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Odisha CM-designate Majhi was once an MLA who slept on footpaths



BHUBANESWAR: Odisha's chief minister-designate Mohan Charan Majhi has worn many hats - farmer, teacher in an RSS-run school, sarpanch, Adivasi rights advocate, and a crusader against the mining mafia. Being named BJP's first CM in its new eastern frontier marks the culmination of the 52-year-old's almost unheralded journey to political prominence.

The four-time Keonjhar MLA, who shares his Santhal roots with India's first Adivasi Prez Droupadi Murmu, is seen as a strategic pick by BJP months ahead of the assembly elections in predominantly tribal Jharkhand. Growing up at Raikala in Keonjhar Sadar region, Majhi showed early promise as a student and someone keen to take up a cause for his community. He studied law and taught for a while at RSS-run

Saraswati Shisu Vidya Mandir before plunging into politics as an elected sarpanch from 1997 to 2000, when he became MLA for the first time. As secretary of BJP's Adivasi Morcha, Majhi quickly hit his straps and worked his way up the party ranks to become its chief whip in 2019. He previously had a stint as deputy chief whip when BJP was part of a coalition with BJD from 2005 to 2009. On his return as Keonjhar MLA in 2019 after a decade since his last electoral vic-

tory in 2004, Majhi made headlines when he spoke in the assembly about being forced to spend several nights on a footpath due to delay in allotment of a govt quarter to him. Majhi told the then assembly speaker, S N Patro, that he couldn't rent a house at short notice, and his mobile phone was stolen while he was asleep in the open. In a quirk of circumstance, general administration department is now house-hunting for the CM-elect. Since outgoing CM Naveen

Patnaik lived in his private residence in Bhubaneswar for past 24 years, the need to have a designated chief ministerial bungalow was never felt. Majhi's only brush with controversy came in Sept last year when former speaker Pramila Mallik suspended him along with Dalit legislator Mukesh Mahaling for allegedly throwing a fistful of dal at her in protest against an alleged dal procurement scam for mid-day school meals. He had contested the allegation. In 2022, Majhi told the assembly that the lives of some MLAs were under threat from the mining mafia. The previous year, he had escaped unhurt when motorbike-borne assailants hurled crude bombs at his vehicle in Keonjhar. Majhi is married to Priyanka Marandi and the couple have two sons.

BJP may pick Dalit, woman or OBC with strong RSS links as new chief

NEW DELHI: After formation of Modi-3.0 govt, the focus now shifts to who will be the next BJP chief amid looming electoral battles, including in Maharashtra and Haryana, where the party is incumbent and where it performed badly in Lok Sabha polls. J P Nadda, who has been inducted as a key cabinet minister in Modi govt, has completed his tenure as party chief and the process to elect his successor is likely in the next few days. A decision on nominating a working president pending election of a full-time chief will be taken by the party brass. Though replacements have been smooth affairs, party circles and others will be watching whether it will be influenced by the desire for fresh reachouts to OBCs and women. With many prominent faces, including those



'400 paar' call backfired, was linked to negative narrative: Shinde

MUMBAI: BJP's slogan was "400 paar" and the objective was to win over 400 LS seats, but in certain regions, a negative narrative was set that the Constitution would be changed, and the "400 paar" target was linked to it, said Maharashtra CM and Shiv Sena chief

Ek Nath Shinde on Tuesday. "People kept this in mind and it backfired. Their vehicle could not even cross 300. In several states they got a major setback. In Maharashtra too, Mahayuti did not get the success it was expecting," said the BJP ally. The exercise has taken on an additional dimension because of speculation of view that RSS, always an important stakeholder, might take against background of its widely discussed estrangement.

PM Modi, Tollywood stars to attend as Naidu takes CM oath today

VIJAYAWADA: TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu will take oath as the new chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday along with his council of ministers. The swearing-in ceremony will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah, BJP chief J P Nadda, Union minister Bandi Sanjay and other NDA leaders. Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan is likely to be the deputy chief minister with a key portfolio. Jana Sena is likely to get three more cabinet berths, with Naidu leaving the decision on picking the candidates to Pawan. Naidu was unanimously elected as leader of NDA legislature party in Andhra Pradesh.

'One nation, one poll' & UCC very much part of government agenda, asserts law mantri

NEW DELHI: Soon after assuming charge as law and justice minister on Tuesday, Arjun Ram Meghwal said a uniform civil code (UCC) and 'one nation, one poll' were part of govt's agenda, but refrained from giving a timeframe for implementation. The two initiatives were part of BJP's poll promises and the party's loss of majority in Lok Sabha and the resultant reliance on allies TDP and JD(U) has led to speculation whether the Modi govt would be willing and able to push them. On 'one nation, one poll', Meghwal said, "The report has been submitted and we will look into it. It is very much part of govt's agenda." On UCC, the minister was not very forthcoming but made it clear that it was part of BJP's poll manifesto. In keeping with directives from PM Narendra Modi, Meghwal signed off on the National Litigation Policy (NLP), which aims at bringing down pendency, on his first day in office. It will now be sent to the cabinet for approval. Meghwal said NLP will facilitate ease of living for citizens and involve all stakeholders - lawyers, litigants and govt. "We have to develop a culture of ease of living, as envisaged by PM," he added. The policy has been in the works for at least a decade-and-a-half. UPA govt had first floated the proposal to bring down long pendency of cases in courts. The idea was taken forward by NDA govt when it framed broad guidelines to reduce pendency. As part of the policy, it was made compulsory for all govt, both at the Centre and states, to encourage incorporating arbitration and mediation clauses in contracts. Govt being the largest litigant in the country, a target was proposed for all departments to reduce cases and make it part of their results framework. It also provided for meeting of secretaries of respective departments, both at central and state levels, to review implementation of the policy. Law departments were to periodically.

Lieutenant General Upendra will be the next Army chief; govt junks supersession rumours

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi will take over as the next Army chief from General Manoj Pande on June 30, the govt announced late on Tuesday, junking all speculation that a supersession could be in the offing for the top post. The government has gone by the seniority principle in appointing Lt-Gen Dwivedi, who was



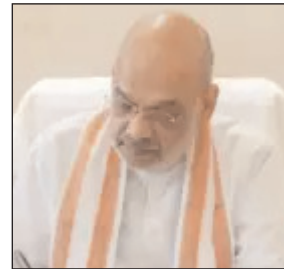
commissioned into the 18 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in December 1984 and is currently the vice chief, as the 30th Army chief. He will take over the reins of the 12-lakh strong

force at a time when India remains locked in a tense military confrontation with China all along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control, which is into its fifth year now, while there has been no let-up in Pakistan's attempts to actively aid and abet cross-border terrorism. In a highly unusual move on May 26, the government had granted a month's extension to General

Pande just six days before his slated retirement, triggering wide-spread speculation that a supersession in the military hierarchy was on the cards. had then quoted a top government official as saying that "any speculation or controversy is unwarranted" because it had been decided that the top military post would be filled only after the election.

Will build Bharat as bulwark against terror, Naxals: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Home and cooperation minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Modi govt, in its third term, "shall take its efforts for India's security to the next level and build Bharat as a bulwark against terrorism, insurgency and Naxalism". Shah, who took charge both at the ministry of home affairs (MHA) and the ministry of cooperation - the two portfolios he held in the last regime as well - after

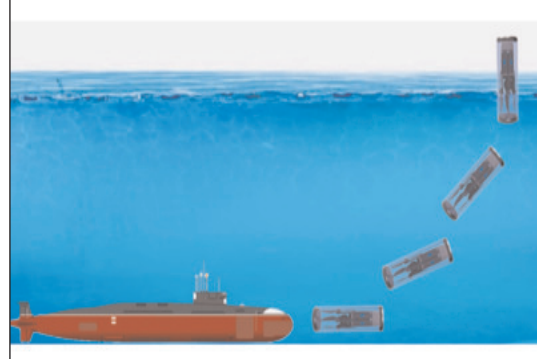


paying homage to police martyrs at National Police Memorial here, said "MHA remains committed to the security of the nation and its people, as it always has been". Among the key

and immediate priorities of the home ministry, as per senior officials, would be smooth rollout of the three criminal laws - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam - that come into force on July 1; conducting Census which will be the basis for delimitation of seats ahead of implementation of women's quota in legislatures.

DRDO plans India's first underwater-launched UAV, awards contract to Pune startup Sagar Defence

New Delhi To boost India's underwater military capabilities, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has decided to develop a first-of-its-kind underwater-launched unmanned aerial vehicles (ULUAVs), with help from a Pune-based defence startup, that will be launched from a submarine. DRDO's Technology Development Fund (TDF) has awarded the technology development contract for ULUAVs to Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt Ltd after selecting it out of the 17 firms through a competitive bidding process. DRDO's Defence Research & Development



Laboratory (DRDL) will assist Sagar Defence, which had earlier developed a maritime spotter drone for the Indian Navy, in ULUAV technology development. The agreement with Sagar Defence was signed in the presence of DRDL director Dr G A S Murthy and Indian Navy officials. A ULUAV will have the capability to be deployed quickly, safely and autonomously from a moving submarine. It will have high

endurance and long range, giving it a huge surprise element advantage. It will enable discreet surveillance missions, allowing submarines to monitor potential threats without revealing their presence. Mridul Babbar, director & vice-president of business development, Sagar Defence, told TOI, "This ULUAV technology is going to be highly advanced. Only a few countries in the

world possess ULUAVs but they are not highly advanced. Like the US ULUAV has a range of 7 km and its endurance is for 30 minutes. However, DRDO has entrusted us to develop a ULUAV that will have a longer endurance of more than one hour and will have a range of over 20 km. And we are the first to develop this technology in India. This ULUAV will be for maritime and underwater domain awareness and will be used for data gathering." This will be expandable and in future, weapons can also be installed on it, he added. The project signifies Modi govt's proactive approach to fostering indigenous innovation and technological advancement.

Rains, cash support to spur rural demand

MUMBAI/CHENNAI: Rural consumption demand, which is yet to recover from the pandemic's blow, is expected to rise in this fiscal on the back of an 'above-normal' monsoon coupled with budgetary measures aimed at boosting rural spends. Increase in farm output along with populist measures. aimed at supporting the lower-income groups will put more money in the hands of the rural poor. set to improve this year from last year's level when El Nino conditions hit output, said Tanvee Gupta Jain, chief India economist at UBS. "A good monsoon could lead to removal of restrictions on exports. Govt is also likely to use part of the bounty it has realised from RBI's (record) Rs 2.1 lakh crore dividend to support consumption among the lower .

Amarnath yatra, polls to keep security forces busy in J&K

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir, which witnessed record turnouts in the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls, has a rather busy security calendar in the months ahead. With the Amarnath yatra due to start on June 29 and stretching till Aug 19 and the impending polls at various levels - panchayat, urban bodies and assembly, of which the latter even faces a Sept 30 deadline set by the Supreme Court - the security arrangements involving large-scale deployment of central para-military forces across the UT, are unlikely to see any letup. The back-to-back, high-security events may have to be managed. such that the assembly polls in the Union Territory are completed by Sept 30, honouring the SC direction dated Dec 2023.

Sources in the security agencies indicated that holding polls while the Amarnath yatra is underway may not be a feasible option as both events demand undivided attention and engagement of the security forces. Not only this, tying up the assembly polls with the panchayat/urban body polls in the UT may also not be advisable given that each candidate must be given a security shield against possible targeted attacks by terrorist outfits. In fact, this very reason was cited by Election Commission in March, for not holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly polls in J&K. Sources in J&K govt indicated that the ideal timing of J&K poll, going by security logistics and forces availability, may be soon after the Amarnath yatra .

District level monitoring, evaluation and review committee meet held

Over arrangements in destitute cattle shelters under chairmanship of DM

Prayagraj: District level monitoring, evaluation and review committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate regarding arrangements in destitute cow shelters. Special Correspondent Prayagraj, Sanyam Bharat, District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal holding a meeting of the district level monitoring, evaluation and review committee in Sangam Auditorium on Tuesday.

While reviewing the arrangements in the destitute cattle shelters, he said that the cow sheds where there is a possibility of water logging problem during the



rainy season, should be rectified immediately, so that there is no water logging situation there during the rainy season. May it happen. The District Mag-

istrate has given instructions to maintain proper arrangements including drinking water, green fodder, lighting, tin shed, cleanliness and other necessary arrange-

ments at the destitute cow shelter sites. He has asked the Block Development Officers to check all the necessary arrangements in the destitute cow shel-

ters located in their area and submit their report.

The District Magistrate has given instructions to complete 100% vaccination on time to pre-

vent foot and mouth disease, throat infection and other diseases occurring in cattle during the rainy season. The District Magistrate has instructed the Veterinary Officers to visit the destitute cattle shelters at regular intervals and keep checking the health of the protected cows. He has asked to complete 100% tagging of cattle. On this occasion, District Development Officer Bholanath Kanojia, Chief Veterinary Officer Anil Singh, Deputy Veterinary Officers, Block Development Officers and officials of other concerned departments were present.

Higher education dept to play imp role in expanding UP's economy

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay held a meeting with departmental officials in the assembly office to take the state's economy to \$1 trillion. Instructions have been given by the Chief Minister to prepare a new policy in the unserved districts where there is no university. He discussed setting up new universities and colleges. He said that top universities of India and foreign universities should be invited to open universities in Uttar



Pradesh. The state government will provide many facilities and assistance in opening a university in Uttar Pradesh, so that the youth of Uttar Pradesh do not have to go out to get education elsewhere. This will give more options to the youth of Uttar Pradesh for higher education. He said that Uttar Pradesh will become a hub of higher education for foreign students, due to which foreign students will also come to Uttar Pradesh to pursue education. Minister of State for Higher Education Rajni Tiwari, Principal Secretary Higher Education M.P. attended the meeting. Aggarwal, Special Secretary Planning Pulikat Khare along with other departmental officers and Deloitte officials were present in the meeting.

Training camp of UP (Under-17) football team from June 12

36 players enrolled, 13 football players selected from Prayagraj

Prayagraj: Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) in Vardaman West Bengal will organise under-17 National Football Competition in the month of June. Football competition is being organized in which Uttar Pradesh state football team will also participate. Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI) is a national sports promotion organization certified by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India. PEFI is under the



leadership of Nandini Rawat, Secretary, Uttar Pradesh. According to this, after the final selection trials for the selection of Uttar Pradesh football team, a total of 36 football players have been selected in the final training camp which will run from June 12 in Prayagraj under the guidance of selector football coach Indranil Ghosh and assistant coach Rahul Verma, Dinesh Yadav. All the selected players will be given high level training and the players who perform excellently will get a place in the state team of Uttar Pradesh. Among the selected players, 13 are from Prayagraj, 10 from Meerut, 3 from Agra, 1 from Varanasi, 2 from Basti, 2 from Lucknow, K3, 2-2 each from Kanpur and Noida, a total of 34 players are included.

Summer camp of Bhavini Welfare Society concluded with cultural prog

Prayagraj: The closing ceremony of the summer camp running under the aegis of Bhavini Welfare Society concluded with great pomp and show with a cultural programme. The chief guest of the program was Dr. Namrata Jaiswal, a dental specialist. She garlanded the Saraswati statue and the program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp. Among the special guests, Shweta Sahu ji, District President of NHRCCB Women's Wing and State Secretary from Modern Newspaper, Neeta Bhardwaj, Shobha Jaiswal ji were also present. Bouquets were given to everyone by Poonam Singh, Secretary of the organization. Everyone was welcomed by giving body clothes. Everyone was

informed about the welcome address by the Secretary and the work being done in the organization. A colorful cultural program was presented by the spe-



cial children. In the program, first of all, welcome song was given by the children and parents were given (Maat- Salutations to you, father) Songs were presented expressing gratitude I Maiya Yashoda Ye Tera Kanhaiya, Shyam

disguised as Manihari Dance presented by Lyra Dhuria, Sanaya Pal and Tejasvi Singh I Group dance presented on Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Pushpika

Pandey, Krishna Chaudhary, Anirudh Srivastava, Amos Bhatnagar, Vedant Singh, Riyansh Yadav, Krishiv Arora, Rudra Pratap Singh, Nihira and Joseph Dayal participated. Dance on 'To Krishna Hai' was presented

by Sanchit and Sahil Chaudhary. Chief guest The handmade items made by the children were appreciated and blessings were given to the children. The bird's nest made by the children was given as a souvenir by the secretary of the organization. The program was conducted by Ruchi Rai, Deputy Secretary of the organization. Special support in the program was given by Sunita Mishra Coordinator, Preeti Srivastava (Special Teacher), Sarita Pal Special Teacher, Shilu Sonkar (Special Teacher), Krishna Choudhary (Assistant), Dr. Chhviraj (Physiotherapist), Harshvardhan Singh. All the parents were present in the program.

Water containers for birds distributed

Prayagraj: On this occasion, water containers for birds were distributed in Hatiya area by Janhit Karini Samiti. But the national president of the committee, Rajesh Kesarwani and the state president Sushil Jain, along with the workers, went door-to-door and distributed food and water containers for the birds to the people and



urged that in view of the heat, they should do their bit to provide food and water to the birds. Keep earthen pots at home on their respective rooftops. On this occasion Rajesh Kesarwani, Sushil Jain, Arjun Kushwaha, Ashish Agrahari, Ajay Agrahari, Ashok Singh, Prabhat Kumar Kanojia, Gangesh Sharma, etc.

Peace Committee meeting organized to ensure peace and security of Bakrid festival

Prayagraj: An important meeting of Peace Committee was organized in Khuldabad Kotwali premises to ensure the completion of upcoming Bakrid festival with peace and tranquility. This meeting was presided over by Central Peace Committee Chairman Abdul Azim alias Chand Mian. Mainly present in the meeting were ACP Kotwali Manoj Kumar Singh, Police Station Incharge Inspector Satendra Kumar Verma, Second Inspector Sujit Kumar and other outpost incharges. Concerned officers of Municipal Corporation and Water Works Department were also present in the meeting, who during the festival clearly Ex-

pressed his commitment towards ensuring cleanliness and water supply. The important role of Civil Defense volunteers was also discussed, who will assist in maintaining security and order during the festival. The meeting was attended by eminent personalities of the area, such as councillor Abdul Samad, Rameez Ahsan, Azam, Sarfaraz, former councillor Moin, business Board President Fayyaz Ahmed, Saud Akhtar, and Zubair Ahmed etc. were present. All of them together shared their ideas and suggestions to make the festival peaceful and successful.

President Abdul Azim alias Chand Mian appealed



to everyone to maintain mutual harmony and brotherhood. He said that the festival of Bakrid gives the mes-

sage of unity and peace to all of us, and we should spread this message in the society. ACP Manoj

Kumar Singh also assured of making strong security arrangements and appealed to everyone for cooperation. ACP Kotwali Manoj Kumar informed about the preparations of the police administration to maintain law and order. He said that additional police force will be deployed during the festival and patrolling will be increased in sensitive areas. He also appealed to the citizens not to pay heed to any kind of rumors and immediately report any suspicious activity to the police. Police station in-charge Inspector Satendra Kumar Verma said that the police force will be fully alert and will respond to any untoward situation. Immediate action will be

taken to deal with it. Second Inspector Sujit Kumar also informed about the preparations of his department. Municipal Corporation and Water Works Department officials present in the meeting said that cleanliness and water supply will be ensured during the festival. Along with this, Civil Defense volunteers and regional representatives also promised to provide full cooperation in security and arrangements. Thus, everyone resolved to make collective efforts to conduct Bakrid festival with peace and harmony. All the attendees unanimously gave the message of peace and brotherhood and assured cooperation to make the festival a success.

Under Chief Income Tax Commr, Income Tax personnel organized a huge Bhandara

Prayagraj: On the occasion of the third Tuesday of the month of Jyeshtha, under the leadership of Chief Income Tax Commissioner Dr. Shikha Darbari, in the Hanuman temple of Aaykar Bhawan, on the third Tuesday of the holy month Bada Celebrated with great pomp and show, according to the scriptures, this Tuesday is also called Bada Tuesday. On this occasion, a huge Bhandara was also organized at the gate of the Income Tax Complex. In the beginning, Chief Income Tax Commissioner Dr. Shikha Darbari wished everyone's well-being by garlanding the statue of Hanuman ji located in the Income Tax Complex and offering Bhog Prasad, and then inaugurated the Bhandara. On this occasion, the Chief Income Tax Commissioner said that we all are thankful to God that we are in a position to do something for the society. We can spend some part of the salary we get for the welfare of the society and the



poor. It is and should also be done, Damalu and sherbet were distributed in today's Bhandara. In today's program, women officers and employees of Income Tax Department participated enthusiastically and distributed Prasad with service spirit in which Income Tax Officer Ronma Sondhi, Poonam Prasad, Income Tax Inspector Neelam Maurya, Mamta Maurya, Sangeeta Kumari, Sonam Kesarwani, Shubham Malviya, Mamta Chaudhary, Usha Devi, Sunita Devi, Geeta Devi, Komal Pandey and many other women employees were present. During the program, Additional Income Tax Commissioner Shiv Kumar Rai, Income Tax Officer Ravi Kumar Mehta, Subroto Gupta, Nandan Kumar Sonkar, Income Tax Employees Federation officials Yogeshwar Rai, Shreyank Anand, Ravindra Kumar Gaud, Nagendra Singh, Rohit Singh, Bhavesh Shukla, Income Tax Inspector Gyanendra. Employees like Kumar Srivastava, Purushottam Sharma etc. were present.

3rd Bada Mangal celebrated, Prasad distributed

Prayagraj: Like every year, on the third Tuesday of Jeth Mangal, Halwa was offered to the devotees at the Royal Hotel intersection in Hanuman ji's temple located in the Municipal Corporation and distributed to the



devotees. The atmosphere of the area had become Ram-like due to the proclamations of all the devotees. The devotees offered their prayers with devotion. After receiving Hawa Prasad and drinking cold water, they also received the blessings of Hanuman ji. On the said occasion, senior BJP leader Ranjit Singh Councillor Pawan Srivastava Councillor Neeraj Gupta Councillor Manoj Kushwaha Gaurish Ahuja Ram Prakash Singh Prem Kesarwani Anurag Sant Shailendra Srivastava Kushagra Srivastava Alok Srivastava Kuldeep Srivastava and any workers were present.

Nagesh Kesarwani wins medal in Maldives

Prayagraj: Nagesh Kesarwani from Prayagraj participated in 14TH South Asian Body Building & Physique Sports Championships June from 10TH to 16TH June in Maldives and bewildered one & all with his prowess, ending up in winning medals and bringing laurels to nation.



On call of Income Tax Employees Federation, employees on strike for 2nd day

Prayagraj: On the call of the Income Tax Employees Federation Eastern Circle, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, the officials of the Income Tax Employees Federation, Allahabad remained on strike for the second day today. Staff officers said that we have some important issues which are not being considered by the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Lucknow but are being arbitrarily imposed on the employees. Till last years, intra-station transfer of employees was done by the senior officer of the station, which was completely accepted by the employees, but in the changed situation, today the Lucknow administration wants to issue all the transfer and posting orders from Lucknow itself, regarding which the entire Eastern Uttar Pradesh will be transferred. There is dissatisfaction among the Income Tax employees working in the Income Tax Office. Zonal Secretary of Income Tax Employees Federation Yogeshwar Rai, Branch President Shreyank Anand, Vice President Ravindra Kumar Gaud, Secretary Nagendra Singh, Joint Secretary Rohit Singh, Treasurer Bhavesh Shukla sat on strike throughout the day regarding their demands. From time to time other employees are also present in the strike. Zonal Secretary Yogeshwar Rai said that until the administration accepts our demands or gives written assurance, we will continue the protests and demonstrations as per the programs scheduled by the Income Tax Employees General Association, Eastern Circle.

SOG Yamunanagar arrested interstate gang members involved in fraud via online games

CONDUCTED RAIDS ON HIDEOUTS OF OTHER CRIMINALS

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Arrested Cyber Thugs - 1. Suraj Chaurasia, son of Yamuna Prasad, n/o Purampur, Bela police station, Patti Pratapgarh, age 21 years. 2. Piyush Yadav alias Prince, son of late Ravikumar Yadav, son of Raiganj police station, Ghazipur, age 23 years. 3. Ghanshyam Verma, son of Bhu Ram Verma, n/o Dayalbandh police station, Kotwali, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, age 34 years. 4. Himanshu Yadav, son of Jitendra Yadav, resident of Raiganj police station, Kotwali Ghazipur, age 22 years. 5. Manish Nishad, son of Vedram Nishad, resident of village Marartola police station, Dandi dis-



trict, Balod, Chhattisgarh, age 22 years. 6. Azeem Farid, son of Shahnawaz Farid, resident of Kapoorpur Raiganj police station, Kotwali Ghazipur, age 23 years. 7. Shadab son of Late Aftab, Townhall Nigahi Beg Police Station Kotwali Ghazipur, age 21 years. 8. Praveen Verma, son of Jaleshwar Verma, Dayalvan Madhuban Road, Vilaspur Chhattisgarh, age 21 years. 9. Vijay Nishad, son of Late Shekhar Nishad, Manora police station Gunderdehi Balod, Chhattisgarh, age 30 years. 10. Rahul Kamle, son of Rameshwar Kamle, N/o

house near Maheba Purba Patti cemetery. The above mentioned items were recovered from the possession of the accused. On the basis of arrest and recovery, FIR No. 381/2024 Section 34/419/420/467/468/471 IPC and 66C/66D IT Act was registered at Naini police station. During the interrogation of the accused, the network of cyber fraudsters is spread on a large scale in India, who, in the name of providing loan to innocent people, open their account in any bank and take money from the account holder and steal their bank passbook, ATM

card etc. Keep it with you. By using gaming app sites like Instagram, Facebook and multimedia platforms like Ledger etc, they cheat the youth online by giving attractive slogans and luring them to earn money and luring them to win crores of rupees sitting at home and the Axis Cyber of any game. Keep the fraud in your hand. By making them win small amounts, they lure people to win huge amounts and then ruin people's minds by cheating them of lakhs of rupees. During interrogation of the arrested accused, it was found that about Rs 8 lakh to Rs 25 lakh is being defrauded by the arrested gang in a day. Information has been received about the operation of 4-5 such cyber fraud gangs by the leader of the gang, which by developing serial information, raids were also conducted in Gopalganj district and 12 vicious cyber criminals were arrested and 42 mobile phones were seized from their possession. 7 laptops etc. were recovered and gangs are being run by cyber thugs in some other places of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Raiding proceedings are being conducted against them.

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Modi govt to ensure fast development with everyone's support: BJP

Prayagraj: Regarding the formation of the cabinet for the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra and Metropolitan Spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani included Amit Shah as Home and Rajnath Singh again as Central Defence. Minister, Nitin Gadkari congratulated Road Transport Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on becoming the Finance Minister and said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his cabinet will support the Modi government with rapid development and will move towards the goal of developed India. BJP workers congratulated all the leaders who became cabinet and state and independent charge ministers in the cabinet of the third term of the Modi government. Those who congratulated were Kunj Bihari Mishra, Varun Kesarwani, Rajesh Kesarwani, Ramesh Pasi, Vivek Aggarwal, Prashant Shukla, Rakesh Bharti, Anand Vaishya Sudarshan, Sushil Jain, Anand Jaiswal, Ghanshyam Jaiswal, Subhash Vaishya, etc.

Couple dupes investors of Rs. 400 crore; flees

Prayagraj: A couple duped people in Prayagraj of cash worth around Rs. 400 crore and fled. The victims include students, traders, lawyers, housewives, and others. The couple lured people into investing in properties and absconded with their hard-earned money within two years. Several police teams have now been constituted to trace and arrest the fraudster couple. Officers are gathering details of their properties and bank accounts. An FIR has been registered against the director of Niharika Ventures, Abhishek Dwivedi, his wife Niharika, and his father Om Prakash.

In their complaint to the police, the victims of the fraud said that the accused formed a company two years ago and offered returns on investments in the real estate business. The investors were enticed with properties in different areas of the district. Over two years, more than 200 people invested in the company and even encouraged their friends and relatives to invest. However, on June 6, the investors learned that Om Prakash had evicted his son Abhishek from his property. Om Prakash told investors that his son had disappeared. The fraud victims claimed that this was a conspiracy to protect the culprits. Police officials said that so far, 221 fraud victims have come forward. An FIR has been registered for duping them of Rs. 400 crore. The investors include people from all sections of society. SHO of Shivkuti police station, Sanjay Gupta, said the police are collecting more details about the couple and efforts are underway to trace them.

UP Board to digitise 84-year-old records

Prayagraj: Under the central government's initiative, special assistance to states for capital investment (initiative for digitisation), the Uttar Pradesh Board will digitise records from 1923 to 2006. The records from the year 2007 are already available in digitised format. The Board has started the lamination work of the archives and their digitisation which will cost over Rs.1 crore. UP Board officials said that according to the instructions of the government, records of 84 years will be digitised.

The Board of Secondary Education was established in 1921. However, the Board conducted an examination for the first time in 1923. As per UP Board records, 5,655 students were registered in High School and only 89 students got registered for intermediate examination in 1923. The Board has kept the records of the first examination and all other examinations held till now safe in its archives. However, despite using all measures to keep the records safe, they are vulnerable to damage due to natural and other calamities. To keep the records safe and intact, a drive to preserve them has been started under initiative for digitisation scheme.

UP Board secretary Dibyakant Shukla said the initiative will keep the records safe forever. Moreover, their digitised form will speed up the process of issuing mark sheets, certificates and records besides their verification in a transparent way.

Gyan Pustakalay dedicated to society: Mayor

Prayagraj: The 100th year of the Golden Jubilee Celebration was celebrated with great pomp in Knowledge Library Kydganj in which the Chief Guest was Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani. The Mayor said that it is a matter of great good fortune that we are celebrating the 100th year of the Golden Jubilee Celebration. Keeping alive such an old institution can only be done by enlightened people of the society like you and further said that the



knowledge library is dedicated to the society and the nation and is the pride of Keet Ganj which is making Prayagraj proud. The organizers of the program were Rajesh Gupta and Goldie Sahu. Councilor Mukesh Kasera, Rajesh Kesarwani, Babli Sahu, Sangam Lal, Rakesh Gupta, Anil Gupta, Raj Babu Gupta etc. people of the organization were present.

Canals should be operable, allowing farmers to plant: Ujjwal Raman Singh

Prayagraj: From Jamunapar to wish the newly elected MP Ujjwal Raman Singh for his victory, most of the farmers who came complained that the canals were not working due to which paddy sowing was not possible due to which farming was lagging behind. SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha said that immediately MP Ujjwal Raman Singh called the Executive Engineer Baghla, Tons, Belan. Talks were held on which he said that the time table of canals has been fixed. On which the MP said that the time table should be made according to the needs and requirements of the farmers. There is a need right now, farming is lagging behind, animals are dying right now, even if it rains after ten days.



Therefore, the canals should be run at full speed as soon as possible so that water can reach the tail. The MP said that if the canals run on time, the farmers will be able to sow on time and at the same time, in this scorching heat, most of the ponds across the Jamuna will remain dry. The wells have dried up due to which even drinking water is not available to the animals. The running of canals can save the lives of humans as well as animals along with farming.

On fifth day of Ganga Mahotsav, hymns of Mother Ganga, Ganesh and praise of Shiva, enthralled people

Prayagraj: On the fifth day of Ganga Mahotsav, the bhajans of Mother Ganga and Ganesh, Shiv Stuti, sponsored by North Central Region Cultural Center, enthralled the people. Cultural correspondent Prayagraj, Sanyam India, Famous bhajan singer Siddharth Mishra, sponsored by North Central Region Cultural Center, on the fifth day of Ganga Mahotsav. A mesmerizing presentation of Maa Ganga and Ganesh, Shiv Stuti along with other bhajans was made. Former cabinet minister and Senior BJP leader Dr. Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur and Major General Rajesh Bhat, GOC Sub Area, Prayagraj performed the Aarti of Maa Ganga. After the Aarti worship of Maa Ganga, General Secre-

tary of Harihar Ganga Aarti Committee Awadhesh Chandra Gupta read out the resolution letter to all the



devotees. To ensure that Mother Ganga flows clean, clear and uninterrupted, a pledge was taken and to protect and preserve the environment, he requested

and appealed to everyone to save the environment by planting trees wherever they are in their respective

was conducted by renowned announcer Abha Srivastava, Madhur. Under the 10-day event, famous bhajans sponsored by North Central Region Cultural Center tomorrow on 12th June 2024. Bhajans of Mother Ganga will be presented by singer Shiv Shankar Mishra. Suresh Chandra Bade Babu, media in-charge Narendra Maurya Chhunu Baba, Vipul Mittal, assistant media in-charge, Pramod Pandey, Lalji Yadav, Vrat Sheel Sharma, Mithai Lal Aju, Prabhat Mukherjee, aarti artistes, Guddu Pathak, Indresh Goyal, Divyansh Srivastava, at Ganga Mahotsav. Prominent people like Sanju Malhotra, Sanjay Kumar, Radheshyam Dada, Jitendra Jaiswal, Shalin Dibey, etc. were present.

Income limit hiked under marriage grant scheme of backward class welfare

Prayagraj/Lucknow: Yogi government has made a major change in the income limit of the applicants under the marriage grant scheme of backward class welfare. Now the annual income limit of applicants in urban and rural areas has been increased to Rs 1,00,000 (Rs one lakh). State Government's Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Narendra Kashyap said that this change will help the families of more backward classes to get government assistance for the marriage of their daughters. Earlier the income limit of applicants was Rs 56,460 in urban areas and Rs 46,080 in rural areas. Now it has been uniformly increased to Rs 1,00,000, so that more families will be able to avail the benefits of this scheme. By increasing the income limit, more families from

backward classes will be able to take advantage of this scheme and get financial assistance in the marriage of their daughters. The Minister of Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities directed in the departmental review meeting in the office room of the Assembly on Tuesday that necessary action should be taken immediately to fill the vacant posts of the departments. In case of vacancies for which posting is to be done through other departments, posting should be ensured by correspondence. He said that the Chief Minister has given instructions to fill the vacant posts in the departments in a time bound manner and there should not be any negligence or laxity in this process. He said that filling the vacant posts will increase the efficiency of

the departments and better services will be provided to the beneficiaries. This will not only improve the functioning of the departments, but will also increase employment opportunities. It



was told in the meeting that 154 posts are vacant in the Backward Class Welfare Department and 289 posts are filled.

The Backward Class Welfare Minister said that high quality institutions should be selected for computer training conducted for

the backward class youth. This will improve the quality of training and the youth will get better opportunities for employment and self-employment. He said that statistics should

be prepared about youth getting self-employment or employment after receiving computer training. He reviewed the district-wise status of applications received and payments under the Scholarship and Fee Reimbursement Scheme for the Financial Year 2024-25 of

Backward Class Welfare. The Minister for Persons with Disabilities has reviewed the publicity and budget expenditure of the schemes run for Persons with Disabilities. Apart from this, he has taken information about the status of vacancies and appointments for admission and faculty operations of Divyang and general students in the faculties of Jagatguru Rambhadracharya State Divyang University, Chitrakoot. The number of admissions of persons with disabilities in universities should be increased, so that they can be provided more opportunities for higher education and empowerment. Along with this, the condition of departmental construction works and schools has also been reviewed. Skill development training should be provided to the disabled to make them skilled. Due to which disabled people will

get employment and self-employment opportunities. Fairs should be organized for the disabled using state funds. Information about the status of hearing and disposal of cases received by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has also been obtained.

Minister Narendra Kashyap has also directed that the benefits of the schemes should be extended to every eligible beneficiary and no carelessness should be taken in this. Notices should be issued to those who are negligent in delivering the benefits of the schemes to the eligible beneficiaries. Principal Secretary, Disability Empowerment and Backward Class Welfare, Subhash Chandra Sharma, State Commissioner, Disability Empowerment, Bhupendra S. Chaudhary and departmental officers were present.

Editorial

Corruption in the disbursement of compensation

The 2024 general elections have concluded, and the results have generated considerable discussion. The INDIA coalition's performance exceeded expectations, impacting the BJP's anticipated dominance. While the BJP had projected a significantly higher seat count, the actual results fell short of their projections. The Uttar Pradesh outcomes, particularly the loss in the Faizabad (Ayodhya) constituency, were unexpected for the party. The significance of the Ram Mandir, a long-held aspiration for many BJP supporters, contributed to expectations of a comfortable victory in Faizabad. However, the BJP candidate, 70-year-old incumbent BJP MP Lallu Singh was unseated by Samajwadi Party's (SP) Awadhesh Prasad, who won by a margin of 54,567 votes. While this margin might not be considered substantial in the context of national parliamentary elections, the loss itself carries symbolic weight for the BJP. Therefore, it's essential to analyse the factors that contributed to this unexpected outcome in the city of Lord Ram. The Faizabad (Ayodhya) Lok Sabha constituency comprises five Vidhan Sabha constituencies: Dariyabad, Rudauli, Milkipur, Bikapur, and Ayodhya. The BJP held four of these except Milkipur, where the Scheduled Castes and Muslim demographic plays a pivotal role in determining electoral outcomes. In the 2024 general elections, the BJP secured victories in Rudauli, Bikapur, and Ayodhya but faltered in Dariyabad and Milkipur. The SP candidate, Awadhesh Prasad, an incumbent Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), managed to secure a lead from his home constituency of Milkipur as well as Dariyabad. The BJP's leads in the remaining three constituencies were insufficient to counter these losses. Both candidates are seasoned politicians with substantial experience and accomplishments in their respective careers. BJP's candidate, Lallu Singh, held the parliamentary seat for two consecutive terms and had previously served as an MLA on five occasions. On the other hand, SP's candidate, 78-year-old Awadhesh Prasad, was an incumbent MLA from Milkipur and had been elected to the state legislature nine times. Having contested elections since 1974, Prasad's ascension to the Lok Sabha came 47 years after his initial MLA victory. Notably, he also served as a minister in the Uttar Pradesh state government on six different occasions. Prasad's stature as a veteran politician who has consistently delivered electoral triumphs is undeniable. Lallu Singh, on the other hand, had purportedly lost touch with the grassroots over the past five years, according to local accounts, prompting public dissatisfaction with his candidacy. However, the BJP disregarded these sentiments and persisted with his nomination. Conversely, the Samajwadi Party banked on a Scheduled Caste leader with robust local connections and expertise, a strategy that yielded the desired outcome for the INDI alliance. The Muslim-Yadav (M-Y) vote bank had already exhibited an apparent inclination towards the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh and the INDI alliance at the national level. Awadhesh Prasad, hailing from the Scheduled Caste community, managed to secure a significant portion of the Scheduled Caste votes. The anti-incumbency sentiment cannot be disregarded, as Lallu Singh had been the incumbent Member of Parliament since 2014, and the electorate had repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction with his tenure. Despite the BJP government undertaking developmental projects such as the construction of wide roads, highways and airports and the renovation of the railway station in Ayodhya, widespread corruption in the disbursement of compensation funds led to discontentment among the local populace. Furthermore, the lack of infrastructural development in the areas surrounding Ayodhya contributed to the BJP's defeat in the Faizabad constituency.

BJP's Jats in Uttar Pradesh planned to deal with each other

BJP's Jats in Uttar Pradesh planned to deal with each other and due to this they were dealt with. After the alliance with Galrog, Baghpat MP Satyapan Singh was happy that this time Muzaffarnagar MP and Union Minister Sanjeev Batiyan could not stand against this alliance and if he loses, then my defeat is certain. Similarly, on the other side, Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan thought that on one hand, the alliance of Nir and Saka can prove to be the reason for my victory and with my loss, Satyapal Singh from Baghpat will become the Union Minister. Thinking this, Sanjeev Balyan along with Jat leader and BJP's Uttar Pradesh's Akshay Bhupendra Chaudhary made a plan to bring RLD President Chaudhary in BJP's alliance with NDA and after many days of effort, the plan was finally successful. Under this, Baghpat's Lok Sabha seat went into the account of the people and Union Minister Santriya Mantifan easily dealt with his rival Sawpal Singh. Kalid also won both his Lok Sabha seats



and Bijnor in this Lok Sabha election, but gave a shock by losing the Muzaffarnagar seat won by the BJP the last two times, to Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan. After winning, Jat leader Harendra Mantri, who fought on SP ticket and dealt with Sanjeev Balyan, said that he has taken revenge for Chaudhary Ajit Singh's defeat and has promised to take action against Jayant Chaudhary in Hathras. But Sanjeev Balyan must have taken the responsibility of taking out a procession of his defeat for the party and the monkey chief must have also been somewhat satisfied somewhere. But now the problem of the state president Bhupendra is that there is a possibility

of bad election results in Uttar Pradesh. Now the Jat leaders of BJP are trying to put the blame of the defeat on Jayant. They want that even if Jayant Chaudhary i.e. RLD's alliance with BJP does not break, and even if Jayant Chaudhary is not expelled, then at least he should not become a minister. Efforts are being made to believe reliable sources. Although today Jayant Chaudhary is not in a position to insist on a ministerial post, but his many demands can be accepted at this time, because he is the only leader from Western Uttar Pradesh who represents the Jat community in the NDA on two Lok Sabha seats and even if the NDA distances Jayant Chaudhary from itself,

then the NDA can solve their problems in the Lok Sabha seats. But the thing is that when it comes to running away, he too did not run away from the NDA alliance because he felt that the NDA alliance was closed for him. It seems that now there is no hope of getting leadership from Chaudhary Charan Singh and Chaudhary Ajit Singh Jai, at least from these leaders. Yes, the party needs a new leadership, which can raise the voice of not only Western Uttar Pradesh but the entire state like the earlier Jat leaders, especially the farmers, laborers and solve their problems. But I am very saddened by this split of the Jat leaders, and this sorrow is because those doors can be closed at this time which may stop the entry of people. But only one door which can be opened with a little push of the hand. Although the Jats also have this, and I think it has always been there that if later India Bandhan forms the government by manipulation, then it will not be possible to do anything. Anyway, all these Jat leaders are preparing to

make Modi or Prime Minister somehow with the help of Vaishnavi. That is why they and their close aides do not allow any kind of split to happen at this time because if at this time even one party splits, then the other parties in this biggest alliance of the country will become alert and it is possible that they also try to break this alliance. However, if we talk about Jayant Chaudhary, these leaders did some special work in their respective areas, but they were always busy in settling scores with others and today the situation is so divided among themselves that the unity and rights of this community are being lost, but no Jat leader has the courage to bring the entire Jat community under one umbrella and get their support. And these Jat leaders cannot use their powers properly and stand against the anti-farmer and anti-Jat policies of the government. In such a situation, it will be interesting to see whose influence works and whose influence is defeated.

Pakistan budget is critical for IMF deal, yet it was postponed for Shehbaz's China trip

Did anybody else find it strange that the government would postpone the announcement of its own budget in order to schedule a trip to China that, it says, is for garnering investments? A trip with that itinerary could easily have waited till after the budget, especially given that the budget is critical before an IMF deal can be finalised. It's especially puzzling given the trip took precedence over the National Economic Council as well, which is necessary to finalise the Economic Survey and then prepare the next budget's targets. Perhaps there is nothing to it. There are many days still left in June after all, and the budget can wait till the middle of the month. Or perhaps there are priorities at play that are essential to sort out before the budget can be

drawn up. At this point, all we know is that excited announcements are beginning to pour in of an MoU here and an agreement there. Perhaps these will add up to something big in the days to come; but for now, we should be looking somewhere else to ascertain what the purpose of this trip really is. What awaits the government upon their return is the real story. A cascade of demands is descending upon them from the organised interest groups in society. The textile industry is back to demanding what it calls a 'regionally competitive energy tariff', but which the rest of us call free handouts to the rich from taxpayer money. That's the only way these guys know how to make money after all, so little surprise this is where their needle has

been stuck for the past few years now. There is an interesting exercise to do here. Look at the biggest textile houses in the country and look at what the families that own them were doing 20, 30 or 40 years ago. You will notice something. Most of them were doing the exact same thing. Now ask yourself, where is the innovation? Why should the state keep bailing out enterprises that refuse to innovate, refuse to look out, or otherwise invest in the next generation of opportunities that are always on the horizon? And, especially, why should the state do this when there is material evidence to suggest that the benefits of such schemes flow mostly to a small number of large controllers of capital?

The Saffron Tide Rises In Kerala

The conclusion of the 18th Lok Sabha elections marks a significant moment as our citizens have chosen their representatives for the upcoming five years. The BJP has much to celebrate, with one of the most notable achievements being the breakthrough in Kerala, traditionally a stronghold of the Left. This victory is the result of 75 years of dedicated hard work, persistence and effort. The closest Hindu right-wing leader from Kerala came to winning an election was in 1977 when K G Marar, representing the Jana Sangh, finished second in the Uduma constituency. When the Jana Sangh transformed into the Bharatiya Janata Party, Marar became the first president of the state unit. Since then, the BJP had been trying to win a seat in Kerala, struggling to break the narrative of being a communal and North Indian party. The NDA secured its first electoral victory in Kerala when P.C. Thomas, representing the Kerala Congress (Thomas faction), won the Kottayam Lok Sabha seat. He later served as a minister in the third Vajpayee government but was subsequently disqualified by a Supreme Court verdict. In 2016, O Rajagopal became the first BJP candidate to win a seat in the Kerala Legislative Assembly, securing victory in Nemom, a constituency on the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram. Since then, the BJP has intensified its efforts to gain representation in the Lok Sabha, steadily increasing its vote share in Kerala with each elec-

tion cycle. The NDA secured approximately 20 percent of the vote share this time in Kerala, with the BJP leading in 11 assembly segments: Kazhakkottam, Vattiyoorkavu, Nemom, Attingal, Kattakkada, Manaloor, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. Furthermore, the NDA emerged as the runner-up in eight assembly constituencies: Thiruvananthapuram, Kovalam, Neyyattinkara, Kayamkulam, Haripad, Manjeshwar, Kasargod, and Palakkad. This performance signifies a notable shift in Kerala's political landscape. In addition to Suresh Gopi, who emerged as the clear victor in this election, the BJP also witnessed Sobha Surendran challenging the Marxist stronghold in Alleppey. Sobha's vote share increased from 17.24 per cent to 28.3 per cent, marking the single largest increase for any candidate in Kerala. The election season introduced many other leaders who are likely to shape the future of Kerala's politics and contribute to the state's sociopolitical landscape in the coming years. In Thrissur, Hindu voters make up 63.2 per cent of the population, followed by Christian voters at 21.4 per cent and Muslim voters at 15.4 per cent (according to the 2011 Census figures). This region is also known for its religious tourism, with famous temples like Guruvayur, Padakkunnathan, and Varamakkavu attracting visitors. Additionally, Thrissur holds the title of

being the cultural capital of Kerala and hosts the magnificent Thrissur Pooram, one of the largest religious events in the state. The Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven assembly segments: Guruvayoor, Manalur, Ollur, Thrissur, Nattika, Irinjalakuda, and Puthukkad. All seven segments have elected representatives from the Communist Party to the legislative assembly of Kerala. In the 2019 elections, the Indian National Congress received 40 per cent of the votes in this constituency, followed by the Marxist Party at 31 per cent and the BJP at 28.3 per cent. Suresh Gopi was the NDA candidate for Thrissur in 2019 and despite losing the Lok Sabha election, he continued to focus on the region and contested in the state Assembly polls of 2021. In the 2021 assembly elections, P Balachandran of the Communist Party emerged as the winner with a vote share of 34.25 per cent, followed by Padmaja Venugopal of the INC with a 33.52 per cent vote share. Suresh Gopi finished third with a vote share of 31.30 per cent. Despite facing setbacks in two successive elections and being pushed to third position, Suresh Gopi remained steadfast. He maintained a visible presence among Thrissur's voters, and continued his humanitarian work in the region. In 2023, Thrissur was confronted with a severe crisis. The cooperative banks had reached their peak, resulting in many individuals losing.

Indian-Americans must learn from Indian Voters

Hindus for Human Rights was founded in the US in the wake of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's second-term win in the summer of 2019. Those of us who cared about human rights and secular democracy were despondent. How was it possible that after five years of Hindu nationalist rule, bookended by several mob lynchings of Muslims and Dalits and the Islamophobic Citizenship Amendment Act, Modi could have won with a bigger mandate than in 2014? Five years later, Indians course-corrected. On the morning of 4 June, I woke up to the news of change, hope, and the prom-

ise of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The BJP still won the most votes compared to other parties, but it wasn't the landslide majority that they were banking on. Over the last few months, Modi spouted hateful rhetoric about Muslims, calling them infiltrators and jihadis with too many children. He accused the Congress of stealing wealth from Hindus to give to Muslims. Politicians in the Opposition were thrown in jail. Many left the electoral race out of fear because their families were threatened. The Congress had its bank accounts frozen and other parties also faced threats

from the Income Tax department. Despite the BJP's best efforts, the Indian people have voted for democracy and the human rights of all citizens. If the elections had been truly fair, perhaps the BJP would have been roundly trounced. "We The People" are awake, and the Indian democracy envisioned by its founders, MK Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, BR Ambedkar, and so many others, is alive and kicking. The sweetest news was that the BJP lost Ayodhya, the site of the demolition of the Babri Masjid by Hindutva mobs in 1992, and the inauguration of a Ram temple by Modi on 22

January this year.

Hindu voters have told us that their Lord Ram is Gandhi's Ram. Switching Gods like designer outfits, Modi's election result day speech replaced his usual "Jai Shri Ram" chant with "Jai Jagannath". The past 10 years have seen a sharp Right-ward shift in the Hindu diaspora community, with Islamophobic views being expressed openly. We have seen a bulldozer featured in an India Day parade in New Jersey, communal clashes in the streets of Leicester, UK, a fundraiser by a Texas Hindu organisation for the demolition of churches in India.

The Ultimate Father's Day Gift by KOLLAGE

New Delhi: Father's Day is a special time to honour and celebrate the invaluable role fathers play in our lives. As this meaningful day draws near, many of us are on the lookout for the perfect gift to express our gratitude and love. To mark this occasion, the premier silverware brand KOLLAGE has unveiled their exclusive Gift Edit, featuring a selection of the finest gifts. Crafted from pure copper or brass, each piece is exquisitely coated with fine silver and lacquered to achieve a stunning finish. Their remarkable offerings comprise of Hexa Chess Set This unique chess set is designed in a hexagonal form, adding a touch of elegance to the classic game. The set is presented in a gleaming glass box with the chessboard printed on the top.



Each chess piece is meticulously packed in felt cloth. The pieces are crafted in resin silver, with pure electrolytic copper coated in fine silver, making it a sophisticated addition to any game collection. Mobius PF Round Continuing with their tradition of excellence, the Mobius PF round offers the same impeccable craftsmanship as the Hexa

chess set. This piece is sure to impress with its refined design and quality. Wine Goblet A sophisticated addition to KOLLAGE's bar range, the Wine Goblet is finely silver plated and perfect for any time of the day. It's an ideal gift for all occasions and is best purchased in pairs. With a height of 21 cm, it makes a stunning statement in any collection. Champagne Flute Similar to the Wine Goblet, the Champagne Flute is a testament to KOLLAGE's dedication to quality and elegance. Standing at 22.5 cm, these flutes are perfect for toasting special moments, making them an excellent gift choice. Celebrate Father's Day with the timeless elegance of KOLLAGE's silverware, and show your appreciation.

PAT Day 1 marked by shortage of question and answer booklets

Mumbai: As the Progressive Assessment Test (PAT) for class 3 to 8 students of government and aided schools in the state began on Thursday, a number of schools complained of shortage of question-cum-answer booklets.

On the very first day, schools had to take photocopies of the first language paper. The maths and third language English papers will be held on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The question papers were set by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT). School heads said despite sending details of the number of

students appearing for PAT, the SCERT on Wednesday directed schools to take photocopies of the question papers wherever there was a shortage. Schools also complained of not receiving the answer keys to the questions. Teachers assess papers based on answer keys. Mahendra Ganpule, spokesperson of the Maharashtra School Principals' Association highlighted the need for improved planning by the education department. Ganpule said, "Despite the challenges, teachers managed to distribute papers on the first day, albeit with additional effort and expense. The issue was more

pronounced in remote areas and was exacerbated by a lack of manpower at the taluka level for distribution." Over one crore students are participating in these exams, which are part of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States project funded by the World Bank. The PAT aims to enhance the quality and governance of school education and includes a basic test followed by two comprehensive assessments. The mandatory test is to determine the learning outcome of students. It is based on second semester syllabi. Schools that incurred expenses on photocopying question papers last year.

Girders launched between Kalyan & Kasara till early Sunday morning

MUMBAI: The Central Railway launched a girder on the bridge between Khadavli and Vasind stations shortly till early Sunday morning and also girders for FOB between Asangaon and Atgaon. Due to the girder

work and related rail blocks, passengers were inconvenienced with late night suburban train cancellations for Kasara. Six Mail and Express trains were rescheduled while ten other long distance trains were regulated due to

the girder work. Girders were also launched for FOB between Shahad and Ambivali station. As a result, the suburban local train for Kasara leaving CSMT at 12.15am on Sunday was short terminated at Thane.

CAPSULES

Kashi Vishwanath temple clocked highest revenue in March

VARANASI: As the Kashi Vishwanath Temple continues to attract devotees from far and wide who are making generous donations, the temple earned Rs 83.34 crore in 2023-24 financial year, registering a jump of 42.43% as compared to collections in 2022-23. The income of Rs 11.14 crore in March was also the highest single-month collection made ever by the temple. Talking to, temple's chief executive officer Vishwa Bhushan said, "Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust (SKVTT) has recorded its highest ever collection as well as expenditure in the 2023-24 financial year. On the income part, its gross earning was Rs 83.34 crore, which was 42.43% more than the gross earnings of 2022-23. The expenditure was Rs 25.32 crore which was 40.38% more than the figures of the previous financial year." All previous records of income were broken by Feb-end when Rs 69.92 crore was received by the temple even when the value of precious metals received as donation was not included in it. In 2022-23, the temple had recorded income of Rs 58.51 crore while it was over Rs 26 crore in 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years.

Rush at OPDs as heat soars, doctors sound dehydration-exhaustion alert

KOLKATA: The hot and discomfort weather conditions in the past few days are taking a toll on the health of Kolkatans, especially those who have to remain outdoors for hours.

"Jewels Amore" showcased by Anjalee and Arjun Kapoor At the BRDS Ahmedabad Fashion Week

Ahmedabad: Introducing "Jewels Amore" by the dynamic design duo Anjalee and Arjun Kapoor, a couture marvel that seamlessly blends the epitome of luxury fashion. This recently unveiled collection showcased at the Grand Finale of BRDS Ahmedabad Fashion week exudes an air of regal sophistication, cocooning its wearers in an ambiance of majestic opulence. The infusion of Swarovski elements elevates its allure, casting a dazzling radiance that weaves an enchanting spell on all



beholders. Anjalee & Arjun Kapoor express, "Beyond being mere garments, these outfits are exquisite pieces of art, a testament to the unmatched craftsmanship of gifted artisans. "Jewels Amore" sets a new standard for haute couture, promising timeless beauty and opulence. Those adorned in these creations are destined to

make a grand entrance, leaving an indelible mark on any occasion. Bhanwar Rathore, founder & president of Bhanwar Rathore Design Studio and title sponsor of the event said that Ahmedabad Fashion Week is undoubtedly one of the biggest fashion weeks of Gujarat. Curating and supporting this event have been an

honour for our organisation as it provides significant networking opportunities for our fashion design students in the design industry. The Most extravagant Fashion Week of Ahmedabad featuring the top Fashion designers and Design institutions of India is powered by Ahmedabad Mirror and associated with ISAS - International Beauty School, Unicorn by Apple, Red FM, Shambhu's Cafe, Concepts Zone is the most premier fashion event in the city of Ahmedabad.

Killer caliber: Meet BSF's first woman sniper

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



Tactics (CSWT), Indore. Suman joined BSF in 2021 and was commanding a platoon in Punjab when she realized, with fury, the threat of sniper attacks from across the border. Determined to pay back in kind, Suman volunteered for the sniper course and

wrote to her superiors. Encouraged by her steely resolve, they readily gave the go-ahead. "She was the lone woman among 56 men and she put up an amazing performance in every activity. We are hoping that more female recruits will take up this course,"

CSWT IG Bhaskar Singh Rawat told TOI on Saturday.

"Trainees who perform exceptionally well get Alpha and Bravo grading, but a separate screening test is done for 'instructor grade' that Suman has achieved. She is the first woman sniper in BSF and will be an inspiration for other women to come forward. This course is one of the toughest after the commando training," Rawat said. She is now eligible to get posted as a sniper instructor.

The Best Father's Day Gift that will make him Smile by Forever Living Products (India)

New Delhi: Father's Day is a wonderful occasion to appreciate and celebrate the important role that fathers play in our lives. If you're looking for health and nutrition-based products from FLP India (Forever Living Products), here are a few suggestions that could make thoughtful gifts for your father: 1. Aloe Vera Gel: FLP India offers a range of Aloe Vera Gel products known for their potential health benefits. Aloe Vera is often used to support digestion, promote a healthy immune system, and maintain overall well-being. It can be consumed as a drink or used topically. 2. Nutritional Supplements: FLP India provides various nutritional supplements designed to support overall health and vitality. These supplements may include essential vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and herbal extracts that can help maintain a



healthy lifestyle. 3. Weight Management Products: If your father is interested in weight management or maintaining a healthy weight, FLP India offers products that may assist in achieving those goals. These could include meal replacement shakes, protein supplements, and dietary fiber products. 4. Skincare Products: FLP India offers a range of skincare products infused with natural ingredients like Aloe Vera, botanical extracts, and antioxidants. These products can help nourish and rejuvenate the skin, potentially promoting a

healthy complexion. Some of the other products that you can gift to your father from FLP India are - Aloe MSM Gel, Agri+, Immu Blend, Vitolize, Forever Bee Pollen, Vitolize, iVision, Forever Bhiringraj Hair Oil and Desire by Forever. One can go to the official FLP India website or contact their Forever Business Owners to explore the available product options, obtain specific product details, and ensure you make a well-informed choice based on your father's individual needs and preferences.

Experience the Ultimate in Wedding Luxury at the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend

New Delhi : The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) and RPSG Lifestyle Media are ecstatic to jointly announce the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend, which will take place at the Taj Palace, New Delhi, on August 3rd and 4th, 2024. An ultra-luxurious showcase of the best in couture, trends and jewellery, the FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend will consist of a bespoke curation of India's top couturiers, jewellers and ancillary service providers to give to-be brides, grooms and their families a one-stop experience under one roof. It will also mark the launch of RPSG Lifestyle Media's wedding vertical,

Manifest, that will consist of a magazine, digital engagements, online experiences, and more. The group



already publishes celebrity magazine HELLO! India, and is soon to launch Indian editions of Esquire and The Hollywood Reporter.

The event will kick off on the day after FDCI's annual Hyundai India Couture Week, which is a highly anticipated event on the city's cultural and fashion calendar. The FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend aims at presenting the newest wedding trends by face-to-face interactions between patrons and the designers themselves. The selec-

tion of those showcasing their creations will be curated by FDCI and the editorial team of Manifest, ensuring a rich experience for those attending. Given the personal nature of interactions involved with creative professionals, the event will be access-regulated, and patrons will be encouraged to attend by prior appointment and invitation only. Reflecting on the event's significance, FDCI Chairman Sunil Sethi shared, "The overwhelming response to our inaugural FDCI Wedding

Weekend set a high standard. This year, we aim to elevate the shopping experience even more. Print and digital media together form a comprehensive and creative promotional strategy, reaching diverse audiences and driving consumer interest. By uniting coveted couturiers, jewellers, and wedding professionals, we continue to tap into the booming Indian wedding and luxury fashion market, making this event the premier platform for acquiring festive couture, red-carpet creations, and exquisite jewellery." Aarna Jain, Chairperson of RPSG Lifestyle Media, added, "We are delighted to launch our first homegrown brand at this exclusive event in association with the Fashion Design Council of India.

Met museum head talks art of repatriation and relevance

Vatika Times

It's not easy running one of the world's largest museums with more than 1.5 million works spanning 5,000 years. And certainly not easy amidst heightened scrutiny over looted objects and mounting pressure for repatriation. Max Hollein—who took charge of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Met), New York as director in 2018 and CEO last July—knows this all too well. Fresh from signing an MoU with India's Ministry of Culture, being "blown away" by the Sanchi Stupa, Jantar Mantar and the Kanheri Caves and ahead of delivering a lecture at the CSMVS on Friday, Hollein remained composed as he sat down for a chat about policing its art and artefacts with a problematic past recent restitutions and keeping the museum relevant in an age of sensory overload. What kind of collaborations do you foresee with the signing of the MoU with India's culture ministry. It marks a continuatio.

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

UMBAI: Passengers of an Air India flight from Mumbai to San Francisco had to sit inside the passenger cabin for about six hours with poor conditioning as the Friday afternoon flight was inordinately delayed. Flight AI-179 was supposed to depart at 2.25 pm and passengers, which included many senior citizens, had boarded by 3.30 pm, said sources. Passengers took to social media to complain about poor air conditioning and no update on the flight status.

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

(Air India) Not departing, not giving correct information. "A couple of senior citizens fainted in the heat. Some were



allowed to deplane," said sources. The other passengers were finally disembarked at 9 pm.

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

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

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

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

said, "ICICI Pru Platinum, our Company's first unit-linked product designed to make distributor payouts aligned to their customers' fund value, promoting the long-term interests of both. We endeavour to continuously innovate and introduce products and processes which are simple. This is in line with our philosophy of ensuring right product to the right customer at the right price and through the right channel. We have introduced pioneering products on the annuity and pension savings platform. These include an annuity product which offers a 100% refund of all premiums paid from the date of purchase. We also offer a traditional product which allows customers to make partial withdrawals to meet liquidity requirements. Notably, we are the only life insurer in the country to payout commissions to distributors on the same day. Besides, achieving the milestone of issuing ~45% of our savings policies on the same day in FY2024." He

further added "Life insurance is all about claims and as a customer friendly brand we aim to settle all claims speedily. This is reflected in our industry leading claim settlement ratio of 99.2% for FY2024 with an average turnaround time of just 1.3 days."

ICICI Pru Platinum provides a choice between two life cover variants. The Growth Plus variant entitles the nominee to receive either the sum assured or the fund value, whichever is higher. Whereas the Protect Plus variant offers the nominee both the sum assured and the fund value. About ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company (www.icicprulife.com) ICICI Prudential Life is promoted by ICICI Bank Limited and Prudential Corporation Holdings Limited. The Company began operations in fiscal 2001 and has consistently been amongst the top private sector life insurance companies in India on a Retail Weighted Received Premium (RWRP) basis.

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

NEW DELHI: Non-recovery of ill-gotten money can't be prima facie proof that no corruption has taken place because a person now uses new technologies to commit offences without leaving behind any trace, Delhi high court has observed, while denying bail to AAP's Manish Sisodia in the city excise policy case.

In its order pronounced Tuesday and uploaded Wednesday, HC said "recovery of cash from a person may not necessarily be a mandatory requirement in a money laundering case where allegations are part of a conspiracy comprising multiple accused." It added the liquor policy case involves commission of "serious offence" of corruption in public office and laundering, which "strikes at the heart of economic and social systems, undermining the rule of law and eroding public trust in institutions." HC rejects plea of no money being recovered from Sisodia. Delhi High Court rejected the argument that no money was recovered from the former deputy chief minister while pointing out to statements of some hawala dealers and other witnesses recorded in course of the probe. "This court is of the view that the prosecution has made out a prima facie case of commission of money laundering under Section 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Manish Sisodia at this stage," high court observed. HC said the form "of corruption which has the tendency of stealing legitimate resources of the poor ordinary people and giving it to the rich can be one of the worst."

"It noted that the new excise policy has "eradicated" the common and small-time businesses. and gave the entire playing field in the liquor business to those who had "money, power and had created a cartel" on the basis of financial gains to those formulating a policy, which adds to the seriousness of the offence." The courts of law may be considered as constant thorns in the way of free-flowing corruption and, even if that be so.

NSE Listed Companies' Market Capitalization Surpass USD 5 Trillion

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

from USD 2 trillion (July 2017) to USD 3 trillion (May 2021) took about 46 months, USD 3 trillion to USD 4 trillion (December 2023) took about 30 months and the latest USD 1 trillion addition took only about 6 months. The top 5 companies by market capitalization are Reliance Industries Limited, TATA Consultancy Services Limited, HDFC Bank Limited, ICICI Bank Limited and Bharti Airtel Limited. In the last 10 years, Nifty 50 index has delivered 13.4%

returns (Total price index CAGR). During the same period, domestic mutual fund assets under management (Equity and Debt) increased by 506% from Rs 9.45 trillion end of April 2014 to Rs 57.26 trillion end of April 2024. The Foreign Portfolio investors (FPIs) assets under management (Equity and Debt) increased by 345% from Rs 16.1 trillion end of April 2014 to Rs 71.6 trillion at the end of April 2024. Growth in market capitalization is not restrict-

ed to the top companies but is observed across stocks.

The constituents of Nifty 100 index now account for 61% of market capital as compared to 74.9% of total market capital as of April 2014. The resource mobilization by corporates including the Small and Medium Enterprise in the primary market has been encouraging and has provided an effective alternative mechanism in addition to the traditional methods of fund raising.

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

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

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



'Nature Cities' provides insight by carefully separating regional climate change and urbanization in multiple cities. The researchers investigated the contributions of local-scale urbanization and regional climate change to the warming in 141 major Indian cities over the

past two decades. They took 18 years of high-resolution land surface temperature data from NASA's Aqua satellite for the period between 2003 and 2020. They also compared urban and rural warming trends. The study found that Tier II cities in eastern India showed stronger urbanization-driven warming compared to larger metro cities like New Delhi and Mumbai. "This disparity underscores the importance of targeted urban planning.

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

NEW DELHI: The Congress criticised the Election Commission (EC) on Thursday for withholding voter data from the public and accused the poll panel of failing to fulfill its constitutional obligations as well as exhibiting a biased inclination. Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi accused the EC of attempting to act as the "election department" of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by not addressing complaints of model code violations by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah. Instead, the EC has been issuing generalized directions to political parties, which Singhvi referred to as "false equivalences." Singhvi's remarks followed the poll panel's submission of an affi-

davit to the Supreme Court, in which the commission stated that the "indiscriminate disclosure" of polling station-wise voter-turnout data and its publication on the EC website would lead to chaos in the ongoing Lok Sabha election machinery. Singhvi argued that the EC's actions regarding complaints against top BJP leaders and its refusal to disclose voter data are not befitting of a high-level constitutional institution. "This is against the constitutional responsibilities of the institution. This is the Election Commission, not the election agent of any party. When a constitutional institution does not follow the Constitution and shows inclination towards power, then it should be understood

that this is the end of democracy," Singhvi said. "We are not asking the EC about EVMs (electronic voting machines) but about disclosure of data. Through this stand in its ridiculous affidavit, the EC is falling into the BJP's trap to orchestrate decimation and destruction of electoral democracy," he added. Singhvi alleged that the reply filed by the EC in the apex court is just an "escape mechanism." This reply of the Election Commission is just an escape mechanism. Whereas anyone can get this data by paying money to the Election Commission," Singhvi alleged. "Will cause chaos; application is misleading, false and based on mere suspicion." Earlier, EC had filed a counter affidavit

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

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

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

have been introduced as a pilot in 10 schools this year to motivate young students to execute projects, which involve problem-solving, collaboration, and creative thinking. Through these offline sessions, school students will get a unique opportunity to question basics, identify real-world issues and propose tech-based solutions," said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia. This is how a one-day Design Thinking Workshop looks like: -Introduction to Basic Concepts of Design Thinking -Five Steps of Design Thinking Process 1. Empathy: Students engage in role-play and interviews, empathizing with various user types

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

NEW DELHI: A low-pressure area over the southwest & adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal moved northeastwards and is likely to concentrate into a depression over central parts of the Bay of Bengal by the morning of May 24 and is expected to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the east-central Bay of Bengal by May 25, according to India Meteorological Department. And subsequently, it would move nearly northwards and reach near Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts by 26th May evening as a severe cyclonic storm, it added. If the cyclone is formed, it will be named 'Remal', and it will be the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon season. According to the IMD, a light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

CAPSULES

Gunmen kidnap Manipur fashion designer, shoot him in leg

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

Maoist with 1.1L bounty killed in Bastar

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

Telugu actor kills self week after partner dies in car crash

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



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

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

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

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

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

Five of family axed to death in Chhattisgarh village

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



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

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

police added.

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

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

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

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

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal, forecasts IMD

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

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

"There are ample chances that the Bay of Bengal system could gradually turn

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

favourable, providing rotational trigger for a cyclone to form. The restricting factor could be early monsoon development."

Grant citizenship to daughter of OCI card-holders: HC

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court has asked the Centre to grant citizenship to a 17-year-old girl, raised in India to parents who held Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cards and US citizenship at the time of her birth.

"The petitioner, despite having been born in India to two OCI card holders, educated in India and lived in India with her family, is unable to obtain a passport. These are clearly special circumstances as contemplated under Section 5(4) of the Act," Justice Prathiba M Singh noted while referring to provisions of the Citizenship Act of 1955 and the Passports Act of 1967. Petitioner Rachita Francis Xavier had



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

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

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

Founder of Naturals Ice Cream passes away at 70

MANGALURU

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

CDRI and MEA organized a workshop



GURUGRAM : CDRI and the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India organized the 'Strengthening Capacity of Power Sector Practitioners in the Indo-Pacific Region: Technical Workshop under the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group' in New Delhi from June 4-7 2024. The four day workshop's objective was to strengthen the power sector's disaster preparedness and management policies to prevent new and reduce disaster risks across the Indo-Pacific. Key discussions included climate risk data and guidelines, power asset vulnerability

assessment, resilience planning and investment, infrastructure resilience case studies, and site visits to showcase disaster resilient power infrastructure. Amit Prothi, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, said, "CDRI is proud to partner with the Government of India to support the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group. This workshop will leverage regional expertise to enable better understanding of how to develop disaster resilient power infrastructure across the Indo-Pacific." Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur, Joint

Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, shared, "There are long-term costs of physical and climate-related disaster events on the power sector. The power generation plants we build today will operate for decades, so they need to be designed and operated taking into consideration the potential impact of climate change and other physical hazards." Ms. Suja Menon, Joint Secretary, DPA-1, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, said, "Quad members have been collaborating.

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

NEW DELHI: As the investigation into the Pune Porsche car crash intensifies, several lapses in the police investigation have come to light. This includes allegations of the teen accused of driving the luxury car under the influence of alcohol getting preferential treatment, being served pizza at the police station, and more.

Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday said the authorities are determined to ensure a thorough investigation and a 'watertight' case against the accused.

Who is Vishal Agarwal? All you need to know about father of teen involved in

Pune Porsche crash case 'Sent driver with son': Father of Pune crash accused on why he should get bail. Meanwhile, two officials from the Yerawada police station have been suspended for neglecting their duties. The case has also now been transferred to the crime branch. So what were the lapses in the initial investigation of Pune police?

1. Late reporting: Two officials from the Yerawada police station were suspended on Friday for neglecting their duties related as they failed to inform the wireless control room about the accident

on May 19. Inspector Rahul Jagdale and assistant police inspector Vishwanath Todkari were suspended for "late reporting" and "dereliction of duty". 2. Delay in collection of blood sample: Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday admitted that there was a delay in blood sample collection of the teen accused in this case. He confirmed that though the juvenile was sent to Sassoon General Hospital around 9am on May 19, his blood samples were collected at 11pm.

The delay in collection of blood sample means the alcohol level would come down in the blood.

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

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

utensils, Shree Vallabh Metals and Cello Plastic Industrial Works, have locked horns over the 'MAX FRESH' trademark. Hearing the plea of Shree Vallabh Metals, recently, the Delhi HC has summoned the COO of Cello Household Private Limited to be present before the court on the

next date of hearing. "It is directed that Mukesh Kothari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cello Household Private Limited, shall be present before the court on the next date of hearing," Justice Sanjeev Narula ordered. Justice Narula directed Cello Plastic Industrial Works.

Tyre exports from India up 12% in H2 of FY24

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

"The resurgence witnessed in tyre exports in the second half of the year despite a tough external environment is a testament to the resilience of the

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

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

Manufacturers' Association (ATMA). With a turnover of approx. Rs. 90,000 crore and exports of over Rs. 23,000 crore, Indian Tyre Industry is one of the few manufacturing sectors having a high export to turnover ratio. Currently Indian tyres are being exported to over

170 countries in the world. Innovations such as eco-friendly and fuel efficient tyres have particularly resonated with global consumers. Tyre exports have nearly doubled in the last 4 years (FY20-FY24) despite a slew of domestic and external challenges. From Rs 12844 crore in FY20, tyre exports reached Rs 23073 crore in FY24.

Indian manufactured tyres are being well accepted across advanced markets such as the US and EU countries. The US continues to be the largest market for Indian tyres accounting for 18% of total tyre exports from India in FY24. Top 5 export markets for Indian manufactured tyres in FY24 included US, Germany, Brazil, France, Netherlands and Italy and UAE.

TCS launches AI platform to accelerate GenAI adoption

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



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

cost," Ganesan said 100 customers in banking, financial services, retail, consumer goods, travel, manufacturing, life sciences, and healthcare used WisdomNext. Krishna Mohan Reddy, vice-president and deputy head of TCS's AI.Cloud branch, said the platform worked on sales, marketing, code development, and real-time supply chain improvements. TCS CTO Harrick Vin claimed the WisdomNext platform would increase jobs, not replace them.

Serving the needy is always fruitful: Dr. Vinod Mittal

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



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

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

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

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

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

HealthTech, Semiconductors, Quantum Computing, and SpaceTech, etc., while also fostering collaboration between industry, universities, research institutions, and the government. Aligned with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation's (ANRF) vision of science-driven growth, the initiative will propel innovations that address pressing socio-economic issues. These solutions will be selected by a national jury of experts; the WINCOEs will provide funding and a variety of in-kind support to make them commercially viable.

ISHU KALRA HAS BECOME THE MAINLEAD STAR OF THE BOLLYWOOD..!



Jalandhar : Both Youth Icon in One Frame Sara Ali Khan And Ishu Kalra as we all know ishu kalra is the founder of humanity NGO india ishu kalra has made a big name in several years now, ishu kalra has become the leading brand ambassador of the bollywood awards ishu kalra has started his ngo in all over india now

these days ishu kalra has become one of the mainlead starz in Bollywood in this starz bollywood awards attended by Sara ali khan, Ishu Kalra, Anupam kher, Anupam mittal, shekhar suman, tridha chaudhary, aman verma other starz were present there to attend the event.