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## Cabinet okays one nation, one poll, but can govt get it through?

**NEW DELHI:** The Modi government on Wednesday kicked off the exercise to implement its 'One Nation One Election' promise by 2029, accepting the proposals of a high-level panel headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind. The move will need support from opposition and non-NDA parties to push amendments to the Constitution, for which three ministers have been tasked to coordinate with political parties. The amendments may be introduced as early as the winter session of Parliament, sources said. Although home minister Amit Shah had Tuesday reaffirmed govt's intent to implement the move within the current term of Modi government, few had expected matters to move so swiftly, given NDA's lack of numbers in Parliament and the stated position of opposition parties, who had among them enough strength to thwart the move.

**How the numbers stack up**



### India's 'fast track immigration-trusted traveller programme' sees 60% faster clearance

**NEW DELHI:** The 'fast track immigration-trusted traveller programme' (FTI-TTP) launched by the Union home minister Amit Shah in June to facilitate pre-verified flyers resulted in 60% faster immigration clearance for the 1,500 Indians and overseas citizens of India (OCIs) who availed of the facility, a senior home ministry official said while sharing that 18,400 individuals had enrolled in the programme so far.

Briefing reporters about initiatives taken by the ministry of home affairs in the first 100 days of Narendra Modi government, a senior officer said that between the rollout of the three new criminal laws on July 1 and September 3, 5.56 lakh first information reports (FIRs) were registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. As many as 8 lakh officers were trained in the new laws.

One nation one election will need 2 Constitution amendments With the Union Cabinet

### Jr docs: Won't rejoin work sans safety pledge

**KOLKATA:** Striking junior doctors in Bengal told state government at a second meeting Wednesday that they wouldn't return to work without administration's "documented commitment" to fulfilling their demand for structured security at teaching hospitals, an end to the "threat culture", and better amenities, reported. WBJDF wrote to chief secretary Manoj Pant on Wednesday morning, seeking a meeting. The email mentioned the discussion would focus on establishment of the proposed special task force to look into their demands.

clearing the proposal for 'One Nation, One Election' on Wednesday, PM Narendra Modi said synchronising elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was an imperative which could not be dodged indefinitely.

## 'Tu world record bana sakta hai': When Sehwa regretted following Rahul Dravid's advice

**NEW DELHI:** Virender Sehwa, the explosive Indian opener who has amassed over 8,000 runs in both Test and ODI cricket, is renowned for his aggressive batting style. R Ashwin, India's ace spinner, once mentioned that Sehwa does not consider off-spinners as true bowlers.

Such was Sehwa's aura that he could be singing Hindi songs while smashing bowlers for boundaries. Bowlers like Shoaib Akhtar, Brett Lee, and Dale Steyn, all ace pacers, were not spared, as even the slightest loose ball from the greatest of bowlers was sent to the boundary. Sehwa, who scored a century on his Test debut, did not initially start as an opener, but his explosive batting earned him that role. He went on to open India's batting in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 alongside the great Sachin Tendulkar, setting the tone of the tournament with a brilliant 175 in his first innings. Sehwa shares the record for the most triple centuries in



### Training kids with no safety net to sail to success

**The Yacht Club of Hyderabad** has trained about 900 students who have bagged national and international laurels. It also funds the students' education, nutrition and healthcare expenses.

**How about tonight?** asked an official from Hyderabad Metropolitan

Test cricket and was close to making history. During a Test match against Sri Lanka in Mumbai, he had the chance to become the first batsman to score three triple centuries. On the first day of this match, Sehwa scored 284 runs, making it the

Development Authority when Suheim Sheikh approached them for access to the Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad for setting up a yacht club. When the officer asked Sheikh, now 60, when he needed permission, the former techie jokingly replied, "How about tomorrow?"

third-highest score by a batsman in a single day of a Test match. He faced tough bowlers like Muttiah Muralitharan but remained in control. Towards the end of the day, with only 3-4 overs left, his batting partner Rahul Dravid advised him to play out the day.

### New weight of expectation for Vinesh, but it's 'an election, not wrestling match'

**JULANA:** Vinesh Phogat's kaafila is running three hours late. What should have been a 3 pm Sunday afternoon election rally at village Gatauli is taking place hurriedly at dusk. Fine specimens of buffaloes make their way back home in twos, unperturbed by the organised cacophony that has engulfed them — tractors and SUVs parked at odd angles, pamphlets hauled out and passed around, hundreds of bright orange laddoos in huge wicker baskets being carried in as a village's offering to their guest. Everyone seems to be coming in everyone else's way, but no one seems to mind. Elections in Haryana are a public affair and like most things in the state, mostly a male exercise.

## 'Privilege not a right': Canada plans to limit international students

**Canada** has decided to cut down international students and worker permits in a bid to manage record immigration levels, which contributed to the country's population surpassing 41 million earlier this year.

"It is a privilege to come to Canada. It is not a right," Marc Miller, Canadian immigration minister said.

Ottawa intends to issue 4,37,000 study permits to international students in 2025, a decrease from 4,85,000 this year and over 5,00,000 in 2023.

"We are taking action to strengthen our temporary residence programs and roll out a more comprehensive immigration plan to meet the demands of today's changing landscape. Our immigration system must preserve its integrity, and be well managed and sustainable. And as we look forward, we will do everything it takes to achieve that goal and set newcomers up for success," Miller said.

Later this year, work permit eligibility will be restricted to spouses of master's degree students enrolled in programs lasting at least 16 months, according to Immigration.ca. The move is to prioritise Canadian workers over foreigners.

"Right now, we know that there are more Canadians qualified to fill open positions. The changes we are making today will prioritize Canadian workers and ensures Canadians can trust the program is meeting the needs of our economy," employment minister Randy Boissonnault said.

In 2019, Canada granted over half a million new study permits and work visas, accommodating a total of 5,22,110 temporary residents.

## With bail stirring suspicion, all eyes on Engineer's impact

**SRINAGAR/ANANTNAG:** This election, Kashmir is an alphabet soup, and adding to the traditional PDP/NC binary are AIP, AP, JEI, DPAP. The ubiquitous chatter in the middle of this muddle is the conspiracy theory about the "invisible hand of Delhi". And at the centre of these intrigues sits Engineer Rashid of Awami Ittehad Party. Jailed for over five years from where he won the 2024 Lok Sabha election but



bailed out just in the nick of time to campaign for assembly polls, Rashid is a maverick who has roiled Kashmir politics like few have in the past. To his backers, he is the man who did not bend to Modi's will, but to others that includes the Abdullahs

and the Muftis, he is the proxy sent by BJP to damage the Kashmiri regional parties and scramble the board. Kashmir is wracking its brain over who is Engineer and what he will manage. His damage potential will be a key story of the

Kashmir outcome on October 8. Amid the hullabaloo, the scrawny visage that hides a shrill tone and sharp tongue shoots a mischievous half grin and fires back at TOI, "I was put in Tihar on August 9, 2019, after the revocation of statehood, and remained there till September 11, 2024. But they (Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, Farooq, Sajjad Lone) were treated as VVIP guests in five-star hotels.

## Government issues warning about this SMS: Read the message

A fraudulent SMS message is currently circulating, falsely claiming to be from India Post. The message urges recipients to update their address details. However, the PIB Fact Check has confirmed that these messages are entirely fake and should be disregarded. PIB Fact Check in its post on X (formerly known as Twitter) has confirmed that it is a fake message and has asked users to stay aware.



"Scam Alert! Fraudsters are targeting India Post customers, claiming delivery issues. Don't share any personal details over any link. Stay vigilant and report suspicious calls, messages, or emails immediately at the Chakshu Portal," reads the post shared on X.

**What is the message**  
Dear India Post Customer, We attempted to deliver your package but were unsuccessful. For further assistance, please contact our customer service at 1800 266 6868 or update your deliver information via this link: <https://bit.ly/4aVxIOs>. Once you update your delivery information, we will attempt redelivery within 24 hours. Thank you for choosing India Post.

## First pagers, now walkie-talkies: Lebanon on edge after new wave of explosions kill 20

**Lebanon** is facing severe turmoil after a series of explosions targeting Hezbollah's electronic devices, reportedly orchestrated by Israel. The attacks have caused significant casualties and heightened fears of a broader conflict. This unprecedented security breach has left Lebanese civilians in panic, fearing that everyday devices could be rigged to explode. First pagers, now walkie-talkies: Lebanon on edge after new wave of explosions kill 20 Lebanon is reeling from a second wave of deadly explosions targeting electronic devices used by Hezbollah, just a day after hundreds of the militant group's



pagers detonated simultaneously. The latest attacks, which are widely believed to have been carried out by Israel, have heightened fears of an all-out war between the two sides. The explosions have also raised concerns about the extent of potentially compromised devices, especially given the high number of civilian casualties.

**Driving the news**  
Lebanon has been rocked by a series of devastating explosions over the past

two days, leaving at least 26 people dead and thousands more injured. The two main devices responsible for the carnage — pagers and walkie-talkies — were in widespread use by Hezbollah operatives. These seemingly mundane objects detonated across the country in a coordinated wave of attacks, with security experts pointing fingers at Israel. As per a report in Aljazeera, exploding devices include portable two-way

radios, laptops, and even certain solar power setups. "There are reports of several different devices blowing up." A number of vehicles have also reportedly burst into flames. However, it remains uncertain whether these explosions originated from the cars themselves or from objects within the vehicles. The explosions have not only claimed lives but also unleashed panic and chaos as people fear more devices could still be rigged to explode. Thousands of Lebanese residents have been directly affected by the blasts, which have targeted Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut and southern Lebanon.

### Many behind crime: Dad of RG Kar victim to CBI

**NEW DELHI:** The RG Kar victim's father requested CBI to secure footage of CCTV cameras focused on the hospital's seminar hall, where the crime took place, as well as those covering all entry and exit points of the hospital, sources told TOI. After CBI shared with SC the letter, the bench said, "Bearing in mind the genuineness of the concerns, we are of the view that the inputs which have been furnished by the father of the deceased should be duly taken note of by the IO so that appropriate modalities are followed to explore the leads which have been indicated in the letter." SG Mehta assured the court that CBI would maintain contact with the parents and keep them informed.

## Love, crime and murder: 'Lady don' behind airline crew member murder in Delhi Police net

**NEW DELHI:** Crime Branch of Delhi Police has nabbed fugitive Kajal Khatri, one of the alleged masterminds behind the killing of an airline crew member in Noida in Jan. Suraj had no criminal antecedent and was bumped off because his brother, Parvesh Mann, was a gangster. The killing, police said, was planned by jailed gangster Kapil Maan alias Kallu and executed through his wife, Khatri. Additional CP (crime) Sanjay Bhatia said they had been tracking Khatri for a few months. A team comprising inspector Sandeep Tushir and others had conducted several raids in Haryana. Recently, the team received a tipoff about her presence at a hotel in Hisar. A raid was conducted and she was arrested. Khatri is not only Mann's wife but also his partner in crime, said



police. Her intricate network spanned jails, streets and underworld hideouts, and she allegedly manipulated gang dynamics, fuelling vendettas and orchestrating hits. Their love story began in 2016 when Khatri met Mann at a gym in Rohini's Sector 11. Their friendship blossomed into romance during a party in 2019, and they subsequently got married at a temple in Haryana.

As their romance blossomed, Mann's criminal empire also expanded, with Khatri by his side.

## Advocates angry over disobedience of stay order

Prayagraj: Tehsil's senior advocate Vijay Bahadur Yadav Advocate's land related dispute in which there is a stay order of the Honorable Court. Under the pressure of the opposition due to non-compliance of the stay by the police station Phulpur the advocates held a meeting on Thursday and sent a letter to the Upazila Officer regarding the above. Adjournment with notice Pressure was put on compliance by the opposition. Whereas Phulpur police station had promised to enforce the moratorium. Regarding the above, the advocates warned the SDM that if immediate action is not taken against the opposition, we advocates will be forced to take to the streets and protest. The union has sent a letter to ACP Phulpur and police station incharge Phulpur to this effect. On this occasion, President Shivpujan Tiwari, Vice President Umashankant Awasthi, Devesh Yadav General Secretary, Kamta Prasad Gupta, Rajendra Yadav, Prakash Chandra Yadav, Vipin Tiwari, Rajeev Verma, Srishti Nath Tiwari etc. were present.

## Workshop by Swami Abhedanandji at MPVM

Prayagraj: A very fruitful workshop was organised by Maharshi Patanjali Vidya Mandir, on 19th September 2024. The speaker for the day was Swami Abhedanandji, from Chinmaya Mission. The topic for the students of class 12 was, 'Live to Learn, Love and Laugh'. The workshop began with the lighting of the lamp by Swami Abhedanandji, Dr Krishna Gupta and Smt. Alpona Dey. Sri Shiv Shankar Mishra rendered a Krishna Bhajan. The



Principal, Smt Alpona Dey welcomed the august gathering. Swamiji enlightened the students on learning, loving and laughing as the key components for an inspiring life.

Live, love, laugh encourages people to live life to the fullest and find joy and laughter in everyday experiences and adding learning to that, makes one achieve the desired results, making the journey of life smooth and enjoyable. Swamiji asked the students to be fearless and challenge the challenges. Pure intention leads to courage, integrity to have a bigger ideal. He talked about how learning to love is priceless. Love means giving and sacrificing which makes life joyful and happy. The Honorary Secretary, Dr Krishna Gupta encouraged the students to imbibe the values imparted by Swamiji, for the everlasting impact on their impressionable minds.

## Kalash Shobha Yatra today

Prayagraj: On Friday at 4:00 pm, Kalash Shobha Yatra of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be taken out from Knowledge Library, Kidganj through Shri Prachin Dadhikando Fair Committee, Krishna Nagar Triveni Marg.

## BJP workers and councilors to complete their target: Ganesh Kesarwani

Prayagraj: Under the leadership of Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani, a meeting of the special membership campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party was held at Map and Camp Office, Kydganj. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani called upon the people to join the membership campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party's membership campaign is not just to join the Bharatiya Janata Party but for the development of the nation and for the benefit of the nation. Therefore, all the councilors and sector coordinators of the Bharatiya Janata Party should put in all their strength and complete the goal of the BJP's membership campaign. Said that due to the changing weather, people are suffering from cough and cold, in such a situation, all the councilors of Municipal Corporation Prayagraj will organize health camps in their wards on 23rd September so that common people can get health treatment soon. In the meeting, Giri Baba, Girjesh Mishra, Vivek Aggarwal, Pramod Modi, Rajesh Kesarwani, and councilors Kiran Jaiswal, Sunita Chopra, Akash Sonkar, Umesh Chandra Mishra, Rudra Sen Jaiswal, Ritesh Mishra, and all the councilors of BJP were present.

## One Nation One Election, step taken in interest of country: BJP

Prayagraj: Bharatiya Janata Party Prayagraj Mahanagar has announced One Nation One within the country through the Union Cabinet. Congratulated the Modi government at the Center on passing the elections. On this occasion, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani said that one country, one election is a step taken in the interest of the country which will strengthen democracy and will further strengthen the link of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. President Rajendra Mishra said that till now, due to elections taking place somewhere in the country, there used to be a model code of conduct due to which the development work was stopped, but now the development work is not going to stop due to one country, one election, the country is fast moving towards a developed nation. District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani said that due to One Nation One Election, there will be a huge decline in the election expenses of the country, the country's money will be saved and development taxes will not be affected. On this occasion Kunj Bihari Mishra, Varun Kesarwani, Ramesh Pasi, Vivek Aggarwal, Vivek Mishra, Rajesh Kesarwani, Pramod Modi, Girjesh Mishra, etc. Bharatiya Janata Party officials congratulated the countrymen on One Nation One Election.

# Final seal on establishment of Chandigarh University Unnao

Prayagraj: Taking a big step in the field of higher education, the Yogi government has approved the establishment of Chandigarh University in Unnao district. On Thursday, Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay handed over the authorization letter for the establishment of Chandigarh University to the representatives of Chandigarh University (CU) International Educational Trust, Chandigarh at the Secretariat. It is noteworthy that the proposal to establish Chandigarh University in Unnao under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was given by-circulation approval by the Cabinet. With this decision of Yogi gov-

ernment, the students of the state will benefit from high quality education. This new campus of Chandigarh University will be established along the Lucknow-Kanpur Highway, which will prove to be a golden opportunity for the students of Unnao and surrounding districts. This university will be established under private sector on 63.53 acres of land in village Padsandan, Pargana Gorinda Parsandan, tehsil Hasanganj of Unnao district.

Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay, after handing over the authorization letter for the establishment of Chandigarh University on Thursday, said that this decision of Chief Minister Yogi



Adityanath's government will prove to be revolutionary in the field of higher education in the state. This will not only provide high quality education to the students of the state, but will also write a new chapter in the field of education in the state. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minis-

ter Yogi Adityanath, the Uttar Pradesh government is continuously striving for improvement and expansion in the field of higher education. The establishment of Chandigarh University in Unnao will prove to be a new chapter in the education world of the state. This will increase competi-

tion and quality in the field of higher education in the state, which will bring employment and better future opportunities for the youth of Uttar Pradesh. With the establishment of Chandigarh University, Unnao, students will get the benefit of state-of-the-art education system. This university will prepare students to compete at national and international level. Chandigarh University will become an important center of higher education for the students of the state and will take their careers to new heights.

The notification has been issued by Special Secretary Girjesh Kumar Tyagi on September 19, 2024, addressed to the Secretary/

Chairman of CU International Educational Trust. According to this, under the private sector, the name of "Chandigarh University, Unnao" has been included at serial number 45 in Schedule-2 of the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019 under the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Seventh Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. Along with this, permission has also been granted to operate Chandigarh University, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh. Under this notification the university has received official recognition from the state government. Also, the university is expected to operate the university under the conditions mentioned in the authorization letter.

## Dadhikando fair symbol of victory of truth: Mayor

Prayagraj: Shri Prachin Dadhikando Fair Committee Kansa Dahan was organized at Kidganj Parade Ground by Krishna Nagar Triveni Road. On this occasion, Lord Shri Krishna burnt the arrogant Kansa and

kirtan organized on this occasion, the lights of Lucknow shine in the light of unknown Kanpur. There was a fierce clash between Sachdeva and Naughty through songs. The audience was mesmerized. Media in-charge

Charun, after which a grand huge counter-kirtan was organized by the committee. On this occasion, the patron of the committee and the mayor. Ganesh Kesarwani said that Kansa was a symbol of arrogance and tyranny, whose killing gives a message to the society that no matter how big the egoist and tyrant is, his end is certain one day and said that Lord Shri Krishna, by killing Kansa, gave birth to religion and nation. Dadhikando fair is based on the life character of Lord Shri Krishna, it is a symbol of truth and this fair gives the message that it symbolizes the victory of truth and the defeat of truth. In the counter



Rajesh Kesarwani told that on September 20, the Mangal Kalash Yatra of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be taken out from Gyan Library Kidganj at 4:00 pm by the committee and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be inaugurated on this occasion by Councilor Rudra Sen Jaiswal Mukesh Lara, Manish Kesarwani, Krishna Sahu, Rajesh Kesarwani, Kamal Singh, Pappu, Ajay Jaiswal, Lallan Jaiswal, Amresh Jaiswal, Prakar Sahu, Rahul Sahu Lallan Jaiswal Ishu Kesarwani Sanskar Sinha, All the officers and workers of Ayush Agrahari TN Dixit, Girjesh Mishra, Pramod Jaiswal, etc. committee were present.

## BJP Minority Front burnt effigy of RaGa

Prayagraj: BJP is attacking Congress over the objectionable remarks made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sikhism during an interview in America recently. In

protest, the party's minority front burnt the effigy of Rahul Gandhi on Thursday. Under the leadership of BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra, Mocha workers gathered near the District Magistrate's office and burnt the effigy of Rahul Gandhi, raising slogans against Congress and Rahul Gandhi. During this, BJP Metropolitan President Rajendra Mishra said that Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha membership should be terminated on such statements against the country and Sikh religion. The disgusting mentality of Congress leaders has become clear by insulting India on foreign soil. BJP Yamunapar President Vinod Prajapati said that it is in the character of Congress to insult the country outside the country and

this latest episode is proof of this. Mocha's Harinder Pal Singh Lali, said that a case of treason should be registered against Rahul Gandhi. Sardar Patwinder Singh said that



objectionable remarks against Sikhism are highly condemnable. On this occasion, Awadhesh Chandra Gupta, Kunj Bihari Mishra, Ravi Kesarwani, Paramjit Singh Bagga, District spokesperson Rajesh Kesarwani, media in-charge Vivek Mishra, Manoj Kushwaha, Rajesh Gond, Jaswinder Singh, Nawab Khan, Baljeet Singh Kohli, Lakhwinder Singh, Jasvir Singh, Chandra A large number of workers like Ahluwalia, Manu Chawla, Rakesh Bharti, Sanjay Srivastava, Rajesh Kesarwani, Prashant Shukla, Vivek Mishra, Mohd Sharif, Shashi Vashney, Ambuj Tripathi, Rohit Jaiswal etc. were present.

## Ekjut Kanpuria honours grassroots heroes in Kanpur

For tackling river pollution and transforming informal settlements

### Discuss the Future of Waste Management in Informal Settlements

Kanpur: On Wednesday, Ekjut Kanpuria hosted an event in Kanpur to felicitate community ambassadors from informal settlements, located near the rivers Ganga and Pandu, to laud their efforts in actioning the discourse around river pollution. The event acknowledged the work that is being done to create a healthy riverine ecosystem and was attended by dignitaries including Dr. Chandra Shekhar, City Health Officer, KMC, Swachh Bharat Mission (U), Ram Chaurasia, Zonal Sanitation Officer, KMC, Shashank Shukla, District Project Officer, Namami Ganga Programme, Dr. Manas Upadhyay, Professor and Programme Officer, NSS, Kanpur University and Colonel Anoop Ojha, Commanding Officer, Ganga Task Force (GTF) Battalion Kanpur.

Neelima Katiyar, MLA and Ex. Minister, UP Govt. conveyed, "When Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan from the ramparts of the Red Fort, there were many who wondered why he was doing that. Today we see the impact of his vision. I truly admire the efforts and the transformation that Ekjut Kanpuria has managed to bring about. I commend Shramik Bharti for organising Ekjut Kanpuria and have witnessed the dedication of the people involved. This is truly com-

mendable. We need to recognize that waste is not just something to be discarded; it should also be recycled. Your initiative's efforts to promote cleanliness and health awareness in our community are commendable."

"Ekjut Kanpuria's vision extends beyond waste management; it emphasises dignity, inclusivity, and the creation of a sustainable and thriving urban ecosystem. This project envisions a fu-



ture where informal settlements in Kanpur can actively contribute to building a cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous community for generations to come," says Utkarsh Dwivedi, Programme Manager at Shramik Bharti, working alongside the initiative for the betterment of their community.

Community ambassador Sumit Pandey from Rani ka Bagicha, said, "Earlier, we used to see the filth in our settlement, but we felt helpless. There was no awareness about waste management, yet, there was a longing in our hearts for something to happen that would change everything.

Then we heard that people from Shramik Bharati were conducting the meeting on cleanliness; that's when we felt that maybe this was the platform to change the destiny of our settlement, so we joined Ekjut Kanpuria. After that, everything changed; our entire perspective shifted. We received training on managing wet and dry waste, and on composting. We were taught how to beautify dirty places through art. We

industrial waste management, effluent treatment, and more. Ekjut Kanpuria supports these efforts by actively engaging communities and highlighting the crucial role of local involvement in shifting the narrative around pollution.

Just last October, news reports raised concern about the severe contamination levels of Ganga. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) revealed that Ganga's water quality in

Kanpur had rendered it unsuitable not only for bathing but even for human contact. In such a scenario, Ekjut Kanpuria fosters a sense of ownership among those living in close proximity to the river. It empowers them with the knowledge of responsible solid waste management and demonstrates that anyone, regardless of their socio-economic background, can take micro-actions and adopt positive community behaviour to actively contribute to waste reduction and proper waste disposal.

On the occasion, the members of Ekjut Kanpuria shed light on community work including audits of the solid waste situation, community workshops & solution planning, household composting initiatives, beautification activities, as well as a charter of 'asks' addressed to the local Pradhan.

## Jakson Group Unveils Next-Gen CPCB IV+ compliant gensets powered by Cummins

Varanasi: Jakson Group, a leading Energy and Infrastructure Solutions Company and a key Genset Original Equipment Manufacturer (GOEM) for Cummins India Ltd. (Cummins), has introduced the next-generation CPCB IV+ compliant gensets, powered by Cummins, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Cummins launched CPCB IV+ compliant genset engines for India market on July 5, 2023. Poised to elevate industry standards, the Cummins-powered CPCB IV+ compliant gensets from the Jakson Group are set to redefine excellence in the backup power solutions industry with their unparalleled features and benefits. Reflecting Jakson Group's 77+ years of commitment to quality and reliability, these Cummins powered gensets offer enhanced fuel efficiency, and superior environmental protection. Additionally, their compact design and robust load-taking capability, optimize installation options without compromising performance. Sharing his views on the launch, Mr. Jameson Mendonca, Power Generation Business Leader, Cummins India Limited said, "Cummins and Jakson's four-decade-long partnership is built on a shared commitment to excellence and innovation. With over 60 years of experience and a profound understanding of the market, our products are tailored to precisely address its unique needs and demands. Our CPCB IV+ compliant genset engines exemplify this synergy, combining cutting-edge technology with our proven track record. These products not only deliver superior performance to meet the diverse power needs of our customers but also uphold our commitment to environmental sustainability."

On the launch of this advanced back-up energy solution, Mr. Sameer Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, Jakson Group emphasized the importance of integrating advanced technologies with sustainable energy initiatives. "We are thrilled to launch the new generation gensets in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. This innovation plays a crucial role in providing consistent and reliable power supply, especially in critical areas, thereby ensuring seamless operation of essential services. With each innovation, we are shaping a future where our solutions not only meet but exceed the evolving needs of our customers and the planet." Mr. Gagan Chanana, CEO & Jt. MD, Jakson Distributed Energy Business, stated, "Introducing the Cummins powered CPCB IV+ compliant gensets in Uttar Pradesh reflects our commitment to excellence in power solutions. With its advanced features and unmatched performance, this product will empower our customers in Varanasi with reliable, efficient, and sustainable power generation." Designed to operate under extreme conditions, the CPCB IV+ gensets exceeds reliability expectations with innovations like a next-generation remote monitoring system, an advanced engine control module, and precise fuel level sensors. With enhanced safety features and a low total cost of ownership, these gensets stand out in the market, making it an ideal choice for diverse operational needs.

## SHUATS NSS organized Rangoli, essay competitions on cleanliness

Prayagraj: National Service Scheme (NSS) of SHUATS organized Rangoli, essay, painting, slogan writing competitions at Ethelind College of Community Science under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva Program' sponsored by Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of India. The chief guest was Director (Public Relations) Dr. Ramakant Dubey. En-



couraging the NSS volunteers, he said that joining NSS means service to humanity and the country. Also, by participating in social programs, students get to learn a lot, which paves the way for success.

NSS Program Coordinator Dr. Deepak Kumar Bose, while highlighting the objective of NSS, said that NSS programs develop leadership & personality development skills in students. He also shared about the benefits of NSS certificate. Assistant NSS Coordinator Satyam Kumar Kesari encouraged the students with the cleanliness slogan 'Hum Sabne Yeh Thana Hai, Bharat Swachh Banana Hai'. Dean Professor Dr. Anshu, Director Development Dr. Ritu Prakash Dubey, Program Officer Dr. Alka Gupta, Dr. Reena Mehta, Joint Director Extension Dr. A.K. Chaurasia, Law Officer Mr. Charli Prakash, Deputy PRO Kaushal Saxena etc. were present in the program. A large number of students participated on this occasion.

## Women awarded lifer for murdering mother-in-law

Prayagraj: In a case of murder of mother-in-law by pouring acid by daughter-in-law, who was angry over her mother-in-law's scolding for her behaviour in Kareli area 20 years ago, the daughter-in-law has been dealt a heavy blow by the Sessions Court. District Judge Santosh Rai, after hearing the defense counsel and DGC Gulab Chandra Agrahari, has sentenced the accused daughter-in-law Madhuri Kushwaha to life imprisonment and a maximum fine of Rs 40,000 if the crime is proved. The court also said that 90 percent of the fine amount should be given to Sudama Devi's daughter Pooja and son Rohit alias Monu. According to the prosecution, plaintiff Rohit alias Monu had filed a case in Kareli police station that at 2 o'clock in the night of May 20, 2004, his mother Sudama Devi was sleeping on the terrace when suddenly her sister-in-law Madhuri Kushwaha poured acid on her mother. Due to which she got burnt and injured. A case was filed after the incident. Sudama Devi died during treatment. To prove the crime, the prosecution presented 6 witnesses. DGC Gulab Chandra Agrahari said that during the evidence it came to light that Mahendra Kesarwani used to visit his house. Madhuri's behavior was not good. Mother-in-law used to talk about this very thing. Angered by this, she killed his mother-in-law by pouring acid. It was Mahendra who had given him acid. Mahendra's file was separated because he was a juvenile.

## District level quiz competition concluded in Patanjali Rishikul

Prayagraj: A district level quiz competition based on the heritage and culture of India was organized today by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage at Patanjali Rishikul. 55 teams from 13 schools of Prayagraj district participated in this quiz. In this heritage quiz, Intake members Mrs. Pooja Gupta, Colonel Parag Bhargava, Shambhu Chopra, Mrs. Ritu Jaiswal, Quiz Master Shruti Sharma, Nilesh Narayan, Anupam Parihar, Vaibhav Maini, School Director Mrs. Rekha Baid, School Principal Nityanand Singh, Patanjali Principal of the nursery school, Mrs. Vibha Srivastava, teachers from different schools and participants participated. The competition started with



lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. School Principal Nityanand Singh, while welcoming all the distinguished guests, said that Indian culture is new and rich due to its inclusive nature. Therefore, we all should make every effort to preserve our heritage and culture and adopt the values contained in it in our lives.

The coordinator of the program, Pooja Gupta, highlighted the contribution of children in protecting the culture and heritage of India. The formal beginning of this competition was with the written questionnaire of intake. In this, competition was organized in written, oral and audio-visual mode. Children participated enthusiastically in these and the competition was completed in six phases. Only three teams from Patanjali Rishikul reached the final stage. Out of all the 13 schools from the district, Anvita and Anvesha Tiwari, students of Patanjali Rishikul stood first and qualified for the upcoming state level heritage quiz. Pradyumna and Neelansh of Patanjali Rishikul stood second and Pratyush and Navya Singh stood third. All the winning teams were rewarded with mementos. Congratulating the winning teams, the school's director Mrs. Rekha Baid and secretary Yashvardhan said that we all should continuously strive to preserve the heritage and culture of our glorious nation and should try to bring awareness among the people about it. The program concluded with vote of thanks and national anthem by Shambhu Chopra and senior coordinator of the school, Saurabh Aggarwal.

# Hounded by fraudsters over fake marksheet charges, BHS Principal shots off letter to CM

## Refuses to give up in battle to uphold sanctity of institution, Principal Luke fights back

Prayagraj: Boys High School Principal David Andrew Luke (DA Luke), son of late R.A. Luke, has shot off a letter to the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to clear false allegations against him in case involving his alleged M.A. Marksheet Roll No. 361222/2007 and to cancel a fraudulent complaint filed by Morris Edgar Dan at Police Station Civil Lines, Prayagraj.

In his letter to the chief minister, he claimed that Morris Edgar Dan prepared marksheet Roll No. 361222/2007 of M.A. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj, in the applicant's name, and that the University of Kanpur falsely certified that this marksheet was not of David Andrew Luke's. Dan appointed himself Chairman using a falsified letter in collusion with the Assistant Registrar, resulting in the High Court staying Writ Petition No. 12640/2024.

In addition to this, the applicant presented the First Information Report of the movement of Rs 3 crore 84 lakh at the Civil Lines police station, whose crime number is 315/2023, and the applicant's protest application is now being considered by the CJM court. Because of the aforesaid presentation, Morris Edgar Dan prepared a forged marksheet, which was fraudulently authenticated, and an application was made to write a fake initial

information report, which was published in the press after distorting all of the records. In this respect, the petitioner provided an oral statement to Inspector in Charge, Civil Lines, and Outpost Incharge Deepak Kumar.

The aforementioned marksheet, submitted by Morris Edgar Dan and bearing IGRS No.-40017524041487, does not belong to the applicant, nor is he linked to it. The applicant did not obtain an M.A. from Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur in 2007. The aforementioned mark sheet was falsely fabricated by Morris Edgar Dan with the goal of taking over the school and ruining the applicant's reputation. David Andrew Luke, son of late R.A. Luke, filed a first information report with the Civil Lines police station against Morris Edgar Dan for defrauding and destroying the applicant's reputation.

He has urged that the Chief Minister to direct the Police Commissioner Prayagraj and the Inspector in Charge of Civil Lines to file the applicant's first information report.

He stated that the M.A. marksheet questioned by Morris Edgar Dan, roll number 361222, year 2007, is not his, and he has nothing to do with it. Morris Edgar Dan and his gang produced the marksheet to ruin the reputation of the BHS principal.

In this regard, he has requested the Chief Minister and Director General of Police to file a First Information Report on the creation of fake mark sheets.

Morris Edgar Dan and his team withdrew Rs. 3,84,00,000 from Axis Bank, which was the amount returned to the school by in-

year-old reputation.

The school's administration system is still a question. Since 2015, the Bishop of the Church of North India has not been the lawful chairman, and Morris Edgar Dan has illegally declared himself chairman, whose writ suit No. 12640/2024 has been stayed by an order. He



come tax department. In the aforementioned instance, Dan went to jail and was released after reaching a compromise, but did not refund Rs. 3,84,00,000. Against this, Luke filed a case crime number 315/2023 at Police Station Civil Line Prayagraj, as well as a case in court, which is still pending. In order to avoid having to repay the abovementioned money, Dan scanned marksheet fraudulently. And incorrectly copied appointment letter forms, among other things, are ruining the institution's almost 200-

is not the school's chairman or involved in any way. The appointment of Morris Edgar Dan is also being opposed by Bishop John Augustine who is still legally the Chairman of Allahabad High School Society.

Morris Edgar Dan is embezzling crores of rupees not only from BHS but also from other schools through fraudulent invoices. No principal can resist them out of fear of losing their job. Luke has filed an application with the Chief Minister to stop the use of fraudulent mark sheets

when filing the First Information Report. As a result, it is recommended that the previously published news be modified in order to present the actual facts to society.

The so-called Bishop Morris Edgar Dan filed a bogus case against the applicant based on forgeries. In this regard, a dispute over the school's management, approximately a dozen petitions are pending before the High Court, preventing the so-called Bishop from declaring himself as Chairman of the school, and the applicant has previously filed fraud charges against him. A complaint of eviction was launched, and since 2015, the so-called former Bishop has been attempting to designate himself Chairman of the school/institution (The Allahabad High School Society) using falsified documents and no legal authority.

Even before this, the so-called Bishop and his gang filed numerous false complaints against the applicant based on forged documents, prompting the Registrar Firm Societies and Chits Prayagraj and Minority Commission to issue a show cause notice to the applicant, which was postponed by the High Court's order. When the aforementioned individuals were unable to take action against the applicant, they created a counterfeited application form as well as a phony ap-

pointment letter and mark sheet for the applicant, which had previously been created by the so-called Bishop Morris Edgar Dan and his gang. The aforementioned individuals made the false appointment. Just glancing at the letter, it looks to be forged.

The people in question want to take over the school by whatever means necessary, which is why they fabricated this bogus assertion. These persons filed this complaint only with the goal of exerting pressure on the applicant and taking over the school, which is utterly untrue and deceptive, and is based on fake documents created by the aforementioned people. The applicant's appointment and all educational certifications are real and proper, as have been done many times in the past by senior authorities affiliated with the education department. They have complete authority to perform the inquiry and determined that all of the applicant's educational certifications are accurate and correct.

As a result, the applicant's appointment letters from Bishop Morris Edgar Dan and his gang are absolutely false. It is very required in the interest of justice to record the applicant's statement in response to the complaint and to file a case against the aforementioned individuals for submitting fake paperwork.

## Official Language Fortnight ceremony inaugurated at CORE

Prayagraj: The inauguration ceremony of the Official Language Fortnight was organized by garlanding the picture of Maa Saraswati in the Central Railway Electrification Organization on Thursday under the chairmanship of



Chief Administrative Officer, Yatendra Kumar. On this occasion, Chief Official Language Officer and Chief Electrical Engineer, S.S. Negi, while welcoming everyone, said that September 14, 1949 was the historic day when Hindi got the pride of place as the official language in the Constitution. In this memory, this date is celebrated every year

as the national festival of Hindi Day. He urged all the officers and employees to use Hindi more and more in their day-to-day government work and also motivate their subordinate employees. He said that various competitions are being

organized during this period. All of you should participate enthusiastically so that organizing the competitions can prove fruitful.

Chief Administrative Officer Yatendra Kumar said in his presidential address that under Article 351, the Government of India has been entrusted with the responsibility to promote and develop the Hindi lan-

guage. As a result, all departments are trying to achieve the goals set for the use of Hindi. He said that Indian Railways is the backbone of the country's economy and development. While Indian Railways is the strong base of the country's transportation system, it also strengthens the unity and integrity of the nation through the medium of Hindi. Railways are connected to the general public; hence the use of public language and official language Hindi is mandatory in trains. He said that we all should take a firm resolve that we will do all our government work in Hindi. A large number of officers and employees including Head of Department of Headquarters V.K.Garg, Senior Deputy General Manager and Chief Vigilance Officer, Narendra Singh, Chief Engineer were present in the ceremony. Vote of thanks was given by Brijendra Singh, Office Superintendent and the program was conducted by Brajesh Khare, Chief Office Superintendent.

## Curtains draw over poetry competition in ongoing Hindi week at IFFCO

Prayagraj: The poetry competition organized on the occasion of Hindi Week at IFFCO Phulpur unit was successfully concluded. This competition was organized in honor of the beauty and richness of Hindi language, in which participants from different age groups participated enthusiastically. The event took place at the Community Centre, IFFCO Ghyanagar, where a large number of Ghyanagar poets and Hindi lovers showcased their original works. The participants presented Hindi poems on topics like culture, nature, patriotism and social issues, which inspired the audience and the judges.

The competition was held in three categories: Children Category (below 18 years), Women Category and Men's Category. The competition was evaluated by an eminent judge, Professor Prabhat Kumar Sahu, former Vice Chancellor, Allahabad University. He judged the poems on the basis of originality, expres-

sion and quality of language.

In the children's category, Khyati Singh got the first position for her poem Vriksha, in the female category, Pragy Mishra got the first position for her Bhakti Rasa poem, while in the male category, Ajay Kumar Mishra got the top position for his poem Urvashi.

Jury Professor Prabhat



Kumar Sahu said that the poetry competition was a suitable event for Hindi Week. The talent we saw among the participants was truly inspiring. This competition was not only a celebration of the Hindi language but also an effort to unite people through poetry." IFFCO employees,

women and children participated enthusiastically in the poetry recitation competition. Apart from this, the presence of a large number of audience made the program successful. The program was conducted by Hemlata Sijoria. During this, General Manager Technical Sanjay Vaish, General Manager Production Sanjay Bhandari, Joint General Manager and Convenor

of Hindi Working Committee Anil Kumar Gupta, General Secretary of IFFCO Officers Association Swayam Prakash, Arvind Chauhan and a large number of people were present in the program. The closing ceremony will be held tomorrow on 20/09/2024 at IFFCO Community Centre, Ghyanagar at 6.00 PM.

## ONE EVENING, FOR THE SAKE OF MANKIND

PRAYAGRAJ: One evening Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan was organized in the name of humanity in Nagar Panchayat Phulpur Mohalla Lochanganj. Congress District Vice President Gopal Krishna Dwivedi urf Raja Babu, Abdul Ahad Pyare Bhai, Laxmikant Mishra Kaka and SP District Vice President Naseeruddin Rain were the chief guests in this program.

In the programme, the famous Indian poet

Makhdoom Phulpuri while reading from his Kalam, must somehow find a solution the fruit of loyalty must come out of anger, for the thirsty world, we should get water from the homes of Muslims and Ganga water from the homes of Hindus also. Poet Shariq Makhdoom read in his Kalam, I was drowning in sorrow, I could not find the shore, I did not get the support I wanted, Govind cried hugging Ali, my eyes could



not find such a sight. While reading Shayar Chand Phulpuri for the sake of

God, do not do such a miracle, do not question the one who is questionable

himself, this mother earth said, all is red for me, do not make the earth red with anyone's blood. Irfan Allahabadi said that there should be respect for Geeta, there should be faith in Quran, there should be bhajan kirtan in the temple, there should be azaan in the mosque. During this time, great poets Lakshmi Narayan Verma Naresh, Salahuddin Phulpuri, Chaman Phulpuri, Sagir Phulpuri also won the

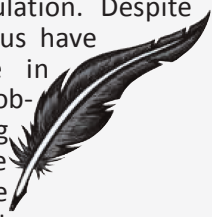
hearts of the audience while reciting their Kalam. The Shoara who came applauded with great applause.

The program was conducted by Councilor Arshad Ullah. During this people like Anupam Krishna Dwivedi, Suhail Ahmed, Siraj Ansari, Mohtasim Ahmed, Munnu Idrisi, Roshan Idrisi, Javed Idrisi, Mohammad Saeed, Rehan Khan, Irfan Idrisi etc. were present.

## Editorial

### Rising Muslim Population: Arise Before It's Too Late

The findings of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC) are alarming with dangerous consequences for India's survival as a country of Sanatan culture. Those who would ignore this would do so at their own peril. The report says that between 1950 and 2015, the population of Hindus declined by 8 per cent whereas the population of Muslims grew by 43 per cent. In 1950, Hindus comprised 84 per cent of the total population but it came down to 78 per cent in 2015. During the same period, the population of Muslims increased from 9.84 per cent to 14.09 per cent. Those who are talking of the timing of the report want to mislead the nation. This is a crucial issue that affects the survival of the country in its present form. Election time is the right time to discuss how the country should be governed and what policies are needed to correct this imbalance that is sure to multiply if not addressed properly. The country has witnessed the Partition and its aftermath. The Partition happened on religious grounds. Are we in a position to afford another division of the country? Even if the Partition does not happen, the rhetoric and aggressive statements of some Islamic leaders have the potential to create social, cultural and political conflicts. Islamists in India still hold on to the dream that a day would come when India would become an Islamic country. They still feel Muslims, who were once a ruling elite, would reclaim their position with an increase in the Muslim population. Madrassas have become the breeding ground of such thoughts that are antithetical to the very idea of India being a Republic. Is it not strange that the majority in this country fear Muslim aggressiveness? The report indicates this fear is real. What took 65 years to transpire could happen in less than 25-30 years due to the unchecked population growth. The main reason for higher growth is rapid reproduction, illegal infiltration encouraged by vested interests and conversion. The issues that concern every Indian (Hindu) is whether they can survive with their civilisational and cultural values under Islamic rule. The country has witnessed untold misery because of Muslim rulers' enthusiasm to convert Hindus into Islamic faith. Entire Kashmir which was once a Hindu land of Hindu cultural renaissance has become Islamic due to this. We all know how infiltration has threatened the demographic composition of Assam and endangered the indigenous culture. The experience of Hindus in Muslim countries has not been good. They have witnessed persecution and forced conversion and there are very few countries or rights groups talking about them. The plight of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh is too well known in the entire world. Luckily, they have India as their ancestral place to come and take refuge. The Modi government has made policies to give citizenship to such persecuted Hindus. However, what will Hindus do if India becomes Islamic and they are forced to flee? To which country would they go? What protection or insurance do they have that the country would not be disturbed from growing as a liberal democracy? Hindus in this country faced violence and paid jizya under the Mughals to retain their culture and ways of worship. Let's not close our eyes and lull ourselves into a make-believe world where everything will be okay, a world where we shouldn't worry about a rising population. Despite being in the majority, Hindus have shown that they believe in democracy and have no problems with people practicing other faiths. But can the same be said about those who claim to be exclusivist and superior?



## The Third Eye: A new Cold War with a difference

The Middle East is in a situation of flux because of the recent exchange of drone and missile attacks between Iran and Israel, an important visit to Pakistan made by the Iranian President following these events, and the fallout of Israel-Hamas conflict that produced pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the US and elsewhere in the Muslim world. This is opening up the question as to what impact are the religious divides in the region making on the ideologically delineated Cold War that was already on the horizon involving the US-led West on one hand and the China-Russia axis, on the other. The old

political rivalry between the two strong players in the region, Israel and Iran, took a violent turn when Israel -- opposed to the rule of Bashar Al Assad, the Alawite President of Syria -- made a missile attack on Damascus on April 1 in which Iran's diplomatic mission was hit and seven officers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp were killed. Iran retaliated on April 13 by firing missiles at Israel that were mostly shot down by the Iron Dome Defence system of the latter and a few days later on April 18 Israel responded by making a drone attack on Isfahan that reportedly did not cause any significant casual-

ties. There was an element of restraint on both sides which stemmed from a combination of factors -- Iran weighing in the US support for Israel and Israel sensing the limitations on American backing put by the international criticism of the loss of civilian lives in Gaza at the hands of Israeli Defence Forces. In fact, in the Joe Biden administration, the White House was contemplating measures to balance its support to Israel with an effort to counter any Islamophobic trends that the Israel-Hamas conflict could produce following the October 7 'terror' attack of Hamas on Israel. The US is also at the same time,

having to deal with pro-Palestinian demonstrations held in the country, particularly on the university campuses there. Iran and Pakistan, the two neighbouring Islamic countries -- though inherently prone to the repercussions of the historical Shia-Sunni divide, have maintained a cautious line of peaceful relationship that could even overcome the incidents of exchange of missile attacks between them in January this year. The Sunni Islamic radical outfit Jaish Al Adl based in Baluchistan intruded into the adjoining Sistan area of Iran whereupon Iran fired missiles on the outfit's base in Baluchistan.

# 'A balancing act': How global media reported PM Modi's Ukraine visit

During his visit to Kyiv, PM Modi extended India's support to the war-struck nation in a meeting with Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy. But how did the media react to his trip? Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Friday. AP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made history with his groundbreaking visit to Ukraine, becoming the first Indian PM to set foot in the country since diplomatic ties were established in 1992.

During his visit to Kyiv, Modi met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, shared a warm embrace and held a moment of silence at a memorial dedicated to children who lost their lives in the ongoing Russian invasion.

PM Modi also extended India's support, offering to help bring peace to the war-struck nation and positioning himself as a "friend" to Ukraine, igniting hope among many who see India as a potential mediator in the conflict between the two nations.

This visit, which came just months after Modi's trip to Moscow, has attracted considerable global media attention, with many reflecting on its potential implications for the conflict and India's foreign policy. From being labelled as a 'balancing act' to being called a 'symbolic gesture', here's how international media reported on PM Modi's visit to



Ukraine. The agency reported that PM Modi's Ukraine visit comes at a "volatile juncture" in the war launched by Russia in February 2022, where Moscow is making slow gains in eastern Ukraine as Kyiv presses a cross-border incursion. It also reported the Ukraine visit had optics that "closely resembled" Modi's visit to Moscow last month where he called for peace and embraced Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Reuters said Modi's Ukraine visit had optics that "closely resembled" Modi's visit to Moscow last month where he called for peace and embraced Russian President Vladimir Putin. Image courtesy: PTI, AP It further said that this stance had angered Ukraine, especially after a Russian missile attack struck a children's hospital in Ukraine on the same day Modi met with Putin.

Previously, Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser in Zelenskyy's office, had told

Reuters that Modi's Ukraine visit was significant because New Delhi "really has a certain influence" over Moscow and it was "extremely important" to build relations with such countries to "explain...what the correct end to the war is and that it is also in their interests."

The New York Times The outlet said, "Modi has carefully calibrated his country's relations with the two warring nations." It quoted Harsh V. Pant, a professor of international relations at King's College London as saying that Modi's Kyiv visit was "about positioning India as a voice of the global south" on the war in Ukraine. Pant further told the NYT that Modi's trip created a chance "to talk about, in some ways, the impact this conflict has had" on poorer nations.

The American news agency said the visit to Ukraine could be an "attempt by Modi to strike a more neutral stance after what has been seen as

his lean toward Russia'.

A Ukrainian analyst told AP that the outcome of Modi's first visit is likely to be modest, as this is just "the beginning of a complex dialogue between India, Ukraine, and Europe."

"Establishing relations with India will be challenging and a long process," said Yuriy Bohdanov on his Telegram channel. But stressed the importance of this relationship for Ukraine. Bohdanov also noted that if India supports Ukraine's peace efforts, it could strengthen Kyiv's influence in the "Global South," where India competes with China for influence. He added that this support could "increase pressure on Russia."

Modi's visit to Ukraine is more about signalling the world that "while India will continue to have strong relations with Russia, it will still work closely with the West," the British media outlet wrote in a report titled, 'Diplomatic tightrope for Modi as he visits Kyiv after Moscow'. It also quoted Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Centre think-tank in Washington, who said the trip will further reassert India's strategic autonomy.

Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Centre think-tank in Washington, who said the trip will further reassert India's strategic autonomy. File image/Reuters

"India isn't in the business of

placating Western powers, or anyone for that matter. It's a trip meant to advance Indian interests, by reasserting friendship with Kyiv and conveying its concerns about the continuing war," he said. During the visit, PM Modi emphasised India's long-standing commitment to peace, drawing on the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, whose statue he visited in Kyiv. However, the outlet pointed out that "behind the language, the fact remains that India has never condemned Russia's full-scale invasion" and has, in fact, "been helping to power Moscow's war economy" by buying Russian oil, even as Western sanctions have intensified.

The Chinese media outlet was rather critical of PM Modi's Ukraine visit labelling it as a "symbolic gesture...unlikely to significantly advance peace talks". The report titled 'Modi's Kyiv visit 'a symbolic gesture' for peace talk' said that the visit is framed as "an effort to balance its relations between the US and Russia", particularly.

In light of the criticism India faced for Modi's recent visit to Russia. Contrary to global reports, Cui Heng, a research fellow at the Center for Russian Studies at East China Normal University, told the outlet that India's limited collective support and the scarce resources it can allocate to global issues like the Russia-

## What's Xi Jinping doing in Europe?

In 1964, when French President Charles De Gaulle visited Beijing to formalise the West's first diplomatic ties with China, he made a profound statement about Parisian *weltanschauung* -- "France simply recognises the world as it is." Decades later, and amid waves of geopolitical turbulence, Chinese President Xi Jinping has embarked on his first visit to Europe in five years since 2019, cherry-picking three countries -- France, Serbia and Hungary. At the outset, the selection seems emphatically aimed at driving wedges in the Western alliance. It also confirms that the objective of his visit is not economic but strategic.

He chose Paris because it conveniently coincided with marking 60 years of China-France diplomatic rela-

tions. That said, the real reason was to appeal to Paris' strategic autonomy at a time when the European bloc has undertaken an uneven but ambitious project to de-risk its grossly imbalanced trade with China. This includes addressing the burning issue of Chinese EVs flooding the European market, outperforming their European counterparts due to unfair trade practices. The other two countries that Xi visited were Serbia and Hungary. Xi's strategic signalling is basic. In the case of France, he wishes to capitalise on the country's strategic autonomy -- which is most susceptible to being misread due to Macron's mixed statements -- to distance it from the United States and NATO.

Although there is no real evidence to sug-

gest so, Macron's outlandish statements are enough to create and sustain this confusion. Xi's Serbia visit coincided with the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade; an incident that had occurred during NATO intervention in the bloody breakdown of the former Yugoslavia in May 1999. Serbia is witnessing the unending war that has engulfed core supporter Russia and is looking at European Union accession afresh. In a strategic shift, it has inked a deal on French Rafale jets in its largest military procurement in history. Despite the winds of change, Serbia remains a Russia supporter and mistrustful of the Western bloc. However, Xi has spent the greatest amount of time in Hungary.

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

Did anybody else find it strange that the government would postpone the announcement of its own budget in order to schedule a trip to China that, it says, is for garnering investments? A trip with that itinerary could easily have waited till after the budget, especially given that the budget is critical before an IMF deal can be finalised. It's especially puzzling given the trip took precedence over the National Economic Council as well, which is necessary to finalise the Economic Survey and then prepare the next budget's targets. Perhaps there is nothing to it. There are many days still left in June after all, and the budget can wait till the middle of the month. Or perhaps there are priorities at play that are essential to sort out before the budget can be drawn up. At this point, all we know is that excited announcements are beginning to pour in of an MoU here and an agreement there. Perhaps these will add up to something big in the days to come; but for now, we should be looking somewhere else to ascertain what the purpose of this trip really is. What awaits the government upon their return is the real story. A cascade of demands is descending upon them from the organised interest groups in society. The textile industry is back to demanding what it calls

a 'regionally competitive energy tariff', but which the rest of us call free handouts to the rich from taxpayer money. That's the only way these guys know how to make money after all, so little surprise this is where their needle has been stuck for the past few years now. There is an interesting exercise to do here. Look at the biggest textile houses in the country and look at what the families that own them were doing 20, 30 or 40 years ago. You will notice something. Most of them were doing the exact same thing. Now ask yourself, where is the innovation? Why should the state keep bailing out enterprises that refuse to innovate, refuse to look out, or otherwise invest in the next generation of opportunities that are always on the horizon? And, especially, why should the state do this when there is material evidence to suggest that the benefits of such schemes flow mostly to a small number of large controllers of capital?

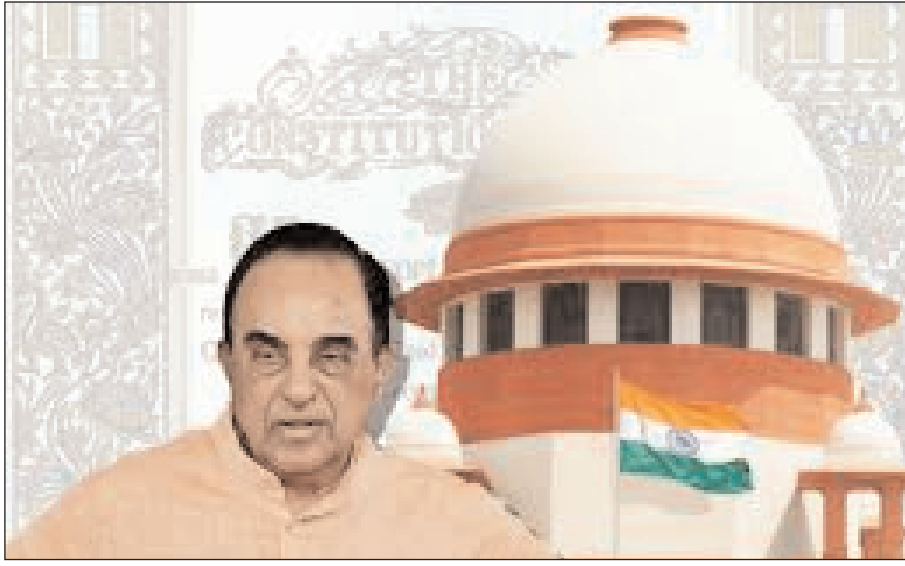
There will be the issue of taxation. Early reporting suggests the IMF wants the removal of all exemptions and a GST applied on the sale of medicines. It also suggests there is a move afoot to raise the ceiling of how much tax can be applied on the sale of petrol and diesel, in

order to allow more recovery from these. Banks could be looking at a further burden to carry, according to this same reporting, especially on the money they earn from interest on government securities. Almost the entire business community is now demanding reductions in interest rates, especially after the May 2024 inflation number showed a much slower pace of increase in the CPI basket than was expected. The government itself is asking for the same. And the State Bank has a monetary policy announcement scheduled for next Monday. A failure to cut rates would leave a burden of hundreds of billions of rupees for the government to meet in their revenue target instead, to meet the debt service bill that will come with high interest rates. Perhaps this is a good time for those running the government to learn a lesson regarding the printing of money to pay their bills. What they are paying in debt service costs today is the real value of the liquidity they waste. This can be a hard thing to understand while they are busy pumping the economy full with printed money to cover their fiscal deficit. Such actions inevitably have costs. That money has to either be put to productive use (which it rarely is), or it shows up.

# Delhi HC to treat Swamy's plea on Rahul Gandhi's citizenship as PIL

**Delhi:** The Delhi high court on said that the plea filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy regarding the citizenship of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be treated as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Subramanian Swamy, in his plea, had requested that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) be directed to take action on his representation, which seeks the cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship. During the hearing, the court clarified,



"We have not commented on the merits of the case." Swamy's plea also called for the MHA to provide a status report on the representation he had sub-

mitted against Rahul Gandhi, who is the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha. The petition, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal, mentioned that Swamy

had written to the ministry on August 6, 2019, alleging "violations" by Gandhi. Specifically, Swamy claimed that Gandhi had "voluntarily dis-

closed" to the British government that he was a British citizen, which would require holding a British passport. Swamy argued that, as an Indian citizen, Gandhi's actions violated Article 9 of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Indian Citizenship Act, and that this would result in the loss of his Indian citizenship. Swamy further stated that he had repeatedly inquired with the ministry regarding the status of his complaint, but no action had been taken, nor had he received any communication on the matter.

## Nod to two airports and three cities' Metro projects

### THREE METRO PROJECTS

**Bangalore Metro Rail Project**  
Phase-3 of the project, with an estimated cost of ₹15,611 crore, will add two new elevated corridors totaling 44.65 km, comprising 31 stations.

**Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail Project**  
The 29-km ring corridor, with a budget of ₹12,200 crore, will feature 22 stations, connecting key areas such as Naupada, Wagle Estate, Hiranandani Estate, and Kolshet.

**Pune Metro Phase-1 project**  
The project will extend further south, with the Cabinet approving the Swargate to Katraj underground line extension. This 5.46 km stretch, known as Line-1B, will include three underground stations, connecting key areas like Market Yard, Bibwewadi, and Katraj, and has an estimated cost of ₹2,954.53 crore.

### TWO NEW AIRPORTS

**In Bihar**  
The New Civil Enclave at Bihta will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹1,413 crore. The proposed New Integrated Terminal Building at Bihta Airport spans 66,000 sqm and is designed to handle 3,000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) and annually cater to 5 million passengers.

**In West Bengal**  
The Cabinet has approved the proposal for the development of a new civil enclave at Bagdogra Airport, Siliguri, with an estimated cost of ₹1,549 crore. The new terminal building will cover 70,390 sqm and is designed to handle 3,000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP), with an annual capacity of 10 million passengers.

**Delhi :** The Center authorized two airports for Patna in Bihar and Bagdora in West Bengal, which are now handling commercial aircraft, principally defense facilities, and three major metro projects for well-known cities: Bengaluru, Pune, and Thane. The projects would cost a combined Rs 30,765 crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presided over the Cabinet meeting where the decision was made. Union Minister for Information and

Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav briefed the media on the choices, stating that two elevated corridors totaling 44.65 km with 31 stations will be part of the Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-III, which was authorized on Friday. Bengaluru will have an operating metro rail network of 220.20 kilometers upon the completion of Phase 3. The project would cost a total of Rs 15,611 crore to complete. Additionally, the Pune Metro Phase-I project's Swargate to Katraj Underground

Line Extension of the PCMC-Swargate Metro Line was authorized by the Cabinet. The 5.46 km long Line-1 B extension would connect important locations including Market Yard, Bibwewadi, Balaji Nagar, and the Katraj suburbs.

It will also have three subterranean stops. The project is scheduled for completion in February 2029 and aims to provide seamless connectivity in Pune. The project is expected to cost Rs 2,954.53 crore.

## Congress makes significant changes to the party's units

**Delhi :** The Congress named Tariq Hameed Karra as the president of its Jammu and Kashmir branch and Keshav Mahto Kamlesh as the leader of the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee in a significant reorganization ahead of the Assembly Elections. In Jammu and Kashmir, Karra succeeds Vikar Rasool Wani, while Kamlesh succeeds Rajesh Thakur. As the party gets ready for the Assembly Elections in the Union Territory, Congress President Mallikarjun



Kharge named Tara Chand and Raman Bhalla as the party's working presidents for Jammu and Kashmir. The dates for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections were released by the Indian

Commission. Additionally, Wani has been immediately named by Kharge as a special invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC). The party released a statement announcing Karra's resignation as a permanent invitee to the CWC.

## Cong workers seize Amt collectorate MP office

**Delhi :** Congress workers headed by Teosa MLA Yashomati Thakur and Amravati MP Balwant Wankhade smashed the lock of an MP's district collectorate office after not receiving keys. Taking over the local MP's office was discussed during a meeting led by guardian minister Chandrakant Patil. Thakur is furious and

asks Patil questions in a viral video from the meet. Patil stated that the divisional commissioner does not have the keys. Thakur says in the popular video that it's wrong that Wankhade, the new MP, didn't get the keys. "After waiting, we'll break the office lock. If you want to sue us, fine," Thakur replied before

Congress staffers smashed the office lock. The spouse of former MP Navneet, Ravi Rana, told a Marathi news channel, "We had handed over the keys of the office to the collector last week itself, hence we have no connection to this incident." Wankhade, who beat Navneet Rana in Lok Sabha elections, remarked.

## HC seeks stand of govt, agencies on plea over child's drowning in drain



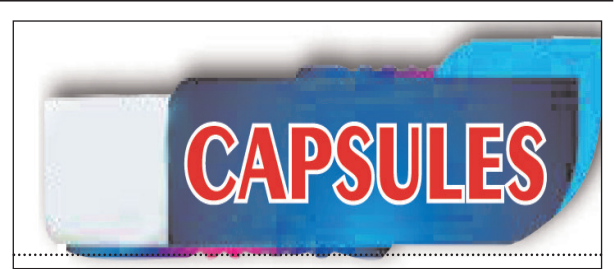
**New Delhi:** Delhi High Court has sought the stand of Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Delhi govt and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on a plea by parents of a two-year-old who drowned last year in an open, unbarricaded drain in the city.

Pointing out that the matter required "deeper examination," Justice Dharmesh Sharma issued notice to civic authorities last week. The plea, apart from seeking Rs 10 lakh compensation from DDA, also blamed other govt agencies for criminal negligence for their failure to barricade the open drain in Shastri Park, leading to the death of the child. "The present writ petition is directed against criminal negligence on the part of Delhi govt, DDA, and MCD for not

barricading the open drain near Khatta Park, Kabristan, Shastri Park, leading to the death of a two-year-old child, Arman, by drowning in the open drain," said the plea filed through advocate Ashok Aggarwal. The parents have also challenged the refusal of authorities to compensate the family for Arman's death, arguing that it is "violative of the fundamental right to life of the petitioner's son as guaranteed under the Constitution of India". Informing the court about the fateful day, the plea said Arman fell into the open drain at 5.30 pm on Nov 6 last year. Locals were alerted to his cry for help and pulled the child out of the drain. However, by the time he was taken to Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital, he was declared dead on arrival.

## Numerous birds were wounded after being struck by kite strings

**Delhi :** Numerous birds were killed during Uttarayan in various areas of the state when they struck kite strings. Among them were three painted storks and a white-rumped vulture. During the festival, hundreds of birds were injured, including foreign migratory species like pigeons, geese, ducks, storks, flamingos, kites, eagles, owls, egrets, and peacocks. These injuries were reported by nonprofit organizations that collaborated with the state government in the Karuna Abhiyan campaign to rescue and treat birds. 540 birds who were hurt when they struck kites were treated at the Jivdaya Charitable Trust (JCT), an Ahmedabad NGO dedicated to the welfare of animals and birds. These include migratory birds that travel internationally, such as bar-headed and grey-lag geese, as well as other species.



## Haryana polls: How the BJP is planning to take on resurgent Congress

**Delhi:** With the Election Commission announcing October 1 as the date of polls for Haryana assembly, the stage is set for an interesting electoral battle between a resurgent and aggressive Congress and the incumbent BJP which has seen its popularity ebb in the state after two consecutive governments, not least due to farmer protests which have alienated the farming community. While the Congress under veteran leader and former chief minister Bhupinder Hooda is confident of winning back the state after two terms, the BJP is in an overdrive to consolidate its voter base. While the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) of Dushyant Chautala, a former BJP ally, and the INLD-BSP alliance are other contestants, the fight is seen to be between the BJP and the Congress.

## Delhi nursing student found dead with cannula in hand

**Delhi :** A nursing student was found dead in her locked room in Delhi's New Ashok Nagar, leading to suspicions of suicide. The authorities were alerted through a PCR call about the girl's unconscious state behind the locked door. Upon gaining entry, the police and fire department personnel discovered the girl with "a cannula in her hand and two drips hanging from a ceiling fan."

The Centralised Accident and Trauma Services (CATS) medical staff declared her dead, and her body was transferred moved to the Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital. The police have seized her mobile phone for a thorough investigation and her family has been informed.

## 48% of 1,563 grace-marked candidates skip NEET-UG retest

**Delhi:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) reported that only 813 or 52% of the 1,563 candidates who were initially awarded grace marks in the National Eligibility Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) before they were withdrawn last week took a retest. Affected students who did not retake were allowed to keep their scores without grace marks. Two candidates from Chandigarh did not take the exam, but 219 from 602 in Chhattisgarh, one from Gujarat, 287 from 494 in Haryana, and 234 from 464 in Meghalaya took the retest. NTA released the data after the exam was held at seven centers in five states and one union territory. The 1,563 students' retest was held days after the Centre scrapped their grace marks, taking the first step toward solving India's premier medical entrance exam's paper leak crisis, which threatens hundreds.

## Preserve CCTV footage: Court on coaching centre deaths

**Delhi :** A Delhi court recently directed Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to preserve the CCTV footage half an hour before and after the vehicle being driven by the accused/applicant crosses the building of RAU's IAS (Study Centre)," said additional chief judicial magistrate Nishant Garg of Rouse Avenue Court in an order dated Aug 17. Kathuria's counsel told the court that at the time of his remand, cops of Rajender Nagar police station had shown video footage from three different cameras to the court, out of which, one camera was installed in the premises of the coaching centre itself.

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## Lateral entry seeks to snatch quotas, give plum posts to RSS picks: Cong

**Delhi:** Congress' Rahul Gandhi called the "lateral entry" in central govt posts an attack on reservations for Dalits, tribals and backwards, and party president Mallikarjun Kharge said the scheme is designed to hand over reserved posts to RSS nominees — the second day of a full-scale assault on the Modi govt's scheme suggesting that Congress plans to use the controversy as a social justice issue against BJP in coming elections.

Rahul said, "BJP's distorted version of Ram Rajya seeks to destroy the Constitution and



snatch reservations from Bahujans." Kharge retaliated against Modi govt's charge that Congress had ushered in the policy, stating that UPA brought lateral entry for "handful of experts in sector specific posts", while Modi govt is deploying it

"not to appoint experts but to snatch rights of SC/ST/OBCs." He pointed out that sale of PSUs has ended 5.1 lakh posts in ten years, "casual and contract employment" has increased 91%, and SC/ST/OBC posts fell by 1.3 lakh till 2022-23. The Congress brass

recently met to renew its pledge to oppose the privatisation of PSUs and outsourcing of jobs as attacks on reservation, and the party has seized upon the Modi govt's celebrated scheme to paint it with the same brush. The offensive is significant in view of coming assembly elections, and indications are Congress will use lateral entry to further accuse BJP of being anti-reservation — an extension of its LS election campaign that BJP is seeking "400 paar" to change the Constitution to the detriment of backward classes.

## Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Expands Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious

**CHANDIGARH:** Sarveshwar Foods Limited (BSE: 543688, NSE: SARVESHWAR), an emerging player in the agri-food sector based in Jammu, is pleased to announce that it will Expand Product Range with New Rice-Based Solutions for Health-Conscious Consumers in response to the increasing demand for healthier, convenient, and diverse food options, Sarveshwar Food is introducing a series of new products as a part of Sarveshwar Food's robust new product development (NPD) strategy, designed to enhance and expand its product portfolio while delivering nutritional benefits and authentic culinary experiences. "Our approach to new product development is both strategic, futuristic, and consumer-centric," said Mr. Rohit Gupta, Chairman of Sarveshwar Food Ltd. "With these new products, we are reinforcing our commitment to



delivering value-driven, health-conscious, and convenient meal solutions that resonate with current global trends, and reflects our dedication to enhancing the culinary experience with natural ingredients, exceptional flavors."

Sarveshwar Food's new product range is designed to reinforce its leadership in innovative food solutions. Each product, developed through thorough market research and a commitment to sustainability and quality, blends high-quality ingredients with traditional and functional elements like spices and herbs. This

approach addresses diverse dietary needs while upholding the company's core values of quality and authenticity. The company anticipates that the new product range will generate Rs. 700-800 million in annual revenue with improved profit margins.

These products, will soon be launched under the 'NIMBARK' brand, and made available across India at high-end domestic retailers and select international markets through the wholly owned subsidiary 'Himalayan Bio Organic Foods Limited' this festive season. Additionally, Sarveshwar Food

will showcase these offerings in its stores and at upcoming food expos, providing consumers and industry professionals with an opportunity to sample the new flavors.

New Rice Based Product Range Includes:

- 1. Turmeric Rice:** Infused with the warm, earthy flavor of turmeric, this rice offers anti-inflammatory benefits while adding a distinctive taste and vibrant color.
- 2. Spice Mix Rice:** A savory blend of aromatic spices combined with high-quality rice, delivering a robust flavor profile that's ideal for those who enjoy easy-to-prepare, convenient, tasty and flavorful meals.
- 3. Khichadi Rice:** A comforting blend of rice and lentils spiced with traditional seasonings, perfect for a nutritious and quick meal. This product combines convenience with a balanced mix of proteins and carbohydrates.

## Vishal Fabrics Ltd. Allots Convertible Warrants to FPI North Star Opportunities Fund, amongst Others

**CHANDIGARH:** Vishal Fabrics Ltd. (BSE: 538598), a premier supplier of top quality stretch denim fabric, has announced that its board has allotted compulsorily convertible warrants at a floor price of Rs. 30.60 per warrant to persons belonging to non-promoter category, aggregating to Rs. 153 Cr. FPIs North Star Opportunities Fund VCC Bull Value Incorporated VCC Sub-Fund, Eminence Global Fund PCC- EUBILIA Capital Partners Fund, and other public category persons Elysian Wealth Fund (Formerly Silver Stallion Ltd) & Vikasa India EIF I Fund. Recently, the board approved Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) for aggregate amount of up to Rs. 100 Crores, in one or more tranches. The fund-raise will be subject to approval of the Company's shareholders and receipt of applicable



regulatory approvals. Vishal Further, the company announced stellar earnings for Q1FY25 (Quarter ended 30 June 2024). The Revenue from operations were reported at Rs. 33991.60 Lakhs. EBITDA grew 28% YoY, from Rs. 2080.93 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 2668.71 Lakhs (Q1FY25). PAT jumped 106% YoY, from Rs. 231.86 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 477.83 Lakhs (Q1FY25). Earlier, Vishal Fabrics Ltd acquired a 37.72 per cent stake (1,170,500 shares at Rs 135 per share) in Chiripal Textile Mills Pvt Ltd on March 30, 2024, for a total of Rs 158.02 crore. This acquisition makes Chiripal Textile Mills an associate

company of Vishal Fabrics. Chiripal Textile Mills is a manufacturer and trader of various yarns and fabrics, with a turnover of Rs 539.03 crore for the financial year ending March 31, 2023. Vishal Fabrics Ltd, a textile company established in 1985 and part of the Ahmedabad-based Chiripal Group, manufactures and distributes a wide range of fabrics including dyed yarn, denim, and custom textile work. Certified for quality and sustainability, they specialize in dyeing, printing, and processing denim and other fabrics for both their collections and client-specific jobs.

## DUROPLY LAUNCHES A CONTEMPORARY RANGE OF DYED VENEERS 'ROMA COLLECTION'

**New Delhi :** Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, has launched a contemporary range of Dyed Veneers - 'Roma Collection'. This premium range of dyed veneers is a celebration of the intricate and timeless beauty of Italian architecture, embodying the sophisticated charm that Italy is renowned for. Launched under the flagship Duro Nature's Signature Brand, these veneers are for the discerning audiences who value elegance and beauty



in their day-to-day life. Announcing the launch of 'Roma Collection', Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, MD and CEO of Duroply, said, "Our research suggested that urban India was looking for a premium range of exquisite dyed veneers that will enhance beauty and add elegance to their

dream homes. We launched Roma Collection after extensive study into the vogue colors of the year, ensuring that it meets contemporary aesthetic standards while offering timeless appeal.

These veneers enhance beauty and add class to the home of the discerning audience who aspire to live their life in style with grace and sophistication. Specially designed in Italy, these stunning veneers are available in eight colors, all inspired from Roman Architecture.

## HDFC Bank Targets Income Boost for 5 Lakh Marginal Farmers by 2025 Under 'Parivartan' CSR Initiative



**HISAR/AMBALA:** HDFC Bank has set a goal to increase the income of 5 lakh marginal farmers earning less than ₹60,000 annually by 2025, as part of its corporate social responsibility initiative, Parivartan. This announcement comes as the Bank commemorates 10 years of Parivartan, which has already positively impacted the lives of over 10 crore people across India. The Bank's focus on rural development reflects its continued commitment to fostering sustainable growth and uplifting vulnerable communities. "Today, business performance for profit making enterprises stands redefined. Social impact is an integral part of business performance. HDFC Bank Parivartan comprises multiple programmes with a focus on giving back to the community as well as supporting sustainable development," explained Kaizad M Bharucha, Deputy Managing Director, HDFC Bank. Since its inception in 2014, Parivartan has grown into one of India's largest CSR programmes, active in 28 states and 8 Union Territories. It has made significant strides in key areas such as education, skill development, healthcare, and financial inclusion, aligning its efforts with 9 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Launched in 2014, HDFC Bank 'Parivartan' was established with the vision to contribute to the socio-economic development of communities across India. With CSR expenditure of over INR 5,100 crore over the last decade, Parivartan has consistently aimed to empower individuals by creating sustainable livelihoods, fostering sustainable development.

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## Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore

**New Delhi:** Govt will sanction highway projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore this financial year as it continues its focus on investing in creating the country's transport infrastructure, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari has said.



Recently, govt approved eight high-speed corridor projects totalling 936km worth Rs 50,655

crore and four other large projects costing another Rs 60,000 crore are likely to be placed before the cabinet in the next couple of weeks. These include the Surat-Solapur corridor in Gujarat and Maharashtra costing over Rs 20,000 crore, and the Shillong-Silchar.

## Hindu refugees in India, stateless for over 50 years

**GADCHIROLI:** Bijoy Das was 20 when he found himself left in the middle of the treacherous Dandakaranya forests of central India. More than 50 years later, he still shudders to think of the circumstances that forced him and countless other Hindus to leave their ancestral home in the then East Pakistan and seek refuge in India. Circumstances that are echoed again in the reports of violence against minorities in Bangladesh following the recent ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina. As more Bangladeshi Hindus mass at the border to seek shelter in a new country, the settlers from the previous

decades find themselves reliving their story of loss, displacement and the long wait for legal recognition from Indian govt. 'No Choice But To Flee' Now 72, Das's voice still quavers when he recalls the funeral of his sister back in his village.

"They dragged her away. She kept screaming for help. As a young boy, I could only stand petrified. She was raped and killed. Her name was Dulaan. We later found her body in the river," he says staring out of the window of his hut in Pakhanjore village on the southern tip of the Maoist heartland of Bastar. The area is more than 1,400km away from the home.

## Mahindra launches All-New Veero, Redefining the LCV<3.5 t segment; Prices start at 7.99 Lakh

**GURUGRAM / FARID-ABAD :** Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading manufacturer of utility vehicles and leaders in the LCV <3.5 t segment, today announced the launch of the Mahindra Veero, starting at ₹ 7.99 Lakh. Designed to redefine the LCV <3.5 t segment, the Veero offers unparalleled savings with best-in-class mileage, exceptional performance powered by robust multiple engine options, industry-leading safety features, enhanced occupant protection, and a premium cabin experience. Mahindra's innovative Urban Prosper Platform (UPP) is India's first ground-up multi-energy



modular CV platform. Designed to offer best-in-class total cost of ownership and segment-first safety beyond regulations, the platform sets a new benchmark in the industry.

It is engineered to support payloads from 1 t to 2+ t in multiple deck lengths and accommodates multiple powertrain options, including

diesel, CNG, and electric. Mahindra Veero sets a new industry standard with first-in-segment tech and features such as a driver-side airbag, reverse parking camera, a 26.03 cm touchscreen infotainment system, steering-mounted controls, and power windows. The Mahindra Veero also boasts best-in-class features, including a payload capacity of 1,600 kg, 3035 mm cargo length, 18.4 km/\* mileage for diesel, and a 5.1 m turning radius, making it highly versatile and ideal for urban operations. Veejay Nakra, President - Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "The Mahindra Veero will further strengthen our leadership in the LCV <3.5 t segment. Built to help customers maximise earnings, it offers best-in-class payload, exemplary mileage, and superior maneuverability. With multiple segment-first technology and features, the vehicle ensures a premium cabin experience."

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## NCP's Amol Mitkari Attacks Mahayuti

**Delhi:** The BJP and Shiv Sena are fighting for Mahayuti alliance domination, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is being marginalized. Ajit Pawar adviser proposed he form an alliance with Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) president Prakash Ambedkar for the assembly elections, fueling the flames. This proposal has raised concerns about the NCP leaving Mahayuti. NCP spokesperson Amol Mitkari openly criticized Mahayuti and hinted at internal discord. "Some want Ajit Pawar to leave Mahayuti. He is being singled out for the alliance's Lok Sabha performance. According to a viral video, Mitkari said this will revolutionize Maharashtra politics. His comments have raised suspicion about Ajit Pawar leaving the Mahayuti to run in the assembly elections alone."

## JK Cement Celebrates 140 Years of Global Innovation and Market Leadership of JK Organisation



**KARNAL / ROHTAK :** JK Cement Ltd. a leading building material company, one of India's leading manufacturers of Grey Cement in India and one of the largest White Cement manufacturers in the world, celebrated 140 years of JK Organisation's remarkable legacy at a grand event in the capital.

The event honoured the group's rich history, its significant contributions to multiple sectors of the Indian economy, and the unwavering dedication of its employees and partners.

The celebration gathered dignitaries, industry leaders, employees, and key stakeholders to reflect on JK Organisation's journey from its inception to its present status as a global leader. Lieutenant Governor of New Delhi, Mr. VK Saxena, who himself started his career at JK Cement, along with Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Member of Rajya Sabha, graced the occasion. Key leaders of the JK Organisation, including Dr. Nidhipati Singhania, Vice President, JK Organisation, Dr. Raghavpat Singhania, Managing Director, JK Cement, and Mr. Madhavkrishna Singhania, Joint MD and CEO, JK Cement, were present to mark this significant milestone. economic advancement. Shri. VK Saxena, Lieutenant Governor, New Delhi, who was invited as the Chief Guest said "It's an honour for me to be part of this landmark celebration for a company where I started my career as an Assistant Officer in Gotan, Rajasthan and worked for 11 years in different capacities with its White Cement plant. This exposure gave me insights of a corporate working, faster decision making and team work, which has helped me throughout my various stints thereafter. I wish all the best to JK Cement for all their Future endeavors in Nation Building"

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

tion. The court said that if the petitioning students were to succeed in their legal challenges, it would lead to the cancellation of the 2024 exam and the subsequent counselling process. This development follows the hearing on Tuesday, during which a petition seeking the cancellation of NEET UG 2024 was considered. During the proceedings, the court remarked

that the 'sanctity of the exam has been affected' and requested a response from the National Testing Agency (NTA) regarding the matter.

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

**NEW DELHI:** West Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose on Thursday said he sees the current contingent of Kolkata Police posted at Raj Bhavan as a "threat" to his security. "I have reasons to believe that the presence of the current officer-in-charge and his team is a threat to my personal security," Bose told news agency PTI.

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



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

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

## CAPSULES

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



**NEW DELHI:** A 24-year-old man, disguised as a 67-year-old, was arrested by the CISF at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport while attempting to board an Air Canada flight to Canada on Tuesday evening. The man, identified as Guru Sewak Singh, was detained after security personnel found his behavior suspicious, said a senior CISF officer on Wednesday. The suspect presented a passport under the name Rashvinder Singh Sahota, claiming to be a sexagenarian. However, his youthful appearance, voice, and skin texture raised doubts among the CISF personnel, leading to a more thorough investigation. Closer scrutiny revealed that Singh had dyed his hair and beard white and was wearing glasses to appear older.

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

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



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

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

actual exam held at DY Patil School.

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

"I am conducting a thorough investigation in my department to identify officers or employees working at the behest of Tejashwi Yadav. The entire RJD system is based on crime and corruption," he said.

However, NHA has clarified that it does not operate any guest house facility in Patna.

## Army doctor turns saviour for ill man onboard flight

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

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

had most of the necessary equipment and drugs available in their medical emergency kit, he said. Singh said he administered the required emergency drugs to the patient through intravenous line access and kept him on continuous oxygen support for an hour. He also requested the flight captain

to lower the altitude and make an emergency landing at the nearest place, as Chandigarh was still two hours away. Since Mumbai was the nearest airport, the flight made an emer-

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

**NEW DELHI:** The NEET paper leak controversy has taken a political turn with Bihar's deputy chief minister, Vijay Sinha, accusing the leader of the opposition in Bihar, Tejashwi Yadav, of involvement in the scandal.

During a press conference in Patna, deputy CM Vijay Sinha detailed phone calls made by Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary, Pritam Kumar, to book accommodations for Sikander Kumar Yadavendu, the mastermind of the NEET question paper leak. "On May 1, Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary

Pritam Kumar called guesthouse worker Pradip Kumar to book a room for Sikander Kumar Yadavendu... On May 4, Pritam Kumar called Pradip Kumar again for booking the room... The word 'mantri' was used for Tejashwi Yadav," Sinha said.

"Sikandar Yadavendu is a close relative of Tejashwi Yadav's PS Pritam Kumar. An NHA guest house was booked for Sikandar's sister Reena Yadav and son Anurag Yadav on May 4. A phone number and 'Mantri Ji' were mentioned in the NHA guest house's

diary. The investigating agency is trying to identify this 'Mantri Ji,'" Sinha added. Sinha, also the minister of road construction, ordered an inquiry into the booking of the NHA guest house.

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

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

**NEW DELHI:** Patna high court on Thursday struck down a 65 per cent reservation cap set by the state in government jobs and educational institutions.

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

reservation laws. On November 21, the state government had notified the amended reservation laws. The Bihar government in November last year had officially notified in the state gazette two bills, aiming to raise the quota for deprived castes from 50 per cent to 65 per cent in government jobs and educational institutions. With the enactments, Bihar held the highest reservation percentage among larger states, reaching a total of 75 per cent.

Reacting to the court's order, RJD leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha urged Bihar CM Nitish Kumar to challenge the decision in the Supreme Court. "We consider it as very unfortunate. I would like to say that we should see the social background of the petitioner. Who are those people trying to do this

from behind the curtains? We would urge Nitish Kumar to challenge this decision immediately in the upper court," Manoj Jha said.

The two bills that hiked quota The two bills, namely the Bihar Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Bill-2023 and the Bihar (in admission in educational institutions) Reservation Bill, 2023, had become law after the gazette notification.

Bihar, with the law, was the second only to Tamil Nadu to provide the highest percentage of reservation to backward classes.

While Tamil Nadu offers 50 per cent, Bihar provided 43 per cent reservations for them, followed by Sikkim and Kerala with 40 per cent

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

**HYDERABAD:** Travelling to the United States with a Puma, Adidas, or Nike fake? Your bargain buys might just get confiscated - or even destroyed - by US customs officials. With US Customs and Border Protection (CPB) stepping up its surveillance of smuggling of counterfeit goods, many Indian students and travellers who flew into America in recent months had their fake luxury items seized at the port of entry. Some told they had to watch the staff run scissors through their clothes or ditch them in the trash can.

CPB rules say an individual can carry one counterfeit item of each type (like one shirt, handbag, or pair of shoes) provided it is for personal use and not for sale. Anything in "excess" of this is banned. travelled to the US to meet my son, who is pursuing a master's in supply chain management in Texas. I was carrying eight shirts, four trousers, some socks, and a pair of shoes. All the goods were still packed as I had just bought them, said a schoolteacher from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. "At the port of entry officials checked my bags and bombarded me with questions about where I was travelling from, who the goods were for, if I was smuggling them, etc. Though I tried explaining to them that it was all for my son, they insisted that I could not take them as they were all counterfeit goods - copies of big brands - which I wasn't aware of. Since they threatened me with criminal charges, I had no choice but to let them seize everything immediately." The traveller said many of the clothing items were torn before being discarded. "I lost goods worth at least Rs 30,000," added the 43-year-old, appealing to authorities to mention these rules on relevant platforms for the benefit of travellers.

## myITreturn Launches India's First-of-Its-Kind Mobile App

**Gurgaon :** Skorydov, the innovative force behind myITreturn is excited to announce the launch of their groundbreaking new mobile app designed to simplify and revolutionize how Indians file their Income-tax returns. This innovative app is the first of its kind in India, allowing users to file their taxes directly from their smartphones without needing to upload any physical documents, streamlining the entire process, and making it quicker and more efficient than before.

Saakar Yadav, Founder of Skorydov, shared his excitement about the new app, saying, "We are thrilled to introduce this game-changing app to India. At myITreturn, our mission has always been to make tax filing easy, secure, and efficient. This app is a testament to that mission, providing a unique solution that simplifies the entire process while ensuring the safety of user's data and providing them with maximum possible refund. We believe this app will fundamentally change how Indians approach their tax filing in the coming days."

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The myITreturn app is transforming the way one handles tax return filing. The myITreturn app



is designed with the consumer in mind, eliminating the hassle of paperwork and making tax filing accessible for everyone.

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That's why they are offering tax filing through our app at just Rs.99. This initiative aims to lift any unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers while ensuring they receive top-notch service.

## Congress government will be formed in Haryana under the leadership of Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda: Shyam Sundar

**Kaithal:** Senior Congress leader and former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Kaul, a close supporter of former Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, said that more than 2 lakh posts are lying vacant in government departments in the BJP rule, but the government is busy filling the posts through Kaushal Nigam instead of making permanent recruitments on them. He said that in the assembly elections to be held this year, Congress will wave the flag of victory and form the government under the leadership of former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda and when the Congress government is formed, permanent recruitments will be made on 2 lakh vacant posts in the state and unemployment will be curbed. Talking to journalists near the bus stand in the town, Congress leader Shyam



Sundar said that the coming time in Haryana belongs to the Congress. The coming government in Haryana will be of the Congress and for the third time Hooda will be crowned as the Chief Minister. Hooda is fighting for the interests of the people day and night from the streets to the Vidhan Sabha and the interests of the people are completely safe in Hooda's hands. It is clear from the huge crowds gathering in Hooda's rallies and public meetings that the people have decided to hand over the command of the state to Hooda. Former Sarpanch Shyam Sundar said that after the for-

mation of the Congress government in the state, unemployment and crime will be eradicated on a priority basis. Because the BJP government has completely failed in providing employment to the youth and security to the citizens. Congress leader Shyam Sundar Kaul said that due to the anti-youth policies of the government, Haryana has reached the first position in the whole country in terms of unemployment and crime. This is the reason why today the youth are agitating against the recruitment scams and for demanding jobs and the traders are agitating for demanding security. There is no such thing as a government in Haryana, they have increased unemployment by not making recruitments. When the Congress government comes, all the recruitments will be providing employment to the youth will be done.

## CAPSULES

### Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks

**Delhi:** To reduce dust pollution and increase green cover, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi plans to plant 2.3 lakh trees and 3.8 lakh bushes in parks, schools, open spaces, and roadsides this year. In 2023-24, the city planted two lakh trees and 3.25 lakh plants. The horticulture department requested zonal office requirements to complete the assignment. "We will plant when the details are acquired. An officer stated schools, hospitals, parks, and below flyovers are used for this. He stated that the government will continue roadside tree planting in some colonies at homeowners' request.

MCD plans to carpet or repair 50 km of interior roadways by Oct. to reduce dust. Between April 2023 and February 2024, 139 km of roads were resurfaced or repaired. A civic council wants to resurface 180km of roads by Oct. Road maintenance and resurfacing are ongoing. After winter, we started dense carpet work on damaged areas.

Work is being done with MLA or Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna non-plan head funding "said the official. Our 52 mechanical road sweepers are for PWD roads. He added that 195 water sprinklers, jet machines, and 30 mobile anti-smog guns are reducing dust pollution on roadways. PWD gave MCD 60 anti-smog weapons to reduce dust near construction sites. In highrises, 15 smog cannons are deployed. The official claimed these work as needed. In response to summer fires, MCD has limited unauthorised entry and the carrying of cigarettes, bidis, lighters, and matchboxes.

## SAR Televenture Limited announces Composite Equity Issue of 450 crore

**GURUGRAM :** SAR Televenture Limited (NSE Symbol: SARTELE) announces Composite Equity Issue of 450 crore. The Composite Issue comprises Rights Issue aggregating up to 300 crore and FPO aggregating up to 150 crore (The "Total Offer Size"). The proposal for fund raising of an amount up to 450 crore through issuance of equity shares through Composite Issue was approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on 20th January 2024. The Rights Issue will comprise 1,50,00,000 fully paid up Equity Shares of Rs. 2 each at



an issue price of 200 per Rights share (including premium of 198 per Rights Share). The Rights Issue will open on Monday, July 15th 2024 and close on Monday, July 22nd, 2024. (The "Rights Issue and Offer Period") Existing shareholders will get 1 (one) Rights share for 1 (one) equity share held as on record date

Tuesday, July 09th 2024 for the purpose of date determining the equity shareholder's entitled to receive the Rights Entitlement in the Rights Issue ("Eligible Equity Shareholders for Rights Issue") The price band of FPO will be 200 to 210 per Equity Share. (The "FPO Price Band") The Company proposes to uti-

lize the Net proceeds towards (i) funding setting up of Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) network solutions for 3, 00,000 Home Passes estimated to be 273 crore; (ii) Setting up of an additional 1000 number of 4G/5G telecom towers estimated to be 42.50 crore; (iii) Incremental working capital requirement of our Company estimated to be 30 crore and balance amount towards General Corporate purposes to be utilized in FY 2025. (The "Objects of the Offer") The Company's share price and Market Capitalization as on July 03, 2024 was 265.70 and 398.55 crore respectively.

## Dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing

**Delhi:** A month after opening its first engineered landfill in Tehkhand, Municipal Corporation of Delhi assigned its operation and maintenance to an experienced agency. The civic authority noted that managing the leachate treatment facility, maintaining the green space, and most significantly, leveling ash from two waste-to-energy plants—Okhla and Tehkhand—requires competence. The site can hold 10 lakh tonnes of ash, and 12,000 tonnes have been dumped. "While the horticul-

ture department has planted a 30-meter strip around the designed landfill, the weighing bridge, roads, and drains need a dedicated system for maintenance.

Leachate treatment plant operation will also be monitored by the agency "official. Three approach roads allow trucks to easily transfer rubbish to the landfill site. The peripheral boundary wall is 3.5 meters high. MCD will submit a maintenance plan for approval after the model code of con-

duct is lifted. MCD constructed a 7.5m-deep trench over 15.5 acres and covered it with 500 mm of soil and five layers of geosynthetic material before dumping ash to prevent leachate percolation and groundwater contamination at the designated landfill. "We're dumping ash garbage in a corner and preventing vehicles from entering the pit. To prevent stacking damage, automobiles are driven carefully. Once a corner is filled, we gently scatter and layer ash "Source.

## Existing academic timetable prevented twice-yearly board exams

**Delhi:** In February, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the plan would be optional from 2025-26. The board's presentation to stated that class 10 and 12 board exams took "more than 150 steps" under the current method. It said the procedure takes at least 310 days,

including candidate list filling, center notifications, roll number release, practicals, theoretical examinations, result declaration, verification, and revaluation. The board ruled the two tests must take 55 days. An official in the conference said the board has schools worldwide and "conducting board examinations in two shifts in the current system and policies is not possible". In contrast to regular exams, which are held between February and April and results announced in May, supplementary exams are held between July and August

and results are announced in August. Class 10 exams cover 88 subjects and class 12 exams cover 121, the board added.

According to individuals acquainted with the development, the

Central Board of Secondary Education advised the education ministry that the existing academic timetable prevented twice-yearly board exams for classes 10 and 12.

Board and ministry officials declined to be named, claiming the board presented the current situation to the government during a National Curriculum Framework 2023 program on June 25 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Hundreds of CBSE-affiliated principals attended. The August framework for the National Education Policy 2020 advised that students take board

exams at least twice a year and save only the best grades. The ministry instructed the board to create a plan for twice-yearly board exams.

## Coal will be prepared from waste in Faridabad and Gurugram: Manohar Lal

**Karnal:** Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Development, Government of India and Karnal Lok Sabha MP Manohar Lal said that the government will set up a project to make coal from waste in Faridabad and Gurugram. This project will be set up by NTPC. For this, an MoU will soon be signed with the state government. Union Minister Manohar Lal was speaking in the first Jan Samvad program after getting the new responsibility at the rest house of Karnal Public Works Department on Saturday. In this Jan Samvad program, Union Energy Minister Manohar Lal heard the problems of more than 20 departments of about 200 people and many complaints were resolved at the local level and some problems will be resolved through the state government. The Union Minister spent about two hours among the people and listened to each problem of every-



one seriously and also gave necessary instructions to Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh and Superintendent of Police Mohit Handa to solve them. All the officers were also ordered that after listening to the problems of the people on the basis of seriousness and priority, they should be resolved on the spot. Negligence should not be taken in this matter. If any deficiency is found at any level, then the concerned officer will not be spared under any circumstances. While talking to journalists, he said that the responsibility of important departments entrusted to him by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he will fulfill this

responsibility with hard work and honesty. After this new responsibility, for the first time he has come to the Jan Samvad program to solve the problems of the people. Now, by organizing Jan Samvad programs in all the 9 Vidhan Sabhas of Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, the problems of the people will be solved on the spot. He said that special focus will be kept on cleanliness across the country and schemes will be implemented in urban areas. A project to make coal from waste will be set up by NTPC on behalf of the Central Government in Gurugram and Faridabad. MoU will be signed soon regarding this project.

## Shafali's record and Mandana's century gave India the win over SA

**Delhi:** Young opener Shafali Verma played out of her skin to smash a record-breaking double century, helping India reach the greatest single-day total opening day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa. Shafali's double century (205 off 194 balls) and her 292-run partnership with Smriti Mandhana (149) helped India reach 525 for 4 on a day when the host bats put the visitors on a leather hunt. Annabel Sutherland of Australia set the double-century record in a February Test against South Africa off 248 deliveries.

Shafali broke it. The 20-year-old Indian became the second Indian woman cricketer after Mithali Raj to get a double century in Tests. Former India captain Mithali scored 214 from 407 balls in the drawn second Test against England at Taunton in August 2002. By 94 runs, India shattered the 89-year-old record for most runs in a day. In 1935 at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, England women scored 431/2 versus New Zealand. After completing her double-ton, Shafali was run out at 205 (197 balls). The young opener's past Test best was 96. The explosive batter, playing her sixth Test, struck 23 boundaries and eight maximums in her landmark innings.

Shafali scored easily, delighting the Chepauk fans and confusing the Proteas bowlers about their line and length.