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NEET:accused who stole question paper from exam body's trunk sent to 14-day CBI custody

NEW DELHI: A special court in Patna sent key accused in the NEET-UG paper-leak case to 14-day custody of the Central Bureau of India (CBI), said officials. The accused allegedly stole the exam paper from the trunk of National Testing Agency (NTA) in J h a r k h a n d ' s Hazaribagh. During his 14-day custody period (till July 30), accused Pankaj Kumar aka Aditya, the CBI is likely to question him on his alleged role, connections with other accomplices, the payments received, and the locals engaged in the theft, the officials added. Pankaj's alleged partner, Raju Singh, was placed into the federal agency's custody for 10 days (till July 25) on Tuesday. According to the officials, the CBI arrested Kumar, a civil engineer from the 2017 batch of the National Institute of Technology in Jamshedpur, for allegedly stealing the



'I will first ...': What Pawar said on welcoming back nephew

NEW DELHI: Sharad Pawar is back with a bang. Almost a year after he lost control of his Nationalist Congress Party following a rebellion led by his estranged nephew Ajit Pawar, the Maratha strongman is once again on the centrestage of Maharashtra politics. The recent surprise visit of Maharashtra minister and NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal, who had

NEET-UG paper from the NTA's trunk in Hazaribagh. Kumar, a resident of

Bokaro, was arrested from Patna, they said. The agency also arrested Raju Singh from Hazaribagh for allegedly helping Pankaj during theft, they added. Raju was arrested after an elaborate questioning session, adding that the agency has "temporarily sealed" the Raj Guest House in Hazaribagh in connection with the scam. The CBI has also arrested Jamaluddin Ansari, a journalist with a Hindi newspaper, the Oasis school's principal, Ehsanul Haque, and vice-principal Imtiaz Alam from Hazaribagh. Haque and Alam were reportedly designated as coordinators by the NTA in the district. Earlier, the Economic Offences Wing (EOU) of the Bihar Police stated that the leaked question paper of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) was allegedly acquired from the Oasis school in Hazaribagh.

Eight Indians rescued from capsized Falcon vessel off Oman

NEW DELHI: Nine crew members from MT Falcon Prestige (8 Indians and 1 Sri Lankan) have been rescued during the search and rescue operations. "Embassy is coordinating SAR ops with Omani authorities and Indian Navy for MT Falcon, a Comoros-flagged vessel that capsized off the coast of Oman on July 15th. 9 crew including 8 Indians have been rescued today by INS Teg. The search for the remaining survivors continues," Indian Embassy in Oman said on X. Indian Navy joined the operation Wednesday after Oman's maritime center on Tuesday said the crew members were still missing. A Comoros - flagged cargo vessel that capsized off the Oman coast has 13 Indians seafarers and the Indian embassy in the Gulf nation is in contact with the concerned authorities, official sources said on



PM Modi likely to address BJP workers at party headquarters tomorrow

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit the BJP headquarters and meet party workers tomorrow. According to sources, PM Modi will reach party headquarters at 6 pm, where he will address and meet party workers at the office. The sources also said that PM Modi will meet long-time work-

ers at the BJP office tomorrow evening. These include clerks, peons and other such workers. Notably, a meeting of Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states is likely to be held at the end of July. The meeting will witness the presence of Prime Minister Modi, Defence minister Rajnath Singh. seems to have capsized. "Our embassy in Oman is in constant touch with the Omani and rescue operation for the seafarers, coordinated by the Oman Maritime Security Center (OMSC), is on," one of the sources said.

Andhra Pradesh minister's offer for tech companies after Karnataka's move on job quota for locals

NEW DELHI: The effects of Karnataka job quota bill have begun to spill beyond the state as TDP leader and minister Lokesh Nara invited "disappointed" Nasscom to relocate its enterprise to Andhra Pradesh. Inviting the tech companies to expand or relocate to Andhra, Lokesh Nara said the state government will provide "best-in-class facilities, uninterrupted power, infrastructure and the most suitable skilled talent with no restriction." "Dear NASSCOM members, We understand your disappointment. We welcome you to expand or relocate your businesses to our IT, IT services, AI and data center cluster at Vizag. We will offer you best-in-class facilities, uninterrupted power, infrastructure and the most suitable skilled .

Karnataka government puts job reservation bill on hold amid massive backlash



The Karnataka government has decided to put the controversial job reservation bill on hold for the time being facing pushback. Chief minister Siddaramaiah said the bill will be revisited and the future course of action will be decided in the coming days. "The bill approved by the cabinet to provide reservation for Kannadigas in private sector organizations, industries and enterprises has been temporarily put on hold," the chief minister issued a statement on X. The Karnataka government has decided to put the controversial job reservation bill on hold for the time being facing massive pushback from industries. Chief minister Siddaramaiah said the bill will be revisited and the future course of action will be decided in the coming days. "The bill approved by the cabinet to provide reservation for Kannadigas in private sector organizations, industries and enterprises has been temporarily put on hold," the chief minister issued a statement on X. The Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024 was passed in the Cabinet meeting on Monday. It said any industry, factory or other establishments shall appoint 50 per cent of local candidates in management categories and 70 per cent in non-management categories. If the candidates do not have secondary school certificates with Kannada as a language, they would have to pass a Kannada proficiency test, the bill stipulated. The Kannada-must provision drew flak from industry leaders as they argued.

Haryana announces 10% Agniveer quota in police, mining guard jobs

The Haryana government on Wednesday announced a 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in certain government jobs. Chief minister Nayab Saini said the state government will provide 10 percent horizontal (lateral) reservation to Agniveers in direct recruitment to the posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden and SPO. Announcing



the quota, the chief minister said the Agnipath scheme, implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 14, 2022, was a welfare scheme of the government. "Youths are trained in the Army for four years. Our government has decided to provide certain quota to these youths (Agniveers after they finish their four years in the Army)," the

chief minister said. Reservation for Agniveers: What Haryana CM announced 10% horizontal (lateral) reservation to Agniveers in the posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden and SPO. Age waiver of three years for Agniveers in Group B, C employment 5 years of age waiver for the first batch of Agniveers. 5% horizontal.

On Karnataka's private job quota push, a lesson from Haryana, Bihar

NEW DELHI: The Karnataka government's quota bill to facilitate reservation for locals in private jobs has been put on hold after massive uproar. The decision by the Siddaramaiah government came after stakeholders expressed disappointment and multiple concerns over the outcome which would pan out following the bill's implementation. Karnataka State Employment of Local Industries Factories



Establishment Act Bill, formulated to cap employment for non-locals in private companies in the state, proposes to reserve 50 per cent of jobs in managerial roles and 70 per cent in non-managerial jobs for local candi-

dates. The quota shall be applied to all industries, factories, and other establishments in the state. It also stipulates that candidates not possessing a secondary school certificate with Kannada as a language will need to pass a Kannada proficiency test. The bill, which has now been put on hold, will not be immune to challenges even if the Karnataka assembly passes it with ease down the line.

'Jo aaya hai...': Bhole Baba's controversial remark on Hathras stampede

NEW DELHI: Self-styled godman Bhole Baba whose satsang came on radar after 121 devotees died in a stampede situation in Hathras early this month made a controversial comment on Wednesday that everyone who has been born has to die some day as the inevitable can't be stopped. "Honi ko kaun taal sakta hai, jo aaya hai, use ek din Jana hi hai... (Who can challenge the inevitable? Everyone who came to this world has to leave one day -- some before, some later)" the religious preacher said as he reached his village along with wife and lawyer. "Through my lawyer AP Singh, I have



requested all committee members to stand with the victims, and everyone has followed that. I thank them all..." Bhole Baba said. Bhole Baba's lawyer AP Singh urged his devotees to not visit him at his ashram at Bahadur Nagar village in Kasganj as his visit was for medical reasons. "He has reached his ashram and will stay here. He came here from his another ashram. He was never at anyone's place or any hotel or another country," Bhole Baba's lawyer A P Singh said. After the July 2 tragedy, the constable-turned godman and his religious activities spread over many ashrams in the state came under scrutiny but he was not named in the FIR registered over the stampede. Earlier, he expressed his regret over the loss of the lives and said the culprits will not go unpunished. The lawyer of Bhole Baba had on July 6 claimed.

Teen abducted, drugged & raped, rescued after 10 days

AGRA: Ten days after a 16-year-old girl was abducted and assaulted in captivity by three boys in Aligarh, police rescued her and apprehended the accused, among them a minor and a woman, officials said on Tuesday. The perpetrators had allegedly held the teenager captive, force-feeding her multiple sleeping pills every day to render her unconscious, and then gang-raping her. During this period, they even called the girl's family and demanded a ransom. Subsequently, a team of 24 police personnel traced the mobile location and reached the accused on Monday. The father of the survivor, resident of a colony in the Quarsi police station area.

12 Maoists killed, 1 cop injured in Maharashtra encounter



NEW DELHI: At least 12 Maoists were killed on Wednesday in an encounter with police in the jungle near Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra. In the exchange of fires, a bullet hit the left shoulder of sub-inspector Satish Patil, who was flown to Gadchiroli from Kanker's Thana Band at around 4 pm. "Police have recovered 12 bodies of Maoists from the spot besides seven automotive weapons, including 3 AK-47s, 2 INSAS rifles, a carbine and an SLR," Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police Nilotpal told news agency PTI. He said the encounter broke out in the afternoon between. 60 commandos and Naxals in Wandoli village and continued for six hours. "The injured persons include a sub-inspector of C 60 and one jawan. They are out of danger, evacuated from the spot, and shifted to Nagpur," the SP added. One of the slain Naxals was identified as DVCM Laxman Atram alias Vishal.

General Secretary of All India Railway Men's Federation Shivgopal Mishra reached Prayagraj

Prayagraj: National General Secretary of All India Railway Men's Federation and Central President of North Central Railway Men's Union, Messiah of the Workers' Congress in Bhopal, today came from Banaras by Vande Bharat train to the holy land of Prayagraj, where he was welcomed and honored. On whose side, under the able leadership of North Central Railway Men's Union Founder General Secretary Umred Rode Yadav, a safety seminar along with abolition of NPS and restoration of OPS was organized in Divisional Auditorium, Divisional



Railway Manager's Office, Prayagraj. On this occasion, Divisional Minister of Prayagraj Division Com. DS Yadav in his address said that whatever battle has to be fought to end NPS will be fought but this fight should be ended only by ending NPS. On this occasion, Mishra ji told that he is very close to getting OPS. If AIRF has started the fight then the decision will be in favor of the workers. RD Yadav said in his statement that if Shivgopal Mishra ji is complete then OPS will remain together. On this occasion mainly Comrade Shitala Prasad Srivastava, Ram Singh, SP Yadav RK Rai, Nagendra Bahadur Singh, SK Singh, Ashish Kumar, Brijendra Kumar, Raju Prasad, BP Singh, Gulab Singh Maurya, Anil Kumar, Arvind Pandey, BK Yadav, Abhay Kumar, Jitendra Giri, Ashutosh Singh, Alka Devi, Ritu Masih, Vidya, Renu, Seema, Anandi Devi, Preeti Mishra Apart from Sadhna Mahato, Kanchan Verma, Pooja Singh, Subhash Prajapati, Saurabh Gupta, etc., hundreds of workers were present.

Yazid has become homeless, every house is Hussain

PRAYAGRAJ: Azaan is being performed in Masjid Navvi everyone broke their fast everyone ate roti, but I swear to God, Fatma ate half the roti. You tied half of it in your scarf, Hazrat Ali was watching this matter and said, Fatma, you are not hungry, you ate half of the bread and



tied half of it. Fatma said maybe my father did not get anything in the breakfast, so how will his daughter eat. That his father did not get anything was the pride of the Prophet's family. These things were said by senior journalist Mahmood Bhai among the people present at the Majlis of late Yunus at Imam Chowk in Mailhan on the night of eighth Moharram. They discussed why Karbala happened and how it happened. Martyrdom of Karbala and 72 were also discussed in the Majlis mainly Sadar Abdul Majeed Mohammad Ayub Master, Bablu Sadiq Baba, Anwar Khan, Abdul Hakeem, Rehman, Asghar Ali, Aftab Bhaya, Irfan, Masood Khan, Belal, Adeeb, Irfan, Haseen, Nadeem etc. were present

Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay met Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay met Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronic Information and Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnav at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday. In this meeting, he drew attention to the demands of the people of Agra district and various issues to promote religious tourist places and urged for necessary action. Yogendra Upadhyay urged that the state-of-the-art Shatabdi, Vande Bharat, Gatimaan trains coming from Delhi A halt of Pitambara Devi should also be kept at the station "Datia" of Siddhachhapur for 2 minutes. This station is a major center of Hindu religious faith and will provide convenience to the devotees. The Higher Education Minister also approved the construction of Bateshwar, a pilgrimage site of 101 Shivalingas of Lord Shiva in Agra and a Jain pilgrimage site in Shaupur, which is the birthplace of Lord Shri Neminath. He told that this place is also the birthplace of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Upadhyay proposed that a tourist luxury shuttle train be run from Agra to Bateshwar. This train departs from Agra at 10:30 am and reaches Bateshwar at 11:30 am and departs from Bateshwar at 5:00 pm and reaches Agra at 6:00 pm. With this, these religious and scenic places will be enriched as tourist destinations.

Apart from this, the Higher Education Minister proposed to run a superfast train from Delhi to Agra which would depart from Delhi at 5:00 pm and reach Agra at 8:30 am and would depart at 8:00 am the next day and reach Delhi at 10:30 am. Additionally, he also suggested running a Vande Bharat train from Agra to Lucknow. This train should have only two halts Shikohabad/Firozabad and Kanpur. This train will depart from Agra at 5:00 am and reach Lucknow at 8:30 am and will depart from Lucknow at 6:00 pm and reach Agra at 9:30 pm. The minister also announced the construction of a road over bridge at Idgah railway station in Agra. This bridge will connect Tehsil Agra to Idgah. He urged that it should be constructed as before because the proposed change will demolish many houses of the public, which is creating public anger.

General Manager North Central Railway inspected window trailing of Prayagraj-Manikpur railway section

Prayagraj: Prayagraj-Manikpur railway section was inspected by General Manager North Central Railway Upendra Chandra Joshi along with Divisional Railway Manager Prayagraj Himanshu Badoni. The General Manager started his inspection through 'Window Trailing' between Prayagraj and Manikpur, during which he inspected the railway track and all the nearby installations like signals, OHE, platform cleaning etc. in the moving vehicle. Inspection was done from the rear window of the fitted inspection vehicle. Along with other safety related works, he also examined riding quality especially improvement in track geometry index at points and crossings, OMS (Oscil-

lation Monitoring System) details, condition of OHEs, condition of level crossing gates on the route, scrap around the track. Took stock of the condition, cleanliness, wiring or loose installation, minor and major bridges on the route as well as the infrastructure work going on in the said section from the rear window and informed the concerned authorities while following full efficiency and safety standards. Instructed to complete the work quickly.

Upendra Chandra Joshi reviewed the ongoing development works at the Manikpur J station selected for redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. On this occasion, the Divisional Railway Manager informed the Gen-



eral Manager about the planning for the gradual development of Manikpur station. The General Manager conducted a thorough inspection of the station and observed the ongoing works and available passenger facilities. Joshi inspected the Loco Pilot/Guard running room and gave instructions to keep the available facilities and maintenance of the running room excellent. During the inspection, Principal Chief Engineer SC Jain, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Infra Naveen Prakash, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Shri Krishna Shukla, Senior Divisional Engineer/First Amit Kumar and officers, inspectors and supervisors of other departments were present from the headquarters.

Archie Timothy warns of Dr. Swati Sarkar's like consequences: Parul Soloman

She will not succumb to pressure tactics and stands by charges levelled by her

Prayagraj: Ex-Principal, Bishop Johnson Girls Wing Katra, Parul Soloman while addressing mediapersons on Tuesday, again cited threat to her life from Bishop Morris Edgar Dan and Archie Timothy. It is worth mentioning that Archie Timothy, who also happens to be the PRO of Bishop Dan has allegedly asked Parul Soloman to withdraw all cases or else face dire consequences. On Wednesday, she expressed the possibility of her murder by Bishop and his aides. However, Parul admitted that she will not succumb to the pressure tactics and stands by the charges levelled by her.

She said that many skeletons will tumble out if the old cases against Archie Timothy were reopened. She claimed, "Archie Timothy is the main accused in murder, dacoity and rape of Dr. Swati Sarkar, way back on 5.5.1999." She also presented old newspaper clippings to corroborate and vindicate her claims.

She also claimed that Archie Timothy alias Sonu's father, who was earlier employed in the

Lucknow Christian College as a lecturer was removed from the college on the alleged charges of outraging the modesty of a college maid servant. Sources revealed that Sonu and his younger brother Monu had allegedly outraged the modesty of their tribal maid servant. She was subsequently packed to her home town Bihar, with a whopping amount of money with a threat not to spill the beans if she wanted to remain alive.

Parul Soloman further claimed that they have threatened her with Dr. Swati Sarkar like consequences and reportedly said that they will ensure her family will stand on the verge of starvation.

It is worth mentioning that an inquiry into the event that occurred at Bishop Johnson Girls Wing in Katra has begun on the orders of senior police officers. An FIR on crime no. 0246 under sections 121, 324 (4), 333, 74, 76, 351 (2), and 309 (4) of BNS 2023 has been filed against two school principals, including Bishop Morris Dan, his son Allan Dan, Dr. Vinita

Eusebius, Sanjeet Lal, Vishal Noble Singh, RK Singh, Arun Moses, Tanu Vyas, Abhishek Vyas, and several unidentified individuals. Later, she also filed another FIR against the accused. However, in response to media inquiries on Wednesday, ousted principal Parul Soloman voiced fear for her life from

the school and the High Court has dismissed the civil suit. "In Writ Petition No. 38374 of 2023 (The Diocesan Education Board and others vs Uttar Pradesh Government and three others) vide its order dated 19-04-2014, a stay order was passed that no policy decision will be taken in relation to the functioning of

mises with several others. The applicant got scared and closed the door of her chamber from inside and got the peon locked from outside also so that the life of the applicant could be saved, but all the said people, with the intention of killing the applicant, locked the applicant's chamber. They broke the door with a hammer, the video of which was made by the applicant and the said people entered the applicant's room and started forcing themselves on the applicant," she claimed in her complaint.

For a long time, there has been a dispute in Prayagraj about the Bishop and other positions in the Diocese of Lucknow (Church of North India). Morris Edgar Dan took over from Bishop Peter Baldev a few months ago. However, the matter has reached the Allahabad High Court. Even after this, the debate over who should govern and administer the convent schools, colleges, and organizations linked with the Diocese of Lucknow grows more intense with each passing day. A video docu-

menting the capture of the school has also surfaced. Bishop Morris Edgar Dan and his men violently invaded the school and took control.

However, she lamented that till date no action has been taken against the culprits by police. "I am having full faith in UPCM Yogi Adityanath," she said and urged that justice should be meted out to her.

She also claimed that Bishop Dan lawyer, Sushil Mishra is also threatening her and asking to withdraw cases. He has reportedly asked Parul Soloman to enter into compromise with the culprits citing his good contacts with influential persons in Lucknow and Delhi. She also claimed that Sushil Mishra was earlier a school teacher, who now owns four different schools in the district. She demanded enquiry into the wealth amassed by Sushil Mishra via illegal means. She outrightly rejected the embezzlement charges levelled against her and instead charged Bishop Dan and his aides of looting money kept in the school.



a competing group and asked security from authorities.

It may be recalled that ten people have been booked on the complaint of evicted Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls Wing Katra Prayagraj, Parul Soloman. In her complaint, she said many cases are pending in the Civil Court and the High Court, Allahabad regarding the management of

school. On 07-05-2024, the stay order again being extended by the High Court till 29-07-2024. On 02-07-2024, when the school opened at 07:30 on the Tuesday morning, I reached the school and was sitting in my room when suddenly there was noise at the gate. I looked at from the CCTV camera and saw that Allan Dan and Morris Dan had entered the pre-

'All allegations made by Parul Solomon baseless'

Prayagraj: Parul Solomon was dismissed from the post of Principal of Bishop Johnson Girls School Katra Prayagraj on the basis of the report of the inquiry committee in which the Executive Committee meeting was held on 12 October 2023 last year in the auditorium of Bishop Johnson School and College located at Mahatma Gandhi Marg. Despite this, she was forcibly sitting on the Principal's chair, while the new Principal Shirley Masih was appointed as per the CBSE Board's standards. "When the school opened after summer vacation, when I reached the school along with all the principals of the institution to take charge of the newly appointed Principal, the Principal's office was locked. When the management committee members asked for the key, Alexander Masih, brother-in-law of Parul Solomon, who was present there, told that the key was not there. The members did not know that inside, Parul Solomon was planning to escape through the back door with the school cash in her bag through a well-planned act. When all the principal and priest reached inside the office, Parul started making videos from her mobile. And it was alleged that my clothes were torn whereas it is clear in the video clip that no clothes were torn nor were any clothes touched," claimed Bishop Morris Edgar Dan via a press communiqué.

"Parul Solomon alleged that people snatched her purse while it was clearly visible that she had taken the purse with her and thirdly she alleged that people snatched her mobile while both the mobiles were in her hands and in another photo, Parul Solomon is seen smiling, taking her mobile phone. Also, it can be seen in the video that Parul Solomon is comfortably sitting and praying with Secretary Manish Zaidi and other management committee members. Similarly, in the second FIR, Parul Solomon is alleging that I am withdrawing the case. Death threats are being made for doing so, but when and where? Who threatened at what time? She is not clarifying this nor is showing any call recording or number to show that her allegations are true. From which it is clear that all the allegations of Parul Solomon are fake and baseless. Parul Solomon's father Peter Baldev has illegally occupied Bishop's House, that is why they are taking the help of fake FIR in which some anti-church forces and land mafia are helping them," he added.

Small businesses to launch over 3,200 new products on Amazon.in this Prime Day

Prayagraj: This Prime Day, small businesses are launching 3200+ new products on Amazon.in across categories like home and kitchen, fashion and grooming, jewelry, handmade products, and many more. Brands like Behoma, Dream of Glory, Orika Spices and others will be showcasing their unique products on Amazon.in and reaching customers across different parts of the country. Tens of thousands of small businesses will be participating in one of the most awaited shopping events on Amazon.in offering lakhs of Prime-enabled products to customers across India.

"Amazon Prime Day is one of the most anticipated shopping events in India, helping us deliver unparalleled value to our sellers and customers. We are thrilled to bring it back to India for the 8th consecutive year, celebrating the craft, creativity, product innovation and entrepreneurial spirit of our sellers, especially small and medium businesses. During the two days of the event, sellers will not only get a massive boost in the visibility of their products and brands but also directly access Amazon's vast customer base across India, spanning 100% of serviceable pin codes. Through such shopping events, our aim is to enable small and medium businesses to embrace the power of e-commerce and unlock new avenues for their success, fostering a vibrant online marketplace that contributes to the larger economic growth of India," said Amit Nanda, Director, Selling Partner Services, Amazon India.

Small and medium businesses can leverage a robust suite of tools and features available on Amazon to gear up for Prime Day 2024. A streamlined self-service registration process (SSR 2.0) makes it easy for sellers to get started on the Amazon.in marketplace, with multi-language support, easy registration, and invoicing. Sellers

can use the Sale Event Planner to opt-in and offer great deals during Prime Day. The tool also offers data-driven recommendations on inventory planning, enabling sellers to maximize their opportunity and sales. The New Seller Success Centre is an onboarding buddy that provides step-by-step guidance to sellers on setting up their online shops, adopting key growth levers, and utilizing features like Ads, Prime, and deals.

"Behoma is excited to launch our newest hand-crafted home décor pieces on Prime Day 2024," said Nikhil Jain, Owner, Behoma. "As a modern home decor brand specializing in stylish and innovative designs, we're thrilled to showcase our latest offerings, including golden hand-hammered metal planter set and a stylish drop-shaped metal vase in a luxurious gold finish. Prime Day provides us with a fantastic platform to connect with our customers, and we're buzzing with excitement to transform their living spaces with our unique handmade products."

Amazon has also continuously improved the functionalities of the Amazon Seller App, empowering sellers to manage and grow their businesses seamlessly on the go. Sellers can now run their entire selling operations through the app, including managing coupons, deals, and sponsored product campaigns. The app also provides interactive business metrics, allowing sellers to easily track and analyze key performance indicators.

Prime Day 2024 is an invaluable opportunity for small and medium businesses to strengthen their e-commerce footprint, reach more customers, and launch new products. By capitalizing on the potential surge in sales, SMBs can boost their brand visibility, attract new customers, and strengthen their foundation for sustained growth through e-commerce.

Four-day visit of Vice-Chancellor of Univ to Purvanchal from 19th

Will tell importance of distance education in workshop of center coordinators

Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Vice-Chancellor of Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj Professor Satyakam will discuss the importance of open and distance education in Purvanchal during his four-day visit. Will know the status of SSC and will give important tips regarding maximum admission through Samarth portal in the workshop of study center coordinators at regional centres. Along with this, the objective of this workshop will be to make the popular programs of the university accessible to the masses. The Open University has conducted the admission process for the admission session 2024-25 through the Samarth portal. This is a completely new experience

for the Open University. To overcome the difficulties faced by the coordinators of study centers spread in remote areas of the state, Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam organized enrollment motivation and feedback workshops in four major regional centers of Purvanchal, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Gorakhpur and Ayodhya. Has taken up the responsibility to train. Through the workshop, special information will be provided to the coordinators regarding admission information, financial counselling, quality in examination, timely counseling etc. from Samarth portal. Through the feedback received from the coordinators, the university will be successful in achieving 100

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Players of Prayagraj performed brilliantly in State Level Taekwondo Championship

PRAYAGRAJ: In the State Level Taekwondo Championship held at KD Singh Babu Stadium on 12-14 July, the players of

Jagrati Yadav Bronze Medal Cadet Boys: 156 cm: Vineet Yadav Bronze Medal Under 39 kg: Ayaan Silver Medal Length 164 cm

President Shivbhan ji, Vice President Nishant Mehrotra, Joint Secretary Sunny Singh, Satyadev Yadav, Shreya Singh, Sunil



Prayagraj displayed their unique talent and brought glory to the city by winning medals in various categories. Sub Junior Boys: Under 50 kg: Shyam Jaiswal Gold Medal Under 41 kg: Rohit Silver Medal Junior Boy Under 78 kg: Priyansh Singh Silver Medal 42 kg:

Om Mishra Silver Medal Sub Junior Girls: Under 29 of Uttar Pradesh government. On the basis of the word hero, why was Satyawan Kumar not a hero from a backward caste? There is a clear order in the Gazette of India "Constitution Amendment" Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order 2022 No. 2022 that only the Scheduled Caste Nayaks have been included in the Scheduled Tribes and not the backward castes i.e. Satyawan Kumar Nayak Scheduled Tribe caste certificate is issued. Before getting it done, after independence, their ancestors might have been getting the caste cer-

Kumar, Navneet, Vimal, Sushmana, Kamal Yadav, Suchitra Kumari, Aditya Kumar, Haseeb Ahmed and Mulayam Singh congratulated all the winners and wished them a bright future. Public Relations Officer Atul Sonkar gave the above information.

Due to wisdom of CP and DCP Ganganagar, Moharram held peacefully



Prayagraj: In view of the festival of Moharram, Tajija procession took place at various places in Prayagraj Ganganagar area. People were seen celebrating the festival of Moharram peacefully. In view of the festival, as per the instructions of the Police Commissioner, DCP Ganganagar Abhishek Bharti deployed heavy police force PAC at various places to conduct the festival peacefully. Force was

deployed! In Pasiyapur village of Soraon police station area, the festival of Moharram was celebrated peacefully due to the wisdom of DCP Ganganagar amid the tension that had been going on between the two parties for a long time. The police cracked down on the anarchists and did not let their plans succeed. Local people heaved a sigh of relief as police forces were deployed in large

numbers. The Soraon police station incharge along with the entire police force remained ready, so that no one faces any problem and the Tazia procession can proceed peacefully in the traditional manner. Local people praised DCP Ganganagar Abhishek Bharti for successfully and peacefully conducting the festival and procession of Moharram in the entire Ganganagar area.

Satyawan Kumar Nayak's real face to be exposed shortly

Prayagraj: Social worker Rambrij Gautam, founder of Purvanchal Dalit Adhikar Manch (Padam), conducted an investigation and found that the Gond caste was declared a Scheduled Caste in the entire Uttar Pradesh by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act 1976, issued in the Gazette of India dated 18.09.1976. Was included in. After this, in the year 2002 and then in 2022, through the Gazette of India, 17 districts namely M a h a r a j g a n j, Siddharthnagar, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Mau, Azamgarh, Jaunpur, Ballia, Ghazipur, Varanasi, Mirzapur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Kushinagar, Chandauli, Bhadohi and Sonbhadra. The Gonds and their five sub-castes, namely Dhuria, Nayak, Ojha, Pathari and Rajgond, residing in the state, have been listed in the list of Scheduled Tribes. It is noteworthy here that

Gond sub-castes Nayak, Ojha and Pathari are not found in the above mentioned districts. A very small number of these sub-castes are found only in Sonbhadra district. In all other districts only Gond, Dhuria and Rajgond are found and also reside.

The question to be considered is that where Dr. Satyawan Kumar Nayak is a resident of Gram Sabha Newra located in Bans village, Tehsil of Gorakhpur district, even there only Dhuria and Rajgond are found among the Gond sub-castes, so not only Satyawan Kumar Nayak but about two thousand Brahmins of Gorakhpur district. By 2008, they had got the caste certificate of Scheduled Tribe made and even today they are providing services as personnel in different departments, which

is not according to the Constitution but against the law. Because there is a clear order of the Government of India, Home Ministry, New Delhi that the caste certificate of the Scheduled Tribe

sued as per the TC of primary and upper primary. Was the TC of primary and upper primary school of Satyawan Kumar Nayak checked?

Because Nayak caste is mentioned on the backward list number 29 of Uttar Pradesh government. On the basis of the word hero, why was Satyawan Kumar not a hero from a backward caste? There is a clear order in the Gazette of India "Constitution Amendment" Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order 2022 No. 2022 that only the Scheduled Caste Nayaks have been included in the Scheduled Tribes and not the backward castes i.e. Satyawan Kumar Nayak Scheduled Tribe caste certificate is issued. Before getting it done, after independence, their ancestors might have been getting the caste cer-

tificate of Scheduled Caste made? There is no census of Nayak caste in Uttar Pradesh, but only five sub-castes of Gond caste, Dhuria, Nayak, Ojha, Pathari, and Rajgond, whose total population in Uttar Pradesh is 12193141. In this way, the caste certificate of Nayak Brahmins as Scheduled Tribe deserves to be rejected. Dust cannot be thrown into the eyes of a blind person for long. After the publication of the Gazette in the year 2002, more than 4000 such certificates issued by the District Scrutiny Committees have been canceled by the people of Nayak and Ojha castes of general category who are doing government jobs by making caste certificate of Scheduled Tribe. In the same canceled caste certificate of Dr. Satyawan Kumar Nayak, which is being misused to commit a crime against the Scheduled Tribe.

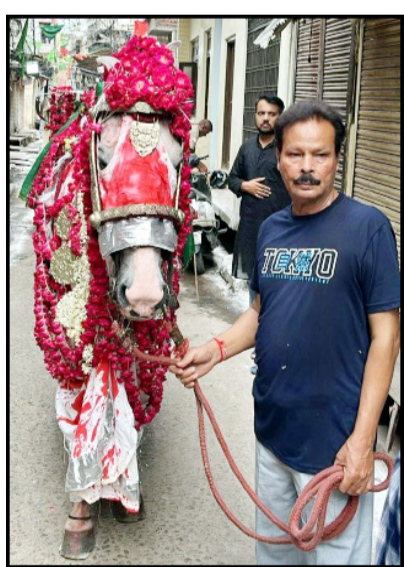


Lakhs pour into processions on 10th day of Muharram

Prayagraj: After spreading the message of humanity in the whole world, on the martyrdom of the hungry and thirsty family of Rishaala in the field of Karbala for three days, i.e., on Ashura, there was a blanket of sorrow everywhere and with tears in the eyes, the faithful marched barefoot from Imambara to Karbala and kept the Taj Mahal in the Imambara. And the alam coffin swing and the flowers placed on the Zuljanah were laid to rest with tearful eyes. The first procession of Turbat established by Laddan Marhoom in about 1928 (1928) was taken out from Bakshi Bazaar Imambara Nazir Hussain. Maulana Amirur Rizvi Read the story of martyrdom. The procession of Turbat and Alam reached Bakshi Bazaar, Daira Shah Ajmal, Rani Mandi, Bachcha Ji Dharamshala chanting the mercy of

Zaigham Abbas and reached Imambara Mir Hussaini. In the Imambara, Zakir Ahlebait Raza Abbas Zaidi read the sad Masaibe-Hussain. After Majlis Anjuman Abidya Nauhakwan Mirza Kazim Ali and Vezarat, reciting Purdard Nauha, brought the procession out of the Imambara and reached Shia Karbala at Chakia via Dr. Chadha Road, Kotwali, Nakhah Kohna, Khuldabad, Himmatganj, while the second Qadimi Duldul procession took place from Imambarah Mirza Naqi Beg. It was taken out under the patronage of Bashir Hussain. Nauhakwaan Hasan Rizvi of Anjuman Haidaria Ranimandi and his friends led the procession with the tunes of Purdard Nauhas and reached Chakia Karbala through their traditional routes. The procession taken out from Daryabad on the occasion

of Ashura reached the graveyard in Daryabad where the flowers and tiaras of Aqidat were laid to rest



in small pits near the Dargah of Imam Hussain.

In Karbala, the religious people performed the rituals in the open sky. After the martyrdom of innocent Ali Asghar in the month of

Ashura, when Hazrat Imam Hussain started taking the body back to the camp, he moved forward seven times and then retraced his steps. He had the same thought. They were wondering how to take the dead body of this voiceless son to his mother Raab. Remembering this day, the people of Shia community perform the same ritual in the open sky on the day of Ashura, which is called Amale Ashura. Hundreds of people gathered in Karbala. Performed Ashura and offered Namaz in honor of Maulana Syed Razi Haider Rizvi.

Alas Sakina, alas, with eternal thirst, the procession of the poor came out

in the darkness after extinguishing the lights. Fourteen hundred years ago, Hazrat Imam Hussain, the favorite grandson of the Prophet of Muslim Ummah, Hazrat Mohammad-e-Mustafa, who was martyred in the field of Karbala, and other family members were martyred. After this, the looting market became hot with the Yazidi Lashkar setting fire to the camps and snatching the sheets from the heads of the Saidanis. Wives Sir Barahana kept complaining, sometimes coming close to one dead body and sometimes close to the other dead body. In memory of that painfully dark night and desert scene, a gathering of the poor was held in the evenings at Ranimandi Qazmi Lodge and Imambara Abidya. All the streets and houses The procession was taken out with the lights switched off or with

the songs of Hussain or Hussain. Asghar Abbas read Bhaiya, where will you find Zainab when you go home? If Zainab got worried, the cry of 'Aah Buka' started resonating from everywhere. The duldul of the zain, wrapped in a black sheet, was taken out. Children and little girls came with empty pots and torches in their hands, oh Sakina, oh She kept moving along with the procession while always chanting 'Pyaas, Ammu, I am thirsty'. Whereas in Daryabad, the devotees gathered in the graveyard outside Dargah Imam Hussain held a majlis and mourned and Zuljanah was taken out in the light of candles. A majlis of the poor was held late in the evening at Maulana Aamirur Rizvi's Azakhana. Ashraf Abbas Khan inaugurated the majlis and the Naukhawans of Anjuman Naqviyya recited the Nauha.

Devotees buried tazia flowers with moist eyes

PRAYAGRAJ: After paying homage to Hazrat Imam Hussain and his 72 companions at Imam Chowk on the night of ninth Moharram, from the town to the villages in the Phulpur area they reached Karbala in a procession at sunset on the tenth Moharram, paying homage with tearful eyes to Imam and his companions. Presented Nazranaye Aqidat. After noon Namaz Johar Mohammad Shamim

Narai Karbala, all the tazia flowers were buried in Karbala, after which Fatiha was recited and Sirini Prasad was distributed. Tajija of Phulpur town reached Karbala while patrolling the town and the flowers of Aqidat were buried there. Similarly, Tajija processions were taken out in Lilhat, Kodapur, Salmapur, Diwanganj, Mishrapur, Mailhan, Konar, Aghuwa, Amilia, Savandih,



Qureshi lifted the Tajija from Babaganj market and reached Jafarpur urf Katra in the form of a procession, where the Tajija of Shekhai ka Pura came or reached Katra shouting the slogan of Hussain or Hussain in a loud voice, the Tajija of Kolai was lifted from Katra. The Tajija of Khurd came to Kanoja along with Chirauri Zuljunah Reached Narai village. Under the leadership of Commandant Raza Haider in Narai village all the tazias along with the tazias of Narai were taken in procession through Narai village and after reaching

Ugrasenpur, Pratappur etc. and presented Nazranaye Aqidat to Hazrat Imam Hussain. On this occasion, langar along with sherbet distribution and cold water fountains were installed at Iman Chowks. The entire team of Balagat Hussain Mohammad Asir in Phulpur, Bablu Sadiq Aftab Sebu Raju Dargahi etc. in Mailhan and Ashfaq Pradhan Aghua in Amelia, Pradhan Mohammad Salim Bablu etc. participated in the procession. Phulpur police incharge Deendayal Singh remained on patrol in the area with the entire team.

5-day farmer training prog organized under Atma scheme in SHUATS

Naimi, Prayagraj: Five-day farmer training program under the "Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (Atma) scheme sponsored by the Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension, Sonbhadra at the Directorate of Extension, Shuats, Prayagraj (Second Group) of district Sonbhadra. While addressing the farmers in the training program for the farmers of Chopan, Kon and Duddhi Development Block, Director Extension, SHUATS, Dr. Praveen Charan, while motivating the farmers to plant trees, said that to maintain the balance in nature, they need to reduce the impact of climate

change and their It is very important to keep the surrounding environment clean. He said that today greenhouse gases are increasing in the atmosphere due to which there is imbalance in the climate, if cutting of trees continues in this manner then there will be a lot of difficulties in the future. From the economic point of view of the farmers, he advised that the farmers should plant good species of fruit



trees like plum, vine, jamrud, mango, jackfruit, lemon etc. on their fields so that they can get more income and the environment can also be kept safe. Training Coordinator Dr. T.D. Mishra told the farmers that this is the right time to set up nursery for early cauliflower, capsicum, tomato and brinjal. Dr. Sarvendra, Dr. Madan Sen Singh, Dr. Shishir Kumar also gave technical information to the farmers.

Editorial

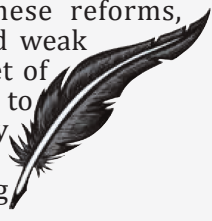
Climate Policy Initiative

It was only in 2022 that developed countries provided and mobilised \$115.9 billion in climate finance for developing countries. By the end of COP29, all parties must agree on a "new collective quantified goal" (NCQG) to guide the provision of climate finance, intended to replace the \$100 billion target after 2025. Progress on negotiating the NCQG has been slow. Disagreements persist on almost every aspect of the new target, including the amount of money to be provided, the sources of these funds, the recipients, and the specific forms of financial assistance. Current climate finance is grossly inadequate for the scale of action required. The \$100 billion target for climate finance is laughably insufficient. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2021 estimates that the costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries could reach \$140-300 billion per year by 2030, escalating to \$280-500 billion per year by 2050. Furthermore, the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 report highlights that global climate finance flows reached a record \$632 billion in 2019/2020. Despite this record, the funding falls significantly short of the \$4.13 trillion annual investment required by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement targets, as estimated by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its Net Zero by 2050 report. Now even these estimates are seen as low. As highlighted by the Independent High-Level

Expert Group on Climate Finance in their November 2022 report, emerging markets and developing countries (excluding China) are staring at a financial chasm. These nations must mobilise approximately \$1 trillion annually by 2025, amounting to 4.1 per cent of their GDP—double the 2.2 per cent spent in 2019. Fast forward to 2030, and the figure balloons to a staggering \$2.4 trillion per year, or 6.5 per cent of GDP. This glaring disparity underscores the urgent need to recalibrate climate finance targets.

if we are to meet the colossal demands of climate adaptation and mitigation. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's AR6 Synthesis Report on Climate Change 2023, the 2018 UNFCCC biennial assessments and the IPCC 1.5°C report estimated that global financial needs for achieving a 2°C warming target are \$1.7 trillion annually from 2020 to 2030-2035, and \$2.4 trillion annually for the 1.5°C target, specifically for the energy sector. The report concludes that global climate finance flows must increase by three to six times the current levels to meet the average annual financial requirements until 2030. This cannot happen in the absence of reforms in multilateral development banks (MDBs). A high-level expert group established by the G20 under India's presidency has proposed a 30-point roadmap to reform multilateral development banks (MDBs) and triple their lending by 2030. The Independent Expert Group, led by former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and India's 15th Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh, emphasized urgent action to scale MDBs to be "fit for purpose" by 2030. Their report, 'The Triple Agenda: A Roadmap for Bigger, Bolder and Better MDBs', advocates for tripling MDBs' sustainable lending limits, introducing new financial instruments like pooled portfolio guarantees and hybrid capital, and attracting private investors. The report underscores the urgency of these reforms, warning against delays and weak responses, and sets a target of increasing MDB financing to \$390 billion annually by 2030.

It also suggests establishing a pilot Global Challenges Funding Mechanism (GCFM).



Hypersonic weapons can be launched from airborne aircraft, ships at sea, and land-based mobile launchers. Long-range air-launched hypersonic missiles with scramjet engines could also be launched by the enemy's bombers from under the cover of air defences in their own airspace. Such weapons could be deployed as part of a fractional orbital bombardment system. The variety of launch options means hypersonic weapons might not create an IR signature intense enough to be detected. Today, most of China's and Russia's deployed long-range missiles can carry one or more weapons that can manoeuvre in space, in the atmosphere, or both. Both China and Russia now consider US space-based assets as high-value targets that can be threatened to coerce the United States in a crisis or attacked to achieve space superiority in a conflict. They have developed kinetic ASATs and other space weapons to hold these "difficult to defend, easy to attack".

Long-range ballistic missiles typically have flight trajectories that take them over 300 km into space before they re-enter the atmosphere.



The highly predictable flight paths and high altitudes of non-maneuvring ballistic missiles make them much easier to detect and track. In contrast, hypersonic missiles can fly as little as 30 to 50 km above the Earth's surface or even lower, which means that, because of the curvature of the earth, they may be below areas that are effectively covered by today's radar warning architecture.

Our northern neighbour China has developed and deployed what it refers to as a "multi-layered attack architecture" with weapons systems that span the counterspace threat continuum. Used in combination, these weapons can degrade, deny, or destroy adversarial space systems in all orbital regimes. As a spacefaring nation, India must develop a wholesome space warfighting

doctrine and an inter-service space force that would allow it a ready response mechanism to space threats and also support ground, maritime, and air operations. The mandate for the space force should be to: Develop SDA (Space Domain Awareness) to determine, mitigate, and respond to threats from and within space. Build sufficient resilient and military-grade capability, including the Line of Defence, for communications, ISR, and PNT to support and execute space-based integrated military operations. Specifications and capacities must be spelled out unambiguously to the industry with at least a 5-year lead time. Develop and deploy cross functional technologies (Information Communication Technology, and cyber) to optimise the EM spec-

trum in space warfare. Maintain a high degree of operational readiness and generate meshed intelligence to enhance warning periods.

Build secure international space collaboration for enhanced regional and global space cover and to respond to surge requirements during external exigencies.

Train and equip a sufficient and dedicated skilled space force that would support higher leadership, military theatres, and tactical battle areas during war, and participate in R&D, collaborative manufacturing, and cross-training activities during peacetime. Own, lease, and maintain sufficient space assets and infrastructure that are necessary to discharge its functions.

Undertake incremental space and technological development activities that enable achieving space dominance and space superiority.

While building a space cadre, it must be ensured that personnel selected are on permanent secondment to the force and/or are drawn from space and scientific institutions. Building any non-permanent enlisted force would be counterproductive. In the last five years, outer space has emerged

as a source of concern, primarily the threat from long-range ballistic and hypersonic missiles. Many Direct Ascent Anti-Satellites (ASAT) experimental missile strikes have been tested, including by India (mission Shakti). Counter-missions are being developed for both offensive and defensive forms of space warfare. Even though the Outer Space Treaty debar nations from weaponising space, the writing on the wall makes it clear that a threat from space is lurking. All the major powers, such as the US, Russia, China, India, France, the European Union, and Japan, are building space military organisations. The US Space Force organises, trains, and equips personnel in order to protect US and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint forces. The US Space Force, headquartered at the Pentagon, employs 8,600 military personnel and 77 spacecraft. The Russian space forces are mandated to inform the higher political leaders and military commanders of missile attacks as soon as possible, ballistic missile defence, and the creation, deployment, maintenance.

Women in Indian Politics

India's progress vis-à-vis women's representation in leadership positions has remained rather slow and rarely linear, often pushing them to the margins of politics. Image: UN Women/Ruhani Kaur.

India recently concluded its 2024 general elections, which took place in seven phases—from April 19 to June 1—to elect all 543 members of the Lok Sabha (lower house). While the results have taken many by surprise, what has been even more astonishing is the fact that for a country that has rigorously been trying to establish a more progressive front on women's rights and gender equality over the past few years, the new Indian parliament has failed to showcase a notable

uptick in the representation of women after the latest elections. Making just 13.63 per cent of the elected strength, the 18th Lok Sabha will comprise only 74 women compared to 469 men. This share is not only abysmally skewed but also lower than the 14.4 per cent share of female representation during the 2019 election, where 78 women were elected as MPs. The irony here is that just last year, India—during its G20 presidency—brought about a paradigm shift in gender-based policymaking by challenging the status quo and with the innovative idea of women-led development in order to ensure women's inclusion and representation at all levels of decision-making. Even at the domestic level,

India—after many deliberations—finally passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill in 2023, which seeks to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women. While it is true that the bill has not yet come into effect, the journey from 13.63 per cent to 33 per cent (for the next elections) still seems rather long, especially given that, despite being the central agents of the 2024 elections and forming an important core of party manifestos as well as campaign speeches, only a handful of them were able to achieve the final victory.

It is, however, important to note here that the gender gap in elected representatives—in a lot of ways—begins with

India took centre stage during the summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th G7 summit on June 14, 2024, in the city of Fasano in Apulia, Italy. The region of Apulia, throughout its history, has been inhabited by Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, and Spanish. The region has also served as a bridge between the West and the East, thanks to its geography. Apulia's rich history as a cultural crossroads underscores the significance of this year's G7 summit, which brings together diverse global leaders. In this summit, along with the G7 countries, the other invitees were India, the African Union, Brazil, the UAE, Argentina, and others, making the location and the purpose of the summit significant. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Two years ago, India was invited to the 48th G7 summit in 2022, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The primary narrative at that time was to punish India for keeping the ties intact with Moscow. The Western 'experts', who are habituated to see things in binary, refused to believe that India can have ties with the G7 without harming

relations with Russia. As per the Financial Times, the reason behind the invitation to India at the summit was "to woo New Delhi away from its longstanding alliance with Russia". Two years down the line, India's relations are not majorly harmed, neither with Russia nor with the G7 countries! Freshly re-elected, PM Modi's attendance at the G7 summit signals a robust continuation of his administration's foreign policy initiatives, particularly his advocacy for the Global South. In 2023, New Delhi organised the two Voice of Global South Summits, first in January and next in November, to understand the concerns of the developing countries. The words and advocacy of Modi in Apulia should be taken as a continuation of this. Modi exploited the opportunities provided to put forward these concerns. "India has considered it its responsibility to place the priorities and concerns of the countries of the Global South on the world stage," he said. At the same time, while putting forward his vision of a developed India in 2047, he emphasised that "no section of society should be left behind in the country's development journey," followed by

applying this "in the context of international relations. The countries of the Global South are bearing the brunt of global uncertainties and tensions". Then, Modi put forward the concern of ending monopolies in technology, one of the points of action at the end of the second Voice of the Global South Summit. On the sidelines of the G7 meeting, PM Modi also met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. However, Modi skipped the Ukraine Peace Summit, organised just after the G7 meeting, by sending a secretary-level delegation. The Indian delegation visited the summit but didn't sign the Joint Communiqué. This reflects a nuanced stance on the conflict, aligning with the broader Global South's cautious approach. India's significant presence at the G7 summit.

coupled with PM Modi's diplomacy, marks a pivotal moment in its global engagement. By advocating for the Global South in the G7, India continued efforts to emerge as a leader of developing nations in a China-fearing world. India took centre stage during the summit, and the family photograph taken post-summit is a testament to it. Image: Narendra Modi/X.

Promise made for assistance in the space sector

Since during Kim Jong Un's September 2023 visit to Russia, there was a promise made for assistance in the space sector, there is a possibility that for the November 2023 launch, some Russian assistance was there. Unfortunately for North Korea, its recent launch (on May 27, 2024) to put up a military reconnaissance satellite (Malligyong-1-1) ended in failure. For a nuclear weapon state like North Korea, it is a necessity to have a mechanism for gathering real-time intelligence. Hence, it has interests in spy satellites. It is keen to establish a space-based architec-

ture that offers intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities. For this purpose, it wants to have increasing assistance from Russia in the space domain. The potency of North Korea's nuclear deterrence structure would depend not only on the number of nuclear weapons in its kitty but also on various factors, like having capable missile systems to deliver the weapons correctly to the target. At the same time, it needs to guard its state from any attack by its adversaries. Hence, space-based ISR systems are important both for defence and offence purposes.

There are reports indicating that North Korea has developed several types of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for ISR purposes. However, there are limitations in regards to the types of sensors in use. Also, endurance and communications restraints limit its utility. North Korea is keen to expand its space program. It understands that there is a 'global' watch on its space and missile programs. The South Korean and US investigators have analysed the recently failed (2023) two launches by North Korea. In its estimation carried out by analysing the recovered

parts from these launches (fallen in the ocean), the North Korea payloads had 'no military use'. This indicates that North Korea needs to improve on sensor technologies, satellite design and development capabilities, and rocket launch capabilities. Today, various activities undertaken by North Korea are being continuously monitored by the US with the assistance of Japan and South Korea. The US has the Combat Sent and the Cobra Ball systems for gathering electronic intelligence. It is known to carry out 'air espionage' of the area from which North Korea.

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



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

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

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

UPI connection boosts RuPay credit cards

Delhi: UPI (Unified Payments Interface) integration has boosted RuPay credit cards, with 75% of 'Credit Cards (CC) on UPI' transactions happening at small businesses, according to a Thursday report. Kiwi found that 'Credit Cards on UPI' was most popular among young folks under 40. CC on UPI is the main payment method, with consumers spending over Rs 22,000 monthly. UPI CCs average 21 transactions each month, four times more than real credit cards. "RuPay Credit Cards' market share rose from 3% in FY23 to 10% in FY24. "UPI's success is



largely responsible," stated Kiwi Co-founder Mohit Bedi. Virtual credit cards are growing rapidly. He stated that about 20% of credit cards issued in the country are virtual. The survey found that UPI CC transactions average

Rs 1,125, compared to Rs 4,000 for standard credit cards. The survey also found that supermarket and Kirana stores used CC on UPI the most (33%), followed by clothes and electronics (15%) and food and dining (7%).

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine on Hero FinCorp for violating regulatory standards

Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Hero FinCorp Limited Rs 3,10,000 for violating the fair practices policy for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). An RBI assessment has uncovered that Hero FinCorp failed



to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

CAPSULES

Key portfolio firms' stock surge as investors ignore Adani Group toolkit

Delhi: The flagship Adani Enterprises (NS:ADEL) Ltd. (AEL) recovered losses of over \$30 billion from the short-seller firm Hindenburg's report. The Adani Enterprises stock has risen 12% in five trading sessions. Financial giant Cantor Fitzgerald has set a Rs 4,338 target price. In addition, investors have received 53% gains on the stock in the past six months. The stock soared from its February 2023 low. AEL shares were practically unchanged at Rs 3,381 on BSE. While Adani Green Energy (NS:ADNA) shares jumped 1.8%, Adani Total Gas (NS: ADAG) rose 2.5%, and Adani Energy Solutions rose 0.5%. Investors rejected The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and Financial Times (FT) investigation targeting the world's largest domestic corporate empire "all in the name of investigative journalism".

Paytm will grow payment services with UPI, card processing, and EMI

Delhi: Paytm said it is optimistic on UPI, card processing, and EMI payments to expand its payment services business. These business segments could help Paytm revive and sustain its payments leadership in India. UPI, which earlier generated 70% of Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), now accounts for almost 80-85%, highlighting its importance in the business strategy. Paytm also stressed merchant GMV recovery during an earnings call on Wednesday after reporting Q4 FY24 and FY24 results.

Gaming company Nazara earns Rs 17 crore in Q4, revenue falls 8%

Delhi: Gaming and sports media platform Nazara Technologies reported net profit from its sustained operations at Rs 17.1 crore in the January-March quarter of FY24, up 43.6% from Rs 11.9 crore the year before. Operating revenue down 8% to Rs 266.2 crore from Rs 289.3 crore in FY23. The company reported a 21.8% increase in net profit to Rs 74.8 crore from Rs 61.4 crore in FY23. FY24 revenue rose 4.3% to Rs 1,138.3 crore from Rs 1,091 crore.

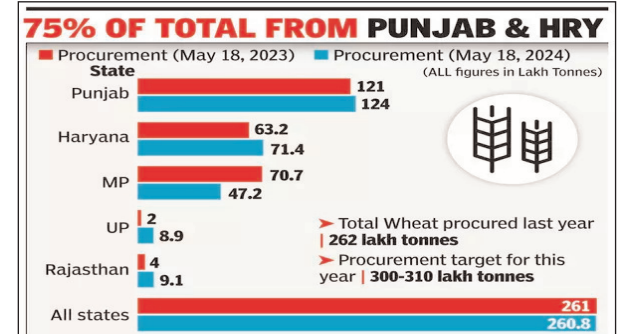


laying the groundwork for rapid scaling. Nitish Mittersain, Nazara Technologies' founder, CEO, and joint MD, reported 4.3% revenue and 16.5% EBITDA increase. The company's running cash flow

rose to Rs 131.4 crore, indicating great performance. He said, "We raised Rs 950 crore at Nazara and subsidiaries, our largest fundraise to date, resulting in a net cash balance of Rs 1,450 crores. Nazara works in gaming, esports, and advertising. Mittersain said he expects revenue and EBITDA growth to accelerate in FY25. The company has acquired 100% of Nextwave Multimedia Private Limited, producers of the popular "World Cricket Championship" mobile cricket games.

Fully procured wheat by centre exceeds last year's mark

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



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addressed by Meta or WhatsApp. John Carmack, a computer programmer and video game developer, asked Elon Musk if communications are ever scanned or forwarded. "I assume usage patterns and routing metadata is collected, and if you invoke a bot in a conversation you are obviously opening it up, but I am still under the impression that the message contents are secure by default," John wrote on X. X has

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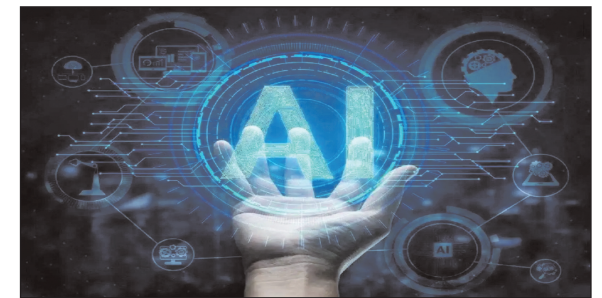
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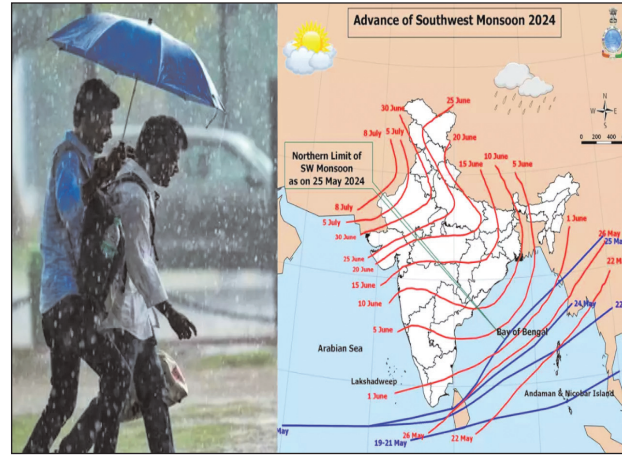
Delhi: Under the auspices and divine direction of Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji and Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, the social arm of the Sant Nirankari Mission, organized blood donation camps at Branch Rohini, Shalimar Bagh, and Najafgarh, where 185 Mission devotees generously gave their blood for the good of humanity. To gather blood, medical professionals and members of the AIIMS blood bank team visited the camp. Smt. Rajwasdev

Singh Ji, the Deputy Head of Sant Nirankari Mission, gave the camp its opening. She gave all of the blood donors who took part in the blood donation camp encouragement and recognition for their unselfish devotion and priceless contribution to the well-being of the populace. The CPAB Department Convener, Hon. Shri S.L. Garg ji, officially opened the Shalimar Bagh camp. He urged everyone in the camp who was donating blood, saying that giving blood is the greatest kind of giving. In addition, the

esteemed Mrs. Raj Kumari (Mami ji), Member Incharge of the Publicity Department, officially opened the Najafgarh camp. She also urged everyone who volunteered to give blood, emphasizing that we should do it at all times for the good of humankind. Upon completion of the blood donation camp, Mr. Vinod Khanna, the local coordinator, conveyed his sincere appreciation to all the dignitaries, blood donors, medical professionals, and their support staff.

When Will Delhi Get Monsoon

Delhi: Delhiites are eagerly awaiting Southwest Monsoon, but relief may not arrive until June. The monsoon arrived over the Bay of Bengal three days early, on May 19, according to the IMD. IMD anticipates above-average June-September rainfall at 106% of the long-term average. This is likely due to La Nina and good Indian Ocean Dipole circumstances. Although there may be more rain, some forecasts expect powerful bursts with dry spells in between. The IMD expects the monsoon to reach Kerala by May 31, with a four-day delay. This matches the typical June 1 start. "Not early. Near regular date" IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra



said. The weather agency also reported that the monsoon will reach the Bay of Bengal and Andaman on May 19, Karnataka on June 3-8, and Maharashtra on June 9-16. Delhi should get some relief from the heat on June 27. IMD issued a red signal on Sunday, May 19, expecting two days of high

heat in several sections of Delhi.

The temperature in Delhi reached its highest point of the season on Saturday, and it is projected to soar further. The southwest monsoon arrives in Kerala around June 1. It surges northward and covers the country by July 15.

Kejri will begin his Pb campaign

Delhi: Till the conclusion of the state's election campaign for the June 1 Lok Sabha elections, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal will campaign in Punjab. Party leaders have stated that Kejriwal will travel from Delhi to Amritsar and then to Ferozpur to address a town hall meeting. He

will later conduct road shows in Bathinda and Hoshiarpur for party candidates. He has scheduled campaign events in each of the state's 13 seats while he is camped there through May 30. It is probable that he will engage with various voter demographics, such as attorneys and business owners, at the

town hall meetings. Other than that, the chief minister is the focus of this election campaign, which goes by the slogan "Sansad Mein Bhi Bhagwant Mann," according to an AAP official. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has been the focal point of the AAP's Lok Sabha campaign in the state.

Studies show polluted air increases Type 2 diabetes risk

Delhi: Air pollution may increase Type 2 diabetes risk. Air pollution, especially PM2.5, is known to cause chronic lung ailments, heart attack, stroke, and cancer, but the diabetes argument is gaining ground. Several research from the US, Europe, and China have shown the association, but a new two-city study from India found that even a 10 g/m3 increase in PM2.5 exposure raises blood sugar. Mumbai-based JAPI (Journal of Association of Physicians of India) published an editorial headlined, 'Air



Pollution: A New Cause of Type 2 Diabetes? this month. Diabetes specialist Dr. V Mohan from Chennai wrote, "We now know that PM2.5 is an endocrine disruptor that affects insulin secretion and also leads

to insulin resistant." Due to summer, the air quality index has been low in recent weeks, but air pollution is becoming one of urban India's largest problems, killing 20,000 in Mumbai and 50,000 in Delhi annual-

ly. Dr. Mohan and Public Health Foundation of India researchers published the first PM2.5-diabetes study a few months ago. 'BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care' found links between short-, medium-, and long-term PM2.5 exposure. "A 10 g/m3 increase in monthly average exposure to PM2.5 was associated with a 0.4 mg/dL increase in finger pick blood test and a 0.021 unit increase in HbA1c test," claimed the study. The HbA1c blood test measures blood sugar over three months. The study followed

Indian Ayushman Bharat digital mission to be shown at WHO

Delhi: Official sources said India will promote Ayushman Bharat, public health emergency preparation, and digital health changes at the World Health Assembly in Geneva from May 27. At the annual WHO event, it will display the Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cube, an indigenous portable hospital with novel features to improve disaster response and medical support. Geneva will host the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) from May 27 to June 1. The Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare delegation



is led by Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra. Participants from 194 nations will shape the global health ecosystem. This year's WHA theme is "All for

Health, Health for All". WHA proceedings are held in Plenary, Committee A, and Committee B. Sources say health ministers/heads of delegation from 194

nations will attend the Health Assembly plenary session. India will chair Committee A, which will tackle universal health coverage, public health emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, sustainable WHO financing, etc. Committee B handles internal and external audit, budget, financing, and the WHO secretariat.

At least 14 side events and various strategic roundtables will be held on the sidelines of WHAT to discuss diverse health problems and the global health architecture.

Indian traditional knowledge and genetic resources are further protected by a new patent agreement

Delhi : A new treaty finalized by members of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) requires patent applicants to reveal the nation of origin or the source of genetic resources if the claimed invention is derived from those materials or related traditional knowledge. One of the main demands of the developing world, led by India, is the treaty that will offer extra protection for Indian genetic resources and traditional knowledge, including yoga, siddhi, and ayurveda. The agreement was finalized by the Geneva-based agency that is in charge of developing regulations pertaining to patents and trademarks. This will force some nations to revise

their domestic laws. Rather than trying to register patents to take advantage of the immense traditional knowledge and genetic resources, India has asked that the world's largest corporations should give credit to these resources. Even while there is protection against misappropriation in India and other nations without disclosure requirements, the disclosure standards will offer protection internationally.

Currently, there are disclosure requirements in 35 countries, the majority of which are voluntary and lack the necessary legal framework to be implemented successfully. For the first time, the knowledge and wisdom that have long underpinned

economies, civilizations, and cultures will be recognized by the WIPO treaty on intellectual property, genetic resources, and related traditional knowledge. These resources are now part of the global intellectual property system. "As a source of traditional knowledge and wisdom and a reservoir of biodiversity, India has championed these historic achievements. is a huge victory for India and the nations of the global south," a government official declared. The fact that it took 150 nations and two decades of negotiations to reach an agreement is indicative of the resistance from nations like the US and transnational corporations.

District Courts receive instructions to facilitate smooth case hearings via VC

Delhi: the Delhi High Court directed the national capital's district courts to follow a number of guidelines to guarantee that video conference equipment functions properly during court sessions.

The Delhi High Court's Acting Chief Justice Manmohan issued the following directives. The video conference must remain active throughout court hours.

At the court end, the video will be turned on. According to the office order of June 5, 2023, it will be made sure that the video conference at the court's end won't be kept silent unless the court orders otherwise. According to the office order of June 5, 2023, it will be



made sure that the video conference is not locked and that litigants, counsel, and members of the public can all attend without difficulty, unless the court orders differently. Each Court is required to make certain that the item number is visible

throughout the video conference.

Every court must make sure that, in accordance with Office Order of June 5, 2023, a message appears on the video conferencing screen when the court retires, is not in session, is on leave, or when instructions

are given to restrict the proceedings. According to the ruling, the Principal District & Sessions Judges are required to provide a report on the video conference to the Registrar General's office of this Court using the stipulated format.

Record bank earnings benefit poor, MSME loans

Delhi: Modi said record bank profits in FY24 would enhance credit to the poor, farmers, and MSMEs, celebrating the revival of financial institutions that were plagued by bad loans. Modi posted on X that the banking sector had a remarkable comeback in the last 10 years' with net profit topping Rs 3 lakh crore in FY24. Due to UPA's phone-banking policies, our banks had large NPAs and losses when we took power. The underprivileged were denied bank accounts "Modi remarked. "This improvement in the health of banks will help improve credit availability to our poor, farmers and MSMEs," he said Modi's X comments on the banking sector's FY24 milestone earnings. Public sector banks made a record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in net profit in FY24, up 34% from Rs 1.05 lakh crore.

Private banks grew 42% faster, raising their net profit to Rs 1.7 lakh crore from Rs 1.2 lakh crore a year earlier.

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New Mahipalpur STP forthcoming

Delhi: Delhi Development Authority informed the National Green Tribunal that it had given Delhi Jal Board land in Mahipalpur for a sewage treatment plant. DJB promised to finish the plant quickly after land ownership. Vasant Kunj Sector E-2 residents wrote to the green tribunal in 2022, alleging that wastewater in the open drain on the northern side of the DDA Legal Housing Complex Society wall was stagnating and sewage was seeping through the boundary wall into the society. DDA informed DJB to pay Rs 708.5 per acre to finalize land assignment in its NGT report. They stated DJB officials had submitted the payment request for approval. Priority will be given to land payments after approval. The DDA indicated that purified water will be used to maintain south Delhi's plantations and waterways after the STP is built. Another DJB report to NGT stated, "Currently, the allotment process is ongoing, and the construction will be completed within a reasonable time after obtaining possession of the land."

Government standards for spice export quality

Delhi: An official stated India has detailed procedures to prevent EtO (ethylene oxide, a hazardous chemical) contamination in spices for export. The official noted that the government tests spices exported to Singapore and Hong Kong as a precaution. The precautions are important after MDH and Everest goods were recalled in Singapore and Hong Kong due to EtO residue in spices.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank continues to expand its presence!



HISAR : Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFBL) proudly announces the inauguration of 900th outlet of the Bank at Khunti, Ranchi, Jharkhand. This milestone is part of a broader expansion, which includes 7 new outlets launched today across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. With this, the Bank now operates 81 banking outlets in Jharkhand and a total of 903 outlets nationwide. Customers in Khunti, Ranchi will now have access to a wide range of the Bank's products

and services. These include savings accounts, current accounts, fixed deposits, recurring deposits, and various loan products such as housing loans, business loans, loans against property, credit, insurance, and investment products. The Bank's extensive infrastructure, digital banking capabilities, and ATM network aim to provide integrated customer service. Commenting on the expansion, Mr. Govind Singh, MD & CEO of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited, "Today is a landmark day for

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Durex TBBT celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community with a special issue of Outlook magazine

GURUGRAM : Durex, globally renowned for its dedication to promoting sexual health and wellness, is thrilled to announce a special collaboration with Outlook Magazine for an exclusive Pride Month edition. Curated under Durex's flagship initiative, The Birds and Bees Talk (TBBT), this issue is designed to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community, in alignment with this year's Pride Month theme, 'Reflect. Empower. Unite.' This special edition of Outlook Magazine, in partnership with Durex TBBT, is more than just a publication. It is a testament to the

power of storytelling, education, and community support in fostering a more inclusive and understanding society. By celebrating the achievements and addressing the challenges of the LGBTQIA+ community, this initiative truly embodies the Pride Month theme of 'Reflect. Empower. Unite.' This initiative stands out as a significant contribution to the community, aiming to foster inclusivity and drive important conversations about sexual and reproductive health. Guest edited by Ravi Bhatnagar, Director of External Affairs and Partnerships, SOA, Reckitt and recipient of Trans Allyship award by

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the special edition features a range of inspiring stories, expert insights, and educational content tailored to resonate with a broad audience. Empowering Voices: This edition provides a powerful platform for influential LGBTQIA+ figures such as Sushant Divgikar, Alok Verma, Dutee Chand, and Trinetra Haldar Gummaraju. Their stories of overcoming societal barriers and fostering inclusivity are truly inspiring and aim to empower readers by showcasing the resilience and achievements of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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to communicate the terms and conditions of loans in written form to

borrowers in a language that they understand. RBI conducted a statutory inspection of the company, specifically focusing on its financial situation as of March 31, 2023.

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Key portfolio firms' stock surge as investors ignore Adani Group toolkit

Delhi: The flagship Adani Enterprises (NS:ADEL) Ltd. (AEL) recovered losses of over \$30 billion from the short-seller firm Hindenburg's report. The Adani Enterprises stock has risen 12% in five trading sessions. Financial giant Cantor Fitzgerald has set a Rs 4,338 target price. In addition, investors have received 53% gains on the stock in the past six months. The stock soared from its February 2023 low. AEL shares were practically unchanged at Rs 3,381 on BSE. While Adani Green Energy (NS:ADNA) shares jumped 1.8%, Adani Total Gas (NS: ADAG) rose 2.5%, and Adani Energy Solutions rose 0.5%. Investors rejected The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and Financial Times (FT) investigation targeting the world's largest domestic corporate empire "all in the name of investigative journalism".

Paytm will grow payment services with UPI, card processing, and EMI

Delhi: Paytm said it is optimistic on UPI, card processing, and EMI payments to expand its payment services business. These business segments could help Paytm revive and sustain its payments leadership in India. UPI, which earlier generated 70% of Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), now accounts for almost 80-85%, highlighting its importance in the business strategy. Paytm also stressed merchant GMV recovery during an earnings call on Wednesday after reporting Q4 FY24 and FY24 results.

Davangere Sugar Company Ltd. Announces Capacity Expansion by 45 KLPD, Targets Additional Sugar Cane Growing Area by 15000 Acres

CHANDIGARH: Davangere Sugar Company Ltd. (DSCL) (BSE: 543267, NSE: DAVANGERE), a leading player in Sugar, Sustainable Power and Ethanol Solutions, proudly announces the expansion of its distillery and operations.

Additional capacity expansion of Grain distillery by 45 KLPD

By adding another 45 KLPD grain-based unit at a cost of project of Rs.54.00 crores. The financial tie-up with banks is completed and about Rs. 2.00 crores is invested in civil works. Negotiations completed with machinery suppliers. It is marking a significant milestone for the company and the local agricultural



community. Its intention to expand the distillery will allow the company to now operate independently for 330 days of the year, ensuring a steady and robust production cycle. "We are thrilled to deepen and further strengthen our collaboration with local farmers," said Mr. Ganesh, MD of DSCL. "Their quality crops are the cornerstone to produce ethanol, and this expansion allows us to create more jobs, boost

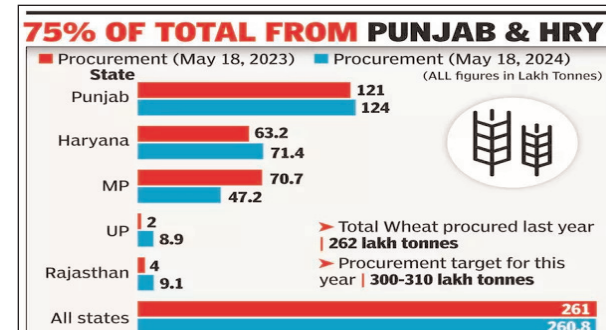
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Target of achieving additional Sugar Cane growing area by 15,000 acres: DSCL is committed to not just cultivating sugarcane, but to revolutionize its growth and practices. One of our key initiatives involves promoting and developing sugarcane crops

up to 15000 acres in existing cane cultivation areas and regions traditionally not associated with cane cultivation. By expanding into this non-cane growing areas and ensuring sufficient raw material for the company, we not only secure a sustainable raw material supply for our company but also usher in a wave of socio-economic benefits for local farmers. The company further added, "Our primary aim is to provide farmers in these regions with assured and timely returns on their produce. We understand the challenges they face and strive to alleviate them through various means, including financial assis-

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Jigar Saraiya & Aditya Gadhvi Collaborate on 'Diamond Ni'

Karnal: Hold onto your headphones, music lovers! The dynamic duo Sachin-Jigar are back with a bang, bringing you their latest masterpiece, "Diamond Ni". Featuring the incredible vocals by Jigar Saraiya and the phenomenal Aditya Gadhvi, who rocked the charts last year with Khalasi, the track is set to become your new favourite jam. If you remember, Orry recently posted a reel from the Ambani wedding on the song that went viral. Netizens kept asking about where they could find the song! Well, the good news is it's here now! Masterfully blending the rich textures of Gujarati folk music with modern pop, 'Diamond Ni' is all about appreciating the simple, natural beauty around us, wrapped in lively beats and an infectious melody. Composed by the musical gems Sachin-Jigar, the track opens with a catchy hook that sets the tone for a toe-tapping and head-bobbing experience. The heartfelt lyrics, penned by the talented Priya Saraiya, speak directly to the soul, and are a poetic ode to natural beauty, painting a picture of simplicity and admiration, making you see the world through a lens of unfiltered joy. With the impeccable voices of Jigar Saraiya and Aditya Gadhvi bringing the composition to life, this fusion of traditional Gujarati folk music with



modern pop beats are sure to get the listeners dancing and singing along. Jigar Saraiya, adding charm to the melody with his voice and composition, adds, "From the first time we heard the melody we knew 'Diamond Ni' was special. We're always committed to making Gujarati (music) global, and this fusion allowed us to experiment and create something truly unique. From the moment you press play, it grabs you by the soul and doesn't let go. We hope it brings as much joy to listeners as it did to us while creating it." Sharing his excitement Aditya Gadhvi, known for his powerful vocals, said, "Being part of 'Diamond Ni' and working alongside the maestro's Sachin-Jigar has been an absolute thrill for me."

Congress government will be formed in Haryana with a clear majority under the leadership of Hooda: Shyam Sundar Kaul

Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhopinder Singh Hooda's close supporter former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul said that Congress is fully prepared to hoist the flag of victory under the leadership of former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhopinder Singh Hooda in the assembly elections to be held in Haryana after three months. With the blessings of the people, Congress government will be formed with a clear majority in Haryana and Hooda will become the Chief Minister of the state for the third time. Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul was talking to journalists in the town of Dhand after meeting former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhopinder Singh Hooda. Former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul said that the BJP government is in a state of panic due to the immense success of the 'Haryana Maange Hisaab Abhiyan' started by the



Congress in the state under the leadership of MP Deepender Singh Hooda. The public has announced to form a Congress government by ousting the BJP from power. Hooda is fighting day and night for the interests of the people and as soon as the Hooda government is formed, all the announcements of the Congress will be implemented with the first pen. Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul said that under the able leadership of Congress state president Udaybhan, the Congress party is getting stronger day by day at the grassroots level in every district of the state and people of every section are joining the party

expressing faith in the policies of Congress. Congress state president Udaybhan is taking every section along and exposing the anti-people policies of the BJP government. Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul said that under the Haryana Maange Hisaab program, every Congress worker is going door-to-door to make the public aware of the failures of the BJP government in the last 10 years along with making them familiar with the announcements of the Congress. There is no such thing as a government in the state. The days of BJP's rule are over. BJP will be completely wiped out in the assembly elections..

CAPSULES

After British, it's fight against 'desi Angrez': Amit Shah in Bundelkhand

LUCKNOW: Union home minister Amit Shah said that there was a time when Uttar Pradesh was known for "producing country-made pistols (kattas)" but, after PM Narendra Modi built a defence corridor in Bundelkhand, "cannonballs are made". Addressing an election rally in Lalitpur, Shah said, "If Pakistan makes any mistake", shells made in Bundelkhand will be used to "destroy" that country. At a rally in Jhansi, in an apparent reference to Congress functionaries, he asked Bundelkhand voters to fight the "desi Angrez" just like they fought against the Mughals and the British. In Amethi, Shah attempted to give a last-minute push to BJP's campaign with a roadshow. Addressing a crowd in Amethi, Shah attacked Congress for referring to Amethi and Rae Bareilly as their "family seats". "Did Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, or Priyanka turn up in Amethi or Rae Bareilly when the Covid pandemic struck," Shah asked as people shouted "No". Shah also asked the people to choose between Modi and Rahul. He said that after losing from Amethi, Rahul fled to Wayanad and is now back in Rae Bareilly. "I have been in Rae Bareilly for three days and can say with confidence that he (Rahul) is losing from there also," he said. In Jhansi, he told voters they have a choice to make between two categories of leaders: one, a person behind a Rs 12 lakh crore scam who was born with the proverbial silver spoon and holidays in Thailand; and two, Modi, whose tenures as CM and PM have been unblemished, and who was born in a poor house and never took a holiday.

Sakshi Malik: Redefining Operational Excellence for Amazon Flex Partners

GURUGRAM : Amazon India returns with its much-awaited Prime Day on July 20 & 21, 2024 bringing immense joy not only to its customers through great deals, new launches, and blockbuster entertainment, but also to Amazon employees dedicated to delighting customers across the country. Meet Sakshi Malik, Country Leader for Amazon Flex Delivery Channel at Amazon India, whose leadership drives customer satisfaction and operational efficiency. Since joining Amazon in early 2022, Sakshi has shown unwavering dedication to her role as the head of Amazon Flex, a



program that enables part-time work opportunities for individuals to further their earning potential by delivering Amazon packages to customers in their free time. This program plays a pivotal

role in Amazon India's last-mile delivery strategy. Celebrating her third Prime Day, Sakshi expresses her excitement for the event, emphasizing the intensity and collaborative spirit

around it. In her own words, she shares, "The energy during Prime Day is exhilarating. There's a palpable energy as we strive to meet customer demands. Our teams are deeply motivated, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie to ensure a successful event."

Throughout her tenure with Amazon, Sakshi has thrived amidst the company's dynamic environment, embracing change and progress. Reflecting on her role, she emphasizes, "Leading the Amazon Flex program allows me to drive proactive planning and alignment across teams."

Vidya Dham USA honoured writers Rannvijay Rao and Soni Laxmi Rao

Chandigarh: During a special programme at Chandigarh Press Club, popular Hindi poet and story writer Rannvijay Rao and Poetess Soni Laxmi Rao were honoured with 'Sahitya Ratna Award' by Vidya Dham USA founder and president Dr. Sarita Mehta for their literary contribution. They were presented with a memento and a shawl. This award was given to them for their literary activities. Senior writer Prem Vij, poet Dr. Vinod Sharma, writer Bahadur Singh,



Raj Vij, Anju Moudgil and Urmil Sakhi were also present on this occasion. Dr. Sarita Mehta said that Shri Rao has done extensive work on various subjects of literature. So far, many of his books have been pub-

lished. Prem Vij said that Rannvijay Rao's writings are mainly in poetry, stories and satire. Dr. Vinod Sharma said that Rao has recited poetry on D o o r d a r s h a n , Akashvani as well as on other platforms.

Yogi govt gears up for the makeover of Khanta picnic spot of Sonbhadra

Lucknow/Sonbhadra, The Yogi government is placing special emphasis on tourism development across the state. In this sequence, the proposed development of the Khanta Picnic Spot

in the Myorpur block of Sonbhadra district assumes special significance. Notably, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to develop this area as a prime picnic destination a few months ago. Subsequently, in alignment with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, a comprehensive action plan was prepared for the development of Khanta Picnic Spot. The implementation of this plan is now underway, aiming to transform the area into a major tourist attraction. The Yogi government's initiative has already led to a significant increase in footfall at various major pilgrimage

sites across the state with the development of comprehensive tourism facilities. Simultaneously, destinations endowed with natural beauty of the state are also being enhanced. Construction and development works will be completed at the cost of Rs 3.65 crore. The Yogi government has entrusted the Uttar Pradesh Project Corporation with the task of developing the Khanta Picnic Spot area, including the main building and various other facilities. Moving forward with this process, UP Project Corporation Limited has invited applications through a short-term tender. Through this process, a contractor agency will be selected.

CM Yogi fulfills dreams, youth employment gets a boost with Mission Rozgar

Lucknow

The Yogi government has successfully provided more than 650,000 youths with government jobs over the past seven years, ensuring transparency in the recruitment process. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath personally distributed appointment letters in February and March ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Even after the elections, on July 10, appointment letters were handed out to 7,720 youths for the post of Lekhpal. The distribution of appointment letters will continue, with the Chief Minister set to provide letters to selected youths in various departments soon. Under the Yogi government's Mission Rozgar, these youths have committed to delivering their best in their new

roles, confident in the transparency and impartiality of the process. Since assuming power for a second term in 2022, CM Yogi has distributed appointment letters at various programs, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to employment generation. He has also urged public representatives to encourage the newly appointed youths in their districts, in order to motivate other aspiri- n g candidates. Providing students with job-oriented courses along with the regular curriculum. CM Yogi had mentioned in his programs that the National Education Policy 2020 has been implemented. Along with the regular curriculum, various types of job-oriented courses are now being offered in parallel. The

state government has extended this initiative in secondary education as well, trying to integrate students with certificate courses related to paramedical, drone technology, data analysis, 3D printing, and more while continuing with the regular curriculum. For this, extensive changes are being made to vocational education courses. On the path to realizing the dream of a healthy UP. On June 9 last year, the CM handed out appointment letters to 7,182. ANM health workers. On June 10, he gave appointment letters to 1,442 newly selected staff nurses at SGPGI. On July 18, appointment letter was also given to 1573 ANMs newly elected by Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission.

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal

PUNE: A weather conundrum is gathering steam over Bay of Bengal ahead of monsoon arrival. India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast formation of a low-pressure area over southwest Bay of Bengal around , while some independent forecasters sounded alarm about potential for an intense cyclone in the making that could impact Odisha, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, IMD, told: "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 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.