakkad said. In Q1, TCS earned Rs 62,613 crore, up 5.4% from the previous year.

## The newly elected office bearers of BPMS took oath in a dignified program

**New Delhi:** The oath taking ceremony of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh was organized at the Constitution Club in New Delhi. The program was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp in the presence of Rajya Sabha member ND Gupta. During the dignified program, the newly elected office bearers of Bhiwani Parivar Maitri Sangh for the year 2024-27 were also administered the oath of office and secrecy. The oath taking ceremony was held under the supervision of Chief Election Commissioner JS Gupta, Election Commissioner KL Garg and Abhay Jain. JS Gupta administered the oath of office and secrecy to all the office bearers. Rajesh Chetan took

oath as the President of the organization, Dinesh Gupta-General Secretary, Pawan Moda-Treasurer, Hansraj Ralhan-Vice President, Vinay Singhal-Vice President, Manish Goyal-Organization Minister, Meenakshi Garg-Secretary, Sanjay Gupta-Joint Secretary, Deepak Gupta-Joint Secretary, Pramod Kumar Sharma-Publicity Minister, Sanjay Jain (Karol Bagh) and Sanjay Jain (Prashant Vihar) took oath as executive members. It is noteworthy that all these office bearers have been elected unanimously. Along with this, the conveners of various service committees were nominated as executive members. These included

Sanjay Aggarwal, Govind Ram Bansal, Sachin Mehta, Sunil Sharma, Sanjay Goyal, Mahendra Chawla, Amardeep Singh, Sunil Bansal, Umesh Mittal, Mahadev Jindal, Pooja Bansal and Kanta Bajaj. On this occasion, Rajya Sabha MP ND Gupta praised the work of BPMS wholeheartedly and announced to provide all possible help from his MP fund. Internationally renowned doctor Dr. Ramesh Gupta from America was a special attraction of the program. After practicing in America for 40 years, he will now make India his workplace. He announced a contribution of Rs. 5 lakh to BPMS to fulfill its mission and gladly agreed to join the Board

of Trustees of the organization. The re-elected president of the organization and internationally renowned poet Rajesh Chetan said that the aim of the organization is to provide a friendly environment to the families who have come from the district and settled in metro cities, to promote the art and culture of the country and the state, and to inspire the youth for the unity and integrity of the country. He said that BPMS has left no stone unturned in fulfilling all its social responsibilities. He said that in the last one year, free cataract surgery was done for more than a thousand eye from this, under 'Mission Pink', every level of help was provided.

## Tata Motors, M&M discount as demand drops

**Delhi:** Is the auto market slump pushing pricing cuts? Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have dropped the price of several of its important SUVs to boost demand, while Maruti, Hyundai, and Honda all offer discounts. Two premium flagship SUVs from Tata Motors have been discounted by Rs 1.4 lakh. The Harrier costs Rs 14.9 lakh and the Safari Rs 15.5 lakh. Even the Nexon EV is discounted Rs 1.3 lakh. Tata Passenger Electric Mobility chief business officer Vivek Srivastava called them "never



seen before benefits" to improve vehicle accessibility. He noted that the Punch electric SUV includes a Rs 30,000 benefit. Mahindra & Mahindra released a special edition XUV700. The XUV700's fully-loaded AX7 range starts at Rs 19.5 lakh, down over Rs 2 lakh. "The price cut will enable more peo-

ple to experience the range," the business claimed. Save almost Rs 2 lakhs on this feature-packed SUV with petrol and diesel engines. Four-month limited offer! Find exclusive offers and discounts on Tata Motors' Harrier, Safari, Nexon.ev, and Punch.ev models until July 31, 2024.

## New rule in India will ensure digital titans pay news publishers fairly

**Delhi:** India may pass a regulation to ensure equitable deals between tech corporations and news publishers. According to Mint, Australia and other nations have required Google and Meta to compensate for exploiting news content on their platforms, which inspired this approach. Sources told the report that this legislation will be in addition to the Digital Competition Bill, which has held public discussions. In 2022, Jayant Sinha's parliamentary standing committee on finance proposed regulations to help news publishers negotiate fair and transparent deals with powerful digital companies. It was left out of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs'



Digital Competition Bill. The newspaper cited sources saying this Bill will set criteria for large technology companies to foster fair competition in digital markets. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is considering a proposal to level the playing field between news aggregators and publishers, a source said. A separate statute is being considered. The article said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is

reviewing Australia's news media bargaining code and impending rules in other countries. This has boosted digital news publisher revenues dramatically. "India, among other nations, is proposing a regulatory framework to secure fair contracts between news organizations and internet giants. Digital advertising generated Rs 40,865 crore and grew 36.6% in 2023, according to the research.

## Budget 2024: Government may guarantee NPS to calm anxieties

**Delhi:** This is despite the 2004 recruit program offering substantial profits for 25-30-year investors. The Centre has ruled out a return to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), but it kept the door open to provide consolation when Congress reversed a Manmohan Singh government decision. OPS is a defined benefit program that pays half the final wage as a lifetime pension, subject to pay commission recommendations. However, NPS is a defined contribution program where government employees contribute 10% of their basic income and the Centre contributes 14%. The Somanathan committee has examined global experience and the Andhra Pradesh government's modification, as well as extensive calculations

KNOW YOUR RETURNS		
<b>Central govt scheme returns</b> (Returns in % since inception)		
9.73	9.56	9.52
SBI Pension Fund	LIC Pension Fund	UTI Retirement Services
<b>State govt scheme returns</b> (Returns in % since inception)		
9.53	9.49	9.45
LIC Pension Fund	UTI Retirement Services	SBI Pension Fund

Returns as on July 8, 2024. Source: NPS Trust.

to assess the impact of an assured return. The Centre can guarantee 40-45%, but politically, it doesn't solve the concerns of 25-30-year employees. Thus, a 50% guarantee is gaining government support. In case of a deficiency, the government will compensate. Since the Centre has no retirement fund, several committee members believe an annual estimation will be needed, unlike the

government pension scheme, which is unfunded. As with corporations that offer retirement benefits, the Centre may create a fund this time. Officials say individuals who stay working for 25-30 years are seeing adequate earnings to match OPS pension payments, and complaints of low payouts are only from people who have left the system after 20 years or fewer.

## Apple alerts 98 countries, including India, about spyware

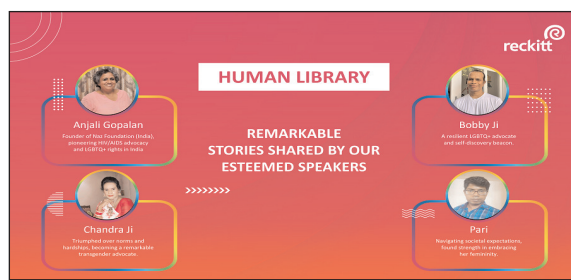


**Delhi:** The IT giant Apple has alerted consumers to a potential new mercenary malware attack similar to "Pegasus" in at least 98 countries, including India. "You are being targeted by a mercenary spyware attack that is trying to remotely compromise the iPhone associated with your Apple ID," according to the Apple alert. The iPhone manufacturer went on to say in the warning that this attack is "likely targeting you specifically because of who you are or what you do".

"Apple has great confidence in this warning, even though it's never feasible to identify such attacks with 100% certainty. Kindly consider it carefully," the business said. Similar alerts were sent to Indian users by the US-based technology corporation in October of last year. The internet giant may have used "mercenary spyware" like Pegasus from the NSO Group to target specific consumers in 92 countries, including those in India, by sending threat notifications in April of this year.

## Reckitt culminated Pride Month 2024 with a Human Library and Queer Flea Market, empowering the LGBTQIA+ community

**GURUGRAM :** Reckitt, world's leading consumer health and hygiene company, announced the culmination of Pride Month 2024 by hosting a Human Library and Queer Flea Market at its headquarters in Gurugram. A testament of the company being one of the strongest allies for the LGBTQIA+ community, the celebrations were attended by senior leadership and employees from across Reckitt. The Human Library organized in partnership with Naz Foundation, a non-profit organization that works for the rights and well-being of marginalized communities in India, provided employees an opportunity to learn from life stories of the community members. It witnessed esteemed speakers including Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Founder, Naz Foundation India and LGBTQIA+ advocate, Chandra Ji, a proud advocate of LGBTQIA+ rights and Bobby Ji, a



resilient LGBTQIA+ advocate and self-discovery beacon, found strength in embracing her femininity. The Human Library was followed by a Queer Flea Market where entrepreneurs from the LGBTQIA+ community such as Rajinder, Hira, Mona and, Avinash set up stalls for the employees to engage and buy their products. Ravi Bhatnagar, Director, External Affairs and Partnerships, SOA, Reckitt said, "We, at Reckitt, are proud to be one of the strongest allies for the LGBTQIA+ community members in India and are committed to fostering a culture of equality that supports every individual. We have been paving the path for a world

where inclusivity and equality takes the center stage. With our initiatives such as Durex The Birds & Bees Talk (TBTT), we have been consistently working towards building an inclusive and understanding society and, address the challenges of growing up among young adults and kids." Commenting on the Pride Month celebration, Abhishikta Das, Regional HR Director, South Asia, Reckitt said, "At Reckitt, we are committed to creating a safe and inclusive workplace for everyone. We are continuously making efforts to empower LGBTQIA+ individuals and conducting sensitization activities and targeted interventions in our organization.

## Blue Planet Environmental Solutions Launches first-of-its-kind EcoXR Club under Blue Nudge initiative

**Sonapat:** Blue Planet Environmental Solutions, one of Asia's top ten climate tech companies, renowned for its leadership in circularity and sustainability solutions is elevating its innovative sustainability efforts with the launch of EcoXR Club, a new program under Blue Nudge, an education to action platform. The Blue Nudge initiative empowers students to advocate for environmental responsibility and sustainable practices, emphasizing community engagement and fostering behavioral change. The EcoXR Clubs, part of this initiative, aim to offer students first-of-its-kind immersive learning experience through innovative integration of AR, VR, AI, and Unreal technology, enhancing engagement and deepening understanding for lasting impact. The program focuses on six critical themes aligned with planetary boundaries: climate change, biodiversity, waste management, conscious con-



sumption and production, water conservation, and energy conservation. Speaking about this new program, Harsh Mehrotra, CEO and Co-Founder, Blue Nudge, said, "We are a forward-thinking organization committed to addressing environmental challenges through strategic community engagement and educational initiatives. Our goal is to engage 10 million students across over 20,000 schools, colleges, and universities globally by 2030. By combining education with actionable sustainability practices, we are partnering with various leading entities like the National Independent Schools Alliance (NISA) and planning to establish environ-

mental studios in both government and private schools. Through our EcoXR Clubs, we aim to deliver a transformative impact on future generations, aligning our efforts with our business objectives and the broader sustainability goals." In July, Blue Nudge commenced the unique EcoXR Clubs at JS University in Shikohabad, Uttar Pradesh, TDI International School and Maa Saraswati in Kundli, Haryana, targeting over 750 students from classes 6th - 8th. With a target to establish over 100 clubs this year in Delhi NCR, Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, EcoXR Clubs aim to revolutionize environmental education.

## CAPSULES

### Appeal made to NMC to commence teaching in 13 new medical colleges

**Lucknow**

An appeal has been made to the National Medical Commission (NMC) to commence MBBS courses in 13 new medical colleges in the state for the academic session 2024-25. This appeal has been made under Section 28(5) of the NMC Act, 2019. In September 2023, applications were submitted to the NMC seeking Letters of Permission (LOP) for the admission of 100 MBBS students for the ...[17:51, 19/7/2024] +91 89600 23998: Yogi govt enhances online transport services, vehicle owners can now update mobile numbers online on 'parivahan portal' Additional Transport Commissioner (IT) provides step-by-step guide for updating mobile number on Parivahan Portal The data mentioned in the vehicle registration certificate should match 85 percent with the Aadhar card Lucknow, July 19 In a bid to enhance online transport services, the Yogi government has introduced a new initiative for vehicle owners. Those who need to update or correct their mobile number in their vehicle registration can now do so by visiting the department's website at <http://www.parivahan.gov.in>. This new service allows vehicle owners to update their details from the comfort of their homes, ensuring they stay informed about challans or any other actions. A.K. Singh, the Additional Transport Commissioner (IT/Enforcement) of Uttar Pradesh, said that during inspections by the enforcement team, it was found that many vehicle registrations either have incorrect or outdated mobile numbers.

## HDFC Bank Parivartan impacts 10.19 crore lives, 9000+ villages through CSR initiatives as of March 31, 2024

**HISAR / AMBALA:** HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, reported an expenditure of Rs 945.31 crore on corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives for the Financial Year 2023-24 in the Integrated Annual Report for the year. This represents an increase of almost Rs 125 crore over the previous fiscal year. Under the umbrella of its CSR brand, Parivartan, HDFC Bank's initiatives have thus far impacted 10.19 crore lives, reaching over 9,000 villages and more than 10 lakh households, including coverage in 85 out of 112 districts identified in the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) of the



Government of India. Focused on creating sustainable livelihoods for marginalised communities, especially women, Parivartan operates across 28 states and 8 Union Territories. Key Areas of Focus: Rural Development, Promotion of Education, Skill Development and Livelihood Enhancement, Healthcare and Hygiene, Financial Literacy, Environment, Mr. Kaizad Bharucha, Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank, said, "Our CSR initiatives under Parivartan reflect our commitment to holistic development.

Our goal is to drive economic and social development by empowering communities across the country. By addressing the critical areas of rural development, education, skill enhancement, healthcare, financial literacy, and the environment, we aim to create sustainable and inclusive growth in the communities in which we operate." Mr. Bharucha also manages Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) functions in addition to his other responsibilities. Rural Development:

The Bank initiatives include natural resource management, school infrastructure development, agricultural support, soil and water conservation, and healthcare projects to improve the quality of life in rural India through its Holistic Rural Development Programme and Focused Development Programmes. The Bank has covered over 9000 villages as of March 31, 2024. Promotion of Education: The Bank has reached over 2 crore students till date for initiatives that focus on improving the quality of education through teacher training, scholarships, career guidance, and infrastructural support.

## Tata AIA features in top 10 Global Ranking with 2584 MDRT qualified advisors. Its Consumers to benefit from best-in-class life insurance advise

**HISAR :** Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurance companies, is pleased to announce that the company has secured # 6 position in the Global Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) rankings for 2024\*. The Company achieved the largest number of MDRT-qualified Life Insurance Advisors in India with 2584 registered MDRTs. With 1238 qualified Women MDRT Advisors, the Company ranked # 1 in India and # 7 globally\*\* among companies with



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MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. The company witnessed a 30.64 % increase in MDRT-qualified Advisors registered in comparison to the previous year. For the same period, female MDRT qualifiers saw a 32.26% increase. Amit Dave, Chief Distribution Officer - Proprietary Business, Tata AIA said, "It gives us great pride to have achieved the largest number of MDRT members .

## Yogi govt transforms Bundelkhand into key investment hub

**Lucknow,** The fourth edition of the Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC 4.0) saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch investment projects totaling approximately Rs 69,000 crore for Bundelkhand. Remarkably, within just five months of

the launch, commercial production has commenced for projects valued at around Rs 8,000 crore, creating job opportunities for thousands in the region. This initial wave of projects constitutes 11 percent of the total investment allocated for Bundelkhand in GBC 4.0, with the remaining projects expected to start soon. Once considered a backward region, Bundelkhand is now emerging as a prominent investment destination thanks to the efforts of the Yogi government. According to the data of Invest UP, the agency responsible for monitoring and promoting investments in the state, commercial production has begun for 3,984

projects worth a total of Rs 1,14,345 crore. Among these, Bundelkhand has 156 projects worth Rs 7,894 crore. This amount represents 11 percent of the project funds allocated for Bundelkhand in GBC 4.0. During GBC 4.0, 693 projects in Bundelkhand were launched with a total investment of Rs 68,933 crore, which is 7 percent of the total projects worth Rs 10 lakh crore launched during the event. The start of these projects is expected to create large-scale job opportunities in Bundelkhand, reducing the need for residents to seek employment in other regions or states. Jhansi sees the highest investment.

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members in India for the second consecutive year and rank # 6 MDRT Company in the world. This validates our continuous commitment to our consumers, by ensuring they receive best-in-class advice to secure their future and fulfill their aspirations towards their loved ones. Our MDRT certified agents and Direct sales employees enable our consumers to be Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar and live a fikar-free life". Life Insurance solutions are long term products and hence receiving the right advice from a long-term perspective is very important for consumers. A higher number of MDRT advisors clearly puts a life insurer at advantage since the right advice.

## Salempur will be developed as an industrial hub

**Lucknow/Hathras**

In a bid to advance industrial development schemes across Uttar Pradesh, various plans are being fast-tracked by state industrial authorities. Aligned with CM Yogi's vision, a detailed action plan has been set to develop Salempur in Hathras into a major industrial area. Notably, the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) has now begun the transformation process, which will be executed through the appointment of a contractor agency and work allocation. The development will be conducted in two phases using Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) methods, with a total investment of Rs 325.54 crore. The contractor agency is tasked with completing all construction and development work within 18 months. Following Chief Minister Yogi's vision, UPSIDA will develop 483 acres of land in Salempur as an industrial area. This area may be expanded further if needed. According to the master plan, the first phase will involve developing 799,899 square meters and the second phase will cover 328,572 square meters as industrial plotted areas. Additionally, 40,118 square meters will be designated for warehouse areas, 26,579 square meters for commercial areas, and 122,467 square meters for amenities. The development will also include the construction of roads totalling 10.57 kilometres .

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