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Congress wants Article 370 but ignores PoK, says PM Modi at Palwal rally in Haryana

Palwal: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress party during a rally in Palwal, Haryana, accusing the party of using caste and religion to divide the nation. Speaking to a large gathering on Tuesday, PM Modi criticized Congress for its alleged double standards, claiming that the party aims to "crush patriotism" by promoting divisions.

"Congress says it will bring back Article 370, but never talks about bringing PoK back. Can a party that makes Pakistan happy make Haryana happy?" PM Modi said, questioning the party's commitment to national integrity. **Congress failed to solve national issues, claims PM Modi** In his address, the Prime Minister accused Congress of prioritizing its own interests over the nation's needs. He argued that the party intentionally kept crucial issues unresolved to maintain control.



"Congress kept our Muslim sisters entangled in the problem of triple talaq"

Congress kept our Muslim sisters entangled in the problem of triple talaq," said PM Modi. He went on to state that Congress has done little to solve the country's problems, instead focusing on establishing its own political dynasty. "Congress wants to crush patriotism from this country by propagating casteism, confronting one community against another," PM Modi said.

"Congress kept every issue important for the

Kashmir voters PM Modi expressed his gratitude for the support he has received from Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini and urged voters in Jammu and Kashmir to participate in the final phase of elections. "Today's gathering shows the result of the Haryana election... But today the last phase of voting is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir. I would like to ask all the voters of Jammu and Kashmir to cast their vote," he added.

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PM accused Congress of relying on false promise

Congress's stance on MSP and false promises The Prime Minister also criticized Congress for making hollow promises regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers. He accused the party of only offering limited support to farmers during its time in power. "Today, Congress talks big about MSP, but when it was in power, it only gave MSP on 3-4 crops," PM Modi pointed out, emphasizing the broader support his government has extended to farmers. He accused Congress of relying on false promise.

temple to be built in Ayodhya. Congress did not allow the Constitution to be fully implemented in Jammu and Kashmir. They deprived our sisters of reservation in Parliament and

Gyanvapi case: Allahabad HC accepts plaintiff's application, grants time to Muslim side for reply

PRAYAGRAJ: The Allahabad high court on Tuesday accepted the supplementary affidavit filed by a plaintiff and granted time to the Muslim side to file its reply in the Gyanvapi mosque and Kashi Vishwanath temple case at Varanasi. The court fixed October 22 as the next date for hearing. In pursuance of earlier order passed on September 24, the counsel for revision petitioner Rakhi Singh filed supplementary affidavit bringing on record the application moved by one of the plaintiffs Laxmi Devi earlier for the scientific investigation and survey of the protected area. Laxmi Devi's supplementary affidavit was taken on record and the court granted time to the Muslim side to file its reply.

The order was passed by Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal while hearing a civil revision petition filed by Rakhi Singh, one of the plaintiffs in the Sringar Gauri Worshipping suit, before the Varanasi



Udhayanidhi has been fulfilling the object

Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin on Sunday said his son Udhayanidhi has been appointed deputy CM not to assist him, but to assist the people of Tamil Nadu. "He has been given the additional responsibility for the growth of the party and Tamil Nadu. He has to work more than the past."

court. The revision petition challenges the Varanasi district judge's order dated October 21, 2023 refusing to direct the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) to undertake a survey of the wazukhana area,

except for the shivling, inside the Gyanvapi mosque. In her revision petition, Rakhi Singh has pleaded that the survey of the wazukhana area is necessary in the interest of justice. It will benefit the plaintiffs.

38 children fall ill after having mid-day meal at Thane school

NEW DELHI: In Maharashtra, 38 children fell ill after consuming food served at a private school on Tuesday. After the incident, which occurred in the Thane district, the children were rushed to the Kalwa Civil Hospital. The children were admitted to hospital after they complained of giddiness, nausea, headache and pain in the abdomen after lunch, a medical official at the hospital told news agency PTI. He said the children were reported to be "out of danger". Meanwhile, food samples have been collected for testing. Civic officials and the local police are probing the cause behind the incident.

Dera chief Ram Rahim Singh gets parole ahead of Haryana elections

NEW DELHI: Dera Sacha Sauda (DSS) chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh has been given 20-day parole ahead of the Haryana Assembly polls. Haryana authorities have granted 20-day parole to Ram Rahim Singh, official sources told news agency PTI on Tuesday. This comes a day after Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Haryana made it clear that the state government may consider Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh's request for a temporary release from jail on emergency parole. "After receiving a report from the state authorities, I have recommended that the department may consider him for release subject to the correctness of the circumstances he (Dera Chief) has mentioned in his request for emergency parole and on imposition of conditions for such release," Pankaj Aggarwal, CEO Haryana told TOI. Earlier, the Haryana Congress wrote to the Election Commission of India (ECI) against Ram Rahim's temporary parole, expressing apprehension that he may influence the Haryana voters. On Saturday, the CEO had asked the authorities to explain the "compelling" circumstances under which the temporary release of the DSS chief for 20 days is needed. The explanation was sought by the CEO after jail authorities in Haryana had sought CEO's approval in view of imposition of model code of conduct due to state assembly polls scheduled to be held on October 5. In March this year, the Punjab and Haryana high court had directed the Haryana government "not to consider" any application for parole by Ram Rahim "without permission of this court". In August this year, Singh was granted a 21-day furlough. At that time, Singh, who is lodged in Rohtak's Sunaria jail, during his temporary release period, had sought to stay at the Dera ashram in Barnawa in Uttar Pradesh's Baghapat.

Disabled UK journalist forced to crawl to flight bathroom as there's no wheelchair

NEW DELHI: LOT Polish Airlines did not have any wheelchair on board as it's not their policy. BBC war correspondent Frank Gardner who is paralyzed had to crawl on his back to the washroom because of this policy. He posted his photo on X triggering a debate on how inhumane the airline policy is. Gardner, however, said the cabin crew were very helpful and apologetic.



Disabled UK journalist forced to crawl to flight bathroom as there's no wheelchair: 'Wow. It's 2024 and...'. Frank Gardner, a war correspondent for the BBC, was asked to crawl to the washroom on a LOT Polish Airlines flight as the airline did not have any wheelchair. Posting the photo of his legs as he crawled to the bathroom, he wrote, "Wow. It's 2024 and I've just had to crawl along the floor of this LOT Polish airline to get to

the toilet during a flight back from Warsaw as 'we don't have onboard wheelchairs. It's airline policy'. If you're disabled and you can't walk this is just discriminatory." 63-year-old Gardner was shot and paralyzed by al Qaeda gunman in Saudi Arabia 20 years ago. Gardner protected the cabin crew and said they were very apologetic for his inconvenience and it was the airline.

Iran attacks Israel to avenge Nasrallah's killing

NEW DELHI: Iran launched a barrage of rockets, including ballistic missiles, near Tel Aviv in retaliation for Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah's assassination. Israel deployed its Iron Dome defense system and urged citizens to seek shelter amid sirens and explosions. Over 100 missiles were launched in the joint attack by Iran and Hezbollah. **Iran attacks Israel** In an apparent bid to



avenge Israeli military action against its proxies, Iran on Tuesday launched a barrage of rockets, including ballistic missiles, near Tel Aviv which comes amid Israel's unabated aerial action against Tehan-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Iran's retaliatory action to avenge Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah's assassination was looming large, even as the US had cautioned Israel that the Khamenei regime might attack it. Meanwhile, Israel activated its iron dome to prevent damage from Iranian missiles and urged its citizens to hide in bomb shelters, with sirens blaring across the Jewish nation.

Prashant Kishor questions 'physical and mental' health of Nitish Kumar, says BJP will suffer

NEW DELHI: Prashant Kishor, who is all set to launch his political party in Bihar, on Tuesday claimed that state chief minister Nitish Kumar was not "physically and mentally" fit and accused the BJP of propping him up to run its government at the Centre. The political strategist-turned-politician, in an interview to news agency PTI, said his assessment of Nitish Kumar's health is based on the chief minister's relative absence from public life and his silence on host of burning issues - be it floods or the row over land survey and installation of smart meter. "A big section in



Bihar is wondering if Nitish Kumar is mentally and physically fit to provide leadership to Bihar," Kishor said when asked to explain his contention that Bihar's longest-serving chief minister is not in a physically and mentally fit condition. Kishor claimed that everyone knows that Nitish Kumar is

in last phase of his politics and that polls cannot be won in his name. "Even his supporters know that in his current physical, mental and political state, he is in no way in a condition to run a state like Bihar," he said. "People of Bihar had given a similar message in the 2020 elections when the

JD(U) could win only 42 seats, falling way behind the BJP's 74 and the main opposition party RJD's 75," he added. Kishor had earlier alleged that Nitish Kumar had handed over the entire administration to 2-4 of his advisers and there was "jungle raaj" of officers in the state.

Muda agrees to take back plots allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife

NEW DELHI: The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (Muda) on Tuesday decided to take back the 14 plots allotted to Karnatak CM Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi B M. The Muda has also ordered to cancel the sale deed of these plots. "Smt. Parvathi's son Dr Yathindra, a MLC, had submitted a letter...we have gone through the provisions in our act. There are provisions in our act to take it when given (back) voluntarily," commissioner A N Raghunandan said. "After consulting panel advocates and the legal officer, and after determining that everything is correct..

Woman arrested at Delhi airport for smuggling 26 iPhone 16 Pro Max: Here's how she had hidden them



NEW DELHI: Customs officials at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport arrested a woman passenger for attempting to smuggle 26 iPhone 16 Pro Max devices into India from Hong Kong. The phones, with an estimated market value exceeding Rs 37 lakh, were found concealed inside the passenger's vanity bag, wrapped in tissue paper. Acting on specific intelligence inputs, customs authorities intercepted the woman upon her arrival in Delhi. "Based on intelligence,

Delhi Airport Customs intercepted a lady passenger travelling from Hong Kong to Delhi carrying 26 iPhone 16 Pro Max concealed inside her vanity bag," an official spokesperson told ANI. Delhi Customs intercepts woman passenger with 26 iPhones 16 pro max at IGI airport. The iPhone 16 series, launched earlier this month, includes Apple's most premium flagship phone, the Pro Max model.

Lions Club City to hold Dandiya Night, Fashion Show and Sangeet Eve on Oct 2

Prayagraj: Like every year, Lions Club City has organized many events on the beginning of Navratri in 2024. A huge event has been organized at Gulati United Guest House Chatham Lines on 2nd October, in which Navratri will be started with Dandiya dance as per tradition. The participating members will showcase their talents and skills in the fashion show. In which couple walk, solo walk and kids walk have been organized for the participating children. Club president Lion Anoop Singh, Rita Bir Prateek Ahlani have been practicing for several days. Club's public relations officer Lalu Mittal told in the talk. Apart from being historical and entertaining, this event is also a great opportunity and platform for the members to showcase their talents and skills, in which many competitions have also been organized for members of all ages. Many new experiments have been done inspired by the film world which will win the hearts of all the audiences. The winner of the contest will be rewarded with a grand prize. Passes are provided to enter the event.

Keshav Prasad Maurya will launch cleanliness campaign on Gandhi Jayanti

Prayagraj: Under the Seva Pakhwada program of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October. On October 7, at 7:00 am, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya will inaugurate the cleanliness campaign by running a cleanliness drive at Hanuman Mandir Civil Line intersection. After that, at 7:45 am, District Spokesperson Rajesh will go to the residence of former MLA Neelam Karwariya to pay tribute to Kalyani Devi Atar Suiya. Kesarwani said that after that, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya will pay homage and garland the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Balsan intersection at 10:30 am and will meet with departmental officials in the courtyard of the Circuit House at 11:00 am. Will hold a meeting and then will participate as the chief guest in a seminar based on the book written by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 3:30 pm in the District Panchayat Auditorium organized by Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Mahanagar and will leave for Lucknow at 5:00 pm.

Incentive policy for development of higher education approved

Lucknow: The Yogi government has implemented 'Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Promotion Policy, 2024' with the aim of strengthening the higher education sector in the state and ensuring quality education for the youth. This policy was approved in the cabinet meeting held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Under this policy, sponsoring bodies will be given incentives to promote the establishment of private universities in the state, which will increase access to higher education in the unserved and backward areas of the state. Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay informed that this policy will be implemented in the state. Will encourage private investment to meet the growing demand for higher education in India. Through this, students will get the opportunity to get high quality education in the state itself. He said that this policy will play an important role in rapidly moving the state towards the goal of creating a \$1 trillion economy. Apart from this, the establishment of private universities will also generate direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth of the state. Under this policy, stamp duty exemption, capital subsidy and special benefits will be provided to the sponsoring bodies. Additionally, additional benefits will also be given to universities ranked in the top 50 in NIRF rankings. The government hopes that this policy will open new options for students in the field of higher education, which will increase the gross enrollment ratio of higher education in the state and will also boost the economic progress of the state. In the cabinet meeting, two new private universities in Mathura and Meerut were approved. Proposals for setting up were also approved. A letter of intent has been issued to 'Rajiv Memorial Academic Welfare Society' for the establishment of KD University in Mathura. This university will be established on 50.54 acres of land in village Akbarpur, tehsil Chhata of Mathura. Similarly, a proposal has been submitted by 'Vidya Bal Mandal' on 42.755 acres of land. For this also the government has issued a letter of intent to the concerned institution.



Ajax Engineering Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Varanasi: Kedaara backed Ajax Engineering Limited, a leading concrete equipment manufacturer with a comprehensive range of concrete equipment, services and solutions across the concrete application value chain has filed the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with capital markets regulator SEBI to float an initial public offering (IPO).

According to the draft red herring prospectus, the Initial Public Offering of the Bengaluru headquartered company consists of an Offer for Sale of up to 2,28,81,718 Equity Shares (2.28 crore equity shares) by the Selling Shareholders.

The OFS comprises of up to 74,36,800 Equity Shares by Kedaara Capital (Investor Selling Shareholder); up to 28,60,170 Equity Shares each by Krishnaswamy Vijay and Kalyani Vijay; 22,88,136 Equity Shares by Jacob Jiten John; 60,06,357 Equity Shares by Jacob Hansen Family Trust (Promoter Selling Shareholders) and 14,30,085 Equity Shares by Susie John (Promoter Group Shareholder)

Maharishi Patanjali Vidya Mandir commemorates Gandhi Jayanti

Prayagraj: To mark the celebration of 155th birth anniversary of the man who spun the wheel of fortune, 'the father of the nation' who was a pioneer of the truth and non violence, the prestigious MPVM commemorated Gandhi Jayanti on 1st and 2nd October with various cultural activities and programs, both offline as well as online.

Interestingly this day also coincides with birth anniversary of remarkable former Prime Minister of India "Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri" who once said "we must fight for peace bravely as we fought in war". This day also includes the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, a campaign launched by our honourable PM Narendra Modi in 2014 to design a

virtuously hygienic and clean Bharat. Gandhi ji was deeply concerned about the state of sanitation in India. He said, "cleanliness is Godliness".

The occasion was graced by the presence of honourable Secretary, Principal and hardworking teachers. Children of classes I to V participated virtually enthusiastically in story telling, poem recitation, chart making and listing values. Scholars of classes VI to VIII included themselves enjoyably in speech, slogans, group discussion on the lives of our Babu and Shashtri ji.

The program commenced lamp lighting ceremony, fluently compered by Ms. Shakti Saxena.

A melodious Bhajan "mere rom rom me basne

wale Ram" which was befitting tribute to the extraordinary soul, the epitome of peace and compassion was sung by Ms. Anshul

through a glorious and sublime performance depicting simplicity in integrity.

A conorous Kavya Path was recited by Ms.



Malviya. Moving a step ahead in helping the children perceive what Babu stood for like love for humanity and truth. Teachers paid homage to Babu

Abhilasha Pandey. A context on Shashtri ji was stated by Ms. Reena Mishra and it was followed by some euphonious Bhajans 'Vaishnav Jan Tu'

North Central Railway Employees Union celebrated Oct 1 as Bonus Rights Day

Prayagraj: North Central Railway Employees Union celebrated October 1 as Bonus Rights Day in which the demand for declaring and increasing the bonus was strong. On which a memorandum has been given to the government by the Indian Railway Mazdoor Sangh last 2 months.

Today, a memorandum in this regard has been sent to the government through the administration and Bonus Rights Day is being celebrated across the country. In this, Joint General Secretary of the Sangh, Rupam Pandey said that the bonus was given for the first time by the father of our



Sangh, the great thinker Late Dattopant Theggi ji and the government is giving the salary from the 7th Pay Commission and there is a demand for the formation of the 8th Pay Commission

and today. Minimum salary 18000 but even today bonus 17961 for 78 days is being given on the basis of ceiling limit of minimum salary 7000 of 6th Pay Commission. Our laborer and track

man brother works day and night on the line, sheds his blood and sweat and even loses his life on the track, injustice is being done to him and he is not being given the right for his hard work. In this era of inflation, how will our laborer and Gag Man Bhai and his family be able to celebrate the upcoming festival properly by getting less bonus. According to the rules, 46159 bonus should be given on minimum salary of Rs 18000/- and if today's inflation is added then it will be 25pc. The increase results in a bonus of Rs 57701. But since 2016, there is a loss of approximately Rs 39740 every year.

BJP members welcomed MP Dy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla

Prayagraj: On his arrival at Prayagraj, Deputy Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Rajendra Shukla worshipped Bade Hanuman ji

lying in Bandhwa, after which he met Shrimath Baghambari Gaddi and Peethadishwar Balveer Giri Ji Maharaj of Hanuman Temple and his Received blessings.

District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that on this occasion, Balveer Giri Ji Maharaj honored him by seeing the memento of Hanuman Ji Maharaj and invited him to bring it to the Mahakumbh to be

held in 2025. After that he left for Madhya Pradesh to visit Prayagraj. But Deputy Chief Minister Madhya Pradesh Rajendra Shukla



was welcomed by Rajesh Kesarwani, Sushil Jain, Shatrughan Jaiswal, Ajay Agrahari, Neeraj Kesarwani, Kamlesh Kesarwani, Padmakar Srivastava, Rajesh Sharma etc.

Workshop held in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD) at AU

Prayagraj: A workshop on the topic 'Digital India Talk Show' was organized at Allahabad University, Prayagraj on Tuesday in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Government of India. Located in the Senate complex, Prof. This workshop took place at Ishwar Topa Academic Complex. In this, experts from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India made the participants aware through various activities. The program started with lighting of the lamp and giving bouquets to the guests. At the beginning of the program, Registrar Prof. Ashish Khare gave the welcome address. During this, he said that the Digital India program of the Government of India has brought miraculous changes. Allahabad University has also implemented many initiatives of the Digital India programme. Initiatives like ABC ID, DigiLocker and Cyber Security have been assimilated in IVV. J.L Gupta, Director, National e-Governance Division

explained the importance of the Digitize India programme. He said that the Digital India program has an important contribution in truly implementing e-governance in the country. Digital literacy and people's access to government facilities through digital means have brought revolutionary changes in the country. After this, Dean-Research and Development Prof. SI Rizvi highlighted the importance of the workshop. Giving the example of UPI, he said that due to the Digital India program of the Government of India, today the country stands at par with developed countries in the use of technology.

In the first session of the workshop, speaker Karan Tandon told about DigiLocker and Entity Locker. He said that any common person can preserve his documents in DigiLocker and when the time comes, it can be presented somewhere. At the same time, Entity Locker has been designed for the purpose of businessmen. At the same time, cyber law

expert Arshil Khan told about Cyber Security and Digital Data Protection Act. He also talked about the ef-

orts of the Government of India to report cyber crime. In the second session, speaker Ajit Kumar told about Umang Portal through a presentation. He said that details of all the services provided by the Government of India are available on the Umang platform. Interested person can know about these services on one click and avail their benefits. Speaker

Kritvi Paliwal told about Manas Portal and Visvesvaraya PhD Fellowship. He said that informa-

tion about drug trafficking should be given on helpline number 1933. He sought co-operation of students in making the country drug free. In the end, speaker Gaurav Khare told about Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) ID. After this, the winners of the quiz competition were honored with prizes. Dr. Nilesh Anand Srivastava, Deputy Director of ICT Cell, conducted the



program. Head of Electronics and Communication Department, Prof. TJ Siddiqui proposed vote of thanks. Earlier, J.L Gupta, Director of National e-Governance Division, met NITI Aayog Chair of IIVI, Prof. Summed Manmohan Krishna. On this occasion, Dean College Development Prof. NK Shukla, Dean Science Prof. Bechan Sharma, Dean La Prof. Aadesh Kumar, Public Relations Officer Prof. Jaya Kapoor, Dean Academic Program Prof. Teachers and students including Anupam

Vice Chancellor will honor sanitation workers today at the conclusion of cleanliness campaign

Prayagraj: The Swachhta Hi Seva campaign, which has been going on for a fortnight in Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, will be concluded tomorrow on 2nd October on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at the Community Center located in Yamuna Campus. In this series, today under the aegis of Women's Studies Extended Activity Centre, cleanliness awareness program was organized under the Swachhta

Hi Seva campaign in 9 different Anganwadis of village Gohari adopted by Vigyan Vidya Branch. Chief guest of the program, Seema Satyakam, appealed to the women at Anganwadi centers to pay special attention to cleanliness as well as cleanliness to prevent diseases. He talked to the women at the centers about their educational attainments and made them aware of the important benefits of further studies and educa-

tion. On this occasion, program coordinator Professor Shrutti distributed hygiene materials, towels, soap, nail cutters and hand wash etc. to the women and children present there. This program was organized by the university in Anganwadi with the aim of promoting cleanliness among rural women and children. 9 different Anganwadis of Gohri village were divided into three different groups. Which was coordinated by Professor

Shrutti, Dr. Anandanand Tripathi and Dr. Trivikram Tiwari along with the team of teachers of the university. At the venue, Anganwadi workers Vimlesh Mishra, Meera Pal, Kanchan Gupta, Savita Devi, Sunita Pandey, Vidya Devi etc. appreciated this effort of the university and expressed gratitude towards Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam.

In the same sequence, under the Seva Pakhwada being run in the university,

a speech competition on self-reliant India was organized in the Lokmanya Tilak Shastrarth Auditorium located in the Saraswati campus of the university. The participants securing first, second and third places in the speech competition will be honored by the Vice Chancellor on October 2. Professor S Kumar, convener of Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyan 2024, said that the closing program of the campaign will be held on Octo-

ber 2 at 9:00 am on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. It has been confirmed at Triveni Community Center located in the Yamuna campus of the University. In this program, Vice Chancellor Professor Satyakam will honor all the sanitation workers of Satyakam University. Professor Kumar said that under the direction of the Vice Chancellor, a fortnight long cleanliness campaign was organized in the university.

Sur-O-Sangeet bags National Excellence Award 2024

Prayagraj: Sur-O-Sangeet Dance Academy Prayagraj was awarded the Excellence Award 2024 at the International Sanatan Pandey, Lok Sabha Member, and Sarvesh Pathak, VP Singh Program Chairman and Social Worker in Ayodhya. This award was



Ramayana Pratishthan Mahotsav held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh as the "Best Dance Academy". Anjana Banerjee, Director of Sur-O-Sangeet Dance Academy, received this award from Chief Guest

presented during the International Ramayana Pratishthan Mahotsav and National Excellence Award 2024 organized by Uttar Pradesh, International Human Rights and Crime Control Council, New Delhi.

Moin Habibi became member of advisory committee of Dept of Telecommunications

Prayagraj: Eight members of Prayagraj from Samajwadi Party and Congress Party were nominated as members of the advisory committee in the Department of Telecommunications. After the approval of MP Ujjwal Raman Singh, Mr. Moin Habibi Samajwadi Party was appointed by the Ministry of Communications, Government of India after the approval of MP Ujjwal Raman Singh. Eight members including party, Nafes Anwar Congress, Jeet Raj Hela SP,



Suresh Singh SP, Sandeep Vishwakarma were given responsibility in the advisory committee of the Department of Telecommunications. Samajwadi Party Metropolitan President Syed Iftekar Hussain, Metropolitan General Secretary Ravindra Yadav Ravi, senior SP leader Shuaib Khan, Israr Anjum, MP representative and State Secretary Vinay Kushwaha, former Additional Advocate General Kamal Singh Yadav, Babban Dwabe, Mashhad Ali Khan, Babbu Gautam, Nepal Singh, Patel, Syed Mohammad Askari, Mohammad Azhar, Mohammad Tehzeeb etc. expressed gratitude towards MP Ujjwal Raman Singh and congratulated all the nominated members.

Rotary Academy's cervical cancer awareness and vaccination campaign started

Prayagraj: Rotary Academia organized the first vaccination camp under its campaign 'Suraksha' for cervical cancer awareness and vaccination. The camp was organized at 10 am at Benhar School and College, Karailabagh, in which 50 girls in the age



group of 9 to 14 and 14 to 26 years were vaccinated. Dr. Ghazala Iqbal, Project Director, Rotary Academia and Cancer Specialist, This campaign was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Mohammad Akil. To prevent cervical cancer, children in the age group of 9 to 14 years are required to get two vaccinations

and children in the age group of 14 to 26 years are required to get three vaccinations. Dr. Ghazala said that this HPV vaccine is equally important for sons, because the risk of penile cancer can also be reduced with it. Rotary Academia announced that they will soon start vaccination campaign for sons also in collaboration with New Sahara Hospital.

Rotary Academia is making Serum Institute's HPV vaccine available at half the price of MRP, so that more and more people can avail it. Founder President of the club, Major Donor Tariq Khan said that a second camp will be organized on October 27, in which more people will get the benefit of vaccination. Club President Aftab Ahmed, Secretary Asra Nawaz and other members were present in the camp.

Ex-accountant Mudit Srivastava reinstated by Bishop Dan

Prayagraj: On Tuesday, there was a wave of happiness among the employees of Bishop Johnson Girls School and College, Mission Road, after the reinstatement of former accountant Mudit Srivastava by Bishop Morris Edgar Dan. Employees Union President Sunil Kumar Verma said that the accountant was harassed during the tenure of former Bishop Peter Baldev. He said that Bishop Dan is not only the messiah of the employees but he has fulfilled all the promises made by him and has freed Lucknow Diocese from corruption has been completely eliminated, due to which some corrupt officers and principals are now getting distracted. He also said that the reinstatement of accountant Mudit Srivastava is a victory for the employees and teachers. Rakesh Kumar, Amit Samuel, Renu Verma, Vijay Kumar Sarju Kumar, Sanjay, Raju George, Amit McCarty, Advocate Jitendra Singh, Advocate Chau IR Khan etc. were present in the meeting.

Adarsh Vyapar Mandal strengthening & expanding

Neeraj Jaiswal & Swati Nirakhi assigned responsibility by state prez Sanjay Gupta

Prayagraj: Under the aegis of Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal, a press conference was organized at Hotel Pride Inn, Civil Lines. The press conference was addressed by Sanjay Gupta, State President of Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal. On this occasion, Mahendra Goyal, State Vice President of Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal, was addressed. And Prayagraj District President and Mandal District Incharge Ramesh Kesarwani were mainly present. While addressing the press conference, State President Sanjay Gupta while giving information said that Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal, expansion of the organization in Prayagraj to solve the problems of traders in Prayagraj. And with

the aim of further strengthening the organization, the organization has decided to form committees of the organization in every market in the district and metropolitan and in the markets up to the tehsil level. State President Sanjay Gupta, senior business leader of Prayagraj, Neeraj Jaiswal. While handing over the responsibility of the post of metropolitan president, announced the appointment of Neeraj Jaiswal as the metropolitan president and announced the appointment of Prayagraj's senior female business leader Swati Nirakhi and District President Rupali Awasthi as the metropolitan president of the women's unit.

Apart from this, in-charge of 6 major markets of the metropolitan Jayantipur-Sulem Sarai,

Khuldabad, Muthiganj, Nakashkona, Katra, Kotha Parcha was also announced, Nikhil Kesarwani as in-charge of Jayanti-



Sulem Sarai, Rah Chandani as in-charge of Khuldabad, Muthiganj. Mukesh Kesarwani was given the post of in-charge, Abhishek Gupta was given the post of in-charge of Nakashkona, Abhishek Kumar Gupta was given the post of in-charge of Katra,

Shiv Shankar Kesarwani was given the post of in-charge of Kotha Parcha and all the newly appointed officials were given the responsibility of forming committees in two weeks. Chief councilor Pankaj Jaiswal, senior business leader Tahir Hussain, Sachin Nishad, Mrs. Sunita Srivastava, Pushkar Kaunjia, Ranjana Srivastava, while addressing the press conference,

state president of the organization Sanjay Gupta said that the goal of Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal is This year, 50,000 new traders in different districts of the state are to be added to the organization by March 2025 and Uttar Pradesh Adarsh Vyapar Mandal is continuously fighting at every level to protect the interests of the traders and strengthening the units of the organization in different districts of the state. Speaking on the occasion, he said that at present the business of traditional traders is getting ruined due to foreign e-commerce companies. Saving and expanding the business of traditional retail sector traders has become a big challenge. Foreign e-commerce It is very

important to curb the arbitrariness of the companies and while demanding the making of e-commerce policy and retail trade policy from the Central Government, he said that e-commerce is currently a new mode of doing business which has been completely adopted by the youth. Therefore, the organization is working to prepare the traditional traders of the retail sector to come to the e-commerce platform with their limited resources. Apart from this, the organization is working towards preparing the traders of the retail sector for competition. He said that the organization will not accept harassment of traders at any level. The organization is continuously striving for the all-round development of traders' business.

Goodwill flourishes from the society: Sarva Dharmaguru

Prayagraj: Goodwill Day was organized with great enthusiasm on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in the premises of Bethany Convent School, in which religious leaders of all religions included Rev. Father Eugene Mascarenhas, Parish Priest of Saint Don Bosco Church, Rev. Father Sebastian Francis, Director of the Provincial Development and Welfare Institute, Madrasa School teacher Maulana Qari Abdul Salam, Hindu religious leader Swami Divyanand, Sikh religious leader. Giani Jaspal Singhji was respectfully invited. The objective of which was to shed light on national

unity, peace, sympathy and communal harmony among children and youth of all re-



ligions. The noble ideals of late Mahatma Gandhi like non-violent thoughts, action, religious integration and deep sense of national

harmony were imbibed. In which all the guest religious gurus were honored by

Madam Sister Dr. Shamita, Principal of Bethany Convent School and the spirit of love, cooperation and brotherhood as well as religious and community society was promoted among different communities. The program emphasized on inspiring life values like non-violence, peace and brotherhood. School manager Sister Christine honored all the religious teachers with shawls and school mementos and expressed her gratitude to them for their exemplary speeches. The colorful cultural program was concluded with the national anthem. The Vice Principal of the school, Madam Sister Gracy, all the teachers, students and staff contributed immensely in the smooth conduct of this co-purpose program.

BJP's membership campaign will become force for building India: Keshav Maurya

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya was welcomed on his arrival in Prayagraj in the auditorium of Airport Bamrauli and Chandrashekhar Azad Circuit House. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya told the workers that the BJP membership campaign is not just a campaign but it will become a force to speed up the construction of a developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's biggest vision for the nation, that is why it is the biggest responsibility of all the workers to go door-to-door

and educate the people about the Indian culture. Join the membership campaign of Janata Party and



make Bharatiya Janata Party once again the largest party in the world and said that on the occasion of the birth anniversary of respected Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri, we

all the workers should be responsible for cleanliness. We have to fulfill our important responsibility in build-

ing a clean India and a healthy India by becoming a vigilant sentinel. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that on this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister also listened to the problems of the people

present and assured to solve the problems. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, MLA Guru, were among those who welcomed him. Prasad Maurya, former MLC Nirmala Paswan, Regional Vice President Avadhesh Chandra Gupta, Kamlesh Kumar, Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Yamuna Par District President Vinod Prajapati, Ganga Par District President Kavita Patel, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Varun Kesarwani, Murari Lal Aggarwal, Shashi Varshney, Rajesh Hundreds of workers like Kesarwani, Mrityunjay Tiwari, Pramod Modi, Prashant Shukla, Ajay Aghari, Kamlesh Kesarwani, Saroj Gupta, etc. were present.

We will cooperate and serve: Shashank Pathak

Prayagraj: Prayagraj's head teeth purohit priest Shashank Pathak ji, who serves food along with his community to the devotees for 30 days every year in the fair through Prayagraj

living in the city. We will cooperate and serve. Bharatiya Kisan Union Apolitical national president Thakur Rajesh Singh is as-



sociated with the Chauhan family and promises selfless service. This meeting was presided over by Youth District President Kamlesh

Rao ji, and the meeting was conducted by District President Prayagraj Shani Shukla. Mainly in the Panchayat, the state

Spokesperson Vijay Narayan Tripathi ji, Mandal President Bablu Dubey ji, District President Shani Shukla ji, State Legal Advi-

sor Rahul Zamindar ji, State Secretary Mahtab Khan ji, senior farmer leader Pappu Maharaj, senior farmer leader Harihar Singh Yadav ji, Mandal Organization Minister Dwarika Das. Yes, Mandal women in-charge Poonam Dubey ji, Women District President Rama Devi ji, Youth District Vice President Shiv Milan Gautam ji, Media in-charge Vishal Dwivedi ji, District Organization Minister Raju Shukla ji, District Organizer Dayaram Yadav ji, Gangapar President Bharat Lal Patel ji, Yamunapar President Vijay Pandey ji, Tehsil President Karchna Ajay Kumar Mishra, Block President Karchna Chhotu Zamindar Yamunapar in-charge Bajrangi Mishra ji and other colleagues were present.

Completion of 5-day training on animal husbandry management

Prayagraj: According to the Action Plan 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture, 5-day training on animal husbandry management was concluded in Agricultural

meric and ginger separately. Told that the government is also arranging loans through National Livelihood Mission and Laghu Udyog. In the same se-



Science Center at ICAR in Shuats Prayagraj. Animal herders from 23 blocks of Prayagraj participated. KVK in-charge Dr. Mukesh P Masih talked about getting additional benefits by doing animal husbandry along with agriculture. Training coordinator Dr. Subodh Yadav said that the place where animals are tied should be kept dry during heavy rains. Give balanced diet to animals so that they remain healthy. To increase their immunity, the animal should be given lukewarm water by mixing jaggery, tur-

quency, Dr. Ashish Ranjan of Small Industries also informed about filling the loan related online form. Dr. K.K. Sachan advised cattle owners to vaccinate their animals against diseases like foot and mouth disease, lameness fever and strangulation before the onset of rainy season. Dr. Mangal Singh explained in detail about the products of Vacay Company. Rishabh Dwivedi of VetoSharthner India Animal Health Pvt. Ltd., Program Assistant Mr. S.P. Singh also gave technical information.

Samajwadi Party State President wished long life of City Vice President OP Pal



Prayagraj: State President Shyam Lal Pal, who arrived on the 70th birthday of Samajwadi Party Metropolitan Vice President OP Pal, congratulated him and wished for his long life. Fruits in Ishwar Sharan Ashram.

Distribution was done. In the program held at Krishna Garden, along with Havan puja, cake was also cut. In the grand program in conjunction with Mrs.

Archana Pal and Chandresh Pal, MLA Sandeep Patel, Legislative Council member Man Singh Yadav, Metropolitan Vice President Syed Iftekar Hussain, former minister A large number of SP workers including Shriprakash Rai alias Lallan Rai, Sandeep Yadav, Ravindra Yadav Ravi, Tariq Saad Aju, Moin Habibi, OP Yadav were present and congratulated and thanked OPPal.

NOTICE

This is to hereby inform that I, Santosh Kumar Ojha, son of Shri Kamleshwar Prasad Ojha, resident of Soroan, Meja Road, Tehsil-Meja, District- Prayagraj, original documents of my building no.- 72/1/36/8, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Sadar, Prayagraj, whose Book No.- 1, Volume No.- 1834, Page No.- 368 to 371, Document No.- 2557 dated 29.07.1978 is lost somewhere.

Editorial

Post-Cold War era and Great Power competition

Post-World War II saw the emergence of two power blocks: the US-led North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), formed in 1949, and the Soviet Union-led Warsaw Pact, formed in 1955. NATO was meant to defend against the spread of Soviet-led communism. The Warsaw Pact was to counter NATO. The resultant Cold War saw huge military buildups and competition in the space and nuclear fields. At its peak between 1975 and 1985, the US and Soviet Union had a nuclear weapons stockpile of nearly 60,000 warheads. The collapse and breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 brought an end to the Cold War. The period saw arms control treaties and a significant reduction of nuclear weapons, and stockpiles between the two are now around 6,000 each. The period also saw the folding up of the Warsaw Pact, but a significant increase in NATO, which, as of date, has 32 members. The world became unipolar, with the US dominating the security scene. This was also the period when the world concentrated on the War against Terror. West Asia became the area of focus. By 2007, Russia had begun to consolidate its power under President Putin. China had started rising as an economic and military power. China unilaterally usurped nearly three million sq. km of the South China Sea (SCS), and became aggressive for Taiwan unification. The Quad was formed with the US, Japan, Australia and India to thwart China's expansionist designs in the Indo-Pacific. Meanwhile in Europe, Ukraine was showing interest in joining NATO. This would have brought the alliance on the Russian doorstep. This was unacceptable to Russia. Initially to secure its Black Sea fleet, Russia arranged to annex Crimea in 2014. With Ukraine still not relenting on NATO, Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Effectively that brought an end to the post-Cold War era.

Post-Cold War Era Begins

Despite massive NATO support to Ukraine, Russia continues to hold nearly 20 percent Ukrainian territory. The American and European public opinion shows war fatigue, and are not keen to pump more money or weapons. Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen and several militias in Syria and Iraq are part of Iran funded and backed "Axis of Resistance". Now, they have a new backer: Russia. Developments in West Asia (Gaza war and Houthis) have also complicated the US' desire to focus more on the Indo-Pacific. Russia has secured lifelines for its economy and defence enterprises, while navigating to retain its military influence outside of Europe. In spite of economic sanctions, Russia has once again emerged as a power to contend with. Russia supports legacy multilateral institutions, along with China. It is strengthening BRICS, and is pushing for the de-dollarisation of international finance. Russia and China want to prevent the US and its allies from writing international rules. Russia has recalibrated its entire foreign policy to fit the needs of a long struggle. Russia has already expanded its trade and political relations with non-Western countries. The pillars of Russia's global foreign policy are self-preservation and global de-compartmentalisation. China has not only emerged as an economic power that is peddling influence around the world through Belt and Road and other economic initiatives, but has also become a significant military and Space power that wants to initially exert influence in Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and later across the globe. China has also been modernising and expanding its nuclear arsenal. It is not willing to sit with the US and Russia to discuss arms control or evolve new treaties. The antagonism between Russia and the US has already put arms-control treaties on slow-burner.

Looking at the complex geopolitical and geoeconomic challenges the Indo-Pacific region is currently grappling it is necessary that there is a need to broaden the geopolitical concept of the Indo-Pacific to the Greater Indo-Pacific. The Greater Indo-Pacific can rebalance the global geopolitics and geoeconomics while checking China's hegemonic role. India, being the Centre of Indo-Pacific geopolitics, can play a central role in the formation of Greater Indo-Pacific.

Introduction

The recent war between Israel and Hamas, as well as Russia and Ukraine war along with the Red Sea crisis demonstrates that some of these crises are having an impact on the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific. Along with these wars, the rise of China is also posing a substantial challenge to the Greater Indo-Pacific encompassing major countries of the "Eurasian Heartland" in the phraseology of Halford Mackinder, like India, the US, Japan, South East Asian countries, South Korea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Russia and Kazakhstan. Though the idea appears to be entirely imaginary, understanding the present geopolitical complexities is necessary to consider the Greater Indo-Pacific concept. Both the US and Russia should learn from Israel's and Saudi



Arabia's relations. Improved relations between Moscow and Washington can enhance peace and security in West Asia, the Mediterranean and Indo-Pacific regions as well also in the post-Soviet space. Bringing these above-mentioned regions into a Greater Indo-Pacific framework can give impetus to peace and security in the region as well as enhance economic cooperation. A Greater Indo-Pacific can also provide a necessary challenge to China's hegemonic geopolitics. In this context, India can play a vital role in giving the necessary leadership to Greater Indo-Pacific. The prolonged crisis in the "heartland" in the form of a war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as the onset of the war between Israel and Hamas and its spiral impact in the form of the Red Sea crisis, is providing a new kind of geopolitical equation in

the global map. One thing is sure: phrases like alliances and block politics (though not in an ideological framework) and issues relating to armament and disarmament are currently gaining broader importance in geopolitical discourses. The two wars, as discussed above, demonstrate the significance of the metaphor of "Eurasia" as coined by British geopolitical thinker Halford J Mackinder in his classic work Democratic Ideals and Reality published in 1919, where he eulogised the concept of "World Island" and also "Heartland" in the lexicon of geopolitics. The reason for discussing the metaphor of "Eurasia" or "Heartland" in the present strategic polemics on the Indo-Pacific is to highlight how these two trajectories can be relevant in the context of the geopolitics of the region. Though Mackinder has not talked about the concept of

Indo-Pacific, his article titled Geographical Pivot of History, published in 1904, discussed the concept of "Inner Crescent" and "Outer Crescent", where much of the Indo-Pacific comes under the ambit. For instance, India is in the inner crescent of Eurasia and Japan and the United States are in the outer crescent as per Mackinder. Highlighting the strategic significance of both "Inner Crescent" and "Outer Crescent", Mackinder, in his book Democratic Ideals and Reality, suggested that "The actual balance of political power at any given time is, of course, the product, on the one hand, of geographical conditions, both economic and strategic, and, on the other hand, of the relative number, virility, equipment, and organization of the competing peoples" (p.192). Similarly, German geopolitical analyst Karl Haushofer in his seminal work Geopolitics of the Pacific Ocean, published in 1924, outlined the strategic significance of this region in the global geopolitics. Describing the strategic significance of this region, Haushofer describes this region as a "giant space is expanding before our eyes." He further highlights that this region "awaits the dawn of the Pacific age, the successor to the ageing Atlantic, the over-age Mediterranean and the European era." (as quoted in

Weigert, H. W. (1942). Reviewed work(s): geopolitik des pazifischen ozeans by Karl Haushofer (Review: Haushofer and the Pacific.). Foreign Affairs, 20(4), 732-742). Similarly, Nicolas J Spykman in his classic work Geography of Peace, outlines the concept of Rimland where countries like Japan, India, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, located to adjacent Heartland can play a greater role. In this context, he highlights Rimland's logic, which contrasts the Mackinder approach. Spykman stated, "Whoever rules the Rimland commands Eurasia, and whoever rules Eurasia commands the world." The necessity for delving into some of the issues relating to theoretical polemics of Indo-Pacific, as highlighted in the above works of both Mackinder, Haushofer and Spykman is to trace out the significance of the concept of Indo-Pacific, which is gaining much importance in the present-day geopolitical analysis. One may recall here that Indian scholar Kalidas Nag, in his work Greater India, explains India's role in global geopolitics. In the same book, Nag highlights that "India, through the hands of Ashoka, showered her blessings of peace and progress over this symbolic union of Asia, Africa and Europe with the ties of Internationalism" (p.127). Nag's work further highlights India's inroad.

How women are navigating challenges and taking centre stage?

Amid rapid digitization, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a buzzword but has emerged as a priority for businesses across industries. Whether it is voice assistants like Siri and Alexa fulfilling our wishes at a simple voice command, the ETA of cabs we book, or Natural language processing (NLP) and Machine learning (ML) algorithms-enabled chatbots resolving our queries instantly, AI is revolutionizing different aspects of our lives. However, to ensure its impactful development, equal and inclusive participation is essential. And women are rising to the occasion to explore prospective opportunities and break barriers with a vision to shape the future of AI. In an industry historically dominated by men,

women have defied bias to occupy a prominent position in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) sector. They have made significant strides in facilitating AI and ML advancements. In fact, women are credited with being one of the most prominent pioneers in the field of AI. Dating back to the mid-19th century, Ada Lovelace, known as the world's first computer programmer, worked collaboratively with Charles Babbage on the design of the Analytical Engine. Even in the mid-20th century, Katherine Johnson was instrumental in the success of the first manned space flights and went on to become a role model for women in the STEM field.

Closer home, several women are

leading the AI revolution. India has the highest skill penetration rates, and women are contributing by being at the forefront of AI research and development. Take Aakanksha Chowdhery, for instance. She is a staff research scientist at Google DeepMind whose extensive research and contributions extend to fields like signal processing, ML, edge computing, etc. Additionally, strong-headed women like Tessa Thomas at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ishu Jain leading central analytics at Swiggy and Divya Mittal, Director of data science at American Express, among others, are shining examples of female excellence in the field.

How India's South-South cooperation in Africa's agricultural sector is a win-win game

Exciting things were happening in Nairobi at the end of February. Indian models for Global South cooperation were in focus over a few days. This was particularly evident at the 11th Sankalp Africa summit session on scaling agricultural innovation through South-South collaboration. As many as 1500 people with ideas for impacting the development of their communities gathered at this annual event from across Africa. Investors and impact financiers looked at them and interacted to find solutions. Many sessions focused on possible solutions using the success of models in different countries, particularly India.

The agriculture and South-South cooperation session aimed at creating a deeper understanding of the challenges that agriculture value chains face in Africa. The role of agricultural innovations and how targeted interventions and sustainable development approaches could positively impact them and consequently benefit small farmers were emphasised. These have particular relevance for an enhanced understanding of the enabling aspects, barriers to technology transfers, and their adaptability.

One of the areas that was focused on was South-South collaboration through innovative



agricultural enterprises, which could perhaps foster cross-border partnerships. This is relevant as the East African Community expands to include more countries and the Africa Continental Free Trade Area takes more steps towards implementation. A focused discussion brought together major stakeholders like development partners, policy-makers, representatives of farmers, innovative agricultural enterprises, and investors. The Indian model of a bustling innovative agricultural ecosystem, which has been impacted by innovative enterprises serving 15 million farmers, was in focus. The context was set by discussing how India-Africa cooperation has traditionally focused on the private sector and heavily on agriculture. Even bilateral cooperation at the government-to-government level and through the India-Africa summits has had agriculture at its core. Agriculture features in PM Modi's 10-point action plan for Africa, enunciated in

Uganda in 2018. Yet, do government-to-government initiatives always work? As per a recent book, The Harambee Factor, many of these initiatives, like seed demonstration centres, rural technology centres, farm science centres, and the like, were offered by India to African countries, but these were not easily absorbed by African governments. Wherever the private sector or civil society is involved, the absorption is better and more conducive to backward integration. This approach was then discussed with several partners at the session. There were two entrepreneurs: Giraffe Bioenergy and Everest Enterprises. They were complimented by investing companies, the Delta 40 and the Katapult VC. The World Bank and the Gates Foundation also participated, as did the CEO of the Cereal Growers Association of Kenya, which brings together half a million cereal growers for better marketing.

India presses on land borders amid Chinese expansionism in Indian Ocean

Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that on maritime disputes, "China has been exercising a high degree of restraint. [...] In face of deliberate infringements, China will take justified actions to defend its rights in accordance with the law. In face of unwarranted provocation, China will respond with prompt and legitimate countermeasures. China also urges certain countries outside this region not to make provocations, pick sides, or stir up trou-

bles and problems in the South China Sea." Wang Yi's statements on the South China Sea come at a key point where India is mounting pressure on the India-China land border. It has redeployed 10,000 soldiers from its western border to the Indo-Tibetan border in the Indian states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. These troops will join 9,000 troops already guarding the 532 km stretch of the Indo-China border in these states, Bloomberg reported. The area consists of some of Hinduism's holiest sites, known as the Char Dham

(four holy abodes, as defined by Adi Shankaracharya). "China is committed to working with India to safeguard the peace and stability of the border areas," Mao Ning, a spokesperson for the Chinese foreign ministry, said. "We believe that India's practice is not conducive to safeguarding peace and is not conducive to easing tensions." Mao added that "India's increase in military deployments in border areas does not help to calm the situation in the border areas or to safeguard peace and safety in these areas," according to a

report by Reuters. The armed forces are well equipped, capable and ready to give a befitting reply if anyone casts an evil eye on India, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said recently against the backdrop of the nearly four-year border row with China in eastern Ladakh and concerns over Chinese military forays into the Indian Ocean. Maldives' new Islamist, anti-India President Mohamed Muizzu signed a military assistance pact with China earlier this week, surprising analysts from his own country.

Claim of 36 communities: Sultan Jadoula will be crowned as Pundri MLA...

Pundri/Dhand:

Congress candidate from Pundri constituency Sultan Singh Jadoula, accelerating his election campaign, visited dozens of villages in the constituency and 36 communities announced their open support and welcomed him with great fervor. Sultan Jadoula is gaining tremendous popularity among the people due to his simple, decent and honest personality and has become the favorite of every section. Late night, a one-sided atmosphere was seen in favor of Sultan Jadoula in village Kroda, where the villagers welcomed him with a convoy of hundreds of motorcycles, tractors and vehicles. The villagers of Kroda unanimously supported Sultan Jadoula and



blessed him for victory. Addressing on this occasion, Congress candidate Sultan Singh Jadoula said that the people of the state and the constituency will benefit when the Congress government comes.

Sultan Singh said

that under the able leadership of future Chief Minister Bhupendra Hooda, there is a wave of Congress in Pundri constituency including Haryana and everyone will be blown away in this storm.

His confidence

reflects the strength of the Congress in the Pundri assembly constituency. The enthusiasm of the villagers and their support for the Congress candidate is further strengthening the chances of Sultan Singh Jadoula's victory in the upcoming elections.

Simple public contact in various villages, asked for votes, grand welcome

Sultan Jadoula also visited the villages of Myoli, Hajwana, Ramana-Ramani, Bakal, Deeg, Jazanpur and Dhand in the constituency as part of his Jan Sampark Abhiyan and sought votes in favour of the Congress.

During this time, the villagers warmly welcomed Jadoula.

At many places, he was made to wear a turban and honoured with

flower garlands. At many places, the villagers honoured him by weighing him with laddus, which clearly reflects the love and support of the people for Jadoula in all the villages.

All announcements will be implemented when Hooda government is formed: Jadoula

Congress candidate Sultan Singh Jadoula promised the public during the public relations campaign that if the Hooda government is formed, every citizen will get the benefit of all the schemes included in the Congress manifesto. The Congress government is

committed to the development of the area and the welfare of the people and every promise will be fulfilled on time.

After ISBT rule change, more buses use terminal

Delhi: An official claimed the Delhi government will shortly announce amended bus norms at the Inter State Bus Terminal at Kashmiri Gate. After inspecting the Maharana Pratap ISBT, L-G VK Saxena announced the terminal renovation. Private and government interstate buses will pay the same parking and bus bay fees under the new plan. Private buses are charged more, therefore they park unauthorised and pick up passengers on roads outside the

ISBT facility, causing gridlock and revenue loss. To reduce bus turnaround time, time-based parking charges will be implemented.

This will speed up bus circulation and reduce passenger wait times. Under the new rules, buses will be penalized for overstaying. A bus parked for 30-35 minutes will be fined Re 200 plus GST.

A Rs 250 plus GST punishment applies to times over 35 and 40 minutes. The official stated that exceeding 40

minutes will cost Rs 300 plus GST, while over 45 minutes will cost Rs 350 plus GST for five minutes incrementally. Fastag-less buses will not be allowed into the terminal, but a facility will be available outside for them to receive them. The new regulations will maintain ISBT efficiency and allow them to operate at their full capacity of 3,000 buses per day, up from 1,700. Kashmere Gate, Anand Vihar, and Sarai Kale Khan are Delhi ISBTs.

Star seeks \$940 million from Zee over failed cricket deal

Delhi: Walt Disney's local unit Star India has sought \$940 million in damages from Zee Entertainment Enterprises in the London arbitral court after the Punit Goenka-helmed company defaulted on payments for cricket broadcasting rights. Star has also sought costs, expenses and applicable interest until full payment.

"The arbitration is at its initial stage and the London tribunal is yet to determine if the company is liable in any manner," the Mumbai-listed broadcaster said in a regulatory statement. In March this year, Star had moved the London Court of International Arbitration after Zee failed to comply with an Aug 26, 2022 agreement, under

which it was to license the television broadcasting rights for ICC tournaments to the latter for four years, that is from 2024 to 2027. Six months later in Sept, Star terminated the agreement with Zee and quantified the damages at \$940 million as of Aug 31, along with other charges. "We will, on merits, strongly contest all unfounded claims.

Litterateurs Prem Vij, Dr. Vinod Sharma and Rekha Mittal were present



CHANDIGARH :

International Samvad dialogue seminar and award distribution ceremony was organized on the occasion of Hindi month-2024 under the joint aegis of Hindi Department, Punjab University, Chandigarh and Punjab National Bank.

Deputy General Manager Sanjeev Singh, Deputy General Manager Suresh Kumar Sharma, Chief Manager Sanjeev Jain, Manager Pradeep Kumar, Chairman of Hindi Department of Baba Mastnath University, Rohtak Dr. Baburam, Chairman of Hindi Sangam Foundation New Jersey America Ashok Ojha, senior litterateurs Prem Vij, Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma and Rekha Mittal were present as guests in the program. Chairman of Hindi Department Prof.

Ashok Kumar, Department Faculty Member Prof. Baijnath Prasad, Prof. Neeraj Sood, researchers and students were also present in the program. Hindi fortnight was celebrated by the Hindi Department in which various programs and competitions related to Hindi language and literature were organized. Sanjeev Jain, while sharing his views on official Hindi, said that Hindi is not only a language of communication but also a language of employment. Dr. Baburam shared his views on overseas literature, translation, communication language, official language and national language. Ashok Ojha, while informing about the status of Hindi in America, said that Hindi is being widely promoted there.

ICICI Bank's Festive Bonanza is back with attractive deals



GURUGRAM: ICICI Bank's annual Festive Bonanza is back with an array of attractive deals on big brands across electronics, mobiles, fashion, jewellery, furniture, travel, e-commerce and dining. Customers of the Bank can avail of these offers and get discounts of up to ₹40,000, by using their credit/debit cards, internet banking, cardless EMI and consumer finance. They can also choose to avail the benefit of no cost EMI by using their credit/debit cards. Speaking on the launch, Mr. Rakesh Jha, Executive Director, ICICI Bank said, "We are pleased to bring back 'Festive Bonanza' to our customers with a variety of discounts, offers, and cashbacks. By partnering with top brands across categories, we have curated these attractive offers and discounts

during the festive season, for our customers to make the most of their festive shopping. The deals can be accessed through ICICI Bank's credit/debit cards, internet banking, consumer finance and cardless EMI. We are also delighted to announce special festive offers on home loan, car loan, two-wheeler loan and education loan. We believe these offers will make the festive season even more enjoyable and rewarding for our customers." The Bank offers special deals on iPhone 16 and other Apple products. On the purchase of iPhone 16, customers can avail an instant cashback of up to 5,000 on their cred-

it cards and EMI purchases made through their credit and debit cards. ICICI Bank credit card holders exclusively get the option to register for Apple's 'iPhone for Life' programme. It allows them to pay for select iPhone models in 24-month interest free instalments starting at ₹2,497 and offers a guaranteed buy back option for the existing iPhone when they upgrade to their next iPhone. Customers are eligible to get special offers at Big Fashion Festival of Myntra.

Further, they can enjoy special offers on home loan, car loan, two-wheeler loan and education loan from the Bank.

CM Atishi inspects Okhla as part of gov't repair drive

NEW DELHI: Delhi CM and AAP leader Atishi on Monday visited Okhla in southeast Delhi to inspect condition of the roads in the area. The visit was part of the Delhi government's road assessment and repair plan in which all the ministers have been designated with the task of identifying roads that are in poor condition in the next week, after which the Public Works Department (PWD) will carry out repairs. "The city will be free of potholes after all damaged Public Works Department (PWD) roads are repaired by the end of October, Atishi had said on Sunday. It was decided that starting Monday, all ministers will inspect roads in their designated areas for a week to identify those in need of repair. "For two days, Arvind Kejriwal and I inspected the roads of Delhi and found that the condition of roads is very bad.



Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles Partners with Flipkart to Enhance Online Motorcycle Purchases in India



GURUGRAM / REWARI: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has announced a collaboration with Flipkart, marking a significant step in the premium motorcycle market in India. This partnership makes Jawa Yezdi the first premium motorcycle manufacturer to offer its products on Flipkart's e-commerce platform, aiming to improve how enthusiasts access and purchase high-end motorcycles across the country. The collaboration is a key part of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles' digital strategy, designed to improve the customer experience and increase the accessibility of its premium motorcycle range. By using Flipkart's platform with over 500 million users, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles will reach a wider audience, allowing motorcycle enthusiasts from various parts of India to explore, compare, and choose from their range of performance-classic bikes. Ashish Singh Joshi, CEO of Classic Legends, commented on the partnership: "Our collaboration with Flipkart marks a significant milestone in the premium motorcycle segment.

By bringing Jawa and Yezdi motorcycles to Flipkart's platform, we're enhancing the discovery and purchase experience for enthusiasts across India. This partnership allows customers to explore our entire range, compare models, and understand the unique heritage and performance of our bikes, all from the comfort of their homes. We're not just selling motorcycles online; we're offering a gateway to the Jawa and Yezdi lifestyle. This collaboration streamlines the journey from interest to ownership, making it more convenient for riders to connect with our brands. It's about bringing the showroom experience online while maintaining the premium touch that our customers expect."

Jharkhand moves contempt plea against Centre

NEW DELHI: In a first, Jharkhand government has moved Supreme Court seeking contempt of court action against the Centre for its "deliberate and wilful" delay in implementing the SC collegium's July 11 resolution recommending appointment of Justice M S Ramachandra Rao as chief justice of the state, reported. In its petition, the Hemant Soren gov't said the state was without a chief justice for two months, since the retirement of Justice B R Sarangi on July 19. It said the SC's five-member collegium led by CJI D Y Chandrachud, anticipating the vacancy, had recommended to the Centre to transfer the

Himachal Pradesh HC CJ to Jharkhand HC as its CJ. Can't pick & choose It said despite the passage of more than two months, the Union gov't was deliberately sitting over the SC collegium's recommendation, a situation that displayed the Centre's complete disregard for the highest court's decisions. Jharkhand gov't said Centre's deliberate inaction on the collegium resolution was also in violation of Article 216 of the Constitution. , which says, "Every high court shall consist of a chief justice and such other judges..." Constitutional courts are empowered to initiate contempt of court proceedings.

Tubes and Pipes manufacturer Scoda Tubes Limited files draft papers to raise 275 crore via IPO

GURUGRAM : Scoda Tubes Limited has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO is a complete fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to 275 crore. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for Capital expenditure towards expanding production capacity of seamless and welded tubes and pipes, Funding the part incremental working capital requirements of the Company and General corporate purposes.



The company is a stainless-steel tubes and pipes manufacturer based in India having over 14 years of experience. The products are broadly categorised into: (i) seamless tubes/pipes; and (ii) welded tubes and pipes, under five (5) product lines, namely,

(i) stainless steel seamless pipes; (ii) stainless steel seamless tubes; (iii) stainless steel seamless "U" tubes; (iv) stainless steel instrumentation tubes; and (v) stainless steel welded tubes and "U" tubes ("Products" or "Stainless Steel Products"). The products

are under the brand, "Scoda Tubes Limited". These products are used by a diverse range of customers like engineering companies, EPC and industrial companies engaged in Oil and Gas, Chemicals, Fertilisers, Power, Pharmaceuticals, Automotive, Railways and Transportation sectors As of August 31, 2024, the company's manufacturing facility has a total installed capacity of 20,000 MT per annum of mother hollow, 10,068 MT per annum of seamless products and 164,102 MT per annum of products.

CBSE recommends stronger internal examinations in schools to reduce theory-practice gaps

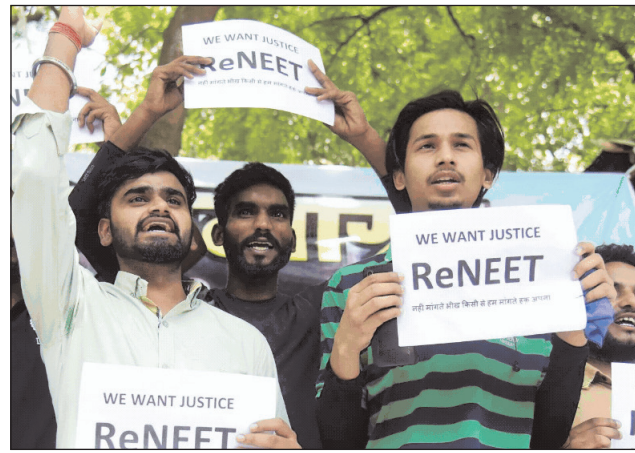
Delhi: The CBSE recently advised schools to review their own assessment systems. After finding a large gap between theory and practical test marks in classes X and XII in over 500 schools. Many students who did poorly in theory tests did well in practical exams. The advice proposes a more robust, transparent, and dependable approach to provide realistic assessment and significant academic value for pupils." The CBSE circular says An anonymous CBSE official said, "We have complete theory and practical mark data for grades X and XII. If all 40 students in a class obtain full marks in practical but just a few get good scores in theory, we can uncover exam disparities." The board has provided guidance before, he says, adding that the CBSE conducts this procedure annually. Says, "Many schools give additional marks in practical tests to boost grades. With practical marks, a student can pass the exam despite low theory marks. This improves school performance and reputation." Teachers and school management should be consistent and ethical while deciding practical marks. "Many times, to



save their jobs, teachers resort to mark inflation," he says. "These discrepancies affect the morale of the bright students who despite all their hard work are positioned together with the non-deserving students." Senior official: "There are a few rules, but officials are striving to establish a more comprehensive assessment system to eliminate irregularities. CBSE will sensitize schools." Former Delhi government school administrator Sangeeta Jay believes, "Familiar environments improve student performance. Students feel comfortable at school since they are surrounded by instructors and friends during internal assessment and no other agencies or examiners are involved. This is why 30%-40% of pupils do well. When students appear for boards that require them to complete papers at different centers, they may be nervous in a new atmosphere. This may hinder student performance."

Candidates want full retakes, thorough investigation of irregularities

Delhi: The National Testing Agency (NTA) informed the Supreme Court that 1,563 candidates who obtained "grace marks" in the 2024 National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) will have their scorecards canceled. These NEET-UG candidates who received grace marks for missing time can reappear. June 23 is the re-examination date, with results expected by June 30. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta heard the NTA's declaration that a committee will review these contestants' results. The Committee canceled 1,563 candidates' scorecards and offered retests. The Supreme Court said it will not stop NEET-UG 2024 counselling, emphasizing that it will proceed. The Supreme Court will hear petitions again on July 8. The Court accepted the NTA's assertion that the 1,563 students' retest will be notified today and the findings



Simple Methods for Writing UK SOPs: Templates & Examples for 2024

Delhi: One of the most well-liked nations for postsecondary education is the UK. The UK has been attracting more and more international students due to its outstanding universities and ongoing efforts to strengthen its educational system. When applying to UK universities, a "Statement of Purpose," or "SOP," is an important document to

take into account. SOP is essential and is thought to give your application at least 30% more weight. The SOP format used in the UK is the same as in other nations. Your SOP needs to include a summary of your accomplishments and strongest points, your academic and personal history, and an overview of your future objectives.

declared before June 30, ensuring that July counselling is not disrupted. Students nationwide have reacted differently to the Supreme Court's NEET UG 2024 ruling.

CAPSULES

After heatstroke, typhoid, 3 law students sue Delhi University for substandard amenities

Delhi: Three law students sued Delhi University for heatstroke and typhoid after drinking from a cooler at the Faculty of Law. The suit asserted a lack of pure drinking water, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and other campus infrastructure issues, and the Delhi High Court summoned a stakeholder meeting this week. Ronak Khatri, Ankur Singh Mavi, and Umesh Kumar, all second-year law students, are campaigning for better university facilities. Both petitioners and advocates are involved. However, they had to act after all doors were closed. "We protested at the Faculty of Law on 2 May. We gave our dean a letter but nothing happened. We tried the Delhi Students' Welfare and Delhi University Students Union but failed. Khatri, who fell in class due to heatstroke, claims they protested in front of the vice chancellor's building on May 15. In the second hearing on June 12, Justice Amit Sharma appointed advocate Rajesh Mishra as amicus curiae to help decide the dispute. The high court ordered Delhi University's dean of students' welfare, law faculty dean, petitioner Mavi, and amicus curiae to meet.

The talk will cover water coolers, filtered drinking water, and Wi-Fi. Court order: meeting within a week. Judge Sharma added the Bar Council of India (BCI) as a "necessary party" to the petition. The 4 July hearing follows the 27 May writ petition.

DoE steps up efforts to improve facilities at public schools

Delhi: The Department of Education has stepped its efforts to enhance the fundamental facilities and services provided by Delhi government schools. Ashok Kumar, the secretary of education, has issued strict directions to make sure that schools have enough desks, stationery, clean water, and clean bathrooms. He has also ordered minor repairs and implemented safety precautions. An evaluation conducted on June 6 by the state project director and additional director of education, after unambiguous instructions were given in May, found that a number of institutions had not yet



complied. Authorities suggested disciplinary action against vice principals and principals who neglected to upgrade their schools' infrastructure in order to resolve the non-compliance. But as of yet, no suggestions have been made. The secretary gave regional directors of education (RDEs) until June 11 to identify the schools that lack proper facilities and

suggest disciplinary measures against the district deputy directors of education (DDE) who are in charge of those schools. The RDEs will be subject to disciplinary punishment if they don't comply within the allotted 10-day period. Within seven days, they must also provide ideas for taking action against the relevant district DDEs. All pupils in government schools (classes 1 through 8) received free textbooks from the education department on Thursday for the 2024-25 school year. Before classes resume, all DDEs need to make sure that students have their textbooks.

89% of MCD students have bank accounts post

Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) claimed that the education department opened bank accounts for 89% of its students. The project allows direct bank transfers to students' accounts for numerous objectives. As per the Delhi High Court's orders, MCD is striving to cover 100% of student bank accounts following summer breaks. An official said, "MCD's persistence is getting more students to open bank accounts. We're working to

open 100% of pupils' bank accounts after summer breaks." Students in MCD schools receive funding for clothes, shoes, bags, and stationery. Students need bank accounts to get these funds. MCD ordered zonal deputy commissioners to ensure every student in their zone had a bank account. An official said, "We are holding camps for pupils at its schools to open bank accounts in various banks and post offices. Teachers contact parents to collect

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan textbooks during summer vacations. In April, the court raised concern over MCD's inability to provide uniforms, notebooks, and stationery to 2,00,000 bankless pupils. The judge stated this could make kids lose interest in school. NGO Social Jurist asked the education department and MCD to ensure that all schoolchildren had bank accounts, and the court responded.

IPL company value rises to \$16.4 billion, report shows

Delhi: A recent analysis found that the Indian Premier League's (IPL) brand value rose 6.3% to \$3.4 billion over last year. The American investment bank Houlihan Lokey found that IPL's company value, or what a buyer would pay, had increased 6.5% to \$16.4 billion. IPL relies largely on media rights revenue. Last year, Viacom 18 and Disney Star bought the 2023-27 digital and TV rights for \$6.2bn, increasing corporate value from \$8.5bn to \$15.4bn. IPL championship rights were improved this year as Tata renewed their contract for \$2500 crore for five years. The study finds expected results on IPL franchise brand value. In the previous two seasons, MS Dhoni fever has kept Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the top of brand value and business value indices. Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) rank

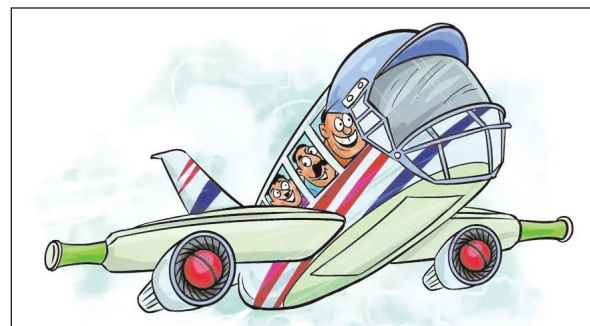


second on both indices despite another failed IPL title chase. A devoted fan base, strong team identity, and Virat Kohli's influence explain RCB's emotional connection with supporters and its sponsorship and ticket sales. RCB's extraordinary run of come-from-behind wins pushed them into the playoffs, where Kohli was again the top scorer and Orange Cap winner as the leading hitter. IPL 2024 winners Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) rank third in brand and fourth in business value. "KKR capitalizes greatly on the brand equity of its

renowned owner Shah Rukh Khan and is regarded as one of the best-managed franchises for turning profitable before others," the survey adds. Five-time winners Mumbai Indians (MI) exploited their long-term goodwill to weather fan wrath over the captaincy change from Rohit Sharma to Hardik Pandya and their last-place finish. MI ranks third in business value and fourth in brand value, according to the survey. Rajasthan Royals (RR) move to No.5 in brand value as their performance and player pool improve.

Gujarat traffickers sneaking people into US during T20 Cricket World Cup

Delhi: Bat, ball, and kabootar bazi replace "donkey flight" for now. Cricket lovers and Gujarati human traffickers using the T20 World Cup to sneak people into the US are excited about the New York leg. These smugglers pose as cricketers to get their clients into the US. Local cricket clubs sign clients to play mini tournaments in India to attract US club sponsorships. This grants six-month sports visas. Once in the US, they disappear and live illegally. This strategy has supplanted artist visa programs where people impersonated Bollywood or TV actors to enter the US. Smugglers now use cricket due to stricter immigration laws. Kalol man used the scheme successfully. "I played cricket professionally from an academy in



Gandhinagar, participated in leagues organised by a religious group here, and got entry into the US to play a cricket league," stated. He and his brother have lived illegally in the US for eight months. Monty Patel of Gandhinagar disappeared after entering the US last September. Ashish Patel of Navsari succeeded after several failures. Seven years ago, he entered the US as a TV serial crew member but returned. Using a New Jersey tournament cricketer identity, he entered the US last year after

three failed attempts. An Ahmedabad police crime branch officer recognized the trend but said India cannot prosecute overseas offenses. "No such case has been documented. Vikas Sahay, Gujarat DGP, said these contravene visa rules. When Gujaratis were deployed to cricket-loving Russia five years ago, this commotion began. Traffickers began targeting the US 18 months ago due to the increased interest in cricket, especially in North and South Carolina, which have cricket clubs.

In keeping with global trends, UGC enables biennial entries

Delhi: To meet global norms, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has allowed HEIs with appropriate infrastructure to offer biennial admissions in regular manner commencing with the current academic session. Admissions to universities worldwide are biennial. UGC head M Jagadesh Kumar said adoption will boost international cooperation and student exchanges at our HEIs, increasing global competitiveness. After the commission's approval on July 25, 2023, UGC made the decision on May 15 after receiving positive comments from students in biennial admissions in Jan-Feb and July-Aug open, distance, and online programs. UGC said biannual admissions will help HEIs allocate resources. Large colleges like DU will find it difficult, but we will start with a pilot run and expand if authorized." Previously, HEIs may only enroll students in one 12-month academic session starting in July/Aug. According to SASTRA Deemed University VC S Vaidhyasubramaniam, dual window admissions may not work in India "due to capacity, capability and credibility issues". He said collateral damage will overshadow biannual admissions' modest benefit.

AAP slams BJP for winning crucial MCD standing committee seat

"Sunder Singh Tanwar won all 115 councillor votes for the BJP. No one voted for AAP's Nirmala Kumari"

Delhi: The BJP won the final seat on the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's 18-member Standing Committee after AAP and Congress councillors boycotted the election. Sunder Singh Tanwar won all 115 councillor votes for the BJP. No one voted for AAP's Nirmala Kumari. Tanwar praised party leaders for believing in him after his victo-



ry. Despite filing their nomination, AAP may not have trusted their councillors and decided to run away from the election. "AAP departed the battleground knowing they would lose the floor test. Lying is AAP's forte. He stated the court constantly pulls them up when they get to court. Delhi Municipal Corporation's top decision-making body is the standing committee. After today's poll, the

BJP has 10 panelists and the AAP 8. After the BJP candidate won the last seat, AAP supremo Kejriwal claimed the BJP wrongly overwhelmed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and stole the mandate. Kejriwal told the Delhi Assembly that the lieutenant governor modified the regulations to allow an additional commissioner of the civic body to convene MCD House meetings.

AAP, BJP Agree on Bus Marshall's Return

Delhi: AAP and BJP lawmakers approved a combined motion in Delhi Assembly requesting the reinstatement of over 10,000 bus marshals who were fired last year. In a heated debate, AAP MLAs attacked BJP and the LG for firing bus marshals and delaying their salaries for months. Delhi BJP lawmakers accused the government of betraying bus marshals. The two parties decided to send lieutenant governor VK Saxena a joint resolution to reinstate them. Delhi minister

Saurabh Bharadwaj, who ended the debate, accused BJP's opposition leader Vijender Gupta of backtracking by refusing to meet the LG and AAP legislators on Oct. 3 to implement it. All civil defense volunteers may be fired at the end of October until decided. The majority of civil defense volunteers were bus marshals and some worked for district and sub-divisional magistrates. Gupta also suggested a house resolution to reinstate bus marshals and give them "permanent" positions.

Dera chief requests parole again; poll panel questions reasoning

Delhi: Dera Sacha Sauda founder Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, who is serving 20 years for raping two of his pupils, has again requested a 20-day parole just days before the October 5 Haryana assembly elections. Singh, who returned to Rohtak's Sunaria jail on September 2 after a 21-day furlough on August 13, has been accused of trying to sway his Haryana-based supporters' election votes. According to sources, Singh's request for 20 days of parole has been sent to the election department, which has asked the jails department to explain the "compelling emergent reasons" (as required by the Election Commission). Political commentators said the Dera chief is crucial in poll season since he followed the notorious Sirsa-based sect commander.

Prof Ashutosh

Parole over the years



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Kumar, a political scientist at Panjab University, Chandigarh, claimed politicians of all stripes had sought his "blessings" during elections. Singh was entitled to 91 days of temporary release per year, thus his request for 20 days parole was legal, according to a Dera spokeswoman. "He has used 50 parole and 21 furlough days. In a year, he gets 20 more parole days. As the year ends, he must

use his 20-day release or it will expire, the spokeswoman added. The Haryana Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act allows convicted prisoners (excluding hardcore convicts) to be freed on regular parole for up to 10 of 52 weeks in a year, in two halves. In addition, condemned prisoners are entitled to three weeks of furlough, which cannot be taken in parts.

After ISBT rule change, more buses use terminal

Delhi: An official claimed the Delhi government will shortly announce amended bus norms at the Inter State Bus Terminal at Kashmiri Gate. After inspecting the Maharana Pratap ISBT, L-G VK Saxena announced the terminal renovation. Private and government inter-state buses will pay the same parking and bus bay fees under the new plan. Private buses are charged more, therefore they park unauthorized and pick up passengers on roads outside the ISBT facility, causing gridlock and



revenue loss. To reduce bus turnaround time, time-based parking charges will be implemented. This will speed up bus circulation and reduce passenger wait times. Under the new rules, buses will be penalized for overstaying. A bus parked for 30-35 minutes will be fined Re 200 plus GST. A Rs 250 plus GST punishment

applies to times over 35 and 40 minutes. The official stated that exceeding 40 minutes will cost Rs 300 plus GST, while over 45 minutes will cost Rs 350 plus GST for five minutes incrementally. Fastag-less buses will not be allowed into the terminal, but a facility will be available outside for them to receive them.

Transport department proposes guidelines to simplify new vehicle RC

Delhi: Delhi's transport department released new guidelines to speed up registration certificates (RC) from auto dealers for newly purchased automobiles after concerns about delays. They must designate dedicated workers to enter buyer details on the central VAHAN portal and maintain their printing devices.

Transport minister Kailash Gahlot also received delays complaints and ordered the department to remedy them. An investigation found that multiple vehicle dealers used the same data entry person, causing work overload, approval delays, and RC printing and delivery delays. District officials have been instructed by the

transport department to collect Aadhaar-related credentials from all self-registered dealers' employees for VAHAN portal data filling. The VAHAN portal's National Informative Centre (NIC) has been instructed to use Aadhaar-based data entry staff log-in to prevent the same person from working for several dealers.

Training in robotic-assisted surgery at AIIMS



Delhi: All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi and Intuitive, a biotechnology business that makes robotic-assisted surgical devices, have inked an MoU to create a new robotic-assisted surgery training center. Surgeons and care teams from all specialties will receive full da Vinci technology training at the centre. Initiative will open its fourth RAS training center in India and first in a government medical college. The AIIMS da Vinci RAS training centre will teach surgeons and care teams robotic-assisted surgery in urology, gynaecology, general surgery, and more. More surgeons will receive cutting-edge robotic-assisted surgical training from this industry-academia partnership in India. All India Institute of Medical

Sciences Delhi Director Dr. Srinivas remarked, "We are happy to work with Intuitive to develop this da Vinci-equipped robotic-assisted surgical training center. Cancers, urologic, and gynaecological disorders requiring soft tissue surgery are increasing in India, driving the need for new technology like robotic-assisted surgery and accompanying training.

The da Vinci system improves surgical accuracy, recuperation time, and patient outcomes through precision, flexibility, and control. The company has three training centers across India as part of its ongoing endeavor to build robust robotics programs. Over 850 Indian surgeons have been educated on da Vinci technology, helping to increase its acceptance.

CM Atishi inspects Okhla as part of govt's repair drive

NEW DELHI: Delhi CM and AAP leader Atishi on visited Okhla in southeast Delhi to inspect condition of the roads in the area. The visit was part of the Delhi government's road assessment and repair plan in which all the ministers have been designated with the task of identifying roads that are in poor condition in the next week, after which the Public Works Department (PWD) will carry out repairs. "The city will be free of potholes after all damaged Public Works Department (PWD) roads are repaired by the end of October, Atishi had said on Sunday. It was decided that starting Monday, all ministers will inspect roads in their designated areas for a week to identify those in need of repair. "For two days, Arvind Kejriwal and I inspected the roads of Delhi and found that the condition of roads is very bad.



Expect Chandni Chowk night cleanup shortly

Mayor Shelly Oberoi, local councillor Punardeep Singh Sawhney, and MCD personnel examined Chandni Chowk for cleanliness and sanitation. Oberoi reported receiving many complaints from homeowners and vendors about the poor cleanliness between Lal Quila and Fatehpuri Masjid Road. For the first time, she ordered MCD officials to assign a team to clean the Chandni Chowk market road at night in addition to morning and afternoon shifts. This should begin next week. I presented a three-point strategy to improve Chandni Chowk's sanitation. She said she would hire a night shift staff to clean the area thoroughly, submit a proposal within a week for sophisticated cleaning equipment, and undertake surprise inspections to supervise night-shift cleaning. The mayor stressed the importance of public space cleanliness and health.

Government portal to ease business now Ready

Delhi: The Delhi government will implement a single-window system to speed up trade and make conducting business easier. The online platform would speed up investors' business setup applications, approvals, clearances, compliance rules, and timetables. Industries minister Saurabh Bharadwaj will inaugurate the beta single-window site, the government stated. Officials said the site would reduce duplicate documentation and applications for huge clearances. Bharadwaj said the single-window system will make investors more comfortable with 59 services spanning 12 departments. "The platform aims to streamline pre-operation approvals, reduce compliance, promote sector-specific reforms, shorten project timelines and enhance ease of starting and doing business in Delhi," he said. Since the portal was being tested, the minister said 37 services from seven departments—labour, MCD, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, weights and measures, DJB, power discoms, and industries—were included in the first phase, while 22 services from five departments—drug control; trade and taxes; excise, entertainment, and luxury tax; DSIIIC, and GSDL—were added later He stated that 27 portal services are "live" now.

Govt block on account of 'Hindutva Watch' not justified, X tells Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: Social media giant X (formerly Twitter) has told Delhi high court that the Centre's decision to block the account of Hindutva Watch (@HindutvaWatchIn) was "unjustified and disproportionate". X was replying to a petition by Raqib Hameed, a J&K journalist who has challenged the January 2024 blocking as the tracker's founder. The HC will hear the matter next on October 3. 1x1 polls

Delhi AAP raises minimum salaries across bands

Delhi: Delhi chief minister Atishi raised the monthly salary of unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled workers in the Capital to help them cope with inflation before the holidays. The higher rates take effect October 1, officials stated. Atishi reported on X that the minimum wage rates for workers have increased from 17,494 to 18,066 for unskilled workers, 19,279 to 19,929 for semi-skilled workers, and 21,215 to 21,917 for skilled workers. Some BJP-ruled states have minimum wages half that of Delhi. In contrast, Arvind Kejriwal's Delhi takes every step to give the common guy a dignified living, Atishi

remarked. In response, the BJP called the measure a ploy before the Delhi assembly elections. At a news conference at the Delhi secretariat, the CM declared Delhi has the highest minimum wage. "Minimum wage earners are poor laborers. The Delhi government has raised the minimum wage to a record high to end their exploitation. BJP consistently opposed the poor. "Deep collusion between contractors and the government causes corruption in Delhi government and MCD," Chandolia said. The Delhi BJP also asked the CM to guarantee that contractual staff receive their 30-day payout.

Atishi prepares \$1,000/month program for underprivileged women

"Atishi announced the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana in the yearly budget as finance minister"



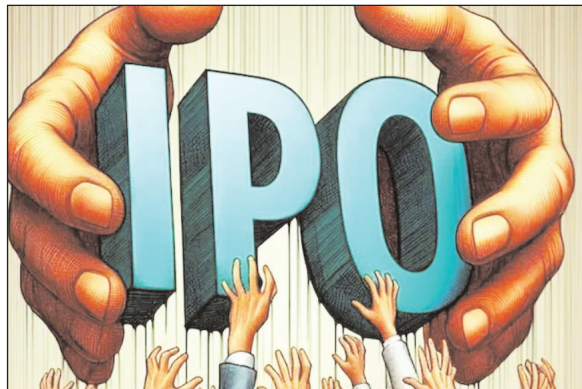
family income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh is being finalized and may be presented to the cabinet in 2-3 weeks. Atishi announced the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana in the yearly budget as finance minister. Officials expect 50 lakh women to profit. The Delhi government allo-

cated Rs 2,000 crore for the initiative in 2024-25. A day after taking office, Atishi met with all ministers and staff to review government operations and strategy.

The government was now planning for the next three to four months, and implementing the Mahila

Sebi approves Hyundai's 25 IPO and Swiggy's 12,000 IPO

Delhi: Hyundai Motor's Rs 25,000-crore IPO's draft red herring prospectus has been approved by Sebi, setting the stage for India's largest IPO. After several recent public offerings, the IPO is likely to debut in October. This June, the company filed its IPO prospectus. Hyundai's IPO will exceed LIC's Rs 21,008-crore IPO, which closed in May 2022 as the largest. After LIC's raise, One97 (parent of Paytm)'s Rs 18,300-crore IPO in Nov 2021, Coal India's Rs 15,199-crore offer in Nov 2010, and Reliance Power's Rs 11,563-crore offer in Feb 2008 followed. Hyundai India's IPO will be a sale by Hyundai's Korean parent, not a share issue. The offer might dilute 17% of the company's shares. The \$3 billion bid for a 17% share is likely to value the company



at \$18 billion, or Rs 1.5 lakh crore. According to BSE data, Maruti Suzuki, India's largest automaker, has a market worth of Rs 4 lakh crore, M< Rs 3.8 lakh crore, and Tata Motors Rs 3.6 lakh crore. Before the IPO, Hyundai wanted to boost its yearly output in the country to one million units by 2025, focusing on inexpensive electrics it would locally make. The has raised Rs 32,000 crore for India developments, including the Maharashtra facility it acquired from GM last year.

Swiggy plans 10k cr 4 IPO for Diwali

Delhi: Swiggy, a food and grocery delivery company, filed papers for an IPO of \$1.2 billion (Rs 10,000 crore), the largest Indian startup IPO since Paytm's Rs 18,300 sale in 2021. In a shareholder meeting next week, sources expect the IPO to be increased to \$1.4 billion (Rs 11,700 crore). According to Swiggy's latest draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) the Bangalore-based company plans .

BluSmart is in talks to partner with MG

Delhi: Electric ride-sharing business BluSmart may be in negotiations with JSW MG about numerous alliances. According to auto industry sources, the startup has discussed adopting JSW MG's goods in its fleet numerous times. Sources further suggest JSW MG is considering buying a small interest in BluSmart Mobility. BluSmart Mobility and JSW MG said: "We don't discuss market speculation. We disagree with the information in your question." India's largest full-stack EV ride hailing service is BluSmart. New investors include Zurich-based responsAbility



Investments, MS Dhoni's Family Office, and ReNew founder-CEO Sumant Sinha invested Rs 200 crore (\$24 million) in BluSmart's pre-series B investment round in July. It stated that it has secured \$200 million in long-term EV asset financing. In two Series A rounds in May 2022, the business raised \$51 million. It operates

about 7,500 electric vehicles in India with approximately 10,000 drivers. It manages 4,000 EV chargers in 35 Indian charging hubs. Parent firm Gensol Engineering has bulk-ordered electric vehicles from Tata Motors and MG. The company also struck a multi-year power purchase arrangement with Tata Power this year.

Hyundai Motor India gets SEBI approval for IPO

Delhi: Hyundai Motor India Ltd., the Indian affiliate of South Korean automaker Hyundai, gained Sebi's approval to float an IPO, sources said. The Indian car industry's first initial share-sale in almost two decades, following Maruti Suzuki's listing in 2003, is noteworthy. According to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) submitted in June, Hyundai Motor India's proposed IPO is an OFS of 142,194,700 equity shares by promoter Hyundai Motor Company, with no fresh issue component. The South Korean parent is diluting stakes through OFS. The IPO will not benefit Hyundai Motor India Ltd., India's second-largest carmaker after Maruti Suzuki India, because it is an OFS. Hyundai Motor India received a Sebi email sanctioning its IPO, according to sources. Hyundai Motor India stated in its draft documents that listing the equity shares "will enhance our visibility and brand image and provide liquidity and a public market for the shares". Sources confirmed in February that the South Korean automaker wants to raise at least USD 3 billion through an IPO. Sources said it may dilute 15-20% shareholding to raise USD 3.3-5.6 billion.

Reliance Industries gets Centre's channel transfer approval

Delhi: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting approved RIL's transfer of non-news and current affairs TV channel licenses. The channels held by Viacom 18 Media Pvt Ltd will be transferred to Star India Private Limited. This merger will follow CCI guidelines. This decision is part of Reliance Industries Ltd. and Disney's strategic partnership. RIL stated that the government approved the media release "Reliance and Disney Announce Strategic Joint Venture to Bring Together the Most Compelling and Engaging Entertainment Brands in India." The CCI authorized RIL and Disney's Indian media assets' Rs 70,350-crore merger. The Mumbai NCLT approved the Viacom18-Star

FPIs buy Rs 57k crore stocks in September, flows hit 9-month high

Delhi: Foreign investors have poured Rs 57,359 crore into Indian equities in Sept, making it the highest inflow in nine months, mainly driven by a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve. With this infusion, foreign portfolio investors' (FPIs) investment in equities has surpassed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark in 2024, data with the depositories showed. FPI inflows are likely to remain robust, driven by global interest rate easing and India's strong fundamentals. However, the RBI's decisions, particularly regarding inflation management and liquidity, will be key in sustaining this momentum, Robin Arya, smallcase manager and founder & CEO of research



analyst firm GoalFi, said.

Top Rs 1 lakh crore

According to the data, FPIs made a net investment of Rs 57,359 crore in equities until Sept 27, with one trading session still left this month. This was the highest net inflow since Dec 2023, when FPIs had invested Rs 66,135 crore in equities. Since June, FPIs have

consistently bought equities after withdrawing Rs 34,252 crore in April-May. Overall, FPIs have been net buyers in 2024, except for Jan, April, and May. Several factors have contributed to the recent surge in FPI inflow into Indian equity markets, such as the start of the interest rate cut cycle initiated by the US Fed.

Accenture's hiring drive may push other companies

BENGALURU: Accenture's recent disclosure of their recruitment targets for FY25 has set a positive tone for Indian technology companies who're set to report their Sept quarter earnings next month. "We are hiring primarily in India, as we are hiring more in technology. This also addresses our pyramid structure. We hire all over the world and in technology, which is a big driver for growth as we see for FY25. We will be hiring more in India," Accenture CEO Julie Sweet told analysts in a recent earnings.

December, the world's largest onion producer restricted foreign sales to strengthen domestic supplies after uneven rains in key areas cut output by 20%. Shipping began on May 4, 2024, with an MEP plus 40% tax. "We are now considering whether to allow such exports as the country has sufficient food grain stocks.

SpiceJet clears pending employee salaries



Delhi: SpiceJet employees received their July and August salaries and the remaining June salaries. This follows months of delays caused by a financial issue that harmed the airline's workers. The wage disbursement relieves many employees who were struggling financially due to inconsistent payments. SpiceJet struggled to meet wages for months, frustrating and confusing employees. For months, the airline has struggled with financial flow, causing delays. Despite wage payments, employees face other financial issues. For nearly two and a half years, the airline hasn't made provident fund (PF) contributions or remitted the government TDS from employees' monthly salaries. The airline announced plans to raise Rs 3,000 crore through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) on September 23, 2024, to strengthen long-term financial health. SpiceJet is working to address these issues, which have been exacerbated by airline sector disruptions and increased expenses, to improve its finances. The airline announced plans to raise Rs 3,000 crore through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) on September 23, 2024, to strengthen long-term financial cash flow.

India close to finalising deal for 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets for Navy

Delhi: After evaluating both Boeing F/A 18 Super Hornet and Rafale M, the Indian Navy selected the latter on technical grounds. Rafale fighter jets for Indian Navy India and France are nearing a deal for the acquisition of Rafale Marine fighter jets for Indian aircraft carriers.



The Indian Navy requires 26 fighter jets capable of operating from its aircraft carriers. After several rounds of negotiations, the price offer has been significantly reduced, and the deal will be benchmarked on the 2016 deal for 36 Rafale jets acquired for the Indian Air Force. The acquisition is likely to be discussed during National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's visit to Paris this week, along with an order for three additional Kalvari class submarines to be built in Mumbai.

Sources indicate that, in addition to being compatible with the Air Force fleet, the

naval jets will be outfitted with specialized anti-ship weaponry and long-range fuel tanks for maritime operations. They will also feature the Meteor beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles, the most advanced in the region.

Rafale deal for Indian Navy

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Simpolo Tiles & Bathware Unveils Revolutionary New Collections at 'Perspective-2025' Annual Product Launch Event in Cochin

Mumbai: Simpolo Tiles & Bathware, a leader in the ceramics and surface design industry, successfully hosted its highly anticipated product launch event, Perspective-2025 in Cochin. The event drew participation from over 400+ premium dealers from across India and more than 100+ prominent architects across Kerala, who gathered to witness the unveiling of Simpolo's latest cutting-edge collections and surfaces designed to meet the evolving needs of modern architecture and design. This year's theme, "Fresh from the Past", set the tone for the collections, which seamlessly blended historical elements with modern functionality. The highlight of the event was the introduction of the new Posh+ surface, an innovative upgrade to Simpolo's iconic Posh surface, designed specifically for high-traffic public spaces. With 10 times



more abrasive strength than industry standards, Posh+ is ideal for public areas such as airports, malls, and train stations, offering exceptional durability without compromising on aesthetics. Revolutionary New Product Lines Unveiled Simpolo Tiles & Bathware introduced several new collections at the event, each uniquely crafted to combine artistic history with contemporary practicality. Key collections include: • G l y p h s t o n e Collection: Inspired by the ancient art of Petroglyphs, this collection features versatile stone designs available in multiple sizes and thicknesses, offering easy combinations of decors and textures.

• Posh+ Surface: This new surface is showcased across three collections: Alchimia, Venitto, and Sparko, each tailored for high-traffic spaces. Posh+ sets a new benchmark for matt surfaces in public applications, with unmatched strength and resilience.

• A l c h i m i a Collection: This homogeneous collection is designed with colored flakes across multiple surfaces and sizes, offering a unique fusion of classical alchemy-inspired design with modern aesthetics.

• V e n i t t o Collection: Taking inspiration from Italian Venetian terrazzo.

Nokia will help Vodafone Idea expand its Indian 4G and 5G networks

Delhi: Nokia stated that Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) has awarded it a three-year contract to deploy 4G and 5G equipment in India. The businesses will



build 5G networks in important cities. Nokia is a significant supplier to VIL's 4G network, which will be modernized and expanded.

The deployment should give 200 million VIL customers superior connection. "5G will provide seamless high-speed connectivity and increased capacity for citizens and businesses. This would enable unparalleled innovation and efficiency across sectors, said VIL CEO Akshaya Moondra. Nokia will use its energy-efficient ReefShark System-on-Chip technology to install its industry-leading 5G AirScale equipment. Nokia will also upgrade VIL's 4G network with 5G-compatible multiband radios and baseband technology. Nokia President of Mobile Networks Tommi Uitto stated this continues their 30-year cooperation. "They will benefit from the very latest products and innovations from our industry-leading, energy-efficient AirScale portfolio that will bring premium quality capacity and connectivity to their customers," added Uitto. The telecom operator signed a \$3.6 billion three-year network.

equipment deal with Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung last week to expand its presence. The deal begins the company's revolutionary \$6.6 billion three-year capex plan.