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As nation moves to new laws, Delhi Police files 300 cases



NEW DELHI: A shooting incident and a fatal accident were among a dozen-odd FIRs registered under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) in the early hours of Monday. From midnight to noon, police had filed over 100 FIRs under the new laws, sources said. While Delhi Police brass didn't release an official figure of the total number of FIRs registered on Day 1, sources pegged the number at around 300, including e-FIRs. Several senior police officers confirmed that it was business as usual in terms of FIR registration. While the shooting incident that left a man wounded took place in north-east Delhi's Seelampur, the crash was reported from Nihal Vihar area. As nation moves to new laws, Delhi Police

NEET retest: 60% improve scores, but can't match what they got with grace marks

NEW DELHI: 60% of the 813 NEET applicants who took the retest after the grace marks awarded to them were rescinded have improved upon their original score, excluding the grace marks. They include 4 of 5 whose score after the addition of grace marks totalled 720, the maximum possible in the test. Marks of another member of the 720 club came down by just 4. However, none of them could match the

files 300 cases. An FIR was registered for the offence of encroachment against a street vendor at Kamla Market police station in the early hours but later Delhi Police moved court for its cancellation, sources said. The cops denied claims made on social media that it was the first FIR registered under BNS. Speaking to reporters, Union home minister Amit Shah also clarified that the first case was registered in Gwalior. "The case registered at Kamla Market PS was one of the first cases registered in Delhi under the new laws. There were provisions for the offence in the earlier law too... It is not a new provision. Police used the provision to review it and dismissed that case," he said.

Amid SCS tensions, Quad foreign ministers may meet in Japan this month



High Court: Shameful if even one Sandeshkhali plaintiff true

KOLKATA: Even if one affidavit was found to be accurate, it would be a matter of shame, Calcutta HC remarked Thursday, expressing deep concern over the contents of affidavits presented before it during a hearing on a PIL seeking an independent investigation into the Sandeshkhali sexual harassment allegations. A division bench comprising Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharya said district authorities and Trinamool Congress must take responsibility for the situation. It warned that Bengal's claim of being the "safest."

Quad's opposition to any unilateral action to change the status quo by force or coercion. China was Monday reported to have deployed an aircraft carrier near the Philippines. In the last foreign ministers' meeting.

Prioritise MP and MLA criminal cases: Delhi High Court

NEW DELHI: Delhi HC has asked its judges to prioritise hearing of all criminal cases, appeals and revisions concerning MPs and MLAs so that the cases can be decided expeditiously and effectively. A division bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora passed the order while dealing with a suo motu PIL to monitor cases pending against MPs and MLAs in trial courts as well as the high court. The matter will be heard on May 20. 'Refrain from adjourning cases related to MP, MLAs' The court also asked its registry to reallocate or redistribute cases pending before a single judge of the court in which an order.

Claims of TMC MP targeted ex-diplomat's hubby Puri: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: The Delhi HC held that "roving allegations" insinuating financial impropriety in purchase of a property in Switzerland by former diplomat Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri were "actually targeted" at her husband and BJP's Hardeep Singh Puri, reports Abhinav Garg. The court said it was "extremely irresponsible" of Gokhale to have published the "derogatory content" without due verification. It further directed Gokhale to publish an apology on his X handle from which he had put out the offending posts, as also prominently in TOI's Delhi edition.

"It is this court's view that no amount of monetary award can truly compensate for damage to reputation. However, upon a balance of all considerations, defendant No.1 is directed to pay to the plaintiff damages in the sum of Rs 50 lakh within eight weeks," HC noted, while making it clear that the apology shall be retained on Gokhale's X handle for six months from the date of posting.

Justice Bhambhani noted that the documents placed by the former diplomat "clearly and cogently explained the source of funds" used by her to purchase the apartment, which included a loan from a banking institution and funds from her daughter, and while the damage caused to her reputation by the offending posts cannot be "effaced completely", an unconditional apology is the least that is required. "The offending posts are per se defamatory; that the plaintiff has suffered undeserved legal injury to her reputation which warrants redressal," the judge observed, saying allegations of financial impropriety dent.

Rahul lying, kin of Agniveer KIA get Rs 1 crore, says Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI: India is among the 25 countries participating in the third UN-led conference on Afghanistan in Doha that kicked off Sunday, looking to find ways to improve the lives of the Afghan people in the Taliban ruled country. The meeting is significant as it is the first time that the Taliban are attending the talks.

However, the UN has denied that the latest



round of talks in Doha are meant to pave the way for international recognition for the Taliban. The conference has also come under strong criticism from rights groups for not engaging Afghan women and civil society members. India is being represented in the meeting by MEA joint secretary of the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran (PAI) division J P Singh. The official, who visited Kabul in

March this year, also met Taliban leaders in Doha. India continues to tread carefully on the Taliban, as it works closely with them for Afghanistan's humanitarian needs and its own security needs but without doing anything that might be seen as a step towards official recognition for the regime in Kabul. The conference in Doha is also seeing EU, OIC and SCO.

RBI defers exchange-traded currency derivatives rules

NEW DELHI: MUMBAI: RBI has deferred the implementation of its rules on exchange-traded currency derivatives by a month, resulting in traders scrambling to square off their positions. RBI's circular, which was scheduled to come into effect on April 5, said that only traders with an underlying forex exposure can trade in currency derivatives. Exchange-traded cur-

rency derivatives, like futures contracts, help companies hedge against currency risk. For instance, an Indian exporter expecting payment in US dollars in three months can use currency futures to mitigate potential losses from adverse exchange rate movements. By entering a futures contract to sell US dollars at a predetermined rate, the exporter locks in a

exchange rate. The market for exchange-traded currency derivatives has been thriving for a decade because of positions taken by investors with a view on the currency. However, RBI said that its recent circular only reiterates its existing position. "The regulatory framework for exchange-traded currency derivatives has remained consistent over the years.

Good rainfall set to cool things down in northwest India

NEW DELHI: Despite an 11% shortfall in June, monsoon this year could end in the 'above normal' range with IMD expecting good rainfall in the coming three months of the season.

"In 20 out of the 25 years, when June rainfall was below normal, July rainfall was normal or above normal. Similarly, in 17 of the 25 years, when June rainfall was below normal, overall southwest monsoon rainfall was normal or above normal," said IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra while sharing past data that indicate high probability of 'above normal' seasonal rainfall in the coun-



try when La Nina would be an important factor. Good rainfall set to cool things down in NW India (1). As far as temperature is concerned, good rainfall will bring relief with maximum (day) temperature being normal to below normal over many parts of the northwest India in July. In contrast, northwest India recorded a mean temperature

of 31.73 degrees Celsius in June, 1.65 degrees Celsius above normal and the highest since 1901. Even the monthly average maximum temperature in the region was 38.02 degrees Celsius, 1.96 degrees Celsius above normal and highest since 1901. IMD data shows that Rajasthan, MP, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi,

west and east UP, HP, Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Saurashtra and Kutch regions of Gujarat experienced 20 to 38 days of heat waves during April-June period. Summer (March-June) in India this year experienced around a total of 536 heat wave days (heat wave days of all 36 meteorological subdivisions put together).

TMC man assaults couple, held as video goes viral

CHOPRA (NORTH DINAJPUR): Police on Sunday registered a suo motu case and launched an investigation after a video of a man brutally thrashing a woman and her male friend over an extramarital relationship in Bengal's North Dinajpur went viral on Sunday.

The accused, a TMC functionary, has been arrested. The accused was identified as Tajemul alias JCB. The party dissociated itself from Tajemul saying police would act tough on the perpetrator. BJP, CPM and Congress have condemned the incident. The woman, a resident of Chopra, has a 14-year-old daughter and her husband is a migrant.

Medha Patkar gets 5-month jail in LG defamation case

Vatika Times
NEW DELHI: A city court on Monday sentenced activist Medha Patkar (70) to five months of simple imprisonment in a criminal defamation case filed by Delhi LG VK Saxena. The court of metropolitan magistrate Raghav Sharma took note of the activist's age and medical condition but observed these factors "do not absolve her of the serious nature of her offence", reported. The court directed Patkar to pay Rs 10 lakh as compensation to LG Saxena, saying the imposition of the substantial fine recognises the "extensive harm that the complainant had endured over the 23-24 years of legal battle". and was a tangible acknowledgement of his distress. False Charges

Undermine Trust: Court The offence entails a maximum punishment of up to two years or fine or both. The sentence will remain suspended for 30 days to give Patkar enough opportunity to file an appeal, said the court. It had on May 24 convicted the activist in the case filed in 2000 by Saxena when he was president of National Council of Civil Liberties because of a defamatory press release. "The unfounded accusations, such as involvement in hawala transactions and compromising the interests of Gujarat's people for foreign entities, were designed to ruin the complainant's public image and credibility. The complainant experienced profound damage to his reputation, trustworthi-

Body of man found under suspicious circumstances

Prayagraj: Sensation spread when the dead body of a 53-year-old middle-aged man was found on the banks of Yamuna river at Subban Ghat under Karaali area of Prayagraj police station at 8 am on Monday. Karelalbagh outpost incharge Ashok Yadav and sub inspector Ishtiaq Ansari reached the spot with the police force. The deceased was identified as Jitendra Nishad alias Pappu, son of Mishrilal, resident of Sadiyapur. Mahesh Nishad, brother of the deceased, lodged a complaint in Kareli police station and expressed suspicion of murder. According to Mahesh, Jitendra Nishad was a skilled swimmer and as usual he had gone towards Subban Ghat at 7 pm on Sunday evening. The next morning his body was found on the banks of Yamuna river. People nearby told that Jitendra was addicted to alcohol and was often seen in an inebriated state on the river bank. On the basis of the complaint, the police filled the panchnama and sent the body for post-mortem. The actual cause of death will be known only after the post-mortem report.



Harishchandra is still honest in the society: Anuradha, sr social worker

Prayagraj: The officials of Anonymous Sneh Parivar, Mr. Anil Kumar Maurya, senior social worker, Ms. Anuradha, a competitive student of Rae Bareilly district, who has set an example of honesty, at Rajarshi Tandon Seva Kendra located at Bank Road. The mobile phone of senior social worker teacher Shri Narayan Yadav, who is preparing for UPSC while staying in Prayagraj, had fallen near the Boys High School two days ago, which was found by a competitive student Shri Anil Kumar Maurya and returned it to Shri Narayan ji. While honoring Ms. Anuradha, she said that there is still honest Harishchandra in the society. Senior social worker teacher Shri Narayan Yadav expressed his gratitude and wished for the bright future of the student. In the felicitation ceremony, senior social worker leader Ravi Shankar Mishra, NGIT Director Mr. Javed Siddiqui were present. Shri Arvind ji, Mrs. Premlata Shukla, Shri Kapil Tripathi, Shri Rinku, Shri Ravikumar Writer, Shri Arun and Shri Tarun Mishra, Shri Raghuveer, Shri Chandan, Shri Guddu Pandit, etc. praised.



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BJP govt only destroyed trees, houses and employment: Vinay Kushwaha Plantation of trees on birthday of SP National President Akhilesh Yadav

Prayagraj: BJP's central and state government only destroyed trees, houses and employment in the name of road widening, they created nothing. On the occasion of the birthday of Samajwadi Party National President, former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, while planting a Pakad tree in Parvati Chauraha Park, Georgetown, SP State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha said that Akhilesh Yadav's thinking is on development with environmental balance along with everyone. It is for everyone's benefit. Therefore, on his birthday, he asked all the workers to plant trees. Because in the last ten years of the BJP government, more trees have been cut than would have been cut in fifty years, due to which the heat is increasing year by year and the environmental balance is deteriorating. Yuvjan Sabha District President Harshit Pandey said that there would be no better gift than a tree plantation program on the birthday of National President Akhilesh Yadav which will save us and our future. Along with Dharmendra Yadav, former State Secretary Shivam Jaiswal, Amit Yadav, Nitin Pandey, Pawan Patel etc were present.



CA Anil Gupta felicitated

Prayagraj: CA Day is celebrated every year on 1st July to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), one of the oldest professional institutes in the country. Vinay Ranjan, President, Lions Club of Allahabad Abhinav, CA Anil Gupta, CA Raktabh Bhaskar and CA Amit Aggarwal were honored by giving memento, certificate and sole. On this issue, CA Anil Gupta said that in today's time, CA has an important role. Behind every successful businessman, CA plays an important role. He helps any company and businessman to maintain their accounts and get the benefits of government schemes. We cooperate so that a businessman can run his business smoothly. CA Anil Gupta felicitated Dr. Rahul Dixit, Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Dr. Ranjan Bajpai by giving memento, certificate and salute on International CA Day. On this occasion people like Mohit Pandey, Dilip Singh, Manoj Singh, Vikash Singh, Jitendra Prakash, Rajeev Mishra (APS), Anoop Kumar Mishra, Avinash Verma, Rupali etc. were present.



Under ABVP's nationwide campaign 'Parisar Chalo Abhiyan', 'Parisar Chalo Yatra' launched in Kashi Prant Journey to conclude on July 6 at BHU and Allahabad University

Prayagraj: In an effort to revive campuses and restore campus culture, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has initiated a nationwide campaign titled "Parisar Chalo Abhiyan". This campaign will involve an awareness drive through the "Parisar Chalo Rath" in ABVP's Kashi Province, encouraging students to return to their campuses. As part of the "Parisar Chalo Yatra" organized by ABVP Kashi Province, a chariot has been launched from Duddhi and Amethi in Sonbhadra, officially inaugurated today. The chariot departing from Duddhi will reach Kashi Hindu University on July 6, passing through Sonbhadra, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Varanasi district,

Gazipur, Chandauli, and Varanasi Mahanagar. Meanwhile, the chariot starting from Amethi will arrive at Allahabad University on July 6, traveling through Sultanpur, Machlishaher, Jaunpur, Pratapgarh, Kaushambi, Prayag Jila, and Prayag Mahanagar.

The student council will sustain the "Parisar Chalo Abhiyan" throughout the year to address the decline in student presence on campuses. This mass movement will be conducted in two phases, targeting 10+2 students and those studying in university campuses. In the first phase, the focus will be on reigniting student interest in campuses through student dialogues, student parliaments, motivational speeches, various

competitions, and creating a positive campus atmosphere. This will include initiating student unions in

education sector stakeholders to enliven campuses, transform them into employment hubs, and provide facilities



campuses, practical classes in schools, and projects related to art, sports, service, and the environment. In the second phase, efforts will be made to engage all edu-

like canteens, sports grounds, and student welfare centers to enhance campus appeal.

In Amethi, the yatra was inaugurated by State Sec-

retary Abhay Pratap Singh and State Joint-Secretary Shubhendra Singh. In Duddhi, the yatra was inaugurated by National Executive Council Member Payal Rai, State Organizing Secretary Abhilash Mishra, and State Joint-Secretary Naman Srivastava.

During the inauguration in Amethi, Abhay Pratap Singh, State Secretary of ABVP Kashi, stated, "Following the Corona period, there has been a decline in student attendance on educational campuses, causing students to forget campus culture, which is crucial for their all-round development. Campus and classroom education are integral to the socialization process of students, helping them understand their societal

and national responsibilities. A public awareness campaign will be conducted in the districts through the "Parisar Chalo Rath" organized by ABVP Kashi Prant. During this campaign, various activities such as chaupals, seminars, street plays, and leaflet distribution will be conducted to highlight the importance of campus culture. Families will be visited to motivate students to attend campus and pursue education. Efforts are being made to grandly decorate the chariot, with workers from all districts holding meetings to ensure its grandeur. Groups of students will accompany these chariots, and they will receive a grand welcome at major stops."

Raunak Gupta became President of Prayagraj Shooting Ball Association and Kuldeep Singh Secretary

Devendra Pandey, Advocate HC and Patron Vijay Rai chosen as Chief Patron of Association

Prayagraj: A meeting was organized at Hotel Prayag Holiday located in Lukarganj of the city. In which the new District Executive of Shooting Ball Association was formed. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Narendra Pandey. Thereafter, Chief Patron of the Association Devendra Pandey, Advocate High Court and Patron Vijay Rai were unanimously elected for various posts of the District Executive of Prayagraj Shooting Ball Association. After being elected the patron of the association, Sardar Kuldeep Singh welcomed both the respected members by garlanding them. After that, Raunak Gupta was elected to the post of Presi-

dent of Prayagraj Shooting Ball Association, Mukesh Shukla was elected to the

of Treasurer of the Association and Ashish Kanojia to the post of Deputy Secre-



post of Vice President and Sardar Kuldeep Singh was elected to the post of Secretary. Then the members present in the meeting unanimously elected Shivansh Singh to the post

tary. All the people present in the meeting welcomed all the elected members with a thunderous sound. Vice President of the Association and national volleyball player Mukesh Shukla wel-

comed and congratulated the newly elected President of the Association Raunak Gupta. The program was conducted by Sardar Kuldeep Singh, Chief Patron of the Association, Devendra Pandey, Advocate, gave his blessings and best wishes to all the members of the newly elected executive of the Shooting Ball Association. In the end, Dr. Narendra Pandey, who was presiding over the meeting, expressed his gratitude to all the people present and expressed his gratitude. Santosh Singh, Poonam Yadav (Advocate), Subhash Chandra, Kumud Singh Pal, Sardar Kamal Singh Pehalwan, Ujjwal Singh, Dinesh Pal etc. were present on the said occasion.

Desire for a bacteria-free life is causing cancer - Dr. Ajai

Prayagraj: Renowned scientist Padmashree Dr. Ajai Kumar Sonkar said that recently, one Latin American and two European multicenter case-control studies have indicated an increased risk of head and neck cancer associated with the use of mouthwash more than twice daily. The analysis included eight thousand nine hundred eighty-one cases of head and neck cancer and 10,090 controls from 12 case-control studies with comparable information on mouthwash use. Compared to those who never used mouthwash, the odds ratio of all head and neck cancers was 1.01 (95%), based on 12 studies. The odds ratio of oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancers were 1.11 (95%) and 1.28 (95%), respectively. The study reflects the sub-locations and potential risks of head and neck cancer in long-term and frequent users of mouthwash.

Dr Ajai said that there are 39 trillion bacteria in the human body. The human gut contains 500 to 1,000 species of bacteria that have health-maintaining and anti-aging effects such as aiding digestion and absorption and stimulating immunity. This is the defense sys-



tem that protects us from various diseases and external attacks by fighting against bad bacteria that have an adverse effect on the body. When we use any substance that has the ability to kill bacteria and bring it in contact with our body, it also destroys our good

bacteria, due to which our body's defense system becomes weak and bacteria that cause dangerous diseases start dominating.

According to research published in the Journal of Medical Microbiology, test subjects who used mouthwash daily for three months showed higher concentrations of two bacteria - Fusobacterium Nucleatum and Streptococcus Anginosus - both of which have been linked to cancer.

Dr Ajai said that not only mouthwash but man's unnatural and toxic lifestyle has brought him to this brink of diseases. In nature, the teeth of any animal never decay and their teeth work throughout their life, except humans. In the desire of bacteria free life we use various anti bacterial mediums. In my laboratory I often use copper metal to make medium or chemicals bacteria free. Because copper ions kill bacteria. One

day I saw a person drinking water from a copper bottle and then I thought that copper utensils are often used in homes thinking that drinking its water is good for health. I thought whether there is presence of copper ions in water kept in copper utensils which reach our body and harm our gut bacteria? On investigation it was found that these ions were produced in water kept in copper utensils for several days. Which were visible in the form of green layer on the inner wall of the copper vessel. Then I came to the conclusion that water kept in copper utensils is not safe for health.

Even in today's modern age, if you look at any creature living in the lap of nature in a forest, you will not find any disease that humans suffer from. Diseases are caused by this artificial world created by humans and their behaviour.

Akhilesh became provincial Veep of UP Industry Trade Delegation, traders congratulated

Prayagraj: In the 21st Provincial Election Festival program of Uttar Pradesh Industry Trade Delegation, President of City West Traders Federation, Akhilesh Singh was elected to the post of Provincial Vice President of Uttar Pradesh Industry Trade Delegation. While serving the traders as the President of the Trade Board of Rajrooppur market of Prayagraj district, he is currently the Senior Vice President of the Prayag Trade Board as well as the President of the City West Traders Federation. While serving the traders continuously, today he was elected as the Pro-



vincial Vice President at the state level. Went. As soon as the news of his election was received, there was a wave of happiness among the traders of Prayagraj. The traders congratulated Akhilesh Singh and wished him a bright future. On being elected provincial vice president, Akhilesh Singh said that with Prayagraj, he has now got the opportunity to serve businessmen at the state level. I will continuously struggle to serve the traders with full dedication. I express my gratitude to the Provincial President of the Uttar Pradesh Industry Trade Delegation, the General Secretary and all the officials and businessmen with whose blessings I have been given the responsibility of the Provincial Vice President. Those who congratulated included Dhnanjay Singh, Rajesh Gupta, Atul Kesarwani, Suresh Gupta, Dharmendra Dwivedi, Narendra Kheda, Sonu Sahu, Ramlochan, Gyan Kesarwani, Manjeet Kushwaha, Sunil Kesarwani, Diljit Singh, Atin Gupta, Ratan Aggarwal, Pappu Kalash, Fayyaz Ahmed, Suman Kapoor, Krishle Kesarwani, Yogendra Kushwaha etc. congratulated.

Sanand (Gujarat) HQ Mamata Machinery Ltd files DRHP

Varanasi: Sanand (Gujarat) headquartered Mamata Machinery Ltd, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with stock market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Beeline Capital Advisors Private Limited is the sole Book Running Lead Manager to the Issue (BRLM).

The objects of the Offer are to (i) carry out the Offer for Sale of up to 7,382,340 Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders; and (ii) achieve the benefits of listing the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges. The company will not receive any proceeds from the Offer, and all such proceeds will go to the Selling Shareholders.

Mamata Machinery Ltd manufactures and exports plastic bags and pouch making machines, packaging machines and extrusion equipment. The company provides end-to-end manufacturing solutions for the packaging industry. The company sells its machines under the brand name "Vega" and "Win" and as of May 31, 2024, the company has installed over 4,500 machines in 75 countries around the world.

The company offers comprehensive range of products serving the entire flexible packaging market value chain covering: (bag and pouch making machines - which converts roll of plastic films into bags and pouches; packaging machines - which are used to fill the end products into pouches categorised as horizontal form fill and seal machines ("HFSS"), vertical form fill and seal machines ("VFSS") and pick fill seal machines ("PFS") for smaller volume requirements; co-extrusion blown film machines - which are used for processing various polymer granules into co-extruded multilayer films. The films may have mono layer, three, five and seven layers.

Van Mahotsav celebrated in Nandgaon Colony Ward No. 54

Prayagraj: Van Mahotsav program was launched by the Forest Department near Nandeshwar Mahadev Temple. The Forest Department celebrates Van Mahotsav every year from 1st July to 7th July. The objective of Van Mahotsav is to plant trees, save trees. In the inauguration program of Van Mahotsav, a total of 150 trees have been planted by the Forest Department along with guards in Ward No. 54. The objective of Van Mahotsav is to create awareness about trees among the general public. An effort is made to tell the importance of trees in human life. This year's scorching heat has also made people aware about trees to a great

extent and interest in planting trees has been seen among the people. There is a competition to plant the trees provided by the Forest Department through the Van Mahotsav. In the Van Mahotsav, Forest Inspector of the Forest Department Shiv Dutt Singh Kapil Dev and Regional Officer Vibhuti Narayan Singh along with Ward No. 54 councilor Mithilesh Kumar Singh, Ravi Verma, Sanjay Singh, Yogesh Tripathi, Satyendra Kumar Singh, Pradeep Patel, Kamlesh Mishra, Saroj Tiwari, Devendra Singh Chauhan, KK Srivastava, Vinay Kumar Singh as well as aware women of the colony were present in this mother festival.

Remove mud and swamps to make alternative arrangements for transportation

Prayagraj: This is the plight of Mandar village in the west assembly of the city of Prayagraj, where a flyover is being built over the railway track since last year. The bridge construction company is working arbitrarily. Before starting the construction of the bridge, the villagers were told that We will make an alternative arrangement, a road will be built from the side, which will continue till the complete construction continues, which was not done, due to which the situation has become so unfortunate that commuting has become not only difficult but also impossible in many villages. People take this road to seek employment, jobs and other works. It can be clearly seen in the picture that life has become completely chaotic. It has become difficult for people to leave their homes. It is impossible for children to reach school. There is a market in Mandar village two days a week, on Monday and Friday, in which people of the village and surrounding villages buy daily essentials like vegetables, etc., but due to the complete collapse and poor traffic, there is



no market. Looks like. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen AIMIM Metropolitan President Afsar Mehmood and Youth Metropolitan President Iftikhar Ahmed Mander told that this city is a controversy of Western Region Honorable MLA Siddharth Nath Ji. From time to time, the Honorable MLA was also informed about governance and administration. were also informed but no one took any cognizance. During summers there is severe dust formation and during rainy days the entire area turns into swamp and mud. The people of the village are very sad and angry. People say that the bridge Why is the construction company breaking the promise and doing the work arbitrarily and what is the fault of the villagers that they are getting punished in this manner? The bridge will be ready in many years, hence the honorable MLA, government and administration have a request and request to the bridge construction company. Find a solution to this problem as soon as possible and free the villagers from this muddy swamp.

Traders welcomed new police commissioner

Prayagraj: In a meeting of elite citizens and businessmen in the Police Station Civil Lines premises, the new Police Commissioner discussed in detail with the citizens and businessmen about the new laws coming into effect from July 1. He said that the laws that were in force in the past were the same. They were effective since the British era and now the circumstances and conditions have changed a lot. The environment of the society has also changed a lot. Information is also exchanged through electronic media and e-mailing, WhatsApp etc. In view of these changed circumstances, timely changes have also been made in the law. Now arrangements have also been made that the disposal of cases should be done at a speedy pace and the cases should be disposed of in a time bound manner. In the meeting, DCP Mr. Deepak Bhukar, ACP Civil Lines, Shwetabh Pandey, Inspector-in-charge Civil Lines, Inspector-in-charge Mahila Police Station, other sub-inspectors, President of Civil Lines Trade Board, Sushil Kharbanda, Senior Vice President of Central Trade Board, Kadir Bhai, Senior Vice President of Civil Lines Trade Board were present in the meeting. A large number of businessmen including Ashish Arora, Jewelers Association President Dinesh Singh, Gaurav Rai, Piyush Ranjan Agarwal, Sardar Ranveer Singh, Sheikh Dabur Lawyer, Sanjeev Kapoor, Vishal Kanojia, Ritesh Singh, Amit Singh, Councilor Bablu Raghuvanshi were present.



New lease of life given to elderly passenger, IG/RPF honored soldiers

Prayagraj: Inspector General cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RFR/UMR Mr. Amiya Nandan Sinha posted at RPF Post Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi station, Mr. Shabbir Khan, Mr. Giriraj Singh and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Const., were awarded for saving the life of the elderly passenger. On 16.05.2024, train number 11058 was leaving for its destination after its scheduled stop from



platform number 01 of Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi station, when an elderly passenger slipped and fell between the platform and the train while trying to board the moving train. Also posted on platform duty, SHO/Shabbir Khan, SHO/Giriraj Singh and CONS/Rajesh Sharma showed prudence and took prompt action and immediately stopped the train by ACP and the above mentioned elderly passenger was placed under the train by the said force members. His life was saved by taking him out of the car. For the above commendable work, Mr. Shabbir Khan, Giriraj Singh and Rajesh Sharma have been selected as EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for the month of May 2024.

Free eye and dental health camp organized

Prayagraj: On the occasion of Doctor's Day, a free eye and dental health camp was organized under the joint aegis of Humanity India Trust and Bandhan Foundation at Adharshila Old Age Home, Naini, Prayagraj. Crown Multi Speciality Dental Hospital and Guru Ansh Opticians had



important support in this camp. This camp was organized under the leadership of Anoop Bind (Indian Railways/Social Worker). In this camp, along with eye examination of all the elderly people present there, free glasses were also provided to those who needed them and all their problems were solved by giving them medicines after dental examination. Humanity India Trust provides help to old age homes whenever needed. Today's camp was organized by Dr. Swati Chaudhary (Vice President Bandhan Foundation), Utkarsh Tiwari (President Bandhan Foundation), Dr. Anand Chaudhary (Crown Multispeciality Dental Hospital), Dr. Pinku Kushwaha (Guru Ansh Opticians), Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Vivek Maurya, People like Aastha, Anshika, Divyabha, Vimal (Aadharsheela Old Age Home) etc. had major contribution.

Farewell ceremony organized

Prayagraj: A farewell ceremony was organized on the occasion of the retirement of Chief Cashier Rama Khanna at Kalyani Devi branch of Indian Bank. On this occasion, Divisional Head Parmendra Nath Upadhyay presented a memento to Khanna and appreciated her 32 years of banking tenure. Branch Manager Saurabh and Joint Secretary of Allahabad Bank Retiree Union Shyam Lal Sharma wished her a healthy and happy life. On this occasion, Mrs. Parna Ravi, Mr. Kanti Prasad Chaturvedi, Mr. Ashish Mehrotra, Mr. Yogendra Kumar, Mrs. Kavita Kaur and other employees and respected customers including Dr. Riyaz Ahmed, Mr. Javed Urfi were present.



Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta takes over as GOC-In-C, Central Command

Paid homage at Central Command War Memorial SMRITIKA

Prayagraj: Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal took over as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-In-C), Central Command, on Monday in Lucknow Cantonment. On assuming command, Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta paid homage at Central Command War Memorial 'SMRITIKA', Lucknow and also reviewed a ceremonial Guard of Honour. He conveyed his greetings to all ranks, families and civilian employees of Central Command and expressed his commitment to carry forward the excellent work by his predecessors and ensure operational readiness of Central Command at all times.

An alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy,

Dehradun, he was commissioned in PUNJAB Regiment in June 1987. He is also an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Army War Col-



lege, Mhow and the National Defence College.

In a military career spanning more than 36 years, he has the distinction of tenantry key command and staff appointments, both in peace and field. He has been an instructor at National Defence Academy,

Directing Staff at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Military Observer in Congo, Brigadier Major of an Infantry Brigade, Director Force Struc-

Anindya Sengupta has commanded an Infantry Battalion in Counter Insurgency environment, an Infantry Brigade on the Line of Control, an Infantry Brigade Group in The Democratic Republic of Congo as part of United Nations, Counter Insurgency Force 'Victor' and the 'Fire & Fury' Corps in UT of Ladakh.

Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta was awarded 'Yudh Seva Medal' after command of the Infantry Brigade on the Line of Control, 'Ati Vishisht Seva Medal' during command of Counter Insurgency Force 'Victor' and 'Uttam Yudh Seva Medal' for command of 'Fire & Fury' Corps. In addition, he is also a recipient of Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee Commendation Card and Mention-in-Despatches.

PC holds informative session with Mahila Vyapar Mandal on new laws

Prayagraj: Police Commissioner Arun Gaba, DCP Deepak Bhukar, ACP Shwetabh Pandey, and SHO Ramasare Pandey have invited Mahila Vyapar Mandal and other trade bodies to an informative session to provide them information about the new laws. This session was held on Monday at 10 am. District President Avantika Tandon told that the benefits of women empowerment of the new law: Increase in security - The new laws give priority to the safety of women, which will prevent crimes against women. There will be a reduction in crimes and they will get a safe environment.

General Secretary Pallavi Arora said that safety at workplace: Strict provisions have been made to prevent cases of harassment of women at workplaces, so that women can do their work without any

Senior Vice President Hina Khan said Equal Opportunities: New laws provide equal opportunities and rights to women, which will enable them to get



equal participation in education, employment, and other sectors.

Economic Empowerment: New laws provide opportunities for entrepreneurship and self-employ-

ment to women. Advocate Rishu Mishra said that Legal Aid: Special provisions have been made to provide assistance and protection to women in legal matters, which will make it easier for

ter health services and facilities. Radha Saxena said that education and training: Women will be given special encouragement in education and vocational training, so that they can enhance their skills and become more self-reliant. Among the Mahila Vyapar Mandal members present were Rama Agarwal, Lata Upadhyay, Meera Saxena, Neelu Shukla, Rati Tiwari, Shivangi, Anita Singh. Social Awareness: The new laws emphasize on running awareness campaigns to promote respect and equality for women in the society, which will improve the status of women. Through these laws since then, efforts have been made to ensure the rights and security of women, which will enable them to live respectfully and independently in the society.

Goals galore in Golazo FC Opening Match win

Prayagraj: In the opening match of Golazo FC outplayed Casa Barwani Soccer Club from Madhya Pradesh by 9-2 in the 3rd AIFF Futsal National Club Championship 2024. In the one-sided contest, the winners slammed five before half time and added another four in the next 20 minutes. For the losers, both goals came in the



second half. Stephen Satarkar was the hero for the winners as he alone accounted for five goals. Clinton Rosario D'Souza, Sachin Patil, Jayesh Sutar and Suraj Bhariat were the other scorers. Casa Barwani's goals came through Regan A and Shivkumar Shetty (own goal). It was the first match for both teams.

Head Coach - Joshua Vaj, Asst. Coach - Nikhil Mali, Goalkeeping Coach - Indranil Ghosh, Manager - Ruturaj Salunke and Asst. Manager - Rohit.

Crowd gathered at 106th annual Urs of Daulat Mazar Shah

Prayagraj: The 106th annual Urs was organized with great pomp at the Hari Masjid located in Karelabagh Balu Mandi and the Dargah Sharif of Daulat Mazar Shah. On the 23rd of the moon of Zilhijja, Gusal Sharif was organized and on the 24th, after Namaz, Johar Mahafila Shama was organized. After this, Fatiyah Khani of Kul Sharif was also organized. Khadim of Dargah Sharif Maulana Arshad Niazi and Imam of the mosque Maulana Mohammad Qasim played a special role in organizing the Urs. On this occa-



sion, the service of Mutawalli Mohammad Alam was also commendable. Shamin Niazi, Taufiq Niazi, Intiaz Niazi, Umar Siddiqui, Akbar Siddiqui, Faizan, Zeeshan, and Irfan and many other prominent people were also present in the event. Like every year, this year too a gathering was organized on the occasion of annual Urs, in which a large number of people participated. Naat and Qawwali were organized in the gathering, in which pilgrims from different areas came and read Fatiha at Dargah Sharif. The Qawwals made the atmosphere Sufi with their performances. The Dargah and the Mosque were specially decorated during the Urs. The beauty of the decoration attracted people's attention. During the event, devotees offered chadar at the Dargah and made their vows.

Himanshu Tiwari selected in National School of Drama

Prayagraj: Young artist Himanshu Tiwari of Prayagraj's well-known theater institute "Vinod Rastogi Smriti Sansthan" got selected in "National School of Drama, New Delhi". Veteran actors like Naseeruddin Shah, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Ashutosh Rana, Pankaj Tripathi, Rajpal Yadav have received theater education from the National School of Drama and are today big names in the Hindi cinema world. Before this, two other artistes of Vinod Rastogi Smriti Sansthan were also selected for the National Film Award. It has been done in the drama school in which recently "Aamir Malik" who played the role of Bhagat

Singh in the film Veer Savarkar worked in the institution and "Kavita Yadav" who is currently receiving drama education from the National School of Drama has also worked in Vinod Rastogi. Worked together with Smriti Sansthan. Himanshu Tiwari has been selected not only in National School of Drama but also in "Bharatendu Natya Academy, Lucknow". Apart from this, another young artist of the organization, Ashish Yadav, has been selected as a drama student in the Performing Arts Department of the University of



Hyderabad. President of Vinod Rastogi Smriti Sansthan, Shri Abhilash Narayan and Vice President Shri Ajay Mukherjee said that this will not only bring Vinod Rastogi Smriti Sansthan. The prestige of the members of the institute has increased but the prestige of the artists of Prayagraj city has also increased. Mr. Mukherjee said that the selection of Himanshu Tiwari will help in increasing self-confidence among the artists of the city. This information was given by the secretary of the organization, Mr. Alok Rastogi.

Editorial

India must kill terrorists.

Nijjar blowback shows it also needs laws to guide assassins

Two bullets had been fired into his gut, and one between his eyes: The assassins authored the end of the book Henry Liu had been writing. From his modest home in the suburbs of San Francisco, the investigative journalist had relentlessly attacked the Kuomintang dictatorship in Taiwan. The hit men—members of the crime cartel United Bamboo Gang, recruited by Taiwan's military intelligence chief Vice-Admiral Wang Hsi-ling—declined payment for the job, seeing themselves as patriots silencing a dangerous Communist agent. Later, his wife Helen Liu, offered a simple explanation for why her husband was murdered: "In Taiwan, people cannot speak freely. And he had a big mouth." Earlier this week, police in Canada arrested three Indian nationals for the murder of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, fuelling suspicions that India's Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) has been targeting Khalistan operatives in the West. The men, alleged to be linked to the crime network of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, are being investigated for their ties to Indian intelligence officers that Canada has claimed were involved in Nijjar's assassination. The government of India has angrily denied the allegations—but in recent weeks, senior political leaders have seemed to defend the country's right to use covert means against its enemies overseas. "Terrorists will be killed in their homes," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in one recent rally, amid reports that R&AW was eliminating terrorists in Pakistan. For many Indians—enraged by seeing the perpetrators of terrorist attacks from 1993 bombings to 2008 Mumbai attacks sheltering in safe havens in Pakistan, or Khalistan supporters openly calling for violence from the West—the use of covert means seems a legitimate exercise of power. This is not new. Following the bombing of the Indian embassy in Kabul in 2008, then National Security Advisor MK Narayanan demanded the country pay Pakistan back "in the same coin." Lawyers and political philosophers familiar with the complex history of assassinations by nation-states, though, would likely urge reflection on exactly when such force might be used—and what its consequences could be. "Although I may kill a man," the Renaissance jurist Alberico Gentili counselled the kings and princes of his violent times, "I may not do so by treachery." They listened, for good reasons. There is, no doubt, something profoundly spurious about the moral outrage that has surrounded India's alleged assassination campaign: The UK attempted to kill Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, and murdered Irish terrorists at home and abroad and Israel has long staged targeted killings. The US, lawyer scholars Luis Chiesa and Alexander KA Greenawalt have persuasively argued, ignored international law to kill co-founder of Al-Qaeda Osama Bin Laden and Colombian drug cartel boss Pablo Escobar. For its part, Russia frequently—and crudely—kills regime opponents overseas. Like India, nation-states everywhere have struggled to deal with criminals and terrorists their adversaries choose not to act against. However, the absence of an ethical norm doesn't mean that the many powerful arguments against covert action can be ignored. For most of history, international relations scholar Ward Thomas writes, assassination was used without scruple. Leaders of the ancient world regarded killing for public purposes as a moral project, and murder was seen as a legitimate foreign policy tool in the 17th century. The American political scientist Hans Morgenthau noted that "the Republic of Venice, from 1415 to 1525, planned or attempted about two hundred assassinations for purposes of its foreign policy".

Narendra Modi, Opposition and International Media

The largest democratic process in the world, the Indian Lok Sabha elections 2024, has attracted the attention of one and all across the globe. This general election is a watershed moment for Bharat which will initiate the country towards its new self of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. Besides, it also holds the possibility of establishing India's dynamic presence on the global stage. In academic discourses, it is often said that in the last ten years, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India, today is in the final stage of decolonisation. Under the visionary captaincy of Modi, Bharat, which was called "sone ki chidiya" i.e. the golden bird, in ancient times, is re-emerging as an economic power, recovering from hundreds of years of 'slavery' post-colonisation. Besides, it has also forged a new identity on the global stage with its scientific, strategic and 'soft' power. However, the anti-India international forces are not able to digest Bharat's new rise and are trying to hinder its advancement. The international media coverage, particularly news reports, articles, and editorials concerning Modi and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, serves as one of the most reliable indicators of this negative approach towards Bharat. In



keeping with the idea that Bharat was called the golden bird once upon a time, the British economist Angus Maddison in his book *The World Economy: A Millennial Perspective* has shown that India was the richest country and the largest economy in the world till the 10th century, its GDP was more than one-third of the world's economy, which remained very high till the 16th-17th century. But on account of the loot by external forces and inappropriate domestic policies post-independence, the GDP gradually slumped to 2.6 per cent in 2014. It is only with the efficient implementation framework created by the Narendra Modi government that India jumped from the 10th largest economy of the world in 2014 to the fifth largest economy today. By 2027, hopefully, we are going to be the third-largest economy. Along with this, India's influ-

ence has also increased on global platforms, strategically and scientifically. With the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 to the Moon, the nation has registered its presence strongly in the field of science and technology. It has also emerged as a major exporter in space industry and defence equipment. Also, providing Covid vaccines to the entire world during the pandemic and showcasing its prowess in the G20 meeting and other international platforms has added to India's prestige manifold in the world today. Unfortunately, India's rise has not gone well with certain vested interests, inimical to Bharat, in Pakistan, China, the Arab world as well as Western countries. These forces feel envious of India's remarkable progress under the leadership of Modi, marching towards Viksit Bharat @2047. That is why it can be seen that these anti-

India forces are trying to influence the Lok Sabha elections in an effort to stop Modi's visionary drive towards progress that he has envisaged for the country. There seems to be a sinister conspiracy to influence the Indian voters by running a 'well-planned campaign' at the global level. Naseem Javed, a corporate political philosopher and currently the president of the Canadian think tank Expothon Worldwide, in his book titled *Alpha Dreamers: The Five Billion Connected Alpha Dreamers Who Will Change the World* in 2019 writes, the people in the world, today, are interconnected. Global public opinion is now an authentic voice. This global public opinion can be used by various forces to influence any country. It would be pertinent to note in this context the international media's attitude vis-a-vis current elections in India. Whether it's *The New York Times* of the US, *England's The Guardian*, *Qatar's (Arabia's) Al Jazeera*, *Pakistan's The Dawn* or *China's The People's Daily Online*, there is a common thread seen in all – the portrayal of Narendra Modi and the BJP as the villain, whereas no negative sentiment could be found against Rahul Gandhi and his Congress or other Opposition parties. However,

a paradox can be seen in all these newspapers as, despite their strong criticism, all of them believe "aega toh Modi hi" (only Modi will win again). *The New York Times* on April 20, 2024, wrote, "In this year's elections, the scion of India's most storied political family (Rahul Gandhi) is still trying to unseat Modi – and change the nation's course...he's modelling himself after Mahatma Gandhi. He doesn't want to take any position of power". Whereas, the publication on April 23, 2024, portrayed Modi as a villain, and commented that he abolished the semi-autonomy of the Muslim-majority state of Jammu and Kashmir; enacted a citizenship law (CAA) widely viewed as prejudiced against Muslims; and helped construct a grand Ram Mandir. These comments come at a time when it has been understood both at the national and international level that all these measures were taken to correct long-standing historical mistakes. It's not without reason that the public opinion of the nation remained in favour of Modi all this time. Similarly, *Al Jazeera* on April 12, 2024, was critical of Modi being portrayed as Bhishma Pitamah, the famous character of the epic Mahabharata, using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

"Trade, not aid' - Rao's 1991 reforms speech that changed India's economic landscape

When I spoke to you last, I promised quick and bold measures to restore our sick economy to health. We have taken the first step to fulfil that promise. This is the beginning. A further set of far-reaching changes and reforms is on the way. For the last eighteen months, there has been paralysis on the economic front. The last two governments postponed taking vital decisions. The fiscal position was allowed to deteriorate. The balance-of-payment crisis became unmanageable. Nonresident Indians and foreign leaders became more and more reluctant to lend money to India. Consequently, India's external reserves declined steeply, and we had no foreign exchange to import

even such essential commodities as diesel, kerosene, edible oil, and fertiliser. The net result was that when we came to power, we found the financial position of the country in a terrible mess. The Reserve Bank changed the exchange rate of rupee. This was done so that we can export more. More garments, more leather products, more gems and jewellery, more agricultural products made in India will be sold abroad. This will not only earn us Foreign Exchange but also create new employment at home. And why do we need to earn foreign exchange so badly? Not to import luxury items but to buy commodities like kerosene and diesel, fertilisers, edible oil, and steel. We produce these commodities, but

what we produce is not enough. We are stepping up our production, but for some time, we have to import. The adjustment in exchange rate will discourage the import of nonessential goods. And will therefore save foreign exchange for the imports of essential goods of consumption. It will also end uncertainty about the future of our currency and will encourage nonresident Indians to send more money to be deposited in their accounts in India. After changing the value of the rupee, we undertook a major overhaul of the trade policy. Our message was simple—you cannot import if you do not export. We cut down on the export licenses so that our exporters do not face hurdles.

Semiconductor Ecosystem: A Silent Revolution in India's High-Tech Manufacturing

As our lives become increasingly reliant on technology, semiconductors have become the essential foundation of society. These tiny chips are the powerhouses behind our electronic devices, communication systems, and even the functioning of our agricultural implements, medical equipment and vehicles. India has recognised the enormous socio-economic potential and strategic importance of this silent revolution of technology and is taking the lead in building a robust semiconductor ecosystem and developing a talented workforce. India's goal of becoming self-sufficient and a global leader in semiconductors is supported by the fact that the semiconductor industry is expected to generate over one million job opportunities for semiconductor design engineers, manufacturing engineers, R&D scientists, operators, technicians, and skilled workers in chip design and semiconductor fabrication, packaging, and sales facilities over the next five years. According to the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom) and Zinnov's latest report, "Around 30 per cent of the new global capability centres established in India

during the December quarter of last year were in the semiconductor space, indicating a growing interest in leveraging the local talent pool in areas such as front-end design, performance testing, and post-silicon validation." The world's leading chip design companies, including Intel, Texas Instruments, AMD, Nvidia, and Qualcomm, have design and R&D centres in India. AMD recently inaugurated its largest global design centre in Bengaluru. In March, an event – 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat', witnessed the foundation stone of three semiconductor projects worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore. Tata Electronics in partnership with Taiwan's Power Chip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC), set up the country's first semiconductor fab plant in Dholera (Gujarat) with an investment of Rs 91,000 crore and another plant in Morigaon (Assam) with an investment of Rs 27,000 crore, with the first chips to begin coming off the production line in 2026. US-based semiconductor manufacturer Micron India plant with an investment of Rs 22,500 crore in Sanand (Gujarat), is expected to roll out the first

"Made in India" memory chips by December. It is contributing its bit to the Chandrayaan-3 mission Semiconductor Corporation of India (SCL) proposed to update and expand its chip facility in the Mohali plant with an investment of Rs 20,000 crore, to enhance its contribution to ISRO and to other space research organisations globally. Despite the upward trajectory of India's current semiconductor chip ecosystem, the country remains dependent on the US, Taiwan, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and South Korea, with over 95 per cent of semiconductors imported from these countries. To reduce this dependency on imports, India recognised the strategic importance of a robust domestic semiconductor industry. It unveiled the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) offering 50 per cent capital expenditure support to new entrants, production-linked incentive (PLI), and design-linked incentive (DLI) schemes with an outlay of Rs 76,000 crore, as well as state government incentive support, international partnerships, and a focus on talent development. The Electronic and IT Ministry plans to train over 85,000.

Uddhav is writing a new story for Maharashtra

When Uddhav Thackeray took the dais and began his speech, the ground was enveloped in a hushed silence. The janta straightened in their chairs and listened to him with rapt attention and earnest seriousness. The crowd roared when he talked about the 'Maharashtrachi asmita', or the pride of Maharashtra; they hooted, whistled, and clapped when he thundered against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. There was fire in his belly, animation in his speech, and eloquence in his Marathi as he pointed out the wrong from the 'politically right'. On 30 April, I saw a Uddhav at the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) rally

in Pune on the eve of Maharashtra Day, who did not seem like the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader I had read about in newspapers or seen on television. From afar, you and I saw a lacklustre politician – a subdued, gentle soul who was expected to take charge with the same tenacity and political rigidity as his father, Bal Thackeray, the supremo of Maharashtra politics. In 2012, when Uddhav Thackeray took over the Shiv Sena after the death of his father, he did not seem equipped to handle the political manoeuvring required for greatness. He appeared a misfit to navigate and rise to the challenges and ugliness of

the new age politics. An affable personality, with the demeanour of a shy schoolboy, his charm was seen as politically incorrect. Uddhav was assumed to carry the 'bow and arrow' along the path set by Bal Thackeray. But he was ruled out, cut into pieces, and caged in the same bracket as Rahul Gandhi: a reluctant politician, an oddball to the tenacious legacy. The debacle of Maharashtra 2022 gave rise to a new Uddhav Thackeray—he has now dropped the 'charm' and gone full-throttle offensive. During the MVA rally in Pune, I saw Uddhav become the spirited and precocious neta (politician).

Sharing the stage with the maharishi of Indian politics, Sharad Pawar, Uddhav's aura was as invincible as Pawar's. Neither the heat of the sun nor that of politics had affected him. He didn't seem tired. With the same affable demeanour intact, Uddhav exuded confidence, being jhakaas (awesome) with his political rhetoric and bindaas (carefree) despite the soaring political heat. Uddhav was the last speaker of the evening, and the crowd stayed until the very end to listen to him. Young boys and girls, office-going men, and mothers sat through dinnertime, all just to listen to him.

Tourists 'come in jeeps, drink alcohol, litter', so Goa's Calangute panchayat resolves to tax them



Goa Days after proposing that tourists would require hotel reservation before entering the jurisdiction of their village, the Calangute panchayat in North Goa has passed a resolution to impose a "tax" on these visitors. In a resolution that was adopted at a meeting on June 7, the panchayat of Calangute, a tourist hotspot, cited similar taxes being imposed in Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar and resolved to write to the district collector, the police chief and the government to set-up check posts — with assistance from police personnel and panchayat staff — for verification of all tourists' vehicles at five entry roads to the village to "avoid and stop public nuisance". According to the panchayat, the decision has been taken after several complaints about tourists creat-

ing ruckus and "indulging in illegal activities which bring disrepute to the village". "Tourists come in groups in jeeps and buses, stroll around the beach area and drink alcohol and cook in their vehicles, before littering in the open in the village. They do not make any hotel reservations. Now, we have proposed to set up checkpoints for verification and to charge a road passenger tax or an entry fee to deter such behaviour," Joseph Sequeira, sarpanch of Calangute village who

proposed the resolution, said. The modalities of the tax will be discussed later if it is approved, he said, adding: "If it can be done in Mahabaleshwar, it can also be done here". According to the panchayat, the resolution was adopted at a June 7 meeting held to discuss issues related to "public nuisance, garbage throwing, parking, cooking and eating in the open area on the roadside leading to different hotels and restaurants by tourists visiting the Calangute beach.

EC receives 8 pleas seeking verification of EVMs, VVPAT units

NEW DELHI:

The Election Commission (EC) said it had received eight applications for verification of the burnt memory of electronic voting machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units from candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a first since the Supreme Court order in April allowing the verification on the request of the runners-up in any election. In a statement, the EC said three applications had been received from BJP candidates in Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), Vellore (Tamil Nadu) and Z a h i r a b a d (Telangana); three from Congress candidates in Kanker (Chhattisgarh), Faridabad (Haryana) and Karnal (Haryana); and one each from the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) candidate in Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu) and the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) candidate from Vizianagaram



(Andhra Pradesh). In all, the applications came from 92 polling stations in eight Parliamentary constituencies. The Supreme Court had in April given the second and third place candidates the option to seek verification of the burnt memories of 5% of EVMs per Assembly segment or constituency. The EC then drafted the SOP, which says candidates who wish to apply for verification must do so within seven days of the results and deposit `40,000 per EVM. An EC source said the right of filing election petitions, which is available to all candidates and voters, with-

in 45 days of the results and the right of the runners-ups to seek verification had to be balanced. In case of an election petition, the EVMs are kept in storage so they can be examined. If there is no election petition filed in 45 days, the applications for verification can proceed. The technical SOP, of what will be shown to the applicants and how the verification will be carried out, was being drafted, the source said. As per the administrative SOP issued by the EC on June 1, the process of verification would only start after the 45-day period allowed for all candidates.

CAPSULES

Entertainer's Cricket League launched

Chandigarh

The Entertainer's Cricket League, the first of its kind content creator based cricketing league launched in the presence of team captains Abhishek Malhan, Sonu Sharma, Elvish Yadav, Harsh Beniwal, Munawar Faruqui, Anurag Dwivedi and league founders, Anil Kumar and Himanshu Chandnani. The Punjab team will be led by Harsh Beniwal while Elvish Yadav has taken the command of Haryana. This franchise-based league featuring six teams will be played in August and September. The creators will each lead one of the six franchises with each team further picking in the form of the draft from a vast pool of 250 popular content creators out of which 96 creators will make the final cut. "We are excited to be a part of this huge amalgamation between cricket and culture and are backing our initial aim of building an inclusive community for all kinds of content creators.s.

Man with dyed hair, beard held at airport for impersonating 60-plus passenger

NEW DELHI: A 24-year-old man, disguised as a 67-year-old, was arrested by the CISF at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport while attempting to board an Air Canada flight to Canada on Tuesday evening.

Sonia-Nehru effect: PM museum won't accept private papers with secrecy terms

NEW DELHI: West Bengal governor CVWith Congress leader Sonia Gandhi reclaiming boxes of papers from Jawaharlal Nehru's private collection in 2008 (donated by the Gandhi family), and also barring access to several sets of these papers, the Prime Ministers Museum & Library (PMML) has now decided that it will not permit future donors of private papers of eminent personalities to impose indefinite conditions on the declassification of such material. Going forward, the PMML will permit a five-year embargo before accepting any new set of papers from



donors from the date of receipt, which at the most can go up to 10 years in some cases, The Indian Express has learnt. The PMML has also decided to go ahead and open up, on

its own, sets of private collections lying in its custody for several decades, pertaining to first Lok Sabha Speaker G D Mavalankar, Nehru's niece Nayantrara Sahgal, and as many as 2.80

lakh pages pertaining to Nehru that were not claimed by

Sonia Gandhi in 2008, a source said. The Nehru papers are being digitised presently and the entire set will be available to researchers online in two months, in a searchable format, the source said. In the past, donors (like the Gandhi family did with Nehru's private papers) could impose an indefinite embargo on disclosing private papers, which meant that the PMML, despite having custodianship, could not make these public to researchers without the donor's permission.

Kerala JD(S) gives in to LDF pressure, set to form new outfit

Kerala

The Janata Dal (Secular)'s Kerala unit, which is an ally of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the state, has decided to float a new outfit, saying that it cannot be part of a faction that allies with the BJP. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit president and MLA Mathew T Thomas told the media Wednesday: "The party in Kerala does not want to be known as a fraction of a party that is an ally of BJP. After considering legal aspects, we will take a decision in such a

manner to allow all elected members of the party, including those in local bodies, to continue in their posts. A new party will be registered and the state unit of the JD (S) will get merged into that new party," he said. The JD(S) has two MLAs in Kerala — Thomas and K Krishnakutty. The latter is the power minister in the CPM-led LDF government. The JD(S) joined the BJP-led NDA in September 2023. Since then, the CPM has been putting pressure on the state JD(S) unit to either cut ties

with the JD(S) leadership or exit the LDF in the state. The JD(S)'s Kerala unit had then even announced that it had decided to snap ties with the parent party and that it would explore the option of forming a new party to remain with the LDF. But there was no movement on that front so far. The issue has now assumed urgency after the JD(S) joined the Narendra Modi-led NDA government 3.0 earlier this month, with senior JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy inducted.

'110 heatwave deaths, over 40,000 heatstroke cases across country', says health ministry

There have been 110 confirmed heatstroke deaths in the country since March — six of which were recorded last — as per data collected by the Union health ministry. Moreover, there have been 40,272 cases of heatstroke this summer. The highest number of such deaths was reported from Uttar Pradesh (36), followed by Bihar (17), and Rajasthan (16). The highest number of heatstroke cases, however, were reported by Madhya Pradesh. The state reported 10,636 heatstroke cases but only five confirmed deaths, the data informally shared by sources said. Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Wednesday held



a review meeting on the heatwave situation in the country, following which guidelines for heatwave were reiterated by Director General of Health Services Dr Atul Goel to the states. "Most regions of our country are experiencing above normal day as well as nighttime temperatures continuously. Such conditions increase (the)

chances of development of severe heat-related illnesses, including heat exhaustion and heatstroke. That such cases of severe HRI are identified in time, triaged, and provided immediate attention with rapid, active cooling and subsequent supportive care as time is vital," reads a letter sent by Goel to states and hospitals.

Toll rises to 38 in Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy, CM forms panel for inquiry

Kallakurichi

Kallakurichi hooch tragedy, Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy, Kallakurichi hooch deaths, Tamil Nadu hooch deaths, Tamil Nadu hooch, Indian ExpressTamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin pays his last respects. ANI

The death toll in the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi district rose on Thursday to 38, with 24 others in critical care. Over 100 people are still in hospitals across several districts. Most of the victims consumed the spurious liquor at Karunapuram in Kallakurichi on Tuesday night. By Wednesday, they were admitted at the Kallakurichi Government Medical College and Hospital, and hospitals in Salem, Villupuram, and the

Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in Puducherry. Several of the victims succumbed on Wednesday night. The tragedy prompted the DMK-led state government to order the immediate suspension of Kallakurichi Superintendent of Police and the transfer of the District Collector. Three people have been arrested in connection with the tragedy. Officials said that according to a preliminary probe, the presence of methanol was found in the samples of arrack seized during the probe. Chief Minister M K Stalin constituted a commission headed by former High Court judge Justice B Gokuldas to conduct a thorough inquiry. He also announced that `10 lakh ex gratia would

given to the families of each of the deceased, and `50,000 to those undergoing treatment.

The 38 people who died included four women and one trans person, sources said. A total of 143 people were admitted to hospitals, and 105 of them are still undergoing treatment. Actor-politician Vijay condemned the recurrence of such incidents. "The recurrence of a hooch tragedy, even as we have not yet recovered from the loss of several lives last year, exposes the government's indifference," he said. Opposition AIADMK general secretary Oppadadi K Palaniswami, who visited the families of the victims, on Thursday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister M K Stalin. "Our Kallakurichi .

Ignoring China's ire, PM Modi meets US team that called on Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi met a bipartisan group of US lawmakers that visited Dharamshala this week and called on the Dalai Lama. The lawmakers, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Michael McCaul and former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, were also hosted by foreign minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday night after their return from Dharamshala. Jaishankar acknowledged the "strong and continued" support from the lawmakers for the India-US strategic partnership. The delegation described India-US relations as the most consequential one and expressed their strong support for further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Global Partnership in all areas, including trade, new.

made to China on issues related to Tibet, and stop sending a wrong signal to the world. Their meetings with Indian leaders will likely raise China's hackles too. The delegation members congratulated Modi on his election for a historic third consecutive term. "They expressed deep appreciation for the scale, fairness and transparency of the recently concluded world's largest democratic electoral exercise in India," govt said in a statement. The delegation described India-US relations as the most consequential one and expressed their strong support for further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Global Partnership in all areas, including trade, new.

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

NEW DELHI: Four Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. The superintendent of police in Gadchiroli, Nilotpal, said that the security teams encountered gunfire from the Naxals during an early morning search operation in the Kolamarka mountains.

"A credible intelligence was received on Monday afternoon that some members of Telangana state committee have crossed Pranhita river from Telangana into Gadchiroli with an aim to carry out subversive activities during the Model code of conduct period of upcoming Lok Sabha elections," Gadchiroli SP said. In response, multiple teams including C60 and CRPF QAT were dispatched from Aheri Sub Police headquarters led by Additional SP Ops Yatish Deshmukh for area searches.



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

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

Paytm acquires five UPI addresses

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



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

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

Maharashtra specifies role of govt nominees in autonomous colleges' board

MUMBAI: In a govt resolution issued on Monday, for the first time, the state has enlisted the role of government nominees in autonomous colleges in the state. While govt nominees were always there on the board of autonomous colleges, their roles were never explicitly defined.

From attending every meeting of the governing body to ensuring their budget comprehensively reflects all aspects, the nominee is now expected to be the eyes and ears of the government in the truest sense. There are over 70 autonomous colleges affiliated to Mumbai

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

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

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

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

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

Davangere Sugar Company Limited Unveils Ambitious Ethanol Production Strategy for FY25

CHANDIGARH: During the Financial year 2024-2025, Davangere Sugar Company Limited plans to produce Ethanol primarily from maize and other damaged grains until the crushing season begins in October 2024. To maximize ethanol production, the company aims to procure larger quantities of maize from various regions across the country. Government policy currently encourages Ethanol production from maize, and the Central Government is in the process of establishing a National Coordinating Agency (NAFED) to procure maize from farmers and supply it to sugar factories for ethanol production. This



initiative will benefit our factory and others by ensuring a sufficient supply of maize for continuous, year-round operations. The Sugar and Ethanol industry has been steadily benefiting from government policies allowing the production of Ethanol from grain. Based on National News Reports, previously in FY 2023-2024, approximately 37% of

ethanol produced in the country was produced from grain. However, in FY 2024-2025, grain-based ethanol has contributed to approximately 51% of total ethanol produced in the country. Additionally, our company is strategically partnering with surrounding village farmers by providing sugarcane seeds and other inputs at subsidized rates to help them receive higher sugarcane yields and enhance their commercial benefits. Company has initiated the process of providing plantation subsidies to further support the farmers. Company is targeting to achieve about 15000 acres

of sugarcane cultivation for the forthcoming season. 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.

Switched to 'patriot' to save democracy: Uddhav

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

who have criticized Thackeray over his opening remarks during the Mumbai rally. Terming it a "black day", Shinde questioned why Thackeray omitted the 'Hindu' reference. Targeting BJP over the electoral bond issue, Thackeray said a "big hammer" has dealt a blow to the party, but it is shameful. "The BJP has become a gang that officially uses govt machinery to extort money.

Instead of using the photo of my father (during campaigns), it should use the photos of ED, income-tax and CBI," he said. He also dared BJP to fight elections by removing the "support" of all govt agencies, and then see how people react. "They order inquiries against opponents and claim to be the largest party in

Sanand (Gujarat) headquartered Mamata Machinery Ltd files DRHP

GURUGRAM: Sanand (Gujarat) headquartered Mamata Machinery Ltd, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with stock market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Beeline Capital Advisors Private Limited is the sole Book Running Lead Manager to the Issue (BRLM). The objects of the Offer are to (i) carry out the Offer for Sale of up to 7,382,340 Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders; and (ii) achieve the benefits of listing the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges. The company will not receive any proceeds from the Offer, and all such proceeds will go to the Selling Shareholders. Mamata Machinery Ltd manufactures and exports plastic bags and pouch making machines, packaging



machines and extrusion equipment. The company provides end-to-end manufacturing solutions for the packaging industry. The company sells its machines under the brand name "Vega" and "Win" and as of May 31, 2024, the company has installed over 4,500 machines in 75 countries around the world. The company offers comprehensive range of products serving the entire flexible packaging market value chain covering: (a) bag and pouch making machines - which converts roll of plastic films into bags and pouches; (b) packaging machines - which are used to fill the end

products into pouches categorised as horizontal form fill and seal machines ("HFFS"), vertical form fill and seal machines ("VFFS") and pick fill seal machines ("PFS") for smaller volume requirements; (c) co-extrusion blown film machines - which are used for processing various polymer granules into co-extruded multilayer films. The films may have mono layer, three, five and seven layers. The customers include Balaji Wafers Private Limited, Dass Polymers Private Limited, Jflexy Packaging Private Limited, Euphoria Packaging Private Limited, Sunrise Packaging, Om Flex India, Chitale

HDFC Bank plans migration of Core Banking System to new engineered platform to enhance robustness and scalability

AMBALA/HISAR: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, is undertaking a system upgrade on July 13, 2024. The Bank is migrating its Core Banking System (CBS) onto a new engineered platform with the aim of enhancing customer experience for its growing customer base of 9.3 crore individuals and businesses across the country. This migration will allow the Bank to improve performance speed, expand its capacity to handle high traffic volume, boost reliability and scalability. With this upgrade, HDFC Bank will be one of the largest banks of its size and banking volume in the country to host its Core Banking System on a new-gen platform. Scheduled Upgrade Details: Start: 3:00 AM on Saturday, 13th July 2024, End: 4:30 PM on Saturday, 13th July 2024 During this 13 and a half-hour

window, customers will be able to access the following services: AVAILABLE SERVICES- Cash Withdrawal; Debit and Credit Cards- Customers can continue to withdraw cash from any ATM using their HDFC Bank debit card (up to a restricted amount) or credit card- for details, refer to the FAQs link below. The account balance displayed will be as of 7:30 PM on Friday, 12th July 2024. Shop & Pay: Debit Cards, Credit Cards and UPI-At stores:

Customers can continue to use their HDFC Bank debit card (up to a restricted amount) or credit card Online: Customers can make seamless online purchases with their HDFC Bank debit card (up to a restricted amount) & credit card. UPI: Customers can continue to use the service. However, it will be unavailable from 3:00 AM to 3:45

AM and from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM on Saturday, 13th July 2024. *Please note that the restricted limit will be a combined limit for ATM Cash withdrawals, in-store transactions, Online transactions, and contactless transactions. A Management- Customers can continue to hotlist their card, reset their PIN and perform other card-related activities. Merchant Payments- Merchants can continue to receive payments via cards, but updates to the account for previous day's payments will be available post-upgrade completion. Refer to FAQs for more details. Net & Mobile Banking- UPI: Customers can continue to use the service. However, it will be unavailable from 3:00 AM to 3:45 AM and from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM on Saturday, 13th July 2024.

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

MUMBAI: A day ahead of the extraordinary general meeting (EGM) which a group of Byju's major investors have called to seek removal of Byju Raveendran from position of CEO as well as a reconstitution of the firm's board, Byju's said that Raveendran and the board members will not attend the EGM which it said is "procedurally invalid." Following the resignation of representatives of Prosus, Peak XV Partners and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative from the board of Byju's in June last year, it has been reduced to a family-run entity, comprising Raveendran, his wife and co-founder Gokulnath and his brother Riju Raveendran. "This EGM is procedurally invalid, contractually in contravention of our AOA (Articles of Association) and SHA (Shareholders Agreement), legally on the wrong side of the Companies Act, 2013," a company spokesperson said in a statement on Thursday. Byju's said that with Raveendran and board members deciding to skip the EGM, it will not have the required quorum and cannot proceed to discuss or vote on the agenda.

"As custodians of Byju's, it is the responsibility of the founders to respect the established procedures of law and protect the company's integrity," the company added. The EGM is supposed to take place on Friday morning, according to the EGM notice reviewed by. Investors claim that they will hold the EGM as per plan but if the resolutions are put to vote, then they will test the law in court, lawyers said.

SC stays all proceedings before high courts on pleas against NEET-UG paper leak

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Thursday issued notice on petition filed by National Testing Agency (NTA) seeking transfer of pleas relating to NEET-UG, 2024 from high court to the apex court and stayed all proceedings before different high courts on alleged leak of NEET-UG exam question paper.

The apex court also issued fresh notices to Centre and National Testing Agency seeking their responses on new petitions filed by students against NEET-UG and said that all petition so far filed would be taken up together on July 8.

'Memorised overnight': Arrested candidate confesses leaked NEET paper matched with exam paper

It refused to pass any interim order on the case. The announcement of the NEET-UG 2024 results on June 4 sparked significant



backlash from both students and their parents. The results were met with legal challenges, which focused on three primary concerns. Firstly, there were allegations that certain students were awarded grace marks. There were also assertions that the question paper had been leaked prior to the examination. Suspicions were raised about potential malpractices at particular exam centres.

No stay on NEET counselling SC once again declined to halt the counselling process for admissions based on the results of the NEET-UG examina-

tion. The court said that if the petitioning students were to succeed in their legal challenges, it would lead to the cancellation of the 2024 exam and the subsequent counselling process. This development follows the hearing on Tuesday, during which a petition seeking the cancellation of NEET UG 2024 was considered. During the proceedings, the court remarked that the 'sanctity of the exam has been affected' and requested a response from the National Testing Agency (NTA) regarding the matter.

'Not secure': Bengal governor says police at Raj Bhavan a 'safety threat'

NEW DELHI: West Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose on Thursday said he sees the current contingent of Kolkata Police posted at Raj Bhavan as a "threat" to his security.

"I have reasons to believe that the presence of the current officer-in-charge and his team is a threat to my personal security," Bose told news agency PTI. "I have informed Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee that I am insecure with Kolkata Police in Raj Bhavan, but there was no action," he said. The West Bengal governor's statement comes days after he called for the Kolkata Police team to leave Raj Bhavan campus. Police officers, however, remained at their posts as the Lalbazar official said no communication had been received from Raj Bhavan on the matter. According to a Raj Bhavan official, a letter was sent to the relevant state government authority. At a press meet on Friday, Bose had expressed his displeasure at victims of poll violence being denied entry to Raj



Bhavan despite being granted requisite permission. He had sought a reply from CM Mamata Banerjee, alleging that Kolkata Police had tried to prevent him from carrying out his duty as governor. On Monday morning, Raj Bhavan officials requested closure of the police outpost at the North Gate, but cops said they could not leave without a directive from Lalbazar. Additionally, Bose wanted to set up a Jana Manch near the gate, but the police team refused, citing that Raj Bhavan was in a high-security zone with prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPc permanently imposed around it. Sources said the gover-

nor wanted the team of over 100 Kolkata Police personnel to be removed, suspecting that they were keeping tabs on him. Bose already receives Z category security from CRPF; Kolkata Police is posted only in the outer ring. An official said since Raj Bhavan was a state-owned heritage property maintained by the PWD, it was the duty of Kolkata Police to guard the area, which it had been doing since 1866. Additionally, several cabinet ministers reside on the campus. The governor, therefore, could not give police marching orders at whim, the official said, hinting that the state may seek legal opinion on the matter if needed.

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Man with dyed hair, beard held at Delhi airport for impersonating 60-plus passenger

NEW DELHI: A 24-year-old man, disguised as a 67-year-old, was arrested by the CISF at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport while attempting to board an Air Canada flight to Canada on

Tuesday evening. The man, identified as Guru Sewak Singh, was detained after security personnel found his behavior suspicious, said a senior CISF officer on Wednesday.

The suspect presented a passport under the name Rashvinder Singh Sahota, claiming to be a sexagenarian. However, his youthful appearance, voice, and skin texture raised doubts among the CISF personnel, leading to a more thorough investigation. Closer scrutiny revealed that Singh had dyed his hair and beard white and was wearing glasses to appear older.

Upon further questioning, Singh admitted to his true identity and showed a digital copy of his authentic passport on his mobile phone. The real passport identified him as a 24-year-old named Guru Sewak Singh. The CISF handed Singh and his belongings over to the Delhi Police for further legal action.



'Memorised overnight': Arrested candidate confesses leaked paper matched with exam paper

NEW DELHI: Amid the ongoing controversy over the alleged National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) paper leak, one of the arrested candidates from Bihar, Anurag Yadav (22), has confessed to receiving the leaked exam papers through his uncle, a junior engineer. In his statement, Anurag Yadav said, "I returned from Kota and was taken to Amit Anand and Nitish Kumar by my uncle on the night of May 4, where I was given the NEET exam question paper and answer sheet, which I was made to study and memorise overnight." The confession from Anurag Yadav, report-



edly a student of Allen Institute Kota, highlights the extent of the leak. As per the report by Times Now, Yadav said that his uncle arranged the papers for him. Upon receiving the call from his

uncle, Anurag returned to Bihar, where he was given the question paper and answer sheet on the night of June 4. He confirmed that the questions provided to him matched those in the

actual exam held at DY Patil School. Despite the National Testing Agency (NTA) denying any paper leak, Anurag's confession, along with those of others, brings to light the serious breach in the examination process.

"I am conducting a thorough investigation in my department to identify officers or employees working at the behest of Tejashwi Yadav. The entire RJD system is based on crime and corruption," he said. However, NHA has clarified that it does not operate any guest house facility in Patna.

Army doctor turns saviour for ill man onboard flight

MUMBAI: An Army doctor saved the life of a 27-year-old critically ill man onboard a Pune-Chandigarh flight by resuscitating him, giving emergency medicines and also requested for an emergency landing in Mumbai. Major Simrat Rajdeep Singh, a medical officer with the Western Command Hospital, Chandimandir (Haryana), said while he was travelling from Pune to Chandigarh by an Indigo flight on Monday, a co-passenger, who boarded in Goa, started experiencing respiratory distress

mid-air at an altitude of 39,000 feet. "I asked about the previous medical history of the patient, who was from Belgaum, from his brother who was also travelling with him. The medical reports showed the patient has small kidneys with poor renal function," Singh told PTI over phone on Tuesday. Clinically, the patient was in "fluid overload" and was getting drowsy. He also had accelerated hypertension, tachycardia, tachypnoea and he gradually he started gasping, the medical officer said. The crew

had most of the necessary equipment and drugs available in their medical emergency kit, he said. Singh said he administered the required emergency drugs to the patient through intravenous line access and kept him on continuous oxygen support for an hour. He also requested the flight captain to lower the altitude and make an emergency landing at the nearest place, as Chandigarh was still two hours away. Since Mumbai was the nearest airport, the flight made an emer-

NEET paper : RJD leader Tejashwi's aide booked room for arrested students, alleges Bihar deputy CM Vijay

NEW DELHI: The NEET paper leak controversy has taken a political turn with Bihar's deputy chief minister, Vijay Sinha, accusing the leader of the opposition in Bihar, Tejashwi Yadav, of involvement in the scandal. During a press conference in Patna, deputy CM Vijay Sinha detailed phone calls made by Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary, Pritam Kumar, to book accommodations for Sikander Kumar Yadavendu, the mastermind of the NEET question paper leak. "On May 1, Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary

Pritam Kumar called guesthouse worker Pradip Kumar to book a room for Sikander Kumar Yadavendu... On May 4, Pritam Kumar called Pradip Kumar again for booking the room... The word 'mantri' was used for Tejashwi Yadav," Sinha said. "Sikander Yadavendu is a close relative of Tejashwi Yadav's PS Pritam Kumar. An NHA guest house was booked for Sikander's sister Reena Yadav and son Anurag Yadav on May 4. A phone number and 'Mantri Ji' were mentioned in the NHA guest house's

diary. The investigating agency is trying to identify this 'Mantri Ji,'" Sinha added. Sinha, also the minister of road construction, ordered an inquiry into the booking of the NHA guest house. "I am conducting a thorough investigation in my department to identify officers or employees working at the behest of Tejashwi Yadav. The entire RJD system is based on crime and corruption," he said. However, NHA has clarified that it does not operate any guest house facility in Patna.

Highcourt strikes down Bihar govt's 65% reservation in jobs

NEW DELHI: Patna high court on Thursday struck down a 65 per cent reservation cap set by the state in government jobs and educational institutions. The high court in March had reserved its judgment on a batch of writ petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the increase in quota for backward, extremely backward classes, scheduled tribes from 50 per cent to 65 per cent in government jobs and higher educational institutions in the state. A division bench of Chief Justice K Vinod Chandran and Justice Harish Kumar reserved the judgment while concluding a marathon hearing on 10 writ petitions filed by one Gaurav Kumar and others. The petitioners had challenged the constitutional validity of the amendments made in

reservation laws. On November 21, the state government had notified the amended reservation laws. The Bihar government in November last year had officially notified in the state gazette two bills, aiming to raise the quota for deprived castes from 50 per cent to 65 per cent in government jobs and educational institutions. With the enactments, Bihar held the highest reservation percentage among larger states, reaching a total of 75 per cent. Reacting to the court's order, RJD leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha urged Bihar CM Nitish Kumar to challenge the decision in the Supreme Court. "We consider it as very unfortunate. I would like to say that we should see the social background of the petitioner. Who are those people trying to do this

from behind the curtains? We would urge Nitish Kumar to challenge this decision immediately in the upper court," Manoj Jha said. The two bills that hiked quota The two bills, namely the Bihar Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Bill-2023 and the Bihar (in admission in educational institutions) Reservation Bill, 2023, had become law after the gazette notification. Bihar, with the law, was the second only to Tamil Nadu to provide the highest percentage of reservation to backward classes. While Tamil Nadu offers 50 per cent, Bihar provided 43 per cent reservations for them, followed by Sikkim and Kerala with 40 per cent

'Didn't know carrying copies of big brands is a serious offence'

HYDERABAD: Travelling to the United States with a Puma, Adidas, or Nike fake? Your bargain buys might just get confiscated - or even destroyed - by US customs officials. With US Customs and Border Protection (CPB) stepping up its surveillance of smuggling of counterfeit goods, many Indian students and travellers who flew into America in recent months had their fake luxury items seized at the port of entry. Some told they had to watch the staff run scissors through their clothes or ditch them in the trash can. CPB rules say an individual can carry one counterfeit item of each type (like one shirt, handbag, or pair of shoes) provided it is for personal use and not for sale. Anything in "excess" of this is banned. travelled to the US to meet my son, who is pursuing a master's in supply chain management in Texas. I was carrying eight shirts, four trousers, some socks, and a pair of shoes. All the goods were still packed as I had just bought them, said a schoolteacher from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. "At the port of entry officials checked my bags and bombarded me with questions about where I was travelling from, who the goods were for, if I was smuggling them, etc. Though I tried explaining to them that it was all for my son, they insisted that I could not take them as they were all counterfeit goods - copies of big brands - which I wasn't aware of. Since they threatened me with criminal charges, I had no choice but to let them seize everything immediately." The traveller said many of the clothing items were torn before being discarded. "I lost goods worth at least Rs 30,000," added the 43-year-old, appealing to authorities to mention these rules on relevant platforms for the benefit of travellers.

People have completely lost faith in the examination system under BJP rule: Sultan Jadoula

Kaithal: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Singh Jadoula said that in the assembly elections to be held in Haryana this year, the people of the state will crown former Haryana Chief Minister

Choudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda as the Chief Minister for the third time. Congress is fully prepared to contest the elections under the leadership of Hooda. He said that the current BJP government has lost the trust of the people and in the upcoming assembly elections, the people will oust the BJP from power and form a Congress government. Congress leader Sultan Singh Jadoula met MP Deepender Singh Hooda at his Delhi residence and congratulated him for registering a record-breaking victory in the Lok Sabha elections. After this, while talking to journalists in his office in the town, former MLA Jadoula



said that MP Deepender Singh Hooda has settled in the hearts of the people of the state due to his clean, pure and friendly image. Hooda's victory is the victory of 36 communities of Haryana.

Hooda is fighting day and night selflessly for the interests of the people of the state and with the excellent roadmap made by him, Congress is becoming strong and empowered at the grassroots level in every district of the state. Former Parliamentary Secretary Sultan Jadoula alleged that during the BJP rule, whether it is an exam for a job or an entrance exam, people have completely lost faith in

the examination system. Paper leak, fraud, rigging have ruined the future of the youth.

First there were reports of paper leak of the country's biggest medical entrance exam NEET and now lakhs of youth and their families are worried due to allegations of rigging in the NEET exam results. The candidates are seeing dark clouds hovering over their future. Jadoula said that a high-level investigation should be conducted into the entire matter and justice should be given to the students as per their demand. Congress is with the youth and will not let their interests be harmed.

Pharma exports grew 10% to \$28 billion in FY24, poised to hit \$31 billion in FY25: Pharmexcil

HYDERABAD: India's pharmaceutical exports clocked a nearly 10% growth in FY24 to hit \$27.8 billion, propelled by the double digit growth in the US and UK generics market, and is poised to reach \$31 billion in the current fiscal year, a top official of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) said on Thursday.

India's pharma industry, which is currently pegged at around \$65 billion, is poised to grow to around \$130 billion by 2030, Pharmexcil director general Ravi Uday Bhaskar said at the inaugural of the 10th edition of PharmaLytics here. Pointing out that 50% of the Indian pharma sectors exports go to highly regulated markets, Bhaskar said exports to



US grew over 15.6% to over \$ 8.7 billion in FY24 due to shortages in drug manufacturing capacities and the increasing demand for drugs pertaining to lifestyle diseases such as hypertension, depression, diabetes in the US.

He said exports to the UK saw a 21.6% growth partly due to the increased cost of drugs, which were ear-

lier sourced from Europe, post-Brexit. Apart from this, Africa showed a positive turnaround during FY24.

from a degrowth of 5% to a growth of 8% as NGOs, who had diverted their funds meant for Africa towards Covid-19 vaccines and medicines, restarting procurement of drugs, he said.

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

SONIPAT/PANIPAT, May 24, 2024: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched ICICI Pru Platinum, the Company's first unit-linked product which aligns distributor payouts to their customers' fund value – the distributor commissions are linked to their customers' Assets under Management. This unique product incentivises distributors to encourage their customers to stay invested for the entire policy tenure. Notably, it offers customers a cost and tax-efficient route to build wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru Platinum provides unlimited free switches between asset classes, without any cost or tax implications. Customers can choose from an array of 21 funds under this product, comprising 13 equity and four each in the debt and balanced categories, besides offering an option of four portfolio strategies. Announcing the launch, Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "ICICI Pru Platinum, our Company's first unit-linked product designed to make distributor payouts aligned to their customers fund value, promoting the long-term interests of both. We endeavour to continuously innovate and introduce products and processes which are simple. This is in line with our philosophy of ensuring right product to the right customer at the right price and through the right channel."

Bajaj Housing Finance Limited files DRHP with SEBI for an IPO

GURUGRAM : Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL), part of the Bajaj Group (with Bajaj Finance Limited and Bajaj Finserv Limited as promoters), has filed Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with SEBI for an Initial Public Offering (IPO). BHFL is a non-deposit taking Housing Finance Company ("HFC"), registered with the National Housing Bank ("NHB") since



September 24, 2015, and engaged in mortgage lending since Fiscal 2018. The Public Offer aggregating up to ₹7,000 crore comprises a fresh issue of equity shares of up to ₹4,000 crore and an offer for sale

(OFS) of up to ₹3,000 crore by the "Selling Shareholder" (The "Offer for Sale") with face value of ₹10 each equity share by Bajaj Finance Limited (The "Promoter Selling Shareholder"). The Public Offer

Includes a reservation of Equity Shares for subscription by Eligible Employees ("Employee Reservation Portion") and a reservation Equity Shares of Face Value of ₹10 each for subscription by Eligible

Shareholders of promoters ("Shareholders Reservation Portion") including individuals and HUFs who are public equity shareholders of the Promoters. BHFL proposes to use the net proceeds for augmenting the company's capital base to meet future business requirements of the company towards onward lending.

Remedium Lifecare Ltd. Board Sets 06 July As Record Date for 3:1 Bonus Issue

Chandigarh: Remedium Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 539561), a company engaged in trading API intermediates (KSMs and CRMs) and various other raw materials essential to API trading, sets the record date for the bonus issue of shares as 06 July 2024 (if approved by shareholders in AGM). Recently, the board approved and recommended a Bonus Issue of 3 Equity Shares for every 1 Equity Share held as on the Record date decided for this purpose, subject to approval from members

and appropriate authorities. For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company recorded revenues of Rs. 4042 Crores, a growth of 692% YoY. The EBITDA jumped 312% YoY, from Rs. 8 Crores to Rs. 33 Crores (FY24). The PBT grew 614%, from Rs. 7 Crores (FY23) to Rs. 50 Crores (FY24). PAT jumped 560% YoY, from Rs. 5 Cr (FY23), to Rs. 33 Crores (FY24). The EPS was reported at Rs. 90.92 per share. Remedium Lifecare Ltd., a company engaged in trading API intermedi-

ates (KSMs and CRMs) and various other raw materials essential to API trading, has bolstered its performance and presence within the pharmaceutical and healthcare domains by trading amino isophthalic acid, tellurium oxide, grignard reagent, iodine, selenium metal powder, trimethyl sulfoxonium iodide (TMSI). As a leading contract trader and brand owner of advanced intermediates and APIs, Remedium has shifted its paradigm into the trading of intermediates and APIs.

'International Khan Market gang': Jaishankar on Western media's portrayal of India

NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar slammed the Western media and called the anti-India ecosystem the 'international Khan Market gang'. On the portrayal of India by the Western media, Jaishankar said we must ask "why they are

doing it". He said that just like there's a 'Khan Market gang' in India, there also exists a global extension of it, 'international Khan Market gang'. "In the country today, there is a certain thought process, or entitlement process for which the metaphor of 'Khan Market gang' is a very good description. TOP PICKS FOR YOU article show 110125113

Countries which have to go to court to decide result of polls are giving us lectures about how to conduct elections: EAM Jaishankar 'My lowest turnout is higher than your highest,' EAM Jaishankar slams Western media I want to tell you there is an international Khan Market gang as well," Jaishankar said in an interview to news

agency ANI. "These are people who are sort of linked, you know, to the entitled people out here. They are socially comfortable with them. They know them. They feel like they advance similar viewpoints. They are essentially a kind of an elitist left-lib thought process. So there's a symbiotic relationship between the two," he said. Talking about how they openly endorse leaders and parties, he said, "When the sales are down in the domestic Khan Market, the International Khan Market gang feels like, I need to pep up these guys and give them support and you can actually see which stories they play up, how do they slant things and in previous elections perhaps even in this one they've actually openly.

Maharashtra specifies role of govt nominees in autonomous colleges' board

MUMBAI: In a govt resolution issued on , for the first time, the state has enlisted the role of government nominees in autonomous colleges in the state. While govt nominees were always there on the board of autonomous colleges, their roles were never explicitly defined. From attending every meeting of the governing body to ensuring their budget comprehensively reflects all aspects, the nominee is now expected to be the eyes and ears of the government in the truest sense.

There are over 70 autonomous colleges affiliated to Mumbai University alone. A govt nominee is usually an educationist, not below the rank of a professor or a govt officer in the directorate of higher education or the state council of higher education. They are expected to be the link between the institutions and the govt.

The GR mentioned that specifying their duties and responsibilities was being considered for a long time by the govt and therefore the guidelines have been issued.

An official from the department said that the idea is to bring in more efficiency in the process and to get proper feedback from the nominees about what is happening on ground. The official added that the govt is defining the role of their nominees even in private universities and not autonomous colleges alone.

The nominees are expected to attend all the board meetings and also to inform the govt in advance if they are unable to. It also seeks their participation in the strategic decision-making processes with regards to enhancing colleges' academic quality. They should convey the govt's vision and priority areas to the board

and also ensure the compliance of government policies. They are also expected to resolve controversial issues between the college, the university and the government.

Implementing the National Education Policy of 2020 is also enlisted as one of the guidelines. A principal said that the nominees are expected to submit reports to the govt about the meetings of the governing board and also to a report on whether the policies are in violation of the govt policies.

"We do not know what report these nominees are expected to submit, we are not sure if they would interfere in our routine decision-making process. It is surprising that the govt felt the need to issue these guidelines now, when autonomous colleges have been around for more than a decade," said the principal.

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

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

Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday said the authorities are determined to ensure a thorough investigation and a 'watertight' case against the accused. **Who is Vishal Agarwal?** All you need to know about father of teen involved in Pune Porsche crash case 'Sent driver with son': Father of Pune crash accused on why he should get bail Meanwhile, two officials from the Yerawada police station have been suspended for neglecting their duties. The case has

also now been transferred to the crime branch. So what were the lapses in the initial investigation of Pune police?

1. Late reporting: Two officials from the Yerawada police station were suspended on Friday for neglecting their duties related as they failed to inform the wireless control room about the accident on May 19. Inspector Rahul Jagdale and assistant police inspector Vishwanath Todkari were suspended for "late reporting" and "dereliction of duty". 2. Delay in collection of blood sample: Commissioner of police Amitesh Kumar on Friday admitted that there was a delay in blood sample collection of the teen accused in this case. He confirmed that though the juvenile was sent to Sassoon General Hospital around 9am on May 19, his blood samples were collected at 11pm.